

SONA WANG



An accomplished growth-oriented venture capitalist, Sona is nationally recognized for her work creating enterprises and innovative programs in support of high performing women entrepreneurs and company builders. As one of the first women founders of venture capital funds in the US, she successfully established three early stage venture capital funds focused on emerging sectors of the economy.

Sona is a passionate cultural leader working to create positive social impact through music and the performing arts. Currently in the planning stage, she is a co-founder of the Chicago Blues Experience, a world-class Blues museum and performance center. Since 2018 she has been a co-founder of Randolph Entertainment and their critically acclaimed production Teatro Zinzanni, an immersive Cirque du Soleil + live music + fine dining experience in downtown Chicago.

She previously served on the boards of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Chicago Children's Choir.

For over 20 years she has been a prominent civic leader in higher education, serving as Trustee on the boards of Northwestern University and Columbia College Chicago, was past chair of NU Innovations & Inventions Office Advisory Board, and formerly on the executive committee of Columbia's board.

Prior to her career in venture capital, she was employed by Intel Corporation during the fastest growth period in the company's history. She held a variety of key management positions in state-of-the-art Facilities Engineering, global Manufacturing, and National Marketing.

Sona has been profiled in the Wall Street Journal, US News and World Report, Crain's Business, Inc. Magazine, Chicago Tribune, USA Today and numerous other publications for her work. Professional recognitions include: Amazon Inc. HQ2 Committee, "100 Most Influential Women" by Crain's Chicago, "Corporate Directors to Watch" by Directors & Boards Magazine, "Business Leader Award" Chicago United, YWCA Entrepreneurial Leadership Award.

Sona graduated from Stanford University Engineering School and received an MBA, Magna Cum Laude from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

She lives in Evanston, Illinois with her husband of 35 years, Bill. They have two adult daughters, Hannah and Lillian.