NYU Reynolds Program in Social Entrepreneurship
2012-2013 “Social Entrepreneurship in the 21st Century” Speaker Series

John Wood
Founder & Board Co-Chair
Room to Read

At age 35, JOHN WOOD left an executive career track at Microsoft Corporation to form Room to Read, a nonprofit organization that “combines the heart of Mother Theresa with the scalability of Starbucks” to help children across the developing world break the cycle of poverty through the power of education. Razor-sharp business acumen honed at Microsoft, combined with a passion to change the world makes John Wood a unique, inspiring and popular speaker with universal appeal.

Since its start in 2000, Room to Read has sponsored the opening of 1,556 schools and more than 13,000 multi-lingual libraries across the developing world. The organization has distributed over 11 million children’s books in multiple languages and supports 16,879 girls with long-term scholarships. John describes these results as “total tip of the iceberg” as Room to Read plans to increase this literacy network to 20,000 libraries and schools serving at least 10 million children by the year 2015.

In his award-winning memoir, Leaving Microsoft to Change the World (Collins, 2006), John tells the story of how he raised over $125 million of financial commitments from a “standing start” to develop one of the fastest-growing non-profits in history. The book was described by Publishers’ Weekly in a starred review as “an infectiously inspiring read.” Translated into 21 languages, it is popular with entrepreneurs, philanthropists, educators, and internationalists alike, and was selected by Amazon.com as one of the Top Ten Business Narratives of 2006 and voted by Hudson Booksellers as a Top Ten Nonfiction title of 2006. The book was also featured during John’s appearance on The Oprah Winfrey Show and the resulting “Oprah’s Book Drive” with Room to Read raised over $3 million from viewers.

John holds a Masters in Business Administration from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University, a B.S. in Finance from the University of Colorado, and an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from the University of San Francisco. He also serves on the Advisory Board for the Clinton Global Initiative. He is currently working with Viking Penguin on his second book to be published in late 2012.
Anne Marie Burgoyne
Portfolio Director
Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation

ANNE MARIE BURGOYNE is responsible for identifying and supporting Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation Entrepreneurs and for building our learning community.

Before joining Draper Richards Kaplan, Anne Marie was the Executive Director of United Cerebral Palsy of the Golden Gate where she undertook a successful financial and operational turn-around and organizational merger. Prior, Anne Marie was a Roberts Enterprise Development Fund (REDF) Farber Fellow at Community Gatepath, a non-profit that provides services to children and adults with developmental disabilities. Before entering the non-profit arena, Anne Marie was the Vice President of Service at Digital Impact, a publicly-traded email marketing company, and an Associate at Robertson Stephens, where she did investment banking with emerging market clients.

Currently Anne Marie serves on the boards of Jacaranda Health, World Reader, Solar Sister, Agora Partnerships, Equal Opportunity Schools, Global Citizen Year, Mission Continues, Welcoming America and Wild4Life. She previously served on the boards of Build Change, Genocide Intervention Network (now United to End Genocide), Grassroot Soccer, Little Kids Rock, LivingGoods, One Acre Fund, RefugePoint (formerly Mapendo International), Spark and Vision Spring (formerly Scojo Foundation).

She is on the advisory councils of IDEO.org, Net Impact, the Global Social Venture Competition and Photo Philanthropy and enjoys collaboration with Santa Clara University's Global Social Benefit Incubator and Social Venture Partners. She is a judge for the Manhattan Institute Social Entrepreneur Award and the Social Venture Network Innovation Awards program.

Anne Marie has written about dashboards and the use of metrics by early-stage organizations, and has had pieces published by Stanford Social Innovation Review and in blogs by Good Magazine and Sasha Dichter.

Anne Marie received her Master of Business Administration and Public Management Program certificate from Stanford University's Graduate School of Business and was selected by her peers as the recipient of the Ernest C. Arbuckle Award. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania and its Wharton School, respectively.
Christy Remey Chin  
Portfolio Director  
Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation  

CHRISTY CHIN is responsible for identifying and supporting Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation Entrepreneurs as well as cultivating and engaging donors in new funds.

Before joining Draper Richards Kaplan, Christy was the Deputy Director of The Philanthropy Workshop West at the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, where she led the alumni program and contributed to strategic planning. TPW West was an executive leadership program for more than 100 high-net worth individuals committed to increasing the effectiveness and impact of their philanthropic work. Christy led donor sessions that featured social entrepreneurs domestically and internationally in Guatemala, India, Rwanda and Uganda.

Prior, Christy was a Senior Program Officer at the Skoll Foundation where she selected and supported recipients of the Skoll Awards for Social Entrepreneurship, including Room to Read, College Summit, and Benetech and led efforts to develop the field of social entrepreneurship including the Skoll Center for Social Entrepreneurship at Oxford University and Ashoka.

Christy has experience in venture capital, as a principal with Bedrock Capital Partners, a director of business development for The Frontier Group, and an investment analyst with Norwest Venture Capital. Earlier in her career, Christy worked as a research associate at the Harvard Business School where she did research in social entrepreneurship with Professor J. Gregory Dees and in entrepreneurship with Professor Jeffry A. Timmons.

Christy currently serves on the boards of Urban Teacher Center, TurboVote, Blue Engine, Green City Force, Students for Education Reform and Benetech and is an advisor to Citizen Schools California. Christy received her Master of Business Administration from the Harvard Business School and holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from Colgate University.