

Ben Gordon joined the national staff of Metro Industrial Areas Foundation (Metro IAF) in the fall of 2016. The IAF is the nation's oldest and largest network of broad-based community power organizations with 65 affiliates across the United States and in Canada, the United Kingdom, Germany, and Australia. Prior to joining Metro IAF, Gordon was Director of Organizing at CSEA (Civil Service Employees Association) in New York for nearly 15 years. During that time, CSEA organized some 34,000 new members into 125 new bargaining units. Gordon began his professional organizing career with the Southern Regional Joint Board of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, organizing factory workers across the South. Gordon earned his BA from Carleton College (where Paul Wellstone was his thesis advisor) and his MA from the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations at University of Illinois. He lives in Saratoga Springs, NY.