

On April 22, Assistant Senate Majority Leader Dick Durbin (D-IL) announced the Senate approval of Tammy Duckworth to be Assistant Secretary of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs for the Department of Veterans Affairs. As assistant secretary, Duckworth will direct VA's public affairs, internal communications and intergovernmental relations. She also will oversee programs for homeless Veterans, consumer affairs and special rehabilitative events.

Join us to personally congratulate Tammy in this accomplishment and wish her well in her new role!

AAAF-GC Supports Raja Krishnamoorthi's Exploratory Committee for Comptroller

Former Deputy Illinois Treasurer and Barack Obama campaign adviser Raja Krishnamoorthi announced on April 22, 2009 the formation of an exploratory committee for a campaign for Illinois Comptroller. Krishnamoorthi, 35, grew up in Peoria and is considering a run for the statewide office should incumbent Comptroller Dan Hynes choose not to run for re-election in 2010. Newton Minow, former Federal Communications Commission Chairman is chair of the Raja for Illinois Exploratory Committee.

Krishnamoorthi served as Deputy Illinois Treasurer since 2007 and stepped down from the post earlier this month. A lawyer and policy expert, Krishnamoorthi worked on Obama's successful 2004 campaign for the U.S. Senate, serving first as the issues director for his primary campaign and then as a senior adviser in his general election campaign. Krishnamoorthi also advised Obama during his Presidential campaign and worked on his 2000 campaign for the U.S. House of Representatives.

As Deputy Treasurer, Krishnamoorthi was responsible for overseeing programs in the Illinois Treasurer's Office involving the custody and administration of billions of dollars in state funds. Krishnamoorthi also helped the Illinois Treasurer's Office administer tough ethics and transparency rules.

Prior to his appointment as Deputy Treasurer, Krishnamoorthi served on the board of the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA), chairing its Audit Committee. Later, he was appointed a Special Assistant Attorney General to help start the public corruption unit in the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

The son of an engineering professor at Bradley University in Peoria, Krishnamoorthi graduated from Richwoods High School as a valedictorian. He went to Princeton University, graduating summa cum laude with a degree in mechanical engineering and a minor in public policy. After he worked two years in management consulting, Raja attended Harvard Law School, graduating with honors. After clerking for a federal judge in Illinois, Raja joined the law firm of Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Chicago, where he practiced business litigation, and rose to become a partner in the firm.

Krishnamoorthi is married to Priya, a doctor, and they have a three year-old son, Vijay. Priya is expecting the couple's second child. They live in the Northwest Chicago suburb of Hoffman Estates.

More information about Raja is available at www.rajaforillinois.com, or contact AAAF-GC board member Selma D'Souza at sdsouza557@aol.com.

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in collaboration with Illinois Coalition for Immigrant & Refugee Rights

presents

Candidates' Two-Day Training 2009

When: Friday, May 8 - Saturday, May 9
Time: Starts at 12:00 Noon, Friday - Ends 5:00 pm, Saturday
Where: The Cenacle, 513 W. Fullerton Parkway, Chicago, IL

Cost: Two-day training including meals; Overnight accommodations are available at the Cenacle, and you are highly encouraged to stay.

	Single room	Double Room
ICIRR Members	\$130	\$110
Individuals	\$150	\$130

TRAINER: Rudy Lopez. Currently Deputy Director of Politics at the Center for Community Change, Rudy previously served as National Field Director with Wellstone Action, and National Field Director of the Chicago-based U.S. Hispanic Leadership Institute (2000-2005). Rudy has worked on numerous campaigns across the country. He co-authored and served as technical advisor of the 2002 and 2004 editions of the Almanac of Latino Politics.

For more information and an application, please contact AAAFGC board member Lawrence Benito at lawrence.benito@sbcglobal.net or 312-735-5310.

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MARK KEAM

Democratic Candidate for the Virginia House of Delegates

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