We are delighted to celebrate your exceptional commitment to disability rights and healthcare justice and to join the BCIL community in continuing to honor Dr. Marie Feltin’s pioneering spirit and lifetime advocacy for the civil rights of vulnerable populations.

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Welcome

The Boston Center for Independent Living welcomes you to our 19th annual BCIL Marie Feltin Award Ceremony. This event celebrates Marie’s life by honoring people and organizations whose work exemplifies the spirit, commitment, and innovation that she brought to her work and the communities that she served.

This year’s awardees are terrific. Laura P. Brelsford is a leader for equal access and inclusion in transportation. Jean Flatley McGuire PhD is a leader for consumer-driven public health and disability policy. And Lisa Sloane is a leader for housing and disability rights and super soccer mom.

A highlight of tonight’s ceremony is a brief film that speaks to Marie Feltin’s noteworthy life. It links Marie’s legacy to the disability rights work in which BCIL is involved today. We also will acknowledge our friend Charlie Carr for the work he did with the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission.

The evening would not be possible without the commitment of Dr. Robert Master, who continues his tireless work on this event and in his many other innovative endeavors. We also want to thank Dr. Lisa Iezzoni for being our Master of Ceremonies. And finally, a tip of the hat to BCIL chairperson Sergio Goncalves, who conceived of this ceremony in order to keep Marie Feltin’s memory alive, commemorate her work and accomplishments, and honor those who make a difference for people with disabilities.
BMC is proud to support the BCIL’s mission to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities, and honor the memory of Dr. Marie Feltin.
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Dr. Marie Feltin found her way to Boston via Montreal and McGill University after being born in Nazi-occupied France and christened under an assumed name to avoid the terrors of the Holocaust because she was Jewish. She was a product of the ’60s and the idealism and flamboyance of that era, having a universal love of dance, the flute, piano and conga drums. Marie’s life was never compartmentalized; work, pleasure, family and friends were interwoven in seamless fashion. What she left behind is a direct result of who she was and where she came from in life.

Marie saw in people with disabilities the strong desire and ability to live independently and she viewed “empowerment” as not just an abstract ideological goal but as a practical strategy to promote health and function. Marie and her staff returned to home visiting to provide medical care, recognizing how difficult it was for many of her patients to make the trek to the doctor’s office or to the clinic, and she also felt that home care broke down the barriers that existed between clinicians and the lives of their patients. Marie, according to Dr. Susan Bennett, had a “willingness to take care of people who are sick and poor and old, but she did not do that with any sense of it elevating herself. She did it with complete humility.”

Marie was always available for her patients. Her beeper would go off constantly and she would always respond quickly but calmly. Jean Masland, director of the long-term care services at East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, sums up the feelings of those who knew Marie as a physician: “She really touched patients a lot—I mean physically and emotionally. Her patients always wanted to hug her. She liked that.” In her personal life and in her work, she was very humble and very spiritual.
There are many memorials left behind by Marie that withstand the test of time and continue her legacy in both the medical field and in life in general. Founder of the East Boston Health Center’s Home Care Program, Boston’s Community Medical Group, and the Urban Medical Group, she was a modern day pioneer in providing medical care to society’s most neglected and vulnerable populations. She broke down barriers that often existed between patient and physician and medical care staff such as nurses and nurse practitioners. She saw her job with other medical personnel as a task of total devotion with no separation because of job title or function.

Supported in these endeavors by her husband, Dr. Robert Master, and their children, Daniel, Johanne, Steven, Jonas and Sarina, Marie overcame many obstacles to attain her goals, though she was unable to overcome the illness that took her from us in 1994. The Boston Center for Independent Living is proud to be the sponsor of this nineteenth annual award ceremony in memory of Dr. Marie C. Feltin. The ceremony is held to carry on the work started by Marie to empower individuals with disabilities to take control of their lives and live independently.

Justin Dart, considered the “Father of the ADA,” speaks on the need for a national civil rights law for Americans with disabilities in Boston, c. 1989. The Americans with Disabilities Act became law in 1990.
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Laura P. Brelsford

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Criteria
To those persons and organizations who best exemplify the commitment to empower individuals with disabilities to live independently either through their work, professional affiliations, advocacy in the community or volunteer involvement

Or
To those persons and organizations who through their work have demystified medical care and enhanced personalized medical services to individuals with disabilities

Recipients

Laura P. Brelsford
Leader for Equal Access & Inclusion in Transportation

Jean Flatley McGuire PhD
Leader for Consumer-Driven Public Health & Disability Policy

Lisa Sloane
Leader for Housing & Disability Rights & Super Soccer Mom
Program

6:00–6:45 pm  Cocktails and Hors D’Oeuvres
6:45 pm       Dinner
7:45 pm       Welcome from BCIL
                Sergio Goncalves, Chairperson
                Bill Henning, Director

                Dr. Lisa Iezzoni
                Master of Ceremonies

Acknowledgement of Charlie Carr

Introduction to the Marie Feltin Film
Dr. Robert Master

Marie Feltin Film

Conferring of Awards

Laura P. Brelsford
Introduced by Taramattie Doucette, Esq.

Jean Flatley McGuire PhD
Introduced by Dennis Heaphy

Lisa Sloane
Introduced by Karen Langley

8:45 pm       Concluding remarks
                Bill Henning

We are pleased to have Lisa Iezzoni, MD, MSc as emcee for this evening’s program. Lisa, a member of the BCIL board and a health services researcher, is a Professor of Medicine with the Harvard Medical School and is the Director of the Mongan Institute for Health Policy at Massachusetts General Hospital. She received the Marie Feltin Award in 2007.
Congratulations to Laura, Lisa and Jean.

Thank you for making transportation, housing and health care more accessible to all.

Thank you Lisa, for your commitment, dedication and integrity.

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Philip W. Johnston, Chairman
Laura Brelsford is the Assistant General Manager for System-Wide Accessibility (SWA) at the MBTA. Since coming on board with the T, Laura has been at the forefront of her department’s mission to implement both the letter and spirit of the 2006 MBTA/BCIL settlement agreement (Joanne Daniels-Finegold, et al v. MBTA), setting the standard for the MBTA to become the nationwide model of an accessible public transportation system.

Laura grew up in Holyoke and attended Mount Holyoke College, where she graduated with a double major in Political Science and Psychology. It was during her time at Mount Holyoke that Laura put down roots in the disability rights movement, co-founding a disability awareness committee that worked to raise campus consciousness of physical and academic barriers faced by students with disabilities. It was also at Mount Holyoke that Laura first experienced both the freedom and the perils associated with public transportation, using the local bus system to travel independently throughout the valley—at least when she wasn’t finding herself stranded on a malfunctioning lift on her way to a class.

After graduation, Laura moved to Cambridge and began working as an Investigator for the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, where she was responsible for investigating allegations of employment and public accommodation discrimination. At the same time, Laura became involved with the Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities, a city advisory board for which she served as chair from 2007–2009.

It was in 2007 that Laura joined the MBTA as part of the then newly formed Department of System-Wide Accessibility. Since SWA’s conception, Laura has played a leading role in the creation and advancement of a number of major accessibility initiatives, including the development of an internal monitoring program; a first-ever hands-on training for front line staff responding to customers with disabilities.
Laura credits the strides in accessibility made by the MBTA to its partnership with BCIL and Greater Boston Legal Services and the larger disability community. In October of 2008, Laura had the opportunity to participate in the national Fred Fay Leadership Forum—a three-day retreat organized by BCIL where she had the chance to strategize about the advancement of the disability rights movement with leaders from across the country. Collaborations such as these have given Laura the tools to foster a positive transformation within the MBTA, in which people with disabilities both inside and outside the agency have a seat at the table and accessibility is a priority system-wide—a culture change that she is proud to have been a part of setting into motion.
Congratulations Lisa,
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We are proud to support BCIL’s mission of empowerment and advocacy, enabling individuals with disabilities in the Greater Boston area to take control of their lives and to live independently through assured access to health care; affordable housing; accessible transportation, culture, and recreation; and meaningful employment.

Congratulations to the 2015 Honorees:
Laura P. Brelsford
Assistant General Manager for System-Wide Accessibility, MBTA

Jean Flatley McGuire, PhD
Interim Chair of Health Sciences / Professor of Practice, Northeastern University

Lisa Sloane
Senior Policy Advisor, Technical Assistance Collaborative

It is our pleasure to collaborate with BCIL on health disparity issues, the implementation of the ONE Care program and the work of HCFA’s ACT!! coalition. We applaud BCIL’s efforts and look forward to the shared victories ahead.

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Jean Flatley McGuire PhD

Jean Flatley McGuire has been working in the fields of public health and disability for almost 40 years. Her commitment to both—and her sense of the importance of consumer leadership—is located in her experiences of being in a large second-generation immigrant family, her progressive Catholic faith, and an early history of work in social justice.

Jean is currently a Professor of Practice in the Health Sciences Department at Northeastern University where she enjoys training the future disability, health care, and public health workforces and focuses on policy research in public health and long-term supports. Among other projects, she is currently the PI on a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant looking at options for paying for population health improvements under the Affordable Care Act.

Jean’s work has been spent predominantly in government affairs and program development and administration. In her early career, she was very involved in litigation related to deinstitutionalization and developed some of the first community living programs for people with intellectual disabilities in Washington, DC. Her experience there took her into work associated with independent living, including vocational rehabilitation and employment supports, group home zoning regulations, and Medicaid financing. These experiences prepared her for the national level lobbying she did first for the ARC and the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities and then as head of the first major national organization responding to the HIV epidemic, the AIDS Action Council, where consumer leadership was paramount in everything from drug development to civil rights advocacy.
Jean was a lead lobbyist in the major national legislation affecting disability & HIV anti-discrimination protections in the late ’80s, including: the Civil Rights Restoration Act, the Fair Housing Act Amendments, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Ryan White CARE Act. She then moved to Boston and got her MPH at Harvard and PhD at Brandeis where her dissertation focused on the ethics of HIV community-based clinical trials, something she had helped to start. In particular, she wanted to understand what the trials meant to consumers and clinicians participating in them.

Before her recent return to Northeastern, Jean did two tours of duty in Massachusetts state government, serving first as the Assistant Commissioner for Public Health at DPH and, most recently, as the Assistant Secretary for Disability Policies and Programs at EOHHS. As Assistant Secretary, she led the state’s development of the Olmstead Plan and paved the way for the duals demonstration and many other important disability developments, always with the close collaboration of people living with disabilities.

Jean lives in Cambridge with her partner of almost 25 years, Barbara Herbert. They have 3 children, Megan, Daniel and Lainey.
Victory Programs congratulates Dr. Jean Flatley McGuire on her **2015 Marie Feltin Award** for her compassion, dedication and advocacy to all people living with disabilities.

Congratulations to the deserving 2015 Marie Feltin Honorees!

**Dr. Jean Flatley McGuire, Laura P. Brelsford and Lisa Sloane**

Thank you for your exceptional work on Disability Rights.
Congratulations to BCIL and the 2015 Marie Feltin Awardees

Laura Brelsford, Jean McGuire and Lisa Sloane

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In 1980, Lisa Sloane read an article about new congregate housing models that helped keep elders out of nursing homes. This spurred her to volunteer with a nonprofit housing agency in Cambridge, and since then she hasn’t stopped working relentlessly on affordable housing issues for low-income elders and people with disabilities.

Lisa has a Bachelors of Arts in Psychology and Social Relations and Master in Public Administration from Harvard University. As Assistant Director with the nonprofit ECHO in Cambridge, she worked on the development of congregate housing for elders with psychiatric disabilities who had left institutional settings. She then worked in Asset Management at the Department of Housing and Community Development—where she met her husband when he, in the housing development department, passed along projects to her (projects in which none of the parties were speaking to each other!). From there she worked as Director of Housing for the City of Somerville, but eventually began a new career as a consultant. For fifteen years she ran Sloane Associates, learning about the development of housing for people with HIV or AIDS, housing authority administration, tenant organizing, and Section 504 compliance. Most importantly, she was hired by the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission’s Independent Living Division to work with the state’s Independent Living Centers on affordable housing issues.
Working together the ILCs secured a national fair housing grant for the development of the MassAccess Housing Registry prototype and worked with CHAPA and other housing organizations to develop and pass the Community Based Housing bond program and the Home Modification Loan Program. The same coalition also worked tirelessly to ensure that younger people with disabilities retained access to state-funded public housing programs, including the development of the Alternative Housing Voucher Program.

Lisa now works at the Technical Assistance Collaborative—with past Feltin recipient Ann O’Hara—on teams that assist states to comply with Olmstead. For ten years her work has supported closing nursing facilities and state hospitals and developing housing options and integrated housing for people with disabilities and people who are homeless.

Lisa sits on the Boards of the Ad Lib Center for Independent Living in Pittsfield and Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority. She lives in the Berkshires with her husband Bob and soccer-playing daughter Sally.

Sally Nason, daughter of Super Soccer Mom Lisa Sloane.
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Sergio Goncalves
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2005
Jack Grieco
James W. Hunt, Jr.
Dr. Judith S. Palfrey

2006
Frederick Fay, Ph.D
Dr. Nedda Hobbs
Tufts Dental Facility

2007
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Lisa Iezzi, M.D., MSc
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CORD thanks the winners of the BCIL Marie Feltin Award
Laura Brelsford, Jean Flatley McGuire PhD, and Lisa Sloane for their service to the community.
LISA

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Greater Boston Legal Services salutes BCIL for its continued dedication and commitment advocating for the rights of people with disabilities.

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Over 5,000 people annually receive BCIL services in a number of critical areas including housing, healthcare, long-term care, transportation, adaptive technology, communications, civil rights law, education, and employment. A considerable majority of BCIL’s staff and board are people with disabilities—we comprehend and bring personal and professional experience to issues affecting the disability community. The staff and Board of Directors of BCIL thank everyone for your generous support and for honoring those whose work embodies the spirit of Marie Feltin.

*State Auditor Suzanne Bump met with PCA activists before February rally on PCAs and MassHealth at the State House.*
Peter Cronis in front, Senior PCA Skills Trainer, has been on BCIL staff for 27 ½ years. In back, Virgilio Rojas, Youth Transition Advocate, Margaret Xu, Independent Living Long Term Services and Supports Coordinator, and Jose Torres, Independent Living Advocate, all very recent additions to BCIL staff.

A salute to the staff, board and members of BCIL for your outstanding work with and for people with disabilities!

Congratulations to great friends Laura Brelsford, Jean McGuire, and Lisa Sloane for winning the BCIL Marie Feltin Award and for your notable work for the cause!

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