



## PARTICIPANT BIOGRAPHIES

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

#### **PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON**

42<sup>ND</sup> PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

William Jefferson Clinton was the first Democratic president in six decades to be elected twice – first in 1992 and then in 1996. Under his leadership, the country enjoyed the strongest economy in a generation and the longest economic expansion in U.S. history, including the creation of more than 22 million jobs.

After leaving the White House, President Clinton established the William J. Clinton Foundation with the mission to strengthen the capacity of people in the United States and throughout the world to meet the challenges of global interdependence. Today the Foundation has staff and volunteers around the world working to improve lives through several initiatives, including the Clinton Health Access Initiative (formerly the Clinton HIV/AIDS Initiative) which is helping 4 million people living with HIV/AIDS access lifesaving drugs. Other initiatives -- including the Clinton Climate Initiative, the Clinton Development Initiative, and the Clinton Giustra Sustainable Growth Initiative -- are applying a business-oriented approach worldwide to fight climate change and develop sustainable economic growth in Africa and Latin America. As a project of the Foundation, the Clinton Global Initiative brings together global leaders to devise and implement innovative solutions to some of the world's most pressing issues. In the U.S., the Foundation is working to combat the alarming rise in childhood obesity through the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, and is helping individuals and families succeed and small businesses grow.

In addition his Foundation work, President Clinton has joined with former President George H.W. Bush three times – after the 2004 tsunami in South Asia, Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and Hurricane Ike in 2008 – to help raise money for recovery efforts and served as the U.N. Envoy for Tsunami Recovery.

Building on his longstanding commitment to Haiti as President and through his Foundation, President Clinton was named U.N. Special Envoy for Haiti in 2009 to assist the government and the people of Haiti as they “build back better” after a series of hurricanes battered the country in 2008. Following this year’s devastating earthquake, President Clinton dedicated Clinton Foundation resources to help with immediate and long term relief and assistance, and at the request of President Obama, joined with President George W. Bush to establish the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund, which supports highly effective organizations on the ground in long-term rebuilding efforts. Additionally, President Clinton serves as co-chair of the Interim Haiti Recovery Commission with Prime Minister Bellerive.

President Clinton was born on August 19, 1946, in Hope, Arkansas. He and his wife Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton have one daughter, Chelsea, and live in Chappaqua, New York.

## SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS

### DAVID BROOKS

COLUMNIST, *THE NEW YORK TIMES*

David Brooks became an Op-Ed columnist for *The New York Times* in September 2003. He has been a senior editor at *The Weekly Standard*, a contributing editor at *Newsweek* and the *Atlantic Monthly*, and he is currently a commentator on “The Newshour with Jim Lehrer.” He is the author of “Bobos In Paradise: The New Upper Class and How They Got There” and “On Paradise Drive: How We Live Now (And Always Have) in the Future Tense.” In 2011 he came out with his third book, “The Social Animal: The Hidden Sources of Love, Character, and Achievement.”

Mr. Brooks joined *The Weekly Standard* at its inception in September 1995, having worked at *The Wall Street Journal* for the previous nine years. His last post at the Journal was as op-ed editor. He has a distinguished history of contributions to publications including *The New Yorker*, *The Washington Post*, *Forbes*, *The Public Interest*, the *TLS*, *The New Republic* and *Commentary* among others.

Born on August 11, 1961 in Toronto, Canada, Mr. Brooks graduated a bachelor of history from the University of Chicago in 1983.

### STUART BUTLER

DISTINGUISHED FELLOW AND DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR POLICY INNOVATION, THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Stuart Butler, Ph.D., is a distinguished fellow and director of the Center for Policy Innovation, a new division of The Heritage Foundation that is charged with creating breakthrough policy ideas. Before taking the helm of CPI in August 2010, Butler guided Heritage’s domestic policy research for more than 30 years.

Serving most recently as vice president of Heritage’s domestic and economic policy studies, Butler has shaped the debate on critical areas such as health care, Social Security and tax relief.

Butler has a reputation for developing transformative ideas that attract bipartisan support. He was credited as the father of “enterprise zones” and a prime mover behind the welfare reform and school choice movements. By the 1980s, *National Journal*, Washington’s premier magazine of politics and policy, named Butler as “one of 150 individuals outside government who have the greatest influence on decision-making in Washington.”

Butler has been published in leading newspapers, including *The New York Times*, as well as academic journals such as *Journal of the American Medical Association*, *New England Journal of Medicine and Health Affairs* (where he is a member of the editorial board). He has testified before Congress dozens of times and appeared as a guest commentator on all of the major television networks.

In recent years, Butler became a regular speaker on the Fiscal Wake-Up Tour—a group of nonpartisan, ideologically diverse budget realists who traveled the country seeking to build public support for tackling the growing entitlement threat.

Butler joined Heritage in 1979 as a policy analyst specializing in urban issues. He is married with two children, and resides in Washington, D.C.

## **SENATOR SAXBY CHAMBLISS (R-GA)**

VICE CHAIRMAN, SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

On December 2, 2008, Saxby Chambliss was elected to serve a second term in the United States Senate. He was first elected to Congress to represent Georgia's 8th District in 1994.

His efforts in the 112th Congress to find a bipartisan solution to the nation's ballooning debt and deficit have brought him national recognition. Last summer, Chambliss co-founded a bipartisan partnership in the Senate with Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.) that has focused on encouraging serious action on our nation's fiscal situation. They have been working alongside four other senators who served on the bipartisan National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform to craft specific legislation that tackles the deficit and debt in a significant way.

Chambliss earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Georgia and his law degree from the University of Tennessee College of Law. Chambliss and his wife, Julianne, have been married since 1966, and reside in Moultrie, Ga. They have two children and five grandchildren.

## **SENATOR KENT CONRAD (D-ND)**

CHAIRMAN, SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Senator Kent Conrad has dedicated his life to serving the people of North Dakota, starting with his six years as North Dakota's Tax Commissioner before his successful 1986 bid for the U.S. Senate. North Dakotans have sent Senator Conrad to represent them in Washington, D.C. in five successive elections.

His public service to North Dakota and the nation has won him acclaim for his effectiveness and budget acumen. *Time* magazine featured Senator Conrad as one of "America's Ten Best Senators," *The American* magazine ranked him as one of "10 Most Economically Literate Members of Congress," and the *Bismarck Tribune* called Senator Conrad "the most influential senator North Dakota has ever produced." Senator Conrad has bipartisan respect as an expert on federal budget matters and is considered a leading Congressional "deficit hawk." With the Democrats winning the majority in the Senate in November 2006, Senator Conrad is now the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee.

A fifth-generation North Dakotan, Senator Conrad was born in Bismarck.

## **DAVID COTE**

CHAIRMAN AND CEO, HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL

Dave Cote is chairman and CEO of Honeywell, a diversified technology and manufacturing leader. He was elected president and CEO, and a member of Honeywell's Board in February 2002, and named Chairman of the Board on July 1, 2002. Under Cote's leadership, Honeywell has delivered strong performance in sales, earnings per share, segment profit, and cash flow. Today, the company has great positions in good industries globally, with approximately 50 percent of its technologies and products providing energy efficiency benefits.

In 2010, Cote was named by President Barack Obama to serve on the bipartisan National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform. Cote was also recently named co-chair of the U.S.-India CEO Forum by President Obama, and has served on the Forum since July 2005. Cote received the Corporate Social Responsibility Award from the Foreign Policy Association in 2007.

He is a 1976 graduate of the University of New Hampshire, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. In 2001, Cote received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the Graziadio School of Business and Management, Pepperdine.

## **SENATOR MIKE CRAPO (R-ID)**

MEMBER, SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE

As a lifelong Idahoan and third-term U.S. Senator for Idaho, Senator Crapo has learned that a willingness to listen makes for a more effective leader and lawmaker. Before being elected to the United States Senate in 1998, he served three terms as the 2nd District Representative for Idaho in the U.S. House of Representatives. Prior to his service in Congress, he was a partner in the law firm of Holden, Kidwell, Hahn & Crapo.

In 2003, Senator Crapo was selected to serve as a member of the Senate Budget Committee. He also served on the President's National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, which crafted a proposal to shrink our nation's debt by \$4 trillion. This proposal generated strong, bipartisan support, and continues to be the basis for ongoing discussions in Congress to address our fiscal crisis in a meaningful way.

He graduated summa cum laude from Brigham Young University and received his Juris Doctorate cum laude from Harvard Law School. Senator Crapo and his wife Susan have five children and three grandchildren.

## **GOVERNOR MITCH DANIELS**

49<sup>TH</sup> GOVERNOR OF INDIANA; FORMER DIRECTOR THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Mitchell E. Daniels Jr. was elected as the 49th Governor of the State of Indiana in 2004, in his first bid for any elected office. He immediately led the state to its first balanced budget in eight years and, without a tax increase, transformed the \$600 million deficit he inherited into an annual surplus of \$370 million within a year. The governor also reduced the state's overall debt by 40 percent and today, Indiana has a AAA credit rating (the first in state history), the lowest property taxes and the fewest state employees per capita in the U.S.

The governor's most recent successes include sweeping K-12 education reform, including dramatically expanding charter schools, providing parents with more school choice, revising teacher evaluations and expanding full-day kindergarten funding; another structurally balanced budget with a state spending cap in the form of an automatic taxpayer refund and maintains reserves in excess of \$1 billion; broadened public-private partnerships; a reduction in the corporate tax rate; and confirmation of state employee collective bargaining practices into state law.

Governor Daniels came from a successful career in business and government. His work at the Hudson Institute and Eli Lilly and Company taught him the business skills he brought to state government. He also has served as Chief of Staff to Senator Richard Lugar, Senior Advisor to President Ronald Reagan and Director of the Office of Management and Budget under President George W. Bush. He is a Princeton University graduate and received his law degree from Georgetown University. Governor Daniels and his wife Cheri have four daughters: Meagan, Melissa, Meredith and Maggie.

## **TAMARA DRAUT**

VICE PRESIDENT OF POLICY AND PROGRAMS, DEMOS

As Vice President of Policy and Programs, Tamara oversees the development and strategic direction of the organization's core programs and communications, working closely with the President to expand Demos' impact, influence and capacity. Previously, Tamara served for seven years as the Director of the Economic Opportunity Program at Demos. She is the author of *Strapped: Why America's 20- and 30-Somethings Can't Get Ahead* published by Doubleday in 2006. Her research and writing focuses on the growing economic insecurity, rising indebtedness, and declining opportunity that now characterize American society.

Tamara's research has been covered extensively by dozens of newspapers and magazines including the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Newsweek*, *BusinessWeek*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today*. Her writing has appeared in *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *The American Prospect*, *The Boston Globe* and *The Boston Review*. She is a frequent television commentator and has appeared on the Colbert Report, Today Show, ABC World News Tonight, CNN's Lou Dobbs Tonight and Fox News.

## **SENATOR DICK DURBIN (D-IL)**

SENATE MAJORITY WHIP

Senator Dick Durbin, a Democrat from Springfield, is the 47th U.S. Senator from the State of Illinois, the state's senior senator, and the convener of Illinois' bipartisan congressional delegation. Durbin also serves as the Assistant Majority Leader, the second highest-ranking position in the Senate. Also known as the Majority Whip, Senator Durbin has been elected to this leadership post by his Democratic colleagues every two years since 2006. In 2004, he was elected as Minority Whip. Durbin is only the fifth Illinois Senator in history to serve as a Senate leader.

Elected to the U.S. Senate on November 5, in 1996, and re-elected in 2002 and 2008, Durbin fills the seat left vacant by the retirement of his long-time friend and mentor, U.S. Senator Paul Simon. Durbin sits on the Senate Judiciary, Appropriations, Foreign Relations and Rules Committees. He is the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights and the Appropriations Committee's Financial Services and General Government subcommittee.

Senator Durbin makes approximately 50 round trips a year between Washington and Illinois. He is married to Loretta Schaefer Durbin. Their family consists of three children—Christine (deceased), Paul and Jennifer--as well as one grandchild, Alex. They reside in Springfield.

## **MICHAEL ETTLINGER**

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ECONOMIC POLICY, CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS

Michael Ettliger is the Vice President for Economic Policy at American Progress. Prior to joining the Center he spent six years at the Economic Policy Institute directing the Economic Analysis and Research Network. Previously he was tax policy director for Citizens for Tax Justice and the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy for 11 years. He has also served on the staff of the New York State Assembly.

At the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, Ettliger was the principal developer of the ITEP Microsimulation Tax Model. This model uniquely permits detailed revenue and distributional analysis of federal and state personal income tax, consumption, and property taxes. Also at ITEP and Citizens for Tax Justice Ettliger authored many reports on tax and economic issues, frequently testified, was widely published, and was often called upon by the media.

At the Economic Policy Institute, Ettliger focused on regional economic development and state-level economic policy. His work included analysis of state minimum wage laws, the role of government in economic growth, public attitudes toward economic policy, and the relative efficacy of alternative state economic policies.

Ettliger has served on several nonprofit boards, advisory commissions, and study groups.

Ettliger holds degrees from Cornell University and American University.

## **JOHN IRONS**

RESEARCH AND POLICY DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC POLICY INSTITUTE

John Irons joined the Economic Policy Institute in 2007. His areas of research include the U.S. economy and economic policy, with an emphasis on federal tax and budget policy. He previously worked as the Director of Tax and Budget Policy at the Center for American Progress (2004-2007) and as a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Economics at Amherst College (1999-2003). He has also worked for the Brookings Institution (1995) and at the Federal Reserve Board of Governors (1992-1994). His academic publications have appeared in several journals including the *Journal of Monetary Economics*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, and the *Review of Financial Economics*. He is also co-editor of *Testing Exogeneity*, published by Oxford University Press. He has won several awards for his economics Web sites, including top-5 awards from *The Economist* and *Forbes*. He currently serves on the Committee on Electronic Publishing for the American Economic Association, and on the Board of Governors of the National Economists Club. He has earned his bachelor's degree from Swarthmore College and his doctorate in economics from MIT.

**ZACH KOLODIN**

DIRECTOR, THE FUTURE PREPAREDNESS INITIATIVE, ROOSEVELT CAMPUS NETWORK

Zach Kolodin is the Roosevelt Institute's Director of the Future Preparedness Initiative. Zach is responsible for development and management of Think 2040 and Future Preparedness Initiative programming at the state and national levels. He joined Roosevelt after having launched Young People First, a nonprofit organization that develops tools for the progressive youth movement. He was previously Grants Review Associate at the Corporation for National and Community Service, coordinating logistics for the AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America grant review processes. Zach also trained for a year as a Coro Fellow in Public Affairs, and served as a Strategy Consultant for the social venture fund Echoing Green. He is a graduate of Wesleyan University, where he served as Student Body President in 2007.

**MEGAN MCARDLE**

BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS EDITOR, *THE ATLANTIC*

Megan McArdle is the business and economics editor for *The Atlantic*. One of the first major economics bloggers, she worked for *The Economist* in various capacities between 2003 and 2007, where she wrote about economics and oversaw the founding of Free Exchange, the magazine's economic blog. She also maintained her own blog, Asymmetrical Information, which moved to the *Atlantic Monthly* in August 2007. Prior to *The Economist*, Ms. McArdle worked at three start-up companies, a boutique consulting firm, an investment bank, and a disaster recovery firm at Ground Zero.

McArdle was born and raised on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. She holds a bachelor's degree in English literature from the University of Pennsylvania, and an MBA from the University of Chicago.

**JOE MINARIK**

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
DEBT REDUCTION TASK FORCE MEMBER, BIPARTISAN POLICY CENTER

Dr. Joseph Minarik leads CED's policy research projects on issues including economy and the federal budget, globalization, trade, early childhood education, campaign finance reform, and health care.

From 1981 to 1986, Dr. Minarik worked closely with Congressional Democrats, including Senator Bill Bradley, on efforts to reform the federal income tax. Dr. Minarik published *Making Tax Choices* (Urban Institute Press, 1985) and many articles on this issue, testified before the Congress on numerous occasions, served on the faculty of the two retreats of the House Ways & Means Committee, and worked informally with policymakers on the evolution of the legislation.

In 1991-92, Dr. Minarik served as executive director for policy and chief economist of the Budget Committee of the House of Representatives under Chairman Leon E. Panetta. When Chairman Panetta was nominated as Director of the Office of Management and Budget in 1993, Dr. Minarik became OMB's associate director for economic policy. He worked on the formulation and adoption of President Bill Clinton's 1993 economic program. When the Federal budget became a leading issue in 1995-96, Dr. Minarik worked with then-White House Chief of Staff Panetta and new OMB Director Alice M. Rivlin to formulate the Administration's program to eliminate the budget deficit, which evolved into the bipartisan Balanced Budget Act of 1997. From 2001-05 he served as policy director and chief economist for the House Budget Committee. He joined CED in 2005.

Dr. Minarik received three graduate degrees in economics from Yale University, earning his Ph.D. in 1974. He has a B.A. in economics from Georgetown University.

## **REPRESENTATIVE PAUL RYAN (R-WI)**

CHAIRMAN, HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Born and raised in the community of Janesville, Paul Ryan is a fifth-generation Wisconsin native. Currently serving his 7th term as a Member of Congress, Paul works to address the many important issues affecting Wisconsin residents and serve as an effective advocate for the 1st Congressional District.

He is the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, where he works to bring fiscal discipline and accountability to the federal government. He is a senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over tax policy, Social Security, health care and trade laws.

Representative Ryan has put forward a specific plan to tackle our looming fiscal crisis, driven by the explosion of entitlement spending. "The Path to Prosperity" helps spur job creation today, stops spending money the government doesn't have, and lifts the crushing burden of debt. This plan puts the budget on the path to balance and the economy on the path to prosperity.

He earned a degree in economics and political science from Miami University in Ohio. Paul and his wife Janna live in Janesville with their children, daughter Liza and sons Charlie and Sam. The youngest of four children, Paul is the son of Paul Sr. (deceased) and Betty Ryan. He is a member of St. John Vianney's Parish.

## **SENATOR ALAN SIMPSON**

CO-CHAIR, NATIONAL COMMISSION ON FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND REFORM

Following in the footsteps of his father, who served in the Wyoming legislature and later became the state's governor and U.S. senator, Alan K. Simpson was elected in 1964 to the Wyoming House of Representatives, where he served for thirteen years before running successfully for the U. S. Senate in 1978.

Following his reelection by a wide margin in 1984, he was elected by his Republican peers to the position of the assistant majority leader. Simpson retired at the end of his third term and taught as a visiting lecturer at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

In early 2010 President Barack Obama asked Senator Simpson to co-chair with Erskine Bowles the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform. Eleven of the 18 members of the Commission voted to support the final draft report, "The Moment of Truth". Simpson saw the Commission's work as a valuable opportunity to educate the public.

## **GENE SPERLING**

DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL

Gene B. Sperling is Director of the National Economic Council and Assistant to the President for Economic Policy. He was appointed by President Barack Obama on January 7, 2011.

Mr. Sperling served as Counselor to the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury, Timothy F. Geithner starting in 2009. In that role, Mr. Sperling served as a lead policy advisor for Secretary Geithner. Previously, Mr. Sperling served during the Clinton Administration as the Director and Deputy Director of the National Economic Council. In these positions, Mr. Sperling played a lead role in the 1993 Deficit Reduction Act and was a key negotiator for the 1997 bipartisan Balanced Budget Agreement. In addition to his economic work, Mr. Sperling has specialized on education in poor and conflict-affected nations.

Mr. Sperling holds a B.A. from the University of Minnesota and a J.D. from Yale Law School.

**ALAN VIARD**

RESIDENT SCHOLAR, AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE

Alan Viard was a senior economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and an assistant professor of economics at Ohio State University prior to joining AEI. He has also worked for the Treasury Department's Office of Tax Analysis, the White House's Council of Economic Advisers, and the Joint Committee on Taxation of the U.S. Congress. Mr. Viard is a frequent contributor to AEI's Tax Policy Outlook, AEI's On the Margin column in Tax Notes, and AEI's Marginal Impact column in State Tax Notes. He was recently named by Tax Notes as a nominee for 2009 Tax Person of the Year. Mr. Viard is also a member of the board of directors of the National Tax Association.

**SENATOR MARK WARNER (D-VA)**

MEMBER, SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mark Warner was elected to the U.S. Senate in November 2008. As a member of the Senate Budget Committee, he was selected to lead a bipartisan task force that is looking for ways to increase accountability and improve government performance to reduce federal budget deficits.

From 2002 to 2006, Senator Warner served as Governor of Virginia during its worst economic recession in 20 years. He worked in a bipartisan way to make Virginia state government more modern, effective and affordable, and his efforts ultimately turned record deficits into a budget surplus. When Governor Warner left office in 2006, Virginia was nationally recognized as the country's "best-managed state" and the "best state for business."

Mark Warner was born in Indiana and raised in Connecticut. He was the first member of his family to graduate from college, earning an undergraduate degree from The George Washington University and a law degree from Harvard. He co-founded the cellular phone company Nextel and made early investments in hundreds of promising new companies that ultimately created thousands of jobs.

Senator Warner, his wife Lisa, and their three daughters live in Alexandria, Virginia.