“To earn a living in engineering, I became narrowly focused. I got very good at what I did but it required me to know a lot about a little bit. And so I loved the idea of being able to come back and fill in my life with all this knowledge of things I was interested in, like history, geography, and social issues. So I decided to go for it, to jump in and commit, and take four classes. It’s been wonderful. I love my classes, the people have been so welcoming and so kind, and the professors are so respectful of students. And now, I’m curious again.”

Susan has over 35 years of diverse environmental engineering experience working for both private and public entities. Her work encompassed all aspects of water treatment including pre-engineering studies, design, start-up and operation services, and construction phase services. Susan holds a Bachelor of Engineering in environmental and water resources engineering from Vanderbilt University, and a Master of Science in environmental health engineering from the University of Texas at Austin. She enjoys spending time with her family, reading, and sports of all kinds, especially swimming with the UT Longhorn Aquatics Masters and running on the Lady Bird Lake trail.

Susan Kane Booth
2018 TOWER Fellow

“This program is incredibly well-designed, and gives the Fellows a great overall experience. In these classes, I’ve had the pleasure of really thinking, really learning. After being a real estate investor my entire career, it has taken me back to being 25 years old and the excitement of figuring out the world. To be able to do that at 59 years old is an incredible gift.”

Glenn has been an institutional real estate investor for 35 years. In 2001, he co-founded Lionstone Investments, which was sold to Ameriprise in 2017. From 1990 to 2000, Glenn helped build the investment management business at Hines and ultimately, became Chief Investment Officer. Overall his career has been built on merging an understanding of how cities evolve with basic principles of value investing. A husband to Nicole, father to four, Glenn’s family life is his anchor. Nicole and Glenn live in Houston where they are active in several charities. Glenn received a Bachelor of Arts in American studies from Georgetown University and an MBA in Finance from NYU.

Glenn Lowenstein
2018 TOWER Fellow

“The TOWER Fellows Program has far exceeded my expectations. The Fellows have been given access to the best of everything UT has to offer. The speakers are all highly acclaimed in their fields. The classroom experience has been remarkable. The students are welcoming and very sophisticated. With the new knowledge and experiences I have gained I am looking forward to the next adventure. If anyone is on the fence, it’s totally worth the investment.”

Sandy got her undergraduate degree in biology from the University of Texas at Austin and her JD from Baylor Law School. She began her legal career in private practice specializing in estate planning, probate, and charitable gifts. She was the Director of the Office of Estates and Trusts at the University of Texas System for the administration of all endowments and estates. Sandy’s love of horses led to becoming a breeder of Andalusian horses. She has many volunteer interests including Impact Austin and the International Andalusian and Lusitano Horse Association.

Sandy Seaman
2018 TOWER Fellow
Some of the many guest speakers who participated in the Fall 2018 Program:

Larry Faulkner, PhD  
President Emeritus, The University of Texas at Austin. President of the Houston Endowment

Tracy Dahlby  
Bennack Chair in Journalism and Distinguished Teaching Professor. Former Bureau Chief for the Washington Post and Newsweek

Julie Schell, EdD  
Executive Director of Learning Design, College of Fine Arts

David Springer, PhD  
Director, RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service. University Distinguished Teaching Professor

Clay Johnston, MD, PhD  
Dean, Dell Medical School, The University of Texas at Austin

H. W. Brands, PhD  
Blanton Chair in History. Pulitzer Prize finalist

Mary Ellen Weber, PhD  
Former NASA Astronaut and Consultant, Stellar Strategies, LLC

Betty Sue Flowers, PhD  
Professor Emeritus & Former Director of the LBJ Presidential Library and Museum

Peter Stone, PhD  
Centennial Professor of Computer Science, Founding Director of the Learning Agents Research Group at UT & Chair of the Robotics Portfolio Program

Bill Bradley  
Former 3-term U.S. senator and former professional basketball player

Britt Harris  
Chief Investment Officer, University of Texas Investment Management Company

Bobby Ray Inman  
Retired U.S. Navy Admiral. Former Director of the National Security Agency and Deputy Director of the CIA

Dan Jaffe, PhD  
Vice President of Research & Professor of Astronomy, College of Natural Sciences