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Affiliations:

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Education:

B.S. Biology, Jackson State University; Ph.D. Biomedical Sciences with emphasis on Nutritional Biochemistry, Meharry Medical College; J.D. Patent Law, Rutgers University School of Law Newark; Post Doctoral studies in Environmental Toxicology, Harvard Graduate School of Public Health

Affiliations:

Union of Concerned Scientists
We Act for Environmental Justice
Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry in Atlanta, Georgia
Hollis Environmental Consulting Services
EPA National Environmental Justice Advisory Council
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Key Publications:

While You Were Focused on COVID-19, EPA Gave Polluters Free Rein, Threatening At-Risk Communities — (2020)
The US withdrawal from the Paris climate accord is a racist act — (2020)
Climate Change Isn't Just a Global Threat—It's a Public Health Emergency — (2019)
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Speaking Appearance (ex.): National Press Foundation



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Affiliations:

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Deputy Director)
U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy (Member)
National Academy of Sciences Ocean Studies Board (Member)
U.S. Climate Impact Advisory Panel (Member)
University of New Hampshire (Professor of Natural Resources and the Environment Dean of the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture)
US Climate Impacts Advisory Panel (Lead author of the oceans chapter)
Conservation International (Senior Vice President for Science and Knowledge)
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Coalition for Sensible Safeguards

Key Publications:

It's unethical to pretend Americans won't feel the impact of climate change- The Hill (2018) (2018)
COVID-19 and Worker Safety: An Absence of Federal Leadership Is Putting Lives at Risk- Union of Concerned Scientist Blog(2020) (2020)
Full list of articles (2020)

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Testified:

National Ocean Policy: The House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on legislation to establish a national policy for the oceans, to strengthen the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and to establish a national and regional ocean governance structure. (2007)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Dr. Rosenberg On Rebuilding Western Atlantic Bluefin Tuna- Pew Environment (2013):
Full C-SPAN List
Andrew Rosenburg on the Center for Science and Democracy (2013)

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Affiliations:

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Environmental Protection Agency (Policy Position)
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GreenWave (Board Member)
World Surf League's PURE (Board Member)
Science Sandbox (Board Member)
Azul (Board Member)
Oceanic Global (Board Member)
The Explorers Club (Fellow)
Team Ocean NYC (Founder)
TED (Resident)
Aspen Institute (Scholar)
Emerson Collective (Fellow)
Pioneer Works (Scholar)

Key Publications:

We Can't Solve the Climate Crisis Unless Black Lives Matter (2020)
Our Oceans Brim With Climate Solutions. We Need a Blue New Deal (2019)
Policy Memo: Seafood, Blye Jobs and the Green New Deal (2019)
See more (2020)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

TED, A Love Story for the Coral Reef Crisis
Underwater Farms vs. Climate Change, Ayana Elizabeth Johnson & Megan Davis
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Affiliations:

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Graham Institute (Project Manager)
Institute for Sustainable Communities (Senior Program Officer)
International Forestry Resources (Research Assistant)
International Partnership for Microbicides
Peace Corps
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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

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University of Michigan Engineering



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- Apollo Alliance, Executive Director
- Vice President Al Gore, Special Assistant
- Inslee for America, Senior Advisor
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- President of the AFL-CIO, Consultant
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- US Department of Energy's Better Buildings Challenge
- Governor Jay Inslee
- Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell's Energy Advisory Task Force
- Cornell University Eco-Industrial Round Table
- Energy Future Coalition
- Wallace Global Fund
- President's Council on Sustainable Development
- White House Livable Communities Task Force
- Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Interagency Climate Change Working Group
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Key Publications:

- Atmospheric Pollution: History, Science and Regulation (2002)
- Air Pollution and Global Warming: History, Science, and Solutions (2012)
- Apollo's Fire: Igniting America's Clean Energy Economy (2007)
- Fundamentals of Atmospheric Modeling (2000)
- 100% Clean, Renewable Energy and Storage for Everything (2019)

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- Senate Hearing on Job Growth, Tax Incentives and Small Business (2009)

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Special Envoy for Climate Change [Department Of State - Office Of The Special Envoy For Climate Change]

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J.D., Southern University Law Center; B.A., International Studies, Kenyon College

Affiliations:

Gulf Coast Center for Law and Policy (Executive Director)
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Young Climate Justice National Fellowship
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U.S. Climate Action Network (Board Member)

Key Publications:

Climate Change is a Refugee Issue Too (2016)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

TED Women 2019: Climate Change Will Displace Millions. Here's how we prepare (2019)
Free Speech TV: Colette Pichon Battle–Keynote
Center for Constitutional Rights: RadTalks–Colette Pichon Battle
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B.A. History and Classics, Dartmouth College; M.P.A. Economic Development and Environmental Economics, Syracuse University; M.A. Economics and Politics, University of Oxford

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Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council
Blue Ribbon Panel for Sustaining America's Diverse Fish and Wildlife Resources
The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership Policy Council
American Wildlife Conservation Partners
BlueGreen Alliance
Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs (Fellow)
Aspen Institute (Catto Fellow)
US Green Building Council (LEED)
Executive Management Program in Environmental Sustainability, Stanford Business School
Wildlife Hunting and Heritage Conservation Council
Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (Chair)
Ozone Transport Commission (Chair)
Climate and Energy Subcommittee of the Environmental Council of the States (Chair)
Executive Council of the Chesapeake Bay Program
Natural Resources and Agriculture Subcommittee of the President's Task Force on Climate Adaptation and Preparedness (Co-Chair)
Director of SyraStat (City of Syracuse)
City of San Jose (Clean Technology Strategist)

Key Publications:

Save Wildlife, Save Ourselves (2020)
7.7 Million Young People Are Unemployed. We Need a New 'Tree Army.' (2020)
We Need A 21st Century Civilian Conservation Corps (2020)
Addressing the Youth Unemployment Crisis (2020)
As Unemployment Soars, Put Young People to Work Conserving Nature in FDR's 'Tree Army' (2020)
Trump Weakens the Nation's Clean Water Efforts (2020)

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Testified:

House Natural Resources Committee, Recovering America's Wildlife Act (2019)
Congressional Energy and Power Subcommittee, Renewable Fuel Standard (2016)
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Hearing to Review the Implementation of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (2019)
House Financial Services Committee, "Preparing for the Storm: Reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program" (2019)
House Hearing on Advanced Biofuels (2008)
Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Forest Management and Wildfires (2017)
EPA, Clean Power Plan (2014)
Senate Environmentand Public Works Committee, Reviewing the Technical, Scientific, and Legal Basis of the Waters (2017)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN: Extreme Weather Preparedness
Rebuilding Natural Systems
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C-SPAN: State Emission Reduction Efforts

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Under Secretary for Science (and Energy) [Department Of Energy - Office Of The Under Secretary For Science (And Energy)]

Education:

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Affiliations:

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Center for Environmental Policy (Director)
Transportation Sustainability Research Center (Director)
Energy and Resources Group (Chair)
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Department of Energy
US Agency for International Development
Office of Science and Technology Policy
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
World Bank (Chief Technical Specialist for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency)

Key Publications:

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Reports
A Battery of Innovative Choices—If We Commit to Investing (2018)
A Low-Carbon National Energy Agenda (2009)
Solar Energy Innovation and Silicon Valley (2014)
Should We Risk It? Exploring Environmental, Health, and Technological Problem Solving (1999)

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Testified:

Cited before House Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, Climate Change (2020)
House Oversight and Government, Green House Gas Reductions (2007)
California Select Committee on Air and Water Quality (2005)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Harvard, An Energy Plan the Earth Can Live With
APS Physics, An Energy Plan the Earth Can Live With
UCTV, UC Carbon and Climate Neutrality Summit

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DEB HAALAND

Deb Haaland was one of the first Native American women elected to Congress, where she currently serves as Chair of the House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, and Vice Chair of the Committee on Natural Resources. Haaland is Co-Chair of the Congressional Native American Caucus and a member of the Congressional Progressive Caucus. Haaland served as a Tribal Administrator of the Pueblo of San Felipe, where she oversaw a $4.5 million annual budget in federal grant awards. She served as New Mexico Vote Director for Native Americans during Obama's 2008 and 2012 presidential campaigns. During her tenure as Chair of the New Mexico Democratic Party, Democrats regained control of the State House and she traveled to Standing Rock to stand side-by-side with the community to protect tribal sovereignty and advocate for vital natural resources. Haaland ran her own small business producing Pueblo Salsa and was the first Chairwoman elected to the Laguna Development Corporation Board of Directors, where she oversaw business operations of the second largest tribal gaming enterprise in New Mexico and successfully advocated to create policies and commitments to earth-friendly business practices. She is a 35th generation New Mexican who is an enrolled member of the Pueblo of Laguna, and also has Jemez Pueblo heritage. Haaland is a frequent commentator in the media on the environment and has been featured in The New York Times, Washington Post, HuffPost, Reuters, USA Today, US News & World Report, Time, Forbes, The New Republic, The Nation, Medium, Scientific American, The Wilderness Society, National Resource Defense Council, The Hill, Politico, ABC, CNBC, CNN, MSNBC and NPR. She holds a B.A. and a J.D. from the University of New Mexico.

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Secretary [Department Of The Interior]

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Education: B.A., J.D., University of New Mexico

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- U.S. House of Representatives (Congresswoman)
- House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands (Chair)
- House Committee on Natural Resources (Vice Chair)
- Congressional Native American Caucus (Co-Chair)
- House Subcommittee on Indigenous Peoples of the United States
- House Committee on Oversight and Reform
- House Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
- Committee on Armed Services
- Congressional Progressive Caucus
- New Mexico Democratic Party (Chair)
- Obama for America 2008 and 2012 (New Mexico Vote Director for Native Americans)
- Laguna Development Corporation (Board of Directors)
- Pueblo of San Felipe (Tribal Administrator)
- Pueblo of Laguna (Tribal Member)
- Kirtland Air Force Base (Honorary Commander)

Key Publications:

- Why Congress Needs a Fierce Voice Like Mine -Forbes (2018)
- Trump wants immigrants to Go Back. Native Americans Don't - New York Times Op-ed (2019)
- One way we can honor John Lewis' legacy: Amend the 13th Amendment -The Hill (2020)
- Native American women are paid far less than white men—here's a way to fix it - CNBC (2019)

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Testified:

- House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Members' Day Hearing (2019)
- House Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Subcommittee, Members' Day Hearing (2019)
- Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies of the House Appropriations Committee on providing equitable and non-discretionary federal funding directly available to Tribal Nations (2019)
- House Committee on Appropriations on funding priorities that would improve the lives of people in New Mexico (2019)
- House Committee on Ways and Means on tribal tax incentive programs (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- NBC, First Native American Congresswoman Deb Haaland Talks Centuries of Progress
- House Floor, calling on her colleagues to defend democracy ahead of the impeachment of President Donald Trump
- Haaland Delivers State of Indian Nations Response (2019):
- C-SPAN complete list

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Affiliations:

Union of Concerned Scientists Global Security Program (Director, Nuclear Power Safety)
Nuclear Control Institute (President)
Institute of Nuclear Materials Management (Member)
American Nuclear Society (Member)
Princeton University (Postdoctoral Research Associate and Lecturer)
The George Washington University (Adjunct Professor)

Key Publications:

Fukushima: The Story of a Nuclear Disaster, The New Press (2014)
"Nuclear safety regulation in the post-Fukushima era," Science (2017)
"US Needs More Options than Yucca Mountain for Nuclear Waste," Union of Concerned Scientists (2017)
"Damages from a Major Release of 137Cs Into the Atmosphere of the United States," Science and Global Security (2004)
"Sen. Graham, ditch South Carolina's failed nuclear waste project," The Hill (2017)
"Weapons Plutonium: Just Can It," Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists (1996)

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Testified:

Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on US commercial nuclear reactor safety and security (2019)
Subcommittee on Energy of the House Energy and Commerce Committee on the Advanced Nuclear Fuel Availability Act and DOE investment in nuclear energy research (2018)
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act and its potential impacts on nuclear safety and security (2017)
Subcommittee on Environment of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on safe nuclear waste disposal (2017)
Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on rejecting attempts to short-circuit NRC safety reviews (2016)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

MSNBC, The Rachel Maddow Show on the nuclear crisis in Japan
NPR, Interviewed on the aftermath of the Fukushima nuclear disaster
The Institute of World Politics speaking on a panel about missing nuclear weapons materials
PBS NewsHour interviewed on the future of safe and clean nuclear energy

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ERIN BURNS

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- Carbon 180 (Director of Policy)
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- US Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and Public Lands Subcommittee
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Testified:

- House Subcommittee on Energy Hearing - Fossil Energy Research: Enabling our Clean Energy Future (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

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Ph.D. Economics, Harvard University; M.S. Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Massachusetts at Amherst; B.A. Mathematics, Amherst College

Affiliations:

MIT Joint Program on the Science and Policy of Global Change (Research Associate)
U.S. Energy Information Administration Report (Expert Reviewer)
Council on Foreign Relations (Member)
National Bureau of Economic Research (Research Associate)
Journal of Economic Perspectives (Associate Editor)
American Economic Review (Board of Editors)
Berkeley Electronic Journals in Economic Analysis and Policy (Editorial Board)
National Tax Association
Advisory Council to the Dean of the College of Natural Resources and the Environment, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
American Tax Policy Institute Conference on U.S. Energy Tax Policy (Organizer)
U.S. EPA Peer Review
Association of Environmental and Resource Economists
Princeton University (Assistant Professor of Economics)
IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (Lead Author)
John F. Kennedy School of Government (Visiting Assistant Professor of Public Policy)
MIT Department of Economics (Visiting Professor)
National Research Council
Kleinman Center for Energy Policy, University of Pennsylvania (Visiting Scholar,)
Resources for the Future (University Fellow)
Harvard Environmental Economics Program (Associate Scholar)
Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (Board Member)
Climate Leadership Council (Senior Research Fellow)
Center for International Environment and Resource Policy, Fletcher School, Tufts University (Research Affiliate)

Key Publications:

Conceptual Framework for Measuring the Effectiveness of Green Fiscal Reforms
The Distributional Impacts of U.S. Energy Policy
The Impact of Removing Tax Preferences for U.S. Oil and Gas Production
Adding Quantity Certainty to a Carbon Tax: A Tax Adjustment Mechanism for Policy Pre-Commitment
Carbon Tax Competitiveness Concerns: Assessing a Best Practices Income Tax Credit
The CO2 Content of Consumption Across US Regions
The Economics of Energy Security
Investment in Energy Infrastructure and the Tax Code
See all

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Testified:

Senate Committee on Finance Hearing on Reforming America's Outdated Energy Tax Code (2014)
Senate Committee on Finance Hearing on Technology Neutrality Towards Energy in the Tax Code (2009)
House Committee on Ways and Means Hearing on Fundamental Tax Reform (2000)
House Committee on Ways and Means, Price Volatility in Climate Change Legislation (2009)
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Allocation of Greenhouse Gas Emission Allowances (2009)

Speaking Appearance (ex.): Green Growth Knowledge

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HOLMES HUMMEL

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Director, Solar Energy Technologies Office [Department Of Energy - Assistant Secretary For Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy]

Education:

B.S., Energy Engineering, Stanford University; M.S.E, Energy Engineering, Stanford University; PhD, Interdisciplinary Program on Environment and Resources, Stanford University, 2006

Affiliations:

Pay As You Save (Developer)
Climate Policy Design Pro-Series (Director)
Cornerstone Capital (Board of Directors)
Green Tech Open (Board Member)
Jay Inslee (Co-author of Apollo's Fire)
UC-Berkeley (Lecturer)
Environmental Leadership Program (Fellow)
U.S. Department of Energy (Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Policy & International Affairs)
AAAS Congressional Science Fellow
Google Energy & Climate Team
Silicon Energy
Switzer Environmental Fellowship
Evergreen Action
Clean Energy Works (Founder)

Key Publications:

Electrifying Transportation: Can This Innovative Financing Model Make Electric Buses a Global Reality?
Cost-Effectiveness of Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions from Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (2008)
Defining a Standard Metric for Electricity Savings (2009)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

GreenBiz
Climate One
Stanford ENERGY
Rocky Mountain Industry
C40 Cities
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JANET REDMAN

Janet Redman is the US Policy Director at Oil Change International and a Board Member at the Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives. Her work has supported the transition from an extractive, fossil fueled economy to equitable, democratic and local living economies. Redman uses research, writing and strategic conversations to develop bold ideas in domestic and international policy spaces to redefine what is politically possible. She builds deep relationships with grassroots organizations and networks in the global South and North to align policy advocacy with the goals of social, economics and environmental justice movements. Redman is an Associate Fellow and the former Director of the Climate Policy Program at the Institute for Policy Studies. She holds a B.S. in Environmental Science from the University of Vermont and an M.A. in International Development and Social Change from Clark University.

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Deputy Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change [Executive Office Of The President - White House Office]

Education:

B.S., Environmental Studies, University of Vermont, 1998; M.A., International Development, Community, and Environment, Clark University, 2006

Affiliations:

Oil Change International (US Policy Director)
Center for Applied Human Ecology, College of the Atlantic (Watershed Program Coordinator)
Institute for Policy Studies (Associate Fellow, former Director - Climate Policy Program)
CRIPDES/US-El Salvador Sister Cities Network (International Cooperante)
CARE Bangladesh (Education Unit Intern)
Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (US Board of Directors)

Key Publications:

Chesapeake Climate Action Network, "Don't Strand Your Assets" (2019)
Institute for Policy Studies, "The U.S. Must Honor the Commitments it Made in the Paris Agreement" (2017)
Institute for Policy Studies, "Trump Puts the Fossil Fuel Industry's Bottom Line Over the American People" (2017)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Mark Steiner Show, "As the White House Drops the Ball on Climate, Expect the States to Pick Up the Slack," Interview
Citizens' Voice at the Paris Climate Talks, Interview
Copenhagen Climate Conference COP15, Interview
COP17 in Durban, South Africa, interview on Civil Society Participation

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JEN DUGGAN

Jen Duggan is the Vice President and Director of the Conservation Law Foundation. Duggan connects her work to anti-racism, saying: “Racial justice is at the heart of climate justice.” Duggan has sued the Trump administration for gutting protections of a marine sanctuary. Duggan developed litigation requiring the US Environmental Protection Agency to limit toxic discharges from coal plants for the first time and persuaded a state environmental agency to withdraw construction permits for two waste coal power plants. As General Counsel for the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, she managed a staff of 15 lawyers, and was the Chief of the Enforcement and Litigation Division. Duggan’s team provided legal services to the Secretary and Department Commissioners, Central Office, Department of Environmental Conservation, Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Department of Forest, Parks, and Recreation. She also represented the Agency in the Vermont Superior Court and the Legislature. Duggan was previously Managing Attorney for the Environmental Integrity Project. Duggan managed the Coal-Free Waters Campaign and represented community organizations in citizen enforcement actions, permitting proceedings, and federal and state rule making pertaining to coal plants and oil refineries. Duggan holds a B.A. in Environmental Studies and Anthropology from Eckerd College, and an M.A. in Environmental Law and J.D. from Vermont Law School.

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General Counsel [Environmental Protection Agency - Office Of The General Counsel]

Education:

Bachelor Degree Environmental Studies and Anthropology, Eckerd College; Masters Degree in Environmental Law, Vermont Law School; J.D. Vermont Law School

Affiliations:

Conservation Law Foundation (Vice President and Director); Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic at Vermont Law School; Sierra Club Environmental Law Program

Key Publications:

Protecting Public Health Means Protecting Our Climate (2020)
Waste Industry Exploits Pandemic as Cover for Rollbacks (2020)
Turning off the Toxic Chemical Faucet in Vermont (2020)
Vermont Takes Next Steps in Stopping Toxic Plastic Pollution (2020)
Action Needed on High Toxic Chemical Levels in Bottled Water (2020)
Getting Lead Out of Vermont School and Childcare Drinking Water (2019)

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Testified:

Vermont House Committee on Energy, Global Warming Solutions Act (2020)
Vermont House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife, bill that prohibits food service establishments from providing single-use plastic carryout bags (2019)
Agency of Natural Resources, urged lawmakers to focus on identifying and coordinating existing chemical reporting systems (2017)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Vermont Law School: What's In Your Water?



JODY FREEMAN

Jody Freeman is the Founder and Director of the Harvard Environmental Law and Policy Program. Freeman served as Counselor for Energy and Climate Change for the White House, where she led efforts on the Obama administration's landmark fuel efficiency standards. Freeman negotiated the historic agreement among the federal government, the auto industry, and the states to set the most ambitious fuel efficiency standards in US history and the first federal greenhouse gas emission standards. She also contributed to a variety of policy initiatives on greenhouse gas regulation, renewable energy, oil and gas drilling, and a market-based cap on carbon. Freeman served as an independent consultant to the bipartisan Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. She has been elected to the American College of Environmental Lawyers and appointed to the Administrative Conference of the United States, the government think tank for improving administrative and regulatory process. In 2012, Freeman was elected as an outside director of ConocoPhillips, where she serves on the public policy committee. Freeman's scholarly articles have been downloaded nearly 9,000 times. Freeman's analysis of the unconstitutionality of President Trump's "Clean Power Plan" appeared in Politico, The New York Times, and The Guardian. She has also written for the Los Angeles Times, The Wall Street Journal, Real Clear Markets, and Foreign Affairs. Freeman holds a B.A. from Stanford University, an LL.B. from the University of Toronto, and an LL.M. and S.J.D. from Harvard Law School.

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Senior Climate Policy Counsel [Environmental Protection Agency - Office Of The Administrator]

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Affiliations:

Harvard Law School (Professor of Law)
Harvard Law School Environmental Law and Policy Program (Founder and Director)
Counselor for Energy and Climate Change for the White House
American College of Environmental Lawyers
Administrative Conference of the United States
ConocoPhillips (Outside Director)

Key Publications:

The Auto Rule Rollback That Nobody Wants, Except Trump (2019)
Trump's Biggest Climate Move Yet is Bad for Everyone (2018)
Rick Perry's Anti-FreeMarket Plan to Help Coal (2017)
Obama's 'war on coal' must be won in the political arena, not just in the courts (2015)
Global Climate Change and U.S. Law (2015)
Government by Contract: Outsourcing and American Democracy (2009)
Moving to Markets in Environmental Regulation: Lessons from Twenty Years of Experience (2007)
Scholarly articles

Testified:

House Judiciary Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law (2005)
Little Hoover Commission, Public Hearing on CalFed/Bay-Delta Authority (2005)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

The Norwegian Nobel Institute
Harvard Law School
Colorado Law School

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JOHN FARRELL

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Director, Solar Energy Technologies Office [Department Of Energy - Assistant Secretary For Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy]

Education:

B.A. in American politics and participatory Democracy, Mathematics, St. Olaf College; Masters in Public Policy, University of Minnesota, Humphrey School of Public Affairs

Key Publications:

Why Minnesota’s Community Solar Program Is The Best (2019)
Reverse Power Flow: How Solar+Batteries Shift Electric Grid Decision Making from Utilities to Consumers (2018)
Three Forces Fighting Local Renewable Energy and Three Ways to Fight Back (2017)
Energy Self-Reliant States (2009)
2010

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

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JONATHAN FOLEY

Jonathan Foley is the Executive Director of Project Drawdown, an organization of scientists that identifies the most impactful ways to reduce carbon emissions and reverse global warming. Foley previously served as the Executive Director of the California Academy of Sciences, where he oversaw a $33 million budget and 500 staff. Foley has advised governments, foundations, NGOs, and business leaders internationally. He has made major contributions to the public understanding of climate change, global ecosystems, food security, and the sustainability of the world's resources. Foley was a Distinguished Professor of Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for 15 years, where he served as the Director of the Climate, People, and Environment Program and founded the Center for Sustainability and the Global Environment. He also founded the Institute on the Environment at the University of Minnesota. He has published over 130 peer-reviewed scientific articles, including many highly-cited works in Science, Nature, and the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Foley has won numerous awards and honors, including the Presidential Early Career Award from President Clinton; the J.S. McDonnell Foundation's 21st Century Science Award; the Aldo Leopold Leadership Fellowship; the Sustainability Science Award from the Ecological Society of America; and the Heinz Award for the Environment. Foley holds a Ph.D. in Atmospheric Sciences from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [Department Of Commerce - National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration]

Under Secretary for Science (and Energy) [Department Of Energy - Office Of The Under Secretary For Science (And Energy)]

Education: Ph.D., Atmospheric Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1993

Affiliations:

California Academy of Sciences (Executive Director)
Project Drawdown (Executive Director)
UW Climate, People, and Environment Program (Director)
UW Center for Sustainability and the Global Environment (Founder & Director)
Institute on the Environment, University of Minnesota (Founder & Director)
Thomson Reuters (Highly Cited Researcher)
Sustainable Packaging Coalition

Key Publications:

A safe operating space for humanity (Nature) (2009)
Global agriculture and carbon trade-offs (Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences) (2014)
The Climate Crisis Requires Catalytic Solutions (AGU) (2019)
Living by the lessons of the planet (Science) (2017)
Feeding Nine Billion (National Geographic, cover article) (2014)
It's time to rethink America's corn system (Scientific American) (2017)
How to Defeat Those Waging War on Science (Scientific American) (2001)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

AAE Speakers, Keynote Speaker Page
Ted Talk, agriculture has become the largest driver of climate change
APB Speakers, Let Science Speak
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JULIAN BRAVE NOISECAT

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Department Of Energy

Education:

M.A., Columbia University; B.A., University of Oxford

Affiliations:

Native American Contractors Association (Legislative Director Intern)
Conversations with the Earth (Executive Director Intern)
Barbara Lee Political Office (District Office Intern)
Canim Lake Band Development Corporation (Economic Development Intern)
Columbia University Scholars Program (Independent Researcher)
The Bronx Defenders (Investigator Intern)
The Huffington Post (Native Issues Fellow)
NYC Dept of Housing Preservation and Development (Urban Fellow)
350.org (Former Policy Director)
Canadian Geographic (Contributing Editor)
Real America with Jorge Ramo (Correspondent)

Key Publications:

Elizabeth Warren's Blue New Deal (2019)
Memo: The Green New Deal is Popular (2019)
The Political Message That Can Carry Democrats Through the Pandemic (2020)
Voters Support Underground Wires To Reduce Wildfires (2020)
The Environmental Movement Needs to Reckon with Its Racist History (2018)
No, Climate Action Can't be Separated from Social Justice (2018)
Bernie & AOC's Green New Deal for Public Housing Act Would Transform America (2018)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

The Indigenous Renaissance | Bioneers
World News Day 2019 - On Telling Indigenous Stories
Forthright Radio
Green New Deal
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Affiliations:

Carbon Wrangler, LLC (President & CEO)
Energy Futures Initiative (Distinguished Associate)
Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy (Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary)
Department of Energy (Deputy Asstistant Secretary for Clean Coal and Carbon Management)
Lawrence Livermore National Lab (Chief Energy Technologist, Director of the Carbon Management Program)
Assistant Research Scientist (University of Maryland)
ExxonMobil Upstream Research Co (Geologist)
Center for Global Energy Policy, Columbia (Senior Research Scholar)
Great Point Energy (Advisory Board)
National Coal Council (Advisory Board)
Breakthrough Institute (Senior Fellow)
Global CCS Institute (Special Advisor)
Summit Power (Advisory Board)

Key Publications:

Advancing Large-Scale Carbon Management: Expansion of the 45Q Tax Credit (2018)
Chapter 7: Carbon removal, UN Environmental Program Emissions Gap Report (2017)
Roadmap for US-China Collaboration on Carbon Capture and Sequestration (2009)

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Testified:

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Hearing on Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (2019)
House Energy and Commerce, "Building a 100 Percent Clean Economy: Pathways to Net Zero Industrial Emissions" (2019)
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, Expanding Carbon Capture (2017)
Senate Environment & Public Works Committee The USE IT Act and CCUS Deployment (2018)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN
AIChE ChEnected
Stanford Energy
Third Way Video
Columbia SIPA Center on Global Energy Policy
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Member (Council on Environmental Quality) [Executive Office Of The President - Council On Environmental Quality]

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B.S., Environmental Science and Spanish, University of Virginia; M.S., Environmental Science, University of Virginia

Affiliations:

U.S. Climate Action Network (Executive Director)
World Wildlife Fund (Senior Director for Renewable Energy and Footprint Outreach)
USAID (Climate Change Specialist)
NASA (Program Officer)
Peace Corps, Morocco (Volunteer)

Key Publications:

DDOT shouldn't delay a safer, greener K Street NE (2019)
This Existential Threat Is Not a Hollywood Fantasy (2016)
The Zero Footprint Baby: How to Save the Planet While Raising a Healthy Baby (2013)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

National Forum on Climate Change, Clean Energy and Communities of Color
Rebuild The Dream
MacArthur Foundation
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KRIS TOMPKINS

Kris Tompkins is the Co-Founder and President of Tompkins Conservation. She co-founded Patagonia, led the company as CEO for 20 years, and served on the Board of Directors for 39 years. She transformed the clothing company into a leader in the outdoor industry with 2,200 employees, $1 billion in annual revenue, and a commitment to donating 10% of profits to environmental conservation. Under her leadership, Patagonia became a model of corporate responsibility, mitigating its ecological impacts. In 2018, Tompkins was named the UN Environment Patron of Protected Areas. She has received the Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy along with numerous awards from international conservation organizations. The Conservation Alliance calls her “a global leader in conservation” and “one of the most successful national park-oriented philanthropists in history.” Tompkins has established 13 national parks in South America protecting 14 million acres of land. For decades, Tompkins modeled a new agroecological paradigm by operating organic farms and ranches in Chile and Argentina. Tompkins was awarded the Global Economy Prize from the Kiel Institute for the World Economy, one of the top 15 think tanks in the world for economic policy. Tompkins frequently speaks on best practices for economic growth and environmental protection. Tompkins has appeared on ABC, CBS, CNN, and NPR, and in Time, Reuters, The New York Times, The Telegraph, The Guardian, National Geographic, Sierra, Outside, ISPO, Renewable Energy Magazine, Green Market Oracle, Euromoney, Forbes, Fast Company, and Fortune. Tompkins holds a B.A. from the College of Idaho.

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Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks [Department Of The Interior - Assistant Secretary - Fish And Wildlife And Parks]

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Affiliations:

Patagonia, Inc (CEO); Conservación Patagónica (Founder); Tompkins Conservation (Cofounder and President); National Geographic Society (Chair of the Last Wild Places Campaign)

Key Publications:

- 25: A Quarter Century of Work to Save the Wild (2010)
- Work in Progress: A Twenty-Year Retrospective (2010)
- Land Ethics: Biodiversity & Wheat (2009)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- Talks at Google, Paying Our Rent to Earth
- Wilson Center, Economic Growth & Environmental Protection
- Ecocamp Patagonia, Our Story
- Conservation Alliance, persevering through extraordinary challenges
- LinkedIn, Speaker Series
- American Alpine Club, Brower Award Acceptance Video

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US Environmental Protection Agency (Law Enforcement)
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
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Animal Legal Defense Fund (Staff Attorney)
Waterkeeper Alliance (Staff Attorney)
Potomac Riverkeeper Network (Legal Associate)
San Diego Coastkeeper
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Key Publications:

Now's Our Change: A Future Free of Fossil Fuels (2020)
A Pivotal Year for Clean Water (2019)
Stop the Spread of Coal Ash Contamination (2019)
See more (2020)
No More Coal Ash Toxins in Our Waters (2019)

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Testified:

Sued the EPA (2018)
Sued the EPA (2019)
Sued the EPA (2020)

Speaking Appearance (ex.): WNYC, The Consequences of Our Crumbling Infrastructure

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Affiliations:

CalEPA (Deputy Secretary for Climate Policy)
US Department of State: Paris Agreement
Microgrid Investment Accelerator (Climate Finance Consultant)
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Affiliations:

Center for Global Sustainability
U.S. Climate Change Science Program Scenarios
Human Earth Science
University of Maryland, Center for Global Sustainability (Research Director)
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Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (Senior Research Economist)
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Pacific Gas & Electric Company (Senior Project Manager: Customer Energy-Efficiency, Policy, and Evaluation)
Energy Policy (Journal) (International Advisory Board)
National Climate Assessment (Leader for Mitigation Indicators Working Group)
Carbon Cycle Science Steering Group (Member)
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics (Member)
Climatic Change (Journal) (Associate Deputy Editor)
National Academy of Sciences

Key Publications:

Global market and economic welfare implications of changes in agricultural yields due to climate change. (2020)
Humans drive future water scarcity changes across all Shared Socioeconomic Pathways (2020)
Accelerating America's Pledge: Going All In to Build A Prosperous, Low Carbon Economy for the United States (2019)
The future of natural gas infrastructure development in the United states (2019)
Effects of long-term climate change on global building energy expenditures (2018)
Climate change 2014: Synthesis report. Contribution of Working Groups I, II and III to the fifth assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (2014)
Energy R&D Portfolio Analysis Based on Climate Change Mitigation (2011)
A Pathway for Stabilization of Radiative Forcing by 2100 (2011)
International Climate Policy Architectures: Overview of the EMF 22 International Scenarios (2009)
National Climate Assessment (2000)

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Testified:

Cited in Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (2007)
Cited in Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Oregon Forests (2010)
Cited in House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology (2015)



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Connecticut School of Broadcasting; Georgia State/The Paris Sorbonne University

Affiliations:

UCAN Equitable and Ambitious Climate Vision (Co-Chair)
UN Centers of Regional Expertise
Georgia WAND (Director)
Environmental Justice Committee of the Coalition for the People's Agenda
Southern Equity's Just Energy Circle
SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective's Roundable
Georgia Womens Action for New Direction (Member of the Board)

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Administrator [Environmental Protection Agency - Office Of The Administrator]

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Education:

A.B., Princeton; J.D., University of Chicago

Affiliations:

US Court of Appeals/ Judge Richard A. Posner (Clerk)
Justice William Brennan Jr. (Clerk)
Environmental Protection Agency (Senior Climate Policy Council/ Associate Administrator to the Office of Policy)
President Obama's EPA Transition Team (Employed)
Administrative Conference of the United States (Member)
Center of Science in the Public Interest (Board Chair)
President Obama's EPA Transition Team

Key Publications:

Food Law: Cases and Materials (2017) (2017)
The Regulatory and Administrative State: Materials, Cases, Comments (Twenty-First Century Legal Education) (2006)
Priceless: On Knowing The Price Of Everything And The Value Of Nothing (2004)
Complete list of papers (SSRN) (2017)

Testified:

Clean Power Plan Regulations: Witnesses testify at a Senate Environment and Public Works subcommittee hearing on the final rules of the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed Clean Power Plan to regulate emissions. (2015)
Before the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming (U.S. House of Representatives). Hearing on Massachusetts Vs. U.S. EPA: Implications of the Supreme Court Decision (2008)
United States Judiciary Committee Hearing: The Nomination of Brett Kavanaugh (2018)
Before the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (U.S. Senate). Hearing on a Growth Agenda: Reducing Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens (2017)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Understanding the Regulatory Process- National Press Foundation (2017)
Insights into the Making of State and Federal Climate Policy – Georgetown Climate Center (2014)
Combatting Climate Change in the Courts – American Constitution Society (2016)
Full C-SPAN List:

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MAGGIE THOMAS

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BS Environmental Science with a Biology Minor Legal Studies, Trinity College of Hartford; MA of Environmental Management and Environmental Policy aggAnalysis, Yale University

Affiliations:

Jay Inslee (Deputy Climate Director)
NextGen America
TomKat Foundation
National Wildlife Refuge Association
Cooperative Alliance for Refuge Enhancement
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Elizabeth Warren (Climate Policy Advisor)

Key Publications:

Democrats will unify behind a 'Climate President' (2020)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.): Political Climate, environmental racismagg

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Affiliations:

GreenLatinos (Founding President & CEO)
Hispanic Strategy Group (Founder & Principal)
Clinton Administration (Special Assistant for Legislative Affairs)
House Democratic Caucus VP Chair Robert Menendez (Senior Policy Advisor)
US Department of Health and Human Services (Congressional Liaison)
Representative Jim McDermott (Legislative Assistant)
City of Los Angeles (Federal Legislative Representative)
National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (Research Assistant)
League of Conservation Voters (Board Member)
Green 2.0 (Board Member)
Children's Environmental Health Network (Board Member)
Green Leadership Trust (Co-Chair)

Key Publications:

Mom's Clean Air Force (2020)
A Policy Statement: A Framework for Civil Rights, Environmental Justice, Health Equity & Public Engagement (2019)

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Testified:

EPA Hearing (2014)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

We are the Arctic:
Greenpeace USA: Fireside Drill with Mark Magaña (2020)
GreenLatino Press Conference: Latino Leaders Delegation Standing with Standing Rock Sioux (2016)

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Secretary, Department of Energy [Department Of Energy - Office Of The Secretary]

Education:

- B.S., Civil Engineering, Stanford University
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- M.S., Environmental Engineering, Stanford University
- Ph.D., Atmospheric Science, University of California at Los Angeles
- M.S., Atmospheric Science, University of California at Los Angeles

Affiliations:

- US Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewables Advisory Committee)
- Stanford University's Atmospheric Energy Program (Co-Founder & Director)
- The Solutions Project (Co-Founder)
- Woods Institute for the Environment (Senior Fellow)
- UCLA (Postdoctoral Researcher, Research Assistant, Teaching Assistant)
- Precourt Institute for Energy (Fellow)

Key Publications:

- Fundamentals of Atmospheric Modeling (2005)
- New Book: 100% Clean, Renewable Energy and Storage for Everything (2020)
- Air Pollution and Global Warming: History, Science, and Solutions (2012)

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Testified:

- House Committee Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Black Carbon and Global Warming (2007)
- House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, Healthy Planet, Healthy People (2009)
- Environmental Protection Agency Hearing, on California Waiver (2009)
- Environmental Protection Agency, Public Hearing on Greenhouse Gases Under the Clean Air Act (2009)
- House Committee on Energy and Commerce, on Climate Change (2015)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- NASA, Roadmaps for Transitioning all 50 US States to Wind, Water, and Solar Power
- MSNBC, Could the US phase out fossil fuels by 2050?
- David Letterman Show, converting the US and world to clean energy
- TED, Does the world need nuclear energy?

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- New College of Florida (Assistant Professor)
- Roosevelt Institute (Fellow)
- Data for Progress (Senior Fellow)
- American Economic Association (Professional Affiliation)
- Association of PoliticalEconomy and the Law (Professional Affiliation)
- Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (Professional Affiliation)
- Eastern Economic Association (Professional Affiliation)
- International Association for Feminist Economics (Professional Affiliation)
- Labor and Employment Relations Association (Professional Affiliation)
- UNESCO inclusive Policy Lab (Professional Affiliation)
- Union for Radical Political Economy (Professional Affiliation)
- Duke University (Postdoctoral Associate)

Key Publications:

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- Falling Oil Prices Breathe New Life Into An Old Idea: Nationalize The Industry, HuffPost (2020)
- A Green Stimulus to Rebuild Our Economy (2020)
- Building the People's Banks, The American Prospect (2020)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- A Job Guarantee in Times of Crisis (2020):
- The Economics of a Green Recovery (2020):
- AOC on The Green New Deal: An extended conversation with MSNBC's Chris Hayes (2019):

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MATTHEW LITTLETON

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General Counsel [Environmental Protection Agency - Office Of The General Counsel]

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MPA, International Development, Harvard Kennedy School of Government; BA, Chemistry, Princeton University; Harvard Law School

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US Department of Justice (Trial Attorney); Hon. William Bryson, US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (Clerk); Donahue, Goldberg, Weaver & Littleton (Partner); White House Office of Energy and Climate Change (Law and Policy Associate)

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Testified:

Amicus Brief to the Supreme Court, EPA vs coal companies (2015)
Amicus Brief to the Supreme Court, Murr vs State of Wisconsin (2016)
Amicus Brief to the Supreme Court, Virginia Uranium vs John Warren (2018)
Amicus Brief to the Supreme Court, Rose Mary Knick vs Township of Scott, PA (2018)
Amicus Brief to the Ninth Circuit, State of California vs Environmental Defense Fund (2020)
Amicus Brief to Michigan Court of Claims, Oakland County Water Commission vs MI Dept of Environmental Quality (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Land Use Institute, Planning, Regulation, Litigation, Eminent Domain, and Compensation
International Municipal Lawyers Association, Land Use: Nuts & Bolts of Defending Takings Claims



MICHAEL MANN

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Affiliations:

National Wildlife Federation
Institute for Scientific Information
National Center for Science Education
American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Geophysical Union
American Meteorological Society
Geological Society of America
Committee for Skeptical Inquiry
Penn State (Distinguished Professor of Atmospheric Science)
NOAA
National Academy of Science
European Geosciences Union

Key Publications:

The Hockey Stick and the Climate Wars (2001)
Creating a Common Climate Language (2009)
The Supply of Climate Leaders Must Grow (2016)
Concerns of Young Protestors Are Justified (2019)
Radical Reform and the Green New Deal (2019)
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Testified:

House Oversight Committee Hearing on Climate Change & Natural Disasters (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

TedX
Thom Hartmann Program
Climate Desk
Democracy Now
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Education:

Bachelors, Urban Studies and Planning; Masters in City Planning, Concentration; Environmental Policy and Economic Development, MIT; PH.D. Philosophy, Department of City and Regional Planning

Affiliations:

UC Irvine
Sacramento City Planning Commission
US Global Change Research Program
California Air Resources Board
National Academies of Sciences
Yale School of Environmental Studies
California State Legislature

Key Publications:

Climate Change from the Streets: How Conflict and Collaboration Strengthen the Environmental Justice Movement (2020)
How Latinos Are Shaping the Future of American Cities (2012)
Out Of The Enclave: Latinos Adapt The American City (2008)

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MICHAEL DORSEY

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Education:

B.S., Ph.D., University of Michigan; M.F.S., Yale

Affiliations:

Environmental Protection Agency (Advisory Board)
President Obama's 2008 campaign (Advisor)
National Academy of Sciences
Sierra Club (National Board of Directors)
Around the Corner Capital (Co-Founder and Principal)
Environmental Leadership Program (Co-Founding Director)
Sunrise Movement (Co-Founder)
Center for Environmental Health (Co-Founder)
US Climate Plan (Co-Founder)
Islands First (Co-Founder)
Detroit XPAC (Co-Founder)
Food First (Board)
Dartmouth College (Director of the Climate Justice Research Project)
President Clinton's Council on Sustainable Development (Advisor)

Key Publications:

Do Toxic Dumps in Puerto Rico Portend the Next Flint Tragedy? (2016)
See full list (2020)
Renewables' Potential Depends on Transparent and Fair Policies, Not Special Interest Giveaways (2020)
A Ban on Diesel Cars Isn't the Best Path to Cleaner Air (2018)
Coal BloodedAction Toolkit (2020)

CV: https://www.linkedin.com/in/profmkd/

Testified:

House Committee on Natural Resources, Social Cost of Carbon (2015)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

CGTN America, the 'Rise for Climate' protests
CGTN America, innovations in the energy sector
CGTN America, environmental refugees
The Big Picture, climate policy
The Next News Network, Global Climate Change
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MICHELE MERKEL

Michele Merkel is the Co-Director of the Food & Water Watch Justice Project and the President of the Board of Directors of the Socially Responsible Agriculture Project. Merkel was formerly the Chesapeake Regional Coordinator for Waterkeeper Alliance. At Waterkeeper, Merkel developed and implemented 18 Waterkeeper programs to protect the Chesapeake and Coastal Bays. Merkel was Co-Founder and Senior Counsel of the Environmental Integrity Project. She directed legal campaigns under the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act, focusing on industrial livestock production and municipal sewage issues. Merkel previously served as an attorney in the Enforcement Division of the US Environmental Protection Agency, where she worked closely with the US Department of Justice to bring actions for violations of federal environmental laws. Prior to joining EPA, Merkel was General Counsel for Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper. Merkel holds a B.S. in Biology from Lafayette College and J.D. from Tulane University School of Law.

ENDORSED BY

Campaign for Family Farms and the Environment, Friends of the Earth, Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy, Progressive Change Institute, Socially Responsible Agriculture Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance [Environmental Protection Agency - Office Of The Assistant Administrator For Enforcement And Compliance Assurance]

Education:

B.S., Biology, Lafayette College; J.D., Tulane University School of Law

Affiliations:

US Environmental Protection Agency (Attorney, Enforcement Division)
Food & Water Watch Justice Project (Co-Director)
Socially Responsible Agriculture Project (President, Board of Directors)
Environmental Integrity Project (Co-Founder and Senior Counsel)
Waterkeeper Alliance (Chesapeake Regional Coordinator)

Key Publications:

The Defender, "Fluoride in Drinking Water May Harm Children, Scientific Evidence Mounts" (2020)
Food & Water Watch, "How We'll Win Trump's War on the EPA" (2017)
Chesapeake Action Plan, "Ag Certainty: Making Certain that the Bay Remains Polluted" (2013)
Environmental Integrity Project Press Release (2003)

Testified:

House Energy and Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, testifying on reporting requirements under CERCLA and EPCRA (2005)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

TED Talk, "Using the Legal System to Fight Factory Farms"
Webinar, "Factory Farms: The Case for a Ban!"
A River of Waste (documentary)

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MUSTAFA SANTIAGO ALI

Mustafa Santiago Ali is the Vice President of Environmental Justice, Climate, and Community Revitalization at the National Wildlife Federation. Ali served the US Environmental Protection Agency for 24 years. He was a founding member of the Office of Environmental Justice, Senior Advisor for Environmental Justice and Community Revitalization, and an Assistant Associate Administrator. Ali is the Founder of Revitalization Strategies, a business focused on moving vulnerable communities from "surviving to thriving." Ali was the Senior Vice President for the Hip Hop Caucus, a national nonprofit nonpartisan organization that connects the hip-hop community to the civic process to build power and create positive change. Ali has been featured in over 250 news publications, including GQ, The New Republic, Ebony, Bustle, The Guardian, The Root, the Los Angeles Times, and The Washington Post. He has also been featured on Democracy Now, Vice, MSNBC, and CNN. Ali holds a B.A. and an M.S. from West Virginia University.

ENDORSED BY

350.org, Win Without War, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Administrator for Federal Emergency Management Agency [Department Of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency]

Education: B.A., M.S., West Virginia University

Affiliations:

- Environmental Protection Agency (Senior Advisor for Environmental Justice & Community Revitalization)
- National Wildlife Federation (Vice President)
- Hip-Hop Caucus (Senior Vice President)
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (Board Member)
- Union of Concerned Scientists (Board Member)
- Roddenberry Foundation (Board Member)
- TREE (Board Member)
- Climate Hawks Vote (Board Member)

Key Publications:

- Environmental Injustice is Rising in the US. Minorities and the Poor Pay the Price (2017)
- One Reason Why People of Color are Dying at Higher Rates in the U.S.? The Air They Breathe (2020)
- Protect our First Responders (2020)

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Testified:

- Before the House Oversight Committee's Subcommittee on Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties Hearing on Examining the Oil Industry's Efforts to Suppress the Truth About Climate Change. (2019)
- Before the House Committee on Energy and Commerce's Subcommittee on Environmental and Climate Change. Hearing on "building a 100 percent clean economy: the challenges facing frontline communities" (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- Mustafa Ali: Meet the Top EPA Environmental Justice Official Who Quit to Protest Pruitt & Trump- Democracy Now (2017)
- Dr. Mustafa Santiago Ali's Closing Plenary - #CCL2019 Conference (2019)
- Full C-SPAN List:
- Full List speaking:

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NATALIE MEBANE

Natalie Mebane is the Associate Director of US Policy for 350.org, where she manages all C3 advocacy and C4 electoral work to pass the Green New Deal. Mebane was named by Deceleration as one of 12 Black Climate Activists Changing Our World and was named one of The Hills Top Lobbyist of 2019. Mebane is currently building grassroots support for a just transition away from fossil fuels. Mebane was the Federal Policy Associate for the Sierra Club, where she led fly-ins of volunteers to lobby members of Congress and the Trump administration to prevent the expansion of fossil fuels. Mebane is the Adult Director of Advocacy and Fundraising for Zero Hour, a movement founded and led by diverse youth to take concrete action on climate change and environmental justice. She mentors youth leaders in creating policy positions, lobbying, grant writing and grassroots fundraising, and is one of Greta Thunberg's mentors. Mebane serves on the board of Young Voices for the Planet and the Power Shift Network. She was the Lead Climate Organizer for Grassroots Voter Outreach and Virginia Field Organizer for the Alliance for Climate Protection. She was also a professional fundraiser for the Share Group, where she secured donations for the Democratic National Committee, Sierra Club, Environmental Defense Fund, Natural Resources Defense Council, UNICEF, and Kennedy Center. Mebane holds a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Natural Sciences from the University of South Florida, an M.B.A. in Finance from Palm Beach Atlantic University, and an M.S. in Biology from Florida Atlantic University.

ENDORSED BY

350.org, Progressive Change Institute, Sierra Club

RECOMMENDED FOR

Assistant Secretary For Fossil Energy [Department Of Energy]

Education:

B.S. Environmental Science and Policy, University of Maryland College Park, 2007; M.S. Strategic Leadership Towards Sustainability, Blekinge Institute of Technology, 2011

Affiliations:

350.org (Associate Director of United States Policy)
Young Voices for the Planet (Board Member)
The Power Shift Network (Board Member)
Sierra Club (Federal Policy Associate)
Grassroots Voter Outreach (Lead Climate Organizer)
Alliance for Climate Protection (Virginia Field Organizer)
Zero Hour (Adult Director of Advocacy and Fundraising)
Chesapeake Climate Action Network (Northern Virginia Field Organizer)

Key Publications:

Small Island Developing States: Using the MSI for Strategic Sustainable Development (2011)

CV: https://www.linkedin.com/in/nataliemebane/

Testified:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board (2016)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

DC Climate Rally
Climate of Emotions Conference
Youth Tech Health Conference: Panel on Youth Health, Climate Change and a Pandemic
AFRICA NOW: 2020 Leadership Conference: "Achieving A Sustainable Future"
Outdoor Industry Association: THRIVING PLANET Emission Reductions or Policy Revisions: Which Is The Outdoor Industry's Best Opportunity For Climate Impact?
National Children's Week: Panel on Environmental Racism
Cultivate America: Panel on Climate Change and Civic Engagement

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NATHANIEL KEOHANE

Nathaniel Keohane is the Senior Vice President for Climate at the Environmental Defense Fund, an international organization with a $154 million budget, where he shapes advocacy for environmentally effective and economically sound climate policy. Keohane served as Special Assistant to President Obama on Energy and Environment in the National Economic Council and Domestic Policy Council, where he helped to develop and coordinate administration policy on a wide range of issues. Keohane has been “noted for his optimism regarding the role markets can play in resolving global warming" by the News-Gazette. In 2007, Keohane wrote: “If the government will lead by capping carbon pollution, the primary cause of climate change, the market will respond with investment and innovation on a scale to solve this problem." Keohane has testified before various committees of the House of Representatives, including the Energy and Commerce Committee and Subcommittee on Energy and Environment. Keohane was previously an Associate Professor of Economics at the Yale School of Management, where he taught for 7 years. Keohane has appeared in CNN Tonight, The Diane Rehm Show, QZ, Resources, Nature Magazine, Foreign Affairs, Forbes, and The Economist. Keohane holds a B.A. in History and Studies in the Environment from Yale University and a Ph.D. from Harvard University.

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Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council [Executive Office Of The President - Office Of Policy Development]

Special Envoy for Climate Change [Department Of State - Office Of The Special Envoy For Climate Change]

Education:

B.A. History and Studies in the Environment, Yale; PhD. Harvard

Affiliations: EDF

Key Publications:

Markets and the Environment (2016)
Averting Regulatory Enforcement: Evidence from New Source Review (2007)
Migration and Hedonic Valuation: The Case of Air Quality (2006)

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Testified:

House Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on the Environment and Climate Change (2019)
Senate Committee on Finance (2009)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Senate Environment & Public Works Committee: Global Climate Change
House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee: Climate Change Legislation
My Climate Journey

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NICOLE HERNANDEZ HAMMER

Nicole Hernandez Hammer is a Climate Change and Environmental Justice Consultant. Her initiative on climate change earned her an invitation from First Lady Michelle Obama, to be her special guest at the 2015 State of the Union. A Guatemalan immigrant, she has worked to address the disproportionate impacts of climate change on under-resourced communities across the US. She served as the climate science and community advocate at the Union of Concerned Scientists. She was the Project Director for the Clean Energy States Alliance, where she worked on low and moderate income solar. She participated in the US Department of Energy's Solar Energy Strategies grant as a consultant to the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources. She was the Florida Field Manager for Moms Clean Air Force, which advocates limiting pollution and toxic chemicals. She was the Assistant Director of the Florida Center for Environmental Studies at Florida Atlantic University and coordinated the Florida Climate Institute's consortium of state universities. She is an environmental blogger for Latina Lista and co-authored a series of technical papers on sea level rise projections, impacts, and preparedness. She has appeared in NBC, Univision, NPR, National Geographic, Inside Climate News, The New York Times, The Root, Daily Mail, Pacific Standard, Latin Post, The New Republic, Bustle, and Business Insider. She holds a B.A. from University of South Florida, an M.B.A. from Palm Beach Atlantic University, and an M.S. from Florida Atlantic University.

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Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Special Assistant [Department Of Energy - Office Of The Secretary]

Education:

B.A. Interdisciplinary Natural Sciences, University of South Florida; M.B.A. Finance, Palm Beach Atlantic University; M.S. Biology, Florida Atlantic University

Affiliations:

Clean Energy States Alliance
Union of Concerned Scientists
Moms Clean Air Force
Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources
Environmental Studies at Florida Atlantic University
Florida Climate Institute

Key Publications:

For some, climate change already means adapting or saying goodbye (2014)
Latina scientists needed to move scientific knowledge forward (2013)

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Testified:

Democratic Platform Hearing (2016)

Speaking Appearance (ex.): People's Climate March

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NOAH KAUFMAN

Noah Kaufman is the Director of the Carbon Tax Research Initiative at the Columbia University Center on Global Energy Policy. Under President Obama, Kaufman served as the Deputy Associate Director of Energy & Climate Change at the White House Council on Environmental Quality. He developed, recommended, and helped implement national policies, including sustainability policy, ocean policy, and infrastructure. As a Climate Economist at the World Resource Institute, Kaufman led projects on the economic impacts of climate policies, carbon pricing, and long-term decarbonization strategies. He was previously a Senior Consultant for NERA Economic Consulting's Environment Practice, an economist at the New Climate Economy Project, a researcher at Resources for the Future, and a corporate finance analyst. Kaufman has written over 30 articles, including "Dear Republicans: Innovation Isn't Climate Policy," in The Hill. He holds a B.S. in Economics from Duke University and a Ph.D. and M.S. in Economics from the University of Texas at Austin.

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Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Special Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff of the National Economic Council [Executive Office Of The President - Office Of Policy Development]

Education:

B.S. Economics, Duke University; Ph.D. Economics, University of Texas at Austin

Affiliations: Center on Global Energy Policy

Key Publications:

A Climate Change Policy that Benefits the Poor
Help for Coal Country with a Carbon Fee?
Putting a Price on Carbon: Ensuring Equity
Carbon Tax vs. Cap-and-Trade: What's a Better Policy to Cut Emissions?
A Carbon Price Will Reduce Emissions More than Computer Models Predict
Investing in a Time of Climate Change
Putting a Price on Carbon: A Handbook for U.S. Policymakers
Achieving DoE's SunShot Goals Could Dramatically Reduce the Costs and Benefits of EPA's Climate Rule
We Benefit From Life Insurance, So Why Not Climate Insurance?
The bias of integrated assessment models that ignore climate catastrophes
Interactions between a Federal Carbon Tax and Other Climate Policies
A Carbon Tax Under Real-World Constraints
A Comparison of the Bipartisan Energy Innovation and Dividend Act with Other Carbon Tax Proposals
Republican-Proposed "Carbon Dividend" Is a Great Sign of Progress

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Testified:

House Energy and Commerce: "Building a 100 Percent Clean Economy: Solutions for Economy-Wide Deep Decarbonization" (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Emissions, Energy Market, and Economic Impacts of EICDA - #CCL2019 Conference
Columbia SIPA Center on Global Energy Policy

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PAUL ORUM

Paul Orum is an environmental and community activist with experience in organizing around issues of government information policy related to chemical toxins and industrial pollution. Orum has testified before Congress on multiple occasions and written reports on chemical security and toxic trains. He was the longtime director of the Working Group on Community Right-to-Know, an affiliation of 1,500 public interest groups in all 50 states concerned with the publics' right-to-know about chemical accidents and toxic pollution. Orum has written about community right-to-know and served on advisory committees to the Environmental Protection Agency and others addressing information resources management, the Toxics Release Inventory, and chemical accident prevention. Previously, Orum was the Chesapeake Organizer for Clean Water Action, an environmental organization, and worked as a consultant to the Coalition to Prevent Chemical Disasters and the Center for American Progress. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon.

ENDORSED BY

Greenpeace, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Board Member [Chemical Safety And Hazard Investigation Board]

Education: University of Oregon

Affiliations:

Working Group on Community Right to Know (Director); Coalition to Prevent Chemical Disasters (Consultant); Blue Green Chemical Security Coalition (Consultant); Center for American Progress (Independent Counsel)

Key Publications:

- Center for American Progress, "Leading Water Utilities Secure Their Chemicals" (2010)
- Environmental Justice and Health Alliance for Chemical Policy Reform, "Who's in Danger? A Demographic Analysis of Chemical Disaster Vulnerability Zones" (2014)
- Center for American Progress, "Chemical Security 101: What You Don't Have Can't Leak, or Be Blown Up by Terrorists" (2008)
- New Solutions: A Journal of Environmental and Occupational Health Policy, "Give the Public and Workers the Full Right to Know and Participate" (2007)

Testified:

- House Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, testifying on chemical disasters (2013)
- House Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection (2018)
- House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, testifying on the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program (2012)



PEGGY SHEPARD

Peggy Shepard is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of WE ACT For Environmental Justice, which has a 24-year history of working for environmental justice for communities locally and nationally. In 2020, Shepard was appointed by Mayor Bill de Blasio to chair the city's new Environmental Justice Advisory Board. Shepard is a board member of the New York League of Conservation Voters and trustee of the Environmental Defense Fund. Shepard has received the Lifetime Achievement Medal from the Rockefeller Foundation, 10th Annual Heinz Award For the Environment, and Dean's Distinguished Service Award from the Columbia School of Public Health. Biohabitats says: "She has gone from journalist to politician to international leader in the fight against environmental racism." She was the first African-American journalist at the Indianapolis News, an editor of the Black Enterprise magazine, and the public relations director for Jesse Jackson's 1984 presidential campaign. She was a speechwriter for the New York state government, served in the State Division of Housing and Community Renewal, and was elected Democratic Assembly District Leader for West Harlem. Shepard has appeared in Politico, The Hill, EcoWatch, Grist, Popular Science, Mother Jones, Gizmodo, Morning Consult, The Washington Post, The Guardian, and CBS. Shepard holds a B.A. in English from Howard University.

ENDORSED BY

Hill Heat, New York Communities for Change, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Senior Advisor for Infrastructure Resilience [Department Of Housing And Urban Development - Office Of The Secretary]

Education: B.A., English, Howard University

Affiliations:

Enviornmental Protection Agency (Chair, National Environmental Justice Advisory Council); WE ACT for Environmental Justice (Co-Founder & Executive Director); National Black Environmental Justice Network (Executive Committee); NYC Comptroller's Office (Women's Outreach Coordinator)

Key Publications:

- Social stressors and air pollution across New York City communities: a spatial approach for assessing correlations among multiple exposures (2014)
- Advancing environmental justice through community-based participatory research (2002)
- Airborne concentrations of PM(2.5) and diesel exhaust particles on Harlem sidewalks: a community-based pilot study (2000)
- Environmental racism and public health (1997)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- CBS, Why America needs environmental justice
- CNN, Climate Town Hall
- TEDxHarlem, Environmental Justice

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PETER BRADFORD

Peter Bradford is Vermont's representative on the Texas/Vermont Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission. He was on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, where he initiated the first nuclear decommissioning rule and headed safety regulation upgrades following the Three Mile Island accident. Irwin Stelzter, a prominent regulatory scholar, said Bradford is "generally regarded as the nation's brightest and most thoughtful regulator." Chairing the New York Public Service Commission, Bradford oversaw 700 employees and a $65 million budget. As the Maine Public Utilities Commission Chair, he developed consumer protection policies and competitive bidding processes for energy conservation services. Bradford advised the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development on energy alternatives to the Chernobyl Nuclear Station. He has written and advised on nuclear power across the US and in over 20 countries. Bradford is a frequent expert witness in legislative and regulatory proceedings and has testified before Congress. Bradford has appeared in The New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, The Boston Globe, The Associated Press, BBC News, The Atlantic, Politico, Forbes, Scientific American, and on CNBC, MSNBC, CNN, Fox News, and NPR. He holds a B.A. from Yale University and a J.D. from Yale Law School.

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RECOMMENDED FOR

Commissioner [Nuclear Regulatory Commission - Office Of The Commissioners]

Education:

JD, Yale Law School; BA, Yale University

Affiliations:

US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Member)
New York Public Service Commission (Chair)
Main Public Utilities Commission (Chair)
Texas/Vermont Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact Commission (Representative)
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Advisor)
Regulatory Assistance Project (Director)
Union of Concerned Scientists (Vice-Chair)
Bipartisan Policy Center Project on Nuclear Waste (Advisor)
Keystone Center, Nuclear Power Joint Fact Finding (Member)
Yale University (Lecturer)
Vermont Law School (Adjunct Professor)

Key Publications:

Fragile Structures: A Story of Oil Refineries, National Security and the Coast of Maine, Harpers Magazine Press, NY (1975)
"Wasting Time: Subsidies, Operating Reactors and Melting Ice," Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists (2017)
"The Nuclear Landscape," Nature (2012)
"Choking on Growth: China and the Environment", The New York Times (2007)
"Regulation or Reassurance," The Washington Post (1979)

CV: https://www.vermontlaw.edu/sites/default/files/2017-08/BradfordPeter_CV.pdf

Testified:

Subcommittee on Domestic Policy of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on nuclear power and climate change (2010)
Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on the NRC licensing process (2010)
Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on the significance of the Three Mile Island accident (2009)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN, Panel at The Brookings Institute on the impact of renewable energy on the economy and the climate
KCRW on the 'Nuclear Renaissance' and Fukushima
Forum on "Fukushima Daiichi Accident: Lessons for California," Keynote speaker



RACHEL CLEETUS

Rachel Cleetus is the Policy Director for the Climate and Energy program at the Union of Concerned Scientists. Cleetus leads the program's efforts in designing effective and equitable policies to address climate change and advocating for their implementation. Cleetus is an expert in policies to promote clean energy and drive deep cuts in heat-trapping emissions from the power sector, including carbon pricing and complementary sector-based policies. She also does research on the risks and costs of climate impacts and is an expert on policies to promote climate resilience. She is also an expert on the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change process and has been attending international climate negotiations since 2009. Cleetus has appeared in Scientific American, Popular Science, New Scientist, InsideClimate News, EcoWatch, Resilience, Clean Technica, Chemical and Engineering News, Insurance Journal, CFO, Wired, Fast Company, RenewEconomy, Karma, Buzzfeed, Truthout, Mother Jones, Huff Post, The Guardian, The Bellingham Herald, Wisconsin Gazette, The Washington Post, Bloomberg Law, Politico, The New York Times, USA Today, US News & World Report, PRI, NPR, NBC, and CBS. Cleetus holds a B.S. in Economics from West Virginia University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from Duke University.

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Progressive Change Institute, Win Without War

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Deputy Special Envoy for Climate Change [Department Of State - Office Of The Special Envoy For Climate Change]

Special Envoy for Climate Change [Department Of State - Office Of The Special Envoy For Climate Change]

Education:

B.S., Economics, West Virginia University; Ph.D., M.A., Economics, Duke University

Affiliations:

Union of Concerned Scientists (Policy Director for the Climate and Energy Program); World Wildlife Fund (Consultant); Tellus Institute (Faculty in the Energy and Environment Program); The World Bank (Consultant)

Key Publications:

Climate Risks in the COVID-19 Pandemic (2020)
Capitalizing on the Clean Power Plan and Renewable Energy Tax Credits (2016)
Environmental Tax Shifting in Massachusetts: Taxes That Work for our Environment and the Economy (2001)
See more

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Testified:

Before the House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, "Creating a Climate Resilient America" (2019)
Before the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, "Building America's Clean Future: Pathways to Decarbonize the Economy" (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

CGTN America: Rachel Cleetus Discusses the Implications of a Possible US Withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accords
CGTN America: Economist Rachel Cleetus on the Implications of Climate Change
Union of Concerned Scientists, Environment and Economy

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RAMON CRUZ

Ramón Cruz is the first Latino to serve as President of the Sierra Club. Cruz was Vice President of Puerto Rico's environmental regulatory agency and Vice President of Energy and Environment with the Partnership for New York City. Cruz was the International Policy Director at the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy, a nonprofit with offices in 7 countries. In this role, he participated in the Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Commission on Sustainable Development, the Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transport, the Post-2015 Development Agenda, and the Rio+20 Process. He was a consultant for the World Bank and the German Agency for International Cooperation. He has worked for both the Environmental Defense Fund and the Natural Resources Defense Council. Cruz has over 20 years of experience in climate change, sustainability, energy, transportation, urban planning, and environmental policy. He holds a B.A. in International Relations from American University, and an M.A. in Public Policy and Urban and Regional Planning from Princeton University.

ENDORSED BY

Progressive Change Institute, Social Security Works, Win Without War

RECOMMENDED FOR

Special Envoy for Climate Change [Department Of State - Office Of The Special Envoy For Climate Change]

Under Secretary of State (Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment) [Department Of State - Office Of The Under Secretary For Economic Growth, Energy, And The Environment]

Education:

BA, International Relations, American University; MA, Public Policy, Urban and Regional Planning, Princeton

Affiliations:

Sierra Club, President
Puerto Rico's Environmental Quality Board, Vice President
Partnership for New York City, Vice President of Energy & Environment
Institute for Transportation and Development Policy, International Policy Director
Environmental Defense Fund, Senior Policy Analyst
Natural Resources Defense Council, Consultant
German Agency for International Cooperation, Consultant
World Bank, Consultant

Key Publications:

Ramón Cruz Elected First Latino President of the Sierra Club (2020)
A Movement Moment (2020)
The Bad Decision That Will Haunt Puerto Rico For Decades (2018)

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Testified:

House Natural Resource Committee, Puerto Rico's Electric Power (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.): Sierra Club, Message from Ramón Cruz

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REBECCA DELL

Rebecca Dell is an Industry Strategist at the ClimateWorks Foundation, where she oversees industrial decarbonization and provides strategic advice to large climate donors. She was a Special Advisor for Energy Policy at the US Department of Energy, where she coordinated implementation of President Obama's Climate Action Plan, and was a lead analyst and author of the US Quadrennial Energy Review. She was a Climate Strategy Advisor for the Hewlett Foundation. Before working in the public sector, Dell was a scientist at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, where she studied the interaction between the ocean and land-based ice sheets. In 2010, she was a delegate to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change on behalf of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She holds a B.A. in Physics from Harvard University, and an M.Sc. in Physical Oceanography and Ph.D in Climate Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

ENDORSED BY

Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [Department Of Commerce - National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration]

Education:

B.A., Physics, Harvard; M.Sc., Physical Oceanography, MIT; Ph.D., Philosophy and Climate Science, MIT

Affiliations:

US Department of Energy (Special Advisor for Energy Policy)
President Obama's Climate Action Plan (Coordinator)
US Quadrennial Energy Review (Lead Analyst and Author)
ClimateWorks Foundation (Industry Strategist)
Hewlett Foundation (Climate Strategy Advisor)
Scripps Institution of Oceanography (Oceanographer)
UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (MIT Delegate)

Key Publications:

Wave inhibition by sea ice enables trans-Atlantic ice rafting of debris during Heinrich events (2018)
On the representation of capsizing in iceberg models (2017)
An analytical model of iceberg drift (2017)

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Testified:

House Energy and Commerce: "Building a 100 Percent Clean Economy: Solutions for Economy-Wide Deep Decarbonization" (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Center for Strategic & International Studies, Decarbonizing Heavy Industry
Great Plains Institute, CO2NNECT 2019: An Urgent Challenge
American University Library, Climate Change

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REED SCHULER

Reed Schuler is a Senior Policy Advisor to Gov. Jay Inslee. As a US State Department negotiator for the Paris Agreement, Schuler managed diplomacy, led a technical group to analyze climate action targets, and negotiated the 2014 US-China climate targets. As a member of Secretary John Kerry's Policy Planning Staff, he chaired the State Department's task force on climate security and managed the energy, environment, science, technology, health, and foreign assistance portfolios. Schuler founded and managed an innovative cross-sector energy efficiency program for the Baltimore Office of Sustainability and the Baltimore Community Foundation. He led green energy initiatives with Mass Audubon and New Sector Alliance. As a Fulbright Fellow, Schuler researched sustainable development in China. Schuler holds a B.A. from Pomona College and a J.D. from Yale Law School.

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Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director for Energy and Climate Change [Executive Office Of The President - White House Office]

Education:

B.A., Pamona College; J.D., Yale Law School

Affiliations:

Gov. Jay Inslee (Senior Policy Advisor)
US Department of State: Paris Agreement & US-China Climate Targets
Baltimore Office of Sustainability
Baltimore Community Foundation
New Sector Alliance
Mass Audubon
Fulbright Fellow
Secretary of State John Kerry's Policy Planning Staff

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

The National Academies of Science
Will the World Act on Climate Change Fast Enough?



RHIANA GUNN-WRIGHT

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Member [Executive Office Of The President - National Economic Council]

Senior Climate Policy Counsel [Environmental Protection Agency - Office Of The Administrator]

Education:

B.A., African American Studies & Women's Gender & Sexuality Studies, Yale University; Master Philosophy, Comparative Social Policy, Oxford University

Affiliations:

Obama Administration
Detroit Health Department (Policy Analyst)
New Consensus (Policy Director)
Institute for Women's Policy Research (Fellow)
Rhodes Scholar
Roosevelt Institute (Director of Climate Policy)

Key Publications:

Think This Pandemic is Bad? We Have Another Crisis Coming (2020)
A Green New Deal is Fiscally Responsible. Climate Inaction is Not (2019)
Gender Segregation in Fields of Study at Community Colleges and Implications for Future Earnings (2012)
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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Green New Deal
Green New Deal Summit
Columbia: Center on Global Energy Policy Podcast

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RICK HIND

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Greenpeace

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Board Member [Chemical Safety And Hazard Investigation Board]

Education:

A.A., Liberal Studies, County College of Morris, 1970; B.A., Psychology, Fairleigh Dickinson University, 1972

Affiliations:

Greenpeace (Legislative Director); US Public Interest Research Group (Environmental Program Director); Clean Water Action (Regional Director); Coalition for a New Foreign & Military Policy (Publications Coordinator)

Key Publications:

Journal of the American Academy of Pediatric, "George Armstrong Lecutre" (2000)

The New York Times, "Lots of Chemicals, Little Reaction" (2004)

The Hill, "Serial hijackings leave millions at risk of a chemical disaster" (2011)

Greenpeace Blog, "Making Real Change" (2008)

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Testified:

House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, "The Chemical Facilities Anti-terrorism Standards (CFATS) Program: A Progress Update" (2013)

House Committee on Homeland Security, testifying on Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2008 (2008)

House Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, testifying on fertilizer and unidentified chemical facilities (2013)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

The Big Picture, "Is An Agricultural Drone Heading For Europe?"

Ralph Nader Radio Hour: Interview

US Environmental Protection Agency 2014 National Training Conference, "The Many Paths Forward for the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Program," Speaker

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SAM RICKETTS

Sam Ricketts is the Co- Founder and Senior Policy Advisor for Evergreen. As the Climate Director for Gov. Jay Inslee's presidential campaign, Ricketts was the lead author of the 218-page climate policy agenda, which environmental groups and Congress members called the "gold standard," Vox called "a fully fleshed-out Green New Deal," and The New York Times called "a blueprint for decarbonizing the American economy." Evergreen is a continuation of his agenda from the campaign trail. Rickets also led the push for a climate change debate, which manifested as the CNN Climate Crisis Town Hall. As the Director for Democratic Climate Action for the Democratic Governors Association, Ricketts led political and fundraising support for climate change candidates in state and local elections, helping flip 7 seats–the most in over 30 years. As Gov. Inslee's Director of Federal and Inter-State Affairs for five years, Ricketts launched the US Climate Alliance. As the Executive Director of the Congressional Sustainable Energy & Environment Coalition during the Obama administration, Ricketts helped shape the Reinvestment & Recovery Act, the American Clean Energy & Security Act, the Jobs for Main Street Act, and the Consolidated Land, Energy & Aquatic Resources Act in response to the 2010 BP oil spill. Ricketts is a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress, where he is working on ambitious and equitable policies to confront the climate crisis at state levels to lay the groundwork for future federal action. Ricketts holds a B.A. in Political Science and History from Syracuse University.

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Progressive Change Institute, Sunrise Movement

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Special Advisor to the Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations [Environmental Protection Agency - The Deputy Administrator: Office Of The Associate Administrator For Congressional And Intergovernmental Relations]

Education: B.A. Political Science and History, Syracuse University

Affiliations:

- Center for American Progress (Senior Fellow)
- Evergreen (Co-Founder and Senior Policy Advisor)
- CNN Climate Crisis Town Hall
- US Climate Alliance
- Sustainable Energy & Environment Coalition (SEEC)
- Reinvestment & Recovery Act
- American Clean Energy & Security Act
- CLEAR Act
- Inslee for America (Climate Director)
- Democratic Governors Association (Director of Democratic Climate Action)
- Jobs for Main Street Act
- Gov. Jay Inslee (Director of Federal and Inter-State Affairs)

Key Publications:

- A New American Dream For All (2020)
- The Greatest Mobilization Since WWII (2020)
- Evergreen Action Plan (2020)

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Testified:

- Senate Briefing: State Views on Implementing the Clean Power Plan (2015)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- The Environmental and Energy Study Institute
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SHAMAR BIBBONS

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ENDORSED BY

Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Director, Office of Civil Rights [Environmental Protection Agency - The Deputy Administrator: Office Of Civil Rights]

Education:

B.A. Science, Technology and Society; Vassar College

Affiliations:

The Kresge Foundation (Title Senior Program Officer, Environment Program); Fulbright Fellow; Green For All (Director of National Partnerships)

Key Publications:

Editor, Pathways to Resilience: Transforming Cities in a Changing Climate

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

The Fresh Outlook
EmPower Magazine

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SHARON TREAT

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ENDORSED BY

Campaign for Family Farms and the Environment, Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy, National Family Farm Coalition, Progressive Change Institute

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Assistant United States Trade Representative for Environment and Natural Resources [Executive Office Of The President - Office Of The United States Trade Representative: Environment And Natural Resources]

Education:

B.A., Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs; J.D., Georgetown University Law Center

Affiliations:

Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (Senior Attorney)
Maine House of Representatives, District 79 (Representative)
National Legislative Association on Prescription Drug Prices (Executive Director)
Center for International Environmental Law
National Caucus of Environmental Legislators
Commission on the Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee (Representative)

Key Publications:

"Evidence from Sustain: the alliance for better food and farming and the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy" (2020)
"Multinational corporations already using new NAFTA to block action on plastics" (2020)
"US-UK trade deal is a threat to food and farmers" (2020)
"Update on US Trade Negotiations and Impact on Maine" (2020)
"Revisiting Crisis by Design: Corporate concentration in agriculture" (2020)
"Comments on No. TPA-105-003, United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement: Likely Impact on the U.S. Economy and on Specific Industry Sectors" (2018)

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Testified:

Testimony in Support of LD 2160, "An Act Relating to the Statute of Limitations for Injuries or Harm Resulting from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances" Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, Maine Legislature (2020)

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SIVAN KARTHA

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Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Executive Director, Office of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis [Department Of Energy - Office Of Energy Policy And Systems Analysis]

Education:

BS, Physics, Harvard University; PhD, Theoretical Physics, Cornell University

Affiliations:

UN Framework Convention on Climate Change; World Bank; Stockholm Environmental Institute (Senior Scientist)

Key Publications:

The Production Gap Report (2019)
Large-scale scenarios as “boundary conditions”: A cross-impact balance simulated annealing (CIBSA) approach (2019)
Environmental financialization: what could go wrong? (2019)
The Climate Equity Reference Calculator (2019)
Principles for aligning U.S. fossil fuel extraction with climate limits (2019)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

NewsClickin
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TERRY TEMPEST WILLIAMS

Terry Tempest Williams a Fellow in the University of Utah's Environmental Humanities Graduate Program and a Visiting Professor at Dartmouth College. She has received 33 honors and awards for her environmental work, including the Sierra Club's John Muir Award, National Wildlife Federation's Award for Special Achievement, Spirit of the Arctic Award, and Utah Governor's Award. Williams has been a guest at the White House and testified before Congress. Williams compiled a book called "Testimony: Writers Speak On Behalf of Utah Wilderness" and gave it to every member of Congress to sway public policy in 1995. President Clinton held up this book at the dedication of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and said: "This made a difference." Her book "Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place" chronicles her mother's struggle with ovarian cancer, thought to be the result of nuclear testing in the Nevada desert in the 1950s. Williams has written and spoken on the impact of the BP oil spill. Williams was featured in Ken Burns' PBS series "The National Parks: America's Best Idea" and the PBS series "The West." Williams co-founded the University of Utah's acclaimed Environmental Humanities program. As Writer-In-Residence at Harvard Divinity School, she worked with the Planetary Health Alliance. Her work has appeared in Orion, Yale Environment 360, Sports Illustrated, The Sports Network, HuffPost, the Los Angeles Times, SFGate, Salt Lake Tribune, Bangor Daily News, The New Yorker, and The New York Times. Williams is a Guggenheim Fellow. Williams holds a B.A. and an M.S. from the University of Utah.

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Commissioner Member [Utah Reclamation Mitigation And Conservation Commission]

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Affiliations:

Dartmouth College (Fellow/ Visiting Professor)
Carden School of Salt Lake City (Science Teacher)
School Montezuma Creek–Navajo Reservation (Teacher)
Harvard Divinity School (Writer-in-Residence)
University of Utah Environmental & Humanities Graduate Program (Fellow)

Key Publications:

Sacred Rage: Terry Tempest Williams on America's national parks and the threats they face. (2016)
'The Hour of Land,' by Terry Tempest Williams (2016)
Desert Quartet - An Erotics of Place (1995)
Leap (2015)
Red: Passion and Patience in the Desert (2008)
The Open Space of Democracy (2010)
Finding Beauty in a Broken World (2009)
When Women Were Birds (2013)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

'The Hour of Land,' by Terry Tempest Williams
Terry Tempest Williams, "Erosion"
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TOM MATZZIE

Tom Matzzie is the Founder and CEO of CleanChoice Energy. Matzzie works to enable households and businesses to get their energy from 100% clean wind and solar power. He oversees 70 employees and $95 million annual revenue. Inc Magazine named CleanChoice Energy one of the "Fastest-Growing Private Companies for Third Consecutive Year" and Built In: Tech News called it one of the top DC companies "turning the capitol into a leading tech hub." Matzzie's customers have prevented more than 4 billion pounds of carbon dioxide emissions. The company has donated $2 million to leading nonprofits and social impact organizations. CleanChoice Energy is a Certified B Corporation and is certified with the highest available rating by Green America's Business Network. Previously, Matzzie directed online mobilization for the Democratic National Committee, AFL-CIO, and Washington's MoveOn.org. Matzzie developed online communities designed to disrupt incumbents and pioneered innovations now considered best practices. He is an expert in executive management, entrepreneurship, the energy sector, technology innovation, and data science. He is a frequent contributor to HuffPost and has been featured by the Real Leaders Network, Conscious Company Media, Solar Power World, NPR, The New York Times, Commonwealth Magazine, Yahoo Finance, Market Insider, New York Business Journal, and Washington Business Journal. Matzzie holds a B.A. in Economics from the University of Notre Dame.

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CEPR Domestic, Progressive Change Institute, Social Security Works

RECOMMENDED FOR

Director [Federal Energy Regulatory Commission - Office Of The Chairman: Office Of Energy Policy And Innovation]

Education: B.A., Economics, University of Notre Dame

Affiliations:

- HuffPost (Contributor)
- Washington MoveOn (Director)
- CleanChoice Energy (Founder & CEO)
- Democratic National Committee (Director of Online Organizing)
- AFL-CIO (Director of Political Action)

Key Publications:

- Looking for Green Tech (2011)
- Alarming Gains for Big Oil Need a Response (2011)
- Applying the Lessons of Politics to Green Power (2014)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- Real Leaders Magazine
- C-SPAN

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TYSON SLOCUM

Tyson Slocum is the Energy Program Director at Public Citizen, where he promotes clean energy, consumer protections, and corporate transparency on behalf of 100,000 members. Slocum serves on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Advisory Committee, where he has worked with Rep. Collin Peterson and staffers for Sens. Maria Cantwell, Dianne Feinstein, and Bernie Sanders to strengthen commodity regulations. The US Department of Energy's Director of Solar Energy Technologies, Michele Boyd, says Slocum "has become the community's expert on things that no one, no one looks at." Slocum has presented his research on climate change and affordable access to sustainable energy in testimony before Congress. He regularly intervenes before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, representing the interests of household consumers. Slocum is a lecturer on energy and climate policy at the University of Maryland. Slocum has appeared in The New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, The San Francisco Chronicle, The Associated Press, Forbes, The Hill, PBS, CNBC, MSNBC, Fox News, and CNN. Slocum holds a B.A. in Political Science and Government from University of Texas at Austin.

ENDORSED BY

Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy, New York Communities for Change, Public Citizen

RECOMMENDED FOR

Chairman-Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [Federal Energy Regulatory Commission - Office Of The Chairman]

Commissioner [Commodity Futures Trading Commission - Office Of The Chairperson]

Education: BA, Political Science and Government, University of Texas at Austin

Affiliations:

Commodity Futures Trading Commission (Energy and Environmental Markets Advisory Committee); Citizens for Tax Justice (Policy Analyst); Coalition for Sensible Safeguards (Issue Expert (Energy)); Public Citizen (Energy Program Director)

Key Publications:

- "Electric utility deregulation and the myths of the energy crisis," Bulletin of Science, Technology & Society (2001)
- "Standard Oil Rises Again: How Eroding Legal Protections and Lax Regulatory Oversight Harm Consumers," Loyola Consumer Law Review (2006)
- "The danger of making Exxon chief Trump's secretary of state," CNN (2016)
- "Without tougher oil train safeguards, Houston is at risk," Houston Chronicle (2015)
- "Nuclear's Power Play: Give Us Subsidies or Give Us Death," Multinational Monitor (2008)

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Testified:

- House Energy and Commerce Committee on consumer protections during transformation in the energy market (2017)
- Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship on consumer and small business benefits from limiting natural gas exports (2015)
- House Committee on Agriculture on energy futures regulation (2009)
- Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on limiting natural gas exports (2018)
- Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on CFTC rules implementing Dodd-Frank to curb speculation in energy commodity markets (2011)
- Subcommittee on Highways and Transit of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on reform to strengthen regulatory oversight of energy trading markets and bolstering antitrust enforcement (2008)
- Senate Committee on the Judiciary on reducing energy consumption (2006)
- Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on gasoline prices (2005)
- House Committee on Government Reform on natural gas markets (2005)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- CNBC, Discussing the Federal Gas Tax
- Bloomberg News, Speaking with the former commissioner of the CFTC about publicly releasing commodity trading market data
- C-SPAN Washington Journal Series, Discussing crude oil export ban
- CGTN America, Speaking on Trump's roll back of climate change regulations

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VARSHINI PRAKASH

Varshini Prakash is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Sunrise Movement. She helped lead a mass demonstration that went viral and made the Green New Deal a priority in the House of Representatives. Half of Sunrise's first 20 endorsements won their elections in 2018, including Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Rashida Tlaib, Ilhan Omar, Deb Haaland, and state representatives in swing states. Politico ran a headline that "The Sunrise Movement Actually Changed The Democratic Conversation" and Vogue says these are the "young activists defining the climate debate." Prakash was named to Time Magazine's 100 Next Rising Stars and Grist's Top 50 Fixers who are "cooking up the boldest, most ambitious solutions to humanity's biggest challenges." Gov. Jay Inslee writes: "I find the leadership of Varshini and the Sunrise Movement to be some of the greatest sources for hope in our fight against the climate crisis." Prakash's stated mission is to "stop climate change, take back our democracy from Big Oil, and elect leaders who will fight for our generation's health and wellbeing." At the University of Massachusetts, Prakash pushed the university to divest from fossil fuels and led the campaign to victory after a 2 week long escalation involving thousands of students, alumni, and faculty. Prakash's work has been featured in The Washington Post, The New Yorker, Democracy Now, TeenVogue, BBC, The Nation, The Verge, Vox, Sierra Club, and Inside Philanthropy. She holds a B.A. from University of Massachusetts.

ENDORSED BY

HEAL Food Alliance, Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Special Assistant [Department Of Energy - Assistant Secretary For Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy]

Education: BA, University of Massachusetts

Affiliations: Sunrise Movement (Founder and Executive Director)

Key Publications:

- Winning the Green New Deal (2020)
- Let's Keep Organizing: An Inside Look at the Biden-Sanders Task Force on Climate (2020)
- An 'All-Out Mobilization' (2020)
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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- Forbes, A Greener Future
- PBS, one of the young activists taking the lead on saving the planet
- KTCS 9, climate change
- Now This, How We Can Fight the Climate Crisis

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VICKI ARROYO

Vicki Arroyo is the Executive Director of the Georgetown Climate Center and has over 30 years of experience in law, policy, research, negotiation, and management. Arroyo served in the US Environmental Protection Agency in the both the Reagan and Clinton administration. She worked with the US Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration and the US Climate Change Science Program. She created the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's policy office and helped develop California's cap-and-trade system. As Vice President for Domestic Policy at the Pew Center, she ran the Global Climate Change program for 10 years, which was recognized as the top environmental think tank in the world by the University of Pennsylvania. As the Georgetown Climate Center ED, Arroyo works with senior state officials and oversees all aspects of legal and policy work. Arroyo manages a staff of attorneys, policy analysts, engineers, and students with an annual budget of $2.5 million. Over the past 10 years, she has raised $20 million for the center's work. As Assistant Dean at Georgetown, she oversaw more than a dozen centers and institutes with annual budgets totaling $15 million. She also created the Environmental Law LL.M. degree program and managed all aspects of the program. She has been interviewed by NPR's Marketplace and Science Friday, The Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times, The New York Times, CNN, and BBC. Arroyo holds a B.S. in Biology and Philosophy from Emory University, an M.P.A. from Harvard University, and a J.D. from Georgetown University.

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Senior Climate Policy Counsel [Environmental Protection Agency - Office Of The Administrator]

Education:

B.S. Biology and Philosophy, Emory University; M.P.A., Environmental Policy, Harvard University; J.D., Georgetown University

Affiliations:

Pew Center on Global Climate Change (Vice President for Domestic Policy and General Counsel)
American College of Environmental Lawyers
National Transportation Research Board (Chair)
National Academy of Sciences
Institute of Transportation at UC Davis (Board of Advisors)
National Science Foundation's Geosciences Directorate (Advisory Board)
University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (Board of Trustees)
Climate Policy Review (Associate Editor)
The Georgetown Environmental Law Review (Editorial Board)
Georgetown University Law Center (Executive Director of the Climate Center, Environmental Law Program Director, Special Advisor to the President of Georgetown University, Assistant Dean of Centers and Institutes)
National Center for Atmospheric Research
California's Economics and Allocation Advisory Committee
Governor Bobby Roemer (Environmental Advisor)
National Governors' Association's Global Warming Task Force
Tulane Law School (Adjunct Professor)
George Mason University (Adjunct Professor)
Catholic University of America (Adjunct Professor)

Key Publications:

State Innovation on Climate Change: Reducing Emissions from Key Sectors While Preparing for a "New Normal" (2016)
The Coming Refugee Crisis: When Home Leaves Us (2016)
New Strategies for Reducing Transportation Emissions and Preparing for Climate Impacts (2017)
State and Local Climate Leadership in the Trumpocene (2017)
The Global Climate Action Summit: Increasing Ambition during Turbulent Times (2018)
Climate Change: Science, Strategies, and Solutions (2001)

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Testified:

House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, Climate Change (2019)
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

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PopTech



YANA GARCIA

Yana Garcia was appointed by Gov. Gavin Newsom to serve as Deputy Secretary for Environmental Justice, Tribal Affairs and Border Relations at the California Environmental Protection Agency, where she manages staff and administers grants to reduce pollution and protect public health in vulnerable communities. Garcia was previously an Associate Attorney at Earthjustice, the premier nonprofit public interest environmental law organization, which has filed thousands of lawsuits all the way up to the US Supreme Court. Garcia was a staff attorney at Communities for a Better Environment, serving Huntington Park and Oakland. Garcia was a legal research attorney at the San Francisco Superior Court's Civil Division in the Office of the Presiding Judge. Her legal practice areas have focused on environmental justice, civil rights, land use, toxics and chemical disclosure, oil and gas extraction, and crude transport. Garcia holds a B.A. from the University of California, Santa Cruz and a J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law.

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Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project

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Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for International and Tribal Affairs [Environmental Protection Agency - Office Of The Assistant Administrator For International And Tribal Affairs]

Education:

Bachelor in Politics, University of California Santa Cruz; J.D. Northeastern University School of Law

Affiliations: CalEPA

Key Publications:

Trump Revoked Key Pesticide Protections. We're Fighting Back. (2017)
Buyer Beware: What We Don't Know Could Hurt Us (2015)
Some Good News in the World of Oil and Gas! (2014)

Speaking Appearance (ex.): UCLA School of Law

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ADAM LEVITIN

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Executive Vice President [Department Of Housing And Urban Development - Government National Mortgage Association]

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

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Education:

J.D., Harvard University; B.A., Harvard University; M.Phil, Columbia University

Affiliations:

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Advisory Board)
Congressional Oversight Panel for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (Special Counsel)
Business Finance & Restructuring Department of Weil, Gotshal, & Manges, LLP
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
Georgetown Law (Professor of Law)
Harvard Law School (Visiting Professor of Law)
The Harvard Law School Bankruptcy Roundtable (Scholar in Residence)

Key Publications:

The Great American Housing Bubble: What Went Wrong and How We Can Protect Ourselves in the Future (2014)
The Public Option in Housing Finance (2013)
Resolving the Foreclosure Crisis: Modification of Mortgages in Bankruptcy (2009)
Consumer Finance: Markets and Regulation (2018)
Business Bankruptcy: Financial Restructuring and Modern Commercial Markets (2016)
Reports of Equit's Death Have Been Greatly Exaggerated (2014)
Abusive Acts and Practices (2019)

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Testified:

Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee, on the nomination of Peter Diamond to be member of Federal Reserve Board of Governors (https://www.c-span.org/video/?296595-1/mortgage-services-foreclosure-practices#)
HEARING OF THE SENATE BANKING, HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (2018)
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and Small Businesses (2011)
Hearing examining the Obama administration's Home Affordable Mortgage Modification Program (2009)
Housing Industry and Bankruptcy Laws (2008)

Speaking Appearance (ex.): Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Advisory Board Meeting



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B.S. Art and Art History and Mathmatical Sciences, Rice University; M.S. in Mathmatics, University of Utah; PhD in Economics, Princeton

Affiliations:

National Tax Association (Member)
Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (Member)
High-Level Carbon Pricing Commission
Energy Future Coalition, United Nations Foundation, (Steering Committee)
Pricing Carbon Dialogues (Steering Committee)
World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists (Session Organizer)
Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center
Centre for Applied Macroeconomic Analysis, Australian National University (Research Associate)
Citizens' Climate Lobby Advisory Board
Climate Advisers Trust Advisory Board
World Bank Climate Action Peer Exchange (Technical Advisory Group,)
American Economic Association (Member)
Princeton University (Lecturer)
Brookings Institution (Senior Fellow)

Key Publications:

Overview of economy-wide U.S. carbon tax strategies (2018)
Reforming the U.S. coal leasing program (2016)
Carbon Taxes andU.S. Fiscal Reform (2015)
A Proposal to Integrate Price Mechanisms into International Climate Negotiations (2014)
Expecting the Unexpected: Macroeconomic Volatility and Climate Policy, (2010)

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Testified:

Committee on Economic Matters, Maryland House Bill 939, Maryland House of Delegates (2018)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Citizen's Climate Lobby
Resources for the Future
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Affiliations:

Rep. Katie Porter, Chief of Staff
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Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Professional Staff
Treasury Department
CFPB
SEC
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FHFA
HUD
Neighborhood Stabilization Program
Washington Center for Equitable Growth, Policy Director

Key Publications:

What Members of Congress Can Do After the Bailout (2020)
For an equitable recovery, federal relief to deal with the coronavirus recession must be transparent to the U.S. public (2020)
Rescuing small businesses to fight the coronavirus recession and prevent further economic inequality in the United States (2020)

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Testified:

Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: hearing on the FRB (2018)

Speaking Appearance (ex.): Hammer, $2 trillion Coronavirus package

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Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Education:

B.A., Political Science, University of Chicago; M.A., Political Science, Columbia University

Affiliations:

Demos (Associate Director, Policy and Research); Drum Major Institute for Public Policy (Director of Research); New York Hotel Trades Council (Researcher); OURWalmart (Member)

Key Publications:

- "Your credit score shouldn't drop because of coronavirus," CNN (2020)
- "Establish a Public Credit Registry," Demos (2019)
- "How Marriott Fuels Racial Inequality," The Nation (2018)
- "Trump Is Trying to Use Credit Scores to Keep Immigrants Out of the U.S.," Slate (2018)
- "Employers are using credit checks against otherwise qualified workers. Here's what we can do about it," Salon (2016)
- "The Progressive Victory You Haven't Heard Of: NYC's Ban on Employment Credit Checks," The American Prospect (2015)
- "In the Red: Older Americans and Credit Card Debt," Demos & AARP (2013)
- "Discrediting America: The Urgent Need to Reform the Nation's Credit Reporting Industry," Demos (2011)
- "A Chance to Fix Inequities in New York," The New York Times (2010)
- "A Strengthened Middle Class," excerpted from Thinking Big: Progressive Ideas for a New Era, Berrett-Koehler Publishers (2009)

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Testified:

- House Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, testifying on the credit reporting system (2014)
- Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, testifying on economic security for working women (2014)
- Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, testifying on political inequality and middle class prosperitySenate: Economic Security for Working Women (2013)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- 2019 Progressive Strategy Summit: 10 Big Ideas, "America Needs a Public Credit Registry," Speaker
- CGTN Global Business, "The Shrinking Middle Class: Fighting Consumer Debt," Expert Speaker
- The Brian Lehrer Show, "Settling on a Budget," Interview
- Center for Survivor Agency & Justice, "Credit Reporting and Intimate Partner Violence: Enhancing Access to Economic and Physical Safety for Survivors," Webinar Faculty
- Intelligence Squared U.S. Debates, "Long Live WalMart"

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B.A., Harvard University, M.A; J.D., Hastings College of the Law, University of California

Affiliations:

United States Senate (Counsel)
U.S. SEC (counsel)
Democrats Abroad (Vice Chair)
Fried Frank (Associate)
Center for American Progress (Director)

Key Publications:

Financial Markets and Regulators Are Still in the Dark on Climate Change- Center for American Progress (2020) (2020)
Washington and Brussels Need a New 'Special Relationship'- Washington Monthly (2020) (2020)
President Trump, listen to candidate Trump and keep Volcker Rule- The Hill (2017) (2017)

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Testified:

Testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Investment (2018)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Does economic growth help solve income inequality? These experts debate the issue- CNBC (2019):
Schumer, Sanders are pushing buybacks in right direction: Expert- CNBC (2019):
Peter Morici and Andy Green on the Economy and Campaign 2020- Washington Journal (2019):

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Groundwork Collaborative (Deputy Executive Director)
CLASP Center for Postsecondary and Economic Success (Director)
Center for American Progress (Director of workforce development policy)
National Skills Coalition (Senior federal policy analyst)

Key Publications:

The Trump Administration Misunderstands the Federal Role in Local Workforce Development (2017)
Don't Forget That Jobs Day Is Also About Wages (2019)
How To End Prison Labor Exploitation And Invest In Incarcerated People (2018)
The Skills Gap Myth Does Not Explain What's Happening To Work (2018)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, the status of Black workers
Apprenticeship Forward,
Third Way, How to Grow Apprenticeships for the Modern Economy
National Skills Coalition, Innovation and Opportunity in WIOA
The Century Foundation, Raising Incomes in America

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Affiliations:

Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs (Counsel)
Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission (Special Council)
Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco (General Counsel)
California State Bar Financial Institutions Committee (Chairman of Subcommittee on Federal Legislation)
Dzivi Law Firm, P.C.

Key Publications:

"Rhetoric or Resources: It is Time to get Serious," Institute for America's Future (2012)
"Pay No Attention to That Man Behind the Curtain," Huffington Post (2012)
"America Faces Risk of Recession," The Hill (2007)
"Civil Rico: Pleading Fraud for Treble Damages," 45 Montana Law Review (1984)
"Torts," 44 Montana Law Review (1983)

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Testified:

Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, on the regulatory structure for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (2013)
Meeting with Alan Greenspan, former Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Group Interview (2010)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

"What's the Best Way to Investigate Trump and Russia?" Newsday
"How should the US banking system be reformed?" KALW San Francisco Public Radio



BETH BALTZAN

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Affiliations:

Open Markets Institute (Fellow)
Office of the United States Trade Representative (Associate General Counsel)
House Ways and Means Subcommittee (Democratic Counsel)
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (Director)
Center for American Progress (Consultant)
Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (Fellow)
American Phoenix Trade Advisory Services, PLLC (Principal)

Key Publications:

Op-Ed: Europeans are free traders now? That's rich (2018)
The Old-School Answer to Global Trade (2019)
Canada wrongly plays the victim on aluminum tariffs (2019)
See more (2020)

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Testified:

Testimony of Open Markets fellow Beth Baltzan to the House Ways & Means Committee on "Enforcement in the New NAFTA" (2019)
Censorship as a Non-Tariff Barrier to Trade – U.S. Senate Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness (2020)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Protectionism is never a good idea: Expert- CNBC (2018):
How can China and US resolve trade tensions?- CNBC (2018):
Steel and Aluminum Tariffs: International trade experts talked about the impact of the Trump administration's steel and aluminum tariffs and their impact on national security and jobs. (2018)



BHARAT RAMAMURTI

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Affiliations:

Elizabeth Warren (Senior Counsel for Banking and Economic Policy)
Securities and Exchange Commission
Federal Reserve
Accountable Capitalism Act
Roosevelt Institute (Managing Director of the Corporate Power Program)
Congressional Oversight Commission

Key Publications:

I'm Overseeing the Coronavirus Relief Bill. The Strings Aren't Attached. (2020)
Congress must move aggressively on stimulus oversight (2020)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Local News
KCET
NBC Affiliate
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BRAD MILLER

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U.S. House of Representatives
North Carolina Legislature
American Progress (Senior Fellow)
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Hon. Dickson Phillips, US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (Clerk)

Key Publications:

Preventing the Next Trump (2020)
The Power of Disobedience (2019)
William Barr's long struggle against congressional oversight (2019)

Testified:

https://republicans-oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Brad-Miller-Testimony.pdf
House Committee on Financial Services, Hearing entitled "The Dodd-Frank Act Five Years Later: Are We More Prosperous?" (2015)
House Oversight Committee (2013)
Witness on financial reform before the Democratic Party Platform Committee (2016)
Principal author, amicus brief, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Dodd-Frank
Principal author, amicus brief to oppose Trump's pardon of Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

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J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 2013; B.S., United States Air Force Academy, 2005

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House Financial Services Committee (Deputy Chief Oversight Counsel)
U.S. Department of Justice (Criminal Division Intern, Fraud Section)
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Affiliations:

Princeton School of Public and International Affairs (Dean)
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National Economic Council (Former Member (1998-99))
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Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency (FACT) Coalition (Senior Policy Advisor and Interim Executive Director)
Democratic National Committee (Intern)
Tom Allen for US Senate (Intern)
Global Alliance for Tax Justice, Coordinating Committee
Steering Committee of Americans for Tax Fairness
Global Financial Integrity (Communications Director)
Task Force on Financial Integrity & Economic Development (Director of New Media & Communications Associate)

Key Publications:

"It's Time for the U.S. to Deal With Tax Evaders" (2016)
"Congress Votes to Kill Anti-Corruption Safeguard" (2017)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

FACT Weighs in during OECD Consultation in favor of Public Country-by-Country Reporting
Remarks by Clark Gascoigne, FACT's Interim Executive Director, at U.S. Launch of 2020 Financial Secrecy Index

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MacroMom (Author)

Key Publications:

"Direct Stimulus Payments to Individuals" (2019)
"Check in the Mail or More in the Paycheck" (2012)
"Distributional Impact of Social Security Reform" (2004)
How Much Does Risk Tolerance Change (2012)
The Economics of an Aging Population: Macroeconomic Issues (2004)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

USC Price
Bloomberg Markets and Finance
Washington Center for Equitable Growth

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Action Center on Race and the Economy (ACRE), Billy Fleming, CEPR Domestic, Debt Collective, Economic Policy Institute (EPI), Liberation in a Generation, People's Parity Project, Progressive Change Institute, Public Citizen, Revolving Door Project, Social Security Works, Sunrise Movement

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Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development [Department Of Commerce - Economic Development Administration]

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Member (Council for Economic Advisers) [Executive Office Of The President - Council Of Economic Advisers]

Department Of Labor

Education:

B.A., Economics, Oberlin College; Ph.D., Economics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Affiliations:

Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race & Ethnicity/ Ohio State University (Executive Director)
John Glenn College of Public Affairs (Professor)
University of Michigan (Postdoctoral Researcher)
Yale University (Postdoctoral Researcher)
The New School for Social Research (Professor)
Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics/ Duke University (Associate Director)
The Samuel DuBois Cook Center on Social Equity (Senior Research Associate)
National Economics Association (President)
American Economics Association Summer Training & Minority Fellowship Program (Co-Associate Director)
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Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics/Duke University (Associate Director)
National Economic Association (President)
American Economic Association Summer Training and Minority Fellowship Program (Co-Associate Director)

Key Publications:

Famighetti, Christopher, and Darrick Hamilton. "The Great Recession, Education, Race, and Homeownership." (2019)
Darity, William, et al. "What We Get Wrong About Closing the Racial Gap." (2018)
Hamilton, Darrick, et al. "Whiter Jobs, Higher Wages: Occupational Segregation and the Lower Wages of Black Men." (2011)
See more

Testified:

Professor Darrick Hamilton testified before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights for a briefing on Higher Education (2015) (2015)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Ted Talk (2018) How "baby bonds" could help close the wealth gap
What is the real power of wealth (2018)
State of the Union 2019: Housing - Darrick Hamilton
Federal Spending and the National Debt (2011)
C-SPAN list

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RECOMMENDED FOR

Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs [Executive Office Of The President - Office Of Management And Budget: Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs]

Assistant Secretary of State (Energy Resources) [Department Of State - Bureau Of Energy Resources]

Education:

B.A., Washington University; LL.M., Georgetown University; J.D., Harvard Law School

Affiliations:

National Resource Defense Council
American Constitution Society
University of Richmond (Visiting Professor of Law)
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (Clerk)
National Association of Consumer Advocates
American Law Institute

Key Publications:

Should fracking be banned? Absolutely (2020)
Climate change isn't just cooking the planet. It's cooking our workforce. (2018)
How moving away from fossil fuels can save lives and lead to expanded health coverage (2017)
Can we afford to ignore climate change? (2016)

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Testified:

House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, How a Broken Process Leads to Flawed Regulations (2011)
Committee on House Administration, Fair Elections Now Act (2009)
House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, Credit Card Industry (2009)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

CSPAN, Consumers and Federal Regulations
C-SPAN, Consumer Product Safety
CGTN America, Trump's decision on the Paris Climate accord

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DEAN BAKER

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CEPR Domestic, CEPR International, Just Foreign Policy, Progressive Change Institute, Public Citizen

RECOMMENDED FOR

Assistant United States Trade Representative for Intellectual Property and Innovation Rights [Executive Office Of The President - Office Of The United States Trade Representative: Innovation And Intellectual Property]

Chair [Federal Reserve System]

Commissioner Member [Utah Reclamation Mitigation And Conservation Commission]

Governor [Federal Reserve System]

Member (Council for Economic Advisers) [Executive Office Of The President - Council Of Economic Advisers]

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office [Department Of Commerce - Us Patent And Trademark Office]

Social Security Administration

Education:

B.A., History, Swarthmore College; Ph.D., Economics, University of Michigan

Affiliations:

American Economic Association
Center for Economic and Policy Research (Co-Founder & Senior Economist)
Economic Policy Institute (Senior Economist)
Bucknell University (Assistant Professor)
World Bank (Consultant)
Joint Economic Committee of the US Congress (Consultant)
OECD's Trade Union Advisory Council (Consultant)
Common Dreams

Key Publications:

Rigged: How Globalization and the Rules of the Modern Economy Were Structured to Make the Rich Richer (2016)
Getting Back to Full Employment: A Better Bargain for Working People (2013)
The End of Loser Liberalism: Making Markets Progressive (2011)
Taking Economics Seriously (2010)

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Testified:

House Rules Committee, Medicare for All (2019)
U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission (2016)
House Financial Services Committee, ederal Reserve Reform Proposals (2018)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

St. Francis College
C-Span

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Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Education:

B.A., University of Illinois; M.A., Ph.D. Political Science, Yale University

Affiliations:

Center for Community Change, President
Economic Security Project, Co-Chair
Washington Center for Equitable Growth, Board Member
Working Partnerships USA, Board Member
National Employment Law Project, Board Member
Capital & Main, Board Member
The Nation Magazine, Editorial Board
University of Chicago, Professor
Columbia University, Professor
Columbia's Labor Law and Policy Program, Co-Director
Nerding Out, Executive Producer and Host

Key Publications:

How to Truly Eradicate Poverty (2015)
See more
The Hidden Rules of Race: Barriers to an Inclusive Economy (2018)
Politics, Race, and the Future of the U.S. Labor Movement (2013)
Republican Presidents Flunk the Economy: 11 Reasons Why America Does Worse under the GOP (2015)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Introducing Dorian Warren as Next CCC President
Basic Income & Racial Justice

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Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project

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Associate Director for Economic Policy [Executive Office Of The President - Office Of Management And Budget: Office Of The Director]

Council Of Economic Advisers [Executive Office Of The President]

Office Of Management And Budget [Executive Office Of The President]

Office Of Policy Development [Executive Office Of The President]

Department Of The Treasury

Education:

B.A., Public Policy, Brown University; Ph.D., Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Affiliations:

Yale University (Samuel C. Park Jr. Professor of Economics)
National Bureau of Economic Research (Research Associate)
National Academy of Science, Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education Advisory Committee (Member)
Journal of Economic Perspectives (Associate Editor)
Committee on the Status of Minority Groups in the Economics Profession (Co-Chair)

Key Publications:

"Support for Redistribution in an Age of Rising Inequality" (2015)
"Does Less Income Mean Less Representation?" (2013)
"How You Can Work to Increase the Presence and Improve the Experience of Black, Latinx, and Native American People in the Economics Profession" (2020)

CV: https://economics.yale.edu/sites/default/files/files/pub/CV/cv_ebonya_washington_0.pdf

Speaking Appearance (ex.): University of Michigan Ford School of Public Policy: "First of the Month: Grocers, shoppers, and purchasing power"



ERICA GROSHEN

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CEPR Domestic

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Governor [Federal Reserve System]

Education:

B.S., University of Wisconsin-Madison; Ph.D., Harvard University

Affiliations:

US Bureau of Labor Statistics (Commissioner)
Cornell University, ILR School (Senior Labor Economics Advisory and Visiting Senior Scholar)
Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Vice President)
Bank for International Settlements (Economics)
Barnard College (Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics)
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (Economist)
Coro Fellowship

Key Publications:

Structural Changes in U.S. Labor Markets: Causes and Consequences (Routledge) (1999)
"Opportunities and Challenges Facing the Bureau of Labor Statistics," Bus Econ (2015)
"How Government Statistics Adjust for Potential Biases from Quality Change and New Goods in an Age of Digital Technologies: A View from the Trenches," Journal of Economic Perspectives (2017)

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Testified:

House Joint Economics Committee, Testifying on the 2014 Jobs Report (2014)
Additional Jobs Report Testimonies

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

CornellCast, "COVID-19 impact: Erica Groshen on the post-pandemic labor market," Lecture
Future of Work Series, "Counting Workers in the Gig Economy," Conversation
C-SPAN, Future of American Workers Panel with Gregory Mankiw and Zanny Beddoes

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FATIMA GOSS GRAVES

Fatima Goss Graves is the President and CEO of the National Women's Law Center, where she has served in numerous roles for over a decade. She has a distinguished track record working across a broad set of issues central to women's lives, including income security, health and reproductive rights, education access, and workplace justice. She served on the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Select Task Force on the Study of Harassment in the Workplace. She serves as an advisor on the American Law Institute Project on Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct on Campus. She clerked for Hon. Diane Wood of the US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and was a litigator at the law firm of Mayer Brown LLP. She is widely recognized for her effectiveness in the complex public policy arena at both the state and federal levels, regularly testifies before Congress and federal agencies, and is a frequent speaker at conferences and other public education forums. Goss Graves appears often in print and on-air as a legal expert on issues core to women's lives, including in The New York Times,The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, AP, Chicago Tribune, LA Times, San Francisco Chronicle, CNN, MSNBC, PBS, and NPR. She holds a B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles and a J.D. from Yale Law School.

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National Women's Law Center, Progressive Change Institute

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Assistant to the President and Director of the Domestic Policy Council [Executive Office Of The President - White House Office]

Education:

B.A., UCLA; J.D., Yale Law School

Affiliations:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (Clerk)
Ford Foundation (Public Voices Fellow)
National Women's Law Center (President & CEO)
American Law Institute Project on Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct (Advisor)
Law Firm of Mayer Brown LLP (Litigator)
TIMES-UP Legal Defense Fund (Co-Founder)
U.S. Court of Appeals/ Diane P. Wood (Clerk)
American Law Institute Project on Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct (Adviser)
Ford Foundation (Fellow)

Key Publications:

Graves, Fatima Goss. "A Victory for Women's Health Advocates." National Law Journal, National Law Journal, 4 July 2016, www.law.com/nationallawjournal/almID/1202761600499/?slreturn=20200621124627. (2016)

Graves, Fatima Goss, et al. "Unlocking Opportunity for African American Girls ." National Women's Law Center, National Women's Law Center & The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc, 2014, www.nwlc.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/unlocking_opportunity_for_african_american_girls_final.pdf. (2014)

Graves, Fatima Goss. We Must Deal With k-12 Sexual Assault. National Law Journal , 30 Mar. 2015, 118.6f2.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/FGG-National-Law-Journal-k-12-Sexual-Assault.pdf. (2015)

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Testified:

Testified: House Committee on Oversight and Reform Examining State Efforts to Undermine Access to Reproductive Health Care (2019)

U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, Reauthorizing the Higher Education Act: Addressing Campus Sexual Assault and Ensuring Student Safety and Rights (2019)

The House Oversight and Reform Committee held a hearing on restrictions in some states to reproductive health care services (https://www.c-span.org/video/?466400-1/womens-reproductive-health)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Time's Up Legal Defense: Catching Up With Fatima Goss Graves | Forbes:

Fatima Goss Graves, National Women's Law Center CEO & President, gives Chris her take on whether Brett Kavanaugh should be confirmed CSPAN:

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GLEN SEARS

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Assistant Secretary (Financial Institutions) [Department Of The Treasury - Under Secretary For Domestic Finance: Assistant Secretary For Financial Institutions]

Department Of Housing And Urban Development

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Affiliations:

House Financial Services Committee (Senior Policy Advisor); US Department of the Treasury (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Banking and Finance); Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs); Office of Rep. Debbie Moore (Staff Assistant)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.): Council of Inspectors General on Financial Oversight



GRAHAM STEELE

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Education:

J.D., George Washington University Law School, 2006; B.A., Political Science, University of Rochester, 2002

Affiliations:

Senate Banking Committee (Minority Chief Counsel)
National Community Reinvestment Coalition (Member, Innovation Council for Financial Inclusion)
Omidyar Network (Senior Advisor)
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Advisor)
Sherrod Brown (Legislative Assistant)
Public Citizen's Congress Watch (Policy Counsel)
American Economic Liberties Project (Senior Fellow)
Corporations and Society Initiative (Director)

Key Publications:

"Emergency Guarantee Authority: Not Letting a Crisis Go to Waste," Columbia Law School Blue Sky Blog (2019)
"The $40 Billion Gift That Wall Street Doesn't Deserve," American Banker (2019)
"Finance Took Over the Economy. No Wonder Facebook Wants its Own Currency," The Washington Post (2019)
"Overhaul the Business of Wall Street," The American Prospect (2019)
"There's a Lot We Still Don't Know About Libra," New York Times (2019)
"Climate Change Is a Financial Crisis, Too," Bloomberg (2019)
"Climate Change Threatens the Stability of the Financial System," Center for American Progress (2019)
"A Regulatory Green Light: How Dodd-Frank Can Address Wall Street's Role in the Climate Crisis," Great Democracy Initiative (2020)
"Dealing with the Carbon Bubble: The Senate Select Committee on the Climate Crisis," Duke Law Global Financial Markets Center FinReg Blog (2020)
"Avoiding the 'Climate Lehman Moment'," Oxford Business Law Blog (2020)
"The Crisis in Financial Markets Began Before COVID-19," The American Prospect (2020)
"Dodd-Frank Didn't Build Stress Testing for Coronavirus," American Banker (2020)
"A Climate Bailout Is a Big Finance Bailout," The American Prospect (2020)
"Rethinking the Fed," The Hill (2020)
"ESG Carrots and Climate Sticks: Evaluating the Roles of Mandates and Incentives in Climate Financial Regulation," Duke Law Global Financial Markets Center FinReg (2020)
"Extending the Consumer Safety Net: How the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Can Use Its Authority to Protect Vulnerable Consumers" Great Democracy Initiative (2020)
"Consumers Need Help to Avert a COVID-19 Financial Crisis," Barron's (2020)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

A Tale of Two Bailouts, American Economic Liberties Project
Populism & Political Economy, The Capitol Forum

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Affiliations:

US Department of the Treasury Office of Financial Institutions (Graduate Fellow)
Center for American Progress (Senior Policy Analyst)
Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta (Intern)
Office of Sen. Jack Reed (Intern)
Swiss Re Group (Intern)

Key Publications:

"Climate Change Is a Financial Crisis, Too," Bloomberg (2019)
"How Workers Get Paid Is Changing: Consumer Protections Need to Catch Up," Center for American Progress (2019)
"AIG is no longer too big to fail and taxpayers deserve to know why," The Hill (2017)
"Strengthening the Regulation and Oversight of Shadow Banks: Revitalizing the Financial Stability Oversight Council" (2019)

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HAL SINGER

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George Washington Institute of Public Policy (Senior Fellow); Georgetown University McDonough School of Business (Adjunct Professor); Managing Director (EconOne)



HEATHER BOUSHEY

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Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. Congress (Economist)
National Poverty Center (Research Affiliate)
WorkingUSA (Editorial Board)
Journal of Poverty (Editorial Board)
Scholars Strategy Network (Family, Labor, and Inequality Scholar)
Center for Economic and Policy Research (Economist)
Center for American Progress (Economist)
Economic Policy Institute (Economist)
Washington Center for Equitable Growth (Co-Founder, President, and CEO)
Opportunity Institute (Board Member)
New School for Social Research (Senior Fellow for Economic and Policy Analysis)
Hillary Clinton's Transition Team (Chief Economist)

Key Publications:

Unbound: How Inequality Constricts Our Economy and What We Can Do About It (2019)
Finding Time: The Economics of Work-Life Conflict (2016)
The Shriver Report: A Woman's Nation Changes Everything (2009)
2020
The State of Working America (2003)
Hardships in America: The Real Story of Working Families (2001)
Has growing inequality contributed to rising household economic distress? (2008)
Take Two: The President's Proposal to Stimulate the Economy and Create Jobs - Testimony Before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (2011)
Bridging the Gaps: A Picture of How Work Supports Work in Ten States (2007)
Understanding Low-Wage Work in the United States (2007)
Impact of Proposed Minimum-Wage Increase on Low-income Families (2005)

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Testified:

Democratic Platform Drafting Committee (2016)
Council of the District of Columbia Committee: Paid leave (2016)
U.S. Senate Finance Committee: Fairness in taxation (2015)
U.S. Senate Budget Committee: on Expanding Economic Opportunity for Women and Families (2014)
U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: raising the federal minimum wage (2014)
House Ways and Means Committee: House Democratic Forum on Tax Reform (2017)
House Labor Committee: Equal Pay for Women (2007)
House Committee on Education and Workforce: unemployment and family stability (2011)
See full list of testimonies
Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: on Tax Reform and Manufacturing (2012)
Unbound: How Inequality Constricts Our Economy and What We Can Do About It (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN
PBS
CNN

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Affiliations:

Demos, President, Distinguished Senior Fellow
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Color of Change, Board Member
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Open Society Foundations US Programs, Board Member
Americans for Financial Reform, Co-Chair
United Auto Workers, Owen Bieber Social Change Award
New York University, McSilver Award for Leaders in the Fight Against Poverty
Citizen Action of New York, Progressive Leadership Award

Key Publications:

African American Racial Justice Leaders Respond to Starbucks (2018)
Beyond Resistance: How Democrats Can Win Back Working Families (2017)
We Need More Emotion and More Urgency in the Fight Against Climate Change (2016)
The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together (2020)
New York Can Win on Climate and Racial Justice (2020)

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Testified:

Senate Committee on the Judiciary, on the Nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch (2017)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Ted Talk: Racism has a cost for everyone
A New 'We the People' for a Sustainable Future
Ford Foundation: Transforming Organizations from the Inside

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Education:

B.S., University of Florida; J.D., Boston University

Affiliations: Principles for Responsible Investment (Head of US Policy)

Key Publications:

- Investors Are Asking Companies About Covid-19 Responses (2020)
- Working People Need a Strong CFPB with a Leader Who Supports Its Existence (2017)
- Six Years After Dodd–Frank, a Lot of What Occurs on Wall Street Is Nothing More Than Gambling (2016)

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Testified:

- Financial Services Committee (2019)
- Senate Banking Hearing (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- CNBC
- Take On Wall Street
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Secretary of Labor [Department Of Labor - Office Of The Secretary]

Federal Reserve System

Education:

Ph.D. Economics, University of Michigan; M.A. Economics, University of Michigan; M.S. Statistics, Iowa State University; B.A. Mathematics, Grinnell College

Affiliations:

US Department of Labor (Chief Economist to the Secretary of Labor); Economic Policy Institute (Senior Economist and Director of Policy); University of Toronto (Assistant Professor of Economics)

Key Publications:

Bernstein, Jared, and Heidi Shierholz. "THE MINIMUM WAGE: A CRUCIAL LABOR STANDARD THAT IS WELL TARGETED TO LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS." Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, vol. 33, no. 4, 2014, pp. 1036–1043 (2014)

Mishel, Lawrence, et al. "Wage Inequality: A Story of Policy Choices." New Labor Forum, vol. 23, no. 3, 2014, pp. 26–31 (2014)

Wolfson, Martin H.; Epstein, Gerald A. (21 Feb 2013). The Handbook of the Political Economy of Financial Crises. Oxford: Oxford University Press. ISBN 978-0-19-975723-7 (2013)

Mishel, Lawrence; Bivens, Josh; Gould, Elise; Shierholz, Heidi (18 Dec 2012). The State of Working America, 12th Edition. Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press. ISBN 978-0801478550 (2012)

Mishel, Lawrence; Bernstein, Jared; Shierholz, Heidi (26 Mar 2009). The State of Working America, 2008/2009. Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press. ISBN 978-0801474774 (2009)

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Testified:

Education & Labor Committee: Workforce Protections Subcommittee, Value of Work (2019)

Education & Labor Committee: Workforce Protections Subcommittee, Regulatory Reform (2018)

House Oversight and Reform Committee: Coronavirus and Essential Workers (2020)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Economic Policy Institute, coronavirus, workers, and the economy

Economic Policy Institute, unemployment

Economic Policy Institute, The Weak Economy is Idling Too Many Young Graduates

C-SPAN, Impact of Coronavirus Pandemic on Workers

C-SPAN, Efforts to Raise the Federal Minimum Wage

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- Blue Haven Initiative (Co-Founder)
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- Issue One (Board of Directors)
- Social Finance (Board of Directors)
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- National Advisory Board for Public Service at Harvard College
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Speaking Appearance (ex.): The Economist

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Associate Director for Economic Policy [Executive Office Of The President - Office Of Management And Budget: Office Of The Director]

Federal Reserve System

Education:

BA, Music, Manhattan School of Music; MS, Social Work, Hunter College; MS, Philosophy, PhD, Social Welfare, Columbia University

Affiliations:

U.S. Department of Labor
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (Senior Fellow)
Howard University (Professor)
Columbia University (Professor)
New York University (Professor)

Key Publications:

All Together Now: Common Sense for a Fair Economy (2006)
Crunch: Why Do I Feel So Squeezed? (And Other Unsolved Economic Mysteries) (2008)
The State of Working America (1998)

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Testified:

Joint Economic Committee Democrats (2017)
House Financial Services Committee: National Debt and the Economy (2018)
Joint Economic Committee (2016)
Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pension Committee (2011)
House Financial Services Committee (2018)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN
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Affiliations:

- UN Secretary-General António Guterres (Special Advisor)
- UN Millennium Project (Chair)
- WHO Commission on Macroeconomics and Health (Chair)
- World Bank (Adviser)
- International Monetary Fund (Adviser)
- ITU/UNESCO Broadband Commission for Development (Commissioner)
- The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria
- George W. Bush (PEPFAR program)
- Columbia University (Director of The Earth Institute)
- UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan (Special Advisor)
- UN Secretary-General Ban-Ki Moon (Special Advisor)

Key Publications:

- The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time (2005)
- Common Wealth: Economics for a Crowded Planet (2008)
- The Price of Civilization: Reawakening American Virtue and Prosperity (2011)
- To Move the World: JFK's Quest for Peace (2013)

Testified:

- Government Assistance to Automotive Industry (12/5/2008)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- CNN: Why Jeffrey Sachs is 'pessimistic' about economic recovery
- Democracy Now: Jeffrey Sachs: Trump's incompetence is "endangering the American people" during COVID-19

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JENNIFER TAUB

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Securities And Exchange Commission

Education:

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Affiliations:

APPEAL (the Association for the Promotion of Political Economy and the Law (Co-founder and board member)
Tax March
Section on Financial Institutions and Consumer Financial Services
Impeach Trump Now
University of Illinois College of Law (Visiting Professor)
University of Connecticut School of Law (Visiting Professor)
Fidelity Investments (Associate General Counsel)

Key Publications:

Corporate and White Collar Crime: Cases and Materials (2017)
Great Expectations for the Office of Financial Research (2010)
The Subprime Specter Returns: High Finance and the Growth of High-Risk Consumer Debt (2015)
Able but Not Willing: The Failure of Mutual Fund Advisers to Advocate for Shareholders' Rights, (2009)
Managers in the Middle: Seeing and Sanctioning Corporate Political Spending after Citizens United (2012)
Other People's Houses, favorably mentioned by Nobel Laureate Robert Shiller (2014)
What We Don't Talk About When We Talk About Banking (2012)
Regulating in the Light: Harnessing Political Entrepreneurs' Energy for Post-Crisis Sunlight Hearings (2015)
Big Dirty Money: The Shocking Injustice and Unseen Cost of White Collar Crime (2020)
"Shadow Banking" and "Financial Deregulation" in the Oxford Encyclopedia of American Business, Labor, and Economic History (2013)

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Testified:

Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Bank Capital and Liquidity Regulation (2016)
House Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises (2016)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Independent UK
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Speaking Appearance (ex.): Black Workers Roundtable: Policy Priorities during the 2020 Presidential Race

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- Development Without Limits (Co-Executive Director)
- Insight Center for Community Economic Development (Vice President of Programs & Strategy)
- Thrive Point Group (Partner & Senior Education Consultant)
- California Tomorrow (Project Director)
- Youth Together (Board Member)
- Pacifica Family Maternity Center (Board Member)
- Organizing Youth (Collective Member)

Key Publications:

- The US's Failed Response to the Pandemic Is Rooted in Anti-Blackness (2020)
- Centering Blackness: The Path to Economic Liberation for All (2020)
- What the Moms 4 Housing Movement Reveals About the Homelessness Crisis (2020)
- Exploring Guaranteed Income Through a Racial and Gender Justice Lens (2019)
- Centering Women of Color is the Path Forward to Economic Security for Millennials (2019)
- Sexual Harassment Isn't a "Women's Issue"—It's an Economic Epidemic (2019)
- See Ms. Magazine posts
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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- Economic Policy Institute, Anti-Blackness and the COVID Response
- Policy Link, Why Child Support in California Goes to the Government
- Point Source Youth, Structural Barriers: Racism, Trans Bias, Stigma, Capital
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MPA, Economics & Public Policy, Princeton; BA, International Development Studies, UCLA

Affiliations:

US Department of the Treasury
US Department of State
Democratic National Committee Hope Fellow
StartingBloc Social Innovation Fellow
Roosevelt Institute
Sustain US
Marcus Garvey and UNIA Papers Project

Key Publications:

How Economic Assumptions Uphold Racist Systems (2020)
How Progressive Is the Stimulus? (2017)
A Survival Guide for the Coronavirus Economy (2020)
See Roosevelt Institute articles (2020)
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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN, Millennial Generation
US National Archives, National Conversations on #rightsandjustice
Stanford Social Innovation Review, Policymaking as Power Building
Matter of Fact, An Economic "Boom" for Whom
Cheddar, Coronavirus fund aims to create a more inclusive economy

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US House Financial Services Committee (Professional Staff Member)
Office of Representative Chuy Garcia (Legislative Assistant)
Center for Popular Democracy (Deputy Campaign Manager, Fed Up)
California Assembly Democratic Caucus (Senior Consultant)
Citizen Engagement Laboratory (Campaign Associate)
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Key Publications:

Economic Policy Institute, "Impressive, incomplete, and under threat: Janet Yellen's legacy at the Federal Reserve" (2017)
The American Prospect, "Would Instant-Runoff Voting Cure What Ails American Politics?" (2016)
HuffPost, "Is Governor Brown Playing 13 Tzameti With the Climate?" (2013)
Washington Monthly, "The 'Borking' of America" (2018)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.): Wisconsin Examiner, "Laying out what is coming in the COVID-19 relief package, and where it falls short"

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Initiative for Policy Dialogue
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Chairman of the U.N. Commission on Reforms of the International Monetary and Financial System
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Key Publications:

People, Power, and Profits: Progressive Capitalism for an Age of Discontent (2019)
The Price of Inequality: How Today's Divided Society Endangers Our Future (2012)
Globalization and Its Discontents Revisited: Anti-Globalization in the Era of Trump (2017)

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Testified:

Budget CommitteeHearing on Opportunity, Mobility, and Inequality (2014)
Hearing on Compensation in the Financial Industry, House Committee on Financial Services (2010)
The Future of Financial Services Regulation," House Financial Services Committee (2008)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Bloomberg
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Euro News

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KATIE PORTER

Katie Porter is the US Representative for California's 45th Congressional District. Porter is an expert in consumer finance law, and wrote the textbook, 'Modern Consumer Law,' which addresses consumer laws in light of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Porter has a reputation for though questioning during congressional hearings. Porter's questioning of CDC Director Robert Redfield at a coronavirus response prompted the agency to commit to free coronavirus testing. In March 2012, California Attorney General Kamala Harris named Porter the California State Independent Bank Monitor in conjunction with a $25 billion mortgage settlement. As Monitor, Porter oversaw the disbursement of $9.5 billion in settlements. Porter shepherded in the 2009 Credit CARD Act, which enacted federal protection from abusive credit card fees. Porter has received awards for her scholarship and public service. She was named among the Top 100 Lawyers in California in 2012, and received the Champion of Consumer Rights Award from the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys and the American Bankruptcy Law Journal's Editors' Prize for Best Article. Porter holds a B.A. from Yale University and a J.D. from Harvard University.

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Director [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau]

Education:

J.D., Harvard University; B.A., Yale University

Affiliations:

U.S. House
California Attorney General's office (employed)
United States Court of Appeals -8th circuit (employed)
National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (employed, University of Nevada- Las Vegas)
University of California - Irvine (employed)
University of Iowa (employed)

Key Publications:

Co-author: The Law of Debtors and Creditors (Wolters Kluwer 2014) (2014)
Edited: Broke: How Debt Bankrupts the Middle Class (Stanford Press 2012) (2012)
Author: Modern Consumer Law (Wolters Kluwer 2016) (2016)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Watch Rep. Katie Porter's master class in Congressional hearings- MSNBC (2020):
Congresswoman Katie Porter secures free coronavirus testing for all Americans:
Representative Katie Porter talks about her reputation for asking tough questions and how she thinks Congress should adapt to the age of COVID-19:
Coronavirus response hearing:
Representative Katie Porter (D-CA) spoke to reporters after attending what she described as a "heated" briefing with federal health officials on the response to the coronavirus outbreak- CSPAN (2020):
Full C-SPAN list:

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KEVIN BURRIS

Kevin Burris is the Chief Oversight Counsel on the House Financial Services Committee. He specializes in intellectual property, corporate, public finance, tax, securities and investment law. He was Counsel on the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee and on the Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee. Burris was a Legal Fellow for Rep. Charlie Rangel. He holds a B.A. in Political Science and Government from University of Maryland-College Park and J.D. from Harvard University.

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House Financial Services Committee, Director of Oversight & Investigations (Chief Oversight Counsel)
Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee
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CEPR Domestic, HEAL Food Alliance, Institute for Local Self-Reliance, Open Markets Institute, People's Parity Project, Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project, Surveillance Technology Oversight Project (STOP), The Athena Coalition

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Chief, Competition Policy Section [Department Of Justice - Office Of The Associate Attorney General: Antitrust Division]

Commissioner [Federal Trade Commission - Office Of The Chairman]

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Education:

B.A., Williams College; J.D., Yale University

Affiliations:

US House Judiciary Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law (Majority Counsel)
Federal Trade Commission (Office of Commissioner Rohit Chopra)
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Enforcement Division)
New America (Policy Analyst and Reporter)
Open Markets Institute (Former Legal Director)
Open Markets Program (Fellow)
Columbia Law School (Fellow)

Key Publications:

The End of Antitrust History Revisited (2020)
The Case for 'Unfair Methods of Competition' Rulemaking (2020)
"The New Brandeis Movement: America's Antimonopoly Debate," Journal of European Competition Law & Practice (2018)
America Has a Major Market Power Problem and SCOTUS Just Made It Worse (2018)
The Supreme Court just quietly gutted antitrust law (2018)
Market Power and Inequality: The Antitrust Counterrevolution and its Discontents (2017)
Restoring Competition in the U.S. Economy," in Untamed: How to Check Corporate, Financial, and Monopoly Power (2016)
Antitrust: New Tools to Promote Competition (2016)
How to reboot the FTC (2016)
CFPB Shows That Arbitration Doesn't Work for Consumers (2015)
How America Became Uncompetitive and Unequal (2014)
Why you might pay more than your neighbor for the same bottle of salad dressing (2014)
The Slow-Motion Collapse of American Entrepreneurship (2012)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN
The Capital Forum Interview Series

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LISA DONNER

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CEPR Domestic, New York Communities for Change, Public Citizen

RECOMMENDED FOR

Director [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau]

Education: BA, Harvard University

Affiliations:

- Americans for Financial Reform (Executive Director)
- Center for American Progress, Half in Ten Campaign (Executive Director)
- Center for Working Families (Co-Director)
- ACORN Financial Justice Center (Executive Director)
- New York State Commission on Property Tax Relief (Special Advisor)
- Expanding Prosperity Impact Collaborative (EPIC) of the Aspen Institute (Financial Security Program Advisor)
- Service Employees International Union (SEIU) (Organizer)

Key Publications:

- "Community Organizing and Advocacy: FIghting Predatory Lending and Making a Difference," Why the Poor Pay More: How to Stop Predatory Lending (Praeger Publishing) (2004)
- "Should the US ease regulation on its big banks?," The Financial Times (2018)
- "Consumer bureau moves to prevent the next Wells Fargo-style scandal," The Hill (2017)
- "'Rip-off clause' in contracts lets Wall Street effectively steal from consumers," The Hill (2016)

CV: http://financelawpolicy.umich.edu/speaker/lisa-donner

Testified:

- The House of Representatives, testimony on passing the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009 (2009)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- Capitol Hill Briefing on Financial Transaction Tax, Speaker
- The Brookings Institution, "A Decade of Dodd-Frank," Panelist
- The Progressive Strategy Summit 2019, "Reining in Private Equity," Panelist
- Philanthropy NY, "The Future of Finance: Shifting Power and Wealth from Wall Street to Main Street," Speaker
- University of Georgia School of Law Panel on the US Banking System, Speaker
- The Atlantic Philanthropies, "Celebrating Financial Reform: What Happened and What's Next?" Panelist
- 2019 Consumer Protection Conference at University of Michigan, Panelist
- The Summit to Realize the Dream, "Redressing Poverty," C-SPAN, Panelist

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MARCUS STANLEY

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Associate Director for Economic Policy [Executive Office Of The President - Office Of Management And Budget: Office Of The Director]

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Member (Council for Economic Advisers) [Executive Office Of The President - Council Of Economic Advisers]

Federal Reserve System

Education: PhD, Public Policy, Harvard University

Affiliations:

US Joint Economic Committee (Senior Economist)
Senator Barbara Boxer (Economic and Policy Advisor)
Americans for Financial Reform (Policy Director)
American Banker (Contributor)
The Federalist Society (Contributor)

Key Publications:

States Need Help From the Fed This Time (2020)
How to Make Sure Bad Bankers Are Held Accountable (2016)
There Are Real Reasons to Bring Back Glass-Steagall (2016)
See more

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Testified:

Senate Banking Committee, Small Capital Formation (2015)
House Financial Services Committee, Dodd-Frank (2015)
Senate Banking Committee, Small Depository Institutions (2014)
House Financial Services Committee, Capital Regimes for Financial Institutions (2018)
House Financial Services Committee, Deregulatory Bills (2017)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Economic Policy Institute, Wall Street and the next recession
EU Reporter, structural reforms needed
Cato Institute, Federal Reserve's Rescue Authority
Brookings Institution, AIG 2008

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MARK WEISBROT

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PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY INTERNATIONAL MONETARY POLICY [Department Of The Treasury - Under Secretary For International Affairs: Assistant Secretary For International Markets And De]

Education: Ph.D., Economics, University of Michigan

Affiliations:

Center for Economic and Policy Research (Co-Director); Just Foreign Policy (President); Economists for Peace & Security (Board of Directors); The Preamble Center (Research Director)

Key Publications:

- Failed: What the "Experts" Got Wrong about the Global Economy (Oxford University Press) (2015)
- The New York Times, "Lives Depend on Argentina's Debt Talks" (2020)
- The Nation, "Trump's Other 'National Emergency': Sanctions That Kill Venezuelans" (2019)
- The Guardian, "Silence reigns on the US-backed coup against Evo Morales in Bolivia" (2020)
- CEPR, "The World Economy Needs a Stimulus: IMF Special Drawing Rights Are Critical to Containing the Pandemic and Boosting the World Economy" (2020)
- Co-Author, Social Security: The Phony Crisis (University of Chicago Press) (2000)

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Testified:

- US Senate Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommitee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, and Narcotics Affairs, testifying on democracy in Venezuela (2004)
- US House Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, testifying on Argentina's economy (2002)
- House Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations, testifying on the International Monetary Fund and its operations in Russia (1998)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- BBC News, discussing Bolivian elections
- American University, "IMF in the Caribbean & Latin America: Love Affair or Bad Romance?" Expert Panelist
- GFDD Global Roundtable, ""As Long as Sovereignty and Democracy Persist, Latin American Countries Will Continue to Grow and Develop"

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MARY SCHAPIRO

Mary Schapiro is the Vice Chair for Global Public Policy and Special Advisor to the Founder and Chair at the Center for Audit Quality. She was the first woman to Chair the Securities and Exchange Commission. Schapiro was appointed by President Obama. She brought record enforcement actions to the agency; pursued scores of individuals and entities in connection with the financial crisis; put in place a series of measures to bolster the resilience of US equity market structure and reduce the likelihood of another "flash crash"; presided over one of the busiest rulemaking agendas in the agency's history; obtained significant responsibilities for derivatives, hedge funds and credit rating agencies as a result of financial reform legislation; and underwent a comprehensive restructuring to become more effective in its investor protection mission. She was CEO of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the largest non-governmental regulator for securities firms doing business with the US public. Schapiro previously served as a Commissioner of the SEC, appointed by President Reagan, reappointed by President George H.W. Bush, and named Acting Chair by President Clinton. President Clinton appointed her Chair of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, making her the first person to have served as Chair of both the SEC and CFTC. Schapiro is a member of the International Organization of Securities Commissions. She served on the boards of Kraft Foods, Duke Energy, and Franklin and Marshall College. Schapiro was named the Financial Women's Association Public Sector Woman of the Year in 2000. She received a Visionary Award from the National Council on Economic Education honoring her as a "champion of economic empowerment." She holds a B.A. from Franklin and Marshall College and a J.D. from George Washington University.

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MEHRSA BARADARAN

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Amazon Watch, CEPR Domestic, Debt Collective, Progressive Change Institute, Public Citizen, Revolving Door Project, Sierra Club, Sunrise Movement

RECOMMENDED FOR

Comptroller of the Currency [Department Of The Treasury - Comptroller Of The Currency]

Member of the Board of Directors (Appointive) [Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation]

Education:

B.A., Brigham Young University; J.D., New York University

Affiliations:

Council of Economic Advisors
Brigham Young University
Associate Professor
UC Irvine (Professor of Law)
University of Georgia School of Law (Associate Dean)

Key Publications:

Unsanitized: A Crisis to End All Crises (2020)
The Neoliberal Looting of America (2020)
The Color of Money: Black Banks and the Racial Wealth Gap (2017)
How the Other Half Banks (2015)
See full list

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Testified:

US House of Representatives Committee on Financial Services 2020, Inclusive banking during COVID (2020)
Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, virtual currencies and online marketplaces (2019)
House Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions, Community Reinvestment and Redlining (2017)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN, How the Other Half Banks
Harvard Law School, Keynote address
Rep. Deborah Gonzalez, Interview with Mehrsa Baradaran
TedX, Postal Banking
Economic Policy Institute, Color of Money

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MICHAEL GEORGE

Michael George is a Program Officer at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, where he focuses on how policy can be used to improve social mobility and reduce inequality. George works to improve access and delivery of key benefits like the CARES Act cash stimulus, SNAP, EITC, and UI, with a $34 million portfolio. As a Manager and Policy Director at the Oakland Children's Initiative, George led policy development for a ballot initiative to expand preschool, child care, and college access and completion. He managed a $2 million budget and over 50 staff. George worked on anti-poverty policy, education, and labor standards as an intern at the White House National Economic Council. He held internships at Social Finance in London and Instiglio in Colombia, were he developed results-based financing initiatives to improve program delivery. He was a Research Assistant to Professors Raj Chetty and Nathaniel Hendren at the Harvard Department of Economics. He was the founding Chief of Staff at Opportunity@Work, a civic enterprise. George has received numerous awards for his scholarship, including a Marshall Scholarship, the Hoopes Prize for Best Undergraduate Research, the Sir Tony Atkinson Award for his study of inequality and poverty, and the Hobhouse Memorial Prize for Best Master's research dissertation from the London School of Economics. He holds a B.A. from Harvard University, an M.Sc. from the London School of Economics, and an M.Sc. from Oxford University.

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Economic Policy Institute (EPI), Progressive Change Institute

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Deputy Assistant Secretary (Macroeconomic Analysis) [Department Of The Treasury - Assistant Secretary (Economic Policy)]

Education:

B.A., Government, Harvard University, 2014; M.Sc., Inequalities and Social Science, The London School of Economics, 2016; M.Sc., Comparative Social Policy, University of Oxford, 2017

Affiliations:

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (Program Officer, Economic Mobility & Opportunity)
Mayor's Office of Oakland (Urban Leaders Fellow)
Oakland Children's Initiative (Manager and Policy Director)
Opportunity@Work (Founding Chief of Staff)
Harvard University Lab for Economic Applications and Policy (Research Fellow)
Parliament of the United Kingdom (Policy Assistant to the Chair of All-Party Parliamentary)
White House National Economic Council (Policy Intern)

Key Publications:

SSRN, "Social Mobility and Support for Redistribution: Separating the American Dream from Policy Preferences" (2017)
SSRN, "European America: The Effect of Underreported Transfer Benefits and Cost-of-Living on Cross-National Poverty Analysis" (2017)
The Harvard Crimson, "Fired Insomnia Cookie Employees Protest Alleged Labor Violations, Call for Higher Wages" (2013)

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MICHAEL CARRIER

Michael Carrier is a Distinguished Professor of Law at Rutgers Law School. He is a leading authority in antitrust and intellectual property law, with particular expertise in the pharmaceutical and high-technology industries. Carrier has testified before the Federal Trade Commission, the Food and Drug Administration, National Academies of Sciences, the Senate Judiciary Committee, and the House Energy and Commerce Committee. He has given talks to the Department of Justice, state attorneys general, and the Canadian Competition Bureau. Carrier's scholarship has been cited in opinions of the US Supreme Court, California Supreme Court, DC Circuit, Second Circuit, Third Circuit, Fourth Circuit, Tenth Circuit, district courts, the International Trade Commission, the Federal Trade Commission, and in congressional hearings, government officials' speeches, and federal agency reports. He has written amicus briefs on behalf of hundreds of professors in the US as well as antitrust and consumer organizations. Carrier has written more than 100 book chapters and articles for the law review journals of over 15 esteemed law schools, and has been quoted more than 1,200 times in national media outlets, including ABC, CBS, CNBC, CNN Money, ESPN, Fox, NBC, NPR, USA Today, Bloomberg, Financial Times, Forbes, Fortune, HuffPost, the Los Angeles Times, the San Francisco Chronicle, the Philadelphia Inquirer, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, and The New York Times. Carrier holds a B.A. from Yale University and a J.D. from University of Michigan.

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Commissioner [Federal Trade Commission - Office Of The Chairman]

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JD, University of Michigan; BA, Yale

Affiliations:

Antitrust Law Journal (Contributing Editor)
American Antitrust Institute (Board of Advisors)
Association of American Law Schools, Antitrust & Economic Regulation (Executive Committee)
2016 ABA Antitrust Section's Presidential Transition Task Force (Member)
Honorable John Butzner on the US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (Clerk)
Covington & Burling LLP (Antitrust, civil, and intellectual property litigator)
Rutgers University (Professor of Law)

Key Publications:

IP and Antitrust: An Analysis of Antitrust Principles Applied to Intellectual Property Law, Third Edition (2017)
Intellectual Property and Competition (2011)
Innovation for the 21st Century: Harnessing the Power of Intellectual Property and Antitrust Law (2011)
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Testified:

House Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, antitrust and pharmaceuticals (2019)
Senate Judiciary Committee, Intellectual Property and the Price of Prescription Drugs (2019)
House Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Health, lowering high drug prices (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

NJTV News, Walmart buying competitor
GW Law, anticompetitive pharmaceutical company actions
NYU Law, Antitrust and Institutional Issues

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MORGAN HARPER

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Education:

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Affiliations:

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Senior Advisor to the Director)
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REBECCA BORNÉ

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Affiliations:

Center for Responsible Lending (Senior Policy Counsel); National Consumer Law Center's Consumer Banking and Payments Law Treatise (Contributing Author)

Key Publications:

Advocates Condemn FDIC Rule that Encourages Predatory High-Cost Loans through Rent-A-Bank Schemes (2020)
High-Cost Bank Loans a Step in the Wrong Direction (2018)
High-Cost Installment Loans: No Improvement Over Payday Loans (2017)
Been There; Done That: Banks Should Stay Out of Payday Lending (2017)
Consumers Overwhelmingly Support Bank Overdraft Reforms (2010)
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Testified:

Amicus Brief to the Second Circuit, Roberts vs Capital One (2017)
House Special Committee on Aging, payday loans (2013)
House Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, HUD's Proposed RESPA Rule (2008)
Cited before House Committee on Financial Services, Opportunities for Financial Markets in the Digital Era (2018)

Speaking Appearance (ex.): CBS, Banks find loophole in banned payday loans

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REBECCA SMULLIN

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US Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (Attorney-Advisor)
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Testified:

Amicus Brief to the US District Court for the District of Columbia, US vs Facebook (2018)
Amicus brief to the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia in English vs Trump (2018)
Amicus Brief to US District Court Western District of Texas Austin, Consumer Service Alliance of Texas vs CFPB (2018)
Amicus Brief to the US Supreme Court, Secretary of State of Ohio vs Ohio Republican Party (2008)

Speaking Appearance (ex.): US PIRG, what state level leaders can do when the federal government isn't protecting consumers

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Chairman [Federal Trade Commission - Office Of The Chairman]

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Secretary [Department Of Commerce - Immediate Office]

Education:

B.A., Harvard University; M.B.A, University of Pennsylvania

Affiliations:

Federal Trade Commission (Commissioner)
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Assistant Director)
McKinsey & Company (Associate)
U.S. Department of Education (Special Advisor to the Secretary)
Center for American Progress (Senior Fellow)
Roosevelt Institute (Visiting Fellow)

Key Publications:

Statement Regarding Dark Patterns in the Matter of Age of Learning (2020)
Statement Regarding the Hearing on Oversight of the Federal Trade Commission (2020)
See more
Statement on 10th Anniversary of Enactment of Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (2020)

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Testified:

Senate Commerce, Science,and Transportation Committee, Techology Companies and Antitrust Law (2020)
House Judiciary Subcommittee Hearing on Online Data and Privacy (2019)
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Service, Federal Trade Commission (2019)
Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, Private Student Loans (2012)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

CNBC, Big Tech monopolies
C-SPAN, Student Debt
C-SPAN, Student Loan Interest Rate

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Open Markets Institute, Progressive Change Institute, Public Citizen, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs [Executive Office Of The President - Office Of Management And Budget: Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs]

Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Director of the National Economic Council [Executive Office Of The President - White House Office]

Federal Trade Commission

Small Business Administration

Education:

B.A., Harvard University; M.Sc and M.St., Oxford University; J.D., Harvard Law School; Ph.D., Harvard University

Affiliations:

Demos (President)
The Narrative Initiative (Board of Directors)
United to Protect Democracy (Board of Directors)
The New Press (Board of Directors)
New America (Fellow)
Roosevelt Institute (Four Freedoms Center Fellow)
Harvard Law School (Visiting Professor)
Oxford University (Rhodes Scholar)

Key Publications:

Civic Power: Rebuilding American Democracy in an Era of Crisis (2019)
In a Healthy Democracy, Power Starts at the Top — and the Bottom (2019)
Democracy Against Domination (2017)
Complete list

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

CREDO Live
Data & Society Research Institute
See more
Frontiers of Democracy Conference at Tufts College of Civic Life

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Commissioner [Federal Trade Commission - Office Of The Chairman]

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

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Education:

B.A., University of Maryland; M.A., Duke University; J.D., Duke University

Affiliations:

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Regulations Counsel); Open Markets Institute (Legal Director)

Key Publications:

Imagining A Democratic Amazon (2020)
Cooperative Enterprise As An Antimonopoly Strategy (2020)
The Federal Government Is Failing Communities Suffering From Food Insecurity (2020)
See Open Markets posts
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Bill Barr Unwittingly Makes the Case for Banning Major Corporate Mergers (2020)

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Testified:

Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Protection in the 21st Century (2018)
Cited in Testimony Before the House Judiciary Subcomittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

RUST, "Has the COVID-19 Pandemic Changed the Way We Should Think About Antitrust Law?"
Washington Center for Equitable Growth, Building a New Consensus on Antitrust Reform
University of Utah, A New Future for Antitrust?

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CEPR Domestic, Indivisible, MoveOn, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers [Executive Office Of The President - Council Of Economic Advisers]

Governor [Federal Reserve System]

Education:

B.A., Economics, U.C. Berkeley, 1991; Ph.D, Economics, Harvard University, 1997

Affiliations:

Council of Economic Advisors (member, 2015-2017)
National Bureau of Economic Research (research associate, current)
Federal Reserve Bank of New York (economist, former)
Brookings Institution (nonresident senior fellow, current)
Columbia University (Professor of Economics and International and Public Affairs, current)
IZA Institute of Labor Economics (research affiliate, current)
UCLA (Professor, former)
University of Texas at Austin (former)
Journal of Labor Economics (editor)
Economists for Inclusive Prosperity (founding member)

Key Publications:

"Taking It to the Limit: Effects of Increased Student Loan Availability on Attainment, Earnings, and Financial Well-Being," National Bureau of Economic Research (2020)
"Losing Heart? The Effect of Job Displacement on Health," ILR Review (2015)
"Care of Cash: The Effect of Childcare Subsidies on Student Performance," The Review of Economics and Statistics (2014)
"Entrepreneurship and Bank Credit Availability," The Journal of Finance (2002)
The Economic Report of the President and The Council of Economic Advisers Report (2016)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Centre for Experimental Research on Fairness, Inequality and Rationality (FAIR), Interview
The Ford School, "What female economists learned bringing research to White House policy making"
The Third Way, "CEA Member Sandra Black: An Economist's Perspective on the Pay Gap"

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SARAH MILLER

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American Economic Liberties Project, Progressive Change Institute, Public Citizen, Social Security Works

RECOMMENDED FOR

Director, Bureau of Competition [Federal Trade Commission - Bureau Of Competition]

Education: BA, University of Chicago

Affiliations:

- Center for American Progress (Economic Policy Advisor)
- American Economic Liberties Project (Executive Director)
- Washington Center for Equitable Growth
- Open Markets Institute (Deputy Director)
- Freedom From Facebook (Co-Chair)
- US Treasury Department (Economic Policy Advisor)
- Hillary Clinton's Presidential Campaign (Economic Policy Advisor)

Key Publications:

- How the CARES Act Empowers Wall Street & Big Business (2020)
- Progressive Reforms for Next COVID-19 Relief Package (2020)
- COBRA Expansion Helps Insurance Companies More Than Working People (2020)
- Problem About Us Learn Act Press Contribute Share Share this page on Twitter Share this page via Email Congress Must Prevent Pandemic Profiteers (2020)

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Testified:

- Cited in Testimony Before the House Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations (2017)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- C-SPAN
- Bertelsmann Foundation
- Concentrations of Power

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Amazon Watch, CEPR Domestic, Friends of the Earth, Progressive Change Institute, Public Citizen, Revolving Door Project, Sierra Club, Sunrise Movement

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Chair [Federal Reserve System]

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Education:

B.A., Economics, Amherst College; J.D., Harvard Law School

Affiliations:

US Department of the Treasury (Deputy Secretary)
Federal Reserve Board (Governor)
State of Maryland (Commissioner of Financial Regulation)
Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Banking Counsel)
Promontory Financial Group (Managing Director)
Columbia Energy Services Corporation (General Counsel)
World-Wide Retail Exchange (General Counsel)

Key Publications:

Why Is the Fed Spending So Much Money on a Dying Industry? (2020)
How the Fed and Wall Street View of Climate Change is Evolving Under Pressure (2020)
Whose Recovery Was It? (2019)
Promoting Financial Health through Higher Education
See statements and speeches

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Testified:

Senate Democrats' Special Committee on the Climate Crisis (2020)
Senate Banking Committee, Federal Reserve nominations (2010)
House Financial Services Committee, strengthening enforcement at the state and federal levels (2009)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Better Markets, Dodd-Frank Act 10th Anniversary Conference
CNBC, Most important market stimulus would be global cooperation to combat coronavirus: Raskin
CNBC, Former Fed Governor on Fed Leaving Rates Unchanged
CNBC, Fed rate cut is mostly symbolic
Wall Street Journal, Password Safety
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Commissioner [Securities And Exchange Commission - Office Of The Chairman]

Education:

JD, Columbia Law School; BA, Washington University in St. Louis

Affiliations:

US Treasury Department, Financial Stability Oversight Council (Advisor)
Securities & Exchange Commission (Investor Advisory Committee)
SEC Commissioner Robert Jackson (Counsel)
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NYU School of Law, Institute for Corporate Governance and Finance (Resident Fellow)
Columbia Law School, Program on Corporate Law and Policy (Fellow)
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Key Publications:

How to Get Money to Small Businesses, Fast (2020)

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Testified:

Cited before the Judiciary Committee in the Nomination Hearing of Jeff Sessions for Attorney General (2016)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Wharton Club, Engaging with SEC on Innovation and FinTech
Fidelity, Perspectives on Regulating Wall Street
Meet the Bloggers, Why Lieberman Must Go



SAULE OMAROVA

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RECOMMENDED FOR

Commissioner [Securities And Exchange Commission - Office Of The Chairman]

Comptroller of the Currency [Department Of The Treasury - Comptroller Of The Currency]

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Education:

Diploma, Philosophy, Moscow State University; J.D., Northwestern University School of Law; Ph.D., Political Science, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Affiliations:

US Department of the Treasury (Special Advisor for Regulatory Policy to Under Secretary, Domestic Finance)
Cornell Law School (Professor of Law)
UNC Chapel Hill (Associate Professor of Law)
Georgetown Law Center (Visiting Professor)
Johns Hopkins, Central Asia Institute (Visiting Research Fellow)
Stanford, Center for International Security and Arms Control (Visiting MacArthur Scholar)
University of Augsburg, Faculty of Law (Visiting Professor in International Economic Law)
Université Jean Moulin Lyon, Faculty of Law (Visiting Professor at the Institute of Comparative Law)
Davis Polk & Wardwell (Associate, Financial Institutions Group)
Baker & McKenzie, Attorneys At Law (Law Clerk)

Key Publications:

The Merchants of Wall Street: Banking, Commerce, and Commodities (2013)
The Finance Franchise (2017)
New Tech v. New Deal: Fintech As A Systemic Phenomenon (2019)
See scholarly articles
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Testified:

Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs on Economic Growth (2017)
Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs on Digitization, Data, and Technology (2018)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

"Why Is This Happening?" with Chris Hayes, Saving the economy
Cornell, Faculty Address
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SHEILA BAIR

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CEPR Domestic, Progressive Change Institute, Public Citizen

RECOMMENDED FOR

Federal Reserve System

Education:

B.A., University of Kansas; J.D., University of Kansas

Affiliations:

The Volcker Alliance; Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts Amherst (Dean's Professor of Financial Regulatory Policy)

Key Publications:

Bair, Sheila (2012). Bull by the horns : fighting to save Main Street from Wall Street and Wall Street from itself. New York: Free Press. ISBN 9781451672480. LCCN 2012039342. (2012)

Bair, Sheila; illustrated by Judy Stead (2008). Isabel's car wash. Morton Grove, Illinois: Albert Whitman & Co. ISBN 9780807536520. LCCN 2007030956. (2008)

Bair, Sheila; illustrated by Barry Gott (2006). Rock, Brock, and the savings shock. Morton Grove, Illinois: Albert Whitman & Co. ISBN 9780807570944. LCCN 2005026974. (2006)

2016

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Testified:

Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Faster Payments (2019)

Financial Crisis Inquiry (2008)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

CNBC

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Education:

B.A., University of Oxford; M.A., University of Manchester; Ph.D., MIT

Affiliations:

National Bureau of Economic Research
Centre for Economic Policy Research
International Advisory Council at the Center for Social and Economic Research
Congressional Budget Office's Panel of Economic Advisers
Peterson Institute for International Economics
Covid-19 Policy Alliance
US Securities and Exchange Commission's Advisory Committee on Market Information
Asian Institute for Corporate Governance of Korea University (Scholar)
Professor of Economics (Duke University's Fuqua School of Business)
Center for Social and Economic Research (Advisory Council)

Key Publications:

Jump-Starting America: How Breakthrough Science Can Revive Economic Growth and the American Dream (2020)
Baseline Scenario (2020)
13 Bankers: The Wall Street Takeover and the Next Financial Meltdown (2010)
Starting over in Eastern Europe: entrepreneurship and economic renewal (1995)

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Testified:

Senate Banking Committee Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection: Too Big To Fail (2015)
Congressional Oversight Panel: Hearing on the TARP's Impact on Financial Stability (2011)
Senate Budget Committee: Hearing on The Fiscal and Economic Effects of Austerity (2013)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Yale Blog
C-SPAN

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STACY MITCHELL

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RECOMMENDED FOR

Assistant Director for Anticompetitive Practices [Federal Trade Commission - Bureau Of Competition]

Small Business Administration

Education: BA, History, Macalester College

Affiliations:

Thurman Arnold Project at Yale (Fellow); Maine Center for Economic Policy (Board Member); Institute for Local Self-Reliance (Co-Director); Athena (Founding Member)

Key Publications:

Stacy Mitchell's Statement on Jeff Bezos Being Called to Testify Before Congress (2020)
https://ilsr.org/author/stacym/
Stacy Mitchell Explains How Amazon's Dominance is More Visible During a Pandemic (2020)
Report: Fewer Small Businesses are Receiving Federal Relief Loans in States Dominated by Big Banks (2020)
ILSR & Allies Urge Congress to Act on Small Business Crisis (2020)
Statement: Stimulus Bill Doesn't Do Enough to Save Small Businesses, Will Accelerate Corporate Concentration (2020)
The Imminent Small-Business Collapse and What Can be Done to Stop It (2020)
What the Federal Government Needs to Do to Enable Small Businesses to Survive the Coronavirus Crisis (2020)
How a Rebirth of Independent Pharmacies Could Cure Rural Ills (2019)
Democrats Were Once Small Business Champions (2019)

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Testified:

House Judiciary, monopology of tech platforms (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

CNN Documentary
Frontline Documentary
TedX
Amazon's Stealth Invasion of Vermont
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STEPHANIE KELTON

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Assistant Secretary (Economic Policy) [Department Of The Treasury - Assistant Secretary (Economic Policy)]

Education:

B.A./B.S., Sacramento, California State University; MPhil, Cambridge University; Ph.D., New School for Social Research

Key Publications:

"The Deficit Myth: Modern Monetary Theory And The Birth Of The People's Economy"
"How To Tell When Deficit Spending Crosses A Line"
"The Clock Runs Down On Mainstream Keynesianism"

Speaking Appearance (ex.): Town Hall Seattle

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CEPR Domestic

RECOMMENDED FOR

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development [Department Of Commerce - Economic Development Administration]

Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers [Executive Office Of The President - Council Of Economic Advisers]

Education:

B.A., Oberlin College; Ph.D., Harvard University

Affiliations:

Department of Commerce (Chief Economist)
Council of Economic Advisors (Senior Economist)
National Bureau of Economic Research (Sloane Fellow)
Case Western Reserve University (Frank Tracy Carlton Professor of Economics)
Brookings Institution (Senior Fellow)
Bureau of Labor Statistics Technical Advisory Committee (Member)
Economic Policy Institute (Board Member)
Policy Matters Ohio (Founding Board Member)

Key Publications:

"Management Innovation in Supply Chain: Appreciating Chandler in the Twenty-First Century" (2010)
"Employee Involvement and Pay at U.S. and Canadian Auto Suppliers" (2002)
"Strengthening American Manufacturing: A New Federal Approach" (2010)

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Testified:

Testimony before the US Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (October 2008)
Testimony before the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade (July 2017)

Speaking Appearance (ex.): Brookings Institution: Preserving Manufacturing in the Covid-19 Economy



TREVON LOGAN

Trevon Logan is the youngest-ever President of the National Economic Association, a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research, and a Distinguished Professor of Economics at Ohio State University. He specializes in economic history, applied demography, and biodemography, examining the intersection of health economics, applied econometrics, applied microeconomics, and sociology. Logan is the author of "Economics, Sexuality, and Male Sex Work." He has held visiting appointments at Princeton University's Center for Health and Well-Being and at the University of Michigan, where he was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research. He is an affiliate of the Initiative in Population Research, the Center for Human Resource Research, the Food Innovation Center, and the Criminal Justice Research Center at Ohio State. He serves on the editorial boards of Explorations in Economic History, Historical Methods and Demographic Research. His research has been widely-cited, with mentions in news outlets including The Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal, The Philadelphia Tribune, The Economist, MarketWatch, Vox, KCRW, PBS, and NPR. Logan was named one of Fortune Magazine's "19 Black economists to celebrate and know, this Juneteenth and beyond." He holds a B.S. in Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Demography and Economics from the University of California, Berkeley.

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RECOMMENDED FOR

Governor [Federal Reserve System]

Member (Council for Economic Advisers) [Executive Office Of The President - Council Of Economic Advisers]

Education:

B.S., Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1999; M.A., Demography, University of California, Berkeley, 2003; M.A., Economics, University of California, Berkeley, 2003; Ph.D., Economics, University of California, Berkeley, 2004

Affiliations:

The Ohio State University (Distinguished Professor)
National Economic Association (Former President)
University of Michigan (Robert Wood Johnson Scholar in Health Policy Research)
Princeton University (Visiting Research Scholar)
National Bureau of Economic Research (Research Associate)

Key Publications:

"Do Black Politicians Matter?" National Bureau of Economic Research (2019)
"Rural Segregation and Racial Violence: Historical Effects of Spatial Racism," The American Journal of Economics and Sociology (2018)
"The National Rise in Residential Segregation," The Journal of Economic History (2017)
"Racial Segregation and Southern Lynching," National Bureau of Economic Research (2017)
"Health, human capital, and African-American migration before 1910," Explorations in Economic History (2009)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Ohio State University Masterminds Lecture, "
TED Talk: Urban Revitalization or Planned Extinction?
"How Black Politicians Matter"

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WILLIAM DARITY JR.

William Darity was President of the National Economic Association and President of the Southern Economic Association. At Duke University, Darity is the Founding Director of the Research Network on Racial and Ethnic Inequality and Director of the Center on Social Equity. As a Professor of Economics, Public Policy, and African American Studies, Darity specializes in the Atlantic slave trade and Industrial Revolution, inequality by race and class, stratification economics, the racial achievement gap, skin shade and labor market outcomes, the economics of reparations, and the social and psychological effects of unemployment. Darity was Editor in Chief of the International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences and Associate Editor of the Encyclopedia of Race and Racism. He has published or edited 13 books and published more than 300 articles in professional outlets. Darity received the highest award from the National Economic Association and won an award from Global Policy Solutions. Darity was named one of Politico's "50 Key Thinkers."

ENDORSED BY

CEPR Domestic, Debt Collective, Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Director of the National Economic Council [Executive Office Of The President - White House Office]

Member (Council for Economic Advisers) [Executive Office Of The President - Council Of Economic Advisers]

Department Of Homeland Security

Education:

B.A., Brown University; Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Affiliations:

National Humanities Center (Fellow)
National Economic Association (President, Member)
Southern Economic Association (President, Member)
Duke Initiative for Science & Society (Affiliate)
Center for Child and Family Policy (Affiliate)
University of North Carolina (Professor)
Grinnell College (Professor)
University of Maryland at College Park (Professor)
University of Texas at Austin (Professor)
Simmons College (Professor)
Claremont McKenna at College Park (Professor)
Spelman College (William and Camille Cosby Endowed Professor)
Federal Reserve Board of Governors (Visiting Scholar)
Sanford School of Public Policy (Professor)

Key Publications:

Black reparations and the racial wealth gap (2020)
List of publications (2020)
From here to equality: Reparations for Black Americans in the 21st century (2020)

Testified:

Testimony concerning HR40, The Commission to Study and Develop Reparations Proposals for African-Americans Act (116th Congress 2019-2020) 2019 (2020)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

How do we span the racial wealth gap? TEDxDurham (2019):
William Darity on Reparations and Campaign 2020 C-SPAN:
William A. Darity, Jr. - Bold Policies for Economic Justice (2014) Elon University:

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WILLIAM BLACK

William Black is an Economics Professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas School of Law. He held senior positions at the Institute for Fraud Prevention, the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, and the US Treasury Department. Black was an Advisor to the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight during its enforcement action against Fannie Mae's senior management, and served on the National Commission on Financial Institution Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement. During the Savings and Loan Crisis, Black was a central figure in exposing congressional corruption by the Keating Five. Black assisted the World Bank in developing anti-corruption initiatives and developed the concept of "control fraud" where a CEO or head of state uses a company or government as a "weapon." Black is the author of "The Best Way to Rob a Bank is to Own One," which has been described by Nobel Prize-winning economist George Akerlof as "a classic" and praised by former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker for its analysis of re-regulating the industry. Black is quoted as an expert in print media nearly every week and is a frequent guest on local, national, and international radio and television. He holds a B.A. and J.D. from the University of Michigan and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Irvine.

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CEPR Domestic, Progressive Change Institute, Public Citizen

RECOMMENDED FOR

Comptroller of the Currency [Department Of The Treasury - Comptroller Of The Currency]

Education:

BA, University of Michigan; JD, University of Michigan Law School; PhD, University of California, Irvine

Affiliations:

Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco (Senior Vice President and General Counsel)
Federal Home Loan Bank Board (Litigation Director)
Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (Deputy Director)
US Dept of the Treasury, Office of Thrift Supervision (Deputy Chief Counsel)
US Dept of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (Expert)
National Commission on Financial Institution Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement (Member)
University of Missouri, Kansas City (Associate Professor of Economics and Law)
University of Minnesota (Distinguished Scholar in Residence for Financial Regulation)
Santa Clara University (Distinguished Scholar in Residence for Insurance Law)
University of Texas, Austin Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs (Faculty)
Huffington Post (Contributor)
New Economic Perspectives (Contributor)
Financial Sense Wealth Management (Contributor)
Institute for Fraud Prevention (Executive Director)

Key Publications:

The FSA's Defense Against Blair's Attack on it Shows Why the FSA Failed (2015)
We Were Regulators Once (2012)
When Fragile becomes Friable: Endemic Control Fraud as a Cause of Economic Stagnation and Collapse (2007)
The Best Way to Rob a Bank is to Own One: How Corporate Executives and Politicians Looted the S&L Industry (2005)
See selected works
See popular press
Meet the Honest Appraisers Whose Warnings Should Have Prevented the Global Financial Crisis (2020)

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Testified:

Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Lending Discrimination Practices and Foreclosure Abuses (2015)
House Financial Services Committee, 2008 Lehman Brothers Failure (2010)
House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, Executive Pay and TARP-Funded Companies (2009)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Bill Moyers, fraud leading to the 2008 financial crisis
The Zero Hour with RJ Eskow, Bankers: Defrauding America Again
CGTN America, Trump and the Federal Reserve
Al Jazeera, HSBC

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WILLIAM SPRIGGS

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CEPR Domestic, Color of Change, Indivisible, MoveOn, People's Action, Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development [Department Of Commerce - Economic Development Administration]

Director, Bureau of Economics [Federal Trade Commission - Bureau Of Economics]

Governor [Federal Reserve System]

Member (Council for Economic Advisers) [Executive Office Of The President - Council Of Economic Advisers]

Department Of Labor

Education:

B.A., Williams College; PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Affiliations:

National Academy of Social Insurance (Member); National Academy of Public Administration; The Economic Policy Institute

Key Publications:

- Unemployment Benefits Are Critical. But Families Need Direct Payments Too (2020)
- Use work-sharing unemployment insurance to pay people to stay home (2020)
- Congratulations for Congress passing changes helping American workers (2019)
- See popular press
- See EPI posts

CV: https://profiles.howard.edu/sites/profiles.howard.edu/files/William%20Spriggs%20Vitae%20January%202019_0.pdf

Testified:

- Education and Labor Committee: Raising the Minimum Wage (2019)
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: Ethnic Discrimination In the Workplace (2015)
- U.S.House of RepresentativesEducation and Labor Committee (2019)
- House Committee on the Budget: Solutions to Rising Economic Inequality (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- Tax Policy Center, The Prescription: Fiscal Policy for the COVID-19 Economy
- Black News Channel, uneven economic relief of COVID-19 response aid
- USC Price, Racial Justice and Economics: A Crucial Pairing
- CNBC, How to remove racial bias from economics
- Williams College, Bicentennial Medalist

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ZEPHYR TEACHOUT

Zephyr Teachout is an Associate Law Professor at Fordham Law School, and a national expert on issues of corruption and anti-trust. She has written dozens of articles and essays, and several books. Her books include "Corruption in America: From Benjamin Franklin's Snuff Box to Citizens United" and “Break ‘Em Up: Recovering our Freedom from Big Ag, Big Tech, and Big Money. Previously she was a death penalty defense lawyer at the Center for Death Penalty Litigation in North Carolina, and co-founded a nonprofit to provide trial experience to new law school graduates. She is also known for her pioneering work in internet organizing, and was the first national director of the Sunlight Foundation. She was a 2014 Democratic primary challenger for Governor of New York, a candidate for the House of Representatives in New York’s 19th Congressional District in 2016, and a candidate for New York Attorney General. Teachout holds a B.A. from Yale University and an M.A. and J.D. from Duke University.

ENDORSED BY

Debt Collective, New York Communities for Change, Open Markets Institute, Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Chairman [Federal Communications Commission - Office Of The Chairman]

Federal Trade Commission

Education:

M.A., Duke University; J.D., Duke University; B.A., Yale

Affiliations:

Center for Death Penalty Litigation (employed); Sunlight Foundation (employed)

Key Publications:

- Full List (2020)
- Corruption in America (2014) (2014)
- Break 'Em Up: Recovering Our Freedom from Big Ag, Big Tech, and Big Money (2020) (2020)
- The Upheaval in the American Workplace -New York Times Op-Ed (2019); (2019)
- List of The Guardian articles (2020)

CV: https://www.fordham.edu/info/23186/zephyr_teachout

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- Zephyr Teachout leads a discussion about why the Democratic Party must be as open and democratic as possible in the age of COVID-19 (2020)
- Morality in America: The Fordham Center on Religion and Culture hosted a panel discussion on changing concepts and boundaries of morality in the United States, with a focus on changing perceptions of the media and politics. (2017)
- Government Corruption: The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace hosted a discussion on government corruption around the world. (2017)
- Media Appearance List
- Full C-SPAN List

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TAX POLICY



AMY HANAUER

Amy Hanauer is the Executive Director of the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy as well as Citizens for Tax Justice. Hanauer is the Founder of Policy Matters Ohio, which she grew to a 14-person operation with offices in Cleveland and Columbus. Under her leadership, Policy Matters Ohio provided research that helped boost Ohio's minimum wage, establish a state Earned Income Tax Credit, restore collective bargaining rights for public sector workers, and expose how tax cuts for the wealthy have not improved Ohio's job climate. Hanauer opened a Milwaukee office for the Center On Washington Strategy, where she helped place women in unionized manufacturing jobs. Hanauer has nearly 30 years of experience promoting fair and equitable state and national tax policy. Hanauer has served as the Vice President of the Board of Demos Action, and as an American Prospect Board Member. Hanauer has appeared in Just Taxes Blog, Dayton Daily News, Columbus Dispatch, NJ Today, The Denver Channel, Plain Dealer, and Roll Call. She holds a B.A. in Government from Cornell University and an M.P.A from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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CEPR Domestic, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Assistant Secretary (Tax Policy) [Department Of The Treasury - Assistant Secretary (Tax Policy)]

Education:

B.A., Government, Cornell University; M.P.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison

Affiliations:

Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (Executive Director)
Citizens for Tax Justice (Executive Director)
Policy Matters Ohio (Founder)
Demos Action (Vice President of the Board)
The American Prospect (Board Member)
Center On Washington Strategy (Opened office in Milwaukee)
The American Prospect (Board of Directors)
Rep. Gwendolynne Moore
Rockwood Leadership Institute

Key Publications:

HEROES Act is an Appropriate Recession Response (2020)
Economic Catastrophe in States Looms as Federal Relief Lag (2020)
A Green New Deal: 10 ways to promote a sustainable Ohio (2019)
History, Economic Justice, and COVID-19 (2020)

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Testified:

U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur NAFTA hearing (2017)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

The City Club of Cleveland, on the Mayor's efforts on economic parity
TedX, on the influence of policy
C-SPAN, Battleground State Ohio

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BRIAN GALLE

Brian Galle is a Professor of Law at Georgetown University and has also taught at Florida State University and Boston University. He specializes in federalism, public finance economics, behavioral economics, and nonprofit organizations. Galle served the US Department of Justice as an Attorney for Criminal Appeals and Enforcement Policy in the Tax Division. Galle has been cited as a tax law expert over 1,400 times. He is a Fellow at the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, composed of nationally recognized experts in tax, budget, and social policy who provide analysis and facts about tax policy to policymakers, journalists, and citizens. Galle clerked for Judge Robert Katzmann of the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and Judge Stephen Orlofsky of the US District Court for the District of New Jersey. Galle has appeared in The Hill, The Missoulian, The Idaho Press Slate, The Conversation, RawStory, Salon, Business Insider, and on CNBC. He holds a B.A. from Harvard University, a J.D. from Columbia University, and an LL.M. from Georgetown University.

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Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Assistant Attorney General Tax Division [Department Of Justice - Office Of The Associate Attorney General: Tax Division]

Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration [Department Of The Treasury Tax Administration Office Of The Inspector General]

Education:

BA, Harvard University; JD, Columbia University; LLM, Georgetown University

Affiliations:

Urban Brookings Tax Policy Center (Fellow)
Department of Justice- Tax Division (Attorney)
U.S. District Court of New Jersey (Clerk)
U.S. Court of Appeals Second Circuit (Clerk)
Georgetown University (Professor of Law)
Boston University (Faculty)
Florida State University (Faculty)

Key Publications:

Building State Budgets: Effective Process and Practice www.taxpolicycenter.org/feature/building-state-budgets-effective-process-and-practice (2017)
Trump's Bookkeeper: How Prosecutors Could Easily Prove Tax Crimes for Hush Money Reimbursements (2018)
See scholarly articles
See popular articles
Keep the Dormant Commerce Clause: History's Lessons on Congressional Control of State Taxation (2018)

CV: https://www.linkedin.com/in/brian-galle-15609b24/

Testified:

Written Testimony of Brian Galle Before the House Ways and Means Committee Subcommittee on Oversight Hearing on the Rising Costs of Higher Education and Tax Policy: (October 7, 2015)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Pay it Forward? Law and the Problem of Restricted-Spending Philanthropy at USC Center on Philanthropy & Public Policy (2016)
Remote Sales Tax: Next Steps for States after Wayfair - National Conference of State Legislatures (2018)

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CHYE-CHING HUANG

Chye-Ching Huang is the Senior Director of Economic Policy at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Huang leads the Federal Fiscal Policy Team's work on the Payroll Tax, Capital Gains Tax, Earned Income Tax Credit, and Child Tax Credit. At the University of Auckland, Huang researched and taught tax policy, and at the New Zealand Institute she researched economic and public policies. Haung has also practiced as a tax solicitor. Huang has been called upon to testify before the House Budget Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee. Huang has been featured on NPR and NBC, and in The Huffington Post, Bloomberg Tax, Accounting Today, Law 360, Popular Science, Forbes, Sacramento Bee, The Center Square, Business Insider, Politico, The New York Times, and The Washington Post. Huang holds an LL.B. (Honours) and a B.Com. from the University of Auckland and an LL.M. in Economic Regulation from Columbia Law School.

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RECOMMENDED FOR

Deputy Assistant Secretary (Tax Policy) [Department Of The Treasury - Assistant Secretary (Tax Policy)]

Education:

B.A., law, University of Auckland; M.A., economic regulation, Columbia Law School

Affiliations:

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (Senior Director of Economic Policy); University of Auckland (Senior Lecturer); New Zealand Institute (Research Associate); Fulbright Fellow

Key Publications:

- How Many Workers in Each State Would Benefit From Extending the Payroll Tax Cut? (2017)
- Improving the Child Tax Credit for Very Low-Income Families (2017)
- Who Benefits from President Trump's Child Care Proposals? (2017)
- Millions of Households Face Tax Increase or No Tax Benefit Under Senate GOP Bill (2017)
- Senate Finance Committee Tax Bill Even More Skewed to Top Than Bush Tax Cuts (2017)
- Slash corporate tax rates? Let's start with ending the business breaks (2013)

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Testified:

- House Budget Committee (2019)
- House Ways and Means Committee (2020)
- House Budget Committee, 2017 Tax Law (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- C-SPAN, Earned Income Tax Credit
- Rep. Doggett & Chye-Ching Heung in Budget Hearing
- Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Capital Gains Tax Policy
- Tax Policy Center, Wealth Inequality

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FRANK CLEMENTE

Frank Clemente is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of Americans for Tax Fairness, a coalition of over 400 national and state organizations. Clemente served as a Senior Policy Advisor to the House Committee on Government Operations for 5 years. For the Strengthen Social Security Campaign, Clemente managed a $2 million campaign, a 320-group coalition, and field organizing in 20 states. At the Communications Workers of America, he managed a $3-5 million annual campaign budget and mobilized union members and state and local leaders in support of the Affordable Care Act through more than 100 congressional district coordinators. At the Change to Win Labor Federation, he managed the public policy and legislative work of 6 million members from 7 affiliates including the SEIU, Teamsters, UFCW, Laborers, Carpenters, UNITE HERE, and United Farm Workers. As the Director of Public Citizen's Congress Watch for 9 years, Clemente managed lobbyists, researchers, field organizers and communications staff for 150,000 member organizations, oversaw the preparation of 100 major policy reports and legislative analyses, raised $1.1 million per year, and secured over 500 media hits per year. Clemente has been published in national media including the Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, New York Times, and USA Today. He holds a B.S.W. from the State University of New York at Albany.

ENDORSED BY

CEPR Domestic, New York Communities for Change

RECOMMENDED FOR

Assistant Secretary (Tax Policy) [Department Of The Treasury - Assistant Secretary (Tax Policy)]

Education: BSW, State University of New York at Albany

Affiliations:

US House of Representatives, Committee on Government Operations (Senior Policy Advisor)
Americans for Tax Fairness (Executive Director)
Public Citizen's Congress Watch (Director)
Strengthen Social Security Campaign (Campaign Manager)
Change to Win Labor Federation (Issue Campaigns Director)
Jesse Jackson for President and Keep Hope Alive PAC (Issues Director and Consultant)
Jobs with Peace Campaign (Program Director and Washington Representative)
Communications Workers of America (Consultant)
Association of Trial Lawyers of America (Consultant)
National Association of Shareholder and Consumer Attorneys (Consultant)
Frank Clemente Consulting (Principal)

Key Publications:

Here Is Where Billionaires Are Making Their Political Donations, in Yahoo Finance (2020)
Debate Should Explore Transformed Tax And Spending Landscape, in the Des Moines Register (2020)
The Trump Tax Cut Has Amounted To Nothing But Broken Promises For The Middle Class, in the Los Angeles Times (2020)
See all highlighted publications
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Testified:

Public Hearing on Internal Revenue Service, Country-by-Country Reporting (May 2016)
Democratic Platform Drafting Committee, "Moving America Forward: Education, Jobs, and the Economy" (June 2016)
Public Hearing on Internal Revenue Service, Rule on Estate, Gift, and Generation-skipping Transfer Taxes (December 2016)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

MSNBC, Apple Takes Creative License With Tax Code
Rising Up With Sonali, Trump's tax returns
New Populism Conference, jobs, income equality, Social Security, reforming Wall Street
See all C-SPAN appearances

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GABRIEL ZUCMAN

Gabriel Zucman is an Economist and Professor of Economics at the University of California, Berkeley. He is best-known for his research on tax havens and corporate tax havens, brought to public attention in his book, 'The Hidden Wealth of Nations: The Scourge of Tax Havens.' Zucman is also known for quantifying tax avoidance techniques with the financial scale of base erosion and profit shifting, which are employed by multinationals in corporate tax havens. He identified Ireland as the world's largest corporate tax haven in 2018. Zucman showed that the leading corporate tax havens are all OECD–compliant, and that tax disputes between high–tax locations and havens are very rare. Zucman's research on tax havens has been widely cited. Zucman received the Prize for the Best Young Economist in France, awarded by the Cercle des économistes and Le Monde in recognition of his research on tax evasion and avoidance and their economic consequences. Zucman holds a B.S. from École Normale Supérieure Paris-Saclay, an M.Sc. in Economic Policy Analysis and a Ph.D. in Economics from from the Paris School of Economics.

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CEPR Domestic, Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Director for Business and International Taxation [Department Of The Treasury - Assistant Secretary (Tax Policy)]

Affiliations:

Economics for Inclusive Prosperity (Co-Director); National Bureau of Economic Research (Faculty Research Fellow); Suntory and Toyota International Centres For Economics and Related Disciplines (Visiting Senior Fellow); Centre For Economic Policy Research (Research Fellow)

Key Publications:

"The Triumph of Injustice: How The Rich Dodge Taxes And How To Make Them Pay"

"Ending Corporate Tax Avoidance and Tax Competition: A Plan To Collect The Tax Deficit of Multinationals"

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HEATHER LOWE

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Indivisible, MoveOn, Progressive Change Institute, Public Citizen

RECOMMENDED FOR

Assistant Secretary (Tax Policy) [Department Of The Treasury - Assistant Secretary (Tax Policy)]

International Tax Counsel [Department Of The Treasury - General Counsel]

Affiliations:

- Global Financial Integrity (Legal Counsel & Director of Government Affairs)
- OECD (Member of the Anti-Bribery Working Group)
- World Economic Forum Council on Transparency and Anti-Corruption (Member)
- Global Financial Transparency Coalition (Vice-Chair)
- Steering Committee of the U.S.-focused Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency Coalition (Member)
- European Parliament (Aide to British Member)
- Clifford Chance LLP (Finance Attorney)
- Bingham McCutchen LLP (Finance Attorney)

Key Publications:

- Rabobank: Similar Facts, Different Outcome–Signal of a New DOJ Approach? (2018)

Testified:

- Before the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearing on Combating Money Laundering and Other Forms of Illicit Finance: Opportunities to Reform and Strengthen BSA Enforcement. (2018)
- IRS Hearing on Proposed Country-by-Country Reporting Regulation (2016)
- Before the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit Hearing on the U.S. BSA/AML Regulatory Compliance Regime (2017)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- State Department: Combatting Corruption (2014)
- Illicit Financial Flows Conference (2015)
- CNN: Panama Papers Revealed with Heather Lowe (2016)



JEREMY BEARER FRIEND

Jeremy Bearer-Friend was Tax Counsel to Sen. Elizabeth Warren, leading work on tax filing simplification, international tax reform, and the tax treatment of student loan discharges. He has advised presidential campaigns, congressional staff, think tanks, and journalists on public policy and tax law. As a consultant for the National Governors Association, Bearer-Friend wrote a workforce development report that was distributed to all 50 governors and provided guidance to governors on education and budget policy. His research has been cited by the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, the Roosevelt Institute, and the National Women's Law Center. His scholarship examines the omission of race and ethnicity from tax data collection and analysis, the use of administrative discretion to shape the civic features of taxpaying, and tax incentives that encourage monopolies. His research views taxpaying as a civic act that shapes a citizen's relationship to government. As an associate with a DC tax boutique firm, Bearer-Friend advised clients on federal income tax, estate and gift tax, and employee benefits. At George Washington University and New York University, he taught courses on federal estate and gift tax, tax procedure, and tax policy. He was an International Tax Counsel Legal Intern in the US Department of the Treasury. Bearer-Friend has appeared in Politico, ProPublica, In These Times, Popular Science, Forbes, Wall Street Journal, and The Washington Post. Bearer-Friend holds a J.D. from Stanford Law School.

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RECOMMENDED FOR

Commissioner of Internal Revenue [Department Of The Treasury - Internal Revenue Service]

Education:

MA, UC Berkeley School of Education; JD, Stanford Law School; BA, Brown University

Affiliations:

Elizabeth Warren, US Senate (Tax Counsel)
National Governors Association (Consultant)
US Department of Treasury (Legal Intern, International Tax Counsel)
George Washington University Law School (Associate Professor of Law)
New York University School of Law (Acting Assistant Professor of Tax Law)
Ivins, Phillips & Barker LLC (Associate)
Greenlining Institute (Visiting Fellow)
Movement Strategy Center (Field Building Fellow)

Key Publications:

Should the IRS Know Your Race? The Challenge of Colorblind Tax Data (2018)
Restoring Democracy Through Tax Policy (2018)
See full list
Minimizing the Harm of State Fiscal Volatility (2010)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.): BYU, In-Kind Taxpaying: Lessons & Risks

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Education:

J. D., NYU School of Law; B.S., Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Reed College

Affiliations:

White House National Economic Council
Roosevelt Institute
Groundwork Collaborative
Economic Policy Institute
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
Office of Vice President Joseph Biden (Economic Policy Advisor)
House Budget Committee (Policy Associate, Democratic Staff)

Key Publications:

Wiping The Corporate Tax Code Clean Could Raise Money And Help The Middle Class (2013)
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Why Raising Corporate Taxes Is Good For Low-Income Americans (2013)
Why We Should Be Wary Of 'Blank Slate' Tax Reform (2013)

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Testified:

Budget Oversight Hearing for the Committee on Finance and Revenue (2018)
At the FY 2018 Performance Oversight Hearing for the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (2018)

Speaking Appearance (ex.): NYU, Law Women Summit

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LILY BATCHELDER

Lily Batchelder is a Professor of Taxation at New York University School of Law. Her principal areas of research are federal income taxes, wealth transfer taxes, and the effect of fiscal policy on economic insecurity, income disparities, and intergenerational mobility. Batchelder was Deputy Director and Deputy Assistant to the President at the White House National Economic Council, where she was responsible for the Obama administration's policy on tax reform, retirement, and low-income benefits. She was Chief Tax Counsel to the Senate Committee on Finance, where she led Chair Baucus' advocacy on tax reform. Fred Goldberg, former IRS Commissioner, described her as "breathtakingly enthusiastic," and NYU Law Magazine wrote, "Few people are as passionate about tax law as Batchelder." She regularly advises government policy makers. The Pulitzer Prize-winning site PolitiFact used Batchelder's research to vet Hillary Clinton's comments about Donald Trump's tax plan in their first presidential debate. She was Director of Community Affairs for New York State Senator Marty Markowitz, and a Client Advocate at Neighbors Together in Brooklyn. She has discussed her research and expertise in well over 75 media outlets, including The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, The Los Angeles Times, International Business Times, The Atlantic, The Economist, The New Yorker, Barron's, Crain's, Congressional Weekly, and Politico, and on MSNBC with Chris Hayes, BBC World, PBS, HBO, FOX, and NPR. She holds a B.A. from Stanford University, an M.P.P. from Harvard University, and a J.D. from Yale Law School.

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Education:

JD, Yale Law School; MPP, Microeconomics and Human Services, Harvard Kennedy School; BA, Political Science, Stanford University

Affiliations:

White House National Economic Council (Deputy Director and Deputy Assistant to the President)
Senate Committee on Finance (Majority Chief Tax Counsel)
U.S. Department of Labor (Consultant)
U.S. Department of Justice (Clerk to Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder)
New York State Senate (Director of Community Affairs to Marty Markowtiz)
Center for American Progress (Advisor)
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (Consultant)
Urban-Brookings Institute Tax Policy Center (Fellow and Affiliated Scholar)
Bipartisan Policy Center (Debt Limit Working Group)
National Academy of Social Insurance (Policy Advisor)
Tax Analysts and the National Tax Association (Board of Directors)
Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center (Fellow)
NYU School of Law, NYU Wagner School of Public Service (Professor of Taxation)
Harvard University (Professor and Fellow)
Georgetown University Law Center (Professor and Visiting Scholar)
Neighbors Together (Board of Directors and Former Client Advocate)

Key Publications:

"Trump Is a Bad Businessman. Is He a Tax Cheat, Too?" New York Times (2019)
"Who Benefits from President Trump's Child Care Proposals?" Tax Policy Center (2017)
"Families Facing Tax Increases Under Trump's Tax Plan," Tax Policy Center (2016)

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Testified:

Senate Committee on Finance, "Opportunities and Risks in Individual Tax Reform" (2017)
House Committee on the Budget, "Addressing Budgetary Challenges Through a Neglected Type of Automatic Spending: Tax Expenditures" (2016)
Senate Committee on Finance, "Reform Options for the Estate Tax System: Targeting Unearned Income" (2008)
Joint Economic Committee, "Household Income Volatility and Tax Policy: Helping More and Hurting Less" (2007)
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Brief Amicus Curiae on behalf of 19 Tax Law and Administrative Law Professors, Altera v. Commissioner of Internal Revenue (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Economic Policy Institute and the Institute for Policy Studies, "Taxing the (Very) Rich," Speaker
Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality, "Where Are We Now on U.S. Tax Reform?" Panelist
Georgetown Law Center, "The Hamilton Project on Reforming Taxation in the Global Age," Panelist
Tax Policy Center, "Effects of Corporate and Business Provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act," Speaker

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MICHAEL LINDEN

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Affiliations:

U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee (Senior Advisor)
Groundwork Collaborative (Executive Director)
Roosevelt Institute (Fellow)
The Hub Project (Policy Research Managing Director)
U.S. Senate Budget Committee (Senior Advisor)
First Focus (Director of Tax & Budget Policy)
Center for American Progress (Associate Director/ Director of Tax & Budget Policy/ Managing Director of Economic Policy)

Key Publications:

The Federal Budget is on Sustainable Footing (2013)
Million Dollar Misleading (2016)
What Could the U.S. Afford if it Raised Billionaires' Taxes? We do the Math (2019)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN
CNBC: Watch Two Policy Experts Debate Elizabeth Warren's Wealth Tax

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Associate Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs [Executive Office Of The President - Office Of Management And Budget: Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs]

Education:

JD, American University; BA, Political Theory, University of Pennsylvania

Affiliations:

Public Citizen (Regulatory Policy Advocate); The Administrative Law Review (Editor)

Key Publications:

- Trump's Regulatory Budgeting Experiment Has Categorically Failed (2020)
- Corporate Self-Regulation Is Failing (2019)
- Auto Lending Discrimination Guidance Repeal Sets a Dangerous Precedent (2018)
- How to Hold Execs Accountable When Big Banks Rob Customers (2016)
- See articles
- See blog posts

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Testified:

- House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, Regulatory Process (2018)
- EPA Scientific Advisory Board, emission requirements (2018)
- House Judiciary Committee, Regulatory Policy (2016)
- Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs, Regulatory Guidance (2016)
- House Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, RAPID Act (2015)
- House Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, Regulatory Flexibility (2013)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- Coalition for Sensible Safeguards, Discussion About Regulation
- New America, Can the Comment Process Be Fixed?
- American Enterprise Institute, regulatory litigation in the Supreme Court
- Rising Up, Vaping Health Crisis



BRIAN WOLFMAN

Brian Wolfman spent two decades at the national public interest law firm Public Citizen, where he was Director of the Litigation Group and Director of the Supreme Court Assistance Project. Wolfman has won five of six cases before the Supreme Court and litigated hundreds of cases before federal and state appellate and trial courts, including cases involving health and safety regulation, class action governance, court-access issues, federal preemption, consumer law, public-benefits law, and government transparency. Wolfman has testified before congressional committees over a dozen times. At Georgetown, he has served as Director of the Institute for Public Representation's Civil Rights division and Director of the Appellate Courts Clinic. At Stanford, he was Co-Director of the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic. Wolfman has also taught law at Harvard, Vanderbilt, and Washington College. He clerked for the Honorable Lanier Anderson of the US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Early in his career, he was a staff lawyer at a rural poverty law program in Arkansas. Wolfman has given over 80 presentations across the country and authored articles on state tort law, federal preemption doctrine, and class actions. Wolfman has a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and a J.D. from Harvard University.

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General Counsel [Consumer Product Safety Commission]

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JD, Harvard Law School; BA, University of Pennsylvania

Affiliations:

Legal Services of Arkansas (Staff lawyer)
Clients' Security Fund of the DC Bar (Trustee)
National Academies Institute of Medicine (Public Health Effectiveness of the FDA Committee)
American Law Institute (Advisor)
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Georgetown University (Director, Appellate Courts Clinic)
Stanford Law School (Co-Director, Supreme Court Litigation Clinic)
Harvard Law School (Visiting Professor, Public Interest Fellow)
Vanderbilt Law School (Distinguished Visiting Practitioner of Law)
Washington College of Law (Adjunct Professor)

Key Publications:

Foreword: The National Association of Consumer Advocates' Standards and Guidelines for Litigating and Settling Consumer Class Actions (2009)
Let a Hundred Cases Wither: Proposal to Require Opt-In Class Actions Would Weaken Consumers' Weapon, Freeing Companies to Cheat Again (2005)
Representing the Unrepresented in Class Action Settlements (1996)
See scholarly work

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Testified:

House Judiciary Committee: Government Litigation Savings Act (2011)
House Committee on Energy and Commerce: HEALTH Act (2011)
House Committee on the Judiciary: Class Action Fairness Act (2003)

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GANESH SITARAMAN

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Education:

J.D., Harvard Law School; A.B., Government, Harvard University; M.A., Political Thought, Emmanuel College

Affiliations:

Elizabeth Warren Campaign for Senate (Policy Director)
Harvard Law School (Lecturer, Public Law Fellow,)
Vanderbilt University (Professor of Law, Faculty Fellow)
Counterinsurgency Training Center, Afghanistan (Research Fellow)
Judge Stephen Williams, US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit (Law Clerk)
Truman Scholar

Key Publications:

The Great Democracy: How to Fix Our politics, Unrig the Economy, and Unite America (2019)
The Public Option (2019)
The Crisis of the Middle-Class Constitution (2017)
The Counterinsurgent's Constitution: Law in the Age of Small Wars (2012)
See books
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See popular press

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

BookTV, "The Public Option"
The Open Mind, Rescuing the Middle Class Republic
National Constitution Center, Economic Equality and the Constitution

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KALEN PRUSS

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Affiliations:

Policy Advisor (Clinton-Kaine Transition Team); Former Special Assistant to the Secretary (Department of Labor); American Economic Liberties Project (Director of Special Projects)

Key Publications:

It's Time For OIRA To Go (2020)
The Future of the Regulatory State (2020)
For Appellate Courts Immersion Clinic, False Arrest Is A Social-Justice Issue (2020)

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JAY INSLEE

Jay Inslee is the Governor of Washington State and was a candidate for president in the 2020 Democratic primaries. He is an outspoken leader on climate justice, education, drug policy, and gun violence. In response to President Trump's withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accord, Inslee co-founded the US Climate Alliance, a bipartisan coalition of states and territories that are committed to upholding the Accord within their borders. During his candidacy for the Democratic nomination, Inslee released a $9 trillion climate plan to make US energy 100% clean through economic and job incentives. As Governor of Washington, Inslee and the Washington State Attorney General and Solicitor General successfully sued the Trump Administration after the administration implemented a travel ban from Muslim-majority countries. Inslee also implemented a moratorium on executions in Washington State, announced major statewide climate change legislation, and instituted the Marijuana Justice Initiative, which expedites the process by which adults can be pardoned for possession of small amounts of marijuana. During the 2018 election cycle, Inslee served as the Chair of the Democratic Governors Association. In the Clinton administration, Inslee served as Regional Director for the Department of Health and Human Services. Inslee also served in the US House of Representatives and the Washington House of Representatives. Inslee holds a B.A. from the University of Washington and a J.D. from Willamette University.

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Administrator [Environmental Protection Agency - Office Of The Administrator]

Director, Office of Management and Budget [Executive Office Of The President - Office Of Management And Budget: Office Of The Director]

Education:

B.A., University of Washington; J.D., Willamette University

Affiliations:

United States House Committee on Agriculture
United States House Committee on Science, Space and Technology
United States House Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House Energy Subcommittee on Energy and Power
United States Department of Health and Human Services

Key Publications:

Apollo's Fire: Igniting America's Clean Energy Economy (2007)

Testified:

House Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on the Environment and Climate Change (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN
PBS

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LISA GILBERT

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Affiliations:

Public Citizen (Executive Vice President)
FFPIR (Partnership Program Associate Director)
The Fund for Public Interest Research (National Trainer, Outreach Director)
Public Citizen (Vice President of Legislative Affairs)
Public Citizen (Director of Congress Watch)
USPIRG (Democracy Advocate)

Key Publications:

Mueller's Testimony: With the right questions, lawmakers can receive more details from report (2019)
A Clean Ethics House (2018)
Congress, Don't Swallow These Poison Pills (2018)
McCain, Flake, Pence and Trump: Wall Street Collaborators (2017)
This Independence Day, Americans Deserve a Budget That Works for Them (2017)
Scrap the Congressional Review Act (2017)

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Testified:

Senate Committee on Finance, The U.S. Tax Code: Love It, Leave It or Reform It (2014)
Congressional Progressive Caucus, Hearing on Oversight of Coronavirus Relief Funds (2020)
House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice (2015)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN
Tax March

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NANCY COWLES

Nancy Cowles has served as the Executive Director of Kids In Danger since 2001. In this role, Cowles has worked to save young lives by passing the toughest laws in the country on recalls of dangerous children's products. Cowles has testified before congressional committees over a dozen times and has criticized the Consumer Product Safety Commission for not adhering to the timeline for testing and standard setting in the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act. Cowles has over 30 years of experience building and leading organizations to investigate consumer issues and create solutions. Cowles was previously the Executive Director of the Coalition for Consumer Rights and has collaborated with the Consumer Federation of America and Consumer Reports. Cowles has appeared in ABC, CBS, CNN, NBC, Univision, USA Today, Reuters, Newsday, The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Philadelphia Inquirer, Roanoke Times, The Washington Post, Florida Times-Union, Plain Dealer, Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, Missoulian, Houston Chronicle, Los Angeles Times, Fortune, Fast Company, Consumerist, Consumer Affairs, Consumer Reports, Law 360, Safety Record, Fair Warning, Furniture Today, Motherly Inc, Moms.com, Salon, Vox, and TIME. She has also appeared in Canadian, German, Indonesian, and New Zealand news. Cowles has a B.A. from Wheaton College.

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Commissioner [Consumer Product Safety Commission - Office Of Commissioners]

Education: BA, Wheaton College

Affiliations:

Coalition for Consumer Rights (Executive Director); Midwest Women's Center (Program Associate); Kids In Danger (Executive Director)

Key Publications:

- Too Many Day Cares Still Use Recalled Products (2019)
- Calling on IKEA to Get Dangerous, Recalled Dressers Out of Homes (2019)
- TEST - Teach Early Safety Testing (2016)
- See more

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Testified:

- House Commerce Committee, Unstable Dressers (2019)
- House Commerce Committee, Safe Sleep for Babies Act (2019)
- House Commerce Committee, Safe Crib Act (2019)
- House Commerce Committee, Safer Furniture Flammability Act (2019)
- House Commerce Committee, Portable Fuel Container Safety Act (2019)
- House Commerce Committee, Nicholas and Zachary Burt Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act (2019)
- House Commerce Committee, Protecting Americans from Dangerous Products: Is the Consumer Product Safety Commission Fulfilling Its Mission? (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- Kids In Danger Overview
- ABC 7, Furniture Injuries and Death
- ABC 7, Recalls Decreased in 2014

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NINA MENDELSON

Nina Mendelson is a Senior Fellow of the Administrative Conference of the United States, an independent federal agency designed to make the government work better. Mendelson won the American Bar Association's Award for Scholarship in Administrative Law for her article "Disclosing Political Oversight of Agency Decision Making." Mendelson's work has been cited by US Supreme Court justices. Mendelson served as an attorney in the US Department of Justice, litigating and advising other federal agencies on legislation and policy. She worked for the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, and was one of three US special legal advisers to the NAFTA Commission on Environmental Cooperation. She has participated extensively in federal legislative negotiations. Mendelson is Professor of Law at the University of Michigan, where she has specialized for over 20 years in administrative law, public interest law, regulatory policy, and the legislative process. Earlier in her career, she practiced law with an international firm. Mendelson clerked for Judge Pierre Leval in the Southern District of New York and for Judge John Walker Jr. on the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Mendelson holds a B.A. from Harvard University and a J.D. from Yale Law School.

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BA, Economics, Harvard; JD, Yale Law School

Affiliations:

University of Michigan Law School (Professor)
Center for Progressive Reform (Member Scholar)
Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe (Attorney)
Yale Law Journal (Editor)
Administrative Conference of the United States (Senior Fellow)
US Department of Justice (Attorney)
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works

Key Publications:

The Permissibility of Acting Officials: May the President Work Around Senate Confirmation? (2020)
Supervising Outsourcing: The Need for Better Design of Blended Governance, in Administrative Law from the Inside Out (2017)
Thoughts on the CFPB Puzzle: President Trump Can Select Someone to Run the CFPB Only if the Senate Has an Opportunity to Confirm (2017)
American Bar Association Resolution 112: Championing Public Access to the Law (2016)
See scholarly work
Bullies Along the Potomac (2006)

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Testified:

Amicus Brief to the Third Circuit, Milice vs Consumer Product Safety Commission (2020)
Amicus Brief to the US District Court of DC, American Lung Association vs EPA (2020)
Amicus Brief to the US Supreme Court, Georgia vs Public Resources Inc (2019)
Amicus Brief to the US Supreme Court, US vs Texas (2016)
Amicus Brief to the US Supreme Court, Natural Resource Defense Council (2007)
Cited in Amicus Brief to the US District Court of DC, ASTM vs Public Resources Inc (2017)
Cited in Amicus Brief to the US Supreme Court, Michigan vs EPA (2015)
Cited in Amicus Brief to US District Court of DC, ASTM, NFPA, ASHRAE vs Public Resources Inc (2016)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Duke Law, Exclusion, Inclusion & the Administrative State
Duke Law, Shortening Vacancies; Effects of Senate Confirmation Delays in the Agencies
Environmental Law Institute, Environmental Law and Policy
Duke Law, Administrative Law, Preemption, & Federalism
ABA, CFPB: Statutory and Constitutional Issues

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PAM GILBERT

Pamela Gilbert served as the Executive Director of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) under the Clinton Administration, where she led the recall of dangerous products including those marketed to children. Gilbert led President Obama's transition team for the CPSC. Gilbert has over 25 years of experience in consumer advocacy in Washington, DC. She has been a named partner in the law firm of Cuneo Gilbert & LaDuca LLP since 2003, where she fights for civil justice and consumer protection. As Legislative Director and then Executive Director of Public Citizen's Congress Watch, Gilbert laid the groundwork that allowed for legal action under RICO against the tobacco industry, the Ku Klux Klan, and savings and loan institutions. Gilbert authored and successfully lobbied for US PIRG's federal Art and Craft Materials Labeling Act, which regulated toxic ingredients in school art supplies. Gilbert has received the Public Interest Network's Alumni Achievement Award, been recognized as Consumer Advocate of the Year by the Trial Lawyers' Association of Metropolitan Washington DC, and been called a "legal superstar" by the American Museum of Tort Law. Gilbert also served as Chief Operating Officer of M&R Strategic Services, which has raised millions of dollars and mobilized millions of people for progressive causes. Gilbert has testified before the US Congress over 50 times and made dozens of appearances in national media including Politico, Salon, Vox, ProPublica, HuffPost, BillMoyers.com, The Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, New York Times, and Consumer Reports. Gilbert holds a B.A. from Tufts University and a J.D. from New York University.

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Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission [Consumer Product Safety Commission]

Education:

JD, NYU School of Law; BA, Mathematics, Tufts University

Affiliations:

Project on Government Oversight (Board of Directors)
National Environmental Law Center (Board of Directors)
Equal Justice Works (Board of Directors)
American Antitrust Institute (Chair of the Board of Directors)
American Museum of Tort Law (Advisory Council)
Public Justice
American Association for Justice
American Bar Association

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Testified:

Cited by Dick Durbin: Toy Safety (2007)
FCC: Cell Phone Early Termination Fees (2008)
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (2015)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN, Lawsuit Reform
C-SPAN, Product Liability Reform Act
C-SPAN, Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act
Search Results Web Result with Site Links International Consumer Product Health and Safety Organization, Evaluating & Managing Risk in Product Safety
Class Action Money & Ethics, An Analysis of the Antitrust Landscape Over 10 Years



RACHEL WEINTRAUB

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BA, Political Science and Philosophy, Politics and Law, Binghamton; JD, Boston University

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Testified:

- Senate Commerce Committee: Insurance Fraud (2017)
- Senate Commerce Committee, Government Shutdown and Economic Security (2013)
- Senate Commerce Committee, Product Safety (2010)
- House Commerce Subcommittee, Consumer Product Safety Commission (2007)
- House Commerce Subcommittee, Children's Products Safety (2007)
- Senate Commerce Committee, All-Terrain Vehicle Standards (2006)
- House Commerce Committee, Patient Protection Legislation (2000)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- C-SPAN, Toy Safety
- C-SPAN, Trump Administration and Federal Deregulation, Panel Discussion
- Economic Policy Institute, Federal Deregulation
- Consumer Federation of America's 2016 conference, Consumer Protection and the Economy
- Coalition for Sensible Safeguards, Oversight of Regulatory Safeguards
- CFA, moderating press conference with Senators Blumenthal & Udall

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Education:

Visiting JD student, Georgetown Law Center; BA, Economics, Political Science, Arizona State University; JD, University of Michigan Law School

Affiliations:

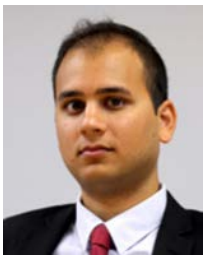
Administrative Conference of the United States (Attorney Advisor)
US Department of the Treasury (Office of Financial Research)
US House of Representatives (Investigative Counsel & Policy Advisor)
US Senate Subcommittee on Investigations (Law Clerk)
Arizona Supreme Court (Law Clerk)
Center for American Progress (Economic Policy Intern)
Better Markets (Attorney)
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (Senior Attorney)

Key Publications:

Rethinking OIRA: Laying the Groundwork for a Progressive Presidency (2020)
Congress and the President Must Counteract the Wealth Inequality the Fed Will Create (2020)
CFPB Advisory Opinion Comment Letter (2020)
The Impacts of Seila Law Beyond Consumer Finance (2020)
AI Symposium: Final Panel Details (2020)
How We Will Remember Our Boss, Chairman Elijah Cummings: Moral Clarity In All He Did (2019)
Public Availability of Adjudication Rules (2018)

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YOGIN KOTHARI

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Education:

Certificate in PACS & Political Management, George Washington University; BA, George Washington University; MPS, George Washington University

Affiliations:

Senate Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee (Professional Staff)
Administrative Conference of the United States (Liaison Representative)
Union of Concerned Scientists (Senior Manager of Government Affairs)
Grassroots Campaigns (Lead Assistant Director)
Senator Barbara Boxer (Intern)
Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (Intern)
AFL-CIO (Intern)

Key Publications:

Scott Pruitt's Trojan Horse Transparency Proposal Would Undermine Public Health Safeguards (2018)
Did EPA Consult With The Chemical Industry While Working To Suppress A Scientific Study On PFAS? (2018)
Why Senator Lankford's "BEST Act" Is Really the Worst for Federal Science (2017)
Make Permanentthe Whistleblower Protection Enhancement ActPilot Programs (2017)
EPA Should Not Delay an Update to Its Chemical Facility Safety (RMP) Rule (2017)
Grading Government Transparency: Scientists' Freedom to Speak (and Tweet) at Federal Agencies (2015)
When We Sideline Science, Our Democracy Suffers (2014)
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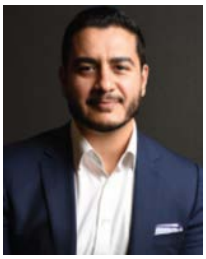
Testified:

House Science, Space and Technology Committee, Fracking (2015)
Cited in Comment to the EPA, Regulatory Science (2020)

Speaking Appearance (ex.): AirTalk, EPA 'secret science' ban proposal

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Education:

Doctorate in Public Health, Oxford University; Doctorate in Epidemiology, Columbia University; M.D., Columbia University; B.S. Biology and Political Science, University of Michigan

Affiliations:

City of Detroit (Health Commissioner)
Detroit Health Department (Executive Director)
Columbia University, Global Research Analytics for Population Health (Director)
Columbia University, Systems Science Program (Director)
Southpaw Michigan (Chair)
America Dissected (Host)
Governing Institute (Senior Fellow)
Carnegie Council (Policy Innovator)
Oxford University (Rhodes Scholar)

Key Publications:

Medicare for All: A Citizen's Guide (2021)
Healing Politics: A Doctor's Journey into the Heart of Our Political Epidemic (2020)
Systems Science and Population Health (2017)
Over 100 scholarly articles in CV

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Bernie Sanders
Harvard University, The Epidemic of Poverty: The Government Imperative
Larry King, U.S. is suffering from a political epidemic
TedX Talks, Poor Health: Assumptions, Facts, Opportunities
The New York Academy of Medicine, Keynote Address on Advocacy in Medicine

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ADAM GAFFNEY

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Education:

MD, New York School of Medicine; MPH, Harvard Graduate School of Public Health; Residency, Columbia University Medical Center; Clinical and research fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine, Massachusetts General Hospital, Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Beth Israel Deaconness Hospital

Affiliations:

Physicians for a National Health Program (President); Working Group on Single-Payer Program Design (Co-Chair); Cambridge Health Alliance (Pulmonary Specialist); Harvard Medical School (Instructor)

Key Publications:

18.2 Million Individuals at Increased Risk of Severe COVID-19 Illness Are Un- or Underinsured (2020)

US law enforcement crowd control tactics at anti-racism protests: a public health threat (2020)

Trump sees the coronavirus as a threat to his self-interest – not to people (2020)

To Heal Humankind: The Right to Health in History (2017)

Scholarly articles

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Fox

Dr. Adam Gaffney speaks at the "Medicare for All Act" press conference

Dr. Adam Gaffney calls the American Hospital Association UP

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ALISON GALVANI

Alison Galvani is the Director of Yale's Center for Infectious Disease Modeling and Analysis. At a panel of global experts hosted by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network, Galvani said there have been more confirmed cases of Covid-19 in the US than any other nation because of our fundamentally flawed healthcare system and "feckless leadership." Galvani has applied modeling and cost-effectiveness analyses to improve national and international public health policies for influenza, rotavirus, TB, HPV, HIV, and Ebola. Galvani is an award-winning research scientist, who integrates epidemiology, ecology, and economics to generate infectious disease predictions. Galvani has been featured in American, Canadian, and British media including CNBC, BBC, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The San Francisco Chronicle, the Los Angeles Times, The Baltimore Sun, The Washington Post, The Times of London, Times of India, Harpers, Esquire, Newsday, National Geographic, Scientific American, Medical Post, and USA Today. Galvani holds a B.A. in Biological Sciences and a Ph.D. in Theoretical Epidemiology from Oxford University.

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B.A., Biological Sciences, Oxford; Ph.D., Theoretical epidemiology, Oxford

Affiliations:

Yale Institute for Global Health
Climate Change and Health
Epidemiology of Microbial Diseases
Global Health Studies
MacMillan Center
Office of Cooperative Research
Center for Infectious Disease Modeling and Analysis (Director)
Yale School of Public Health (Professor of Public Health)

Key Publications:

See opinion pieces
Ecological and Immunological Determinants of Influenza Evolution (2003)
Epidemiology Meets Evolutionary Ecology (2003)
Immunology and Epidemiology of Infectious Disease (2003)
See scholarly publications

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Sustainable Development Solutions Network, COVID-19 2020:
Democracy Now, Medicare For All Would Save $450 billion 2020:

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Education:

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Affiliations:

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Medical Director, Office of Executive Deputy Commissioner)
Brandeis University (Senior Scientist, Heller School for Social Policy)
Phoenix House (Chief Medical Officer, Senior Vice President)
Maimonides Medical Center (Chair, Department of Psychiatry)
Physicians for Responsible Opioid Prescribing (Executive Director)

Key Publications:

Kolodny A, Frieden TF. Ten Steps the Federal Government Should Take Now to Reverse the Opioid Addiction Epidemic. JAMA. Epub 2017 Oct 12. (2017)
Kolodny A. Chronic Pain Patients Are Not Immune to Opioid Harms (letter). J Pain Palliat Care Pharmacother. 2016 Dec;30(4):330-331. (2016)
Kolodny A, Courtwright DT, Hwang CS, Kreiner P, Eadie JL, Clark TW, Alexander GC. The Prescription Opioid and Heroin Crisis: A Public Health Approach to an Epidemic of Addiction. Annual Rev Public Health. 2015 Mar 18;36:559-74. (2015)
Kolodny A. Better late than never: time to up-schedule hydrocodone combination products. Pain Medicine, 2013;11:1627-1628. (2013)

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Testified:

House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health, testifying on opioid treatment (2018)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

California Health Care Foundation: Dr. Andrew Kolodny: The Prescription Opioid Addiction Crisis
National Governors Association, Combating the Opioid Epidemic
Washington Post Forum on the Opioid Epidemic

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ANTHONY SO

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MPA, Princeton University; MD, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; BA, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Affiliations:

President's Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry
President's Council of Advisors in Science and Technology, Antibiotic Resistance Working Group
HHS, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (Senior Advisor to the Administrator)
Johns Hopkins University, IDEA Initiative (Founding Director)
Duke University, Program on Global Health and Technology Access (Director)
Duke University (Professor of Public Policy)
Rockefeller Foundation, Health Equity Division (Associate Director)
Princeton, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs (Advisory Council)
Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (Advisory Board)
Open Society Institute, Information Program (Board Member)
Grantmakers in Health (Board Member)
Asian Pacific Islander American Health Forum (Board Member)
Echoing Green (Board Member)
Clean Water Fund (Board Member)
Community Catalyst (Board Member)
Institute of Medicine (Committee on Accelerating Rare Diseases Research and Orphan Product Development)
HHS Secretary Donna Shalala (White House Fellow)
Woodrow Wilson Scholar

Key Publications:

Delinking Investment in Antibiotic Research and Development from Sales Revenues (2016)
An Integrated Systems Approach is Needed to Ensure the Sustainability of Antibiotic Effectiveness for Both Humans and Animals (2015)
Antibiotic resistance—the need for global solutions (2013)
Making Intellectual Property Work for Global Health (2012)
3Rs for innovating novel antibiotics: sharing resources, risks, and rewards (2012)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Ensuring Affordable Access Amidst a Pandemic
Antimicrobial Resistance
Politico, antibiotic resistance
National Physicians Alliance, Incentivizing Innovation: How Do We Ensure Safe and Effective Drugs and Devices

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Rhodes Scholar
Roosevelt Institute
American Sociological Association
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Senator Elizabeth Warren (Legislative Director, Health and Economic Policy Advisor)
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Key Publications:

Sociologists Are Making an Impact (2016)

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CLAUDIA FEGAN

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Education:

BA, Fisk University; MD, University of Illinois at Chicago

Affiliations:

Physicians for Social Responsibility; Health & Medicine Policy Research Group (President); Physicians for a National Health Program (National Coordinator); American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians (Diplomate)

Key Publications:

Universal Healthcare: What the United States Can Learn from Canada

0 Excellent Reasons for National Health Care

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Testified:

Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, Access to Primary Heath Care (2013)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN

WGN News

Illinois Single-Payer Coalition Speakers Bureau

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DON BERWICK

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Affiliations:

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (Administrator)
US Preventive Services Task Force (Vice Chair)
Institute of Medicine (Governing Council)
President Clinton (Advisory Commission, Consumer Protection & Quality in Healthcare)
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (Chair of the National Advisory Council)
American Hospital Association (Board of Trustees)
Institute for Healthcare Improvement (Founder)
Harvard Medical School (Faculty)
Harvard School of Public Health (Faculty)
Boston's Children's Hospital Medical Center (Doctor)
Massachusetts General Hospital (Doctor)
Brigham and Women's Hospital (Doctor)

Key Publications:

New Rules: Regulation, Markets, and the Quality of American Health Care (1996)
The 100,000 Lives Campaign: Setting a Goal and a Deadline for Improving Health Care Quality (2006)
The Science of Improvement (2008)

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Testified:

House Ways and Means Committee (2019)
Senate Finance Committee, Health Care Law Implementation (2010)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

WBGH, healthcare during the Trump administration
C-SPAN
Institute for Healthcare Improvement
Harvard Medical School, Keynote Address
Harvard School of Public Health
Dartmouth Medical School, Class Day Address

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HANNAH KATCH

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- Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (Senior Health Policy Analyst)
- National Academy of Social Insurance (Elected Member)
- Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington (Board)
- California Department of Health Care Services (Assistant Deputy Director for Health Care)
- Center for Health Care Quality (Research Assistant)
- Kaiser Family Foundation (Project Assistant)
- John Kerry for President (Regional Field Organizer)
- US Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee (Senior Healthy Policy Advisor)

Key Publications:

- See more (2020)
- See more (2020)
- The Trump Administration's Medicaid Block Grant Guidance: Frequently Asked Questions (2020)
- Wisconsin Imposing Nation's Harshest Medicaid Premiums on People in Poverty (2020)
- Medicaid Can Partner With Housing Providers and Others to Address Enrollees' Social Needs (2020)
- Providers, Patients, Advocates Oppose Tennessee's Medicaid Block Grant (2020)

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Testified:

- Cited in Senate Finance Committee, hearing on Medicaid (2019)
- Cited in Senate Finance Committee, Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposa (2017)
- Cited in Oklahoma Health Care Authority, SoonerCare 2.0 Healthy Adult Opportunity (2020)
- Cited in Tennessee's Medicaid Waiver Amendment 42 (2019)
- Cited in Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Opioid Recovery (2018)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, How Supportive Housing Can Meet Health Care Goals
- Healthy Schools Campaign, federal and state health and education policy

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JOHN MONAHAN

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US Department of Health and Human Services (Director of Global Health Affairs; Counselor to the Secretary; Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Children and Families; Director of Intergovernmental Affairs)

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Annie E. Casey Foundation (Senior Fellow)

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Senate Special Committee on Aging (Investigator)

Senator David Pryor (Legal Counsel)

Key Publications:

Gostin, Lawrence, Eric Friedman, Matthew Kavanagh, John T. Monahan, and Harold Hongju Koh. "Joining COVAX Could Save American Lives." Foreign Policy, September 15, 2020. (2020)

Gostin, Lawrence, Aleksandra Blagojevic, Simon Bland, Ranieri Guerra, and John T Monahan. "Launching the Universal Health Coverage Legal Solutions Network," September 1, 2019. The Lancet. (2019)

Gostin, Lawrence O., John T. Monahan, Jenny Kaldor, Mary DeBartolo, Eric A Friedman, Susan C Kim, Ala Alwan, et al. "The Legal Determinants of Health: Harnessing the Power of Law for Global Health and Sustainable Development." The Lancet, April 30, 2019. (2019)

Gostin, Lawrence O, John T Monahan, Mary C DeBartolo, and Richard Horton. "Law's Power to Safeguard Global Health: A Lancet–O'Neill Institute, Georgetown University Commission on Global Health and the Law." The Lancet, April 22, 2015. (2015)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Eureka Institute for Translational Medicine: Keynote on integration of science research with social justice in global health initiatives

Georgetown University Global Health Initiative: A Conversation with Dr. Anthony Fauci

University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service: Global Health Diplomacy

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Josh Sharfstein is a pediatrician and the Vice Dean at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He was Deputy Commissioner at the Food and Drug Administration under the Obama administration, where he led transparency and regulatory initiatives. Under his leadership, the FDA heightened oversight of drug, device, and food companies, including pressing criminal charges against pharmaceutical companies. As Rep. Henry Waxman's Health Policy Advisor, Sharfstein worked on issues including the FDA, HIV/AIDS, tobacco, and public health. Rep. Waxman said of Sharfstein, "He wants to be sure government's working for people, especially when it comes to kids." At 36, Sharfstein became Baltimore's Health Commissioner. He managed 800 staff and achieved significant declines in overdose deaths and infant mortality rates. As Maryland's Health Secretary, Sharfstein transformed the state model for hospital payment to boost public health. Prominent virologist Dr. William Blattner said Sharfstein "exudes confidence and competence. What he says makes sense, and he backs it up with evidence and demands performance." His research is widely published and he has been cited in media outlets including The New York Times, The Washington Post, International Business Times, Associated Press, USA Today, BBCNews, The Hill, Politico, Fortune, Forbes, Nature, and on MSNBC, CNBC, CNN, and NPR. He holds a B.S. and an M.D. from Harvard University.

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MD, Harvard Medical School; BA, Harvard College

Affiliations:

U.S. Food and Drug Administration (Principal Deputy Commissioner)
Rep. Henry Waxman (Health Policy Advisor)
Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Secretary)
Baltimore City Health Department (Health Commissioner)
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (Vice Dean for Public Health Practice and Community Engagement)
Urban Institute (Health Policy Center Fellow)
Public Citizen (Analyst)
National Academy of Medicine (Elected Member)
National Academy of Public Administration (Elected Member)

Key Publications:

"Testing is Just the Beginning in the Battle Against Covid-19," Op-Ed, New York Times (2020)
"Criminalizing the Seriously Mentally Ill: The Abuse of Jails As Mental Hospitals," National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and Public Citizen's Health Research Group (2010)
"Enabling School Success to Improve Community Health," The JAMA Network (2018)
"The Exceptional American Relationship to Public Health: Why the United States Has Failed So Spectacularly to Control COVID-19," Foreign Affairs (2020)

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Testified:

Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions, testifying on Maryland's implementation of the ACA (2011)
House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, testifying on Salmonella outbreak (2010)
House Committee on Rules, on antibiotic use in animals (2009)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

MSNBC, "Dr. Joshua Sharfstein: Oxford coronavirus vaccine trial results 'definitely a step forward,'" Interview with Andrea Mitchell
CNBC, "Countries need to stay vigilant on coronavirus ahead of fall flu season," expert speaker
Bloomberg News, "Covid-19 Herd Immunity Won't Be Absolute: Johns Hopkins' Sharfstein," Interview
C-SPAN, "Dr. Joshua Sharfstein on the Coronavirus Outbreak"
TEDx Talk, "Hospitals, Not Hotels"
C-SPAN, Washington Journal, "Dr. Joshua Sharfstein on the Coronavirus Outbreak"
Center for Global Development, "COVID-19 Vaccine Predictions," Keynote
Fortune Commentary, "Hospitals want to reduce racial and socioeconomic disparities in health. Let's start measuring their progress," Panelist
Mike Bloomberg and Ambassador Susan E. Rice: Third Virtual Convening to Aid COVID-19 Social and Economy Recovery, Speaker

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Larry Gostin is a Public Health Law Professor; the Faculty Director of Georgetown University's O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law; and the Director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Center on National and Global Health Law. Gostin wrote the Model State Emergency Health Powers Act, a reform initiative to combat bioterrorism, and the "Turning Point" Model State Public Health Act. Gostin spearheaded the WHO and International Development Law Organization's report, "Advancing the Right to Health: The Vital Role of Law." His proposal for a Framework Convention on Global Health, an international treaty ensuring the right to health, was endorsed by the UN Secretary-General and Director of UNAIDS. He has served on several high-level panels committees, including the International Health Regulations' Roster of Experts; the Expert Advisory Panel on Mental Health; the WHO Director-General's Advisory Reform Committee; the WHO Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework; and two 2015 Ebola epidemic commissions. The National Academy of Medicine awarded Gostin the Adam Yarmolinsky Medal for distinguished service to further its mission of science and health. He received the Public Health Law Association's Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award "in recognition of a career devoted to using law to improve the public's health." The New York Public Health Law Association conferred the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award for extraordinary service to improve the public's health. Gostin is a Member of the Council on Foreign Relations and Fellow of the Hastings Center. In 2016, President Obama appointed Gostin to the President's National Cancer Advisory Board. He also serves on the National Institutes of Health Director's Advisory Committee on the opioid crisis. A 2017 systematic empirical analysis ranked Gostin 1st in the nation for citations in health law. Gostin holds a B.A. in Psychology from the State University of New York, Brockport and a J.D. from Duke University School of Law.

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World Health Organization Collaborating Center on National and Global Health Law (Director)
President's National Cancer Advisory Board (Committee Member)
National Institutes of Health, BD2K (Big Data to Knowledge) Board
FDA Center of Excellence in Regulatory Science and Innovation (Co-Principal Investigator)
World Health Organization (Expert Advisory Panel on Mental Health)
Committee on Battlefield Radiation Exposure Criteria
Board on Global Health, National Research Council and National Academies of Sciences Engineering, and Medicine
Consortium of Universities for Global Health (Governing Board and Board Secretary)
American Civil Liberties Union (National Board of Directors)
Fulbright Fellowship
Royal Society for Public Health (Fellowship)
Laws: An Open Access International Journal (Editor-in-Chief)

Key Publications:

Gostin, Lawrence, Scott Ratzan, Agnes Binagwaho, Heidi Larson, Jeffrey Lazarus, and Kenneth Rabin. "COVID-19: A Global Survey Shows Worrying Signs of Vaccine Hesitancy." The Conversation, October 28, 2020. (2020)

Gostin, Lawrence, Wendy Parmet, and Sara Rosenbaum. "Health Policy in the Supreme Court and a New Conservative Majority." Journal of the American Medical Association, October 27, 2020. (2020)

Gostin, Lawrence, Michelle Williams, and Harald Schmidt. "Is It Lawful and Ethical to Prioritize Racial Minorities for COVID-19 Vaccines?" Journal of the American Medical Association, October 14, 2020. (2020)

Gostin, Lawrence, Safura Abdool Karim, and Benjamin Mason Meier. "Facilitating Access to a COVID-19 Vaccine through Global Health Law." The Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics, October 6, 2020. (2020)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN Washington Journal: Lawrence Gostin on Federal Government Powers During Health Emergencies
Georgetown Law: COVID-19 vs. The Constitution
Rising Up: 4 Months In, How Much Do We Know About COVID-19?

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LEANA WEN

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MSc, Modern Chinese Studies, University of Oxford; MSc, Economic and Social History, University of Oxford; MD, Washington University in St. Louis; BA, Biochemistry, California State University-Los Angeles

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City of Baltimore (Health Commissioner)
George Washington University (Director of Patient-Centered Care Research)
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Brigham and Women's Hospital (Emergency Medicine Physician)
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World Health Organization (Consultant)
China Medical Board (Consultant)
Eurasia Group (Consultant)
Behavioral Health System Baltimore (Board Chair)
Baltimore Community Foundation (Board)
Baltimore's Promise (Board)
University of Maryland College Park School of Public Health (Advisory Board)
Shatterproof (Advisory Board)
Harvard Medical School (Clinical Fellow)
Brookings Institution (Senior Fellow)
Fitzhugh Mullan Institute for Health Workforce Equity (Distinguished Fellow)
National Security Education Program (Fellow)
University of Oxford (Social Policy Researcher)
The New York Times (Reporter)
The Washington Post (Columnist)
CNN (Medical Analyst)
Rhodes Scholar

Key Publications:

We've reached 200,000 deaths. Our response has gotten even worse than it was at 100,000. (2020)
The U.S. Is Facing a Crisis of Confidence in Our Government Scientists (2020)
This is the Worst Possible Time to Try to Kill Obamacare (2020)
When Doctors Don't Listen: How to Avoid Misdiagnoses and Unnecessary Tests (2014)
See 96 scholarly articles
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Testified:

House Oversight and Reform, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis (2020)
House Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery, Unequal Impacts of Covid-19 (2020)
House Committee on Education and Labor, Opioids and Child Abuse (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Johns Hopkins, Reopening Risks, Alarming Trends, and How We Could Prevent Another Outbreak
TEDx, Our new "normal" — learning to live with coronavirus
CNBC, flattening the curve
CNN, racism and coronavirus
C-SPAN, COVID-19 and Public Health Policy
Harvard, Improving the Public's Health
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LEWIS GROSSMAN

Lewis Grossman is a Professor of Law at American University, where he has taught food and drug law, health law, civil procedure, and legal history for over 20 years. As long-time Counsel with Covington & Burling LLP in Washington, DC, he worked with the Food and Drug Law Practice Group. He served as Assistant Director in the US Department of the Treasury and participated in its White House Security Review during the Clinton administration. He served on the Law and Judicial Policy Committee and Voter Protection team during Obama's presidential campaign in 2008 and 2012 as well as the Voter Protection team during Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign in 2016. In 2018, Grossman organized and chaired the "FDA: Past, Present, and Future" conference featuring four former FDA Commissioners, four former FDA chief counsels, and dozens of leading academics and practitioners, which was sponsored by the Food and Drug Law Institute. Grossman has given over 75 presentations on food and drug laws at universities across North America. He has also served as a member of three committees of the National Academies of Sciences' Health and Medicine Division. He is currently working on a book titled "Choose Your Medicine: Freedom of Therapeutic Choice in America," which will be published by Oxford University Press. Grossman clerked for Judge Abner Mikva of the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit. He holds a B.A. from Yale University and a J.D. from Harvard University.

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Affiliations:

US Department of the Treasury (Assistant Director)
Hillary Clinton for President 2016 (Voter Protection)
Barack Obama for President 2008, 2012 (Voter Protection, Law & Judiciary Policy Committee)
Senator John McCain (Legal Consultant)
National Academies of Sciences (CDC Division)
Institute of Medicine/National Research Council (Committee for Review of FDA's Role)
Food and Drug Law Institute (Board of Directors)
Administrative Law Review (Faculty Advisory Board)
Mikva Challenge DC (Advisory Board)
Supreme Court Historical Society (Co-Chair for Membership)
American Society for Legal History (Member)
Yale Law School, China Law Center (Lecturer)
Yale Journal of Health Policy (Peer Reviewer)
Journal of Law and the Biosciences (Peer Reviewer)
Law and History Review (Peer Reviewer)
Food and Drug Law Journal (Peer Reviewer)
Oxford University Press (Peer Reviewer)
Cambridge University Press (Peer Reviewer)
American University (Professor of Law, Associate Dean)
Cornell Law School (Visiting Professor)
Princeton University (Law and Public Affairs Fellow)
Covington & Burling LLP (Of Counsel)

Key Publications:

Food and Drug Law: Cases and Materials (2007)
The FDA and the Rise of the Empowered Patient (2015)
See scholarly work
AIDS Activists, FDA Regulation, and the Amendment of America's Drug Constitution (2017)
Life, Liberty, [and the Pursuit of Happiness]: Medical Marijuana Regulation in Historical Context (2019)

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Testified:

Cited before House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, on climate change (2019)
Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, on FDA regulation of tobacco products (1998)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

The Week in Health Law, Activating the FDA
Drexel University, Evolution of the FDA
Harvard Law School, teaching food and drug law
American Society of Law, 2019 Health Law Professors Conference

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LIZ WATSON

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B.A., Carleton College; J.D., Georgetown University

Affiliations:

U.S. House of Representatives- Education and Workforce Committee (Labor Policy Director); Congressional Progressive Caucus Center (Executive Director); Georgetown Center on Poverty and Inequality (Executive Director); National Women's Law Center (Director of Workplace Justice)

Key Publications:

50 Years & Counting: The Unfinished Business of Achieving Fair Pay (2013)

Trump and the GOP are blatantly sacrificing working people for political gain (2020)

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It Shouldn't Be A Heavy Lift: Fair Treatment for Pregnant Workers (2015)

Testified:

Before the House Committee on Education and the WorkforceMember Forum on the Impact of Irregular Schedules (2015)

Speaking Appearance (ex.): Louisville Courier Journal

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Affiliations:

Bernie Sanders (Legislative Director); US Senate Health and Judiciary Policy (Counsel); US House of Representatives (Legal Fellow); Florida Senate (Legislative Assistant)

Key Publications:

Medicaid for All Act (2017)
Making Health Care a Right: Getting to Single Payer (2017)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Stitcher, Healthcare is a Human Right
Women in Government Relations, Women in the Workplace
GrayDC, Staff keep Sanders connected to the Capitol from the campaign trail
Progressive Democrats of America, Healthcare is a Human Right
Healthcare Now, Post-Election Conference Call

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NINEZ PONCE

Ninez Ponce is Professor of Health Policy and Management at the University of California, Los Angeles-School of Public Health, where she teaches health policy and health economics. She was previously the Associate Director of the Asian American Studies Center. Ponce was the principal investigator of the California Health Interview Survey, the largest state health survey in the US, and led the first measurement of ethnicity, physician-patient communication, and discrimination. Ponce received a National Institutes of Health Merit Award for her work in multicultural survey research, and was recognized by the National Cancer Institute as a rising star in cancer disparities. Ponce has received major support from the US Department of Health and Human Services, National Cancer Institute, California Endowment, and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Her research contributes to the elimination of racial and social disparities in healthcare and patient outcomes in three areas: multicultural survey research, social penalties in health and health access, and population-based cancer prevention studies. Ponce holds a B.S. from the University of California, Berkeley and a Ph.D. from University of California, Los Angeles.

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Agency For Healthcare Research And Quality [Department Of Health And Human Services]

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PhD, University of California, Los Angeles; MPP, Harvard University; BS, University of California, Berkeley

Affiliations:

California Health Interview Survey (Principal Investigator)
UCLA School of Public Health (Professor of Health Policy and Management)
UCLA Asian American Studies Center (Associate Director)
Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum (Deputy Director)
AcademyHealth, Disparities Interest Group (Founder and Co-Chair)
National Health Law Program (Vice-Chair of the Board)
Institute of Medicine, Subcommittee on Race/Ethnicity/Language Data (Member)
Asian Health Services (Consultant)
Community Voices-Oakland/La Clinica de la Raza (Consultant)
New Heights Charter School (Chair of the Board)

Key Publications:

Health Equity and Hospital Readmissions: Does Inclusion of Patient Functional and Social Complexity Improve Predictiveness? (2019)
Covered California: Reports and Research (2019)
Public Charge -Health and Economic Impactsin California (2019)
Proposed Changes to Immigration Rules Would Cost California Jobs, Harm Public Health (2018)
Barriers to Breast Cancer Care in California (2017)
Early Diffusion Of Gene Expression Profiling In Breast Cancer Patients Associated With Areas Of High Income Inequality (2015)
Risk Adjustment with Social Determinants of Health and Implications for Federally Qualified Health Centers under the Affordable Care Act (2015)
What a Difference a Data Set and Advocacy Make for AAPI Health (2011)
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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

California Health Care Foundation, Monitoring Access to Care for Medi-Cal Enrollees
Asian Health Services, 45th Annual Gala honoree
UNM Center for Social Policy, Structural Inequities and the U.S. Healthcare System
AJMCtv, California's Diversity Affects Patient Access to High-Quality Care

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PAUL FARMER

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Administrator, Agency for International Development [United States Agency For International Development - Office Of The Administrator]

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B.A., Duke University, 1982; M.D., Ph.D., Anthropology, Harvard University, 1990

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Partners in Health (Co-Founder)
MacArthur Foundation (Fellowship)
World Health Organization (Multi-Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis Treatment Program Director)
Brigham and Women's Hospital (Chief of the Division of Social Medicine and Health Inequalities)
Harvard Medical School (Professor of Medical Anthropology)
United Nations Deputy Special Envoy for Haiti
United Nations Secretary General (Special Advisor to the Secretary General on Community-Based Medicine)

Key Publications:

Partner to the Poor: A Paul Farmer Reader (University of California Press) (2010)
Infections and Inequalities: The Modern Plagues (University of California Press) (2001)
MIT Press, "On Suffering and Structural Violence: A View from Below" (1996)

Testified:

Extension of Remarks, House of Representatives, "Honoring Dr. Paul Farmer" ((2008)
Testimony to the Congressional Black Caucus: Focus on Haiti (2010)
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, testimony on health situation in Haiti (2003)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

NPR, "'The Dread Of Responsibility' — Paul Farmer On The Pandemic And Poor Countries," Interview
Skoll World Forum 2015, "Partners in Health: The Great Paradigm Shift," Speaker
Bloomberg Big Decisions: Dr. Paul Farmer, Interview
Seattle BioMed's 2009 Passport to Global Health Celebration, Keynote
American University 2013 Commencement Speech

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City of Austin Urban Transportation Commission, Chair
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Austin Public Transit Alliance, Board Member
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Portal Software, Founder & Service Manager
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Congressional Progressive Caucus (Founding Member)
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Countdown '87 (Executive Director)
Office of U.S. Senator Christopher Dodd (Chief of Staff)
U.S. House of Representatives (Congresswoman)
Democratic Steering & Policy Committee (Co-Chair)
Subcommittee on U.S. Department of Agriculture (Member)
Subcommittee on U.S. Food & Drug Administration (Member)
Labor, Health & Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee (Chair)

Key Publications:

The Least among us: Waging the Battle for the vulnerable (2017)
Women of the 2016 Election: Voices, Views, and Values (2018)
Why I Supported Taking Down the Columbus Statue in New Haven (2020)

Testified:

DeLauro Testifies on FAMILY Act at Ways & Means Committee Hearing on Paid Leave: (2020)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Rep. DeLauro slams White House for blocking Fauci testimony:
After Words with Representative Rosa DeLauro (2017)
C-SPAN

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STEPHANIE KANG

Stephanie Kang is a Health Policy Advisor to Rep. Pramila Jayapal. At Brigham and Women's Hospital, Kang managed a quality improvement physician training program and coordinated clinical research in the ICU. Kang was the Program Director of Medics to Africa, where she coordinated clinician placements for physicians and nurses in 5 hospitals throughout East Africa. Kang was also the Program Director for the Community Health Council in Haiti, where she led mobile medical and dental clinics for up to 600 patients per day. As the Program Director for Harvard Medical School's MEDscience, Kang expanded a STEM program from 200 to 1,000 students in Boston Public Schools. At Harvard's NeuroDiversity Center, Kang performed drug discovery research for neurodegenerative diseases. Kang has spoken about the urgent need for Medicare For All at the American Medical Student Association, Public Citizen, and Progressive Democrats of America. Kang holds a B.S. in Behavioral Neuroscience from Northeastern University, an M.S. in Global Health from Northwestern University, and a Ph.D. in Public Health from Harvard School of Public Health.

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Director, Patient Care Models Group [Department Of Health And Human Services - Centers For Medicare And Medicaid Services: Center For Medicare And Medicaid Innovation]

Education:

PhD, Public Health, Harvard School of Public Health; MS, Global Health, Northwestern University; BS, Behavioral Neuroscience, Northeastern University

Affiliations:

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria (Human Rights Team)
Community Health Council (Program Director)
Harvard Medical School MEDscience (Program Director)
Surgical ICU at Brigham & Women's Hospital (Clinical Research Coordinator)
Medics to Africa (Program Director)
Harvard NeuroDiversity Center (Research Assistant)
Northeastern University (Research Assistant)
Rep. Pramila Jayapal's Office (Medicare for All Fellow)

Key Publications:

A prospective phase 0 study on the effects of anesthetic selection on serum miRNA profiles during primary cytoreductive surgery for suspected ovarian cancer
Anesthetic selection and disease free survival following optimal primary cytoreductive surgery for stage III epithelial ovarian cancer
The Parkinson's disease-linked LRRK2 mutation I2020T stabilizes an active state conformation leading to increased kinase activity
Kinetic, Mechanistic, and Structural Modeling Studies of Truncated Wild-Type Leucine-Rich Repeat Kinase 2 and the G2019S Mutant

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Public Citizen
Physicians for a National Health Program
We Are Social Security
American Medical Student Association
PDA America



SUERIE MOON

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Deputy Director, Office of Global Health Affairs [Department Of Health And Human Services - Office Of Global Affairs]

Education:

M.P.A., Princeton; B.A., Yale; Ph.D., Harvard

Affiliations:

Chatham House Global Health Working Group on Financing
Doctors Without Borders (Board of Directors)
Harvard Chan School of Public Health
PLoS Medicine (Editorial Board)
Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative, North America (Board of Directors)
UNITAID (Proposal Review Committee)
WHO Access to Medical Projects (Global Advisory Committee)
Harvard Kennedy School of Government

Key Publications:

Governance Challenges in Global Health (2015)
Will Ebola change the game? Ten essential reforms before the next pandemic. The report of the Harvard-LSHTM Independent Panel on the Global Response to Ebola (2015)
The political origins of health inequity: prospects for change (2014)
Informal Norms in Global Governance: Human Rights, Intellectual Property Rules and Access to Medicines (2013)
Driving a decade of change: HIV/AIDS, patents and access to medicines for all (2011)
A lifeline to treatment: the role of Indian generic manufacturers in supplying antiretroviral medicines to developing countries (2010)
See more

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Testified:

Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Pandemic Protection in a Globalized World (2017)
Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Subcommittee on Retirement and Aging, on Bernie Sanders' bill on prescription drugs (2012)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

The Graduate Institute, Geneva
Heidi News
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WINSTON WONG

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Deputy Secretary, Health and Human Services [Department Of Health And Human Services - Office Of The Deputy Secretary]

Education:

BS, Ethnic Studies, Asian American Studies, MS, University of California, Berkeley; MD, University of California, San Francisco

Affiliations:

Commissioned Corps of the US Public Health Service (Captain)
US Department of Health and Human Services Chair (Advisory Committee on Minority Health)
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education)
National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians (Chair and CEO)
National Academy of Medicine, Roundtable on Health Equity (Chair)
National Quality Forum, Committee on Cultural Competence (Co-chair)
Institute of Medicine (Content Expert)
National Academy of Sciences, National Research Council (Associate Member)
National Academy of Medicine, Committee on the Future of Nursing (Member)
California Endowment (Board Member)
Asian Health Services (Medical Director)
Kaiser Permanente (Medical Director of Community Benefit)
UCLA Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity (Scholar-in-Residence)

Key Publications:

Health Beyond Health Care (2018)
Reducing Health Inequities in the US: Insights and Recommendations (2016)
Leveling the Field (2010)
KP Evidence-Based Medicine in the Community (2005)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Kaiser, Strengthening America's Mental Health Workforce
Chinese American Medical Society, Health Care Reform and Closing Ethnic Disparities
Chinese American Medical Society, Annual Conference
Trauma-informed Primary Care: Fostering Resilience and Recovery
American Medical Association , Prioritizing Equity: The Experience of Physicians of Color and COVID-19
AAPCHO, Primary Care Pipeline: CHC Physicians Fostering Healthier Communities
National Academies of Science, Alternatives to Juvenile Detention
Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, Health Equity: Intention and Success

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DAVID GRABOWSKI

David Grabowski serves on the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, an independent agency that advises Congress on Medicare. He has also served on several technical expert panels for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Grabowski led a team at Harvard in the evaluation of the CMS Nursing Home Value-Based Purchasing Demonstration. Grabowski has been the Principal Investigator on five research grants from the National Institute on Aging on post-acute care, dementia care, skilled nursing facility payment, demand for long-term care insurance, and nonprofit provision of nursing home care. Grabowski has investigated financial links, majority shareholders, corporate consolidation, and antitrust violations in healthcare institutions. Grabowski says: "Our results have potential implications for how we think about competition between and across sectors. If an investor jointly owns several hospitals within a market, are these hospitals really competing with one another on cost and quality?" His research has been supported by the Commonwealth Fund, Johnson Foundation, Arnold Foundation, and Donaghue Foundation. He won the Prize for Young Investigators from the Association of University Programs in Health Administration. Grabowski has appeared in The Hill, Journal of the American Medical Association, Medscape, The Tampa Bay Times, the Los Angeles Times, New York Daily News, The New York Times, and The Washington Post. He holds a B.A. from Duke University and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

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Principal Deputy Administrator, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services [Department Of Health And Human Services - Centers For Medicare And Medicaid Services]

Education:

BA, Public Policy, Psychology, Duke; PhD, Public Policy, University of Chicago

Affiliations:

Harvard Medical School (Professor of Health Care Policy)
Forum for Health Economics and Policy (Associate Editor)
American Journal of Health Economics (Editorial Board)
Medical Care Research & Review (Editorial Board)
B.E. Journals in Economic Analysis & Policy (Editorial Board)

Key Publications:

The Forgotten Middle: Many Middle-Income Seniors Will Have Insufficient Resources for Housing and Health Care (2019)
Nursing Home Care in Crisis in the Wake of COVID-19 (2020)
Continued Bans on Nursing Home Visitors Are Unhealthy and Unethical (2020)
See scholarly work
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Testified:

House Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, "The Devastating Impact of Coronavirus Impact in America's Nursing Homes" (2020)
Senate Finance, "Not Forgotten: Protecting Americans From Abuse and Neglect in Nursing Homes" (2019)
House Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, "Promoting Integrated and Coordinated Care for Medicare Beneficiaries" (2017)
Massachusetts Legislature, "Providing Basic Health Services for Residents of Assisted Living" (2017)
US Commission on Long-Term Care, "Expanding Private Long-Term Care Insurance" (2013)
Washington State Legislature, "Proposal and Rationale for a Simplified Medicaid Payment System for Nursing Homes in Washington State" (2007)
Alabama State House of Representatives (2000)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

UMass Amherst, Using Market-based Approaches to Encourage High Quality Nursing Home Care
PBS, Why Nursing Homes and Senior Living Centers Yield COVID-19 'Perfect Storm'
Geri Pal Podcast, COVID in Long Term Care

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GERALD FRIEDMAN

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Member (Council for Economic Advisers) [Executive Office Of The President - Council Of Economic Advisers]

Education:

BA, Economics and History, Columbia; PhD, Economics, Harvard

Affiliations:

American Economic Association
Social Science History Association
Economic History Association
Labor and Working Class History Association
Society for French Historical Studies
University of Massachusetts at Amherst (Instructor)
Tufts University (Lecturer)
The Journal of Economic History (Editorial Board)
The American Journal of Sociology (Editorial Board)

Key Publications:

Microeconomics: Individual Choice in Communities. Boston, Dollars and Sense, 2015 (second edition). (2015)
Oxford Companion to United States History: Labor and Economic History, ed. with Melvyn Dubofsky and Joseph McCartin. Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2013. (2013)
The Dollars and Sense Economic Crisis Reader, ed. with Fred Moseley. Boston, Dollars and Sense, 2010. (2010)
Reigniting the Labor Movement: Restoring Means to Ends in a Democratic Labor Movement. London; New York: Routledge, 2008. (2008)
State-Making and Labor Movements. The United States and France, 1876-1914. Ithaca, Cornell University Press, 1998. (1998)
2020

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Testified:

Massachusetts General Court About Healthcare (2012)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

KOBI-TV NBC5
The David Parkman Show
Kentucky State AFL-CIO
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NANCY ALTMAN

Nancy Altman was appointed by Nancy Pelosi to serve on the Social Security Advisory Board, the bipartisan federal government agency which advises the President, Congress, and the Commissioner of Social Security, for a 6-year term from 2017 to 2023. Altman advised Chair of the Federal Reserve Alan Greenspan on Social Security issues and was an aide to Senator John Danforth. Altman is President of Social Security Works, a nonprofit which works with the Retirement Research Foundation, Open Society Foundations, Civic Participation Action Fund, and CREDO to improve the economic security of disadvantaged populations and maintain Social Security as a vehicle of social justice. Under her leadership, Social Security Works tweeted: "Racism is a public health issue." Altman has 45 years of experience working in Social Security and private pensions, and taught at Harvard Law School and Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Altman has appeared in The Hill, Huff Post, MinnPost, Los Angeles Times, Salon, Forbes, and CNBC. Altman holds an A.B. from Harvard University and a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

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Commissioner [Social Security Administration - Office Of The]

Education:

J.D., University of Pennsylvania Law School; A.B., Harvard University

Affiliations:

Alliance for Retired Americans Educational Fund (Board of Directors)
Pension Rights Center (Chair of the Board of Directors)
Economic Opportunity Institute (Board of Directors)
Latinos for the Secure Retirement (Board of Directors)
Institute for America's Future (Board of Directors)
National Academy of Social Insurance (Organizing Committee & First Board of Directors)
Harvard Law School (Professor)
Harvard Kennedy School of Government (Professor)

Key Publications:

Donald Trump Is Using the Coronavirus Crisis to Attack Social Security (2020)
The Battle for Social Security: From FDR's Vision to Bush's Gamble (John Wiley & Sons, 2005) The Truth About Social Security: The Founders' Words Refute Revisionist History, Zombie Lies, and Common Misunderstandings (2018)
Social Security Works! Why Social Security Isn't Going Broke and How Expanding It Will Help Us All (2017)
The Deeply Immoral Values Of Today's Republican Leaders (2017)
The GOP Tax Scam Makes The Super-Rich, Richer, Widening The Wealth Gap Even More (2017)
The GOP Tax Plan is A Major Assault in Their War Against Social Security, Medicare And Medicaid (2017)
The Battle for Social Security: From FDR's Vision to Bush's Gamble (2005)

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Testified:

Ways & Means Hearing on Retirement Security (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

WeAreSocialSecurity
Economic Policy Institute
The Zero Hour with RJ Eskow
Public Citizen

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS



AARON KESSELHEIM

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Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services [Department Of Health And Human Services - Centers For Medicare And Medicaid Services]

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Commissioner of Food and Drugs [Department Of Health And Human Services - Food And Drug Administration]

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Director, Office of Regulatory Policy [Department Of Health And Human Services - Food And Drug Administration: Center For Drug Evaluation And Research]

Pharmaceutical Quality Program Director [Department Of Health And Human Services - Food And Drug Administration: Office Of Regulatory Affairs]

Principal Deputy Associate General Counsel [Department Of Health And Human Services - Food And Drug Administration: Office Of Chief Counsel]

Education:

MPH, Harvard School of Public Health; BA, Harvard University; JD, University of Pennsylvania School of Law; MD, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

Affiliations:

National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (Member)
Food and Drug Administration (Peripheral and Central Nervous System Advisory Committee)
Program On Regulation, Therapeutics, And Law (PORTAL) (Director)
Harvard-MIT Center for Regulatory Science (Co-Director)
Harvard Medical School (Professor of Medicine)
Harvard Law School (Faculty Supervisor)
Harvard Center for Bioethics (Faculty Member)
Harvard School of Public Health (Research Associate)
Yale Law School (Visiting Professor)
Brigham and Women's Hospital (Associate Physician)
Journal of Law, Medicine, and Ethics (Editor-In-Chief)
New England Journal of Medicine (Advisory Board)

Key Publications:

Variation in Prescription Drug Prices by Retail Pharmacy Type: A National Cross-sectional Study (2019)
Patients' Knowledge of Key Messaging in Drug Safety Communications (2019)
Challenges and Opportunities for Biomarker Validation (2019)
Changes in Price for Generic Drugs in the USA, 2008-2016 (2019)
See scholarly work
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Testified:

House Committee on Oversight and Reform, prescription drugs (2019)
House Judiciary Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, CREATES Act (2017)
House Committee on Oversight and Reform, federal preemption of lawsuits against pharmaceutical manufacturers (2008)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

National Academies, strategies and policies to reduce drug prices
Harvard School of Public Health, US Drug Prices
Annenberg Center, America's Drug Price Problem
Middle Class Prosperity Project Forum, Federal Investments in Science Research
American Journal of Managed Care TV, costs of care and prescribing practices
Harvard Medical School, prescription drugs
CNBC, Drug Ads Should Be Banned

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Associate Commissioner for Policy [Department Of Health And Human Services - Food And Drug Administration: Office Of Policy And Planning]

Education:

JD, Health Law, University of Maryland; PhD, Epidemiology, University of Cambridge; BA, International Health, University of Virginia; McDonogh School

Affiliations:

Harvard Medical School, PORTAL (Assistant Director)
Harvard School of Public Health (Faculty, Health Policy and Management)
Harvard Kennedy School, Behavioral Insights Group (Faculty)
Center for Bioethics at Harvard Law School (Faculty)
Brigham and Women's Hospital (Associate Epidemiologist)
Open Society Foundation grant (Principal Investigator)
Anthem Public Policy Institute (Principal Investigator)
Greenwall Foundation grant (Principal Investigator)
Laura and John Arnold Foundation (Co-Investigator)
Harvard Program in Therapeutic Science (Co-Investigator)
University of Maryland (Leadership Scholar)
University of Virginia (Jefferson Scholar)

Key Publications:

Lessons From The Impact Of Price Regulation On The Pricing Of Anticancer Drugs In Germany (2020)
Missed Opportunities on Emergency Remdesivir Use (2020)
Insulin access and affordability in the USA: anticipating the first interchangeable insulin product (2020)
A National Pharmaceutical Research and Development Institute (2019)
Tepid Steps on Drug Pricing (2019)
Get Generic Drugs to Market Faster (2017)
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Testified:

House Ways and Means, Promoting Competition to Lower Medicare Drug Prices (2019)
FDA, Hatch-Waxman Amendments (2017)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Harvard Law School, Health Law Year in P/Review: Drug Pricing and Cost
Harvard Center for Bioethics, Clinical Trial Data Sharing and Reproducibility
Harvard Law School, Transparency in Health and Health Care

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AMY KAPCZYNSKI

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Director, Office of Regulatory Policy [Department Of Health And Human Services - Food And Drug Administration: Center For Drug Evaluation And Research]

Education:

J.D., Yale Law School; M.A., Queen Mary and Westfield College; M. Phil., University of Cambridge; A.B., Princeton University

Affiliations:

Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (Co-Founder); Yale AIDS Network (Co-Founder and Advocacy Director); UC Berkeley School of Law (Professor of Law); Yale Law School (Assistant Professor)

Key Publications:

- The Cost of Price: Why and How to Get Beyond Intellectual Property Internalism (2012)
- Coronavirus and the Politics of Care (2020)
- The Right to Medicines in an Age of Neoliberalism (2020)
- Dangerous Times: The FDA's Role in Information Production, Past and Future (2018)
- The Lochnerized First Amendment and the FDA: Toward a More Democratic Political Economy (2018)
- How Trump Can Actually Cut Drug Prices (2017)
- What's in Your Medicine Cabinet? Ensuring the Safety and Efficacy of Prescription Drugs, Biologics and Medical Devices (2017)
- A Prescription for Excessive Drug Pricing:Leveraging Government Patent Use for Health (2016)
- Access to Knowledge in the Age of Intellectual Property (2010)

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Testified:

- Ways & Means Committee, Promoting Competition to Lower Medicare Drug Prices (2019)
- In Support of HB 5384, An Act Concerning Prescription Drug Costs (2018)
- In Support of SB-172, An Act Concerning Access to Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder in Correctional Facilities (2018)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- Yale Experts Address Latest Coronavirus Developments in Virtual Town Hall Video
- NYU School of Law
- Democracy Now!

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Associate General Counsel, Public Health [Department Of Health And Human Services - Office Of The General Counsel: Associate General Counsel Divisions]

Education:

B.A., Politics, Princeton; M.A., American Studies, Columbia; J.D., Environmental Law, University of Maryland School of Law

Affiliations:

Medicines Patent Pool (Associate Counsel)
Knowledge Ecology International (Counsel for Policy and Legal Affairs)
Center for Study of Responsive Law (Inaugural Speiser Fellow)
World Health Organization
World Intellectual Property Organization
World Trade Organization
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Testified:

Department of Health and Human Services (2015)
Amicus brief to the US Supreme Court in Oil States v. Greene's Energy



GREGG ALTON

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Education:

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Affiliations:

The AIDS Institute (Board Member)
Boys and Girls Club-Oakland (Board Member)
Celladon Corporation (Board Member)
US Department of Health & Human Services (President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS)
Partners in Health (Trustee)
AIDS Healthcare Foundation (Board Member)
AIDS Vu (Board Member)
Oculus Innovative Sciences (Board Member)
Gilead Foundation (Board Member)
LGBTQ+ Alliance (Executive Sponsor)
Gilead Healthcare PAC (Chair)
USC Schaefer Center for Public Health and Economics (Advisory Board Member)
UCSF Global Health Group (Advisory Board Member)
Corcept Therapeutics (Advisory Board Member)
Pharmozyme Incorporated (Advisory Board Member)

Key Publications:

4 Reasons HIV Is Still So Prevalent in the U.S. Today -Fortune (2017)
The Global Challenge Of Access To Medicines -Stat (2017)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

HYBIZTV, Expanding Access to HIV Medications
International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Science, Interview with Gregg Alton
Knowledge Ecology International, Expanding C-TAP in Low to Middle Income Countries

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Commissioner of Food and Drugs [Department Of Health And Human Services - Food And Drug Administration]

Education:

MHS, Yale School of Medicine; MD, Albert Einstein College of Medicine; BA, BS, University of Rochester

Affiliations:

Yale-Mayo Clinic Center for Excellence in Regulatory Science and Innovation (CERSI) (Co-Director)
Yale Collaboration for Research Integrity and Transparency (CRIT) (Co-Director)
Yale Open Data Access (YODA) Project (Co-Director)
Yale National Clinician Scholars program (NCSP) (Co-Director)
Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation (CORE) at the Yale-New Haven Hospital (Member)
Observational Health Data Sciences and Informatics (OHDSI) (Contributor)
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (Contractor)

Key Publications:

"Lawmakers must ask tough questions about the 21st Century Cures Act," The Hill (2017)
"Prevalence of financial conflicts of interest among panel members producing clinical practice guidelines in Canada and United States," BMJ (2011)
"Sharing of clinical trial data among trialists: a cross sectional survey," BMJ (2012)
"Regulatory review of novel therapeutics--comparison of three regulatory agencies," New England Journal of Medicine (2012)
"Based on key measures, care quality for Medicare enrollees at safety-net and non-safety-net hospitals was almost equal," Health Affairs (2012)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN, "FDA Transparency and Oversight: Open Data Panel," Panelist
MedShadow's "Raising the Awareness of Side Effects of Medicine," Speaker
Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, "Forum on Transparency at the US Food and Drug Administration," Interview
POLITICO's Pro Health Care Briefing, "Drug Safety and the Trump FDA," Speaker

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Deputy Assistant Administrator [United States Agency For International Development - Bureau For Global Health]

Education:

AB, Social Studies, Harvard University; MPhil, Development Studies, University of Cambridge; PhD Candidate, Public Health and Population, Harvard University

Affiliations:

Doctors Without Borders Access Campaign
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria
Clinton Health Access Initiative
Princeton in Africa
World Health Organization
Health Access International
Harvard Global Health Institute
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs
Universities Allied for Essential Medicines
Phillips Brooks House Association
Harvard Kennedy School Center for International Development

Key Publications:

Improving Affordability of New Essential Cancer Medicines (2019)
Estimated costs of production and potential prices for the WHO Essential Medicines List (2019)
Generic Treatments for HIV, HBV, HCV, TB Could be Mass Produced for < $90 per patient (2017)
How the MDGs Gave Up On Measuring Access to Medicines (2016)
Young People Have a New Vision for Essential Medicines (2016)
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Speaking Appearance (ex.): Harvard

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PETER MAYBARDUK

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Director of Global Affairs [Department Of Health And Human Services - Office Of Global Affairs]

Bureau For Global Health [United States Agency For International Development]

Education:

B.A., The College of William & Mary; J.D., University of California Berkeley Law School

Affiliations:

Yale (Visiting Fellow)
International Professional Partnerships for Sierra Leone (Co-Founder & Executive Director)
William & Mary's Active Citizens Conference (Keynote Speaker)
Public Citizen's Access to Medicines (Director)
Public Citizen's Knowledge Economy Group (Director)

Key Publications:

What Is Patentable Under the Trans-Pacific Partnership?: An Analysis of the Free Trade Agreement's Patentability Provisions from a Public Health Perspective (2015)
Antibiotic Resistance is a Tragedy of the Commons That Necessitates Global Cooperation (2015)
Health Subcommittee Hearing on Making Medicines Affordable Is Inadequate (2019)

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Testified:

Interagency Special 301 Committee chaired by the US Trade Representative (2013)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

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PETER LURIE

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B.S., Chemistry, Cornell University, 1982; M.D., Albert Einstein College of Medicine, 1987

Affiliations:

Food and Drug Administration (Associate Commissioner for Public Health Strategy and Analysis)
Center for Science in the Public Interest (President)
Public Citizen (Deputy Director Health Research Group)
National Institutes of Health (Principal Investigator on Needle Exchange Study)
The George Washington University (Adjunct Faculty)
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (Adjunct Faculty)
University of California, San Francisco (Assistant Professor)
University of Michigan Institute for Social Research (Visiting Assistant Research Scientist)

Key Publications:

"New opioid analgesic approvals and outpatient utilization of opioid analgesics in the United States, 1997 through 2015," Anesthesiology (2018)
"State naloxone access laws are associated with an increase in the number of naloxone prescriptions dispensed in retail pharmacies," Drug and Alcohol Dependence (2018)
"Effect of US Drug Enforcement Administration's rescheduling of hydrocodone combination analgesic products on opioid analgesic prescribing," JAMA Internal Medicine (2016)
"Nobody wants vaccine trials to fail. But they just might," The Washington Post, Op-Ed (2020)
"Trump makes corporations great again, not Americans," The Hill (2018)
"'Right to try' is an ill-considered bill," The Hill (2018)

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Testified:

House Committee on Science, Space, & Technology, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, testifying on COVID-19 research (2020)
Senate Special Committee on Aging, testifying on the relationship between doctors and drug industry (2007)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Public Hearing, testifying on transparency in regulatory science (2018)
FDA Transparency Task Force, testifying on transparency in the FDA (2009)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, "FDA Perspectives on Balancing the Risks and Benefits of Opioid Analgesics," Speaker
The BMJ, "Comparing FDA non-approval letters, and the press releases from sponsors," Speaker
MSN Inside Edition, "No Coronavirus Cure Yet: Experts Say 'Silver Solution' Won't Help You,'" interview
CNN with Don Lemon, interview on Hydroxychloroquine

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Director, Office of Regulatory Policy [Department Of Health And Human Services - Food And Drug Administration: Center For Drug Evaluation And Research]

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Affiliations:

Doctors Without Borders (Director of Policy and Analysis)
World Health Organization (Human Rights Advisor)
Oxfam America (Special Advisor)
UNITAID (Board Member)
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati (Lawyer)

Key Publications:

Patents Versus Patients: Five years after the Doha Declaration (2020)
Investing For Life: Meeting Poor People's Needs for Access to Medicines Through Responsible Business Practices (2020)
Medicine Regulation - Not IP Enforcement - Can Best Deliver Quality Medicine (2011)
Ending the R&D Crisis in Public Health: Promoting Pro-Poor Medical Innovation (2010)
Trading Away Access to Medicines: How the European Union's trade agenda has taken a wrong turn (2010)

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Testified:

US Congressional Hearing, Tangle of Trade Barriers: How India's Industrial Policy is Hurting US Companies (2013)
House Committee on Ways and Means, Trading Views: Real Debates on Key Issues in TPP" (2015)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

CSPAN, Ebola Vaccine Research
Al Jazeera, MSF's battle against unmerited patent grant for pneumonia vaccine to Pfizer
Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs, Oxfam & Global RIght to Health



STEVE KNIEVEL

Steve Knievel is an advocate at Public Citizen's Access to Medicines program, where he works on policies related to US drug pricing through policy analysis, lobbying, communications, and coalition building. He develops and advances federal policy measures to stop price spikes, curb monopoly abuses of industry, allow government drug price negotiation, and lower prescription drug prices. He also advocates for international access to medicines, by promoting compulsory licensing and preventing access-restricting proposals in trade agreements. He writes, "the unconscionable six-fold price increase for EpiPen and Wall Street Pharma Bro Martin Shkreli jacking up the price of the lifesaving anti-parasitic drug Daraprim have grabbed the headlines, but that's only the tip of the iceberg of drug corporations' price- gouging of American consumers and taxpayers." He also says that passing serious reform like the Affordable Meds Act, sponsored by Sen. Bernie Sanders and Sen. Elizabeth Warren, "will only be possible if the public demands it from our elected representatives." Knievel's writing has been featured in HuffPost, US News & World Report, and The New York Times. He has also appeared in ABC News, The Washington Post, Macomb Daily, KNH, Health Journalism, and Modern Healthcare. Knievel holds a B.A. in Philosophy from University of Colorado at Boulder.

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Deputy Secretary, Health and Human Services [Department Of Health And Human Services - Office Of The Deputy Secretary]

Education: B.A. in philosophy, University of Colorado at Boulder

Affiliations:

Public Citizen's Access to Medicines; Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch

Key Publications:

Are We Finally Ready to Do Something About Big Pharma's Price-Gouging? (2017)

Testified:

FDA: Ensuring a Balance Between Innovation and Access (2017)
Congressional Progressive Caucus: Forum on Prescription Drug Price Gouging (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

The Zero Hour with RJ Eskow
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WENDELL POTTER

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Marketplace CEO [Department Of Health And Human Services - Centers For Medicare And Medicaid Services: Center For Consumer Information And Insurance Oversi]

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Affiliations:

- Business for Medicare For All (President)
- Wendell Potter Consulting (Chief Executive Office)
- CIGNA (Vice President)
- Humana (Director of Communications)
- United American Bank (Vice President of Communications)
- Mckenzie Gordon & Potter (Vice President)
- To Be Fair, Inc. (Board Chairman)
- National Association of Insurance Commissioners (Consumer Liaison Representative)
- Center for Media and Democracy (Senior Fellow on Health Care)
- Center for Public Integrity (Senior Analyst)
- Tarbell (Founder)

Key Publications:

- Deadly Spin: An Insurance Company Insider Speaks Out on How Corporate PR Is Killing Health Care and Deceiving Americans (2010)
- Obamacare: What's In It For Me? What Everyone Needs to Know About the Affordable Care Act (2013)
- Nation on the Take: How Big Money Corrupts Our Democracy And What We Can Do About It (2016)
- See full list (2018)

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Testified:

- House Domestic Policy Subcommittee, Private Health Insurance Companies (2009)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- MSNBC, Current health care system is a “money making machine”
- MSNBC, 57% of Iowa Caucus Goers Support Medicare for All
- PBS, Bill Moyers interview
- The Zero Hour, The “Choice scam” talking point
- The Rising, How healthcare was discussed at the Iowa Democratic debate
- C-SPAN, all appearances

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ALBERT CAHN

Albert Fox Cahn is the Executive Director of the Surveillance Technology Oversight Project. As a lawyer, technologist, and interfaith leader, Cahn founded STOP to combat the use of emerging technologies that pose a threat to civil rights in a free society. As an associate at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, Cahn advised Fortune 50 companies on technology policy, antitrust law, and consumer privacy. He has lectured and presented his research at numerous universities including Harvard, Columbia, and Dartmouth. Cahn is a fellow at the Engelberg Center on Innovation Law and Policy at the NYU School of Law. Cahn also serves on the New York Immigration Coalition's Immigrant Leaders Council and the New York Immigrant Freedom Fund's Advisory Council. He is an editorial board member for the Anthem Ethics of Personal Data Collection, columnist for Gotham Gazette, and contributor to NBC News, The New York Times, New York Daily News, Newsweek, The Daily Beast, OneZero, Slate, Fast Company, and The Guardian. Cahn holds a B.A. from Brandeis University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

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Member [Privacy And Civil Liberties Oversight Board]

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JD, Harvard Law School; BA, Politics and Philosophy, Brandeis University

Affiliations:

Surveillance Technology Oversight Project (Executive Director)
Council on American-Islamic Relations of New York (Legal Director)
Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP (Associate)
NYU School of Law (Engelberg Center on Innovation Law and Policy Fellow)
Urban Justice Center (Social Justice Accelerator Fellow)
CORO NY Leadership Center (Immigrant Civic Leadership Program Fellow)
National Association of Attorneys General (Senior Paralegal for Research and Technology)
Kings County District Attorney (Computer Crimes Intern)
Law Office of Norman Siegel (Summer Associate)
Boston University Law School (Constitutional Theory Researcher)
New York Immigration Coalition (Immigrant Leaders Council)
New York Immigrant Freedom Fund (Advisory Council)

Key Publications:

Contact Tracing Might Become Cops' Newest Surveillance Tool (2020)
Covid-19 Can't Be an Excuse for Back-to-School Surveillance (2020)
NYC's COVID quarantine checkpoints are dangerous (2020)
Did you protest recently? Your face might be in a database (2020)
TikTok Backlash is Hypocritical (2020)
Microsoft needs to stop selling surveillance to the NYPD (2020)
See more

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Testified:

Before the NYC Mayor, POST Act (2020)
NYC Council Public Safety Commitee, DNA Collection and Storage (2020)
NYC Council Technology Committee, Automated Decisions Task Force (2020)
NYC Council Technology Committee, Surveillance Transparancy (2019)
New York State Senate, New York Privacy Act (2019)
NYC Council Committee on Health and Committee on Hospitals, COVID-19 Testing and Contact Tracing (2020)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Center for Urban Pedagogy, Targeting People of Color?
Center for Urban Pedagogy, Create Public Oversight
Center for Urban Pedagogy, It's Not Just Police
Center for Urban Pedagogy, Schools
Room for Discussion, Will COVID-19 Endanger Privacy?
PIX, MTA's OMNY

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Member [Privacy And Civil Liberties Oversight Board]

Education:

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Affiliations:

Center on Privacy and Technology, Founding Director
Georgetown Law, Director of the Federal Legislation Clinic
Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law, Chief Counsel
Esperanza Education, Co-Founder
Free Press, Board of Directors
Hispanic Bar Association of Washington, DC, Board Member

Key Publications:

What the FBI's Surveillance of Martin Luther King Tells Us About the Modern Spy Era (2019)
A License to Discriminate (2018)
Why Silicon Valley Lobbyists Love Big, Broad Privacy Bills (2018)
Deportation Is Going High-Tech Under Trump (2017)
You Cannot Encrypt Your Face (2017)
Who owns your face? You'd be surprised (2017)
Privacy as Civil Right (2020)

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Testified:

Privacy & Civil Liberties Oversight Board (2014)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Government Surveillance and Race
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Affiliations:

District of Columbia Bar (admitted 1983)
California Bar (admitted 1981, currently on inactive status)
United States Supreme Court United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia
Circuit United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit United States
Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
Section on Mass Communications Law, Association of American Law Schools
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Institute for Public Representation First Amendment and Media Project (Director)
Institute for Public Representation Communications and Technology Clinic (Director)
Comparative Media Law and Policy at Oxford University (Visiting Professor)
Communications and Finance Section, Antitrust Division, United States Department of Justice (Trial Attorney)
Federal Communications Bar Association, Law Journal Committee (Co-Chair)
Federal Communications Law Journal (Editorial Advisory Board)
Minority Media Telecommunications Council (Board of Directors)
Association of American Law Schools, Section on Mass Communications Law (Chair)

Key Publications:

A Historical Perspective on the Public's Right of Access to the Media (2007)
A Public Interest Perspective on the Impact of the Broadcasting Provisions of the 1996 Act (2006)
Ads2Kids.com: Should Government Regulate Advertising to Children on the World Wide Web? (1998)
The FCC's Proposal to Deregulate Radio: Is It Permissible Under the Communications Act of 1934? (1980)
Full publication list in CV

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Testified:

Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Fairness in Broadcasting (1991)
Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Protecting Innocence in a Digital World (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Center for Digital Democracy: Children's Online Privacy — Panel Discussion
TechFreedom discussion with FTC Commissioner Noah Phillips on Children's Online Privacy Protection Act
Democracy Now: Behind the John McCain Lobbying Scandal: A Look at How McCain Urged the Federal Communications Commission to Act on Behalf of Paxson Communications



BARBARA VAN SCHEWICK

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Key Publications:

Internet Architecture and Innovation (MIT Press 2010, Paperback 2012). Her work has been featured in Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the Washington Post, Politico, the Economist, the BBC, the Times of India, Sueddeutsche Zeitung, Die Zeit, BoingBoing, Wired or Ars Technica, and has been featured on radio and television in the US, Canada, Europe and Australia. (2010)

The Case for Rebooting the Network-Neutrality Debate (2014)

Commentary: The FCC Has Always Defended Net Neutrality. Why Stop Now? (2017)

Towards an Economic Framework for Network Neutrality Regulation (2005)

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Testified:

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC)
Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)
FCC vs. Comcast
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FCC vs. T-Mobile
FCC vs. AT&T

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Brandi Collins-Dexter is a Senior Fellow at Color Of Change and a Visiting Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School. Previously, Collins-Dexter was the Senior Campaign Director at Color of Change, where she led the media, democracy, and economic justice departments. She managed a nation-wide team of campaign managers, developed organizational strategy, managed the program budget, and directed the program evaluation process. Collins-Dexter has been responsible for several successful accountability campaigns, which include getting Fox's The O'Reilly Factor off the air, pressuring RCA to drop R. Kelly from its label, winning net neutrality protections, pressuring financial companies to pull funding from hate groups, and persuading Disney not to whitewash the features of their character Princess Tiana. Before this, Collins-Dexter was the Communications and Marketing Manager at the Center for Media Justice, where she devised a new media strategy for CMJ and the Media Action Grassroots Network. Collins-Dexter is frequently cited in the media on racial justice issues, and The Hill named her a 2017 "person to watch." She has written for The Root, The Hill and ESPN's The Undefeated, and her work has been featured by the BBC, the Guardian, Gizmodo, and Pitchfork. Her book on Black participation in democracy and the US economy is forthcoming. In June of 2020, Collins-Dexter testified before the House Subcommittees on Communications and Technology and Energy and Commerce. Collins-Dexter holds a B.A. in History from Agnes Scott College and a J.D. from University of Wisconsin.

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Education:

JD, University of Wisconsin Law School, 2005; BA, Agnes Scott College, History, 2002

Affiliations:

Center for Media Justice (Communications and Marketing Director); Color of Change (Senior Campaign Director); Color of Change (Senior Fellow); Harvard Kennedy School (Shorenstein Media and Democracy Fellow)

Key Publications:

Canaries in the Coal Mine: COVID-19 Misinformation and Black Communities (2020)

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Testified:

House Energy & Commerce Hearing on "Protecting Consumer Privacy in the Era of Big Data" (February 2019)

House Energy and Commerce Hearing " HEARING ON "A COUNTRY IN CRISIS: HOW DISINFORMATION ONLINE IS DIVIDING THE NATION" (June 2020)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Agnes Scott College, Tackling Social Injustice: Strategies for Action

GBH Forum Network, Black Skinhead: Kanye, Conspiracism and the Winding Road to 2020

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BREWSTER KAHLE

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Librarian of Congress [Library Of Congress - Office Of The Librarian]

Education: B.S., Computer Science and Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1982

Affiliations:

- Internet Archive (Co-Founder & Director)
- Wide Area Information Servers, Inc (WAIS) (Founder & President)
- Library of Congress (National Digital Strategy Advisory Board)
- Alexa Internet (President, CEO & Co-Founder)
- Open Library (Founder)
- Open Content Alliance (Founder)
- Electronic Frontier Foundation (Board of Directors)
- Public Knowledge (Board of Directors)
- NSF Cyber Infrastructure (Advisory Board)
- American Academy of Arts and Sciences (Fellow)
- National Academy of Engineering (Member)

Key Publications:

- "Towards Universal Access to All Knowledge," Journal of Zhejiang University (2005)
- "Preserving the Internet," Scientific American (1997)
- "How Google Threatens Books," The Washington Post (2009)
- "Parallel Free-Text Search on the Connection Machine System," Communications of the ACM (1986)

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Testified:

- House Judiciary Committee, Judicial Transparency and Ethics (2017)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- State of the Net Conference, "The Communicators"
- Long Now Foundation, "Universal Access to All Knowledge"
- Library of Congress Luminary Lectures, "Public Access to Digital Materials"
- Coalition for Networked Information, speaking on universal access to modern materials
- Internet Hall of Fame in Geneva, Switzerland, Induction Ceremony Speech
- Ford Foundation's NetGain Challenge, speaking on the intersection of rights and the web
- TED talk, "A free digital library"

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BRYAN MERCER

Bryan Mercer is the Executive Director of the Movement Alliance Project, previously known as the Media Mobilizing Project. In this role since 2013, Mercer has led numerous campaigns at the intersection of media, technology, race, and economic inequality. For example, he led the campaign to end the state takeover of Philadelphia Public Schools and has led multiple campaigns to combat mass incarceration. Mercer also advises community organizing campaigns and coalitions on media strategies. Mercer serves on the Board of Directors of Free Press as well as Media Justice. Mercer is also a founding member of the 215 People's Alliance, where he serves on the steering committee. He holds a B.A. from Columbia University.

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Deputy Director for Technology and Innovation [Executive Office Of The President - Office Of Science And Technology Policy]

Education: B.A., Comparative, Ethnic Studies, Columbia University, 2007

Affiliations:

People's Emergency Center (Digital Inclusion Manager); The Technology Learning Collaborative (Member); 215 People's Alliance (Founding Member)

Key Publications:

"Human Rights, Racial Equality & New Information Technologies," UCLA Center for Critical Internet Theory (2020)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Net Inclusion 2018, Digital Justice Including Digital Redlining, Speaker

Daily Kos, "Beyond coalition politics as usual: Five questions with 215 People's Alliance's Bryan Mercer," Interview

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CHRISTOPHER MITCHELL

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Assistant Administrator - Telecommunications [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Rural Development: Rural Utilities Service]

Deputy Bureau Chief [Federal Communications Commission - Wireline Competition Bureau]

Education:

B.A., Political Science, Macalester College; M.S., Public Policy, University of Minnesota

Affiliations:

Institute for Local Self-Reliance (Director of the Community Broadband Networks Initiative); State and Local Policy Program (Research Assistant); Oregon OSHA (eGov Intern)

Key Publications:

Broadband at the Speed of Light: How Three Communities Built Next-Generation Networks (2012)
Local Governments Should Make Broadband Choices (2015)
Congress Is About to Loosen the Reins on the Banking Industry. Here's Why. (2018)
See full list (2020)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.): Institute for Local Self-Reliance, Interviews and Presentations

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DAVID VLADECK

David Vladeck is a Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center and Director and Co-Founder of Georgetown's Center on Privacy and Technology. He served as Director of the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Consumer Protection during the Obama administration, where he supervised 450 lawyers, investigators, paralegals, and support staff. Vladeck has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Federal Trade Commission, the Partnership Award from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the Public Service Award from the Consumer Federation of America, and the Public Interest Achievement Award from Columbia University. Vladeck was named one of "Thirty Champions of Justice" by the Legal Times of Washington, one of "Ten Game Changers" by Politico, and the second most important "Navigator of the Digital Economy" by Newsweek. He has also been inducted into the Freedom of Information Hall of Fame. Vladeck has testified before Congress dozens of times. He has briefed and argued more than 60 cases before the US Supreme Court, federal appeals courts, and state courts of last resort. He writes about the First Amendment, administrative law, consumer protection, privacy, and access to justice. Vladeck has appeared on ABC, BBC, CNBC, CNN, NBC, NPR, and PBS, and in The Hill, Reuters, The New York Times, The Washington Post, Detroit News, The Chicago Tribune, The Houston Chronicle, The Seattle Times, the Los Angeles Times, The San Francisco Chronicle, Bloomberg, Business Insider, Fortune, The Financial Times, Forbes, Fast Company, WIRED, TechCrunch, Security, The Atlantic, The New Republic, ProPublica, Slate, and Time. Vladeck holds a B.A. from New York University, an LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center, and a J.D. from Columbia University School of Law.

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Public Citizen

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Commissioner [Federal Trade Commission - Office Of The Chairman]

Education:

JD, Columbia University School of Law; BA, New York University; LLM, Georgetown University Law Center

Affiliations:

Natural Resources Defense Council (Trustee)
National Consumers Law Center (Board Member)
Administrative Conference of the United States (Senior Fellow)
National Academy of Sciences (Science, Technology, and Law Committee Member)
National Academy of Sciences (Cyber-Resilience Forum Member)
Center for Democracy and Technology (Board Member)
American Law Institute, Project on Information Privacy Principles (Advisor)
Georgetown's Center on Privacy and Technology (Director)
Institute for Public Representation's Civil Rights section (Director)
Public Citizen (Director of the Litigation Group)

Key Publications:

Consumer Protection in an Era of Big Data Analytics (2016)
Charting the Course: The Federal Trade Commission's Second Hundred Years (2015)
The Failed Promise of Workplace Health Regulation (2008)
See scholarly work

CV: https://www.law.georgetown.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/vladeck_2019_CV.pdf

Testified:

Senate Commerce Committee, Hearings on Consumer Privacy and Protection in the Mobile Marketplace (2011)
Senate Judiciary Committee, Corporate Liability During the Coronavirus Pandemic (2020)
House Commerce Committee, Legislative Hearing on 17 FTC Bills (2016)
House Commerce Committee, Hearings on Food Marketing: Can "Voluntary" Government Restrictions Improve Children's Health? (2011)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN, Federal Trade Commission's role in online privacy
ABA, Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Law
Interactive Advertising Bureau, consumer choice and privacy
The Real News Network, David Vladeck on Empowering Consumers



ELIZABETH GOITEIN

Elizabeth Goitein co-directs the Brennan Center for Justice's Liberty and National Security Program, which seeks to advance effective national security policies that respect constitutional values and the rule of law. Goitein has assessed and critiqued the Bush, Obama, and Trump administrations. Goitein was a trial attorney in the Department of Justice's Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch. As counsel to Sen. Feingold, when he was Chair of the Senate Judiciary Constitution Subcommittee, Goitein handled matters of liberty and national security including government secrecy, privacy rights, immigration, juvenile justice, sentencing, prisoner re-entry, and First Amendment issues. Goitein has appeared in Politico, Roll Call, Salon, Connect Radio, NPR, MSNBC, CNN, Courthouse News Service, The American Bar Association Journal, The Atlantic, New York Times, Boston Globe, Washington Post, Just Security, Voice of America, Vox, Fortune, Forbes, and USA Today. Goitein holds a J.D. from Yale Law School.

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Member [Privacy And Civil Liberties Oversight Board]

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J.D., Yale Law School; B.A., Yale; Julliard

Affiliations:

Brennan Center for Justice's Liberty and National Security Program (Co-Director); Senator Feingold (Counsel); Department of Justice's Civil Division Federal Programs Branch (Trial Attorney)

Key Publications:

A Mixed Message for National Security Whistleblowers (2020)
Torture, Truth and Accountability (2011)
Transparency in the First 100 Days: Grading the Obama Administration (2011)

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Testified:

Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing on Section 702 (2017)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Government Surveillance and Privacy Conference
C-SPAN
CNN
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ERNESTO FALCON

Ernesto Falcon is the Senior Legislative Counsel at the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), which lobbies state legislatures and Congress for laws that respect civil liberties in relation to the Internet. In this role, Falcon focuses on issues of intellectual property, open Internet, and broadband access. Falcon has worked on a number of legislative campaigns including the efforts to push the state of California to pass the strongest net neutrality law in the country. Falcon previously served as the Vice President of Governmental Affairs at Public Knowledge, where he worked on the successful efforts to stop the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile. Falcon also has experience on Capitol Hill, working as a Legislative Assistant for two members of Congress. He holds a B.S. from California Polytechnic State University and a J.D. from University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

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Public Knowledge (Vice President of Governmental Affairs)
Electronic Frontier Foundation (Senior Legislative Counsel)
Office of Congressman Stupak (Senior Legislative Assistant)
Office of Congressman Blumenauer (Legislative Assistant)
California Governor's Office of Research and Planning (J.D. Intern)
Google (J.D. Intern)

Key Publications:

"The T-Mobile and Sprint Merger Is Blatantly Anticompetitive," Common Dreams (2019)
"The Path to Victory on Net Neutrality in the House of Representatives," Counter Currents (2018)
"Congress Is Trying to Take Away Your Online Privacy," Fortune Magazine (2017)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

State of the Net Conference 2020, Speaker
NPR, "Why The Tech Industry Wants Federal Control Over Data Privacy Laws," Interview
Conference Cast, Speaker

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GEOFFREY BLACKWELL

Geoffrey Blackwell is the Chief Strategy Officer and General Counsel of AMERIND, a tribally-owned insurance provider which offers broadband services and employee benefits to governments and businesses in Indian Country. Blackwell is a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and is the Litigation Counsel of American Atheists, where he handles litigation and negotiations into potential violations of the separation of church and state. Blackwell is an expert on issues of technology on native reservations and rural areas and is frequently cited in news reports on these topics. During the Obama administration, Blackwell served as the Chief of the Office of Native Affairs and Policy at the Federal Communications Commission and in 2011 he testified before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs about regulatory reform and broadband access in Native American communities. He holds a B.A. in Government from Dartmouth College and a J.D. from University of Virginia School of Law.

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Commissioner [Federal Communications Commission - Office Of The Chairman]

Education:

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Affiliations:

AMERIND Risk Management Corporation (Chief Strategy Officer and General Counsel)
National Congress of American Indians (Co-Chair, Economic, Finance & Community Development Committee,)
Arizona State University's American Indian Policy Institute (Vice Chair, Board of Advisors)
Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. (Corporate Director, Strategic Relations and Minority Business Development)
Federal Communications Commission (Founder and Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy)
National Small Business Association (Board of Directors)
National Federation of Community Broadcasters (Board of Directors)
Native Public Media (Board of Directors)

Key Publications:

"Risk Management:'Insure' Tribal Coverage Meets Gaming Entity Needs," Indian Gaming Magazine (2016)
"Don't let Covid-19 strip Indian Country of a chance to connect," Albuquerque (2020)
"Tribal Radio Priority," FCC Blog (2014)

CV: https://www.indianz.com/covid19/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Geoffrey-Blackwell-Bio.pdf

Testified:

US Commission on Civil Rights, testifying on the impact of Covid-19 on Native people (2020)
Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, testifying on the lack of communication services in Native America (2011)
House Energy and Commerce Committee, testifying on behalf of Native Public Media and the National Federation of Community Broadcasters (2007)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Indigenous Connectivity Summit 2017, Speaker
Legal Services Corporation, "Access to Justice Panel: Legal Services and the Digital Divide," Speaker
Colorado Law School, "Implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the United States," Guest Speaker
17th National Tribal Presentation Conference, Speaker



GIGI SOHN

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Commissioner [Federal Communications Commission - Office Of The Chairman]

Education:

B.S., Broadcasting and Film, Boston University; J.D., University of Pennsylvania

Affiliations:

Federal Communications Commission (Counselor to the Chairman, Special Counsel for External Affairs)
Public Knowledge (President and CEO)
Media Access Project (Executive Director, Deputy Director)
Open Society Foundation (Leadership in Government Fellow)
Georgetown Law Institute for Technology Law and Policy (Distinguished Fellow)
Mozilla Foundation (Technology Policy Fellow)
Ford Foundation (Project Specialist)

Key Publications:

How To Make Broadband Affordable And Accessible For Everyone -CNN Business (2020)
During the Pandemic, the FCC Must Provide Internet for All -Wired Magazine (2020)
One Year After the Net Neutrality Repeal: the FCC Has Abdicated Its Role Protecting Consumers and Competition -ProMarket (2018)
See popular press

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Broadband Breakfast, FCC Could Do More Now About the Digital Divide
Science Friday, Life In The Internet Slow Lane

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HAROLD FELD

Harold Feld is Public Knowledge's Senior Vice President and author of "The Case for the Digital Platform Act," a guide on what government can do to preserve competition and empower individual users in the huge swath of our economy now referred to as "Big Tech." For more than 20 years, Harold Feld has practiced law at the intersection of technology, broadband, and media policy in both the private sector and in the public interest community. Feld also writes "Tales of the Sausage Factory," a progressive blog on media and telecom policy. In 2007, Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin praised him and his blog for "[doing] a lot of great work helping people understand how FCC decisions affect people and communities on the ground." Previously, Feld clerked for the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. He has testified before Congress multiple times on tech and telecom issues. Feld holds a B.A. from Princeton University and a J.D. from Boston University.

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RECOMMENDED FOR

Director [Federal Communications Commission - Office Strategic Planning And Policy Analysis]

Education:

J.D., Boston University School of Law; A.B., History, Princeton University

Affiliations: D.C. Court of Appeals (clerked)

Key Publications:

"The Case for the Digital Platform Act," (Public Knowledge & Roosevelt Institute 2019) (2019)

CV: https://www.linkedin.com/in/haroldfeld/

Testified:

5G Technology and Workforce Training: FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr and broadband industry experts testified at a Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee hearing on the skills and training needed to deploy 5G technology in the U.S. (2020)

Wireless Infrastructure Security: Voting industry experts testified at a House Energy subcommittee on proposed legislation to secure the nation's wireless infrastructure from foreign interference (2019)

Wired Communications Networks: Witnesses testified on the evolution of telecommunications laws for wired communications to Internet Protocol- (IP) based networks, and their impact on consumers and businesses. (2013)

Broadcast TV Spectrum Auction: Witnesses testified on the complexities surrounding implementation of the voluntary incentive auction of broadcast television spectrum, which is being conducted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) (2013)

Federal Communications Commission Spectrum Auction: Telecommunications officials from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), private industry, and consumer protection organizations testified on the FCC's implementation of its auction to free up spectrum for growing broadband and mobile use. (2013)

Competitive Availability of Set-Top Boxes: Witnesses testified about delivery systems for digital and high definition television signals, as well as provisions of the Federal Communications Commission's proposed National Broadband Plan. (2010)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Harold Feld Speaks on Net Neutrality- FCC Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting (2014)

Harold Feld | The Net as a Public Utility – Personal Democracy Forum (2015)

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JASON SCHULTZ

Jason Schultz served in President Obama's White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, where he was the Senior Advisor on Innovation and Intellectual Property to the US Chief Technology Officer. At New York University, Schultz is the Director of the Technology Law and Policy Clinic, Co-Director of the Center on Innovation Law and Policy, Area Lead in Law and Policy for the AI Now Institute, and Clinical Professor of Law. Schultz served as a Senior Staff Attorney at the Electronic Frontier Foundation, worked in private practice, clerked for the Honorable Lowell Jensen of the Northern District of California, and taught law at the University of California, Berkeley. Schultz studies the legal and policy implications that changing technologies will have on traditional fields of law like civil rights, intellectual property, and privacy. Schultz co-authored the book "The End of Ownership: Personal Property in the Digital Economy," which outlines ways to strengthen consumer protection laws in changing technological landscapes. His scholarly work has been published in the NYU Law Review, California Law Review, Berkeley Technology Law Journal, and Harvard Journal of Law and Technology. Schultz is frequently cited as an expert in issues of law and technology in the news, and has recently been quoted in The Guardian, Wall Street Journal, New Republic, and Salon. Schultz holds a B.A. from Duke University and a J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley.

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Chief Technology Officer [Executive Office Of The President - Office Of Science And Technology Policy]

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JESSICA GONZALEZ

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B.A., Communication Studies, Spanish, Loyola Marymount University, 2002; J.D., Southwestern Law School, 2007; LL.M., Advocacy, Georgetown University Law Center, 2009

Affiliations:

Free Press (Co-CEO)
Change the Terms (Co-Founder)
Stop Hate for Profit (Legal Team)
National Hispanic Media Coalition (Executive Vice President & General Counsel)
Institute for Public Representation, Georgetown University Law Center (Staff Attorney/Teaching Fellow)
Media and Democracy Coalition (Member, Secretary of Board of Directors)

Key Publications:

Yes Magazine, "How to Fight Coronavirus Misinformation" (2020)
Common Dreams, "Five Things Mark Zuckerberg Must Do If He's Serious About Preventing Election Violence" (2020)
Seattle Times, "Even after civil rights boycott, Facebook still doesn't get it" (2020)

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Testified:

House Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, testifying on the power of net neutrality in disrupting structural racism in the communications system (2019)
Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, testifying on the Federal Communications Commission's Lifeline program (2017)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

MSNBC, "All in with Chris Hayes," interview on Free Press' urging Twitter to ban white supremacists
Center for Humane Technology, "Outthinking Hate," Panelist
CNBC, "Facebook's meeting was 'nothing more than a PR exercise,'" Interview

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LATANYA SWEENEY

Latanya Sweeney is a Professor of the Practice of Government and Technology at Harvard University and the Founding Director of the Data Privacy Lab in the Institute of Quantitative Social Science at Harvard. In the Obama administration, Sweeney was the Federal Trade Commissioner's Chief Technology Officer. She has made several contributions to privacy technology. Her work has received awards from numerous organizations, including the American Psychiatric Association, the American Medical Informatics Association, and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association. Her work was praised in the TAPAC Report that reviewed the Total Information Awareness Project of DARPA. Her contributions to privacy technology and scholarship includes her work on the theory of k-anonymity and she is credited with the widely cited observation ”87% of the US population is uniquely identified by date of birth, gender, postal code.” She has testified before the Privacy and Integrity Advisory Committee of the Department of Homeland Security and the European Union Commission. Sweeney achieved three best paper awards, three patents, a Privacy Leadership Award, and her papers are among 15 most cited American Medical Informatics papers. Sweeney’s work is explicitly cited in two US regulations, including the US Federal Medical Privacy Regulation (HIPAA). Sweeney holds a B.S. in Computer Science from Harvard University. She was the first Black woman to earn a Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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RECOMMENDED FOR

Chief Technology Officer [Executive Office Of The President - Office Of Science And Technology Policy]

Education:

B.S., Computer Science, Harvard University; Ph.D., Computer Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2001

Affiliations:

Federal Trade Commission (Chief Technology Officer)
Harvard University Data Privacy Lab (Founding Director)
American College of Medical Informatics (Elected Member)
Consumer Union (Consumer Reports) (Board of Directors)
CESS, Inc. (Owner and CEO)
Distinguished Career Professor of Computer Science, Technology and Policy (Carnegie Mellon University)
American Psychiatric Association (Special appointment to the Board of Directors as "Privacy Consultant")
IEEE-USA Medical Technology Policy Committee (Appointed Member)
Technology Science (Editor-in-Chief)
US Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking (Appointed Commissioner)

Key Publications:

Who Knows What About Me? A Survey of Behind the Scenes Personal Data Sharing to Third Parties by Mobile Apps (2015)
Sharing Sensitive Data with Confidence: The Datatags System (2015)
De-anonymizing South Korean Resident Registration Numbers Shared in Prescription Data (2015)
Only You, Your Doctor, and Many Others May Know (2015)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.): NPR, Paying For Privacy

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MALKIA CYRIL

Malkia Cyril is Founder and Executive Director of the Center for Media Justice and Co-Founder of the Media Action Grassroots Network. Cyril leads a national network of community-based organizations working to ensure equity at the intersection of digital rights and racial justice. They led the movement for Obama-era net neutrality regulations. As a leader in the Black Lives Matter Network, they ensured technical safeguards and protection from law enforcement surveillance. Cyril successfully petitioned Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to end their relationships with a police program that was mining social media data to identify and arrest protestors. Cyril's writing has been widely published in media outlets, including The New York Times, The Atlantic, Politico, HuffPost, Mic.com, and Essence Magazine. Cyril was featured in Ava DuVernay's documentary, '13th,' where they were interviewed on technology's role in social justice movements. Cyril is a Prime Movers fellow, and received the Electronic Frontier Foundation's Pioneers Award, the HMH Foundation's 1st Amendment Award for promoting net neutrality, and the Donald H. McGannon Award for advancing the roles of women and people of color in the media justice movement. They were a Rockwood Leadership Institute Fellow and hold a B.A. from Sarah Lawrence College.

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Education: B.A., Sarah Lawrence College

Affiliations:

- Media Justice (Founder and Executive Director)
- Media Action Grassroots Network (Co-Founder)
- Prime Movers (Fellow)
- Electronic Frontier Foundation's Pioneers Award (Recipient)
- HMH Foundation's 1st Amendment Award (Recipient)
- Rockwood Leadership Institute (Fellow)

Key Publications:

- "Defund Facial Recognition" (2020)
- "Trump's Threat to Press Freedom is Global" (2020)

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MATT BLAZE

Matt Blaze is the Chair of Computer Science and Law at Georgetown University, where he researches secure systems, cryptography, and trust management. Blaze has testified before US congressional committees and the European Parliament many times over the past 15 years. Most recently, he has testified before the House Committee on Homeland Security on preventing election interference and the Senate Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on the cybersecurity of voting machines. He has also given testimony on the technical problems of law enforcement, including intelligence agency access to communications traffic and computer data. Blaze was one of the inventors of Trust Management, which allows a computer system to decide whether to allow potentially dangerous action and led to KeyNote and PolicyMaker. Blaze was also a designer of swIPe, a predecessor of the now-standard IPSEC protocol for protecting Internet traffic. While working for AT&T, Blaze implemented a strong cryptographic package known as the Cryptographic File System. In the early 1990s, at the height of the "crypto war," Blaze found a critical weakness in the wiretapping mechanisms in the US Government's Clipper chip. At the University of Pennsylvania, he directed the Distributed Systems Lab. He is a board member at the Tor Project and an author at Just Security. Blaze has appeared in Wired, Politico, Medium, and the Electronic Frontier Foundation. Blaze holds a Ph.D. in Computer Science from Princeton University.

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Deputy Director for Homeland and National Security [Executive Office Of The President - Office Of Science And Technology Policy]

Education:

B.S., City University of New York (Hunter College); M.S., Columbia University; M.A., Princeton; Ph.D., Princeton

Affiliations:

Institute for Medicine and Engineering (Member)
Georgetown University (Chair of Computer Science and Law)
Pennsylvania University, Distributed Systems Lab (Director)
Just Security (Author)
Tor Project (Board of Directors)
Council on Foreign Relations (Member)

Key Publications:

The Architecture and Implementation of Network-Layer Security Under Unix (1993)
Insecure Surveillance: Technical Issues with Remote Computer Searches (2016)
It's Too Complicated: How the Internet Upends Katz, Smith, and Electronic Surveillance Law (2017)

CV: https://www.mattblaze.org/research.html

Testified:

House Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Defending Against Election Interference. (2019)
House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (2017)
Senate Committee on Commerce, encryption policy (1996)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN
Voting in 2020
Voting in 2019
Voting in 2018

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Bureau Chief [Federal Communications Commission - Wireline Competition Bureau]

Education: B.F.A., Graphic Design, Washington State University

Affiliations:

- Federal Communications Commission (Native Nations Broadband Task Force)
- National Congress of American Indians (Technology Telecommunications Subcommittee)
- State of California Broadband Council (Tribal Advisory Council)
- California Governor's Office of Emergency Services
- Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (Director of Technology)
- Arizona State University's American Indian Policy Institute (Board member)
- Native Public Media (Chairman of the Board)
- ICANN
- Marconi Society

Key Publications:

- Calling on Congress and the FCC to Elevate the Office of Native Affairs and Policy (2014)
- Digital Inclusion in Native Communities (2014)
- Tribal Technology Assessment (2019)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- Awasqa: Green Network Project, Connectivity During COVID-19
- Broadband Communities Summit
- International Summit for Community Wireless Networks
- Internet2, Technology Exchange
- Merit Conference
- SXSW

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MoveOn, Progressive Change Institute, Surveillance Technology Oversight Project (STOP)

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Chief Technology Officer [Executive Office Of The President - Office Of Science And Technology Policy]

Federal Communications Commission

Education:

Yale University; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Affiliations:

Open Source Wireless Coalition
Schools, Health, and Libraries Broadband Coalition
Awesome Foundation, DC Chapter (Trustee)
Institute for CyberScience (Associate)
X-Lab (Founder and Director)
PeaceTech Lab, US Institute of Peace (Senior Advisor)
Future of War Initiative, New America Foundation (Co-Founder and Participant)
Ashoka (Fellow for Social Entrepreneurship.)

Key Publications:

Promoting Digital Equality:The Internet as a Public Good and Commons (2012)
NetworkNeutrality – Legal Contours (2009)
Understanding Community Media (2009)
Wirelessing the world: The Battle Over (Community)Wireless Networks (2005)
The Future of Internet Policy (2016)
The Rise of the Intranet Era (2009)

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Testified:

Senate Communications and Technology Committee: internet access (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

https://expertfile.com/experts/sascha.meinrath/sascha-meinrath
https://expertfile.com/experts/sascha.meinrath/sascha-meinrath
https://expertfile.com/experts/sascha.meinrath/sascha-meinrath
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g4p02rlliGI&feature=emb_logo
https://www.ashoka.org/en-us/fellow/sascha-meinrath
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Assistant Director [National Science Foundation - Directorate For Engineering]

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B.S.M.E., Osmania University (Hyderabad, India), 1980; M.S., Materials Engineering, University of Mississippi, 1982; M.S.M.E, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, 1986; Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, 1988

Affiliations:

White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (Assistant Director)
MForesight (Founder, Executive Director)
Compliant Systems Design Laboratory (Director)
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (Herrick Professor of Engineering, Professor of Mechanical Engineering)
Gillette (Consultant)
FlexSys Inc (Founder and CTO)
GM (Consultant)
Johnson Controls (Consultant)
Ford (Consultant)

Key Publications:

Journal of Mechanisms and Robotics - Transactions of the ASMEA, "Continuum Model for Fiber-Reinforced Soft Robot Actuators" (2020)
HuffPost, "Rebuilding American Manufacturing Powerhouse" (2017)
Mechanism Design: Analysis and Synthesis, Volume 1 (Prentice Hall International) (1997)

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Testified:

Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, testifying on SBIR program (2019)
House Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, "Disrupter Series: Advanced Robotics" (2016)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

MForesight Summit 2019, "Defining the Challenge Creating Knowledge, But Not Wealth"
2017 Distinguished University Innovator Award, "The Long Road to Technology Commercialization: Getting There is Half the Fun"
University of California Television, "What Silicon Valley Needs to Know About Advanced Manufacturing"



SUSAN LANDAU

Susan Landau is a Professor at the Tufts Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and the School of Engineering in the Department of Computer Science. She works at the intersection of cyber security, national security, law, and policy. The Guardian wrote that Landau's testimony was the "the most daring" in the FBI–Apple encryption dispute of 2016. Landau challenged the FBI to develop its own technology to hack into iPhones. She testified that compelling Apple to weaken its software would "weaken us, but not impact the bad guys," because terrorists and criminals would just use other technology that the FBI and Congress had no control over. The Obama administration credited Landau's analysis when it announced that it would not pursue federal access to phone data. The year before this, Landau was inducted into the Cybersecurity Hall of Fame. Her 2011 book Surveillance or Security? won the Surveillance Studies Book Prize. She also won the Women of Vision Social Impact Award from the Anita Borg Institute and the JD Falk Award from the Messaging Malware Mobile Anti-Abuse Working Group. Landau was a senior staff privacy analyst at Google, distinguished engineer at Sun Microsystems, and faculty member at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and Wesleyan University. She was a Guggenheim fellow, Radcliffe fellow, an Association for Computing Machinery fellow, and American Association for the Advancement of Science fellow. She writes for Science, Scientific American, and The Washington Post and frequently appears on NPR and BBC. Landau holds a Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an M.S. from Cornell University.

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Affiliations:

Association for Computing Machinery, American Association for the Advancement of Science (Member)
Forum on Cyber Resilience, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (Member)
Journal of Cybersecurity (Editor, Political and Policy Perspectives)
IEEE Security and Privacy (Associate Editor in Chief)
Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board, National Institute of Standards and Technology (Member)
Notices of the American Mathematical Society (Associate Editor)
Computer Science and Telecommunications Board, National Academies of Sciences (Member)

Key Publications:

Surveillance or Security? The Risks Posed by New Wiretapping Technologies (2011)
Listening In: Cybersecurity in an Insecure Age (2017)
Privacy on the Line: The Politics of Wiretapping and Encryption (1998)
Full list

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Testified:

Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (2019)
House Judiciary Committee Hearing on "The Encryption Tightrope: Balancing Americans' Security and Privacy" (2016)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Women of Social Impact Award
University of Michigan -- Does Wiretapping Make the US More Secure?
GOTO Conference: Cybersecurity in an Insecure Age
The Fletcher School Cyber Conference



TIM WU

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Commissioner [Federal Communications Commission - Office Of The Chairman]

Education:

BS, McGill University; JD, Harvard

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White House National Economic Council
Federal Trade Commission
New York State (Attorney General)
Columbia Law School (Faculty)
Judge Richard Posner on the US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (Law Clerk)
Justice Stephen Breyer on the Supreme Court (Law Clerk)

Key Publications:

The Curse of Bigness: Antitrust in the New Gilded Age (2018)
The Attention Merchants (2016)
The Master Switch: The Rise and Fall of Information Empires (2010)
Who Controls the Internet (2006)

CV: https://www.law.columbia.edu/sites/default/files/faculty_profile/files/wucv2018.pdf

Testified:

House Judiciary: Online Platforms and Entrepreneurship (2019)
FCC: antitrust laws (2014)
Telecom and Antitrust Task Force: Net Neutrality (2006)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

CNN, Net Neutrality
MSNBC, fake news and the troll farms
Stanford Center for Ethics in Society, The Curse of Bigness
C-SPAN, Online Platforms and Entrepreneurship
C-SPAN, Panel Discussion on Big Data
C-SPAN, Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law
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Affiliations:

- Ethics.gov (Creator)
- US Open Data (Director)
- White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
- White House Open Data Working Group (Member)
- Gov. McAuliffe Transition Team (Member of the Technology Committee)
- US Digital Response (Core Team Volunteer)
- 18F (Procurement Technologist)
- Sunlight Foundation (Senior Technology Advisor)
- Knight Foundation (News Challenge Fellow)
- Shuttleworth Foundation (Fellow)
- Beeck Center for Social Impact and Improvement (Fellow)
- Campaigns and Elections Magazine (Contributing Editor)
- Georgetown University
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Testified:

- Michigan Senate Appropriations Committee (2020)

Speaking Appearance (ex.): cctv.org

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JAMES LOVE

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Assistant United States Trade Representative for Intellectual Property and Innovation Rights [Executive Office Of The President - Office Of The United States Trade Representative: Innovation And Intellectual Property]

Education:

M.P.A., Economic Policy Analysis, Harvard Kennedy School; M.A., Economic Policy Analysis, Princeton Woodrow Wilson School

Affiliations:

Knowledge Ecology International (Director)
Center for Study of Responsive Law (Director of Consumer Project on Technology)
Trans-Atlantic Consumer Dialogue Working Group on Intellectual Property (US Co-Chair)
Essential Inventions (Founder & Chairman)
Frank Russell Company (Senior Economist)
Rutgers University (Lecturer)
Union for the Public Domain (Chairman)
Civil Society Coalition (Chairman)
MSF (Médecins Sans Frontières Working groups on Intellectual Property and Research and Development)
Adelphi Charter on Creativity (Member)
Innovation and Intellectual Property (Member)
Initiative for Policy Dialogue Task Force on Intellectual Property (Member)

Key Publications:

Makes Drugs Affordable: Replace TRIPs-plus by R&D-plus (2004)
Why Didn't Nonprofits and the NIH Require 'Reasonable' Pricing for Zolgensma? That May Happen in France (2018)
Time to Makes Essential Cancer Drugs More Affordable: Governments Can Do More to Pressure Makers to Bring Down Prices (2019)
Orphan Drugs Designations and Approvals Have Something to Say About Risks (2017)
See more under selected articles and reports

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Testified:

Before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging hearing on the high costs/prices for HIV/AIDS Drugs and the Prize Fund Alternative (2012)
Before the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet. Hearing on the Scope of Copyright Protection. (2014)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

University of Melbourne: Lecture on Intellectual Property (2011)
MacArthur Foundation: Advancing the Public Interest in Intellectual Property Policy (2006)
Interview with James Love Regarding the WIPO Treaty (2013)

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MARGO BAGLEY

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Education:

JD, Emory; BS, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Affiliations:

UN Food and Agriculture Organization (Advisor to the Secretariat)
National Academies (Committee on Advancing Commercialization from the Federal Laboratories)
National Academies (Committee on University Management of Intellectual Property)
Emory University (Professor of Law)
University of Virginia (Professor of Law)
Munich Intellectual Property Law Center, Max Planck Institute (Lecturer)
Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP (Attorney)
Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP (Attorney)
US Department of Commerce (Advisor)
African Union (Expert Technical Advisor)
Government of Mozambique (Expert Technical Advisor)
Order of the Coif (Elected Member)

Key Publications:

Patent Law in Global Perspective (2014)
Patent First, Ask Questions Later: Morality and Biotechnology in Patent Law (2003)
See more
International Patent Law and Policy (2013)

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Testified:

Amicus Brief to the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Court, Dodocase vs Merchsource (2019)
Amicus Brief to the US Supreme Court, TC Heartland vs Kraft Food (2016)
Amicus Brief to the US Supreme Court, KSR International v. Teleflex (2005)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Centre for International Governance Innovation, Beautiful Things Make Money
Harvard Law School, Innovation, Justice, and Globalization
University of Virginia School of Law, The Morality of Limits on Pharmaceutical Patents

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Affiliations:

Authors Alliance (Co-Founder and Chair of the Board)
Electronic Frontier Foundation (Board of Directors)
Electronic Privacy Information Center (Advisory Board)
Center for Democracy & Technology (Advisory Board)
Public Knowledge (Advisory Board)
Berkeley Center for New Media (Advisory Board)
John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation (Fellow)
Association of Computing Machinery (Fellow)
University of California, Berkeley (Professor)
University of Pittsburgh (Professor)
Harvard Law School (Visiting Professor)
University of Toronto (Visiting Professor)
University of Melbourne (Visiting Professor)
Berkeley Center for Law & Technology (Co-Director)
Communications of the ACM (Contributing Editor)

Key Publications:

Regulating Technology Through Copyright Law: A Comparative Perspective (2020)
Saving Software's Fair Use Future (2018)
Google's Fair Use Victory is Good for Open Source (2016)
See more

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Testified:

Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Digital Piracy (2020)
Amicus Brief to the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Oracle vs Google (2018)
House Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, Copyright Principles (2013)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

UC Berkeley, Oracle v. Google Software Copywrite Case
University of Utah, Copyright Reform
C-SPAN, Stem Cell Century
ACLU of Northern California, Bill of Rights Day with Digital Rights Pioneer Pam Samuelson

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Affiliations:

Harvard Law School (Professor of Law)
University of Minnesota Law School (Professor of Law)
University of Oklahoma College of Law (Professor of Law)
Duke University School of Law (Visiting Professor)
University of Haifa Law School (Visiting Professor)
University of St. Thomas School of Law (Visiting Professor)
University of Tilburg Law School (Visiting Professor)
American Law Institute (Elected Member)
Journal of World Intellectual Property Law (Editor)
National Academies (Science, Technology, and Policy Committee)

Key Publications:

When is Intellectual Property an Investment? (2020)
Creative Markets and Copyright in the Fourth Industrial Era: Reconfiguring the Public Benefit for a Digital Trade Economy (2018)
Copyright Law in an Age of Limitations and Exceptions (2017)
See more

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Harvard Law School, Last Lecture
American University, Distinguished Lecture on Intellectual Property
World Blind Union and Knowledge Ecology International, WIPO Treaty
Global Congress on IP and the Public Interest, Innovation and IP in Africa
UC Davis, Keynote Address



SEAN FLYNN

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American University Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property (Director)
InfoJustice.org (Editor in Chief)
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Judge Raymond Fisher, U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (Law Clerk)
Chief Justice Arthur Chaskalson, South African Constitutional Court (Law Clerk)

Key Publications:

"The U.S. Proposal for an Intellectual Property Chapter in the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement" (2012)
"An Economic Justification for Open Access to Essential Medicine Patents in Developing Countries" (2009)

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Affiliations:

Sierra Club (Director for A Living Economy)
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Key Publications:

A Green New Deal Is Fiscally Responsible. Climate Inaction Is Not. (2019)
Five Big Ideas for a Green New Deal (2019)
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Four Ways Our Trade Vision Beats Trump's (2017)

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Testified:

United States International Trade Commission, NAFTA (2018)
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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Sierra Club, Recordings Library
Sunrise Movement, Green New Deal Q & A
Center for Economic and Policy Research, Achieving a Global Green New Deal
Max Andersson (Swedish politician), interview

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Affiliations:

- Representative Linda Sánchez (D-CA) (Legislative Director)
- Representative Lloyd Doggett (D-TX) (Legislative Counsel)
- AFL-CIO (Trade and Globalization Policy Specialist)
- Directors Guild of America (Executive in Charge of Government Affairs)
- U.S. Export-Import Bank (Advisory Committee)
- Jubilee USA Network (Board Member)
- Honorable David R. Thompson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit (Law Clerk)

Key Publications:

- "U.S. Trade and Economic Policy: American Workers Need More Than Strong Labor Chapters," ABA Journal of Labor & Employment Law (2012)
- "Disparate Treatment for Property and Labor Rights in U.S. Trade Agreements," UCLA J. Int'l L. Foreign Aff. 70 (2018)
- "Labour Provisions in US Free Trade Agreements: Experiences and Challenges," International Centre for Trade Union Rights (2017)

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Testified:

- Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on labor issues in Bangladesh (2013)
- U.S. International Trade Commission on NAFTA's impact on the U.S. economy (2018)
- House Subcommittee on Trade of the Committee on Ways and Means on trade and labor policy (2019)
- U.S. China Economic and Security Review Commission on policy response to Chinese state capitalism (2018)
- House Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade Subcommittee on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Free Trade Agreement (2015)
- House Subcommittee on Trade of the Committee on Ways and Means on trade and labor policy (2017)
- European Union's Economic and Social Committee on investment protection and the Investment Court System (ICS) with regards to TTIP negotiations (2016)
- WTO Public Forum on the Trade in Services Agreement (2013)
- Trade Policy Staff Committee on a U.S.-E.U. trade agreement (2018)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- C-SPAN, Discussing steel and aluminum tariffs with regards to trade war
- Netroots Nation, Discussing NAFTA and fair versus free trade
- Wilson Center, Addressing TPP and international trade
- CBC, Discussing NAFTA's renegotiation
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Affiliations:

House Ways and Means Committee for International Trade (Lead Advisor to the Chairman and Democratic Member)
U.S. Trade Representative's Office of the General Counsel (Chief Counsel Trade Enforcement, Associate General Counsel)
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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Defending Intellectual Property: Is Section 337 the Right Answer? (2018)
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US Department of Commerce, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Textiles (Consumer Goods, and Materials)
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National Council of Textile Organizations (President & CEO)
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Key Publications:

"Protecting our communities means keeping our unions strong," The Hill (2018)
"Fixing a Big Problem and Creating Jobs," The Huffington Post (2017)
"It's Time for a Modern Communications Infrastructure," The Huffington Post (2016)

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Testified:

House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade, testimony on the textile industry's response to Covid-19 (2020)
U.S. International Trade Commission Hearing on Challenges Related to COVID-19 PPE Production, testifying on the need for long-term investment (2020)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

U.S. Conference of Mayors 2018, discussing Trump's withdrawal from the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement
"Kim Glas on working with White House to help companies manufacture personal protective equipment," FoxNews
2019 SPESA Industry Association Executive Conference, Speakers



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Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch (Director); Citizens Trade Campaign (Founder & Board Member); International Forum on Globalization (Founding Board Member)

Key Publications:

The WTO: Five Years of Reasons to Resist Corporate Globalization ISBN 978-1583220351 (1999)

Whose Trade Organization?: The Comprehensive Guide to the WTO ISBN 978-1565848412 (2004)

The Rise and Fall of Fast Track Trade Authority - Updated and Expanded Edition ISBN 978-1582310527[7] (2013)

Lori Wallach: The Trade Debate's Guerilla Warrior Gets Her Day (Profile in the Atlantic -2015) (2015)

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Testified:

Democratice Platform Drafting Committee Hearing (2016)

Hearing on the Proposed Central American Free Trade Agreement NAFTA Expansion for the House Ways and Means Committee (2005)

Hearing on Protecting Children from Lead-Tainted Imports Before the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protections of the House Energy and Commerce Committee (2007)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Trade Policy and Campaign 2016-- Lori Wallach talked about the role of global trade in the 2016 presidential campaign and the candidates' positions on the issue- Washington Journal (2016):

PBS: Tavis Smiley

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House Democratic Leader Gephardt (General Counsel)
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Council on Foreign Relations
US-China Economic & Security Review Commission (Commissioner)
Federal Trade Deficit Review Commission (Commissioner)

Key Publications:

The Message Of 2016: Ignore Workers And Working Families At Your Peril (2016)
An Even Better Place: America in the 21st Century (1999)
We need a slow, step-by-step restart with China (2020)

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Testified:

Senate Finance Committee, US-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement (2019)
Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation (2019)
House Science, Space and Technology Committee, Foreign Plots Targeting America's R&D (2018)
Congressional-Executive Commission on China, Reprioritizing Human Rights (2017)
House Ways and Means Committee Trade Subcommittee, TPP (2011)
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Strategic Response to International Predatory Economic Practices (2018)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN, Chinese Investment in the US
C-SPAN, Chinese Economic Outlook
C-SPAN, China's Strategy in Global Capital Markets
C-SPAN, China's Role in Global Health
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Key Publications:

- HEROES Act Provides Critical Relief and Recovery Measures to U.S. Workers (2020)
- Any Bailout Must Include Strong Worker Protections (2020)
- US-Mexico-Canada Agreement—Weak Tea, At Best (2019)
- The GOP HEALS Act Fails to Heal People Harmed By The Coronavirus, Will Cost Millions of Jobs, and Protects Bad Employers (2020)
- EPI Applauds Crucial Provisions in the CARES Act, But Its Glaring Flaws Mean That More Is Needed (2020)
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Testified:

- House Committee on Ways and Means, US–China Trade and Competition (2020)
- House Ways and Means Committee, trade and labor (2019)
- Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, on the future of the American Dream (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- MSNBC, 3.3M jobless claims during coronavirus
- CNN, what will unions give up?
- CNBC, American trade policy and tariffs
- C-SPAN, the economy and its impact on the 2020 elections
- AFSCME, how to make the nation's economy work for all of us
- Kellogg Institute, what gives you hope that inequality can be beaten?
- Washington International Trade Association, NAFTA

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Roosevelt Institute (Fellow/ Political Scientist/ Director of Governance Studies); Johns Hopkins University (Lecturer); University of New Hampshire (Lecturer); Center for Economic and policy Research (Policy Analyst)

Key Publications:

Judge Knot: Politics and Development in International Investment Law (2018)
The Rise and Fall of Fast Track Trade Authority (2009)
Fixing the Senate: Equitable and Full Representation for the 21st Century (2019)
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Testified:

testimony before U.S. House of Representatives' Democratic Steering and Policy Committee on the State of Working America and trade (2017)
Testified for the Canadian House of Commons' Standing Committee on International Trade hearing on multinational taxation and trade issues (2010)
Testified to U.S. Model Bilateral Investment Treaty Review Committee at Joint State Department / U.S. Trade Representative Hearing (2009)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

https://www.c-span.org/video/?452406-4/washington-journal-todd-tucker-discusses-us-canada-mexico-trade-deal
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Key Publications:

The Chamber of Commerce at the Supreme Court: 2019-2020 (2020)
How Congress Can Get Around a New Ruling That Threatens the Release of the Mueller Report (2019)
Agency Rulemaking: Unnecessary Delegation or Indispensable Assistance? (2019)
The Need for Congressional Oversight Goes Far Beyond Impeachment (2019)
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Testimony of Brianne J. Gorod Chief Counsel, Constitutional Accountability Center Before the Subcommittee on Environment Committee on Science, Space, & Technology United States House of Representatives (2016)
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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Brianne Gorod Discusses Nomination of Judge Gorsuch (2019)
Brianne Gorod Discusses the 2019-20 Supreme Court Term on C-SPAN (2019)
Brianne Gorod and John Malcolm on the 2019-20 Supreme Court Term(2019)
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Key Publications:

The Real Way to Prevent a Repeat of What Just Happened With Iran (2020)
White Supremacist Violence is on the Rise. Expanding the FBI's Powers Isn't the Answer. (2019)
The Secret Rules of the Drone War. (2016)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Brennan Center for Justice, Interview
Democracy Now!: Meet the ACLU Attorney Interrogated by Border Agents About Her Work, Nationality & More. (2017)
American Library Association: Keynote Speaker Hina Shamsi (2017)
The Guardian– Hina Shamsi on Obama's Drone Wars: America's Targeted Killing Policy

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Keenan Keller is Senior Democratic Counsel for the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives. He drafts and analyzes legislation on civil rights, racial inequality in the legal system, police brutality, and criminal justice reform. Keller wrote several significant pieces of legislation signed into law, including the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, the Voting Rights Reauthorization Act, the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act, The Second Chance Act, and the Black Farmers Reauthorization Act. As Democratic Counsel to Rep. John Conyers, Keller was responsible for The Commission to Study Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act (H.R.40). Washington DC Mayor Anthony Williams appointed Keller to the D.C. Police Standards and Training Board. He was elected to the District of Columbia Democratic State Committee, where he chaired the Constitution and By-laws Committee and served on the Executive Committee. Keller clerked for Judge Myron Thompson, a prominent progressive judge for the District Court of the Middle District of Alabama. He has appeared in The Washington Post, The New York Times, and CQ Roll Call. He holds a B.A. from Brown University and a J.D. from Yale University.

ENDORSED BY

Public Citizen

RECOMMENDED FOR

Assistant Attorney General (Legislative Affairs) [Department Of Justice - Office Of The Deputy Attorney General: Office Of Legislative Affairs]

Office Of The Associate Attorney General: Civil Rights Division [Department Of Justice]

Education:

JD, Yale Law School; BA, Brown University

Affiliations:

House Committee on the Judiciary (Senior Democratic Counsel)
D.C. Democratic State Committee (Constitution and By-laws Committee Chair; Executive Committee)
D.C. Urban Forest Council (Board of Directors)
National Child Research Center (Board of Trustees)
Healthy D.C. Foundation (Treasurer)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

National Diversity Pre-Law Conference and Law Conference
American Constitution Society, Seeking an End to Racial Profiling
DC Politics Hour, candidates for DC school board
The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OCHCR), forum on minority issues
Georgetown Law Committee on Human Rights in Latin America, panel discussion on non-consensual medical research
Justice Roundtable Assembly, speaking on justice reform
Institute of the Black World, Town Hall Meeting on Police Killings of Black Men: Ferguson and Beyond The Way Forward, Panelist
Marketing and Public Policy Conference Plenary Session on Consumer Racial Profiling, Speaker
Law, Criminal Justice, Public Safety Committee: Policing Virtual Meeting Series, Speaker



KEITH ELLISON

Keith Ellison is the Attorney General of Minnesota. Ellison was the first Muslim elected to Congress and first African American to represent Minnesota. A six-term US Representative, Ellison served on the House Committee on Financial Services, Committee on Foreign Affairs, and Judiciary Committee. He was Chief Deputy Whip, Vice-Chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, Vice Chair of the Congressional LGBT Caucus, and a member of the Asian Pacific American Caucus and Black Caucus. He became Deputy Chair of the Democratic National Committee at the suggestion of Democratic National Committee Chair Tom Perez, who called Ellison one of his “best allies,” with the support of Sen. Bernie Sanders, Sen. Chuck Schumer, and a unanimous voice vote of DNC members. Gov. Tim Walz directed Ellison to lead the George Floyd murder investigation. He holds a B.A. from Wayne State University and a J.D. from University of Minnesota.

ENDORSED BY

Amazon Watch, CEPR Domestic, CEPR International, Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy, Just Foreign Policy, Open Markets Institute, Public Citizen, Revolving Door Project, Sunrise Movement, Surveillance Technology Oversight Project (STOP), United for Respect, Win Without War, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Ambassador, Republic of Colombia [Department Of State - Office Of The Under Secretary For Political Affairs]

Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission [Equal Employment Opportunity Commission - Office Of The Chair]

Department Of Justice

Education:

B.A., Wayne State University; J.D., University of Minnesota

Affiliations:

Democratic National Committee; U.S. House of Representatives; Minnesota Attorney General

Key Publications:

My Country, 'Tis of Thee (2014)
Trump Lawyer Rudy Giuliani Said The President Can "Probably" Pardon Himself (2018)
Morning Update: How The White Nationalists Lost This Weeken (2018)

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Testified:

Monetary Policy and the Economy (6/18/2018)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Minnesota Attorney General Briefing on George Floyd Investigation
Aspen Institute Book Talk- My Country Tis of Thee

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KIMBERLÉ CRENSHAW

Kimberlé Crenshaw is a scholar and writer on civil rights, critical race theory, Black feminist legal theory, and race, racism and the law. In addition to her position as the Isidor and Seville Sulzbacher Professor of Law at Columbia Law School, she is a Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of California, Los Angeles. Crenshaw's work has been foundational in critical race theory and in "intersectionality," a term she coined to describe the double bind of simultaneous racial and gender prejudice. Her studies, writing, and activism have identified key issues in the perpetuation of inequality, including the "school to prison pipeline" for African American children and the criminalization of behavior among Black teenage girls. Through the Columbia Law School African American Policy Forum, which she co-founded, Crenshaw co-authored (with Andrea Ritchie) "Say Her Name: Resisting Police Brutality Against Black Women," which documented and drew attention to the killing of Black women and girls by police. Crenshaw and AAPF subsequently launched the #SayHerName campaign to call attention to police violence against Black women and girls. Crenshaw holds a B.A. from Cornell University, a J.D. from Harvard University, and a LL.M. from the University of Wisconsin.

ENDORSED BY

HEAL Food Alliance, Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Associate Attorney General [Department Of Justice - Office Of The Associate Attorney General]

Education:

- Bachelor of Arts, Cornell University, 1981
- Juris Doctorate, Harvard Law School, 1984
- Master of Laws, University of Wisconsin, 1985
- B.A., Cornell University
- J.D., Harvard Law School
- LL.M., University of Wisconsin

Affiliations:

- Columbia Law School (Professor and Program Founder)
- African American Policy Forum (Founder)
- Columbia Law School (Isidor and Seville Sulzbacher Professor of Law)
- Distinguished Professor of Law (University of California, Los Angeles)
- Columbia Law School Center for Intersectionality and Social Policy (Founder)
- Center for Intersectional Justice (President)

Key Publications:

- "On Intersectionality: Essential Writings"
- "Toward a Field of Intersectional Studies: Theory, Application, and Praxis"
- "Foreword: Toward a Race-Conscious Theory of Legal Pedagogy"



KWAME RAOUL

Kwame Raoul is the Attorney General of Illinois. Raoul was appointed to fill the Illinois Senate seat vacated by Barack Obama and was subsequently elected 7 times, serving 14 years. Raoul passed criminal justice reform legislation which eliminated the death penalty, expedited record expungement for juveniles, created diversion programs for non-violent offenders, created programs to help first-time offenders reintegrate into society, required background checks on gun sales, required body cameras for police officers, and created a statewide database of officers under investigation. Raoul also helped pass the Safe Homes Act, the Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights, and the Illinois Voting Rights Act. He expanded Illinois' Medicaid eligibility under the Affordable Care Act as well as opportunities for minority and women-owned financial services firms. Raoul was a prosecutor in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office at the trial and appellate level in the criminal, civil, and juvenile divisions. As a Senior Staff Attorney for the City Colleges of Chicago, he was responsible for labor and employment matters. Raoul has also been a partner at two national law firms, serving in the healthcare and employment practice groups. Raoul has a B.A. from Depaul University and a J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law.

ENDORSED BY

National Employment Law Project, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Department Of Justice

Department Of Labor

Education:

JD, Illinois Institute of Technology; BA, DePaul University; Diploma, University of Chicago Lab School

Affiliations:

Illinois (Attorney General)
Illinois Senate Judiciary Committee (Chair)
Illinois Senate Pension and Investment Committee (Chair)
Illinois Senate Criminal Law Committee (Vice-Chair)
Illinois Senate Sentencing Policy Advisory Commission (Vice-Chair)
City Colleges of Chicago (Senior Staff Attorney)
Cook County State's Attorney's Office (Prosecutor)
Quarles & Brady LLP (Partner)
Legal Prep Charter Academies (Board Member)
International Child Care (Board Member)

Key Publications:

Take It From Me: COVID-19 Is Serious (2020)

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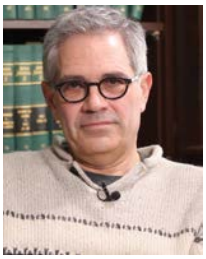
Testified:

House Appropriations, Departments Of Labor, Health And Human Services, and Education (February 2019)
House Of Representatives, Labor, Education, Health And Human Services, Appropriations Committee, Combatting Wage Theft (April 2019)
House Of Representatives, Labor, Education, Health And Human Services Appropriations Bill (2020)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

The News-Democrat, Candidate Profile
Illinois Channel TV, Kwame Raoul (D), Kwame Raoul Shares His Agenda as Attorney General
IL Statehouse News, Redistricting
PBS NewsHour, shooting of Laquan McDonald by Jason Van Dyke

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LARRY KRASNER

Larry Krasner is the District Attorney of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania. He has earned a reputation as a progressive prosecutor, whose priorities include criminal justice reform, ending mass incarceration and mass supervision, protecting immigrants and vulnerable populations, victim-centered prosecution, and evidence-based measures that support individual justice and crime prevention. He was elected in a landslide with 75% of the popular vote. He manages an office with nearly 300 attorneys and 300 additional staff. Krasner has effectively transformed his District Attorney office by ending cash bail for misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies, announcing his office will no longer pursue criminal charges against those caught with marijuana possession, and starting a sentence review unit. In 2018, he created a list of police officers who lied on duty, used excessive force, racially profiled, or violated civil rights. In July 2019, Krasner filed a motion in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to declare the state's death penalty unconstitutional, citing racial disparity in those sentenced, the high turnover rates of convictions by appeals, and the frequent ineffective counsel that has contributed to numerous cases being overturned. Prior to his government service, Krasner was a civil rights and criminal defense attorney for 30 years, who aggressively pursued police misconduct cases. He has defended numerous protesters from RNC 2000, DNC 2016, ACT UP, Black Lives Matter, Casino-Free Philadelphia, DACA Dreamers, Decarcerate PA, Earth Quaker Action Team, Heeding God's Call, Kensington Welfare Rights Union, Occupy Philly and Reclaim Philadelphia, and typically pro-bono. He has been featured in The New Republic, Newsweek, The Philadelphia Inquirer, The Philadelphia Citizen, PhillyVoice, The Boston Globe, The Texas Observer, Nebraska City News Press, The New Yorker, The New York Times, The Intercept, Slate, NPR, CBS, ABC, NBS, Politico, and many other news outlets. Krasner holds a B.A. from the University of Chicago and a J.D. from Stanford University.

ENDORSED BY

CEPR Domestic, Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project, Sunrise Movement

RECOMMENDED FOR

Department Of Justice

Education:

BA, University of Chicago; J.D., Stanford

Affiliations: People's Summit

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Testified:

PA legislature, legislation that would allow parole hearings (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

VICE news
Democracy Now!
YouTube
USC Gould School of Law
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LASHAWN WARREN

LaShawn Warren is the Executive Vice President of Government Affairs at The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. She leads legislative advocacy on behalf of over 200 grassroots organizations. Warren was Oversight Counsel for the House Judiciary Committee, where she was Lead Counsel on issues including civil and voting rights. Warren led a Congressional investigation into federal civil rights law enforcement at the Department of Justice, uncovering operational and prosecutorial misconduct. Working for the Seattle City Council, Warren wrote and analyzed legislation on civil rights, public safety, and the municipal budget. She successfully advocated for comprehensive legislation addressing racial profiling. As Legislative Counsel of the ACLU, Warren headed a successful national campaign to renew the Voting Rights Act. She has testified before Congress and the UN Human Rights Council on voting rights, education equity, racial profiling, employment, housing, domestic violence policy, welfare reform, privacy, international human rights, and civil rights enforcement. Warren has appeared in Politico, The American Prospect, Business Week, Bloomberg, The Village Voice, and on NBC and WNYC. Warren holds a B.A. in Political Science from Savannah State University, an M.A. in Religious Studies from Yale Divinity School, and a J.D. from Howard University School of Law.

ENDORSED BY

Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Member [Executive Office Of The President - Domestic Policy Council]

Education:

B.A., Political Science, Savannah State University, 1993; J.D., Law, Howard University School of Law, 1996; Master in Religious Studies, Yale Divinity School, 2015

Affiliations:

U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary (Oversight Counsel)
Washington State Office of the Attorney General (Assistant Attorney General)
Seattle City Council (Legislative Analyst)
American Civil Liberties Union, Washington National Office (Legislative Counsel for Civil Rights)
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights (Executive Vice President, Government Affairs)
Center for American Progress, Faith and Progressive Policy Initiative (Vice President)
American Constitution Society for Law and Policy (Senior Vice President of Policy Development and Programming)
New Jersey Institute for Social Justice (Vice President and General Counsel)

Key Publications:

"Amy Coney Barrett hearing reveals Senate's misplaced priorities," The Hill (2020)
"Point: In Defense of the Johnson Amendment," Inside Sources (2017)
"Beyond a Moment of Silence," Huffington Post (2017)
Committee on the Judiciary Report, "'Reining in the Imperial Presidency: Lessons and Recommendations Relating to the Presidency of George W. Bush,"Co-Author as Committee counsel (2009)

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Testified:

Senate Judiciary Committee, testifying on best practices for incarceration and detention during the Covid-19 pandemic (2020)
Senate Judiciary Committee, testifying on the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 (2005)
U.S. Senate, Statement for the Record opposing registration requirements that would disenfranchise votes (2002)
U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, statement on minority voting rights (2020)
U.S. Supreme Court, Amicus Brief in Northwest Austin Municipal Utility District No.1 v. Eric H. Holder (supervised drafting and editing) (2009)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

New Jersey Institute for Social Justice, "One-on-One Interview with LaShawn Warren on Race and Policing," Interview
Center for Constitutional Rights, "New Orleans and Policing," Panelist
Between the Lines, "U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Condemns Lack of Federal Protection for Minority Voting Rights," Interview
Counter Point, "U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Condemns Lack of Federal Protection for Minority Voting Rights," Interview
Center for American Progress, "A Seat at the Table: Considering African American Women, Law, and Policy," Introductory Remarks

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LETITIA JAMES

Letitia James is the first woman in New York to be elected as Attorney General, the first Black woman to be elected to statewide office, and the first Black person to serve as Attorney General. James has launched investigations into and filed suit against the opioid manufacturer Purdue Pharma, the National Rifle Association, and Facebook. As Assistant Attorney General, James worked on consumer complaints involving predatory lending and unlawful business practices. James was on New York Gov. Mario Cuomo's Task Force on Diversity in the Judiciary. James served for a decade on New York City Council. She promoted the Primary Health Care Development Bill, which expanded resources for working families. She negotiated the Welfare Reform Act on behalf of the New York State Black and Puerto Rican Caucus. James established the Urban Network, a coalition of African American professional organizations that provides scholarships for young people. She served as a Public Defender for the Legal Aid Society. James holds a B.A. from Lehman City University of New York, an M.P.A. from Columbia University, and a J.D. from Howard University.

ENDORSED BY

CEPR Domestic, Indivisible, MoveOn, National Housing Resource Center, Progressive Change Institute, Public Citizen, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

General Counsel [Department Of Housing And Urban Development - Office Of The General Counsel]

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Department Of Justice

Education:

B.A., Lehman, City University of New York; M.P.A., Columbia University; J.D., Howard University

Affiliations:

New York City Council (member); New York Public Defenders' office (employed); New York State Assembly (employed); Legal Aid Society (employed)

Key Publications:

Being Labeled the 'Sheriff of Wall Street' Isn't Enough (2018)
CityViews: This Three-Step Plan Will Reopen the Door to Homeownership for NYC's Middle Class (2017)
A Four-Step fix for NYC's Property-Tax System (2018)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

NY AG Letitia James Undaunted By Trump Frenzy To Keep Finances Hidden (MSNBC 2019)
New York State Attorney General Letitia James is suing the electronic cigarette company JUUL (2019):
One-on-One with Tish James (New York Now 2018)
C-SPAN list

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MAGGIE BLACKHAWK

Maggie Blackhawk (Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe) is a Professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania. She researches and teaches in the fields of constitutional law, federal Indian law, and legislation. Blackhawk is a Senior Constitutional Advisor to the President of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. She serves as President of the Association of American Law Schools' section on Legislation and Law of the Political Process. She has received funding for her research from the American Political Science Association and Safra Center for Ethics. She was awarded "best article in American legal history by an early career scholar" from the American Society for Legal History. Blackhawk's recent projects examine the ways that American democracy can and should empower minorities, especially outside of traditional rights and courts-based frameworks. Her research has been published in the Harvard Law Review, Stanford Law Review, Yale Law Journal, and Cambridge University Press. She also writes for The New York Times. Blackhawk holds a B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles and a J.D. from Stanford Law School.

ENDORSED BY

Billy Fleming, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Counselor [Department Of The Interior - Secretary'S Immediate Office]

Education:

B.A., UCLA; J.D., Stanford Law School

Affiliations:

Native American Rights Fund (Law Clerk)
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (clerked)
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California (clerked)
Bredhoff & Kaiser (Associate)
Office of Chief Judge James Ware (Clerk)
Harvard University (Fellow & Lecturer)
University of Pennsylvania (Assistant Professor)
U.S. Court of Appeals/ Susan Graber (Clerk)

Key Publications:

Equity Outside the Courts, 121 Colum. L. Rev. __ (2020). (forthcoming) (2020)
On Power & Indian Country, 1 Women & Law 39 (2020) (published by Stan. L. Rev.). (2020)
Federal Indian Law as Paradigm within Public Law, 132 HARV. L. REV. 1787 (2019). (2019)
Petitioning and the Making of the Administrative State, 127 YALE L.J. 1538 (2018). (2018)
Reforming Lobbying, in DEMOCRACY BY THE PEOPLE (Timothy Kuhner & Eugene Mazo eds., Cambridge University Press 2018) (2016)
Lobbying and the Petition Clause, 68 STAN. L. REV. 1131 (2016). (2016)
Plenary No Longer: How the Fourteenth Amendment "Amended" Congressional Jurisdiction-Stripping Power, 63 STAN. L. REV. 1213 (2011). (2011)

CV: https://www.law.upenn.edu/cf/faculty/mmckinle/cv.pdf

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Matter of Fact TV- Soledad O'brien. Discussion about the 19th Amendment (2020)
Maggie McKinley (Blackhawk) Explains the Role of Petitioning in American History (2017)

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MAURA HEALEY

Maura Healey is the first openly gay Attorney General in the United States. Healey manages a $43 million budget and 500 employees. In 2009, Healey was the architect of Massachusetts' successful challenge to the federal Defense of Marriage Act. Since 2016, Healey has sued the Trump administration at least 43 times. In July 2020, Healy led 18 states in suing the administration over the order for ICE to deport international students, saying it is "cruel, abrupt, and unlawful." The next day, she sued Uber and Lyft for basic workplace protections and benefits for drivers. She has helped shape state legislation for Pay Equity, Earned Sick Time, Pregnant Workers Fairness, and the Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights. Her office was the first state agency to offer paid parental leave. Healey has worked on transgender protections, consumer protections, student loan costs, health care costs, internet privacy, prescription drugs, the drug abuse epidemic, and reforming the criminal justice system. Healey launched the Community Engagement Division, a first-of-its-kind which offers community office hours in neighborhoods across the state. Healey has appeared in The Boston Globe, Washington Post, New York Times, Reuters, Forbes, NPR, NBC, CBS, and CNN. Healey holds a B.A. from Harvard University and a J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law.

ENDORSED BY

CEPR Domestic, Debt Collective, Economic Policy Institute (EPI), National Employment Law Project, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Department Of Housing And Urban Development

Department Of Justice

Department Of Labor

Education:

B.A., Harvard University; J.D., Northeastern University School of Law

Affiliations:

Massachusetts Attorney General's Office (Chief of Business & Labor/ Chief of Public Protection & Advocacy/ Attorney General))
WilmerHale (Counsel/ Junior Partner/ Associate)
Middlesex County D.A.'s Office (Special Assistant District Attorney)
U.S. District Court/ Hon. A David Mazone (Law Clerk)
European Professional Basketball League/UBBC Wustenrot (Point Guard)

Key Publications:

Businesses Can Play a Big Role In Stopping Human Trafficking (2020)
Why I'm Rejecting the Purdue Pharma's Settlement (2019)

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Testified:

Joint Committee on Public Health on An Act Regulating Flavored Tobacco Products (2019)
Joint Committee on the Judiciary on the ROE Act (2019)
State House Hearing on Glyphosate Regulation (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

America's Role in the World (2018)
AG Maura Healey explains the state's lawsuit against Juul (2020)
Mass. Attorney General Maura Healey defends Obamacare as court takes up issue (2019

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NORRIS HENDERSON

Norris Henderson is the Founder and Executive Director of both VOTE and its sister organization, Voters Organized to Educate. Henderson is a former Soros Justice Fellow, and has had tremendous success impacting public policy and discourse about reentry, police accountability, public defense for poor and indigent people, and reforming the notorious Orleans Parish Prison, also known as the Orleans Justice Center. In 2018, Henderson served as the statewide campaign director for the Unanimous Jury Coalition, a ballot campaign that ended non-unanimous juries in Louisiana. As someone who was wrongfully incarcerated for 27 years, Henderson shares first-hand experience of racism and brutality of the criminal justice system with communities of color across Louisiana. He was a jailhouse lawyer, a co-founder of the Angola Special Civics Project, and a trailblazer for freeing other wrongfully convicted people prior to the inception of the Innocence Project. While incarcerated, Henderson co-founded a hospice program and drafted a successful parole reform law for Lifers. Henderson regularly speaks publicly in support of underprivileged communities in New Orleans, and acts as a general liaison to other community organizations in the city. Since his release in 2003, Henderson has applied his 27 years of self-taught legal expertise and community organizing skills to a number of leadership positions, including Co-Director of Safe Streets/Strong Communities and Community Outreach Coordinator of the Louisiana Justice Coalition. Henderson serves on a number of organizations' Board of Directors, including Common Justice, and is a co-founder and steering committee member of the Formerly Incarcerated Convicted People and Families Movement, and winner of numerous awards in the civil rights community.

ENDORSED BY

Color of Change, MoveOn, Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Director, Access to Justice [Department Of Justice - Office Of The Associate Attorney General: Access To Justice]

Affiliations:

- Executive Director (VOTE)
- Soros Justice Fellow (Open Society Foundations)
- 2015 Martinet Society Earl Amedee Award (Recipient)
- Formerly Incarcerated & Convicted People and Families Movement (Board Member)
- Common Justice (Board Member)

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SANJUKTA PAUL

Sanjukta Paul is an assistant professor of law and a Romano Stancroff Research Scholar at Wayne State University. Paul's research focuses on the intersection of antitrust law and labor law. Paul's book "Solidarity in the Shadow of Antitrust: Labor and the Legal Idea of Competition," will be published by Cambridge University Press in 2021. Her other scholarly work has been published in the UCLA Law Review and the Berkeley Journal of Employment & Labor Law. Paul has also written for the American Prospect, The Nation, Barron's, and Aeon. Before joining Wayne State, Paul was a research and clinical teaching fellow at UCLA School of Law and worked as a public interest attorney in Los Angeles. Paul has testified before the House of Representatives. During the Fall 2020 semester, Paul was a Visiting Law Professor at the University of Minnesota and in 2020, she received the Michael J. Zimmer Memorial Award from the Colloquium on Scholarship in Employment and Labor Law. Paul holds a B.A. from the University of Iowa, a M.A. from the University of Pittsburgh, and a J.D. from Yale Law School.

ENDORSED BY

CEPR Domestic, Open Markets Institute, People's Parity Project, The Athena Coalition, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Chief, Competition Policy Section [Department Of Justice - Office Of The Associate Attorney General: Antitrust Division]

Commissioner [Federal Trade Commission - Office Of The Chairman]



SHERILYNN IFILL

Sherilynn Ifill is President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Inc. She spent 20 years on the faculty of the University of Maryland School of Law, teaching civil and constitutional law, and pioneered one of the first legal clinics in the country challenging legal barriers to the reentry of ex-offenders. Ifill's 2007 book "On the Courthouse Lawn: Confronting the Legacy of Lynching in the 21st Century," is credited with laying the foundation for contemporary conversations about lynching and reconciliation. Ifill has received honorary doctorates from New York University, Bard College, Fordham Law School, and CUNY Law School. She serves on the board of the National Women's Law Center, the National Constitution Center, and the Learning Policy Institute, and is a former Board Chair of the Open Society Foundations. Ifill holds a B.A. from Vassar College and a J.D. from New York University Law School.

ENDORSED BY

CEPR Domestic, Color of Change, Indivisible, MoveOn, People's Action, Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project, United for Respect

RECOMMENDED FOR

Attorney General [Department Of Justice - Office Of The Attorney]

Education:

B.A., Vasser College, 1984; J.D., New York University School of Law, 1987

Key Publications:

- How to Change Policing in America (2020)
- We Must Confront the Inconsistent Laws That Allow Black Lives to Be Taken with Impunity (2020)
- How Americans Can Still Protect the 2020 Election After Trump's Acquittal (2020)
- See more

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Testified:

- House Judiciary Committee, George Floyd Justice in Policing Act (2020)
- Committee on House Administration, Impact of COVID-19 on Voting Rights and Election Administration: Ensuring Safe and Fair Elections (2020)
- House Judiciary Committee, Policing Practices and Law Enforcement Accountability (2020)
- House Judiciary Committee, Voting Rights Advancement Act (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- PBS News Hour, Unrest in the US
- CBS 60 Minutes, race relations in the United States
- Vassar, Social Media and the Death of Michael Brown
- Stanford, Key NAACP Legal Defense Fund Cases
- Maryland Carey Law School, Beyond Ferguson
- Aspen Ideas Festival: Race, Poverty, and Our Courts panel

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STEPHEN VLADECK

Stephen Vladeck is a Professor of Law at the University of Texas at Austin, where he holds the Charles Alan Wright Chair in Federal Courts. Vladeck is an internationally recognized expert on US federal courts, constitutional law, national security law, and military justice. Vladeck has argued multiple cases before the US Supreme Court and lower federal courts, testified over a dozen times before US congressional committees and foreign tribunals, and been cited for his legal scholarship over 1,800 times. Vladeck is CNN's Supreme Court analyst and co-host of the popular and award-winning National Security Law Podcast. He clerked for Judge Rosemary Barkett on the US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and Judge Marsha Berzon on the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. While enrolled at Yale Law School, Vladeck was Student Director of the Balancing Civil Liberties and National Security Post-9/11 Litigation Project. A prolific writer, he has published over 600 articles with CNN, NBC, Reuters, Newsweek, Yahoo, The Washington Post, New York Times, New York Daily News, Chicago Tribune, Star Tribune, The Dallas Morning News, SCOTUSblog, Lawfare blog, Foreign Policy Magazine, VICE, Slate, The Atlantic, Politico, and more. Vladeck holds a B.A. from Amherst College and a J.D. from Yale Law School.

ENDORSED BY

CEPR Domestic, Public Citizen, Social Security Works

RECOMMENDED FOR

Solicitor General [Department Of Justice - Office Of The Solicitor General]

Education:

JD, Yale; BA, Amherst College

Affiliations:

Strauss Center for International Security and Law (Distinguished Scholar)
The Constitution Project, Fordham University (Fellow)
American Constitution Society (Board of Academic Advisors)
National Institute of Military Justice (Board of Advisors)
RAND History of U.S. Military Policy (Advisory Board)
Electronic Privacy and Information Center (Advisory Board)
ABA Law and National Security (Advisory Committee)
Just Security blog (Co-Editor-in-Chief)
Lawfare blog (Senior Editor)
Journal of National Security Law & Policy (Senior Editor)
Yale Law Journal (Executive Editor)
Constitutional Studies (Editor)
Jotwell, CourtsLaw Section (Contributing Editor)
American Law Institute (Elected Member)
Order of the Coif (Member)
CNN (Supreme Court Analyst)
University of Texas (Professor of Law)
American University (Associate Dean)
University of Miami (Associate Professor of Law)

Key Publications:

The Separation of National Security Powers: Lessons from the Second Congress (2020)
Counterterrorism Law (2020)
National Security Law (2016)
See scholarly work
See 550 popular articles
See 60 more

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Testified:

House Committee on the Judiciary: Executive Overreach (2016)
House Committee on the Judiciary: National Security Leaks (2012)
Senate Judiciary Committee: Robert Mueller, Special Counsels and Separation of Powers (2017)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

CNN, Trump trying to remove US Attorney Berman
C-Span, Trump Administration's Travel Ban
C-Span, Trump's Border Emergency Declaration

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New York State Office of the Attorney General (Deputy Solicitor General); Supreme Court of the United States (former associate); Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld (former Appellate Practice); Judge Diana Gribbon Motz (former clerk)



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US Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division (Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General)
Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights (President & CEO)
ACLU, Center for Justice (Director)
ACLU (Deputy Legal Director)
NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (Assistant Counsel)
Open Society Foundations

Key Publications:

IAVA and the Leadership Conference on the US Postal Service (2020)
Voting is our most fundamental right – let's make sure it's open to everyone (2020)
Aim of Pence-Kobach Commission Is Voter Suppression (2017)
Don't Let Jeff Sessions Undermine Police Reform (2017)
See ACLU posts
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Testified:

House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Progress Report on the 2020 Census (2019)
House Committee on Education and Labor, Hearing on gradually raising the minimum wage to $15 (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN, Civil Rights in the Trump Era
PBS, What factors should be considered for clemency against drug charges?

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HAEYOUNG YOON

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Affiliations:

- Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence (Executive Director)
- National Domestic Workers Alliance (Senior Policy Director)
- National Employment Law Project (Director of Strategic Partnerships)
- Aspen Institute (Communities That Work Partnership Fellow)
- Center for Community Change (Distinguished Taconic Fellow)
- Mobilization for Justice (Legal Services)

Key Publications:

- Winning Dignity and Respect: A Guide to the Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights (2013)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- WYNC, domestic workers do not qualify for COVID-19 stimulus
- WYNC, economic recovery from the 2008 housing crash
- Harvard Law School, Nonprofit/Advocacy Panel

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Pramila Jayapal is the US Representative for Washington's 7th Congressional District. She is the co-chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, the largest caucus in the House of Representatives, and serves on several committees, including the Judiciary Committee, Budget Committee, and Education and Labor Committee. Previously Jayapal served in the Washington State Senate, where she sponsored and passed the first bill in the country to monitor police department rape kit testing. For 11 years, Jayapal was the executive director of OneAmerica, an immigrant advocacy group. In this role, Jayapal successfully sued the Bush administration's Immigration and Naturalization Services and prevented the deportation of over 4,000 Somalis. Rep. Jayapal immigrated to the United States from India when she was 16 years old. Jayapal holds a B.A. from Georgetown University and an M.B.A. from Northwestern University.

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CEPR Domestic, Friends of the Earth, HEAL Food Alliance, Progressive Change Institute, Sunrise Movement, United for Respect

RECOMMENDED FOR

Director, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services [Department Of Homeland Security - National Protection And Programs Directorate: U.S. Citizenship And Immigration Services]

Secretary, Health and Human Services [Department Of Health And Human Services]

Education:

Georgetown University; MBA, Northwestern University

Affiliations:

Global public health
Women's, immigrant, civil, and human rights
Common Dreams
Program for Appropriate Technology in Health
OneAmerica (Founder, Executive Director)
We Belong Together (Co-Chair)
Institute of Current World Affairs (Fellow)
Democratic Caucus of the United States House of Representatives (Senior Whip)
United States House Committee on the Budget (Vice Ranking Member,)
United for Climate and Environmental Justice Task Force (Co-Founder)
Immigration Task Force, Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (Chair)
Women's Working Group on Immigration Reform (Co-Chair)
DNC Transition Team
House Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security
House Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial and Administrative Law
House Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development
House Subcommittee on Workforce Protections
Center for Community Change (Distinguished Taconic Fellow)

Key Publications:

Use the Power You Have: A Brown Woman's Guide to Politics and Political Change by Pramila Jayapal (2020)
Now Is the Time to Fight Hatred and Stand With Immigrants in Burien (2017)
We Must Do More to Change Racist Geographic Place Names in Our National Parks (2015)
Pilgrimage to India: A Woman Revisits Her Homeland by Pramila Jayapal Jan 1, 2000 (2000)
To Fix Washington State's Problems, We Need Real Talk on Taxes

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Testified:

Questioning of Corey Lewandowski, Lewandowski hearing (2019)
Questioning of Democratic counsel, Trump impeachment hearings (2019)
Opening statement in Day 1 of Trump impeachment (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

VICE news
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B.B.A. and M.S., Accounting, Texas A&M University; M.A., International Affairs, Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs

Affiliations:

Poligon Education Fund (Founder and Board President)
Asian Pacific American Institute (Congressional Fellow)
White House (Advisor and analyst on US Foreign Policy in the Middle East)
Congress (Advisor)
State Department (Advisor on Iran nuclear negotiations and human rights for Syrian and Israel/Palestine conflicts)
UN CTED (consultant on lone wolf terrorism)
UNRWA in Jordan (field work)
UNDP (worked with)
Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (worked with)
Truman National Security Project (Security Fellow)
American Muslim Civic Leadership Institute at the USC Center for Religion and Civic Culture (Fellow)
Scoville Fellow
2020 AAPI National Security and Foreign Policy Next Generation Leader by New America and Diversity in National Security Network.

Key Publications:

Why American Muslims Should Look Beyond the White House (2016)
On Palestinian Human Rights, We in America Need to Move From Talk to Action (2016)
Don't wait for the next war to rebuild Gaza (2015)
See more on her LinkedIn profile under "Featured" (2020)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

CGTN America, Middle East conflicts and policy
CGTN America, Syria peace talks
CGTN America, Trump's immigration policy

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ADAM PULVER

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Counselor to the Secretary [Department Of Labor - Office Of The Secretary]

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JD, Columbia Law School; BA, Political Science, Community Health, English, Tufts University

Affiliations:

Public Citizen (Attorney)
Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP (Associate)
ACLU of DC (Volunteer Attorney)
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Columbia Journal of Law and Social Problems (Executive Editor)
City Bar Justice Center (Homeless Law Clinic Volunteer Coordinator)
Harvard Law School (Administrative Intern)
New York City Department of Consumer Affairs (Government Scholar)
Applied Energy Group (Analyst)
US Department of Labor, Office of the Solicitor, Civil Rights and Labor-Management Division (Senior Attorney)

Key Publications:

First Contract Arbitration and the Employee Free Choice Act (2009)
Gay Blood Revisionism: A Critical Analysis of Advocacy and the "Gay Blood Ban" (2007)
An Imperfect Fit: Obesity, Public Health, and Disability Anti-Discrimination Law (2007)

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Testified:

Amicus brief to the US Supreme Court on Beaver County Employees Retirement Fund (2017)
Amicus brief to the US Supreme Court on AFL-CIO vs Trump (2018)
Amicus brief to the US Supreme Court on the California Teachers Association (2015)
Amicus brief to the US Supreme Court on Lower East Side People's Credit Union vs Trump (2017)

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AI-JEN POO

Ai-Jen Poo is the Executive Director of the National Domestic Workers Alliance, which advocates for a Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights in coordination with 63 affiliated organizations across the country. After a hard-fought seven-year campaign, Poo's movement succeeded in passing the Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights in New York, which gives workers overtime pay, one day of rest per week, three days paid leave per year, and protection from discrimination. Poo is also Co-Director of Caring Across Generations, which works with over 100 local, state, and national partners to secure millions of dollars in funding for elder care as well as minimum wage and protections for care workers. Maria Shriver, the former First Lady of California and Founder of The Women's Alzheimer's Movement, praised Poo's book, "The Age of Dignity: Preparing for the Elder Boom in a Changing America," saying Poo "shines a new light on the need for a holistic approach to caregiving in America." Gloria Steinem says: "Every American should read this book. With luck, it will be the future for all of us." Poo has appeared in Glamour, TechCrunch, HuffPost, The Hollywood Reporter, USA Today, The New York Times, The Guardian, and on CNN. Poo was named one of Time's 100 Most Influential People. Poo holds a B.A. from Columbia University.

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Director of the Women's Bureau [Department Of Labor - Women'S Bureau]

Policy Advisor [Department Of Health And Human Services - Office Of The Secretary]

US Representative to the UN Human Rights Council, with the rank of Ambassador [Department Of State - Office Of The Under Secretary For Political Affairs]

Executive Office Of The President

Education: B.A., Colombia University

Affiliations:

- National Domestic Workers Alliance (Executive Director)
- Caring Across Generations (Co-Director)
- SuperMajority (Co-Founder)
- Ford Foundation (Trustee)
- MacArthur Fellow

Key Publications:

- Protect Caregivers From Coronavirus (2020)
- Domestic Workers Take Care of Us. Now, It's Time For Us to Take Care of Them (2020)
- The Future of Work Isn't What People Think It Is (2020)
- Age of Dignity: Caring for a Changing America (2016)
- Domestic workers organizing in the United States (2008)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- MacArthur Foundation, National Domestic Workers Alliance
- Ford Foundation, inequality
- C-SPAN, The Age of Dignity
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ALICIA GARZA

Alicia Garza is an internationally recognized civil rights leader and the Principal at the Black Futures Lab. Garza coined #BlackLivesMatter in 2013 following George Zimmerman's acquittal in the murder of Trayvon Martin. Garza has received numerous awards for co-founding the Black Lives Matter movement, such as the 2017 Sydney Peace Prize, and was named among The Root's "100 African American Achievers and Influencers," Politico's "50 Visionaries Transforming Politics," and Fortune's "World's Greatest Leaders." Garza served on the UN Tribunal of the US Black Women's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Garza is the Co-Founder of the Black Futures Lab, where she conducted the Black Census Project, the largest survey of Black Americans since Reconstruction with 30,000 respondents, including those who are mixed-race, immigrants, conservative, incarcerated, homeless, LGBTQ, and typically underrepresented in traditional survey methods. As the Co-Founder of Supermajority, Garza also led The Women's Poll, the largest poll of American women with 60,000 respondents, and advocates for a "Women's New Deal." As the Director of Strategy and Partnerships for the National Domestic Workers Alliance, Garza works to expand federal and state labor protections. Garza frequently publishes essays and editorials, and has appeared in virtually every major news outlet. Her book, "The Purpose of Power," was published in October 2020. Garza holds a B.A. in Anthropology and Sociology from the University of California, San Diego and an M.A. in Ethnic Studies from San Francisco State University.

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Associate Director for Communications [Department Of Commerce - Economics And Statistics Administration: Bureau Of The Census]

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Education:

B.A., Anthropology and Sociology, University of California San Diego, 2002; M.A., Ethnic Studies, San Francisco State University, 2017

Affiliations:

Black Lives Matter (Co-Founder); National Domestic Workers Alliance (Director of Strategy and Partnerships); Black Futures Lab (Principal); Supermajority (Co-Founder)

Key Publications:

"Dear Candidates: Here Is What Black People Want," New York Times (2019)
"Identity Politics: Friend or Foe?" UC Berkeley Othering & Belonging Institute (2019)
"Black Lives Matter is just tip of iceberg. Economic gain, worker protections, voting also key," USA Today (2020)
"A Herstory of the #BlackLivesMatter Movement," The Feminist Wire (2014)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

San Francisco State University, Commencement Address
Citizen University National Conference Keynote Address, "Who is us? Race, Citizenship, and America Now"
Night with The Nation, "Setting Ourselves Up to Win and Win Big"
Black Lives Matter Co-Founder Alicia Garza Breaks Down Her Career on Vanity Fair
MSNBC with Rachel Maddow, "What Are 'Black Lives Matter's' Demands?"
Lesbians Who Tech 2019 Summit, Keynote Address
C-SPAN, One World Ideas Virtual Event, "The Purpose of Power," Speaker

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Chief of Staff [Department Of Labor - Office Of The Secretary]

Education:

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Senate Democratic Policy & Communications Committee, Policy Director
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Sen. Al Franken, Economic & Labor Policy Advisor
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National Domestic Workers Alliance, Senior Policy Director
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Office Of The Secretary [Department Of Labor]

Education:

B.A., Religion, Williams College; M.A., Asian Languages & Cultures, The University of Michigan; J.D., Harvard Law School

Affiliations:

House of Representatives (Representative, Michigan 9th District)
State of Michigan (Chief Workforce Officer)
Michigan Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth (Acting Director)
AFL-CIO (Assistant Director for Organizing)
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Speaking Appearance (ex.): Century Talks: How Rep. Andy Levin is Fighting for a Safe Return to Work

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University of California Berkeley Labor Center (Director of the Low Wage Work Program)
National Employment Law Project (Policy Co-Director)
New York University, Brennan Center for Justice (Deputy Director of the Poverty Program)
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for Wisconsin Strategy (Senior Associate)
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BENJAMIN SACHS

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Assistant Secretary for Policy [Department Of Labor - Office Of The Assistant Secretary For Policy]

Education:

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Affiliations:

Yale Law School (Fellow); Harvard Law School (Professor); Advisory Committee of the Labour Law Research Network (Advisory Member)

Key Publications:

Sachs, Benjamin I. Reorganizing Work: The Evolution of Work Changes in the Japanese and Swedish Automobile Industries (Garland Publishing 1994). (2050)

Sachs, Benjamin and Catherine Fisk, "Restoring Equity in Right-to-Work Law," 4 U.C. Irvine L. Rev. 857 (2014) (2014)

Sachs, Benjamin I. "The Unbundled Union: Politics Without Collective Bargaining," 123 Yale L. J. 100 (2013) (2013)

Sachs, Benjamin I. "How Pensions Violate Free Speech," New York Times, July 13, 2012, p. A23 (2012)

Sachs, Benjamin I. "Unions, Corporations, and Political Opt-Out Rights After 'Citizens United'," 112 Columbia Law Review 800 (2012) (2012)

Sachs, Benjamin I. "Despite Preemption: Making Labor Law in Cities and States," 124 Harvard Law Review 1153 (2011) (2011)

Sachs, Benjamin I. "David E. Feller Memorial Labor Law Lecture: Revitalizing Labor Law," 31 Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law 333 (2011) (2011)

Sachs, Benjamin I. "Enabling Employee Choice: A Structural Approach to the Rules of Union Organizing," 123 Harvard Law Review 655 (2010) (2010)

Sachs, Benjamin I. "Reinhardt at Work," 120 Yale Law Journal 573 (2010) (2010)

Sachs, Benjamin I. "Employment Law as Labor Law," 29 Cardozo Law Review 2685 (2008) (2008)

Sachs, Benjamin I. "Labor Law Renewal," 1 Harvard Law & Policy Review 375 (2007) (2007)

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Testified:

Cited in "Comments on Rule Proposed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Prohibiting Homecare Workers from Making Paycheck Deductions for Union Dues" (2018)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

2014 ASAL Symposium: Keynote: Benjamin Sachs

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B.S. Plant Biology and Ethnobotany, University of Michigan; Masters of Environmental Science: Social Ecology of Conservation and Development, Yale University; Certificate in Nonprofit and Public Organizational Management, Stanford Graduate School of Business

Affiliations:

Inclusive Economics (Founder)
UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation
Sierra Nevada Energy Watch (Founding Director)
Green Economy Program at the UC Berkeley Labor Center (Associate Director)
Sierra Business Council (Vice President of Program Development)
Fourth Sector Strategies (Managing Partner)
Energy Foundation (Workforce Advisor)
League of Conservation Voters (Field Organizer)
US Global Change Research Program (Communications Assistant)
Grameen Foundation (Program Assistant)
Yale University (Teaching Fellow)

Key Publications:

Moving to all-electric buildings is a win for the climate, and could be a win for workers too (2019)
California's climate policies have created thousands of jobs (2018)
Cap-and-trade system an economic net positive for Inland Empire (2017)
The Link Between Good Jobs and a Low Carbon Future (2016)
Creating Opportunities for Good Jobs in Distributed Solar (2015)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.): Understanding Workforce Disparities at the Agency & Regional Levels

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BRISHEN ROGERS

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ENDORSED BY

Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Assistant Secretary for Policy [Department Of Labor - Office Of The Assistant Secretary For Policy]

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary [Department Of Labor - Office Of The Assistant Secretary For Policy]

Education:

B.A., University of Virginia; J.D., Harvard University

Affiliations:

Harvard Law School Institute for Global Law & Policy (Core Faculty)
Washington University in St. Louis Law School (Visiting Professor)
European University Institute (Fellow)
Roosevelt Institute (Fellow)
The Labor Law Group (Member)
Economia & Lavoro (Editorial Board)
Employee Rights & Employment Policy Journal (Editorial Board)
Temple University School of Law (Professor of Law)

Key Publications:

Currently writing Rethinking the Future of Work: Law, Technology, and Economic Citizenship (under contract with MIT University Press). (2020)
See more
Work Inequality Basic Income (2017)
How and Why to Empower Workers in the COVID-19 Response (2020)
See more

CV: https://www.law.temple.edu/site/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/RogersResume.pdf

Testified:

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING "The Future of Work: Preserving Worker Protections in the Modern Economy - Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions Subcommittee, Workforce Protections Subcommittee (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Brishen Rogers - Rethinking the Future of Work, Technology and Economic Citizenship (2017)
Brishen Rogers on the Role of Labor Unions (2018)

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CARMEN MARTINO

Carmen Martino is a Professor of Labor Studies and Employment Relations at the Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations. At Rutgers, Martino is the Co-Director of the Rutgers Occupational Training and Education Consortium, where he provides technical assistance and conducts strategic research for employers, community-based organizations, worker centers, and unions at the national and local levels. He specializes in designing site-specific workforce development programs that build frontline leadership and organizational capacity. The process ensures the development of informed, relevant site-specific training programs that can lead to fundamental changes in work practices and decision-making processes. Martino is also a founding member of New Labor, a worker center that has worked closely with OTEC to develop resources and health and safety training programs for worker centers throughout the country. In 2012, Martino and New Labor received the national COSH Trainer/ Educator Award. Martino holds a B.A. from Richard Stockton State College of New Jersey and an M.A. from Rutgers University.

ENDORSED BY

Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Director, Office of Training and Education [Department Of Labor - Occupational Safety And Health Administration]

Education:

MA, Labor Studies, Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations; BA, Political Science, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

Affiliations:

Rutgers Occupational Training and Education Consortium (Co-Director); Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations (Professor of Labor Studies and Employment Relations); New Labor (Founding Member); National Council for Occupational Safety and Health (Trainer/Educator Award)

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CAROL JOYNER

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ENDORSED BY

CEPR Domestic, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Director of the Women's Bureau [Department Of Labor - Women'S Bureau]

Senior Policy Advisor [Department Of Labor - Office Of The Secretary]

Affiliations:

- Labor Project for Working Familes in partnership with Family Values at Work (Director)
- Labor Project for Working Familes (National Policy Director)
- 199SEIU Child Care Corporation (President)
- 1199SEIU/Employer Child Care Fund (Founding Director)
- NY Union Child Care Coalition (Founding Member)
- Work Family Strategy Council (Founding Member)
- Labor Project for Working Families (National Advisory Board)
- Family Values@Work (Board Member)
- National Coalition on Black Civic Participation (Black Women's Roundtable)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.): RT America's "The Big Picture" with Holland Cooke, What's Missing from Mother's Day



CATHERINE RUCKELSHAUS

Catherine Ruckelshaus is Legal Director and General Counsel at the National Employment Law Project, where she leads the Legal Department's work fighting to support workers' rights and economic security. She is a top expert on labor and employment rights of low-wage contingent and immigrant workers and the barriers those workers face in gaining access to baseline job protections. Ruckelshaus is an outspoken critic of corporate exploitation of gig workers and just-in-time workers, precarious employment, and legal evasion through misclassification. Ruckelshaus co-founded the National Wage & Hour Clearinghouse, a network of attorneys and advocates from legal services, the private bar, academia, and government, dedicated to advancing labor standards for all workers, and regularly advises national allies to promote state and federal public agency enforcement reforms in the workers' rights arena. Ruckelshaus has litigated complex cases and written amicus briefs in most federal circuits and the US Supreme Court on wage and hour and low-wage worker topics. She regularly provides testimony to Congress and state legislatures, and comments frequently in the national media. Ruckelshaus was in the first class of Skadden Arps Fellows in 1989. She holds a B.A. from Princeton University and a J.D. from Stanford Law School.

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Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Occupational Safety And Health Administration [Department Of Labor]

Education:

B.A., Princeton University; J.D., Stanford Law School

Affiliations:

National Employment Law Project (Legal Director and General Counsel); National Wage & Hour Clearinghouse (Co-Founder); Clean Slate for Worker Power Project at Harvard University (Working Group Member); Subcontracted Worker Initiative (Co-Director)

Key Publications:

"Blueberry lies: WSJ spearheads disingenuous effort to keep exploiting farm workers," Salon (2014)

"Ending the 'Independent Contractor' Charade in On-Demand and Just-In-Time Work," Huffington Post (2017)

"From Orchards to the Internet: Confronting Contingent Work Abuse," Subcontracted Worker Initiative (2002)

Testified:

Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, testifying on the employer practice of classifying employees as contract workers to avoid paying insurance, taxes, and overtime (2018)

Senate Finance Committee, submitted material "Manufacturing Low Pay: Declining Wages in the Jobs That Built America's Middle Class" (2018)

Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, testifying on payroll fraud (2013)

Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, testifying on workers affected by misclassification (2010)

House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, Testifying on the rights of guestworkers (2009)

House Committee on Education and Labor, testifying on independent contractors (2007)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Albert Shanker Institute, "Precarious Labor in Labor Law & Policy," Panel Presentation

MSNBC, "Ruckelshaus: Prepaid cards are 'not a good deal for workers,'" Interview

Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations: Labor-Management Conference, "Labor and Employment Law: Recent, Pending and Potential Changes Conference," Panelist



CECELIA GILLIGAN LETO

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Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Director, Office of Training and Education [Department Of Labor - Occupational Safety And Health Administration]

Education: B.A., Labor Safety and Health, National Labor College

Affiliations:

The New Jersey Work Environment Council (Safer and Healthier Workplaces Project Director)
National Council for Occupational Safety and Health (Board of Directors)
Greater NJ Coalition of Labor Union Women (Vice President)
USW Local 397 (Unit Chair)
USW Women of Steel (Coordinator)
Rutgers University Occupational Training and Education Consortium (Health and Safety Project Coordinator)

Key Publications:

"Dow Chemical fire in Pa. exposes risks of undermining safeguards," Times of Trenton (2012)

CV: https://njwec.org/about/staff/cecelia-gilligan-leto/

Testified:

New Jersey State Health Care Administration Board Meeting, speaking in support of safe patient handling and workplace violence prevention regulations (2010)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

First Annual NJ Culture Change Connect Forum at Rutgers University, "Avoiding Injury – Keeping Yourself Healthy as You Care for Others," Speaker
Webinar, "Is Covid Cleaning Making you Sick? Disinfectants may be effective, but are they safe?" Guest Speaker
NJToday, speaking about hazard mapping after Hurricane Sandy
New Jersey Nurses, Leaders of Change: Driving a More Diverse Future in Nursing, "Preventing Workplace Violence," Speaker
2019 National Conference on Safety and Health, "Workplace Chemicals, Recognizing Hazardous Conditions," Facilitator
2015 Coalition of Labor Union Women Conference, Speaker
Professional Development Trainings at Child Care Connection, "Preventing Chemical Exposure in the Workplace," Presenter

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CELINE MCNICHOLAS

Celine McNicholas is the Director of Government Affairs and Labor Counsel at the Economic Policy Institute. As a labor lawyer, she focuses on collective bargaining and union organizing. She was a core member of the Perkins Project on Worker Rights and Wages Policy Watch, which tracked federal actions affecting working people and the economy during the first year of the Trump administration. McNicholas was the Director of Congressional and Public Affairs and Special Counsel for the National Labor Relations Board, where she oversaw agency oversight and the Senate confirmation process. McNicholas has held positions as a congressional staff member, including Senior Labor Counsel to Rep. George Miller for the House Education and Workforce Committee. She advised on the Fair Labor Standards Act, National Labor Relations Act, Civil Rights Act of 1964, and project labor agreements. She is an expert advisor on the economy, jobs and wages at the Coalition for Sensible Safeguards. She has been quoted in numerous workers rights publications, as well as in The New York Times, The Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times, The Guardian, and others. She holds a B.A. from Mount Holyoke College and a J.D. from Villanova University School of Law.

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Economic Policy Institute (EPI), National Employment Law Project, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs [Department Of Labor - Office Of Congressional And Intergovernmental Affairs]

Education:

JD, Villanova University School of Law; BA, Mount Holyoke College

Affiliations:

U.S. National Labor Relations Board (Director of Congressional and Public Affairs, Special Counsel)
U.S. Rep. George Miller from California, for the House Education and Workforce Committee (Senior Labor Counsel)
U.S. Rep. Joe Sestak from Pennsylvanoa (Legislative Staffer)
U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas from Massachusetts (Legislative Staffer)
Economic Policy Institute (Director of Government Affairs, Labor Counsel)
Perkins Project on Worker Rights and Wages Policy Watch (Core member)
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CHARLOTTE GARDEN

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ENDORSED BY

Economic Policy Institute (EPI), Open Markets Institute, People's Parity Project, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

General Counsel [National Labor Relations Board - Office Of The General Counsel]

Department Of Labor

Education:

B.A., McGill University; J.D., New York University School of Law; LL.M., Georgetown University Law Center

Affiliations:

Seattle University School of Law (Associate Dean for Research & Faculty Development)
Korematsu Center for Law & Equality (Litigation Director)
University of Alabama (Visiting Professor)
Georgetown Appellate Litigation Clinic (Supervising Attorney & Teaching Fellow)
US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (Clerk for Judge Thomas Ambro)
On Labor blog (Senior Contributor)
Take Care blog (Contributor)
Bredhoff & Kaiser PLLC (Associate)
Children's Law Center (Attorney)
Public Citizen Litigation Group (Fellow)

Key Publications:

Employment Law Cases and Materials (2020)
Modern Labor Law in the Private and Public Sectors (2020)
'So Closely Intertwined': Labor and Racial Solidarity (2012)
Citizens, United and Citizens United: The Future of Labor Speech Rights? (2011)
See full list (2019)
Labor Values are First Amendment Values: Why Union Comprehensive Campaigns are Protected Speech (2010)

CV: https://law.seattleu.edu/Documents/faculty/cv/gardenc.pdf

Testified:

House Subcommittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Protecting the Right to Organize Act (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN, Supreme Court Term 2018-19 Term Review
RightsCast, Meta Rights

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COURTNEY JENKINS

Courtney Jenkins is the Legislative and Political Director of the American Postal Workers Union Local 181 in Baltimore. Jenkins is President of the Baltimore Chapter of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists. Jenkins has been outspoken in the fight for the post office and mail-in voting. Jenkins has built relationships with members of Congress through regular in-person meetings, calls, and letter-writing campaigns. He has also built relationships with local radio stations to educate the public about postal workers' legislative issues such as privatization, job cuts, and postal banking. Jenkins has organized digital actions to keep postal workers' issues top of mind for legislators, resulting in formal support of current legislation such as House Resolution 33 and 2382. At the local level, Jenkins helped introduce the Stop Staples resolution to Baltimore City Council. He organized the Metropolitan Baltimore AFL-CIO Young Workers Round Table, bringing city, state, and federal legislators together. He has also worked with the UN to protect the right to assemble. In 2019, Jenkins was named one of Union Track's Young Labor Leaders to Know. He has appeared in NBC, KGW8, Union City Radio, Tuscon.com, Maryland Matters, and The Washington Post.

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Progressive Change Institute, Public Citizen

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Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs [Department Of Labor - Office Of Congressional And Intergovernmental Affairs]

Member, Board of Governors [United States Postal Service]

Affiliations:

American Postal Workers Union Local 181 (Legislative and Political Director); Baltimore Chapter of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (President); AFL-CIO Young Worker Advisory Council (Member)

Key Publications:

Don't forget postal workers during the pandemic (2020)

Snow, rain, gloom of night, virus... (2020)

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DAVID TYKULSKER

David Tykulsker is General Counsel of the New Jersey Work Environment Council, a state affiliate of the Blue-Green Alliance and the National Council for Occupational Safety and Health. He represents labor, community, and environmental organizations, with a focus on workers' compensation and employee benefits. He has represented the United Auto Workers, the United Steelworkers, the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers, the International Union Of Electrical, Electronic and Professional Workers, and the Service Employees International Union. Tykulsker was counsel to the USW Local 318 Health and Welfare Fund and the SEIU Local 32 B-J North Health Benefit Bund. His environmental clients have included the New Jersey Environmental Federation and numerous citizens groups. Tykulsker represented IWW truck drivers organizing the first-ever drivers' center for mobilizing truckers around workplace and environmental concerns. He is the national Board Chair at Clean Water Action, and received the Grassroots Environmental Achievement Award at Clean Water Action's 31st Annual Conference. Tykulsker received Martindale-Hubbell's AV Distinguished Peer Review Rating. He has been honored on the Super Lawyers list in 2006 and every year from 2012 to the present. Tykulsker holds a B.A. from Amherst College and a J.D. from Columbia.

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Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

General Counsel [Occupational Safety And Health Review Commission - Office Of The General Counsel]

Education:

J.D., Columbia University School of Law, 1982; B.A., Political Science, Amherst College, 1976

Affiliations:

Work Environment Council (General Counsel)
NYC National Lawyers Guild Labor and Employment Committee
NJ Industrial Union Council (AFL-CIO) (Special Counsel)
New Jersey Commissioner's Labor Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation
Brooklyn for Peace (Vice Chair)
Rutgers University, Union Leadership Academy (Lecturer)
Clean Water Action (Chair)

Key Publications:

"N.J. Supreme Court should protect workplace whistleblowers," NJ.com (2019)
"Revamped Wage Theft Law to Provide Unprecedented Relief for NJ Workers," New Jersey Law Journal (2019)
"The TPP, TTIP and Thalidomide – Lost Profits in Birth Defects To Be Recoverable?" David Tykulsker Esq. Blog (2015)
"For a Reformed Labor Law to Limit Plant Closings," Columbia Human Rights Law Review (1981)

CV: http://dtesq.com/about-david-tykulsker/

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

US Coast Guard Hearing, speaking about health and environmental risks of diesel exhaust
Forum on U.S. Drone Wars, Speaker
Workers' Injury Law & Advocacy Group Conference, Leading Speaker
Left Forum, "United Contract Attorneys Organize to Confront Capitalism in Law Firms," Speaker

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DEBORAH BERKOWITZ

Debbie Berkowitz is the Director of the Worker Safety and Health Program at the National Employment Law Project. In this role, Berkowitz has strengthened federal and state worker health and safety protections along with workers' compensation laws. She works with national and state partners to develop successful policies and campaigns that improve conditions for vulnerable, low-wage workers in dangerous conditions including temporary workers and those in the meat, poultry, and food industry. Berkowitz is the author of widely cited NELP reports on improving worker safety and workers' compensation systems. Berkowitz served as Chief of Staff and then Senior Policy Adviser for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration from 2009-2015. Berkowitz was the Health and Safety Director of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union and the Health and Safety Director of the Food and Allied Service Trades Department of the AFL-CIO. Her writing has been published in The Washington Post, The New York Times, Bloomberg, Workers' Compensation, Quartz, The Hill, HuffPost, and more. She is regularly quoted by major news outlets for her expertise on worker safety and health. Berkowitz is also the recipient of numerous awards, including the American Public Health Association's Alice Hamilton Award. Berkowitz holds a B.A. from Oberlin College.

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Economic Policy Institute (EPI), Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy, Progressive Change Institute, Public Citizen, None

RECOMMENDED FOR

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health [Department Of Labor - Occupational Safety And Health Administration]

Education: BA, Oberlin College

Affiliations:

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Adviser); AFL-CIO, Food and Allied Service Trades Department (Health and Safety Director); United Food and Commercial Workers Union (Health and Safety Director); National Employment Law Project (Director of the Worker Safety and Health Program)

Key Publications:

With OSHA as an Employer Advice Columnist, States and Cities Should Protect Workers from COVID-19 (2020)
OSHA Must Protect COVID Whistleblowers Who File Retaliation Complaints (2020)
Which States and Cities Have Adopted Comprehensive COVID-19 Worker Protections? (2020)
USDA Allows Poultry Plants to Raise Line Speeds, Exacerbating Risk of COVID-19 Outbreaks and Injury (2020)
Rights & Resources for Worker Safety & Health Amidst COVID-19 (2020)
https://www.onlabor.org/worker-health-is-public-health/ (2020)
Risking food safety, USDA plans to let slaughterhouses self-police (2019)
We Cannot Afford to Turn Back the Clock on Safety (2018)

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Testified:

Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, OSHA reform (1995)
Congressional hearing on the Future of Work, Wages, and Labor (2017)
Cited before House Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, Regulatory Reform (2018)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

NPR, Many Say OSHA Not Protecting Workers During COVID-19 Pandemic
CNN, Risks to Workers During COVID-19 Pandemic
Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, Worker Health and Safety
National Employment Law Project, Economic Justice

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DEBRA MCFADDEN

Debra McFadden is the Treasurer on the Board of the National Council for Occupational Safety and Health and the Executive Director of the Work Environment Council, where she was Assistant Director for ten years. McFadden has over 20 years of experience working on state and federal public policy initiatives for chemical safety and security, environmental justice, healthy schools, and right to know including policy development, advocacy, worker and community training, communication strategies, organizational coordination, collaboration, assessment, budgeting, and management of nonprofit organizations. In addition, she is the lead staff member on the Respect Our Right to Know campaign. McFadden serves as a co-coordinator of the Jersey Renews coalition and is on the steering committee as well as coordinator of the jobs working group. McFadden has given presentations on climate change and the impacts on worker health and safety to national audiences. She is co-author of the NJWEC reports "Danger in the Dark: How Governor Christie Helps Oil Companies Cover Up Potential Catastrophes" and "Failure to Act: New Jersey Communities are Still at Risk from Toxic Chemical Disasters." She has experience with program planning and coordination, as well as with organizing and media relations, and is a graduate of the Rutgers University Union Leadership Academy program. McFadden holds a B.A. in Political Science from West Virginia University.

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CEPR Domestic, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Director, Directorate of Standards and Guidance [Department Of Labor - Occupational Safety And Health Administration]

Education: B.A., Political Science, West Virginia University, 1996

Affiliations:

New Jersey Work Environment Council (Executive Director); United Steel Workers (Shop Steward); National Council for Occupational Safety and Health (Treasurer, Board of Directors); Jersey Renews (Campaign Coordinator)

Key Publications:

"Failure to Act: New Jersey Jobs and Communities are Still at Risk from Toxic Chemical Disasters" (2013)
"Opinion: Toxic brews at chemical plants could trigger another Paulsboro-like incident," NJ.com (2013)
"Who needs unions, anyway? We all do." (2020)
"Opinion: N.J. Dodged A Bullet In Philly Refinery Blast. Will We Be So Lucky Next Time?" NJ Environment News (2019)

Testified:

New Jersey State Legislature, advocating for a fair state budget (2020)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Offshore Wind Energy Programs Panel Moderator
Jersey Matters, "Mercury Vapor: A Hidden Danger To Students In New Jersey Schools," Interview



DEEPAK BHARGAVA

Deepak Bhargava teaches “Social and Economic Policy in the United States” and “Power and Strategy” at the CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies. Previously, he served as President and Executive Director of the Center for Community Change and Community Change Action for 16 years. In this role, Bhargava managed a $5 million budget and over 90 staff. Under Bhargava’s leadership, Community Change Action ran some of the largest voter mobilization programs focused on voters of color in the country in 2016 and 2018. Bhargava was instrumental in creating national coalitions to enact the Affordable Care Act and expand refundable tax credits for low-income families. He also directed the National Campaign for Jobs and Income Support to give low-income people a voice in the reauthorization of the federal welfare law. Bhargava has 25 years of experience in nonprofit leadership, with policy expertise in economic justice and practical experience in progressive strategy. Bhargava has trained and mentored hundreds of leaders who play key roles in progressive organizations and social justice movements. Bhargava has written for The New York Times, the Nation, and the American Prospect. He has appeared in major news outlets such as National Journal, The Washington Post, Politico, National Public Radio, and MSNBC. He holds a B.A. from Harvard University.

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Progressive Change Institute, Public Citizen, Social Security Works

RECOMMENDED FOR

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary [Department Of Labor - Office Of The Assistant Secretary For Policy]

Education: BA, Harvard College

Affiliations:

- Center for Community Change Action (President and Executive Director)
- Center for Community Change (President and Executive Director)
- Open Society Institute (Advisory Board)
- Congressional Progressive Caucus Foundation (Board Member)
- 350.org (Board Member)
- Bauman Foundation (Board Member)
- Discount Foundation (Board Member)
- JPB Foundation (Board Member)
- National Immigration Forum Action Fund (Board Member)
- League of Education Voters (Board Member)
- The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights (Board Member)
- Applied Research Center (Board Member)
- National Neighborhood Coalition (Board Member)
- Coalition for Comprehensive Immigration Reform (Board Member)
- Reform Immigration for America (Board Member)
- Safety Net Defense Fund (Board Member)
- Center for Law and Social Policy (Board Member)
- The Nation (Editorial Board)
- Roosevelt Institute (Fellow)

Key Publications:

- Social Security for All (2020)
- The US Safety Net Is Degrading by Design (2020)
- From Resistance to Governing (2020)
- As Attacks on Social-Justice Groups Rise in the Trump Era, Foundations Must Show Courage (2017)
- Standing Up For Immigrants and Refugees (2017)
- Trumpism — not the man himself — is the real threat to democracy (2017)
- Fast Food CEO Blames Low-Wage Workers for Poverty (2015)
- Disability Is a Cause and Consequence of Poverty (2014)
- See more

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- CUNY, Black Workers and the Triple Pandemic
- CUNY, Visions of a Progressive Immigration Policy
- Economic Policy Institute, It's time for a new paradigm in the poverty debate
- Bill Moyers, Paul Ryan’s Poverty Plan
- National Anti-Hunger Policy Conference, race equity



DERRICK FIGURES

Derrick Figures is the Associate Director for Government Relations at the American Federation of Teachers. With 30 years of experience in the labor movement, Figures is an experienced political and community organizer. He represents the AFT's 1.7 million-strong membership before on Capitol Hill, amplifying the priorities of working professionals in caucuses and organizations. Figures helps shape the AFT's political campaigns, career and technical education, rural community development, and workforce development. Figures has a particular interest in the intersections between the environment, emerging economies, workforce development, and career and technical education. Figures began his career as a state-level AFL-CIO political organizer in Florida and Virginia. Figures is active on the Board of Directors of the Blue Green Alliance, where he advocates for good green jobs. He holds a B.A. in English and Political Science from Georgia Southern University and a J.D. from the University of Alabama School of Law.

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Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical and Adult Education [Department Of Education - Office Of Career Technical And Adult Education]

Education:

B.A., English and Political Science, Georgia Southern University; J.D., The University of Alabama School of Law

Affiliations:

American Federation of Teachers (Associate Director for Government Relations); Blue Green Alliance Foundation (Board of Directors); Augustus F. Hawkins Foundation (Editorial Board); AFL-CIO (State-level Organizer)

Key Publications:

"Solving the Education Equation: A new model for improving STEM workforce outcomes through academic equity," Contributor (2015)
Augustus F. Hawkins Foundation, "Community Empowerment For A Global Economy"

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Speaking Appearance (ex.): AFT_Shanker Institute Summit on CTE and Perkins Reauthorization, "Reclaiming the Promise," Speaking as an expert on career and technical education



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University of Chicago Law School (Teachign Fellow)
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Center for Constitutional Rights (Legal Intern)
International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (Legal Intern, Office of the Prosecutor, Netherlands)
Lewis Walpole Library (Summer Fellow)
Boston College (Assistant Professor)

Key Publications:

Regulating in Pandemic: Evaluating Economic and Financial Policy Responses to the Coronavirus Crisis (2020)
Structural Labor Rights (2020)
Economic Analysis in Labor Regulation (2018)
How Legal Agreements Can Silence Victims of Workplace Sexual Assault (2017)
Beyond Liberty: Toward a History and Theory of Economic Coercion (2016)

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Testified:

Cited in House Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Health, Employmennt, Labor, and Pension (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.): WBUR

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School of Human Resources and Labor Relations at Michigan State University (Assistant Professor); Center for Economic and Policy Research (Former Senior Research Fellow)

Key Publications:

- Labor Market Transitions of Young People During The Pandemic (2020)
- Contagion Nation 2020: United States Still The Only Wealthy Nation Without Paid Sick Leave (2020)
- Labor Market Transitions of Young People During the Pandemic (2020)
- Multiple Jobholders: Who Are They and How Are They Impacted by the Pandemic? (2020)
- Racial Inequality Among Workers in Frontline Industries: Black Workers are Overrepresented and Undercompensated (2020)

Testified:

- Cited in Testimony Before House Committee on Education and Labor, How Coronavirus Expanded Inequalities (2020)

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Peace Corps
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Groundwork Collaborative (Managing Director for Policy and Research)
Economic Policy Institute (Economic Analyst)
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Key Publications:

The Federal Reserve Could Help Make the Job Market Fairer for Black Workers (2020)
Black Workers Have Made No Progress in Closing Earnings Gaps with White Men Since 2000 (2019)
African American and Hispanic Unemployment Rates Continue High (2018)
The Virus Revealed a Rot in the American Economy (2020)
See EPI articles (2020)
See more (2020)
'Fair Workweek' Laws Help More Than 1.8 Million Workers: Laws Promote Workplace Flexibility and Protect Against Unfair Scheduling Practices (2018)
Inequality Is Probably Costing You a Lot of Money (2017)
Unfulfilled Promises: Amazon Fulfillment Centers Do Not Generate Broad-Based Employment Growth (2018)
A Black Woman in the Same Job as a White Man Has to Work 19 Months to Earn the Same He Does in 12 (2017)
Working People Deserve Schedules That Work (2017)
Down and Out: Measuring Long-Term Hardship in the Labor Market (2012)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Economic Policy Institute, Black Workers Roundtable: 2020 Priorities
Policy Matters Ohio, Work and Wages: Anti-racist Policy Solutions

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- Center for Popular Democracy (President and Co-Executive Director)
- Liberty Hill Foundation (Chief Program Officer)
- Wisconsin's Fight for $15 Campaign (Coordinator)
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- Milwaukee Workers Organizing Committee (Vice President)
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Affiliations:

California Policy Lab (Co-Director)
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National Education Policy Center (Fellow)
American Economic Review (Editorial Board)
Review of Economics and Statistics, Education Finance and Policy (Editorial Board)
Industrial Relations: A Journal of Economy and Society (Editorial Board)
Learning Policy Institute: Senior Research Fellow (Fellow)
U.S. Department of Labor (Economist)
National Bureau of Economic Research (Research Associate)
Council of Economic Advisors -Obama Administration (Senior Economist)
Institute for Research on Labor and Employment (Director)
CESifo Research Network (Fellow)

Key Publications:

The Lost Generation? Labor Market Outcomes for Post Great Recession Entrants (2020)
Equal Access to a Good Education Is Not Just About Sound School Budgets (2018)
School Finance Reform and the Distribution of Student Achievement (2018)
Making Work Pay Better Through an Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit (2017)

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Testified:

Vergara v. California: on teacher evaluation (2014)
U.S. Civil Rights Commission hearing on school finance. (2018)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Economic Policy Institute: Long-term unemployment
The California Policy Lab with Jesse Rothstein and Evan White

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Speaking Appearance (ex.): National Council for Occupational Safety and Health



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Worksafe: Safety, Health, & Justice for Workers (Chief of Staff & Equity)
National Council for Occupational Safety and Health (Chair)
California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative (Steering Committee Member)
Equal Rights Advocates (Senior Staff Attorney, Equal Rights Advocates)
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Affiliations:

OSHA
American Public Health Association
National Waste & Recycling Association
Center for Chemical Process Safety
AFSCME
AIChE Foundation
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National Occupation Research Agenda

Key Publications:

Confined Space (2007)
Cooking the Books (2007)
Chemical Safety and the Codes (2005)
Dummy's Guide to the Chemical Plant Security Debate (2006)
Occupational Mental Health Promotion: A Prevention Agenda Based on Education and Treatment (1992)
Lack of AIDS Safeguards Fuels Health Workers' Fears (1987)

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Testified:

House Committee on Education and Labor, regarding improving OSHA's Enhanced Enforcement (2009)
Homeland Security, Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management (2016)
House Education and the Workforce Education and the Workforce Subcommittee on Workforce Protections (2012)
Senate Employment and Workplace Safety, Worker Safety in our Nation's Energy Production Industries (2012)
House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, (2010)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

ChEnected: Chemical Engineers
Labor Video

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Affiliations:

Catholic Scholars for Worker Justice (Member)
The Wilson Center (Fellow)
Sony Geneseo (Assistant & Associate Professor)
Labor: Studies in the Working-Class History of the America's Journal (Advisory Board)
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Key Publications:

Labor's Great War: The Struggle for Industrial Democracy and the Origins of Modern American Labor Relations, 1912-21.(1997) (1997)
Collision Course: Ronald Reagan, the Air Traffic Controllers, and the Strike that Changed America. Oxford University Press, 2011. (2011)
Full list (2020)

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Testified:

National Labor Relations Board (2011)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Late-20th Century Transformation of Work (2018)
Reagan and the strike that changed America- NBC News (2011)
Full C-SPAN List:

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Affiliations:

Philadelphia Legal Assistance (Supervising Attorney)
Skadden Fellowship Foundation (Fellow)
Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Benefit Modernization Advisory Committee
Employment Advocacy Project (Supervising Attorney)
Student Peace Alliance (Founder and Managing Director)

Key Publications:

"Centering Workers—How to Modernize Unemployment Insurance Technology," The Century Foundation (2020)

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Testified:

Philadelphia Senate Labor & Industry Committee, testifying on Problems Related to PA's Unemployment Compensation System (2020)
Philadelphia Senate Judiciary Committee, testifying on the Left Behind by Act 60: Pennsylvania's Low-Wage Workers (2015)
Philadelphia Senate Labor & Industry Committee, testifying on Benefit Loss under HB 1014 (2017)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

CBSN Philly, interviewed on filing unemployment claims during coronavirus
NBC10, interviewed as expert on unemployment options during coronavirus pandemic
2019 Equal Justice Conference, "Strategic Advocacy against Automated System Bias," Speaker
WHYY, Regional Roundup, interview on federal unemployment assistance options
Peace Day Exeter, Keynote

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JULIE SU

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Affiliations:

California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (Secretary); State of California (Labor Commissioner); "Wage Theft Is a Crime" Campaign (Director); Asian-Americans Advancing Justice

Key Publications:

"Critical Coalitions," in Critical Race Theory: An Anthology (2003)

Making the Invisible Visible: The Garment Industry's Dirty Laundry," in University of Iowa Journal on Gender, Race & Justice (1998)

"Workers at the Crossfire: Immigration Enforcement to Preserve Capital," in Unfinished Liberation (1993)

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Testified:

House Report on the Activities of the Committee on Education and the Workforce (1999)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

NBC Bay Area, coronavirus and unemployment

ABC7 Bay Area, coronavirus, unemployment, stimulus

California Employment Development, coronavirus and unemployment benefits

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KATE ANDRIAS

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- Center for American Progress
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- Yale Law Journal (Fellow)
- Roosevelt Institute (Author)
- The Federalist Society (Author)
- Columbia Law School (Academic Fellow)

Key Publications:

- Beyond the Labor Exemption: Recovering Labor's Antimonopoly Tradition, Tobin Project, Antimonopoly Tradition and American Democracy (2021)
- Constructing Countervailing Power: Law and Organizing in an Era of Political Inequality (2020)
- Peril and Possibility: Strikes, Rights, and Legal Change in the Era of Trump (2019)
- Janus's Two Faces (2018)
- Building Labor's Constitution (2017)
- Separations of Wealth: Inequality and the Erosion of Checks and Balances (2014)
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Testified:

- Testimony before the House Education and Labor Committee Hearing on The Future of Work (2019)
- Amicus brief to the US Supreme Court for MetLife v. Civil Action No. 15 (2015)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

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Trade and Labor Oversight Counsel - Trade Subcommittee, Ways and Means Committee (Staff)
Solidarity Center (Deputy Country Program Director)
AFL-CIO (Special Assistant to the Executive Vice President)
Organization of American States (Election Observation Mission Coordinator)
Legal Aid Society (Immigration Detention Intern)
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Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health [Department Of Labor - Occupational Safety And Health Administration]

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Affiliations:

University of California, Los Angeles - Labor Occupational Safety and Health Program (Director)
SEIU (Western Region Health and Safety Director)
American Public Health Association (Chair - OSH section)
Global Indoor Health Network (Member)
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RECOMMENDED FOR

Assistant Secretary for Disability Employment Policy [Department Of Labor - Office Of Disability Employment Policy]

Chairperson [National Council On Disability]

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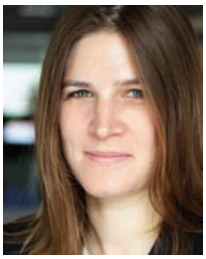
Affiliations:

Rutgers University's School of Management and Labor Relations, Department fo Labor Studies and Employment Relations (Professor, Department Chair); Rutgers Program for Disability Research (Director)

Key Publications:

Presidential Commission on Election Administration, "Reducing Obstacles to Voting for People with Disabilities" (2013)

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Chief Economist [Department Of Labor - Office Of The Secretary]

Education:

B.A., Economics, Brown; M.A., Economics, UC San Diego

Affiliations:

Council of Economic Advisors; US Congress Joint Economic Committee (Senior Economist); US Department of Labor (Senior Policy Advisor); Indeed (Director of Economic Research)

Key Publications:

Jobs Numbers Across Countries Since COVID-19 (2020)
July 2019 Jobs Report: Solid but Not Sensational Job Growth (2019)
See full list (2020)
How Fast Are Labor Markets Changing Around the World? (2019)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

NPR Planet Money, Jobs in June
NPR, The Labor Market Catastrophe
MarketPlace, June's Job Gains

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General Counsel [Department Of Housing And Urban Development - Office Of The General Counsel]

Solicitor of Labor [Department Of Labor - Office Of The Solicitor]

Education:

BA, Harvard College; JD, Harvard Law School

Affiliations:

National Economic Council (Deputy Director)
Labor Secretary Tom Perez (Chief of Staff)
Department of Justice (Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights)
New York Attorney General's Office (Executive Deputy Attorney General for Social Justice)
New York Attorney General's Office (Chief Counsel for Federal Initiatives)
NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund (Director, Economic Justice Group)
Georgetown Law Center (Distinguished Lecturer)
Harvard Law Review (Managing Editor)
Honorable Sonia Sotomayor on the US Court of Appeals of the Second Circuit (Clerk)
President Obama (Deputy Assistant)

Key Publications:

Racial Equality Under Trump (2017)
GOP, Don't Stop States from Giving Families a Secure Retirement (2017)
State of NY vs ICE (2019)
State of NY vs HHS (2019)
State of NY vs Dept of Commerce (2020)
People of NY vs Trump Organization (2020)

Testified:

Amicus Brief to the US Supreme Court, NAACP (2006)
Amicus Brief to the US Supreme Court, NAACP (2009)
House Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, Hurricane Katrina (2009)
Letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee, in support of Sonia Sotomayor's nomination (2009)
Amicus Brief to the US Supreme Court, Ohio Secretary of State vs Randolph Institute (2018)
Amicus Brief to the US District Court of Washington (2020)
Amicus Brief to the US Supreme Court, Ryan vs ICE & Homeland Security (2020)

Speaking Appearance (ex.): Capitol Hill, Census Briefing



MICHAEL KREPS

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Defined Contribution Institutional Investment Association (DCIIA)
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U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (Senior Pensions and Employment Counsel)
Alexandria Commission on Aging (Professional Affiliation)
Alexandria Human Rights Commission (Professional Affiliation)
National Academy of Social Insurance (Professional Affiliation)
American Bar Association/ Section of Taxation (Professional Affiliation)

Key Publications:

Where the Presidential Candidates Stand on the DOL's Fiduciary Rule (2016)
The DOL Proposes a New Fiduciary Investment Advice Exemption (2020)
Corporate Pensions in Turbulent Economic Times: An Overview of Key Issues and Options for Plan Sponsors (2020)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Efforts to Expand Retirement Plan Access, Georgetown University- Center for Retirement Initiatives (2019)
Pension Rights Center- Re-Imagining Pensions: Panel 1: (2012)
Pension and Investments, DC West: A talk with Michael Kreps (2017)



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University of California, LA Law (Professor)
Woodrow Wilson School (Fellow)
Princeton University (Visiting Assistant Professor)
National Wage and Hour Clearinghouse (Advisory Board)
New York State Bar (Member)
Social Welfare Law Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York (Member)
University of New Mexico School of Law (Visiting Fellow)

Key Publications:

"The Impossibility of Work Law," in The Idea of Labour Law (Guy Davidov & Brian Langille eds., Oxford University Press); "Supporting Workers by Accounting for Care," (5 Harvard Law & Policy Review) (2020)
Colorblindness and Liberal Racial Paternalism in Bailey v. Alabama (2018)
Is "the Market" the Enemy?: Racial Exploitation in Bailey v. Alabama (2018)
See more

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Race and the Supreme Court:
Does Work Law Have a Future if the Labor Market Does Not?" - 2015 Piper Kenneth M. Lecture

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JD, Yale Law School; BA, Dartmouth College

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National Employment Law Project (Director of the State Policy Program and Action Fund); NYU Brennan Center for Justice (Founder and Co-Director, Economic Justice Project); Columbia University (Lecturer in Law); NAACP Legal Defense Fund (Assistant Counsel, Skadden Fellow)

Key Publications:

How States Can Counter Trump's War on Workers (2019)
Mcdonald's Ends Its War Against Higher Salaries, So What Does That Mean For The Minimum Wage? (2019)
Trump's New Proposal Cheats 8 Million Working People of Overtime Pay (2019)
Workers Led Amazon to a $15 Minimum Wage -- and Are Showing What It Needs to Do Next (2018)
Workers Won In This Election (2018)
Target's Move To $15 An Hour 'Blows Up' This Myth About Raising Minimum Wage (2017)
State Governments Can Block Trump's Rollback Of Overtime Pay (2017)
Raise Wages, Kill Jobs? Seven Decades of Historical Data Find No Correlation Between Minimum Wage Increases and Employment Levels (2016)
No, A $15 Minimum Wage Won't Kill Business: The Economic Reason Why The Fight For $15 Movement Is So Important (2016)
Fight For $15 Has Brought $62 Billion In Raises And Counting To Underpaid Workers (2016)
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Testified:

New York State Senate Standing Committee on Labor, Raising the Minimum Wage to $15 by 2021 (2016)
New York State Fast Food Wage Board, Minimum Wage (2015)
NY State Senate Labor Committee, Minimum Wage (2014)
Connecticut General Assembly Labor and Public Employees Committee, Minimum Wage (2012)
Pittsburgh City Council, Pittsburgh Service Worker Prevailing Wage Ordinance (2009)
Cited by John Podesta before the Office of Management and Budget, Obama's Government Contracting Memorandum (2009)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

CUNY RV, living wage
CUNY TV, raising the minimum wage
The New School, Pay Raises & Working New Yorkers
Institute for Women's Policy Research, minimum wage

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Member, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission [Equal Employment Opportunity Commission - Office Of The Chair]

Education:

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Affiliations:

White House Domestic Policy Council's Office of Urban Affairs, Justice, and Opportunity; US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; US Commission on Civil Rights

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Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs [Department Of Labor - Office Of Federal Contract Compliance Programs]

Education:

MPA, Columbia University; BA in Government, Clark University

Affiliations:

US Department of Labor (Deputy Director of the Women's Bureau)
Institute for Southern Studies (Executive Director)
Women Donors Network (Senior Director of Programs)
The Center for Law and Social Policy (Director of Job Quality)
LA Alliance for a New Economy (Research Director for the Living Wage Campaign)
SCOPE/AGENDA (Research Director)
Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy (Research Director)
US Student Association (Legislative Director)

Key Publications:

Paid Family and Medical Leave: Congress Holds Hearing, Weighs Legislation (2019)
Senator Rubio's Paid Leave Proposal is a Threat to Economic Security (2018)

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Testified:

House Committee on Ways and Means, paid family and medical leave (2019)
House Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions (2018)
DC Council's Hearing on Initiative 77 (2018)
DC Council's Hearing on the Implementation of the Universal Paid Leave Act (2018)
DC Council's Hearing on Paid Leave (2017)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

University of Rhode Island, paid family leave
Aspen Thinkxchange 2019, paid family leave
UMass Boston, Health and Family Leave
Woman in the Moon Films, Interview with Pronita Gupta

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RAJ NAYAK

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Solicitor of Labor [Department Of Labor - Office Of The Solicitor]

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Education:

JD, Yale Law School; BA, University of Chicago

Affiliations:

US Department of Labor (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy)
Labor Secretary Tom Perez (Deputy Chief of Staff)
Solicitor of Labor (Senior Counsel)
National Employment Law Project (Deputy Executive Director)
Harvard Law School, Labor and Worklife Program (Fellow)
Equal Justice Works (Fellow)
New York University, Brennan Center for Justice (Counsel)
Blue Agenda LLC (Policy Consultant)

Key Publications:

OIRA 2.0: Using OIRA for Progressive Regulation (2020)
Thank the Progressives, Not the President, for 'Trump's Economy' (2019)
A Legacy of Fighting Back: Taking on the Exploitative "Workfare" System (2019)
Trump's quiet attack on the regulatory state is another part of his broader class war (2017)

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Testified:

New York State Legislature, Responsible Restaurant Act (2008)

Speaking Appearance (ex.): Harvard Law School, The Trump Administration's Attack on Workers' Protections and How to Fight Back

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Chief Operating Officer [Equal Employment Opportunity Commission - Office Of The Chair]

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B.A., Economics and Political Science, Wellesley College; Ph.D., Government, Harvard

Affiliations:

US Treasury Department, Office of Economic Policy (Special Assistant); TIMES' UP (Director of Research and Strategy); Roosevelt Institute (Director of 21st Century Economic Inclusion Programs); Forbes (Contributor)

Key Publications:

- History And Housing Discrimination: Why Neighborhoods In The US Are Still So Segregated (2020)
- Sexual Harassment Isn't a "Women's Issue"-It's an Economic Epidemic (2020)
- Rightsizing the Workplace: How Public Power Can Support a 21st Century Labor Market That Works for All (2019)
- New Mandatory Arbitration Legislation Is A Great Step, But Not A Cure-All (2019)
- What Voters Need To Know About The Racial Wealth Gap (2019)
- See Roosevelt Institute articles (2019)
- The Benefits of Giving Families Cash (2017)
- See Forbes articles (2019)
- See more (2020)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- Insight Center, mandatory arbitration
- Netroots Nations, Why the Fight Over Taxes is Central to the Progressive Movement
- Netroots Nation, A Progressive Vision for a 21st Century Social Contract
- Center for Strategic and International Studies, Global Economic Impact of Covid-19 on Women

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Counsel [Department Of Justice - Office Of The Deputy Attorney General: Office Of Legal Policy]

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Education:

Bachelors, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; J.D., Harvard

Affiliations:

United States Department of Justice (Deputy Assistant Attorney General); United States Supreme Court (Clerk); University of Michigan Law School (Professor); Washington University School of Law (Professor & Associate Dean)

Key Publications:

Disability Rights Law, 2d (University Casebook Series) (2013) (2013)
Law and the Contradictions of the Disability Rights Movement (2009)
2020
Don't Wait for Judges to Convict Brutal Cops (2020)

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Testified:

Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) (2012)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Sam Bagenstos: Disability Rights and Labor: Is This Conflict Really Necessary? (2016)
Sam Bagenstos: Disability Law and Policy Program Lecture Series (2016)
Americans with Disabilities Act Anniversary, Looking Ahead – Cspan (2010)
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Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs [Department Of Labor - Office Of Congressional And Intergovernmental Affairs]

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Affiliations:

U.S. Department of Labor (employed); Economic Policy Institute (employed); Organizing for America (fellow); Groundwork Collaborative (employed)

Key Publications:

https://www.epi.org/publication/first-day-fairness-an-agenda-to-build-worker-power-and-ensure-job-quality/
https://www.epi.org/publication/renegotiating-nafta-what-should-the-priorities-be/
https://www.epi.org/blog/policy-watch-two-more-foxes-nominated-to-run-hen-houses-in-the-trump-administration/



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Education: B.A., Mount Holyoke College

Affiliations:

Ford Foundation–Future of Work(ers) (Director)
Jobs with Justice (Field Organizer/ National Field Director/ Executive Director/ Co-Executive Director)
Caring Across Generations (Co-Director)
Chicago Jobs with Justice (Executive Director)
USSA (Vice President/ President)

Key Publications:

The most important job in the world is one no one wants anymore, Dec 12, 2018, Quartz (2018)
How we can actually thank essential workers: give them more money- Business Insider (2020) (2020)
It's Not the 'Future of Work,' It's the Future of Workers That's in Doubt, Aug 31, 2018, The American Prospect (2018)
America must build a caregiving infrastructure to help our families, Feb 8, 2018 The Hill (2018)

CV: https://www.linkedin.com/in/saritasgupta/

Testified:

Overtime Pay Rule: Witnesses testified at a hearing on the potential effects of the Labor Department's proposed overtime rule for small businesses (2016) (2016)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Sarita Gupta on the history of collective bargaining (2018)
Sarita Gupta discusses Jobs with Justice (2015)
Full C-SPAN list:

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SARU JAYARAMAN

Saru Jayaraman was recognized as a Champion of Change by the Obama White House. She was profiled in CNN's "Top 10 Visionary Women" and The New York Times "Public Lives" column, named to New York Magazine's list of "Influentials" and Crain's "40 Under 40," and called "Newsmaker of the Year" by 1010 WINS radio. Jayaraman is the President of the Restaurant Opportunities Centers United, which she co-founded after 9/11 as a relief center for restaurant workers and their family members who were affected by the terrorist attacks. Jayaraman has since grown ROC United into a national organization that advocates for better wages and working conditions for restaurant employees, with 18,000 restaurant workers and 200 company partners in a dozen states. She is also the Director of the Food Labor Research Center at University of California, Berkeley. Her work has been chronicled in the book "The Accidental American." Her book, "Behind the Kitchen Door," was a national bestseller. Jayaraman has appeared in Time, People Magazine, BuzzFeed, HuffPost, SFGate, Medium, Business Insider, CNN, PBS, HBO, MSNBC, CNBC, and NBC. Jayaraman holds a B.A. in Political Science & Development Studies from University of California Los Angeles, an M.P.P. from Harvard University, and a J.D. from Yale Law School.

ENDORSED BY

CEPR Domestic, Friends of the Earth, HEAL Food Alliance, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Wage and Hour Administrator [Department Of Labor - Wage And Hour Division]

Education:

M.P.P., Harvard University; J.D., Yale Law School; B.A., Political Science & Development Studies, University of California at Los Angeles

Affiliations:

University of California, Berkeley (Lecturer/ Assistant Adjunct Professor/ Director of Food Research Center)
Brooklyn College (Assistant Professor/ Adjunct Professor)
The Workplace Project (Organizer/ Attorney)
New York University (Adjunct Instructor)
Queens College (Adjunct Instructor)
Restaurant Opportunities Centers United (Co-Founder/ Director)

Key Publications:

Behind the Kitchen Door (2020)
Forked: A New Standard for American Dining (2016)
Bite Back: People Taking On Corporate Food and Winning (2020) (2020)

CV: https://gspp.berkeley.edu/assets/uploads/faculty/cv/Saru_Jayaraman_CV_July-2019.pdf

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Saru Jayaraman talked about her book, Behind the Kitchen Door, in which she discusses the experiences of U.S. food industry workers, who make up the second largest private sector workforce in the country (2013)
Saru Jayaraman: Forked | Real Time with Bill Maher (HBO) (2018)
Meet Saru Jayaraman — The Woman Shaking Up the Restaurant Industry | InStyle (2018)
Behind the kitchen door | Saru Jayaraman | TEDxManhattan (2014)
Full C-SPAN List:

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SHARON BLOCK

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ENDORSED BY

Economic Policy Institute (EPI), National Employment Law Project, People's Parity Project, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Secretary of Labor [Department Of Labor - Office Of The Secretary]

Education:

J.D., Georgetown Law Center; B.A., History, Columbia University

Affiliations:

Harvard School of Public Health Education and Research Center
Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Higher Quality Jobs Advisory Council)
Harvard Law School (Director of Labor and Worklife Program)
National Employment Labor Project (Board Member)
Roosevelt Institute (Board Member)
JUST Capital (Board Member)
Economic Policy Institute Perkins Project (Advisory Committee)
Massachusetts Attorney General (Labor Advisory Committee)
Equitable Futures Lab (Advisory Board)
Institute for the Cooperative Digital Economy (Advisory Council Member)

Key Publications:

Why the Pandemic Paves the Way for Labor Reform: COVID-19 Is a Natural Disaster, But the Plight of American Workers Is Man-Made (2020)
An Obama Executive Order that Trump Should Love (2017)
The Myth of a Pro-Union Trump (2017)
The New Rules Hurting Retirement Security (2017)
Vetting Is About Policy, Too (2017)
See On Labor articles (2020)
See full list (2020)

CV: https://hls.harvard.edu/faculty/directory/11734/Block

Testified:

House Education and the Workforce Committee: Sharing Economy (2017)
Hearing on Block's nomination to NLRB (2014)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Harvard Kennedy School, Empowering Workers in the Fight Against COVID
Harvard Law School, Clean Slate for Worker Power
Public Seminar, Why the Pandemic Paves the Way for Labor Reform

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STEPHEN LERNER

Stephen Lerner is a Bargaining for the Common Good Fellow at the Georgetown University Kalmanovitz Initiative for Labor and the Working Poor. He serves on the International Executive Board of SEIU, which represents 2.2 million members. Lerner directed the SEIU's multi-year campaign to expose the practices of private equity firms in the lead up to the 2008 mortgage crisis. After the crisis, Lerner became director of the SEIU's banking and finance project to hold financial institutions accountable. Lerner started the Justice for Janitors campaign for better wages and working conditions including affordable healthcare and sick time, which improved the lives of hundreds of thousands of janitors and their families across the country. Lerner has worked with the United Farm Workers of America in New York, the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union in North Carolina, 1199: National Health Care Workers' Union in Rhode Island, and the Communications Workers of America in Ohio. Lerner is a contributor to national television and radio programs and has published articles on the 21st-century labor movement.

ENDORSED BY

CEPR Domestic, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Advisor for Worker Voice Engagement [Department Of Labor - Office Of The Secretary]

Affiliations:

- United Farm Workers of America (Organizer)
- Long Island Jewish Medical Center (Faculty)
- International Ladies' Garment Workers Union (Organizer)
- Communications Workers of America (Organizer)
- Service Employees International Union (International Executive Board Member)
- Georgetown University/ Kalmanovitz Initiative for Labor and the Working Poor (Fellow)

Key Publications:

- Let's Get Moving: Labor's Survival Depends on Organizing Industry-wide for Justice and Power (1991)
- Reviving Unions (1996)
- Taking the Offensive, Turning the Tide (1998)
- Three Steps to Reorganizing and Rebuilding The Labor Movement: Building New Strength and Unity for all Working Families (2002)
- Global Unions. A Solution to Labor's Decline (2006)
- Global Corporations, Global Unions (2009)
- An Injury to All: Going Beyond Collective Bargaining as We Have Known It (2010)
- Outsourced Economy: Justice for Janitors at the University of Miami (2008)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- Bill Moyers
- Occupy Wall Street Strategy Discussion- Democracy Now: Stephen Lerner, Frances Fox Piven, Ryan Devereaux (2012)
- Union Organizer Stephen Lerner At Summit For A Fair Economy (2011)

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SUNU CHANDY

Sunu Chandy served as Deputy Director of the Civil Rights Division of the US Department of Health and Human Services, where she led enforcement in language access, services for individuals with disabilities, and sex discrimination. Chandy is the Legal Director of the National Women's Law Center, where she oversees strategy and litigation in schools, the workplace, and the healthcare sector. Chandy helped create NWLC's Legal Network for Gender Equity as well as policies and procedures guiding the TIME'S UP Legal Defense Fund. Chandy was the General Counsel of the DC Office of Human Rights, where she oversaw the agency's legal decisions following civil rights investigations of discrimination in employment, education, housing, and public accommodation. Chandy was a federal attorney with the US Employment Opportunity Commission for 15 years and litigated cases of discrimination based on race, national origin, religion, disability, age, and sex including sexual harassment. She led trainings at the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Chandy began her legal career as a law firm associate representing unions and workers. Chandy has served on the Boards of Directors of the Audre Lorde Project, the South Asian Women's Creative Collective, LeGal, and the Transgender Law Center.

ENDORSED BY

Economic Policy Institute (EPI), National Employment Law Project, National Women's Law Center, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Deputy Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs [Department Of Labor - Office Of Federal Contract Compliance Programs]

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Education:

JD, Northeastern University; MFA, Creative Writing, CUNY/Queens College; BA, Peace and Global Studies, Women's Studies, Earlham College

Affiliations:

US Department of Health and Human Services (Deputy Director of the Civil Rights Division)
US Employment Opportunity Commission (Federal Attorney)
White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (Trainer)
National Women's Law Center (Legal Director)
DC Office of Human Rights (General Counsel)
Audre Lorde Project (Board of Directors)
South Asian Women's Creative Collective (Board of Directors)
LeGal (Board of Directors)
Transgender Law Center (Board of Directors)

Key Publications:

A Big Win at the Fourth Circuit: Employers Can Be on the Hook for Workplace Sexual Rumors (2019)
2020 World Food Day Poetry Competition Winners (2020)
See more

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Testified:

House Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, Equality Act and #MeToo (2019)
Amicus Brief to the US Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit, paid leave (2018)
Amicus Brief to the US Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit, paid leave (2020)
See more testimony of the NWLC led by Sunu Chandy

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN, Review of Supreme Court Oral Argument on Discrimination Lawsuits Against Religious Employers
Interactive Constitution, SCOTUS Review
Northeastern, Women in the Law Annual Conference

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SYLVIA ALLEGRETTO

Sylvia Allegretto is the co-chair of the Center on Wage and Employment Dynamics (CWED) at the University of California, Berkeley's Institute for Research on Labor and Employment (IRLE). Allegretto is a labor economist who studies wages, specifically including the minimum wage, the tipped minimum wage, teacher pay, and gender and sexual orientation based pay disparities. Before working at the CWED, Allegretto was an Assistant Research Economist and Associate Project Scientist at the IRLE. Before that, Allegretto worked at the Economic Policy Institute. Allegretto is the co-author of four books and the author or co-author of a number of book chapters and policy and economic briefs. Her scholarly work has been published in, among other publications, the Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Industrial Relations, the California Public Employee Relations Journal, and the International Journal of Health Services. Allegretto's work has also been published in the Hill, the Washington Post, the New York Daily News, and the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader. She has been interviewed as an expert in NPR, CBS News, Bloomberg, and PBS NewsHour, and her work has been cited in New York Magazine, the Atlantic, the New York Times, the Guardian, and the Washington Post. She holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Colorado-Boulder.

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CEPR Domestic, Nina Ichikawa, Progressive Change Institute

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Chief Economist [Department Of Labor - Office Of The Secretary]



TARYN MCKENZIE WILLIAMS

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National Employment Law Project, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Assistant Secretary for Disability Employment Policy [Department Of Labor - Office Of Disability Employment Policy]

Education:

MPA, Harvard University; BA, Brown University

Affiliations:

Center for American Progress (Managing Director of the Poverty to Prosperity Program)
US Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment (Chief of Staff)
US Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment (Director of Youth Policy)
White House (Associate Director for Public Engagement)
US Department of Labor, Youth Policy Team (Supervisory Policy Advisor)
US Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Policy Adviser)
National Association of Urban Debate Leagues (Director of Programs)
Institute for Educational Leadership (Research Coordinator for Leadership Programs)
Harvard University, Program in Afterschool Education Research (Research Assistant)
Harvard University, Civil Rights Project (Research Assistant)

Key Publications:

Entering the World of Work: What Youth with Mental Health Needs Should Know About Accommodations (2017)
Celebrating the Virtues of Disability Mentoring (2017)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN, Disabled Workers and the Economy
National Disability Navigator Resource Collaborative, Helping People with Disabilities Get the Healthcare Coverage They Need
Autistic Self Advocacy Network, power, privilege, and progress

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VALERIE WILSON

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Economic Policy Institute (EPI), Liberation in a Generation, National Employment Law Project, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Chief Economist [Department Of Labor - Office Of The Secretary]

Education:

PhD, Economics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; BA, Economics, Hampton University

Affiliations:

Economic Policy Institute (Director, Program on Race, Ethnicity, and the Economy); National Urban League (Vice President of Research, Economist); National Academies (Panel on Measuring and Collecting Pay Information)

Key Publications:

Inequities exposed: How COVID-19 widened racial inequities in education, health, and the workforce (2020)
Women Still Make Less than Men, Including in Sectors Especially Affected by the Coronavirus (2020)
Latinx Workers—Particularly Women—Face Devastating Job Losses in the COVID-19 Recession (2020)
AAPI Women Face a Double Pay Penalty for Race and Gender (2020)
Black Women Workers Are Essential During the Crisis and for the Recovery But Still Are Greatly Underpaid (2020)
Black Workers Face Two of the Most Lethal Preexisting Conditions for Coronavirus—Racism and Economic Inequality (2020)
State Black–White Unemployment Gaps Hold Steady or Widen (2019)
Black Women Have To Work Seven Months Into 2017 To Be Paid The Same As White Men in 2016 (2017)
Why Women-Led Businesses Outperform Their Peers (2017)
See more

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Testified:

US House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor, How COVID-19 widened racial inequities (2020)
House of Representatives, Raise the Wage Act (2019)
Cited in the House of Representatives, Dignity in Aging Act (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN, Coronavirus and Racial Inequities
C-SPAN, Inequality Gap for African Americans
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AARON AMENT

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ENDORSED BY

CEPR Domestic, Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Office Of The General Counsel [Department Of Education]

Education:

B.A., Northwestern University; M.A., Northwestern University; J.D. Washington University School of Law

Affiliations:

US Department of Education (Chief of Staff, Special Counsel)
US Federal Inter-agency Task Force on Predatory Lending and For Profit College Abuses (Founding Member)
US Student Financial Aid Enforcement Office (Founding Member)
US Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force (Attorney)
State of Kentucky (Assistant Attorney General)
National Student Legal Defense Network (Founder)

Key Publications:

As The Coronavirus Speeds Colleges' Move Online, What Happens To Oversight? (2020)
Why One Plan To Cut College Debt Needs Rebooting, Not Rejecting (2019)
Protect Students, Not Predatory Colleges (2018)

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ADAKU ONYEKA-CRAWFORD

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National Women's Law Center, People's Parity Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights [Department Of Education - Office For Civil Rights]

Office Of The United States Trade Representative: Intergovernmental Affairs And Public Liaison [Executive Office Of The President]

Education:

B.S., Journalism, Northwestern University, 2007; J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 2014

Affiliations:

National Women's Law Center (Director of Educational Equity & Senior Counsel)
National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity Education Foundation (Board of Directors)
Federal Legislation & Administrative Clinic (Student Attorney)
The National Archives (Law Clerk)
National School Boards Association (Legal Intern)
Electronic Privacy Information Center (Legal Intern)
DC Street Law Clinic (Student Teacher)
Chicago Housing Authority (Senior Communications Analyst)
Young Invincibles (Legal Fellow)

Key Publications:

Giving the Side-Eye to Fisher v. UT Oral Arguments (2015)
A Woman of Color Talks Poverty Data (2015)
Lawmakers Pass Bill that Obstructs Women Workers' Ability to Form Unions (2015)

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ALEXANDRA BRODSKY

Alexandra Brodsky is the Kazan Budd Staff Attorney at Public Justice. She litigates civil rights cases concerning harassment and other forms of discrimination against students, the criminalization of poverty, and qualified immunity. Brodsky clerked for Judge Marsha S. Berzon of the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and worked to end discriminatory school push out as a Skadden Fellow at the National Women's Law Center. During and before law school, she served as a senior editor at Feministing.com and founding co-director of Know Your IX, a youth-led organization combatting gender violence in schools. For her work on sexual harassment, she received a Ms. Wonder Award from the Ms. Foundation and was named among Politico's "50 Thinkers, Doers, and Visionaries" and Forward Magazine's Forward 50. Brodsky holds a B.A. in Ethics, Politics, and Economics from Yale College and a J.D. from Yale Law School, where she received the Charles G. Albom Prize for excellence in appellate advocacy and the Reinhardt Fellowship for public interest law.

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RECOMMENDED FOR

Office For Civil Rights [Department Of Education]

Education:

B.A., Ethics, Politics, and Economics, Yale College, 2012; J.D., Yale Law School, 2016

Affiliations:

Public Justice (Staff Attorney)
National Women's Law Center (Skadden Fellow)
Feministing.com (Senior Editor)
Jerome L. Frank Legal Services Organization (Law Student Intern)
Know Your IX (Co-Founder, Board Chair, Co-Director)

Key Publications:

Against Taking Rape "Seriously": The Case Against Mandatory Referral Laws for Campus Gender Violence, Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review, Vol. 53, No. 1 (2018)
"'Rape-Adjacent': Imagining Legal Responses to Nonconsensual Condom Removal," Columbia Journal of Gender and Law (2017)
"A Rising Tide: Learning About Fair Disciplinary Process from Title IX," Journal of Legal Education (2017)
Sexual Justice: Supporting Victims, Ensuring Due Process, and Resisting the Conservative Backlash (Metropolitan Books - forthcoming)

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ALEXIS GOLDSTEIN

Alexis Goldstein is a Senior Policy Analyst at Americans for Financial Reform, a coalition of more than 200 civil rights, faith based, labor, business, and consumer groups, and is a well-known advocate for student debt cancellation. Goldstein rose to prominence when she left her seven-year career on Wall Street and joined the Occupy Movement as a vocal critic. Goldstein has testified before the US Department of Education multiple times for the reinstatement of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the enforcement of the borrow-defense and gainful-employment rules. Goldstein was referenced over 100 times in the passage of the Volcker Rule, which prevents banks from making the kind of speculative investments that contributed to the 2008 financial crisis. She served as the Communications Director for The Other 98% and as an Advisory Board Member for the Project on Predatory Student Lending at Harvard Law School. She is the founder and host of several informative shows on banking malfeasance, including Alexis Breaks It Down and Disorderly Conduct. In addition to lobbying for financial reform in banking and student loans, Goldstein teaches coding. She has published several how-to books on coding and taught low-cost classes for women at Girl Develop It. Goldstein founded Aut Faciam LLC, a software company that provides coding classes. Goldstein has been featured by The Roosevelt Institute, The Nation, Salon, NBC News, The New Republic, The Guardian, The Progressive, and YES! Magazine. Goldstein holds a B.S. in Computer Science from Columbia University.

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Amazon Watch, CEPR Domestic, Debt Collective, New York Communities for Change, Progressive Change Institute, Public Citizen

RECOMMENDED FOR

Deputy Under Secretary [Department Of Education - Office Of The Under Secretary]

Education: Columbia University, New York City, B.S.

Affiliations:

- Girl Develop It (Teacher)
- aut faciam LLC (Founder)
- Alexis Breaks It Down (Host)
- Disorderly Conduct (Host)
- Humorless Queers (Host)
- Project on Predatory Student Lending at Harvard Law School (Advisory Board Member)

Key Publications:

- Billionaires Are Panicking Over the Growing Popularity of a Wealth Tax (2019)
- Wall Street Group Aggressively Lobbied a Federal Agency to Thwart Eminent Domain Plans (2014)
- Jamie Dimon Escapes Shareholder Censure—For Now (2013)
- Leaving Wall Street (2012)

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Testified:

- Department of Education, uphold Borrower Defense and Gainful Employment (2017)
- Department of Education, reinstate the Memorandum of Understanding with the CFPB (2017)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- Democracy Now!
- AM Joy
- MSNBC

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ALICE YAO

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ENDORSED BY

Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Director, Program Legal Group [Department Of Education - Office For Civil Rights]

Education:

BA, Economics and Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; JD, University of Chicago Law School

Affiliations:

National Student Legal Defense Network (Senior Counsel); Department of Education Office for Civil Rights

Key Publications:

The low-cost steps the government could take right now to ease hunger and homelessness on college campuses (2020)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN, Bullying Prevention
SAALT, Claiming Our Power



ANGELA PEOPLES

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Assistant Secretary, Office of Communications and Outreach [Department Of Education - Office Of Communications And Outreach]

Education: B.A., Political Science and Africana Studies, Western Michigan University

Affiliations:

- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Policy Analyst)
- Center for American Progress (Policy Manager)
- United States Student Association (Legislative Director)
- Get Equal (Co-Director)
- BlackWomxnFor (Director)
- Action Center on Race and the Economy (Campaign Director)

Key Publications:

- Don’t Just Thank Black Women. Follow Us. (2017)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- Angela Peoples, the campaign director of The Action Center on Race & Economy (ACRE), about how the racial minorities in the United States are living the first year of Donald Trump at the White House (2017)
- Angela Peoples, co-director of GetEQUAL spoke with Roland Martin during Friday's edition of NewsOne Now about her Women's March sign that went viral.(2017)
- Full list from C-SPAN

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BETH STEIN

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Office Of Postsecondary Education [Department Of Education]

Education:

B.A., University of California; J.D., University of California

Affiliations:

Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions (Chief Oversight Counsel)
Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations Counsel (Counsel)
Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs (Counsel)
House Committee on Administration (Counsel)
Senator Tom Harkin (Counsel & Legislative Director)
Senator Patty Murray (General Counsel)
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Speaking Appearance (ex.): Bipartisan Policy Center, Role of Inspectors General



DAN ZIBEL

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ENDORSED BY

Congressional Progressive Caucus Center, Revolving Door Project

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General Counsel [Department Of Education - Office Of The General Counsel]

Education: B.A., University of Michigan Law School, Haverford CollegeJ.D. cum laude

Affiliations:

National Student Legal Defense Network (Vice President, Chief Counsel and Co-Founder); Department of Education (Former Deputy Assistant General Counsel of Postsecondary Education); Obama Administration Inter-Agency Task Force on Higher Education (Representative from the Department of Education)

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JOSHUA DELANEY

Josh Delaney is Sen. Elizabeth Warren's Senior Policy Advisor for child care, foster care, K–12 schools, and higher education. Delaney and Warren have been building on the NAACP's call to put a moratorium on new charter schools and hold charters to the same transparency and accountability standards as traditional public schools. Warren has called for banning for-profit charter schools and nonprofit charters that serve for-profit interests, directing the IRS to investigate nonprofit charters for tax status abuse, and referring charters to the Tax Fraud Division of the Department of Justice when appropriate. Delaney believes that education policies should be shaped by working, volunteering, and engaging with people of color in low-income communities so policies match their needs. Delaney advocates for education and immigration policies that support students who are first-generation immigrants and children of immigrants. Delaney holds a B.A. in Journalism, Advertising, New Media, and Theater from the University of Georgia and an M.Ed. in Education Policy and Management from Harvard University.

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Debt Collective, Progressive Change Institute, Public Citizen

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Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and Programs [Department Of Education - Office Of The]

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Affiliations: Elizabeth Warren (Senior Policy Advisor)

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JULIE MARGETTA MORGAN

Julie Margetta Morgan is the Vice President of Research at the Roosevelt Institute, where she directs research into higher education, student loans, and predatory lending. She was cited by the Student Borrower Protection Center as well as the National Consumer Law Center in the US House of Representatives' hearing on the student debt crisis in 2019. Morgan was a Senior Policy Advisor for Education to Sen. Elizabeth Warren, where she was responsible for developing and implementing policy proposals on a range of education issues, including student loan refinancing, college affordability, and student loan servicing reform. She previously served as Director of Postsecondary Access and Success at the Center for American Progress. She also taught at Boston College and served as a Senior Program Officer at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. She writes for the Roosevelt Institute, Center for American Progress, and TeenVogue, and has been featured in Vice, MarketWatch, and Inside Higher Ed. Morgan holds a J.D. from Boston College and a B.A. and Ph.D. from The College of William and Mary.

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RECOMMENDED FOR

Deputy Under Secretary [Department Of Education - Office Of The Under Secretary]

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Education:

J.D., Boston College; B.A., Ph.D., William and Mary

Affiliations:

Roosevelt Institute, Author; Center for American Progress, Author

Key Publications:

With the Coronavirus Crisis, We Must Cancel Student Debt Immediately (2020)
Dismantling Broken Power Structures in Higher Ed (2019)
Who Pays? How Industry Insiders Rig the Student Loan System—and How to Stop It (2018)
When We Talk About Student Debt, We're Talking About Power (2019)
Can the Swamp Drain Itself? Key Challenges for Anti-Corruption Reform (2019)
To Fix Student Debt, We Must First Tame Corruption (2018)
We Can't Address the Student Debt Crisis until We Understand Its Effects (2018)

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Testified:

Cited by the Student Borrower Protection Center and the National Consumer Law Center in House Financial Services Committee, hearing on "A $1.5 Trillion Crisis: Protecting Student Borrowers and Holding Student Loan Servicers Accountable" (2019)
Cited in California Assembly Committee on Banking and Finance (2019)
Cited in Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee: For Profit Higher Education, The Failure to Safeguard the Federal Investment and Ensure Student Success (2012)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Economic Security Project
Bipartisan Policy Center
The Zero Hour
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KIRABO JACKSON

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Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Deputy Assistant to the President for Education Policy [Executive Office Of The President - Office Of Policy Development]

Council Of Economic Advisers [Executive Office Of The President]

Office Of Management And Budget [Executive Office Of The President]

Office Of Management And Budget: Office Of The Director [Executive Office Of The President]

Department Of The Treasury

Education:

BA, Ethics, Politics and Economics, Yale University, 2002; Ph.D., Economics, Harvard University, 2007

Affiliations:

Northwestern University (Abraham Harris Professor of Education and Social Policy)
Institute for Policy Research (Fellow)
National Bureau of Economic Research (Faculty Research Fellow)
American Economic Journal: Economic Policy (Co-Editor)
National Academy of Education (Elected Member)

Key Publications:

"School Effects on Socio-emotional Development, School-Based Arrests, and Educational Attainment," National Bureau of Economic Research (2020)
"Does School Spending Matter? The New Literature on an Old Question," National Bureau of Economic Research (2018)
"Student Demographics, Teacher Sorting, and Teacher Quality: Evidence from the End of School Desegregation," Journal of Labor Economics (2009)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Education Policy Institute, "Education for Long-Run Success"
"Matching Teachers and Schools," CPRE Knowledge Hub
Grantmakers for Education, "Beyond the Test: New Measures for Teacher Influence and Student Success"
Stanford University Center for Education Policy Analysis, "What Do Test Scores Miss? The Importance of Teacher Effects on Non-Test Score Outcomes"

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LILY ESKELSEN GARCÍA

Lily Eskelsen García is a teacher and education advocate who recently completed two terms as President of the National Education Association (NEA), the nation's largest labor union with over 3 million members. Before her term as president, García served in the union's executive leadership for two terms as vice president and two terms as secretary-treasurer, sat on the nine-member NEA Executive Committee, and was the president of the Utah Education Association, the state-level NEA affiliate. Before her time with the NEA, García was a public educator, working as a cafeteria lunch worker, a kindergarten teacher's aide, and ultimately as an elementary school teacher. In 1989, García was named Utah Teacher of the Year. During the Clinton administration, García was a member of the White House Strategy Session on Improving Hispanic Education and during the Obama administration, she served on the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics. García has testified before both the House of Representatives and the Senate, most recently before the House Subcommittee on National Security, International Development, and Monetary Policy to discuss efforts at protecting workers' pay during the COVID-19 pandemic. García frequently appears in the news to discuss issues related to education, including in outlets like NPR, CNN, Time, and the Washington Post, and her writing has appeared in USA Today, Woman's World, and Working Mother. García co-authored the bilingual book "Rabble Rousers: Fearless Fighters for Social Justice," in 2014. García holds a B.S. and a M.Ed. from the University of Utah.

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Secretary [Department Of Education - Office Of The]

Education: Master's in Instructional Technology, BA in Elementary Education, University of Utah

Affiliations:

Education International (Vice President, North America and Caribbean Region)
National Education Association (President)
National Education Association (Vice President)
National Education Association (Secretary Treasurer)
Utah Teacher of the Year

Key Publications:

Jill Biden and Leading Teachers: How to School Your Kids, coauthored with Jill Biden, on CNN (2020)
NEA President: Trump's Plan To Reopen Schools Is Dangerous For Students And Teachers, in USA Today (2020)
Tenure Safeguards the Rights of Educators to Speak Up for Students and Public Schools, in Inside Sources (2018)
Teacher: We Don't Ask Surgeons To Buy Their Own Scalpels, on CNN (2018)
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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

CNN, Response to Trump's Reopening of Schools During Coronavirus
Time 100 Talks, Chasten Buttigieg and NEA President Lily Eskelsen García Discuss Trump's School Reopening Plans
C-SPAN, K-12 Education and Coronavirus
NEA 2020 Annual Meeting, Keynote Speaker
NPR, What Would It Take For Teachers To Go Back To The Classroom This Fall During Coronavirus
Netroots Nation, Not Another Newtown: Building a Movement to Prevent Gun Violence
Netroots Nation, Education in the 2016 Presidential Campaign

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MARK KAUFMAN

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RECOMMENDED FOR

Chief Compliance Officer [Department Of Education - Federal Student Aid]

Department Of The Treasury

Education:

B.A. Political Science and Economics, Brown University; M.P.A. Urban Economic Development, Columbia University; M.B.A. Finance/Accounting, Columbia University

Affiliations:

Maryland Division of Financial Regulation (Former Commissioner); Department of the Treasury (Former Counselor to the Deputy Secretary); City First Enterprises (Former President); Neighborhood Impact Investment Fund (President)

Key Publications:

Maryland Financial ConsumerProtection Commission Report (2018)

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Testified:

House Oversight and Government Reform, The Foreclosure Crisis (2011)
House Oversight and Government Reform, The Foreclosure Crisis (2011)



RANDI WEINGARTEN

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RECOMMENDED FOR

Secretary [Department Of Education - Office Of The]

Education:

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Affiliations:

American Federation of Teachers, President; AFT Local 2, President; Equity and Excellence Commission

Key Publications:

“Kitchen Table” Democracy (2019)
Teaching and Learning During a Pandemic (2020)
A New Deal: The Coronavirus Pandemic and Rebuilding Higher Education (2020)

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Testified:

House Committee on Education and Labor, Underpaid Teachers and Crumbling Schools (2019)
U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: ESSA Implementation (2016)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

AFT: State of the Union
AFT: Coronavirus and Schools
AFT: Women’s March

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REGGIE HUBBARD

Reggie Hubbard is the Congressional Liaison and Washington, DC Specialist, and previously Washington, DC Coordinator, at MoveOn, a progressive public policy advocacy organization with 8 million members. Hubbard has extensive experience with logistics and event preparation for political figures and campaigns, including Vice President Joe Biden, First Lady Michelle Obama, the 2016 Bernie Sanders Campaign, and the 2004 John Kerry campaign. Hubbard has served as a media advisor for progressive causes and politicians including Senators Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders. He has also worked as a freelance producer. Hubbard has a B.A. from Yale University and an M.B.A. from the Vlerick Business School in Belgium.

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Progressive Change Institute, Social Security Works

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Supervisory Public Affairs Specialist [Department Of State - Bureau Of Educational And Cultural Affairs]

Office Of Legislation And Congressional Affairs [Department Of Education]

Education:

B.A., Philosophy, Yale University; M.B.A., International Management, Strategy and Innovation, Vlerick Leuven-Gent Management School

Affiliations:

MoveOn (Congressional Liaison and Washington, DC Specialist)
Active Peace Yoga (Founder and Instructor)
Offices of First Lady Michelle Obama and Vice President Joe Biden (Advance Consultant)
Bernie 2016 (National Advance Lead)
US-Brazil Connect (Team Coordinator/ Global Leaders Program Manager)
Halifax International Security Forum (Congressional Delegation Manager)
2008 Democratic National Convention Committee (Deputy Director of Hall Management)

Key Publications:

"I am a black progressive political activist; This is my message for Congress, white allies and the movement" (2020)

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SABA BIREDA

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Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights [Department Of Education - Office For Civil Rights]

Education:

B.A. English and Political Science, Stanford University; J.D., Harvard Law School

Affiliations:

Department of Education Office of Civil Rights (Former Senior Counsel); Poverty and Race Research Action Council (Former Deputy Director); Sanford Heisler Sharp (Partner)

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ANDREW BAHRENBURG

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Senior Advisor to the Secretary [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Secretary]

Office Of The Under Secretary For Marketing And Regulatory Programs [Department Of Agriculture]

Education:

B.A., Political Science, English, Macalester College, 2008; Certificate, Sustainable Farming (Farmer Training Program), University of Vermont, 2013

Affiliations:

Office of US Senator Patrick Leahy (Legislative Assistant)
National Young Farmers Coalition (National Policy Director)
University of Vermont Farmer Training Program (Senior Farm Assistant & Educator)
Rockville Market Farm (Farm Assistant & Market Manager)
US House of Representatives (Legislative Aide)

Key Publications:

AgriPulse, "How The Tax Code Can Help Farmers & Ranchers Transition Land to the Next Generation" (2017)
The Hill, "What young farmers (and the nation) need from Trump's Agriculture pick" (2017)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

"Farm Bill Politics 7: We have a deal! Q&A and young farmer wins with Andrew Bahrenburg," Podcast Interview
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AUDREY ROWE

Audrey Rowe is an independent consultant specializing in public sector management. Rowe was the US Department of Agriculture's Administrator for Food and Nutrition Services, where she was responsible for providing families with better access to healthy food. She oversaw 75% of the USDA's $199 billion budget and directed all 15 federal nutrition assistance programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, and National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs. Rowe has had a distinguished career in human services policy development, fiscal management, program design, service delivery and marketing with a particular focus on underserved communities. As the Deputy Administrator for Special Nutrition Programs at FNS, Rowe led the effort to pass the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, the legislative centerpiece of First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! initiative to end childhood obesity. Her leadership has included roles as Human Resources Administrator in New Haven, and Social Services Commissioner for both Connecticut and the District of Columbia. She was Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for the National Urban League. In the private sector, Rowe was Senior Vice President and Managing Director for the Children and Family Services division for Affiliated Computer Service (Lockheed Martin IMS), where she led innovations in child support payment processing and enforcement, and the electronic communication of public assistance benefits, including implementing EBT programs in over 20 states. She managed the company's government relations, philanthropy, and community relation programs. Rowe was a fellow at Harvard University's Institute of Politics. She holds a B.A. in Education from Federal City College.

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Deputy Secretary [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Secretary]

Education:

B.A., Education, University of the District of Columbia (formerly Federal City College), 1988; Fellow, Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government Institute of Politics, 1988

Affiliations:

U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service Program (Administrator)
The State of Connecticut (Social Services Commissioner)
The District of Columbia (Social Services Commissioner)
The National Urban League (Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer)
Affiliated Computer Service (Lockheed Martin IMS) (Senior Vice President and Managing Director for Children and Family Services)
The City of New Haven (Human Resources Administrator)
National Welfare Rights Organization
National Women's Political Caucus (Elected Chair)
Washington DC Mayor Marion Barry (Special Assistant for Youth Affairs)
Washington, DC Women's Detention Center (Education Program Director)

Key Publications:

The Washington Post, "The urgent need for a universal school meals program," (2020)
The Feminization of Poverty: An Issue for the 90's, Yale University Journal of Law and Feminism (1991)
Editor, The State of Black America, "To Be Equal," National Urban League (1991)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

The CACFP Sponsors Association Conference, Keynote Address
2016 Hunger Free Communities Summit, Keynote Address
National Conference of State Legislatures, Panelist
Center for Research in Nutrition and Health Disparities at USC's Arnold School of Public Health "Ensuring Food Security and Healthy Weight: Promising Policies and Practices," Keynote Address
Childhood Obesity- A Call to Action Summit, Keynote Address



AUSTIN FRERICK

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Deputy Administrator, Packers and Stockyards [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Marketing And Regulatory Programs: Grain Inspection, Packers And Stockyards Administration]

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Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Marketing And Regulatory Programs]

Education:

B.A., Grinnell College; M.P.A., University of Wisconsin- Madison

Affiliations:

Open Markets Institute (Director of Special Projects)
Yale's Thurman Arnold Project (Deputy Director)
Data for Progress (Senior Fellow)
Drake University (Fellow)
Congressional Research Services (Research Assistant)

Key Publications:

To Revive Rural America, We Must Fix Our Broken Food System (2019)
Multinational Meat Farms Could Be Making Us Sick (2020)
Green New Deal Needs To Include Agriculture Technology (2019)
Have Excess Returns to Corporations Been Increasing Over Time? (2016)
Executive Pay Excess Raises Fiduciary Concerns (2016)
The Cloak of Social Responsibility: Pharmaceutical Corporate Charity (2016)
Memo: Restoring Independence and Fairness to Agriculture Under a Green New Deal (2019)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

The Insiders (2017)
Austin Frerick on Agriculture and Rural America – Washington Journal (2019)
Full C-SPAN List

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BEN LILLISTON

Ben Lilliston is the Director of Rural Strategies and Climate Change at the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy. He works on issues related to fair and sustainable food, farm and trade systems on behalf of family farmers, rural communities, and the environment. He has been working on and writing about climate change and its intersection with agriculture and trade policy for more than a decade. Lilliston publishes the Climate and Agriculture Policy Monitor newsletter. He has worked as a researcher, writer, and editor at the Center for Study of Responsive Law, the Corporate Crime Reporter, Multinational Monitor, Cancer Prevention Coalition, and Sustain. Lilliston co-authored 'Genetically Engineered Food: A Self-Defense Guide for Consumers.' Lilliston contributed a chapter to 'The Mandate For Change' report on climate policy. He is frequently cited in news media outlets for his authority on climate and agriculture, including The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Hill, Politico, and on ABC and CNN. Lilliston holds a B.Phil. in Journalism from Miami University.

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Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Trade And Foreign Agricultural Affairs]

Education: Bachelor of Philosophy, Journalism, Miami University, 1990

Affiliations:

- Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (Director of Rural Strategies and Climate Change)
- Climate and Agriculture Policy Monitor (Publisher)
- Center for Study of Responsive Law (Researcher)
- Organic Consumers Association (Communications Director)
- Corporate Crime Reporter (Associate Editor)
- Cancer Prevention Coalition (Editorial Director)
- Sustain: The Environmental Information Group (Editorial Director)

Key Publications:

- Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy Comments on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet for Waukon Dairy (2020)
- "New rules weaken protections for rural communities and the climate," ITAP (2020)
- Letter to the Senate Democrat Special Committee on the Climate Crisis (2020)
- Comments on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment Worksheet for Daley Farms of Lewiston, LLP 2018 Dairy Expansion (2018)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- Farm Aid, "Farm Bill Champions," Speaker
- Interview with Danielle Nierenberg, President of the Food Think Tank
- Discussion Panel on the House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis Report

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CATHERINE COLEMAN FLOWERS

Catherine Coleman Flowers is the founder of the Center for Rural Enterprise and Environmental Justice. She previously worked as a UN Special Rapporteur to better understand poverty and the impacts on infrastructure in Lowndes County, Alabama, and created a plan for the EPA to address raw sewage in Lowndes County. She also previously worked with the Columbia Law School Human Rights Institute to investigate how structural inequalities impact access to sanitation and clean water, and co-authored the report "Flushed and Forgotten: Sanitation and Wastewater in Rural Communities in the United States," which made a number of recommendations, including making sure that affected communities could participate in decision-making. She has testified before the U.S. Congress, and was appointed to the Joe Biden Task Force on Climate Change. Her book, Waste: One Woman's Fight Against America's Dirty Secret, explores the environmental justice movement in rural America. Flowers holds a B.A. from Cameron University. She was selected as a MacArthur Fellow in 2020.

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Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Rural Development]

Education: B.A., Cameron University

Affiliations:

Macarthur Foundation (Fellow)
Center for Earth Ethics at Union Theological Seminary (Senior Fellow)
Center for Rural Enterprise and Environmental Justice (Founder)
Climate Reality Project (Board of Directors)
The Jean and Leslie Douglas Pearl Award (Winner)
Studs and Ida Terkel Prize (Winner)
River Network River Hero (Winner)

Key Publications:

McKenna, Megan L.; McAtee, Shannon; Bryan, Patricia E.; Jeun, Rebecca; Ward, Tabitha; Kraus, Jacob; Bottazzi, Maria E.; Hotez, Peter J.; Flowers, Catherine C.; Mejia, Rojelio (2017-11-08). "Human Intestinal Parasite Burden and Poor Sanitation in Rural Alabama". The American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. 97 (5): 1623–1628. (2017)

Carrera, Jennifer S.; Flowers, Catherine Coleman (2018). "Sanitation Inequity and the Cumulative Effects of Racism in Colorblind Public Health Policies". American Journal of Economics and Sociology. 77 (3–4): 941–966. (2018)

Flowers, Catherine Coleman. (2020). Waste one woman's fight against America's dirty secret. Stevenson, Bryan., New York: The New Press.

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Testified:

Testimony Before the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee (2019)

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Family Farm Action, Food and Water Watch, Friends of the Earth, Indivisible

RECOMMENDED FOR

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Education:

M.P.A., Princeton University, 2013; B.A., Political Science and Spanish, Emory University, 2007

Affiliations:

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Under Secretary (Policy Advisor)
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Deputy Secretary (Confidential Advisor)
Senator Cory Booker (Economic Policy Advisor)
U.S. Office of Management and Budget, White House Rural Council (Senior Policy Advisor)
Cory Booker for Senate (Policy Fellow)
White House Office of Cabinet Affairs (Executive Assistant)
Obama for America (Regional Field Director)
Hillary Clinton for President (Regional Field Director)

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CHELLIE PINGREE

Chellie Pingree is the US Representative for Maine's 1st Congressional District, where she focuses on agricultural policy. Pingree supports federal investment in organic farming research and aid to farmers transitioning to organic techniques. Pedigree has stated that the US Department of Agriculture should pursue public policy in alignment with consumer demand for organic produce. She has supported and drafted legislation included in the 2014 and 2018 Farm Bills, the Food Recovery Act, the Food Date Labeling Act, and the Food Safety Modernization Act. Pingree helped create the Food Waste Caucus and Food Is Medicine Working Group. She advocates for small businesses, financial and regulatory accountability, health care, gender equality, and clean energy. Pedigree was Majority Leader of the Maine Senate, where she drafted the nation's first bill regulating prescription drug prices, Maine Rx, and shepherded Maine's largest land-bill initiative, Land for Maine's Future. Pingree received a rating of 100% from the AFL-CIO, NARAL Pro-Choice America, and the League of Conservation Voters. As President of Common Cause, Pingree supported net neutrality, election reform, and independent ethics investigations. Pingree has received numerous awards, including the 2017 James Beard Foundation Leadership Award and the 2012 Woman of the Year Award from Emerge Maine. She is an experienced organic farmer who sustainably grows vegetables and raises livestock. Pingree holds a B.A. in Human Ecology from College of the Atlantic.

ENDORSED BY

Campaign for Family Farms and the Environment, Family Farm Action, Friends of the Earth, Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy, Mobius Foundation, National Family Farm Coalition, Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association (OEFFA), Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Deputy Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Marketing And Regulatory Programs]

Secretary [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Secretary]

Education: B.A., Human Ecology, College of the Atlantic, 1979

Affiliations:

U.S. House of Representatives (Maine Representative, 1st District)
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry
Subcommittee on Nutrition and Horticulture
Congressional Progressive Caucus (Vice-Chair)
U.S. Congressional International Conservation Caucus
Maine Senate (Majority Leader)
Common Cause (President and CEO)
Eisenhower Fellowships
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Key Publications:

"We need to prevent food waste at school," The Hill (2020)
"Get Ready for the 2018 Farm Bill Fiasco," Eater (2018)
"Let Americans decide for themselves on GMOs," Boston Globe (2015)

Testified:

House Agriculture Committee, testifying at first-ever Congressional hearing focused on the problem of food waste in the United States (2016)
House of Representatives Committee of the Whole, speaking on the House floor in support of the Tribal Coastal Resiliency Act (2019)
House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, advocating for increased federal resources to preserve working waterfronts at a hearing on her bipartisan bill, HR 1176, the Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act (2017)
House Committee on Natural Resources, Introduced testimony for her York River Wild and Scenic River Study Act (2011)
U.S. Election Assistance Commission, Public Hearing on the Use, Security, & Reliability of Electronic Voting Systems, on behalf of Common Cause (2004)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Rep. Chellie Pingree on strengthening the 2018 Farm Bill
The Aspen Institute, "Chellie Pingree is a US Representative from Maine. She's also an organic farmer," Speaker
TEDx Talks, "Why food policy is worth fighting for," Lecturer
2015 Food Tank Summit with George Washington University, Speaker
Regeneration International, Statement in support of Green New Deal for U.S. farmers and ranchers
Organic Trade Association Policy Conference, Speaker
Citizens Climate Lobby Maine, Honoree

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CORNELIUS BLANDING

Cornelius Blanding is the Executive Director of the Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund. Blanding supports family farmers and landowners with limited resources by expanding access to credit; organizing community cooperatives and credit unions; and strengthening cooperative and heirs property laws. Most of his work is centered in southern Black communities, where land ownership rates have declined due to systemic racism in state law and the credit market. After Hurricane Katrina, Blanding organized community cooperatives to rebuild the farming economy and worked with fishermen in coastal areas. He helped a community of Black, white, Croatian, and Vietnamese fishermen form a co-op and apply for federal aid to rebuild essential infrastructure. Blanding's career with the Federation began with an outreach position, where he connected the Federation's farmers and business owners to international partners. In his senior positions, he directed and managed regional field operations. Blanding received a James Beard Leadership Award "for his tireless work to develop and strengthen cooperatives for low-income African American and other limited resource communities in the South." He holds a B.A. from Stillman College and the University of Florida, Gainseville.

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Campaign for Family Farms and the Environment, Family Farm Action, Food and Water Watch, HEAL Food Alliance, Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy, National Family Farm Coalition, Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Rural Development: Rural Business Service]

Office Of The Secretary [Department Of Agriculture]

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B.A., Stillman College; University of Florida, Gainseville

Affiliations:

Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund (Executive Director)
Community Development Foundation (Board of Directors)
National Cooperative Business Association
Agricultural Safety & Health Council of America
Southeast Climate Consortium
Alabama Department of Agriculture's Small Farmers' Marketing & Education Association
Presbyterian Committee on the Self Development of People

Key Publications:

Clarion Ledger, "Cooperatives still key to black farmers" (2016)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Atlanta Black Star, "Create Generational Wealth and Legacy: 19 Families Become First-time Landowners with Purchase of Nearly 97 Acres In Georgia," Interview
2015 Food Sovereignty Prize, Acceptance Speech
2019 James Beard Leadership Award, Speech
Rural Assembly "The Big Ideas Forum," Keynote
Everything Co-op, Interview



DOUG O'BRIEN

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RECOMMENDED FOR

Under Secretary for Rural Development [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Rural Development]

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B.A., English Language and Literature, Loras College, 1992; J.D., University of Iowa, 1996; LL.M., Agricultural and Food Law, University of Arkansas, 1998

Affiliations:

US Department of Agriculture (Acting Under Secretary, Rural Development)
National Cooperative Business Association CLUSA (President and CEO)
Ohio Department of Agriculture (Assistant Director)
Iowa Governor's Office (Senior Policy Advisor, Renewable Energy)
National Agricultural Law Center (Senior Staff Attorney)
White House Domestic Policy Council (Senior Policy Advisor for Rural Affairs)
Drake University School of Law (Adjunct Professor)
University of Arkansas School of Law (Associate Professor)
US Senate Committee on Agriculture (Counsel)
Rural Vote Director (Obama for Ohio)

Key Publications:

The Farmer's Legal Guide to Producer Marketing Associations ((Drake University Agricultural Law Center) (2005)
The National Center for Agricultural Law Research and Information University of Arkansas, "Legal and Policy Considerations of Investor-Friendly Cooperatives" (2005)

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ENDORSED BY

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Under Secretary for Rural Development [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Rural Development]

Education:

B.A., Public Policy, Brown University, 2000; M.A., Development Economics, Tufts University, 2007; M.S., Agriculture, Food and Environmental Policy, Tufts University, 2007

Affiliations:

The Wyss Foundation (Program Officer, Economic Security)
US Department of Agriculture (Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service)
Western Region Director (Food & Water Watch)
Natural Resources Defense Council (Consultant)
Global Development and Environment Institute (Consultant)
Inter-American Institute for Agricultural Cooperation/Organization of American States (Consultant)
The Latin America Working Group (Program Associate and Media Officer)
Park View United Neighborhood Coalition (President)

Key Publications:

Grist, "Why a Bush veto of the farm bill is bad for the food movement (and the world)" (2008)
Global Development and Environment Institute, "Living High on the Hog: Factory Farms, Federal Policy, and the Structural Transformation of Swine Production" (2007)
Global Development and Environment Institute, "Feeding the Factory Farm: Implicit Subsidies to the Broiler Chicken Industry" (2006)

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Elizabeth Kucinich is the Co-Founder and Global Partnerships Director at Global Environment Media. Kucinich works internationally with businesses, governments, and nonprofits on economic, health, agricultural, and ecological issues. The European Commission appointed Kucinich to chair the Sino-E.U. working group on Natural Capital Accounting and Innovative Finance. As Chair, she works on climate justice issues with financial technology firms. She advocates for monetary reform and helped draft the NEED Act, which would transform the US debt-based monetary system. She promotes integrated health, industry and agro-ecological models, with a focus on soil carbon sequestration and the role of food forests for food security and resilience, climate change, desertification, and conflict. She is on the Advisory Council of DCEFF, the world's largest environmental film festival, where she has produced numerous documentaries on climate change. She was a founding Board Member of several nonprofits, including the Rodale Institute and J/P HRO, a Haitian relief organization. She was a Congressional Liaison to the 63rd President of the UN General Assembly, focusing on international monetary systems reform; Director of Government Affairs for PCRM; and Policy Director at the Center for Food Safety. Kucinich holds a B.A. in Religious Studies and Theology and an M.A. in International Conflict Analysis from the University of Kent.

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Family Farm Action, Friends of the Earth, Socially Responsible Agriculture Project

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Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Assistant Secretary For Congressional Relations]

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Education:

M.A., International Conflict Analysis, University of Kent, 2001; B.A., Religious Studies and Theology, University of Kent, 2000

Affiliations:

MyLand (Strategic Advisor)
SINO-US Panel on Land and Soils (Appointed Expert)
Organic Farmers Association (Advisor)
Plant Based Foods Association (Policy & Partnerships Director)
Center for Food Safety (Director of Policy)
GEM Global Environment Media (Co-Founder and Director of Global Partnerships)
United Nations (Congressional Liaison)
Rodale Institute (Board of Directors)
Coventry University (Professor)
The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (Director of Government Affairs)

Key Publications:

"Gaza's plight matters to the world," The Hill (2016)
"Say 'YES' to organic," The Hill (2016)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

8th Annual AMI Monetary Reform Conference, Speaker
CBS News, "Meet the Kucinichs"

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FRANCIS THICKE

Francis Thicke owns and operates Radiance Dairy, an organic dairy farm. He advocates for sustainable farming; environmental restoration; energy alternatives such as biofuel, wind, and solar power; regulation; and de-monopolizing agribusiness. Thicke's midsize diversified organic farm is considered a model of sustainability and experimentation. His farm has drawn two World Bank delegations. Thicke was the National Program Leader for Soil Science at the USDA. In 2010, Thicke ran for Iowa Secretary of Agriculture, challenging an incumbent backed by corporations including Monsanto, Syngenta, Walmart, and DuPont. Thicke's reform campaign received national attention, with endorsements from Michael Pollan, Bill McKibben, and Sen. Tom Harkin. The Iowa State Daily's endorsement stated: "Thicke is one of those politicians with a very real plan for very real action to be taken to solve a very real problem." Thicke received the 2007 Sustainable Agriculture Achievement Award from the Practical Farmers of Iowa, Friend of Extension Award from Iowa State University Extension Service, Outstanding Pasture Management Award from the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District, and Steward of the Land Award from the Sierra Club. He has appeared in The Washington Post, The Chicago Tribune, The Des Moines Register, The Nation, The Atlantic, and on KTVO. Thicke holds a B.A. in Music and Philosophy from Winona State College, an M.S. in Soil Science from the University of Minnesota, and a Ph.D. in Agronomy from the University of Illinois.

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RECOMMENDED FOR

Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of Under Secretary For Natural Resources And Environment]

Education:

Ph.D., Agronomy, University of Illinois, 1988; Master's in Soil Science, University of Minnesota, 1984; B.A., Music and Philosophy, Winona State College, 1972

Affiliations:

USDA-Extension Service (National Program Leader for Soil Science)
USDA State Technical Committee
National Organic Standards Board (Board of Directors)
Policy Committee of the Organic Farmers Association (Board of Directors)
Iowa Environmental Protection Commission (Appointed Member)
Iowa Food Policy Council (Appointed Member)
Iowa Organic Standards Boards (Appointed Member)
Scientific Congress on Organic Agriculture Research
Iowa State University Extension (Advisory Committee)
Organic Farming Research Foundation (Board of Directors)
Governing Council of the Consortium for Sustainable Agriculture Research
Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service (Board of Directors)
Search Committee for ISU Dean of College of Agriculture

Key Publications:

'A New Vision for Iowa Food and Agriculture' (Mulberry Knoll) (2010)
"Thanks to Big Ag, that 'organic' label might not mean what you think," The Hill (2017)
"Out-Going NOSB Member Calls Out Corporate Agribusiness and Organic Fraud," In These Times (2017)

Testified:

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, testifying on research funds for agriculture (2007)
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, testifying on implementation of a New Farm Bill (2001)
National Organic Standards Federal Advisory Board (2018)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

2019 Climate Crisis Summit, Speaking about the benefits of planting cover crops to help build organic matter in the soil
Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future, "The Power of Consumers," Lecture
KHBT News, Interviewed by KHBT News Director Eric McKay as candidate for Iowa Secretary of Agriculture
Iowa Democratic Party State Convention, Speaker
Organic Authority Earth Day Profile, "Earth Day Profile: Francis Thicke Is 'The Man' When It Comes to Organic Farming," Interview

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GAIL HANSEN

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Campaign for Family Farms and the Environment, Family Farm Action, Food and Water Watch, Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Deputy Administrator, Policy and Program Development [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Marketing And Regulatory Programs: Animal Plant Health Inspection Service]

Education:

D.V.M, University of Minnesota; B.S., Dairy Science, University of Minnesota; Masters in Public Health/Epidemiology, University of Washington

Affiliations:

Sen. Bernie Sanders (Congressional Fellow and Legislative Assistant)
Seattle/King County Department of Public Health (Applied Epidemiologist)
National Academy of Medicine (One Health Work Group)
Kansas Department of Health and Environment (State Epidemiologist and State Public Health Veterinarian)
Infectious Diseases Society of America (Public Health Committee)
The Pew Charitable Trusts on the Antibiotic Resistance Project (Public Health Veterinarian)
CIDRAP Antimicrobial Stewardship Project (Advisory Board)

Key Publications:

"Core Competencies in One Health Education: What Are We Missing?" National Academy of Medicine (2018)
"Antibiotic Resistance in Humans and Animals," National Academy of Medicine (2016)
"To Stifle Superbugs, Veterinarians are Vital," Civil Eats (2014)

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Testified:

President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, testifying about antimicrobial resistance and the use of antibiotics in food animal (2013)
House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, testifying about the routine use of antibiotics in food animal production (2010)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

PBS Frontline, "The Trouble With Antibiotics," Interview
ABC News, "McDonald's Phasing Out Chicken With Antibiotics," Interview
WSB-TV Atlanta, "Walmart presses meat suppliers for higher standards," speaking about antibiotics in the meat industry

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GREG GUNTHORP

Greg Gunthorp owns and operates Gunthorp Farm, an independent family farm and small meat processing site. He advocates for rural development, fair wages, and a decentralized food system. Gunthorp was one of the first farmers to transition away from commodity market factory farming to sustainable agriculture. He was on Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman's Small Farm Commission, and a small farm advisory panel to President Clinton. Gunthorp is an outspoken critic of the lack of accountability in the meatpacking and food processing industries. He testified before the Indiana General Assembly against bills favoring big agriculture to the detriment of small farmers. He has been featured on talk shows, podcasts, and documentaries including 'Right to Harm,' which exposes the public health and environmental impact of factory farms. He serves on several boards and panels, including the American Pastured Poultry Producers Association and the Pew/Meridian Meat and Poultry Inspection Dialogue. He has received numerous awards, including the Slow Food USA Snailblazer Family Farming Award, and was named among the most influential people in Food and Dining in Chicago by New City Magazine. His farm has hosted visitors from all over the world. Gunthorp Farm hosted the first USDA Food Safety Inspection Service's Very Small Plant Stakeholder meeting. Gunthorp holds a B.S. in Agriculture from Purdue University.

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RECOMMENDED FOR

Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Food Safety]

Under Secretary for Food Safety [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Food Safety]

Education: B.S., Agriculture, Purdue University, 1990

Affiliations:

U.S. Department of Agriculture (Small Farm Commission)
President Bill Clinton (Small Farm Advisory)
American Grassfed Association (Board of Directors)
American Pastured Poultry Producers Association (Board of Directors)
Pew/Meridian Meat and Poultry Inspection Dialogue

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Regenerate 2018, Speaker
Slow Food Nations 2019, Future of Slow Meat Summit
Taste Makers, Tour of Gunthorp Farm
IndyStar, Regenerative farming at Gunthorp Farms
Chicago Tribune, "Here's the problem with sustainable beef (and pork)"
Farmers' Rights Rally, Speaker

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HEATHER DAWN THOMPSON

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RECOMMENDED FOR

Associate General Counsel, Civil Rights Litigation [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Chief Financial Officer: Office Of The General Counsel]

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B.A., Carnegie Mellon University; M.A., University of Florida; J.D., Harvard Law School

Affiliations:

Greenberg Traurig (Attorney)
Bush Foundation (Fellow)
Native American Capital's Tribal Opportunity Zones Venture Group (Principal)
7 Generations: Native Indoor Farms (Principal)
US Attorney General's Office, South Dakota Indian Country - Pine Ridge Indian Reservation (Assistant US Attorney)
National Congress of American Indians (Director of Government Affairs)
National Native American Bar Association (President)
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe (Member)

Key Publications:

GT Law, "The Competitive Advantages of Doing Business with Native American Tribal Governments" (2018)



JANIE HIPP

Janie Hipp is the CEO of the Native American Agriculture Fund. She is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and an Advisor to the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community's Seeds of Native Health campaign. Hipp is an expert on food, agriculture, health and economic development in Indian Country. Hipp was the Founding Director of the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative at the University of Arkansas. Prior to launching the Initiative, she served as National Program Leader for Farm Financial Management, Trade Adjustment Assistance, Risk Management Education, and the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development programs at the USDA National Institute for Food and Agriculture. She was thereafter selected as the Senior Advisor for Tribal Relations to Secretary Tom Vilsack and Director of the Office of Tribal Relations. She has had a lengthy domestic and international career spanning over 35 years as an agricultural lawyer and policy expert. Her work focuses on the complex intersection of Indian law and agriculture and food law. She is the author of numerous publications. She co-authored the 'Feeding Ourselves' report and the 'Regaining our Future' report. She received the National Center for American Indian Economic Development's 2017 Tim Wapato Public Advocate of the Year Award. Hipp holds a J.D. from Oklahoma City University and an LL.M. in Agriculture and Food Law from the University of Arkansas.

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Chief of Staff [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Secretary]

Deputy Secretary [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Secretary]

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B.A., Social Work, University of Oklahoma; J.D., Oklahoma City University; LL.M., Agriculture and Food Law, Univeristy of Arkansas

Affiliations:

US Department of Agriculture Office of Tribal Relations (Director)
US Department of Agriculture National Institute for Food and Agriculture (National Program Leader)
Native American Agriculture Fund (CEO)
University of Arkansas Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative (Founding Director)
National Center for American Indian Economic Development Tim Wapato Public Advocate of the Year Award (2017 Winner)
Chickasaw Nation (Citizen)

Key Publications:

Feeding Ourselves: Food access, health disparities, and the pathways to healthy Native American communities
Regaining our Future: An Assessment of Risks and Opportunities for Native American Communities in the 2018 Farm Bill

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Testified:

Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Oversight Hearing on "Breaking New Ground in Agribusiness Opportunities in Indian Country" (January 2018)

Speaking Appearance (ex.): United Nations Expert Group



JESSICA CULPEPPER

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Affiliations:

Public Justice (Food Project Director)
The Humane Society of the United States (Barker Fellow and Staff Attorney, Animal Welfare Division)
Socially Responsible Agriculture Project (Board of Directors)
Butterfly Highway (Founding Board Member)
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JILLIAN HISHAW

Jillian Hishaw is an attorney and Founding Director of Family Agriculture Resource Management Services (FARMS), which provides legal services to small farmers in seven rural states in the South and south east. She is one of only three Black women in the world with an LL.M. in Agricultural Law. Hishaw connects farmers with affordable legal services in the areas of estate planning and asset protection, and consults on farmer compliance with water quality, environmental, health and worker safety standards. FARMS accomplishments include saving a small farm in South Carolina from foreclosure and donating nearly one million pounds of produce to rural high poverty communities. Her clients have also included universities, nonprofit organizations, and municipalities. Hishaw was an Adjudicator with the US Department of Agriculture in the Obama administration and an Environmental Planner with the Mid-America Regional Council. Clif Bar Co. named Hishaw a "Food Industry Changemaker" and FoodTank, named Hishaw among 14 "Women Leaders in the World Changing the Food Industry." Hishaw has published in several law reviews and has appeared outlets such as Civil Eats, the Drake Journal of Agricultural Law, the Journal of Food Law & Policy, NPR, and South Carolina Now. She holds a B.S. in Biology from Tuskegee University and a J.D. and LL.M. in Agricultural Law from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.

ENDORSED BY

Family Farm Action, Friends of the Earth, Nina Ichikawa

RECOMMENDED FOR

Deputy Administrator, Management [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary Farm And Foreign Agricultural Service: Farm Service Agency]

Education:

B.S., Biology, Tuskegee University, 2001; J.D., Law & Agricultural Law, University of Arkansas School of Law, Fayetteville, 2005; LL.M., Agricultural Law, University of Arkansas School of Law, Fayetteville, 2007

Affiliations:

Family Agriculture Resource Management Services (Founding Director)
US Department of Agriculture (Adjudicator)
Mid-America Regional Council (Environmental Planner)
Hishaw Law (Owner)
The Aspen Institute (Franklin Project Ambassador)
Missouri Department of Conservation (Program Director and Legal Research Assistant)
University of Missouri, Kansas (Adjunct Professor)
US Environmental Protection Agency (Law Clerk)

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JOE MAXWELL

Joe Maxwell is the Executive Director of the Organization for Competitive Markets. Maxwell served as Lieutenant Governor of Missouri, with significant bipartisan support. Maxwell previously served in Missouri's Senate and House of Representatives. As a legislator, he passed bills that supported family farmers while working against large-scale industrialized farms. Maxwell is the Executive Director of the Organization for Competitive Markets, a pro-business organization that promotes economic justice for farmers and ranchers by preventing agricultural monopolies. OCM successfully defeated the so-called Right to Farm bill in Oklahoma, which would have given multinational corporations fundamental constitutional rights. Maxwell was previously a farmer, soldier, mechanic, and mail carrier. Maxwell has appeared in The Hill, Politico, Progressive Farmer, Farm Talk, Farm and Dairy, Kansas City Star, Peoria Journal Star, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Hattiesburg American, Roanoke Times, The Washington Post, The New York Times, The Nation, and The Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting. Maxwell holds a B.A. and a J.D. from the University of Missouri.

ENDORSED BY

American Grassfed Association, Family Farm Action, Food and Water Watch, Friends of the Earth, Humane Society Legislative Fund, Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy, Open Markets Institute, Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project, Socially Responsible Agriculture Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Senior Advisor [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Secretary]

Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Marketing And Regulatory Programs]

Education:

B.A., University of Missouri; J.D., University of Missouri

Affiliations:

Lieutenant Governor of Missouri; Missouri House of Representatives; Missouri Senate; Organization for Competitive Markets (Executive Director)

Key Publications:

The death of the American dream for family farmers (2017)
GOP tax plan helps monopolies and hurts us all (2017)
Undue and Unreasonable Preferences and Advantages Under the Packers and Stockyards Act (2020)
See all policy briefs (2020)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Full C-SPAN list
C-SPAN, Missouri President Politics
The Animal Conference
Institute for Local Self-Reliance, Supporting Family Farming



KATE GREENBERG

Kate Greenberg is the Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture. Prior to her appointment, she was the Western Program Director for the National Young Farmers Coalition, where she established and grew the organization's presence and membership. She organized farmers and ranchers to advocate for state and federal policies, focusing on farmland affordability, agricultural education, water quality, and expanded access to capital and credit new producers. Greenberg farmed on various operations across the west, managed western policy field programs through Whitman College, and worked in natural resource education and restoration. Greenberg helped develop the Colorado Water Plan and Colorado River Basin water policy, advocating for policies that keep water in agriculture. Greenberg is the recipient of the Emerging Conservation Leader Award from Western Resource Advocates and an awardee of the 2019 Who's Who In Agriculture recognition from Colorado Farm Bureau and the Denver Business Journal. She graduated from Water Education Colorado's Water Leaders flagship course and is on the board of the Quivira Coalition, which brings ranchers, scientists, and conservationists together to practice land stewardship. As Commissioner, Greenberg serves on numerous boards and commissions, including the Colorado Water Conservation Board, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and the Colorado State Fair Board. Greenberg holds a B.S. from Whitman College.

ENDORSED BY

Family Farm Action, Friends of the Earth, Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy

RECOMMENDED FOR

Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Farm Production And Conservation]

Office Of The Deputy Secretary [Department Of Agriculture]

Education: Bachelor's, Environmental Studies-Humanities, Whitman College, 2009

Affiliations:

Colorado Department of Agriculture (Commissioner of Agriculture); National Young Farmers Coalition (Western Program Director); Western Resource Advocates Emerging Conservation Leader Award (Winner); Quirva Coalition (Board Member)



KATHLEEN MERRIGAN

Kathleen Merrigan is the first Executive Director of the Swette Center for Sustainable Food Systems at Arizona State University. She was the US Department of Agriculture's Deputy Secretary and COO in the Obama administration, where she oversaw a $150 billion, 110,000 employee institution. Her appointment was considered a watershed moment in the organic food movement. She advocates for moving federal farm policies toward sustainable land use. Merrigan created and led the 'Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food' initiative and shaped First Lady Michelle Obama's 'Let's Move!' campaign in partnership with the Domestic Policy Council. Merrigan added seasonal produce to public nutrition programs. As Senior Staff in the US Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, Merrigan wrote legislation that established national standards for organic food and sustainable agriculture. Sen. Patrick Leahy said Merrigan's "tireless efforts and patience led to comprehensive legislation that creates a first-ever national organic certification program and revamps important agricultural research programs." Merrigan has worked on global food security issues, and was the first woman to chair the United Nations's Ministerial Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization. Merrigan received a James Beard Leadership Award for advocacy on behalf of the agriculture industry at the USDA. Time Magazine named Merrigan among the '100 most influential people in the world' in 2010. Merrigan holds a B.A. in English and Political Science from Williams College, an M.P.A. from the University of Texas at Austin, and a Ph.D. in Environmental Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

ENDORSED BY

Family Farm Action, Food and Water Watch, Friends of the Earth, Humane Society Legislative Fund, Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Secretary [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Secretary]

Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Research, Education, And Economics]

Education:

Ph.D., Environmental Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2000; M.P.A, Master of Public Affairs, University of Texas, Austin, 1987; B.A., English, Political Science, Williams College, 1982

Affiliations:

U.S. Department of Agriculture (Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Officer)
United Nations Environment Programme (TEEB AgriFood Steering Committee)
AGree (Co-Chair)
World Agroforestry Centre (Board of Directors)
Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture (Board of Directors)
FoodCorps (Board of Directors)
U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry (Staff)
Global Institute of Sustainability and Innovation at Arizona State University (Senior Sustainability Scientist)
Swette Center for Sustainable Food Systems (Executive Director)
George Washington University (Executive Director of Sustainability)
Astanor Ventures (Partner)
S2G Ventures (Consultant)
Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (Board of Directors)

Key Publications:

"Advancing food equity through local and regional food systems," excerpt from Harvesting Opportunity: The Power of Regional Food System Investments, Federal Reserve Bank of St Louis and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (2017)
"Chronic disease prevention: Tobacco, physical activity, and nutrition for a healthy start," chapter from Vital Directors for Health & Health Care: An Initiative of the National Academy of Medicine. National Academy of Medicine (2017)
"Foods Distributed During Federal Disaster Relief Response in Puerto Rico After Hurricane María Did Not Fully Meet Federal Nutrition Recommendations," Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (2019)
"Designing a sustainable diet," Science (2015)
"We need a legal, stable agriculture workforce: How do we get there?" (2016)
"The Making of a Food Movement," GW Food Institute (2017)
"Recognizing the urgency of our climate crisis," Arizona State University Global Futures Laboratory (2019)

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Testified:

House Small Business, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Entrepreneurship, and Trade, testifying on the future of specialty crops for small family farmers (2009)
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, testifying on USDA's support for organic agriculture (2010)
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, testifying on the Conservation Stewardship Program (2007)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

"What's Next for the Food Movement? A Conversation with Kathleen Merrigan and Michael Pollan," The Horace Albright Lecture in Conservation: Fall 2013
"Kathleen Merrigan on feeding the future," Washington Post's Feeding the Future, Speaker
2018 Food Tank DC Summit, Keynote Presentation
"Food For Tomorrow 2015 - Food Transparency: Is Labeling Enough?" New York Times Food for Tomorrow Conference, Speaker

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KELLIANN BLAZEK

Kelliann Blazek is the first-ever Director of the Office of Rural Prosperity at the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. WEDC was established in 2020 by Gov. Tony Evers to help rural communities and farmers navigate state programs. Blazek was Staff Counsel for Rep. Chellie Pingree, where she oversaw a policy portfolio including agriculture, rural development, and trade. She led Rep. Pingree's efforts to reform federal policy to better support the diversity of US agriculture in the annual appropriations process and in the 2018 Farm Bill. Blazek developed comprehensive federal legislation focused on climate-smart farming to promote environmental and economic resiliency in agriculture. Blazek worked on agriculture policy at the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition and Harvard Law School's Food Law and Policy Clinic. Blazek has studied agricultural and environmental law and policy at Wageningen Universiteit en Researchcentrum and Chilean grammar and literature at Universidad Catolica de Valparaiso. She holds a B.A. in English and Spanish from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, an M.A. in Journalism from University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a J.D. from University of Wisconsin Law School.

ENDORSED BY

Campaign for Family Farms and the Environment, Friends of the Earth, National Family Farm Coalition

RECOMMENDED FOR

Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Rural Development]

Senior Advisor to the Secretary [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Secretary]

Education:

B.A., University of Wisconsin-La Crosse; M.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison; J.D., University of Wisconsin Law School

Affiliations:

Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (Director, Office of Rural Prosperity)
World Beef Expo (Junior Show Superintendent)
US House of Representatives (Counsel to Rep. Chellie Pingree)
George Mason University, Antonin Scalia Law School (Adjunct Professor, Food Law and Policy)
National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (Fellow)
Harvard Law School (Fellow, Food Law and Policy Clinic)
Supreme Court of Wisconsin (Judicial Intern)
Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (Legal Intern)

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KUMAR CHANDRAN

Kumar Chandran is the Policy Director of FoodCorps. He has worked with federal, state, and local government agencies and organizations on strategies to end hunger. Chandran was previously the Senior Manager of Share Our Strength, and served as Chief of Staff for the US Department of Agriculture's Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services. Previously, Chandran worked on state-level nutrition policy at California Food Policy Advocates, where he improved the health and well-being of low-income families by expanding access to nutritious and affordable food. Earlier, Chandran was a Social Policy Intern at the Coalition on Human Needs, Researcher at Cambridge Health Alliance, and Teaching Assistant at Tufts University. Chandran holds a B.A. in Political Economy from the University of California, Berkeley, and an M.S. in Food Policy and Applied Nutrition and M.P.H. from Tufts University.

ENDORSED BY

Campaign for Family Farms and the Environment, Family Farm Action, Friends of the Earth, Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Deputy Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Food, Nutrition And Consumer Services]

Under Secretary for Food Nutrition and Consumer Services [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Food, Nutrition And Consumer Services]

Education:

MPH, Health Policy, Tufts University; MS, Food Policy and Applied Nutrition, Tufts University; BA, Political Economy, University of California, Berkeley

Affiliations:

USDA (Chief of Staff, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services)
FoodCorps (Policy Director)
Share Our Strength (Senior Manager, No Kid Hungry)
California Food Policy Advocates (Nutrition Policy Advocate)
Coalition on Human Needs (Social Policy Intern)

Key Publications:

FoodCorps Annual Report 2017 (2017)

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Testified:

USDA's Western Region Listening Session, Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization (2008)



LILLIAN SALERNO

Lillian Salerno is the Co-Founder of a Texas-based progressive political consultancy. She was the US Department of Agriculture Deputy Under Secretary of Rural Development in the Obama administration. Salerno was a founding member of the White House Rural Council and a prominent voice for rural programs. As Under Secretary, she was responsible for a $220 billion bank that provides grants and low-interest loans for rural development. Before her career in public service, Salerno developed the first retractable needle in response to the AIDS crisis. Salerno ran for Congress in Texas' 32nd District in a competitive and hotly-contested primary. She has over 20 years of experience developing and implementing public, regulatory and government relations strategies and initiatives. Salerno holds a B.A. in Latin American Studies and Spanish from the University of Texas at Austin, an M.S. in Criminal Justice from the University of North Texas, and a J.D. from Southern Methodist University.

ENDORSED BY

Family Farm Action, Humane Society Legislative Fund, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Assistant Secretary for Administration [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Assistant Secretary For Administration]

Education:

B.A., Spanish and Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin; M.S., Criminal Justice, University of North Texas-Denton; J.D., Southern Methodist University

Affiliations:

US Department of Agriculture (Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development)
White House Rural Council (Founding Member)
US Department of Agriculture Rural Business Cooperative Service (Director)
Transparency and Competition in Healthcare Coalition (Advocacy Director)
International Association of Safe Injection Technologies (Executive Director)
Armadilla Strategies, LLC (Principal)

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Testified:

House Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies
House Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade (February 2014)
Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (June 2016)

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LORETTE PICCIANO

Lorette Picciano is the Executive Director of the Rural Coalition/Coalición Rural, a Washington, DC-based alliance of more than 70 culturally diverse community based organizations representing small producers and farmworkers in the US and Mexico. In the 2008 Farm Bill debate, she coordinated the Farm and Food Policy Diversity Initiative, a collaboration of almost a dozen organizations representing socially disadvantaged producers and farmworkers in a unified effort to assure equal access to the programs of the US Department of Agriculture for farmers, ranchers, and farmworkers. As a result the initiative, more than 30 sections of new policy were included in the farm bill to benefit socially disadvantaged producers. She works with member groups to prepare comments on rules to implement farm and food policy. Under Picciano's leadership, RC successfully advocated for the approval of the pilot project to fund high tunnels as a conservation practice under the EQIP program. She has led many collaborative projects with RC leaders, including Community Partners for Environmental Health, which mitigated environmental injustices in rural and farmworker communities. Picciano holds a B.S. in Agriculture and Life Sciences from Cornell University and an M.Ed. from the University of Hawaii.

ENDORSED BY

Campaign for Family Farms and the Environment, Friends of the Earth, Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy, National Family Farm Coalition

RECOMMENDED FOR

Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Rural Development]

Education:

B.S., Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University, 1976; M.Ed., University of Hawaii, 1979

Affiliations:

Agriculture Missions, Inc. (Board of Directors); Solidarity Economy Network (Member); Food Institute of the East-West Center; Rural Coalition/ Coalición Rural (Executive Director)

Key Publications:

"There's still time: why respond to your agriculture census" (2018)

"Ecological costs of discrimination: racism, red cedar and resilience in farm bill conservation policy in Oklahoma" (2020)

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Testified:

Testimony before the National Commission on Small Farms

Testimony before the National Hunger Symposium

Speaking Appearance (ex.): Farm Bill Fairness: Interview with Lorette Picciano



MARCIA FUDGE

Marcia Fudge is the US Representative for Ohio's 11th Congressional District. She focuses on job creation, safety net programs, and improving access to quality public education, health care and healthy foods. Fudge serves on the House Administration Committee and several committees and subcommittees dedicated to rural communities and agriculture, including the Committee on Agriculture, and the Committee on Education and Labor. She is Chair of the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight and Department Operations, and serves on the Subcommittees on Conservation and Forestry. She is the former Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus. Fudge worked at the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office and was the first African American and first female Mayor of Warrensville Heights, Ohio, where she led the city in shoring up a sagging retail base and providing new residential construction. Fudge holds a B.S. in Business Administration from The Ohio State University and J.D. from the Cleveland State University Cleveland-Marshall School of Law.

ENDORSED BY

Family Farm Action, Food and Water Watch, Friends of the Earth, HEAL Food Alliance, Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy, Mobius Foundation, Nina Ichikawa, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Secretary [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Secretary]

Education:

B.S., Business Administration, The Ohio State University, 1980; J.D., Cleveland State University

Affiliations:

U.S. House of Representatives (Representative, 11th Congressional District of Ohio)
City of Warrensville Heights, Ohio (Mayor)
U.S. House of Representatives (Chief of Staff to Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones)
Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight and Department Operations (Chair)
Committee on House Administration, Subcommittee on Elections (Chair)

Key Publications:

Boston Globe, "The struggle to vote continues" (2020)
Craine's Cleveland Business, "Working together to effect change" (2020)
The Washington Post, "The Trump administration plays the perfect Grinch with its new food stamp rule" (2019)
Time, "The Attempt to Block Nancy Pelosi From Becoming Speaker of the House Is Hitting Some Speed Bumps" (2018)

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Testified:

Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights, testifying on voter suppression (2012)
House Committee on Energy and Commerce: Introduced the "Analyzing Kinetic Im3 pact Projectiles Against Americans Act of 2020" to evaluate the impact of rubber bullets (2020)
House Committee on Financial Services: Introduced the "Examining Educational Redlining in Lending Act" to conduct an assessment of the use of certain educational data in determining the creditworthiness of an applicant (2020)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

CNN, "If we run on change, then we need change," Interview
CBS, "Representative Marcia Fudge on 2020 candidates and black voters," Interview
CBS, "Rep. Marcia Fudge: Coronavirus aid bill 'does not help everyday people,'" Interview

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MARY HENDRICKSON

Mary Hendrickson is an Associate Professor at the University of Missouri, where she studies the impact of food system changes on farmers, rural communities, and the environment. Hendrickson was the Principal Investigator on a major grant project from USDA-NIFA that explored the impact of local food systems on rural development in Missouri and Nebraska. As an Assistant Professor, Hendrickson directed the Food Circles Networking Project. She was the Associate Director of the Community Food Systems and Sustainable Agriculture Program, where she developed and integrated food system programs into the university's offerings. Hendrickson has worked with community groups to increase the amount of fresh and nutritious food available by providing technical assistance on marketing, business planning, feasibility studies, policy, food safety, and consumer preferences. She studied the Kansas City Food Circle and was involved in the creation of the Greater Kansas City Food Policy Coalition. Hendrickson's international research on food system organization involved a presentation at the National Research Council and a graduate project examining the farmer voice in development and application of GE technology in Africa. She worked in international programs for the National FFA Organization. Hendrickson has received numerous awards for her work, including the Meritorious Service Award from the National Farmers Union and the Family Farm Leadership Award from the Missouri Farmers Union. She has appeared in The Washington Post, The Baltimore Sun, Mother Jones, Vox, and on Fox New and NPR. Hendrickson holds a B.S. in Agribusiness from the University of Nebraska, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Rural Sociology from the University of Missouri.

ENDORSED BY

Campaign for Family Farms and the Environment, CEPR Domestic, Family Farm Action, Food and Water Watch, Graham Christensen, HEAL Food Alliance, Humane Society Legislative Fund, Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy, National Family Farm Coalition, Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association (OEFFA), Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Deputy Director, Institute of Food Production and Sustainability [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Research, Education, And Economics: National Institute Of Food And Agriculture]

Office Of The Under Secretary For Research, Education, And Economics: Agricultural Research Service [Department Of Agriculture]

Office Of The Under Secretary For Rural Development [Department Of Agriculture]

Education:

Ph.D., Rural Sociology, University of Missouri, 1997; M.A., Rural Sociology, University of Missouri, 1994; B.S., Agribusiness/Agricultural Honors, University of Nebraska, 1989

Affiliations:

National FFA Organization (Researcher)
Local Food Linkages Project (Researcher)
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy at the Thomas Jefferson Institute, Food and Society Policy Fellowship
Greater Kansas City Food Policy Coalition (Co-Founder)
University of Missouri (Associate Professor)
Agricultural University of Iceland (Visiting Professor)

Key Publications:

"The Assessment of Fairness in Agricultural Markets," Geoforum (2018)
"The Economic Impacts of Local and Conventional Food Sales," Journal of Agriculture and Applied Economics (2017)
"The Dynamic State of Agriculture and Food: Possibilities for Rural Development?" Farm Credit Administration Symposium on Consolidation in the Farm Credit System (2014)
"Vertical Integration and Concentration in US Agriculture," Encyclopedia of Food and Agricultural Ethics, 2nd Edition edited by D. M. Kaplan, Forthcoming
"Power, Food and Agriculture: Implications for Farmers, Consumers and Communities," In Defense of Farmers: The Future of Agriculture in the Shadow of Corporate Power, Forthcoming

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

2018 Kansas Rural Center Farm & Food Conference, Keynote
Panel discussion included in the Dept of Justice/USDA 2010 investigation on antitrust in agriculture
The Praxis Project, speaking on Sustainable Food Systems and Priorities for Food Justice
Harvesting Opportunity in Kansas Symposium, "Local and Regional Food Systems Driving Community Wealth Creation," Keynote



MONICA RAINGE

Monica Rainge is the Director of Land Retention and Advocacy for the Federation of Southern Cooperatives/ Land Assistance Fund, where she works primarily in the south with Black farmers. Rainge leads the development and management of outreach and technical assistance programs that support regional land retention and advocacy initiatives. As a lawyer and mediator, she is experienced in agricultural policy development and program management. She directs the Federation's Regional Heirs Property and Mediation Center. Rainge works to defend Black farmers against heirs property and partition sales, which have contributed to the loss of over 2 million acres of Black-owned land in the south since the Civil Rights Movement. Rainge represents heirs property owners, who face barriers to accessing commercial bank loans and Federal USDA credit because they cannot show clear title. Rainge worked with Sen. Doug Jones to advocate for changes to the 2018 Farm Bill that provide access to USDA programs and resources for families with land in heir property status. She has given heirs property training before the Congressional Black Caucus. She frequently advocates and lectures nationally on food security issues and the preservation of agricultural land rights in the south. Rainge holds a B.S. in Agricultural Business from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, a J.D. from the University of Florida, and an LL.M. in Agricultural and Food Law from the University of Arkansas.

ENDORSED BY

Campaign for Family Farms and the Environment, Family Farm Action, Food and Water Watch, Friends of the Earth, HEAL Food Alliance, Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy, National Family Farm Coalition, Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Associate General Counsel, Civil Rights Litigation [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Chief Financial Officer: Office Of The General Counsel]

Under Secretary for Rural Development [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Rural Development]

Office Of The Assistant Secretary For Administration: Office Of The Assistant Secretary For Civil Rights [Department Of Agriculture]

Education:

B.S., Agricultural Business, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, 1995; J.D., University of Florida, 1998; Master of Laws, Agricultural Law, University of Arkansas School of Law, 1999

Affiliations:

Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund (Director of Land Retention and Advocacy)
Institute for Women's Policy Research: The Status of Women in the States (Southern States Advisory Committee)
Natural Resource Conservation Service Internship Program
Farmer Legal Action Group (Board of Directors)
National Family Farm Coalition (Board Member and Treasurer)
Institute For Women's Policy Research (Status of Women in the U.S. South Research Consortium)

Key Publications:

"African-American Land Tenure and Sustainable Development: Eradicating Poverty and Building Intergenerational Wealth in the Black Belt Region," Heirs' Property and Land Fractionation: Fostering Stable Ownership to Prevent Land Loss and Abandonment (USDA) (2009)
"Forward 2020: A Wealth Plan for My Land" (2020)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Diversity in Ag Conference, "Land Ownership," Panelist
The Extension Risk Management Education Centers 2018 Farm Bill Education Conference, "A Summary of Targeted Producer Programs in the 2018 Farm Bill," Presenter
Everything Co-op, Interview
Land For Good & USDA, "A National Conference on Farm and Ranch Access, Tenure and Transfer," Panelist
National Farm Viability Conference, Speaker
National Heirs Property Conference, Panelist



RICARDO SALVADOR

Ricardo Salvador is the Senior Scientist and Director of the Food and Environment Program at the Union of Concerned Scientists. He works with citizens, scientists, economists, and politicians to transition the current food system toward healthy foods with sustainable and socially equitable practices. Salvador was a Program Officer for food, health, and well-being with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. He was responsible for conceptualizing and managing the Foundation's food systems programming. He created programs on food and health, environment, economic development, sovereignty, and social justice. Prior to that, he was an Associate Professor of agronomy at Iowa State University. Salvador taught the first course in sustainable agriculture at a land-grant university, and his graduate students conducted some of the original academic research on community-supported agriculture. He established ISU's student-operated organic farm developed the nation's first sustainable agriculture graduate program in 2000. Salvador served as the program's first chair. Salvador also worked as an extension agent with Texas A&M University. He has appeared on MSNBC's Melissa Harris-Perry Show and has been quoted in The Boston Globe, The New York Times, Politico and many other outlets. Salvador was named a 2013 NBC Latino Innovator and received the James Beard Foundation Leadership Award. He authored a 2014 op-ed in The Washington Post calling for a national food policy, which has changed how many think about food and farm policy. Salvador holds a B.S. in Agricultural Science from New Mexico State University, and an M.S. and Ph.D. in Crop Production and Physiology from Iowa State University.

ENDORSED BY

Family Farm Action, Food and Water Watch, Friends of the Earth, Graham Christensen, HEAL Food Alliance, Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy, MoveOn, National Family Farm Coalition, Nina Ichikawa, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Research, Education, And Economics]

Office Of The Under Secretary For Farm Production And Conservation [Department Of Agriculture]

Education:

B.S., Agricultural Science, New Mexico State University, 1979; M.S., Crop Production and Physiology, Iowa State University, 1984; Ph.D., Crop Production and Physiology, Iowa State University, 1988

Affiliations:

Union of Concerned Scientists (Director, Food & Environment)
Iowa State University (Associate Professor of Agronomy)
Texas A&M University (Extension Agent)
National Academy of Sciences (Board of Directors, Agriculture and Natural Resources)
Fair Food Program, Inc. (Board of Directors)
W.K. Kellogg Foundation (Program Officer (food, health, and well-being))
International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (Member)
Food Chain Workers Alliance (Advisory Council)
Savanna Institute (Advisor)
The Land Institute (Board of Directors)

Key Publications:

Journal of Human Geography, "Scholar-activist perspectives on radical food geography: collaborating through food justice and food sovereignty praxis" (2020)
Journal of the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society, "Keeping up with the fast-moving world of crisis management" (2020)
Journal of Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems, "Insights from agroecology and a critical next step: Integrating human health" (2017)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Interview with Food Think Tank President Danielle Nierenberg
The 2017 Future of Food Justice Conference, Keynote Address
2019 Green Lands Blue Waters GLBW Conference, Keynote Address

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SANFORD BISHOP

Sanford Bishop is the US Representative for Georgia's 2nd Congressional District. He is a Blue Dog Democrat who serves a largely rural constituency and an advocate of the Georgia farming community. He is best known for securing subsidies to peanut farmers. Bishop strongly opposed a version of the 2018 Farm Bill that would have defunded land grant scholarships, increased barriers to nutrition programs such as SNAP, increased the cost of broadband infrastructure, and eliminated the Conservation Stewardship Program. Bishop received the Golden Plow Award from The American Farm Bureau Federation for his support for global market access for farmers and work to reform the H-2A visa program. In his visa reform effort, Bishop supported conservative measures that would eliminate protections afforded to migrant farmworkers. He also opposes EPA regulations on agriculture. Bishop worked to secure emergency funding for struggling rural areas during the Coronavirus pandemic through the USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation. Bishop was Georgia's representative on the Southern Growth Policies Board, and has been named among Georgia Trend Magazine's list of 100 Most Influential Georgians. He holds a B.A. from Morehouse College and a J.D. from Emory University.

ENDORSED BY

Family Farm Action, Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Under Secretary for Food Nutrition and Consumer Services [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Food, Nutrition And Consumer Services]

Office Of The Secretary [Department Of Agriculture]

Education:

B.A., Morehouse College, 1968; J.D., Emory University, 1934

Affiliations:

U.S. House of Representatives (Georgia's 2nd Congressional District)
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies (Chair)
Congressional Peanut Caucus (Co-Chair)
Congressional Black Caucus
Congressional Hunger Caucus
Congressional Chicken Caucus
Rural Housing Caucus
Rural Working Group
Water Caucus
House Beef Caucus
House Agriculture Energy Users Caucus
International Conservation Caucus
U. S. Army
Southern Growth Policies Board
State Senate of Georgia

Key Publications:

Letter to Sonny Perdue on critical USDA programs during coronavirus pandemic (2020)

Testified:

House Agriculture Committee's Farm Bill Listening Session (2017)
International Trade Commission, testifying on Chinese tire imports (2009)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr's Video Statement on the 2020 Census
Interview with the Columbus Ledger
Global Food Security Summit, Speaker

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SARAH LLOYD

Sarah Lloyd is the Special Projects Coordinator for the Wisconsin Farmers Union, where she develops and advocates for grassroots policies on agriculture, food systems, and economic security in rural communities. Lloyd helps farmers build their enterprises, access better markets, and implement solar power technology. Lloyd has advocated for dairy price reform, action on monopoly power in the agriculture industry, a stronger safety net for farm families, and stronger labor and environmental provisions in trade agreements. Lloyd organizes with the national farmer-led Dairy Together movement, which advocates for federal policy that balances milk supply with profitable demand. US Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack appointed Lloyd to represent Wisconsin dairy farmers on the National Dairy Board. She was elected to the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board and served on the Columbia County Board of Supervisors. Lloyd is Secretary of the Board and Director of Development for the Wisconsin Food Hub Cooperative, which aggregates fresh produce into local wholesale markets. She is on the Wormfarm Institute Board, an organization working at the intersection of the arts and agriculture. In 2018, Lloyd ran for Congress to represent the 6th District of Wisconsin in the House of Representatives. Lloyd has appeared in The New York Times, The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee Business Journal, The Wisconsin Examiner, Politico, Yahoo News, and on ABC, Fox News, CBC Canada, Wisconsin Public Radio, and NPR's Marketplace. She holds a B.A. in Environmental Studies from Brown University, an M.R.D. from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, and a Ph.D. in Rural Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

ENDORSED BY

Campaign for Family Farms and the Environment, Family Farm Action, Graham Christensen, Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy, National Family Farm Coalition, Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association (OEFFA)

RECOMMENDED FOR

Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Rural Development]

Office Of The Under Secretary Farm And Foreign Agricultural Service: Farm Service Agency [Department Of Agriculture]

Education:

Ph.D., Rural Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2012; Masters, Rural Development, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, 2001; B,A., Environmental Studies, Brown University, 1994

Affiliations:

Wisconsin Farmers Union (Special Projects Coordinator)
Wisconsin Food Hub Cooperative (Secretary of the Board and Director of Development)
National Dairy Board
Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board
Wormfarm Institute Board (Treasurer)
Columbia County Farmers Union (President)
UW-Madison Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems (Food System Scientist)
UMN Grassland 2.0 Project (Supply Chain Specialist)
Nelson Family Farm
Wisconsin Dells Farmers Market

Key Publications:

"Rebuild Farmer-Labor Solidarity," The Progressive (2020)
"Don't Be Distracted by that Burning Pile of Soybeans," The Progressive (2019)
"Wisconsin Farmers Union Goes to Washington," Wisconsin Examiner (2019)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

"Wisconsin Farmers Union travels to Farmers Bill of Rights Rally," speaking at a Farmers Bill of Rights rally in Iowa
Wisconsin Public Radio, interview as candidate in the Democratic Primary for Wisconsin's Sixth Congressional district
National Farm Viability Conference, Speaker

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SAVI HORNE

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ENDORSED BY

Campaign for Family Farms and the Environment, Family Farm Action, Friends of the Earth, HEAL Food Alliance, Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy, National Family Farm Coalition

RECOMMENDED FOR

Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Assistant Secretary For Administration: Office Of The Assistant Secretary For Civil Rights]

Associate General Counsel, Civil Rights Litigation [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Chief Financial Officer: Office Of The General Counsel]

Education:

B.A., Urban Legal Studies, City College, City University of New York; J.D., Rutgers University

Affiliations: North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers, Land Loss Prevention Project (Executive Director)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Savi Horne on the Land Loss Prevention Project
Savi Horne: Shaping Land Justice Today
"When You Hold Land You Have to Keep It"

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STACY DEAN

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ENDORSED BY

Family Farm Action, Friends of the Earth

RECOMMENDED FOR

Under Secretary for Food Nutrition and Consumer Services [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Food, Nutrition And Consumer Services]

Office Of The Deputy Secretary [Department Of Agriculture]

Education:

B.A., Public Policy, University of Michigan, 1992; M.P.P., University of Michigan, 1988

Affiliations:

US Office of Management and Budget (Budget Analyst); Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (Vice President of Food Assistance Policy, Senior Policy Analyst); Atlantic Fellow in Public Policy (Fellow); Social Interest Solutions (Board of Directors)

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STEVE SUPPAN

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ENDORSED BY

Friends of the Earth, Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy, National Family Farm Coalition

RECOMMENDED FOR

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service [Department Of Agriculture - Office Of The Under Secretary For Marketing And Regulatory Programs: Animal Plant Health Inspection Service]

Education: Ph.D., Comparative Literature, University of Minnesota

Affiliations:

Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (Senior Policy Analyst); Global Agriculture: Agriculture at a Crossroads (Update Author); World Bank Group: International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development (Consultant)

Key Publications:

Market Manipulation, Excessive Speculation And Price Fixing In Commodities (2020)
Agricultural Knowledge And The Future Of Food Systems: The LAASTD Project (2020)
Agricultural Finance for Climate Resilience (2020)
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ALVARO SANCHEZ

Alvaro Sanchez is the Director of Environmental Equity at the Greenlining Institute, where he leads a climate policy team on green investments. He is a community organizer-turned-urban planner who connects disadvantaged communities to resources so they can be resilient in the face of climate change. Sanchez oversees the organizational implementation of California's SB 535, which directs 25% of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to projects that benefit disadvantaged communities. He also leads the neighborhood-scale sustainability initiative, a comprehensive and scalable approach to greenhouse gas reduction. Sanchez created the Triple Bottom Line Hub, a social media platform celebrating projects that deliver people-planet-profit benefits. At Green For All, he led stormwater infrastructure strategy, which several water utilities throughout the country have used to deliver triple-bottom-line benefits. He also wrote several reports detailing the untapped opportunity of using green infrastructure as a cost-effective stormwater management tool that creates jobs for underserved communities. Sanchez has nearly a decade of experience working on land use and economic development at the state and national level. Sanchez holds a B.A. in Sociology from the University of California, Santa Barbara and an M.P.D.S. from the University of Southern California.

ENDORSED BY

MoveOn, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Senior Policy Advisor [Department Of Housing And Urban Development - Office Of The Secretary]

Education:

B.A. Sociology, University of California Santa Barbara; Master of Planning and Economic Development, University of Southern California

Affiliations:

The Greenlining Institute (Director of Environmental Equity); Green For All (Stormwater Infrastructure Lead); Dolores Street Community Services (President of the Board of Directors); Triple Bottom Line Hub (Founder)

Key Publications:

Clean Water, Strong Communities: Translating the Value of Water Infrastructure Using Community Benefit Strategies
Job Projection and Tracking Guide
Seeing Green: Green Infrastructure Maintenance Training and Workforce Development Opportunities in Northeast Ohio
Staying Green and Growing Jobs: Green Infrastructure Operations and Maintenance as Career Pathway Stepping Stones

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Testified:

California Assembly, Natural Resources Committee, Benefits of Clean Energy Economy (2016)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Sierra Club
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ANDREANECIA MORRIS

Andreanecia Morris is the Executive Director of HousingNOLA, a 10-year partnership between the Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance, the Foundation for Louisiana, the City's Office of Housing and Community Development, and dozens of public, private, and nonprofit organizations working to solve New Orleans' affordable housing crisis. Prior to her role as Executive Director, Morris spearheaded the HousingNOLA 10-year Strategy and Implementation Plan, released on December 10, 2015. The strategy indicates the need for 33,600 additional affordable units in the city by 2025. Morris has spent her career working to advance affordable housing. Before her time with HousingNOLA, Morris founded and served as the Managing Director of Morris Innovative Housing Solutions, served as the Vice President for Homeownership and Community Development at Providence Community Housing, and worked in the Housing Authority of New Orleans. Morris is frequently quoted in the press for her expertise on housing issues in New Orleans and is the President/Chairwoman of the Board of the Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance. Morris holds a B.A. from Loyola University.

ENDORSED BY

Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing [Department Of Housing And Urban Development - Office Of Public And Indian Housing]

Education: B.A., Loyola University

Affiliations:

Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance (Executive Director of HousingNOLA and President/Chairwoman of Board of Governors)
Morris Innovative Housing Solutions (Managing Director)
Providence Community Housing (Vice President for Homeownership and Community Development)
Housing Authority of New Orleans (Director of Telecommunications)
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Speaking Appearance (ex.): Affordable Housing Matters 506: Andreanecia Morris



ANNE PRICE

Ann Price is President of the Insight Center for Community Economic Development, which envisions a nation where all people can realize their full potential and live a dignified life. She managed Seattle's $16 million grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and $19 million in federal loans. Price created and implemented the first results-based proposal process for the $1.4 million HUD-funded Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS grant. In addition to being the Community Development Block Grant Administrator, Price served as the Strategic Advisor to the Director of the Human Services Department. Price managed the Closing the Racial Wealth Gap Initiative and was formerly the Project Director for California Tomorrow's Community College Access and Equity Initiative, which is aimed at improving success for marginalized students. Price holds a B.A. in Economics from Hampton University and an M.S. in Urban Policy Analysis and Management from The New School.

ENDORSED BY

CEPR Domestic, Liberation in a Generation, National Women's Law Center, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance [Department Of Housing And Urban Development - Office Of Community Planning And Development]

Education:

B.A. Economics, Hampton University; M.S. Urban Policy Analysis and Management, The New School for Management and Urban Policy

Affiliations:

Seattle Human Services Department (Strategic Advisor & Community Development Block Grant Administrator)
Insight Center for Community Economic Development (CEO)
The Roosevelt Institute (Author)
United for a Fair Economy
Greenlining

Key Publications:

A Juneteenth revival: we must end economic violence, too (2020)
Centering Blackness: The Path to Economic Liberation for All (2020)
The 'Welfare Queen' Myth Must Go (2020)
Don't Fixate on the Racial Wealth Gap: Focus on Undoing its Root Causes (2020)
The Power of Narrative in Economic Policy (2019)
Actualizing the Potential of the 1619 Project (2019)
Don't Close the Gap, Build a New Structure (2018)
Why a Social Wealth Fund Must Account for Racial Inequity (2018)
Heart disease and work (2018)
Personhood Before Work (2018)
The Color of Wealth in the Nation's Capital (2016)
Current Narratives & Institutions Fuel Black Disposability: Addressing Anti-blackness is the Way Out (2020)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Decoupling the Ideas of Work and Humanity
Center for Global Policy Solutions
Closing the Racial Wealth Gap Initiative's Why We Can't Wait Summit
The Great Inequality Debate panel at 2015 Color of Wealth Summit
Race and Wealth Inequality in the Post-Election Political Environment: Closing
Anne Price at the California State Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee
Fair Housing Conference 2020 Series online featuring Anne Price, moderated by Melissa Jones

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CHARLA OUERTATANI

Charla Ouertatani is a Staff Director at the House Committee on Financial Services. She advises Congress, implements the legislative agenda, and oversees staffing. Ouertatani is a housing policy expert. As Staff Director on the Housing and Community Opportunity Subcommittee, she held hearings on foreclosures, HOPE VI/Choice Neighborhoods reauthorization, and Section 8 reform. Ouertatani drafted legislation on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, which rehabilitates abandoned and foreclosed properties. Ouertatani was a Housing Research and Policy Analyst at the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities. She focused on HUD program data and worked with program staff and PHAs to resolve issues in the Housing Choice Voucher program. As a government consultant, Ouertatani advised a nonprofit consortium forming Neighborhood Networks centers, and drove research on HUD's Healthy Homes and Section 8 programs. Ouertatani was Deputy Chief of Staff for California Rep. Maxine Waters, where she developed legislation and built community partnerships. As a Government Accountability Office analyst, Ouertatani drafted reports on anticorruption programs in Africa, credit unions, and child labor. Ouertatani received the Congressional Black Associates Trailblazer Award and was honored by the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute for promoting diversity on Capitol Hill. She holds a B.A. from Texas Christian University, a Diploma of International and Political Sciences from L'Institut Politiques in Paris, France, and an M.A. in Public Affairs from Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

ENDORSED BY

CEPR Domestic, Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Associate General Counsel for Insured Housing [Department Of Housing And Urban Development - Office Of The General Counsel]

Comptroller Of The Currency [Department Of The Treasury]

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Education:

M.P.A., Public Policy Analysis, Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, 2000; B.A., French & Political Science, Texas Christian University, 1998; Diploma, Political & Social Sciences, L'Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, 1997

Affiliations:

House Committee on Financial Services (Staff Director)
HFSC, Subcommittee on Housing & Community Opportunity (Staff Director)
Rep. Maxine Waters (Deputy Chief of Staff)
U.S. Government Accountability Office (Analyst)
ICF Consulting (Housing and Community Development Consultant)
Council of Large Public Housing Authorities

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Speaking Appearance (ex.): Conference of African American Financial Professionals, Speaker

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CHUY GARCÍA

Jesús “Chuy” García is the US Representative for Illinois’ 4th Congressional District. García is a prominent progressive voice fighting to improve the lives of his working-class neighbors, many of whom are immigrants like him. He is a coalition builder committed to empowering youth and expanding access to quality education, affordable housing, and economic opportunity. As a member of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, García raised the minimum wage, mandated that county employees get paid sick leave, and opposed housing discrimination against disadvantaged communities. Most notably, he passed an ordinance ending Cook County’s cooperation with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency, which was the first measure of its kind in the nation and followed by more than 250 municipalities. García also served as State Senator of Illinois’ 1st District. Garcia was Assistant Director of the Little Village Neighborhood Housing Service and worked at the Legal Assistance Foundation. Garcia holds a B.A. in Political Science and an M.A. in Urban Planning and Policy from the University of Illinois-Chicago.

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RECOMMENDED FOR

Secretary, Housing and Urban Development [Department Of Housing And Urban Development - Office Of The Secretary]

Education:

B.A., Political Science, University of Illinois-Chicago; M.A., Urban Planning & Policy, University of Illinois-Chicago

Affiliations:

Cook County Board of Commissioners (Commissioner)
U.S. House of Representatives (Congressman)
Department of Water (Deputy Commissioner)
Rudy Lozano (Campaign Manager)
Illinois State Senate (Senator)
Little Village Neighborhood Housing Service (Assistant Director)
Chicago City Council (City Councilor)
Cook County Democratic Party (Committeeman)
Illinois Senate (Senator)

Key Publications:

Garcia, Jesus Chuy, and Toni Preckwinkle. “Preckwinkle, Garcia Op-Ed: Why Anita Alvarez Should Resign.” Chicagotribune.com, Chicago Tribune, 1 June 2019, www.chicagotribune.com/opinion/commentary/ct-anita-alvarez-resign-preckwinkle-garcia-perspec-20151202-story.html. (2015)

Takano, Mark, et al. “Why We Formed the Future of Transportation Caucus.” Medium, Medium, 15 Nov. 2019, medium.com/@repmarktakano/why-we-formed-the-future-of-transportation-caucus-3e32e8ff0cca. (2019)

García, Jesús "Chuy". “Congressman García Tells President López Obrador: Hold Trump Accountable for His Attacks on Immigrants.” Representative Jesus Garcia, 7 July 2020, chuygarcia.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-garc-tells-president-l-pez-obrador-hold-trump-accountable-his. (2020)

Testified:

Tlaib Call on Federal Reserve to Stop Deregulatory Decisions (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN list:
Rep. Jesus ‘Chuy’ Garcia Talks Immigration, Impeachment (2019) :
Illinois Congressman Jesus "Chuy" Garcia discusses the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the Latinx community, and the outcome of the 2020 Census:
Jesus Chuy Garcia Speech at NALEO (2013)

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DANIEL MOSTELLER

Daniel Mosteller is the Special Deputy Attorney General for the Consumer Protection Division of the North Carolina Department of Justice. Mosteller is working with Attorney General Josh Stein to protect North Carolinians living in hotels and motels from eviction during the Covid-19 pandemic. In April 2020, Mosteller sent a letter to 100 businesses warning that evicting individuals without a court order and support from the Sheriff's Department is in violation of landlord-tenant and consumer protection laws. Mosteller has also invited tenants who experience predatory landlord practices to file complaints with the Attorney General's office. In August 2020, Mosteller joined the Attorneys General of California, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, and the District of Columbia in suing the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation over its recent rule addressing the transferability of interest rates on loans originated by state-chartered banks, alleging the agency is giving cover to predatory lenders and overstepping its authority. Daniel Mosteller served the US Department of Justice in the Civil Rights Division for 7 years during the Obama and Trump administrations. He holds a B.A. in History from Harvard College and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

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RECOMMENDED FOR

General Counsel [Department Of Housing And Urban Development - Office Of The General Counsel]

Education:

JD, Harvard Law School; BA, History, Harvard College

Affiliations:

NC Department of justice (Special Deputy Attorney General); Center for Responsible Lending (Litigation Counsel); Honorable Marsha Berson of the US Courts for the Ninth Circuit (Clerk); US Department of Justice (Civil Rights Attorney, Special Counsel for Fair Lending)

Key Publications:

Protecting North Carolinians from Evictions During COVID-19 Pandemic (2020)

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Testified:

Amicus Brief to the Ninth Circuit, Aguayo vs US Bank (2010)
Amicus Brief to the Seventh Circuit, Midwest Title Loans vs Ripley (2009)
Amicus Brief to the Supreme Court of California, Miller vs Bank of America (2009)
Amicus Brief to the Sixth Circuit, State Farm Bank vs Reardon (2008)
Amicus Brief to the US District Court of Columbia, American Insurance Association vs HUD (2014)

Speaking Appearance (ex.): City of Charlotte, Housing Community Recovery Task Force

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DIANE YENTEL

Diane Yentel is the President and CEO of the National Low Income Housing Coalition, a network of over 1,000 foundations, community organizations, and individuals working to end homelessness by shaping public opinion. Yentel has 20 years of experience working in housing and development. She served at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development as Director of the Public Housing Management and Occupancy Division, where she managed a team that developed national public housing policies, procedures, and guidelines. Yentel was Vice President of Public Policy and Government Affairs at Enterprise Community Partners, where she led federal, state and local policy, research, and advocacy programs. She worked on affordable housing policies at the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless and Oxfam America. She was a Peace Corps volunteer in Zambia for 3 years, where she worked on community development. Yentel teaches the History of Social Policy as George Mason University. Yentel has appeared in Bloomberg CityLab, Seattle Times, Orlando Sentinel, The Des Moines Register, Salt Lake Tribune, the Courier-Journal, Washington Examiner, and USA Today. She holds a B.A. in Psychology and Women's Studies from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and a Master's in Social Work from the University of Austin at Texas.

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Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research [Department Of Housing And Urban Development - Office Of Policy Development And Research]

Education:

B.A., Psychology and Women's Studies, State University of New York at Stony Brook; Masters in Social Work, University of Texas at Austin

Affiliations:

Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless
Peace Corps volunteer
National Low Income Housing Coalition (President and CEO)
Alliance for Reaching Community Health Equity
Oxfam America
Department of Housing and Urban Development (Director of the Public Housing Management and Occupancy Division)
Enterprise Community Partners (Vice President of Public Policy and Government Affairs)

Key Publications:

2019
Congress must provide emergency rental assistance (2020)
As COVID-19 continues its economic upheaval, affordable housing is becoming scarce (2020)
Our homelessness crisis is urgent, tragic - and completely solvable (2020)
Affordable housing crisis demands urgent, sustained action (2019)
New Jersey Can't Solve Housing Crisis Alone, It Needs Help from Congress (2019)
The Presidential Candidates Need to Talk About the Housing Crisis (2019)
Voters care about affordable housing but 2020 debates have ignored the issue (2019)
Trump Admin's Latest Anti-Immigrant Proposal Would Harm Thousands of Legal Residents (2019)
Infrastructure package should address housing for neediest Americans (2019)
Letters: Homelessness is all about affordable housing (2019)
Ben Carson's huge cut to housing aid won't increase self-sufficiency (2018)

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Testified:

NLIHC's infrastructure needs of America's housing stock (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

C-SPAN
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JERRY MALDONADO

Jerry Maldonado is the Director for Cities and States at the Ford Foundation, where he leads the Just Cities and Regions, Detroit, and US state programs. Before his role as Director, Maldonado was a Program Officer and Senior Program Officer with the Ford Foundation. Throughout his career with the Ford Foundation, Maldonado has funded organizations and programs that promote decent work, affordable housing, and transit opportunities in cities including San Diego, New York, New Orleans, Atlanta, and Puerto Rico. Before his time with the Ford Foundation, Maldonado worked at the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs, and the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service. Maldonado's work has been featured in the Chronicle of Philanthropy, the Christian Science Monitor, and Non Profit Quarterly. He holds a bachelor's degree from Brown University and a master's degree from Columbia University.

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Family Farm Action, People's Action

RECOMMENDED FOR

Secretary, Housing and Urban Development [Department Of Housing And Urban Development - Office Of The Secretary]

Education:

MA, Public Policy and International Affairs, Columbia University; BA, International Relations and Urban Studies, Brown University

Affiliations:

Ford Foundation (Director for Cities and States); Rockefeller Brothers Fund; Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs; United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service

Key Publications:

10 Years After Katrina, Rebuilding The Promise Of New Orleans (2015)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Regional Plan Association, Pushed Out: Housing Displacement in an Unaffordable Region
Congress for the New Urbanism, Philanthropy and the New Urbanism
DOCNYCfest, the ecology of partnerships needed to activate a film



KIRSTEN KEEFE

Kirsten Keefe is a Senior Staff Attorney with the Consumer Finance and Housing Unit in Empire Justice Center's Albany office. Keefe works on policy issues regarding mortgage lending, foreclosure and consumer financial issues. Keefe is also the Director of Empire Justice's Anchor Partner program for the NYS Office of the Attorney General's Homeownership Protection Program, overseeing the statewide administration of grants to nonprofit organizations providing direct assistance to homeowners. Keefe has focused on anti-predatory lending and foreclosure since 1998, having started in direct services at Community Legal Services, Inc. in Philadelphia, PA. Keefe served on the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System's Consumer Advisory Council. Keefe has taught consumer law at Temple University's Beasley School of Law, and has lectured at Albany Law School and other local universities. She received a B.A. from the College of the Holy Cross and a J.D. from Temple University.

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National Housing Resource Center

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Assistant Deputy Secretary for Field Policy and Management [Department Of Housing And Urban Development - Office Of Field Policy And Management]

Special Advisor [Federal Housing Finance Agency - Office Of The Director]

Education:

B.A., History, College of the Holy Cross, 1989; J.D., Temple University School of Law, 1997

Affiliations:

Empire Justice Center (Senior Staff Attorney)
Community Loan Fund of the Capital Region (Commercial Loan Committee)
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany, Board of Trustees, Vice-President (Vice President)
Albany Law School, Government Law Center Advisory Board (Member)
National Association of Consumer Advocates (Legislative Committee)

Key Publications:

"Restoring Neighborhoods: New York State's 2016 Zombie Property and Foreclosure Prevention Act" (2016)
"Don't Lien on Me: How New York's Public Assistance Mortgages Undermine Homeownership and Financial Stability" (2013)
"NYS Law Requires Certificate of Merit Filing with the Summons and Complaint in Residential Foreclosure Cases" (2013)

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ENDORSED BY

MoveOn, National Community Stabilization Trust, National Housing Resource Center, Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Associate General Counsel for Finance and Administrative Law [Department Of Housing And Urban Development - Office Of The General Counsel]

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Education:

B.A., Northwestern University; J.D., Washington University School of Law

Affiliations:

Americans for Financial Reform Education Fund (Senior Policy Council); Foreclosure Prevention Project at Mobilization For Justice (Former Senior Staff Attorney)

Key Publications:

Divergent Paths: The Need for More Uniform Standards and Practices in New York State's Residential Foreclosure Conference Process (2016)
Watchdog agency must pick a side: Consumers or scammers (2019)
CFPB's 'disclosure sandbox' puts consumers at risk (2018)

Testified:

House Financial Services Committee (March 7, 2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.): C-SPAN, CFPB



LINDSAY OWENS

Lindsay Owens is a Fellow at the Great Democracy Initiative at the Roosevelt Institute. She is a housing policy expert whose research centers on the impacts of climate change on the residential real estate market. She previously served as Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director to Rep. Pramila Jayapal and Rep. Keith Ellison, and as Senior Economic Policy Advisor to Sen. Elizabeth Warren. She is a frequent author of opinion pieces and editorials, and a contributing author to the 2011 book, "The Great Recession." Her research has appeared in some of the leading social science journals, including Social Forces, Public Opinion Quarterly, and The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. She was a National Poverty Fellow at the Center on Poverty and Inequality and a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow. Her award-winning dissertation focused on the housing crash of 2008. Owens holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from Stanford University.

ENDORSED BY

CEPR International, Just Foreign Policy, Progressive Change Institute, Public Citizen, Sierra Club

RECOMMENDED FOR

Chief of Staff [Federal Housing Finance Agency - Office Of The Director]

Deputy Assistant Secretary (International Monetary and Financial Policy) [Department Of The Treasury - Under Secretary For International Affairs: Assistant Secretary For International Finance]

Member (Council for Economic Advisers) [Executive Office Of The President - Council Of Economic Advisers]

Senior Policy Advisor [Department Of Housing And Urban Development - Office Of The Secretary]

Education:

PhD, Sociology, Stanford University; BA, University of Pennsylvania

Affiliations:

The Great Democracy Initiative (Fellow)
Data for Progress (Fellow)
The Groundwork Collaborative (Senior Adviser)
Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality (National Poverty Fellow)
National Science Foundation (Graduate Research Fellow)
American Sociological Association (Member)

Key Publications:

How to Give Workers a Raise Without Employers Paying for It, in The New York Times (2020)
Voters Want Guaranteed Paychecks Through the Pandemic, in The Appeal (2020)
Soaked: A Policy Agenda to Prepare for. a Climate-Triggered Housing Crash 2020 (2020)
The Fair Wage Guarantee: A Once-in-a-Generation Opportunity to Raise Wages and Accelerate our Economic Recovery (2020)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.): Pitchfork Economics: IT'S TIME TO STOP RELYING ON CRISIS LEGISLATION

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MARIA TORRES-SPRINGER

Maria Torres-Springer is the Vice President for US programs at the Ford Foundation, where she oversees the foundation's domestic programming, including Gender, Racial, and Ethnic Justice; the Future of Work(ers); and Civic Engagement and Government programs. Torres-Springer has over a decade of experience working in the New York City government, and has significant public-sector executive experience. Most recently, Torres-Springer was the Commissioner of the NYC Department of Housing, Preservation, and Development. Before that, she was the Chief Executive Officer of the NYC Economic Development Corporation, the Commissioner of the NYC Department of Small Businesses, and the Chief Operating Officer of Friends of the High Line. In total, Torres-Springer has overseen agencies with over 3,000 employees and $2 billion in annual budgets. Torres-Springer holds a bachelor's degree from Yale University and a M.P.P. from Harvard University.

ENDORSED BY

Family Farm Action, People's Action, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Administrator [Small Business Administration - Office Of The Administrator]

Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development [Department Of Housing And Urban Development - Office Of Community Planning And Development]



MARIKA DIAS

Marika Dias is the Director of the Tenant Rights Coalition at Legal Services NYC, which partners with tenant organizers to combat displacement and gentrification. Dias is also the Managing Director of the Safety Net Project at the Urban Justice Center. As the Managing Attorney at Make the Road NY, Dias led a team of attorneys and advocates who provided legal services for community organizers in working class, immigrant communities. Dias has also provided legal services to grassroots groups for LGBTQ rights. Dias serves on the Right to Counsel NYC Coalition's Steering Committee, where she represents Legal Services NYC. Dias has worked as a public interest attorney in civil legal services since 2001, with a range of community organizations in New York City and Melbourne, Australia. She holds an L.L.B. from the University of Melbourne and a G.D.L.P from Australian National University.

ENDORSED BY

MoveOn, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Associate General Counsel for Fair Housing [Department Of Housing And Urban Development - Office Of The General Counsel]

Education:

BA, LLB, University of Melbourne; Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, Australian National University

Affiliations:

Urban Justice Center in New York City (Director of the Safety Net Project); Legal Services NYC (Director of the Anti-Displacement Project); Make the Road NY (Managing Attorney); SRO Law Project (Staff Attorney)

Key Publications:

Cuomo's New Order Opens the Door to Evictions (2020)
New York City's Ever Worsening Housing Crisis and the Promise of Universal Access to Counsel (2017)
Collateral Damage: Freedom of Expression in the 'War on Terror (2007)

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Testified:

Organized 80 people to give 7 hours of testimony before NYC City Council, on expanding the Right to Counsel (2020)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Center for Constitutional Rights, Social Justice Conference
Asian American Bar Association, Immigrant Assistance Consortium Conference
Coalition for the Homeless, Providing Legal Counsel to New Yorkers Facing Eviction
Left Forum, NYC Tenant Movement

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MAURICE BP-WEEKS

Maurice BP-Weeks is the Co-Executive Director of the Action Center on Race and the Economy, which is a hub for community organizations across the country working on racial, economic, housing, and educational campaigns to hold the financial sector accountable. He successfully led the campaign for the Millionaires' Tax (Proposition 30) in California. During the Covid-19 crisis, he has been leading the Cancel Rent movement, saying it is "a political choice not to help folks who can't pay rent." In response to the 2008 financial crisis and housing crash, he worked with Black and brown families to save their homes and hold Wells Fargo accountable. He was also the Campaign Director of the ReFund America Project and worked on the Wall Street Accountability campaign at the Center for Popular Democracy. BP-Weeks criticized Amazon for allowing white supremacist propaganda to be sold on its platform. He has appeared in The New York Times, The American Prospect, ColorLines, Politico, Nonprofit Quarterly, ABC, Reuters, and Bloomberg. BP-Weeks holds a B.A. from Swarthmore College.

ENDORSED BY

Action Center on Race and the Economy (ACRE), CEPR Domestic, Color of Change, Indivisible, MoveOn, National Housing Resource Center, New York Communities for Change, Open Markets Institute, People's Action, Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project, Sunrise Movement

RECOMMENDED FOR

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development [Department Of Housing And Urban Development - Office Of Policy Development And Research]

Education: B.A., Swarthmore College

Affiliations:

- Millionaires' Tax (Proposition 30)
- ReFund America Project (Campaign Director)
- Center for Popular Democracy
- Black Organizing for Leadership and Dignity (Advisory Council)
- Action Center on Race and the Economy (Co-Executive Director)
- Cancel Rent movement

Key Publications:

- Mass Rent Strikes Demonstrate That Housing Has Always Been a Racial Justice Issue (2020)
- Why We Must Understand Inflation Inequality (2019)
- Before the Chalk Dust Settles: Building on the 2018 Teachers' Mobilization (2018)
- How COVID-19 Reveals Our Economic System's Failings - And What We Could Have Instead (2020)

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MELVINA FORD

Melvina Ford is an attorney and nonprofit leader. She was a Senior Policy Advisor for the Wage and Hour Division in the US Department of Labor, where she was responsible for policy analysis and formulation and program planning and evaluation. As Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Ford managed the Department of Labor's regulatory agenda, advised the Acting Secretary, and coordinated with the Executive Office of the President and federal agencies on regulations. Ford was the Executive Director of the Equal Rights Center, where she managed all operations, including strategic and financial planning, human resources, programming, fundraising, and communications. Under her leadership, ERC created the Fair Housing Checklist App and Access A11Y to increase access to housing and public accommodations. Ford led the charge to make sure that tech companies including Uber recognize that they are accountable to the Americans with Disabilities Act and made new online courses available to the business community to comply with civil rights laws. Ford was also the Executive Director of the DC Employment Justice Center, where she managed the budget, developed strategic and fundraising plans, supervised legal and policy directors with subordinate staff, and represented the organization to the media. Ford holds a B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley and a J.D. from Georgetown University.

ENDORSED BY

CEPR Domestic, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity [Department Of Housing And Urban Development - Office Of Fair Housing And Equal Opportunity]

Education:

BA, UC Berkeley; JD, Georgetown University

Affiliations:

US Department of Labor (Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy)
US Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division (Senior Policy Advisor)
Executive Office of the President
DC Employment Justice Center (Executive Director)
Equal Rights Center (Executive Director)
Fair Housing Checklist App
Access A11Y

Key Publications:

Domestic Workers Lack Adequate Legal Protections (2008)

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Testified:

EEOC (2012)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

The Atlantic: Building a New Age, housing discrimination
Center for American Progress, Infrastructure of Inequality



SARAH SAADIAN

Sarah Saadian is the Vice President of Public Policy for the National Low Income Housing Coalition's broad congressional portfolio. She has advised numerous presidential candidates on housing policy. In May 2020, Saadian warned: "We know millions of households were one financial accident away from eviction. This pandemic may be the breaking point." Saadian served as a Senior Analyst with Enterprise Community Partners, where she focused on appropriations for federal housing and community development programs. As Policy Counsel at Rapoza Associates, Saadian worked on rural development. As a Legislative and Policy Analyst at the National Community Reinvestment Coalition, her portfolio included expanding access to mortgages and small business credit. In the Democratic Caucus of the US House of Representatives, she identified public policy solutions, made recommendations to the Chair and policy staff, tracked legislation, and monitored amendments. Saadian has appeared in Politico, Apartment Finance Today, Curbed, San Francisco Chronicle, The Southern Illinoisan, Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, HuffPost, USA Today, and PEW. Saadian holds a B.A. from University of Virginia and a J.D. from University of Connecticut School of Law.

ENDORSED BY

National Housing Resource Center, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations [Department Of Housing And Urban Development - Office Of Congressional And Intergovernmental Relations]

Education:

J.D., University of Connecticut School of Law; B.A., University of Virginia

Affiliations:

National Rural Housing Coalition (Board of Directors)
Enterprise Community Partners (Senior Analyst/ Project Manager)
National Community Reinvestment Coalition (Legislative & Policy Analyst)
U.S. House of Representatives – Democratic Caucus (Law Fellow)
Connecticut Urban Legal Initiative (Intern)

Key Publications:

House Agriculture Appropriations: 4 Takeaways for Rural Housing Advocates- Housing Horizon Blog (2015) (2015)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Opportunities and Best Practices for Meeting Housing and Homelessness Needs During Coronavirus Crisis (2020)
Power Station with Sarah Saadian

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SHELLEY POTICHA

Shelley Poticha has been the Managing Director for Healthy People and Thriving Communities at the Natural Resources Defense Council for 7 years. In this role, she works with local, national, and international leaders to advance strategies that create strong, just, and resilient communities in the fight against climate change. During the Obama administration, Poticha was a senior political appointee in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, where she launched the Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities and led the federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities. Before working in federal government, Poticha led two nonprofits. She was the President and CEO of Reconnecting America, where she emerged as a national leader in land-use reform and equitable transit-oriented development. She was also the Executive Director of the Congress for New Urbanism, which seeks to help local leaders build places that people love. Before that, she worked for 10 years as an urban planner. Poticha has written more than 50 articles, and has appeared in OnEarth Magazine, Japan Today, Next City, and GreenBiz. Poticha holds a B.A. from the University of California, Santa Cruz and an M.U.R.P. from the University of California, Berkeley.

ENDORSED BY

Billy Fleming, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development [Department Of Housing And Urban Development - Office Of Community Planning And Development]

Education:

B.A., University of California Santa Cruz; Masters in Urban and Regional Planning, University of California Berkeley

Affiliations:

National Resource Defense Fund
Department of Housing and Urban Development
HUD Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities
Reconnecting America (President)
Congress for the New Urbanism (Executive Director)

Key Publications:

The Year of Living Courageously (2017)
What Does It Mean to Have Healthy People and Thriving Communities? (2019)
The Future Is Green: Why We Need Sustainable Cities (2019)

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Testified:

The Bipartisan Policy Center's (BPC) Housing Commission (2013)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

HoustonTomorrow
ULI Memphis

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STEVEN BANKS

Steven Banks has served as the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Social Services (DSS) since 2014 and Commissioner of the New York City Department of Homeless Services (DHS) since 2016. As DSS Commissioner, Banks oversees over 14,000 employees and an operating budget of $9.6 billion. Banks oversees DSS programs which benefit over 3 million New Yorkers per year, including SNAP, temporary cash assistance, energy assistance, and HIV/AIDS services. As DHS Commissioner, Banks oversees a budget of $2.1 billion and and homelessness prevention. As Attorney-in-Chief at the Legal Aid Society for 10 years, Banks managed a staff of 1,900 and was responsible for criminal, juvenile, and civil programs in New York City. Banks reached a landmark settlement with the city in 2008 over its treatment of the homeless, which resulted in the establishment of a permanent enforceable right to shelter for homeless families in New York City. All together, Banks spent 33 years at the Legal Aid Society. Banks has an extensive track record serving the city's most vulnerable residents, including the homeless, seniors, immigrants, survivors of domestic violence, and people with HIV/AIDS. Banks has a B.A. from Brown University and a J.D. from New York University.

ENDORSED BY

Family Farm Action, People's Action

RECOMMENDED FOR

Secretary, Health and Human Services [Department Of Health And Human Services]

Education:

JD, New York University; BA, Brown University

Affiliations:

New York City Human Resources Administration (Commissioner)
New York City Department of Homeless Services (Commissioner)
Legal Aid Society (Attorney-in-Chief)
Legal Aid Society (Associate Attorney-in-Chief)
Legal Aid Society (Deputy Attorney-in-Charge of the Civil Practice)
Legal Aid Society (Coordinating Attorney of the Homeless Rights Project)
Legal Aid Society (Director of Government Relations for the Civil Practice)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

NY1: Housing, Welfare Officials Discuss Initiatives to Help Those Seeking Aid from the City
NYC Mayor's Office, Mayor Bill de Blasio Announces Administration Appointments
NYC Human Resources Administration, Commissioner and senior leadership team thank DSS-HRA-DHS staff
NYC HRA Child Support Conference 2019
New Year's Message from Department of Social Services Commissioner Steven Banks
NPR, Head Of NYC Social Services Works To Move People From Homeless Shelters To Hotels
Slate, Working With the Homeless: How Does the Commissioner of NYC's Department of Social Services Do His Job?

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TARA RAGHUVEER

Tara Raghuveer is the Founder and Director of KC Tenants. She organized a base of more than 250 tenants in Kansas City who are now actively involved in the movement for tenants' rights. Under her leadership, KC Tenants has made contact with 16,000 tenants and has successfully held landlords accountable; made housing a central issue in municipal politics; and passed a municipal Tenants Bill of Rights. KC Tenants organized against TEH Realty, a landlord based in Israel that used exploitative leases to capitalized on vulnerable populations. KC Tenants successfully advocated against these practices, and a judge ordered that the building pass over to a receiver. Raghuveer spearheaded eviction research in Kansas City through the Kansas City Eviction Project, a collaborative of data scientists, community leaders, academics, and lawyers. She developed one of the country's richest datasets on eviction. Her research on eviction and poverty in Kansas City is cited in the Pulitzer Prize-winning book Evicted. She is the Director of the Campaign for a National Homes Guarantee, based at People's Action, a national network of grassroots organizations committed to economic and racial justice. Raghuveer has appeared in The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Nation, The Appeal, and on NBC News and CNBC. Raghuveer holds a B.A. in Social Studies from Harvard University.

ENDORSED BY

Progressive Change Institute, Revolving Door Project

RECOMMENDED FOR

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy, Legislative Initiatives and Outreach [Department Of Housing And Urban Development - Office Of Fair Housing And Equal Opportunity]

Education: B.A., Social Studies, Harvard University, 2014

Affiliations:

KC Tenants (Founder and Director); People's Action (Director, Homes Guarantee Campaign); Deputy Director (National Partnership for New Americans)

Key Publications:

"Trump's Eviction Moratorium Falls Too Short," Popular Resistance (2020)
"It's Time for a Homes Guarantee," Truthout (2019)
"HUD's Carson Offers Tenants Insults, Not Solutions," Our Future (2018)

CV: https://www.linkedin.com/in/tararaghuveer/

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Kansas City PBS, "Housing Town Hall," Panelist
Presentation to City Council, Kansas City, Missouri
Tara Raghuveer on Our Homes: Ending the Housing Crisis
Off-Kilter Podcast, "The Eviction Cliff," Guest Host

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WILL INNES

Will Innes is a specialist in housing finance policy who works on strategic initiatives at the Center for NYC Neighborhoods, a community development financial institution that promotes homeownership through the Black Homeownership Project and Coastal Communities Project, and also works on scam prevention, foreclosure education, and mortgage services. Innes was previously a Policy Advisor at Sperling Economic Strategies, founded by economist Gene Sperling. Innes was a Senior Analyst for Mortgage-Backed Security Policy at the Structured Finance Industry Group. His experience in housing advocacy includes tax and economic policy along with grant writing. Innes is Co-Chair of the Wagner Policy Alliance at New York University. He was a Legislative Intern in the US House of Representatives and Tax Policy Researcher in the US Senate. He holds a B.A. in Political Science from George Washington University and is an M.P.A. candidate at the New York University Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service.

ENDORSED BY

National Housing Resource Center, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Financial Analyst for Housing Finance [Department Of Housing And Urban Development - Office Of Policy Development And Research]

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Department Of The Treasury

Federal Housing Finance Agency

Education:

B.A., Political Science, The George Washington University, 2017; M.P.A., Public Finance and Policy Analysis, New York University, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, 2021

Affiliations:

Structured Finance Industry Group, Inc. (Senior Analyst, Mortgage-Backed Security Policy)
Center for New York City Neighborhoods (Strategic Initiatives Fellow)
Sperling Economic Strategies (Policy Advisor)
The Building Blocks Foundation (Grant Writer)
Barton LLP (Legal Assistant)
Well & Lighthouse LLC (Production Assistant)
No Label (Press, Digital, and Field Intern)
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Youth Leadership Council (Executive Committee Co-Chair)
US Senate (Tax Policy Research Intern)
US House of Representatives (Legislative Intern)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.): NYU Wagner's Coronacast Episode 1: Housing Policy and Canada's COVID Response

TRANSPORTATION



BEVERLY SCOTT

Beverly Scott is a Senior Advisor to Parker Infrastructure Partners LLC, an infrastructure developer for the private and public sector as well as a Senior Fellow at the Transportation Learning Center, a transportation labor-management partnership focused on research, safety, health, and skills training for the sector's frontline workforce. She has over 30 years of experience managing transportation authorities, overseeing hundreds of staff and budgets of several hundred million dollars. Scott was named a "Transportation Innovator of Change" by President Obama and the US Department of Transportation for her exemplary leadership. She is the Board Vice-Chair of Jobs to Move America, a strategic policy center rooted in racial justice working to transform public spending and corporate behavior for a fair economy with good jobs. Scott is an Advisor to the Institute for Race and Justice at Harvard University Law School for transportation, infrastructure, and equity. Scott has been appointed General Manager of four regional transit systems: the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA), Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), Sacramento Regional Transit Authority (SRTD), and Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA). She has also served in senior level positions for five additional transit systems: the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJT), Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority (WMATA), Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), and Houston Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Houston METRO). Scott holds a B.A. from Fisk University and a Ph.D. from Howard University.

ENDORSED BY

Billy Fleming, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Administrator [Department Of Transportation - Federal Transit Administration: Administrator]

Education:

Ph.D., Political Science in Public Administration, Howard University; B.A., Political Science, Fisk University

Affiliations:

Women's Transportation Seminar Foundation (Board Member)
Americans for Transit (Board Member)
American Public Transportation Association (Former Chair)
Rail-Volution (Former Chair)
Mineta Transportation Institute at San Jose State University (Research Associate and Adjunct Professor)
Jobs to Move America (Board Vice-Chair)
Parker Infrastructure Partners LLC (Senior Advisor)
Introducing Youth to American Infrastructure (Founder)
Federal Advisory Committee on Transportation Equity (Member)
Institute for Race and Justice at Harvard Law School (Advisor)
Jobs To Move America (Board Vice-Chair)
American Political Science Association (Hubert Humphrey Award for Distinguished Public Service)
Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce for Outstanding Service (Government Sector Pinnacle Award)
National Academies of Science, Transportation Research Board (Humanitarian Service Award)
Women's Transportation Seminar (Woman of the Year Award)
Transportation Learning Center (Senior Fellow)

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Testified:

Federal Transit Administration, costs and benefits of transportation infrastructure repair (2014)
Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, on Transit Funding (2009)
Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee, on Sustainable Transportation Solutions (2009)
House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Infrastructure Investing and Economic Recovery (2008)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

American Political Science Association, Hubert Humphrey Award
Eno Center for Transportation, Leadership Webinar Series
C-SPAN, Federal Transportation Funding



KELLY BLYNN

Kelly Blynn is the Electric Vehicle Technical Strategist for the National Resource Defense Council. She advises cities that are participating in the American Cities Climate Challenge to meet transportation electrification goals. As a Co-Founder of 350.org, Blynn helped grow the organization from six college friends and writer Bill McKibben to the largest global grassroots campaign for climate action. As Co-Director of Global Initiatives, Blynn organized 20,000 rallies in 190 countries, led the fight against the Keystone XL pipeline, started the People's Climate March, brought Greta Thunberg to DC, and launched the fossil fuel divestment movement which has led 1,200 institutions to divest $14 trillion from fossil fuels. Blynn was an Associate for Strategic Electrification with Cadmus, where she led over a dozen building and transportation projects for cities, states, and utilities. At the Coalition for Smarter Growth, Blynn was the Next Generation of Transit Campaign Manager. In 2020, Blynn spoke at the Forth Mobility Roadmap Conference, the EV industry-leading annual event. Blynn holds a B.A. in Geography and Environmental Studies from Middlebury College, and an M.S. in Transportation and an M.U.P. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

ENDORSED BY

Billy Fleming, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy and Senior Advisor [Department Of Transportation - Assistant Secretary For Transportation Policy]

Deputy Director, Vehicle Technologies Office [Department Of Energy - Assistant Secretary For Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy]

Education:

Master of City Planning, MIT; Master of Science in Transportation, MIT; B.A. Environmental Studies, Middlebury College; B.A. Geography, Middlebury College

Affiliations:

350.org (Co-Founder & Global Campaigns Co-Director)
Earth Justice (Trainer and Facilitator)
Step It Up 2007 (National Co-Coordinator)
Coalition for Smarter Growth (Next Generation of Transit Campaign Manager)
MBTA (Rappaport Fellow)
The Cadmus Group (Associate for Strategic Electrification)
National Resource Defense Council (Electric Vehicle Technical Strategist)

Key Publications:

Accelerating Bus Electrification: A Mixed Methods Analysis of Barriers and Drivers to Scaling Transit Fleet Electrification (2019)
South-South technology transfer in Bolivia: A solution for local health, forests, and our global climate (2010)
See more

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

One World TV
One Climate
350.org
Forth, Roadmap Conference

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NICK SIFUENTES

Nick Sifuentes is the Executive Director of the Tri-State Transportation Campaign, where he leads campaigns to meet climate goals, stop traffic deaths, fix commutes, and make transportation fair. He has a decade of experience in strategic planning, government relations, and state and national transportation and environmental issues. As Deputy Director for the Riders Alliance, Sifuentes led successful campaigns that led the State Legislature to fix and fund New York City's public transit and create a half-priced MetroCard program for low-income residents known as Fair Fares. Sifuentes also led successful campaign communications for the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy, which led to improvements in mass transit, infrastructure development, and energy efficiency. Sifuentes served as the Sierra Club's Press Secretary for the Northeast, where he led advocacy and communications in 13 states. In the National Issue Advocacy Practice at BerlinRosen Public Affairs, he spearheaded strategies to promote environmental protection, good jobs, and LGBT rights. He also volunteered his media skills for the Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency and the Los Angeles LGBT Center. Sifuentes was a journalist with the Center for American Progress and has appeared in The New York Times, Gotham Gazette, and Boston Globe. Sifuentes holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles.

ENDORSED BY

New York Communities for Change, Progressive Change Institute

RECOMMENDED FOR

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs [Department Of Transportation - Assistant Secretary For Governmental Affairs]

Education: B.A., Political Science, UCLA

Affiliations:

- Tri State Transportation Campaign (Executive Director)
- Riders Alliance (Deputy Director)
- BerlinRosen Public Affairs (National Issue Advocacy Practice)
- Sierra Club, Northeastern US (Press Secretary)
- Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (Communications Specialist)
- Center for American Progress (Journalist)

Key Publications:

- Bail out public transit: An urgent task for Washington in the time of coronavirus (2020)
- Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Penn Access plan is a start, but it needs cooperation from government on all levels (2020)
- Turning the tide on bicyclist deaths (2019)
- How New York got congestion pricing, and why Boston should be next (2019)
- It's time for a better Penn Station (2017)
- We can't fix our subways if we can't pay for them (2017)
- Without post-pandemic planning, our transportation network will go backward (2020)

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Testified:

- New York Congressional Delegation, MTA Funding (2020)
- https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/legislativepub/pubhear/snjt12122019.pdf (2019)
- New Jersey Joint Transportation Hearing on Transit Delays (2018)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- CBS New York, Buses Slow, Unreliable, Difficult To Use
- MNN NYC, Congestion Pricing

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SARA NELSON

Sara Nelson is the International President of the Association of Flight Attendants (CWA, AFL-CIO). Nelson represents 50,000 flight attendants at 20 airlines. The New York Times called Nelson "America's most powerful flight attendant" for helping to end the 35-day Government Shutdown in 2018-2019 and InStyle Magazine placed her on their 2019 Top 50 Badass Women list. Nelson has been a flight attendant for 24 years, previously served as the International Vice President, and has been the union's chief spokesperson for over a decade. Nelson played a central role in strategic response to every major event affecting flight attendants, including the September 11 Attacks, the SARS outbreak, United Airlines' cost-cutting attempts and bankruptcy reorganization, and Covid-19. Nelson stewarded the passage of the FAA Reauthorization bill, sexual harassment prevention in the workplace, the grounding of the Boeing 737 Max, and even mobilized to free a flight attendant wrongly held in an ICE detention facility. All together, Nelson has led AFA to achieve eighteen legislative victories. For these public policy wins, she has been featured in the Today Show, Morning Joe, BBC, The Guardian, The Nation, and Forbes. Nelson holds a B.A. from Principia College.

ENDORSED BY

CEPR Domestic, Progressive Change Institute, Sunrise Movement

RECOMMENDED FOR

Secretary [Department Of Transportation - Secretary]

Education: BA, English and Education, Principia College

Affiliations:

CWA-Association of Flight Attendants (International President); CWA, AFL-CIO-Association of Flight Attendants (International Vice President); United Airlines (Flight Attendant)

Key Publications:

The Atlantic: Here's a Rescue Plan That Puts People First (2020)
The Hill: To get air travel off the ground, we need federal action (2020)
The American Prospect: Why America Needs a Better Labor Law (2020)

CV: https://www.linkedin.com/in/nelson4afa/

Testified:

House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee (2019)
Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues held a hearing on combating sexual harassment in the hotel, service, and airline industries (2018)
House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation: FAA Reasuthorization (2019)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

CNN, coronavirus
MSNBC, coronavirus
CSPAN, Airlines' Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic
Twitter, COVID-19 Airline Relief Starts with Workers

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SHELLEY FRANCIS

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Department Of Transportation

Education:

B.A. Public Health, Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine; MPH Public Health, University of Richmond; Ph.D. Public Health, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

Affiliations:

The Ohio State University (Professor)
Georgia Department of Public Health (Director)
Case Western Reserve University of Medicine (Faculty)
Electric Auto Association (National Board)
EV Noire Mobility Intelligence Group (Managing Partner)
EV Hybrid Noire (Co-Founder)

Key Publications:

EV Equity: Accelerating EV Adoption in Frontline Communities (2020)
Communities with High Air Pollution Are More Heavily Impacted (2020)
Electric Cars, Frontline Communities, Air Pollution: COVID-19 Mortality (2020)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

National Association of State Energy Officials, Energy Equity Task Force
Georgia Climate Conference, Climate Equity and Justice Dialogue
Spellman, EV Noire Event
Forth, Roadmap Conference
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SUE GANDER

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Associate Administrator for Planning and Environment [Department Of Transportation - Federal Transit Administration: Associate Administrator For Planning And Environment]

Education:

B.A. Public Policy, Brown University; M.A. Public Policy, Energy and Environment

Affiliations:

Electrification Coalition
Forth Mobility
Keystone Energy Board
Executive Committee for State Energy Efficiency Action Network
Institute for Building Technology and Safety
Electric Power Research Institute: Advisory Group on Energy Efficiency and Smart Grid
DOE Efficiency Action Network
Western Governors Association Energy Efficiency Task Force
New England Governors Climate Change Action Plan Steering Committee

Key Publications:

Car accidents killed 37,000 people last year — it's time to act (2017)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

National Governors Association, energy, tech, and mobility
National Governors Association, Tourism and Economic Development
Esri Events, The Power of Data and Mapping in Policy Making
New Governors Energy Policy Advisers Webinar
Resources for the Future, Economic Volatility in Oil Producing Regions

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DANIELLE BRIAN

Danielle Brian is the Executive Director for the Project On Government Oversight, which she has served for three decades and grew from 2 to 40 staff. Her team has exposed wasteful spending which led to the cancellation of the $13 billion Superconducting Super Collider and the $11 billion Army Crusader, uncovered oil and gas industry fraud that led to new rules and the Justice Department's recovery of $500 million, won a lawsuit against John Ashcroft for retroactively classifying FBI documents, strengthened the Inspectors General system, and reformed nuclear power plant security. Brian was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to serve on the Federal Advisory Committee for the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative. Brian was named one of the Top 50 People Changing the Game in Washington and Top 100 Most Influential People in Business Ethics and inducted into the Freedom of Information Act Hall of Fame. She has testified before Congress 40 times and frequently meets with elected representatives and federal agencies to discuss how to achieve a more effective, accountable, open, and ethical federal government. Brian has appeared in NPR, ABC, NBC, CBS, Fox News, Washington Post, New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune, and USA TODAY. She holds a B.A. in Government from Smith College and an M.A. in International Relations and National Security from Johns Hopkins University.

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Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism and Deputy National Security Advisor [Executive Office Of The President - White House Office]

Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) [Office Of The Secretary Of Defense - Office Of The Secretary: Office Of The Under Secretary Of Defense (Comptroller)]

Education:

B.A., Government, Smith College; M.A., International Relations & National Security, Johns Hopkins University

Affiliations:

DC Open Government Coalition (Board)
Taxpayers for Common Sense (Board)
OpenTheGovernment.org (Chair)
Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (Federal Advisory Committee)
Project On Government Oversight (Executive Director)

Key Publications:

Statement on the Recent Police Violence against Black People and Peaceful Protesters (POGO) (2020)
Congress has let its oversight powers deteriorate. It needs to stop the hand-wringing and act (Washington Post) (2020)
Congress should hold Trump's top aides in contempt while it still can (CNN) (2019)
Trump cried foul about Hunter Biden, but what about his own children? (CNN) (2019)
Stop Attacking the Right to Report (POGO) (2019)
See full list (2020)

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Testified:

Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Concurrent Congressional and Criminal Investigations (2017)
Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Inspector General Access to All Records (2015)
See all 40 testimonies (2020)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Brennan Center for Justice
Full C-SPAN List
TEDx MidAtlantic 2011
Washington Journal

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ELISE BEAN

Elise Bean is the Washington Co-Director at the Wayne Law School Levin Center. She worked for Sen. Carl Levin on Capitol Hill for 30 years, as Counsel for the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee as well as Chief Counsel and Staff Director for the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. She headed investigations into the 2008 financial crisis, HSBC money laundering, London whale trades at JPMorgan Chase, collapse of Enron, and offshore tax avoidance by Apple, Microsoft, and Caterpillar. Bean also handled hearings and legislation on foreign corruption, shell companies, health care fraud, unfair credit card practices, abuses involving derivatives and structured finance, and financial crime failings by major global banks. In 2016 and 2015, Bean was included in the Global Tax 50, International Tax Review's list of the top individuals and organizations influencing tax policy and practice. In 2013 and 2011, she was named by Washingtonian as one of DC's 100 most powerful women. Bean helped establish the Levin Center, a nonprofit that strengthens bipartisan oversight capacity in Congress and the 50 state legislatures. She has trained over 200 House and Senate staffers from both parties on investigative techniques and recently published a book on Congressional oversight. She holds a B.A. from Wesleyan University and a J.D. from the University of Michigan School of Law.

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Progressive Change Institute, Public Citizen

RECOMMENDED FOR

Commissioner of Internal Revenue [Department Of The Treasury - Internal Revenue Service]

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JD, University of Michigan Law School; BA, Wesleyan University

Affiliations:

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (Counsel)
Wayne State University (Director of the Levin Center's DC office)
Senator Carl Levin (Staff, 30 years)
US Rep. John Joseph Moakley (Staff)
US Department of Justice, Civil Frauds Section (Trial Attorney)
Chief Judge of the US Claims Court Alex Kozinski (Law Clerk)
Federalist Society (Contributor)
KYC360 (Contributor)
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (Staff Director and Chief Counsel)

Key Publications:

Inspector General Independence Must Be A Bipartisan Priority In 2020 (2020)
Questioning Michael Cohen: An Advanced Course in Congressional Investigations (2019)
Financial Exposure: Carl Levin's Senate Investigations Into Finance and Tax Abuse (2018)
See more

CV: https://congress.gov/115/meeting/house/105886/witnesses/HHRG-115-GO24-Bio-BeanE-20170426.pdf

Testified:

House Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, Restoring Capacity (2020)
Staff Report to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Money Laundering, Drugs, and Terrorist Financing (2012)
Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Private Banking and Money Laundering (1999)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

World Bank, Featured Speaker
Good Government Now, Civil Enforcement of Subpoenas
KYC360, US Senate's Investigations into Financial Crime

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EMILY MANNA

Emily Manna is the Policy Director for Open the Government. Since 2015, Manna has worked on transparency and accountability for US military and national-security programs including records management, data preservation, proactive disclosure, and the public's right to know. Manna was a consultant for Cambridge Global Advisors, which identifies venture capital opportunities in homeland and national security, cybersecurity and data analysis, the defense sector, and sustainable energy. Manna has worked on civil liberties and human rights issues in US national security and foreign policy, both as a Community Relations Associate for the Arab American Institute and as a Research Fellow for American University's Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies. Manna's research has focused on the US drone program. Manna has published or appeared in The Hill, Cato Institute, Common Dreams, InsideSources, AlterNet, New Haven Register, Scranton Times-Tribune, Las Vegas Sun, The American Conservative, and The Nation. Manna holds a B.A. from American University and an M.P.P. from Georgetown University.

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CEPR International, Progressive Change Institute, Win Without War, Leah Hunt-Hendrix

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Deputy for Acquisition [Office Of The Secretary Of Defense - United States Court Of Appeals For The Armed Forces: Joint Activities]

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Chief, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics) [Office Of The Secretary Of Defense - Office Of The Secretary: Office Of The Assistant Secretary Of Defense (Legisl]

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Middle East [Office Of The Secretary Of Defense - Office Of The Secretary: Office Of The Under Secretary Of Defense (Policy)]

Education:

B.A., American University; M.P.P, Georgetown University

Affiliations:

Cambridge Global Advisors (Consultant)
American University (Research Fellow)
Arab American Institute (Community Relations Associate)
Open the Government (Policy Director, Policy Analyst)
National Defense University Foundation (Program Asstistant)
Utica Phoenix Newspaper (Intern)
Office of Congressman Michael Arcuri (Intern)
Boys and Girls club (Volunteer)

Key Publications:

Full List (2020)
Government Inc: Amazon, Government Security, and Secrecy (2019)
The New Face of American War Is a Robot- The Nation (2019) (2019)
Secrecy, democracy and the TPP: trade transparency is what the public wants-and needs- The Hill (2016) (2016)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

The Human Costs of War: Assessing Civilian Casualties since 9/11 (2019):
America's Wars And What Sustains Them- National Press Club (2019):

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LIZ HEMPOWICZ

Liz Hempowicz is the Director of Public Policy for the Project on Government Oversight (POGO), where she oversees legislative reform work. Hempowicz specializes in whistleblower protections and government accountability and develops and advances public policies to combat corruption and promote transparency. In her time at POGO, Hempowicz has lobbied for improvements to the Inspector General Act and the National Emergencies Act and led a number of other government accountability initiatives. Hempowicz has testified before both the House and the Senate, been interviewed in the Washington Post and NPR, and has been published in the Washington Post. Hempowicz holds a B.A. from the University of Bridgeport and a J.D. from American University.

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Director, Office of Whistleblower Protection Program [Department Of Labor - Occupational Safety And Health Administration]

Senior Advisor/ Ombudsman for Whistleblower Protection [National Science Foundation Office Of The Inspector General]

Whistleblower Protection Ombuds [Department Of Homeland Security Office Of The Inspector General]

Education:

B.A., University of Bridgeport, International Political Economy and Diplomacy; J.D., American University

Affiliations:

Project on Government Oversight (Director, Counsel); Electronic Privacy Information Center (Clerk); Center for Effective Government (Intern); The Constitution Project (Intern)

Key Publications:

Will you be punished for revealing classified info? Depends who you are – The Hill (2016)

Whistleblowers and the prosecution loophole- The Hill (2015)

Perspective | We need Congress to watch pandemic spending closely. Here's how it can do it.- Washington Post (2019)

Full list articles (2020)

CV: https://www.linkedin.com/in/elizabethhempowicz/

Testified:

House Transportation and Infrastructure subcommittee examined the oversight of the Trump International Hotel lease at the Old Post Office building in Washington, D.C (2019)

Whistleblower Protections Justice Department and Office of Special Counsel officials as well as legal experts testified at a hearing on whistleblower protections (2017)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Elizabeth Hempowicz of the Project on Government Oversight discussed the rights of and current protections afforded to whistleblowers.- Washington Journal (2017)

Liz Hempowicz, policy director of the Project on Government Oversight, and Jon Rymer, former Defense Department IG and principal at Lynch Consultants, discuss the challenges facing the inspector general community (2019)

Full C-SPAN list

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MANDY SMITHBERGER

Mandy Smithberger is the Director of the Straus Military Reform Project with the Project on Government Oversight's Center for Defense Information. Smithberger was part of an investigative team which received the Society of Professional Journalists' Sunshine Award for contributions to open government. As a national security policy adviser to Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA), Smithberger worked on passing key provisions of the Military Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act into law. This law increases the level of Inspector General review for complaints, increases the amount of time that whistleblowers have to report reprisals, and requires timely action on findings of reprisal. Smithberger holds a B.A. from Smith College and an M.A. from Johns Hopkins University.

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American Economic Liberties Project, Progressive Change Institute, Win Without War, Leah Hunt-Hendrix

RECOMMENDED FOR

Deputy Comptroller for Budget and Appropriations Affairs [Office Of The Secretary Of Defense - Office Of The Secretary: Office Of The Under Secretary Of Defense (Comptroller)]

Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) [Office Of The Secretary Of Defense - Office Of The Secretary: Office Of The Under Secretary Of Defense (Comptroller)]

Whistleblower Protection Ombuds [Department Of Homeland Security Office Of The Inspector General]

Education:

B.A., Smith College; M.A., Johns Hopkins University

Affiliations:

U.S. House of Representatives - National security policy adviser to U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier (D-Calif.); Defense Intelligence Agency (Analyst); U.S. Central Command (Analyst)

Key Publications:

COVID-19 Means Good Times for the Pentagon (2020) (2020)
Washington Is Still Putting the Military Before Public Health- The Nation (2020) (2020)
Full List – The Nation (2020)
Creating a national insecurity state: spending more, seeing less- Salon (2020) (2020)
Full list articles (2020)

CV: https://www.linkedin.com/in/mandy-smithberger-9186b8173/

Testified:

Testimony of Mandy Smithberger, before the House Appropriations Committee's Legislative Branch Subcommittee (2019): (2019)
Testimony of Mandy Smithberger, Director of the Center for Defense Information before the House Appropriations Committee, Legislative Branch Subcommittee (2020): (2020)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Burning Issues: Mandy Smithberger on Buying Weapons That Don't Work:
President Trump is "sending a very chilling message to the rest of the federal government in trying to out" who the whistleblower is, says Mandy Smithberger -CNN (2019):
When It Comes to Wasteful Pentagon Spending, Congress Offers Little Oversight (2020):

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NICK SCHWELLENBACH

Nick Schwellenbach is a Senior Investigator at the Project on Government Oversight. He was the Director of Investigations for the Project on Government Oversight. His findings on serious misconduct and coverups by Justice Department attorneys won the CD Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists's Watchdog Award. He has led investigations into the revolving door at the Securities and Exchange Commission, labor trafficking by the US military's subcontractors in Iraq, dangerous conditions inside immigrant detention centers, faulty missile defense systems, mismanagement of the Joint Strike Fighter F-35 program, and whistleblower retaliation across numerous agencies. While he was the Communications Director at the US Office of Special Counsel, it won bipartisan praise for restoring trust in its ability to protect whistleblowers. Schwellenbach was a senior fiscal policy analyst with the Center for Effective Government, staff writer with the Center for Public Integrity, and researcher-reporter with Harvard's Nieman Watchdog. He has been published in The Washington Post, The Daily Beast, Yahoo News, Mother Jones, Texas Observer, and Time. Schwellenbach holds a B.A. from University of Texas at Austin and an M.A. from American University.

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Deputy Comptroller General [Government Accountability Office - Office Of The Comptroller General]

Education:

B.A., University of Texas-Austin; M.A., American University

Affiliations:

Project on Government Oversight (Director, Senior Investigator)
U.S. Office of Special Counsel (Communications Director)
Center for Effective Government (Analyst)
Time Magazine (Contributor)
Center for Public Integrity (Writer)
Texas State Legislature (intern)
Democracy Matters (intern)

Key Publications:

Overruled: Top Justice Department Appointees Quash Felony Charge Against Monsanto- Yahoo News (2019) (2019)
Congress Says Special-Ops Budget Top Too Secret- Time (2013) (2013)
Bribery Trial Reveals Jeff Sessions' Role in Blocking EPA Action Targeting One of His Biggest Donors – Mother Jones (2018) (2018)
Full Time List (2013)
Full Mother Jones List (2018)

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Testified:

Testimony of Nick Schwellenbach, Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight on "Improving Federal Contract Auditing" (2011)
Nick Schwellenbach, before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee "Examining the Executive Branch Reform Act of 2007 and the Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2007" (2007)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Airline Safety: Nick Schwellenbach talked about the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee hearing (2008):
The Project on Government Oversight's Nick Schwellenbach joins the podcast to discuss the challenges whistleblowers see during the pandemic and beyond. (2020):

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ROBERT WEISSMAN

Robert Weissman is President of Public Citizen, a nonprofit organization for corporate and government accountability with over 300,000 members. Weissman has helped make HIV drugs available to the developing world and provided assistance to numerous governments on intellectual property through Public Citizen's Global Access to Medicines Program. Weissman was the Director of Essential Action, a corporate accountability organization, for 14 years. In this role, he was editor of the Multinational Monitor which published an annual index of the 10 Worst Corporations. He was a public interest attorney at the Center for Study of Responsive Law, which works on environmental, consumer, health, and safety issues. Weissman has appeared on CBS, ABC, NBC, CNN, PBS, CNBC, NPR, and Marketplace Radio. He has been published and quoted in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, USA Today, The Economist, The Financial Times, The Associated Press, the Los Angeles Times, The Philadelphia Inquirer, and Time. Weissman holds a B.A. from Harvard University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

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Progressive Change Institute, Social Security Works, Win Without War

RECOMMENDED FOR

Director [Office Of Government Ethics]

Education:

B.A., Harvard University; J.D., Harvard Law School

Affiliations:

Essential Action (Director)
Center for Study of Responsive Law (Public Interest Attorney)
Multinational Monitor (Editor)
Public Citizen (President)
Ohio Bar (Member)

Key Publications:

Corporate Predators: The Hunt for Mega-Profits and the Attack on Democracy (1999) (2002)
On the Rampage: Corporate Power and the Destruction of Democracy (2005) (2005)
Want to Protect Immigrant Rights? Cut the Pentagon Budget (2019)

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Testified:

House Judiciary Subcommittee Hearing on Campaign Finance: To mark the 10th anniversary of the Citizens United v. FEC Supreme Court ruling, the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a hearing to examine campaign finance laws and the impact of the landmark ruling.: (2020)
Federal Spending: Lawmakers on a House Oversight and Government Reform subcommittee heard testimony on "back door" spending by federal agencies. (2018)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Robert Weissman on Senate Impeachment Trial Recommendations (2019)
Robert Weissman on Trump Properties and Conflicts of Interest (2018)
Full C-SPAN list



SHANNA DEVINE

Shanna Devine was appointed by Speaker Nancy Pelosi to be the inaugural Director of the Office of the Whistleblower Ombudsman. The Chair of the Committee on Oversight and Reform, Carolyn Maloney, says: “Devine is impeccably credentialed, deeply experienced, and an ideal choice to lead this new office.” The Executive Director of the Project on Government Oversight, Danielle Brian, says Devine’s “deep understanding of the importance of whistleblower-congressional communications will surely lead the office to be a resounding success felt for years to come.” Pete Sepp, President of the National Taxpayers Union, says: "Whistleblower protection is taxpayer protection and no one has a better grasp of this crucial connection than Shanna Devine.” Devine led the campaign for Congress’ unanimous passage of the Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2012 and played a strategic role in the establishment of the bipartisan Congressional Whistleblower Protection Caucus. For 12 years, Devine has worked with whistleblowers to unearth abuses in the public and private sector and safely channel their disclosures to Congress. Devine has led whistleblower trainings for more than 90 groups including the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. Devine holds a B.A. in Political Science from Occidental College and an M.A. in Public Management from University of Maryland.

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Ombudsman [Department Of Homeland Security - Office Of The Citizenship And Immigration Services Ombudsman]

Education:

B.A., Political Science, Occidental College; MA, Public Management, University of Maryland

Affiliations:

House Office of the Whistleblower Ombudsman (Director); Public Citizen (Worker Health and Safety Advocate, Access to Medicines Lobbyist); Government Accountability Project (Legislative Director Investigator); Institute for Policy Studies

Key Publications:

Open Forum: More Extreme Heat Puts Workers’ Lives at Risk (2019)
Deadly Dispersants in the Gulf: Are Public Health and Environmental Tragedies the New Norm for Oil Spill Cleanups? (2015)
Senate Shenanigans: Secret Holds Are Just an Anonymous Filibuster (2011)
Congress Should Protect National Security Whistleblowers (2010)

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ELECTIONS



AMBER MCREYNOLDS

Amber McReynolds serves on the National Election Task Force on Election Crises. She is Executive Director of the Vote At Home Institute and Coalition, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to ensuring election security and expanding nationwide at-home voting options. McReynolds was named by Governing Magazine as a Top Public Official of the Year in 2018. McReynolds works to demonstrate that pro-voter policies, voter-centric processes, and technical innovations can improve representation. McReynolds oversaw elections in Denver for 13 years as the Director of Elections. She transformed the elections division into a national and international award-winning office. She has also testified on voting rights before multiple state legislatures. She is an advisory board member for MIT's Election and Data Science Lab, Lift Colorado, Represent Women, and other national organizations focused on improving election administration. She has been featured by the Denver Post, The Fulcrum, Real Clear Politics, Washington Monthly, Medium, Mother Jones, and The Nation. Amber holds a B.S. in Political Science and Speech Communication from University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and an M.Sc. in Comparative Politics from the London School of Economics.

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RECOMMENDED FOR

Member [United States Election Assistance Commission]

Education:

BS in Political Science and Speech Communication, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana; MSC in Comparative Politics, London School of Economics

Affiliations:

Advisory Board for the MIT Election Data and Science Lab
Executive Board for LIFT Colorado
City Year Denver Board of Directors
Represent Women Board of Directors
Women's Foundation of Colorado Empowerment Council
Public Policy Committee of the Colorado Women's Chamber
Democracy Fund's Election Validation Project (Advisor)
Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce (Graduate Leadership program)

Key Publications:

When Women Vote (2020)

CV: http://linkedin.com/in/ambermcreynolds

Testified:

Connecticut legislature: early voting (2019)
Kansas legislature: Permanent Absentee Ballot Choicefor Kansas's voters (2020)
Colorado House Committee on State, Veteran, and Military Affairs: to include voting instructions on the ballot (2018)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

CSPAN
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Interview with Gov. Hickenlooper

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CHRIS MELODY FIELDS FIGUEREDO

Chris Melody Fields Figueredo is the Executive Director of the Ballot Initiative Strategy Center, where she manages a $2 million budget and provides assistance to ballot measure campaigns in 24 states. She was the Associate Director for Voting Rights at ReThink Media, where she developed shared messaging, strategies, and tools for the voting rights sector. She led programs to expand and protect the right to vote on the local, state, and national level with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights; managed state and federal campaigns to get big money out of politics with Common Cause; and fought for children and families to have access to quality education with DC ParentSmart. She has over 15 years of experience in strategic planning, capacity and coalition building, fundraising, communications, and leading large-scale programs. She has been featured in The Hill, Washington Post, Miami Herald, Dayton Daily News, Fulcrum, The Nation, Mother Jones, Bloomberg City Labs, Governing Magazine, USA Today, and The Guardian. She holds a B.A. from Austin College.

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Executive Director [United States Election Assistance Commission]

Education: B.A. English Literature & Anthropology, Austin College

Affiliations:

- Ballot Initiative Strategy Center (Executive Director)
- Voting Rights at ReThink Media (Associate Director)
- Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights
- Open Society Foundation (Fellow)
- The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights (Guest Speaker)
- Common Cause
- DC ParentSmart

Key Publications:

- In the Face of Uncertainty, Direct Democracy Remains Vital (2020)
- Respect My Vote: Top Performing Posts During Trump's Election Commission's First Meeting (2017)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

- Facebook
- Crush the Midterms
- The Hill

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DAVID DONNELLY

David Donnelly has over 25 years of experience leading progressive national and state organizations and campaigns with multimillion-dollar budgets. As the President and CEO of Every Voice for 8 years, Donnelly founded a super PAC to build political power for campaign finance legislation and oversaw political campaigns in 36 states. Donnelly has won multiple campaigns to get money out of politics through state laws, including Maine's landmark Clean Election law. Donnelly also organized electoral campaigns on this issue, winning more than two-thirds of targeted races. Donnelly was instrumental in driving former Majority Leader Tom DeLay out of office. Donnelly has been covered by leading media outlets and is regularly sought after by organizations, foundations, and elected officials for strategic advice. Donnelly holds a bachelor's degree from Colby College.

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Member [Federal Election Commission]

Education: B.A., Government and Political Science, Colby College

Affiliations:

Of By For (Strategic & Management Consultant)
State Democracy Project (Consultant)
Every Voice (President & CEO)
Public Campaign Action Fund (Executive Director)
Social Transformation Project

Key Publications:

Donald Trump's Attacks On Our Democracy (2016)
The Underlying Issue Not Covered At The Debate (2016)
Trump Is No Money in Politics Reformer (2016)
How You Vote Every Day Without Realizing It (2016)
How Hillary Clinton Can Do A Better Job Talking About Money in Politics (2016)
How to fight back against big money in politics (2016)
Money in politics threatens democracy -- and the GOP doesn't have an answer (2016)
Scott Walker, world-class hypocrite: Why he's the last person who should be railing against "special interests" (2016)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.): EveryVoice

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JONATHAN BRATER

Jonathan Brater is the Director of Elections for Michigan. He was appointed by Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, who says of Brater: "His deep expertise of elections practice nationally and in Michigan will be of tremendous benefit to the state." Former Director of Elections Sally Williams also praised him, saying Brater "has worked with us tirelessly to ensure Michigan's elections are executed effectively and without bias." Brater has served as Counsel for the Brennan Center's Democracy Program for 8 years. He works to reduce gerrymandering, prevent unlawful voter roll purges, undo restrictive state voting laws through litigation, and modernize voter registration. For example, Brater prepared an amicus brief to the Supreme Court to protect the voting rights of homeless Americans. Brater was cited in Thom Hartmann's book "The Hidden History of the War on Voting: Who Stole Your Vote—and How to Get It Back" as well as Carol Anderson's book "One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression Is Destroying Our Democracy." Brater has also appeared in The Detroit News, The Nation, and Fortune. Brater says Oregon's automatic voter registration "offers a clear path forward for states looking to make their elections more accessible and convenient for voters." Brater holds a B.A. from Columbia University and a J.D. from the University of Michigan.

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Affiliations:

Export-Import Bank of the United States (Legal Intern); Common Cause (Legal Intern); House Committee on Energy and Commerce (Legislative Analyst); Brennan Center for Justice (Counsel)

Key Publications:

Search Results Web results Automatic Voter Registration in Oregon a Huge Success (2016)

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Testified:

Cited in Committee on House Administration: on Voting Rights (2019)
Amicus Brief before the US Supreme Court: on homeless voting rights (2017)
House Committee on Rules: Support of HB 2177 (2015)
Oregon House Committee on Rules to support a bill that would modernize voter registration (2015)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

AP News
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MYRNA PÉREZ

Myrna Pérez leads the Voting Rights and Elections Program at the Brennan Center for Justice, including research, advocacy, and litigation nationwide. Pérez is the recipient of several awards, including the Puerto Rican Bar Association Award for Excellence in Academia and the New Jersey League of Women Voters Making Democracy Work Award. She was named one of 50 Hispanic Influentials in 2014 by Hispanic Business. Pérez has testified before Congress and several state legislatures on a variety of voting rights related issues. She previously clerked for Judge Anita B. Brody of the US District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and for Judge Julio M. Fuentes of the US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Pérez is a lecturer in law at Columbia Law School, where she teaches Election Law for Civil Rights Lawyers. She is the author of several nationally recognized reports on voter disenfranchisement and how to distribute resources differently to prevent long lines on Election Day. Her work has been featured in media outlets across the country, including The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and MSNBC. Pérez holds a B.A. from Yale University, an M.P.P. from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, and a J.D. from Columbia Law School.

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Undergrad degree in political science, Yale University; Master's Degree in public policy, Harvard; JD, Columbia

Affiliations:

Presidential Management Fellow
Election Law Committee of the City of New York Bar Association
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NYU School of Law
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Key Publications:

Election Day Long Lines: Resource Allocation (2014)
If Section 5 Falls: New Voting Implications (2013)
Election Integrity: A Pro-Voter Agenda (2017)

CV: https://docs.house.gov/meetings/JU/JU00/20200603/110768/HHRG-116-JU00-Bio-PrezM-20200603.pdf

Testified:

House Committee on the Judiciary: voting discrimination (2019)
House Committee on the Judiciary: Protecting the Right to Vote During COVID-19 (2020)
US Senate Committee on Rules and Administration: To be members of the Election Assistance Commission (2011)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

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BETH LYNK

Beth Lynk was the Director of the Census Counts Campaign at the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, where she worked to ensure that the 2020 Census was fair and accurate. Lynk collaborated with 110 national and community organizations to secure Census Bureau funding, raise awareness about the importance of an accurate 2020 Census, and mobilize marginalized people to complete the Census. She worked with labor unions, faith-based communities, and a wide spectrum of advocacy groups that advocate for civil rights, immigrants, the LGBTQ community, people with disabilities, and those experiencing poverty and homelessness to ensure that the 2020 Census was inclusive. Lynk was the Associate Director of Federal Communications for Planned Parenthood, and a Digital Strategy Fellow with Rep. Jan Schakowsky. Lynk worked at The Raben Group directing strategies for national nonprofit organizations, foundations, and companies. Lynk has been cited in many news outlets for her 2020 Census expertise, including The Washington Post, The San Francisco Examiner, The Louisiana Weekly, The Austin Chronicle, North Dallas Gazette, The Charleston Chronicle, The Orlando Sentinel, The Richmond Free Press, Enlace Latino NC, USA Inquirer, The Financial Times, The American Prospect, The Intercept, Politico, The Chronicle of Philanthropy, and on Univision, ABC News, CNN, Fox News, CBC, BET, NBC, WUS9, and PBS NewsHour. Lynk earned a B.S. in Human Communication Science from Northwestern University.

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Assistant Director for Communications [Department Of Commerce - Economics And Statistics Administration: Bureau Of The Census]

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Affiliations:

U.S. House of Representatives (Fellow)
Planned Parenthood (Associate Director of Federal Communications)
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights (Census Counts Campaign Director)
Obama 2012 President Campaign (Community Organizing Fellow)
NAACP DC Branch (Climate and Environmental Justice Co-Chair)
The Raben Group (Senior Associate)
Green 2.0: Green Diversity Initiative (Working Group Member)
March on Washington Film Festival (Associate Producer)

Key Publications:

"The Supreme Court and the Eleventh-Hour Citizenship Question: What to Look Out For," Medium (2019)

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Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Senator Cardin's "Get Counted: Preparing our Communities for the #2020Census," Speaker
Federal News Network, "The 2020 Census Spectacular," Interview
WUSA9, "Can these videos get more people to fill out the 2020 census?" Discussing Census Counts Campaign
KQED, "Census Count to End a Month Early Stoking Fears of an Undercount," Guest Speaker
Harvard Institute of Politics and Harvard Votes Challenge, "A Full Census Count Amidst Pandemic," Expert Speaker
Center for Public and Nonprofit Leadership at Georgetown University, "2020 Census Race Counts," Expert Speaker
Common Cause, "2018 Reason, Reform & Redistricting Conference," Speaker
SXSW, "Devastating Impact of a 2020 Census Undercount," Speaker (upcoming)

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JOHN THOMPSON

John Thompson is the President and CEO of the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, where he grew revenue by 50 percent and directed the National Immunization Survey, the largest US telephone survey of its kind. He ensures research integrity and oversees a nationwide staff. Thompson was appointed by President Obama as Director of the Census Bureau, where he oversaw a $1 billion budget, 5,000 headquarter staff, and over 10,000 national field staff. Thompson advocates for collecting reliable data in traditionally underrepresented communities. He made strides to improve the Census' LGBTQ data by including a "same-sex household" option; denounced the Bureau's partnership with ICE and discrimination against immigrant communities; and testified in Congress against truncating Census collection as an unfair undercount of Black, Latinx, and rural households. Thompson worked with the White House, the Office of Management and Budget, and Congress to modernize the Census Bureau. He saved approximately $5 billion and made it easier to complete the Census online. As the Bureau Director, Thompson oversaw over 100 additional surveys and maintained funding for the American Community Survey, a critical data asset to the federal government. Thompson began his career as a mathematical statistician at the Bureau. As a Senior Executive at the Bureau, he was responsible for the 2000 Decennial Census, which was the largest peacetime mobilization undertaken by the US government. Thompson received the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive in 2001 and the Department of Commerce Gold Medal in 2003. He holds a B.S. and M.S. in Mathematics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

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B.S., Mathematics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 1973; M.S., Mathematics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 1975

Affiliations:

U.S. Department of Commerce, (Census Bureau Director)
National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago (President and CEO)
National Academy of Sciences (Elected Member)
Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics (Executive Director)
American Statistical Association (Elected Fellow and Committee Chair)
Georgetown University, Poynter Center (Consultant)
Harvard Shorenstein Center (Consultant)

Key Publications:

"2015 National Content Test: Race and Ethnicity Analysis Report - A New Design for the 21st Century" U.S. Census Bureau (2017)
"Preparing for the 2020: Census Considerations for State Attorneys General," American Constitution Society (2018)
"Census 2000: The Statistical Issues," presented at The Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal (2010)

CV: https://biocomplexity.virginia.edu/system/files/public/staff/cv/Thompson%20CV%2004-16-2019.pdf

Testified:

House Committee on Oversight and Reform, testifying against President Trump's efforts to discount undocumented immigrants in the 2020 Census (2020)
House Committee on Oversight and Reform, testifying on concerns about actions taken to truncate 2020 census data collection that will adversely affect the quality and accuracy of the 2020 census (2020)
Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, testifying on efforts to modernize the 2020 Census (2015)

Speaking Appearance (ex.):

Harvard Ash Center, "Census 2020: Challenges to a Fair and Accurate Count," Speaker
American Planning Association's Burnham Forum, "Smart Cities, Federal Data, and Civic Innovation," Keynote Speaker and Panelist
Georgetown University and the Poynter Institute, "How Do We Know That It's a Good Census?" Lecturer
Consortium of Social Science Associations Annual Meeting, "Colloquium on Social and Behavioral Science and Public Policy: Societal, Technological, and Scientific Changes," Presenter
ABC News, speaking on repercussions of changing the Census deadline