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**Alice Wong** is a disabled activist, media maker, and research consultant based in San Francisco, California. She is the founder and director of the Disability Visibility Project, an online community dedicated to creating, sharing, and amplifying disability media and culture. Alice is also the host and co-producer of the Disability Visibility podcast and co-partner in a number of collaborations such as #CripTheVote and Access Is Love. From 2013 to 2015, Alice served as a member of the National Council on Disability, an appointment by President Barack Obama. You can follow her on Twitter: @SFdirewolf. For more: [disabilityvisibilityproject.com](http://disabilityvisibilityproject.com).



Photo of Alice Wong, an Asian American disabled woman in a power chair, against a background of bamboo trees. She is wearing a blue cardigan and sitting in a power chair. She is holding a copy of her memoir, Year of the Tiger, a paperback in yellow and red with a fierce tiger on it designed by Madeline Partner. She is wearing a bold red lip color and a trach at her neck. Photo credit: Eddie Hernandez Photography.

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**Rahnee Patrick**, MA is the first Asian American and disabled Director of the Rehabilitation Services, a Division of the Illinois Department of Human Services. The oldest of four, Rahnee's US-born father is an Air Force veteran who met her mother, of Ubonratchathani, Thailand, during the Viet Nam Conflict. The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) awarded Rahnee the Paul Hearne Award, as an emerging national leader. Rahnee is a proud aunt who lives with her spouse Mike Ervin in downtown Chicago with their two small dogs, Mao Mao and Roxy Pops.



Photo of Rahnee Patrick wearing a blue shirt. She has dark curly hair that is shoulder length.

**Grace Tsao** has spent her career working in higher education, non-profit, and state government. She has a B.S. in News-Editorial Journalism from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, an M.S. in Cultural Foundations of Education with a concentration in Multicultural Education from the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, and an M.A. in Sociology from Loyola University Chicago where her focus was on race, gender, and disability. Grace teaches social science online to undergraduate students and is the Chair and Advocacy Chair of the Statewide Independent Living Council of Illinois.



Photo of Grace Tsao, an Asian American woman with light/medium skin and long dark hair wearing a red velvet top, large gold hoop earrings, and a jade and pearl necklace. In the background a creamy beige garage door and the black headrest of her wheelchair are partially visible.

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**Noa Fields** is a trans writer with hearing aids. She is the author of the poetry chapbook *With*, and has also been published in *Tripwire*, *Anomaly*, *Zoeglossia*, *Elderly Mag*, *Tyger Quarterly*, and *Sixty Inches From Center*, among others. She is the Events & Accessibility Coordinator at the Poetry Foundation in Chicago and a 2022 fellow with *Zoeglossia* and Disability Lead.



Photo of Noa Fields, a white trans woman with wavy dark hair, who walks through the park at golden hour. She is wearing a navy top and a black choker.