



Patricia Bauman President, Bauman Foundation

Patricia Bauman has directed the Bauman Foundation since 1987. She has shaped its activities at the intersection of human health and environment and has been a leader in fostering right to know, open government, and civic engagement.

Patricia is often credited with playing a major role in launching the 1980s Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) program into a nationally known public resource. Congress required EPA to collect annual estimates of toxic chemicals released into our air, water and land, and to make this information available through the Internet. Through Bauman Foundation convenings and grantmaking, TRI became a key tool for organizers and researchers. Today, it is a seminal right to know program that is a model for many other government public information initiatives.

Under Patricia's leadership, the Bauman Foundation provided longtime support to WEC for our public campaigns for the right to know about chemical hazards and for the right to act to prevent such dangers. For example, a grant to WEC helped us win with our allies the right of workers and their union representatives to participate in Clean Air Act inspections at more than 11,000 facilities using high hazard chemicals across the nation.

Patricia also has been a leader in promoting civic engagement through the use of new technologies and computer models to better reach targeted audiences.

Patricia serves on numerous boards including the Brennan Center for Justice (Co-Chair), Natural Resources Defense Council, Working America Education Fund, Democracy Alliance, Catalist LLC, Public Interest Projects, and Montefiore Medical Center. She has received awards for her commitment to social and economic justice, strengthening democracy, and philanthropic commitments.

Before assuming leadership of the Bauman Foundation, which was endowed by her father, Patricia was a consultant to the Milbank Memorial Fund where she developed its program on occupational health for farm workers. She also worked at the AFL-CIO's Industrial Union Department where she organized a major conference on chronic occupational and environmental diseases.

Patricia is a graduate of Radcliffe/Harvard College Phi Beta Kappa, Columbia University School of Public Health (now the Mailman School) and Georgetown University Law Center cum laude.