

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Victoria Wachino, M.P.P.

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Vikki Wachino is Associate Director of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, where work addresses the Medicaid program and the financing of health care coverage for low-income people. She has special expertise in how health programs are funded in the federal budget, and has also recently focused much of her work on state budgets and their impact on health care programs and the uninsured.

Prior to joining the Kaiser Family Foundation, Ms. Wachino served as senior advisor to the Director of the White House Office of Management and Budget, and in a previous capacity at OMB served as a program examiner for public health programs. She has also worked on health and welfare programs at the state and local level for the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Ms. Wachino is a graduate of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and of Mount Holyoke College.

The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured provides information and analysis on health care coverage and access for the low-income population, with a special focus on Medicaid's role and coverage of the uninsured. Begun in 1991, the Commission is the largest operating program of the Kaiser Family Foundation. The Commission's work is conducted under the guidance of a bipartisan group of national leaders and experts in health care and public policy.

Jeanne M. Lambrew, Ph.D.

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Jeanne Lambrew is an associate professor at George Washington University where she teaches health policy and a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress. She also conducts policy-relevant research on Medicare, Medicaid, the uninsured, and long-term care. Dr. Lambrew worked on health policy at the White House from 1997 through 2001, as the Program Associate Director for Health at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and as the Senior Health Analyst at the National Economic Council. In these positions, she worked on the creation and implementation of the Children's Health Insurance Program, development of the President's Medicare reform plan and long-term care initiative, and implementation and oversight of Medicaid and disability policies. Prior to serving at the White House, Dr. Lambrew was an assistant professor of public policy at Georgetown University (1996) and a special assistant coordinating Medicaid and state studies at the Department of Health and Human Services (1993 through 1995). Dr. Lambrew has her masters and Ph.D. from the Department of Health Policy, School of

Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and BA from Amherst College.

G. William Hoagland

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G. William Hoagland reports to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, M.D.

Mr. Hoagland acts as a liaison to the leadership of the United States Senate and House of Representatives. He assists in evaluating the fiscal impact of major legislation and helps coordinate budget policy for the Senate leadership.

Prior to coming to the Senate Majority Leader's office in January 2003 he spent 20 years with the Senate Budget Committee. On the Budget Committee he served as its staff director reporting to Senator Pete V. Domenici of New Mexico. Hoagland Participated in major budget legislation including the 1985 Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Budget Deficit Reduction Act, the 1990 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act and the historic 1997 Balanced Budget Agreement. He is versed in macroeconomics, federal budget policy and procedure, agriculture, income security, food and nutrition policy, and researches and writes on the federal budget, income distribution and economic policies.

Recent conference papers and publications include: "Priorities and Budget Challenges in a Nation at War", American Association for Budget and Program Analysis" May 2002; "Financing the Future: Medicare + Choice in the 21st Century", AAHP Medicare & Medicaid Conference, September 2002. Some of his international publications include: "National Indebtedness in the U.S." presented at the International Symposium on National Indebtedness; Berlin, Germany, November 1998; and "Fiscal Policy in U.S. and Japan, Surpluses and Deficits: Real or Different?" Tokyo, Japan, May 1999.

In 1981 he served as the Administrator of the Department of Agriculture's Food Nutrition Service. He also served as Special Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture. He was one of the first employees of the Congressional Budget Office in 1975 working with its first Director, Alice Rivlin. He remained at CBO until 1981. The 1997 *National Journal* listed him as one of "The Washington 100 Decision Makers" and referred to him as a "bottom-liner who is not a hard-liner." He has consistently been ranked by *Roll Call* as one of the "Top 50 Hill Staffers."

Born in Covington, Indiana, Hoagland attended the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and holds degrees in agriculture economics from Purdue University and Pennsylvania State University. He continues to be involved in the small Indiana farm that has been in his family for over a century.

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Larry Levitt is Vice President of the Kaiser Family Foundation and Editor-in-Chief of kaisernetwork.org, the Foundation's online health policy news and information service. He previously served as Director of the Foundation's Changing Health Care Marketplace Project.

Before joining the Foundation, Mr. Levitt was a senior manager with The Lewin Group, where he advised public and private sector clients on health policy and financing issues. He previously served as a Senior Health Policy Advisor to the White House and Department of Health and Human Services, working on the development of President Clinton's Health Security Act and other health policy initiatives. He co-chaired the working group on cost containment in conjunction with the President's Task Force on Health Care reform.

Prior to that, he served as the Special Assistant for Health Policy with California Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi, where he co-authored Commissioner Garamendi's "California Health Care in the 21st Century" proposal. Before joining Insurance Commissioner Garamendi, Mr. Levitt was a medical economist with Kaiser Permanente, where he worked on insurance reform and other public policy issues.

He previously managed new program development for the Massachusetts Department of Medical Security, the agency charged with implementing the universal health care plan in Massachusetts. He was responsible for the design of new health programs under the plan, and for management of the fund used to reimburse hospitals for uncompensated care. He also served as a senior analyst with the Governor's budget office in Massachusetts, where he helped develop that state's universal health care legislation.

He holds a bachelors degree in economics from the University of California at Berkeley, and a masters degree in public policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.