

Penni Hudis Bio

In 1980 Penni fulfilled a longtime dream of moving to the Bay Area, after growing up in the New York City suburbs and spending 11 years in the Midwest.

Her career has centered on understanding and addressing the sources of inequalities in education and employment opportunities through research, university teaching, education program development for under-served youth, and education program evaluation.

She taught sociology and demography at Indiana University, Bloomington, and sociology at UC Berkeley and worked in various corporate and nonprofit management roles, including at the Bechtel Corporation and Bank of America.

For the past 17 years, Penni has supported nonprofit, social justice-focused organizations. She worked with ConnectEd: The National Center for College and Career on grant writing and consulting for low-income school districts throughout the United States and served as the Interim Executive Director of The Women's Cancer Resource Center (WCRC), a Berkeley nonprofit focused on reducing cancer treatment inequalities, especially for people of color.

Penni has served on the boards of Planned Parenthood of Southern Indiana, The San Francisco Senior Center, and Opportunity Junction in Antioch, CA, a nonprofit providing training for low-income individuals entering healthcare and administrative careers. Additionally, Penni is a board member at Jewish Family and Community Services of the East Bay, a nearly 150-year-old nonprofit that serves community members of all national, racial, and ethnic backgrounds in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

Penni earned her B.A. in sociology and political science from New York University and her M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology and demography from The University of Michigan.