

## PARTICIPANT BIOGRAPHIES

### HEATHER BOUSHEY

Executive Director and Chief Economist, Washington Center for Equitable Growth

Heather Boushey is executive director and chief economist at the Washington Center for Equitable Growth and a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress. Her research focuses on economic inequality and public policy, specifically employment, social policy, and family economic well-being. She is the author of *Finding Time: The Economics of Work-Life Conflict* from Harvard University Press.

*The New York Times* has called Boushey one of the “most vibrant voices in the field,” and she testifies often before Congress on economic policy issues. Her research has been published in academic journals; she writes regularly for popular media, including *The New York Times’* Room for Debate, *The Atlantic*, and *Democracy*; and she makes frequent television appearances on Bloomberg, MSNBC, CNBC, and PBS. Boushey previously served as an economist for the Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. Congress, the Center for Economic and Policy Research, and the Economic Policy Institute, and also sits on the Board of Directors of the Opportunity Institute. She received her Ph.D. in economics from the New School for Social Research and her B.A. from Hampshire College.

### SAM CLOVIS

National Co-Chair and Chief Policy Advisor, Donald J. Trump for President, Inc.

Sam Clovis is the national co-chair and chief policy advisor to the Donald J. Trump for President Campaign. He is currently on leave from his position as a professor of economics at a small, private liberal arts college in northwest Iowa. He came to his teaching position in the summer of 2005 from the Homeland Security Institute. He maintained his association with the Institute, serving as a fellow, until 2010. Sam was also the host of *IMPACT with Sam Clovis*, historically one of the most popular radio talk shows in its media market.

Sam holds a bachelor of science degree in political science from the U.S. Air Force Academy, an MBA from Golden Gate University in San Francisco and a doctorate in public administration from the University of Alabama. He is also a graduate of both the Army and Air Force War Colleges and studied national security affairs at Georgetown University. He is a federalism scholar and is an expert on homeland security issues. He is considered an expert in national security and foreign policy, given his education and experiences in those areas. He has regional expertise in Europe, the former Soviet Union, and the Middle East. He has managerial and executive experience in the private, public, and not-for-profit sectors. He has worked for Northrop Grumman and Booz Allen Hamilton, among other companies in the private sector.

After graduating from the Air Force Academy, Dr. Clovis spent 25 years serving in the Air Force where he rose to the rank of colonel. He retired as the inspector general of NORAD and the U.S. Space Command and was a command pilot, gaining combat readiness in the F-106, F-4, and the F-16. He served two

years in the Middle East combat arena as well. He entered the private sector, where he was a successful businessman and has been teaching at various institutions part or full time for the past 20 years.

Sam is active in Republican politics in Iowa, serving as an alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention in 2012; running for the open Senate seat in the Republican primary in 2014, where he finished second to now-Senator Joni Ernst; and as the state's nominee for Treasurer of State that same year. He is considered the Godfather of Conservatism in the state of Iowa and has been one of the most consistent and strongest voices for conservatism in the country.

Sam is married to the former Charlotte Chase of Piketon, Ohio. He is originally from rural central Kansas.

## **CARROLL DOHERTY**

Director of Political Research, Pew Research Center

Carroll Doherty is director of political research at Pew Research Center. He plays a leading role in developing the Center's research agenda and overseeing editorial content about long-term trends in political values, U.S. views on policy issues and priorities, and political knowledge and news interest. Doherty regularly provides analysis of public opinion and politics for domestic and international news outlets, including NPR and the BBC. He also speaks to government, academic, and business groups on these topics. Before joining Pew Research Center in 2000, he was a journalist for many years, covering congressional leadership, politics, and foreign affairs as a senior writer for *Congressional Quarterly* and serving as an off-air investigative reporter for CBS News on foreign affairs. Doherty holds a master's degree from the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University and a bachelor's degree in political science from Loyola University Maryland.

## **SENATOR MICHAEL B. ENZI**

(R-WY) Chairman, U.S. Senate Committee on the Budget

Michael B. Enzi was born February 1, 1944 in Bremerton, Washington. In Wyoming, he started school in Thermopolis, graduated from Sheridan High, started a shoe store in Gillette, was mayor for 8 years, and state legislator for 10 years. He was sworn in as Wyoming's 20<sup>th</sup> U.S. Senator on January 7, 1997. Senator Enzi has made a name on Capitol Hill for his unique way of breaking down party lines and working across the aisle. He has had more than 100 bills signed into law with a signature from each of the last three presidents. Senator Enzi is the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, and a member of the Finance Committee; Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee; Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee; and the Small Business Committee. He had the good fortune to marry Diana (Buckley) in 1969. They are the parents of three and the grandparents of four. The joy of representing Wyoming is topped by few things. Being a grandfather and fly-fishing are two.

## **SENATOR LINDSEY GRAHAM**

(R-SC) U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations and Committee on the Budget

Lindsey Graham has earned a reputation as a conservative problem-solver and one of the strongest proponents of a robust national defense. Graham is also a leader in cutting spending, reforming entitlements, and getting government out of the way so businesses can create jobs.

Graham was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2002 and was re-elected in 2008 and 2014. Prior to serving in the Senate, Graham was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1994. Before being elected to Congress,

Graham compiled a distinguished record in the U.S. Air Force, retiring in June 2015 having served his country in uniform for 33 years. He retired at the rank of colonel.

A native South Carolinian, Graham grew up in a blue collar family in the small town of Central where his parents ran a restaurant and pool hall. The first member of his family to go to college, Graham earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of South Carolina.

## **CHUCK HAGEL**

24<sup>th</sup> U.S. Secretary of Defense

Former U.S. Senator

Chuck Hagel was the 24<sup>th</sup> secretary of defense, serving from February 2013 to February 2015. He is the only Vietnam veteran and the first enlisted combat veteran to serve as secretary of defense. Hagel also served two terms in the U.S. Senate (1997–2009) representing the state of Nebraska.

Some of Hagel's current commitments include serving on the Board of Trustees of RAND; on the advisory boards of Deutsche Bank America and Corsair Capital; as the senior advisor to Gallup and the McCarthy Group; as the distinguished executive in residence at Georgetown University; as the distinguished statesman at the Atlantic Council; and on the Board of Directors of the American Security Project.

Previously, Secretary Hagel served on the boards of the Chevron Corporation and the Zurich Holding Company of America, was a distinguished professor at Georgetown University, co-chairman of the President's Intelligence Advisory Board, chairman of the Atlantic Council, chairman of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Advisory Committee, and co-chairman of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Corporate Council. He served as a member of the Secretary of Defense's Policy Board, Secretary of Energy's Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of Nuclear Power, the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) Board of Directors, and the Systemic Risk Council.

Prior to his election to the U.S. Senate, Hagel was president of McCarthy & Company, an investment banking firm in Omaha, Nebraska. In the mid-1980's, Hagel co-founded VANGUARD Cellular Systems, Inc., a publicly traded corporation. He was president and CEO of the World USO, Private Sector Council (PSC), and chief operating officer of the 1990 Economic Summit of Industrialized Nations (G-7 Summit). Hagel also served as deputy administrator of the Veterans Administration under President Ronald Reagan and deputy commissioner general of the 1982 World's Fair.

He is the author of the book, *America: Our Next Chapter*, and was the subject of a 2006 book by Charlyne Berens entitled *Chuck Hagel: Moving Forward*.

A graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Hagel and his wife, Lilibet, have a daughter (Allyn) and son (Ziller).

## **KEITH HALL**

Director, Congressional Budget Office

Keith Hall became the ninth director of the Congressional Budget Office on April 1, 2015. He has more than 25 years of public service, most recently as the chief economist and director of economics at the International Trade Commission (ITC). Before that, he was a senior research fellow at George Mason University's Mercatus Center, the commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, chief economist for the White House's Council

of Economic Advisers, chief economist for the Department of Commerce, a senior international economist for the ITC, an assistant professor at the University of Arkansas, and an international economist at the Department of Treasury. In those positions, he worked on a wide variety of topics, including labor market analysis and policy, economic conditions and measurement, macroeconomic analysis and forecasting, international economics and policy, and computational partial equilibrium modeling. He earned his Ph.D. and M.S. in economics from Purdue University.

## **DOUGLAS HOLTZ-EAKIN**

President, American Action Forum  
Former Director, Congressional Budget Office

Doug Holtz-Eakin has a distinguished record as an academic, policy adviser, and strategist. Currently he is the president of the American Action Forum and recently was a commissioner on the congressionally chartered Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission. Since 2001, he has served in a variety of important policy positions. In 2001 and 2002, he was chief economist of the President's Council of Economic Advisers. He was the sixth director of the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office from 2003 to 2005. During 2007 and 2008, he was director of domestic and economic policy for the John McCain presidential campaign.

## **DAVID KAMIN**

Economic Policy Advisor to Hillary for America

David Kamin joined NYU School of Law in 2012 as an assistant professor of law. His scholarship focuses on tax and budget policy. Prior to joining NYU Law, Kamin worked in President Obama's administration. Most recently, he served as special assistant to the president for economic policy at the White House. There, Kamin helped coordinate administration policy on federal tax and budget issues as well as other areas including unemployment insurance, infrastructure, and the postal service. Prior to serving as special assistant to the president, Kamin worked as special assistant, and later adviser, to the director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, helping formulate policy for President Obama's first two budgets. Kamin earned a B.A. in economics and political science with highest honors from Swarthmore College in 2002. He earned a JD magna cum laude from NYU Law in 2009.

## **SENATOR JOE MANCHIN**

[D-WV] U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services and Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) was sworn into the U.S. Senate on November 15, 2010 to fill the seat left vacant by the late Senator Robert C. Byrd. For Senator Manchin, serving as West Virginia's senator is truly an honor and a privilege.

He began his tenure as West Virginia's 34<sup>th</sup> governor in January 2005. Then-Governor Manchin approved millions of dollars in tax relief for West Virginia's citizens and businesses, fixed the state's workers' compensation system, established the first comprehensive teacher pay package in more than 15 years, and dramatically decreased the state's debt. In six years, more than \$13 billion in business investments were made, and West Virginia was often cited nationally for its strong fiscal management. During his term as governor, he worked closely with Republicans and Democrats to cut taxes, reduce regulations, attract record investments, create new jobs, and expand vital social services for seniors and the poor, all while leaving the

state with budget surpluses every year.

Senator Manchin currently serves on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee; the Senate Armed Services Committee; the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; and the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs—four critical committees that tackle the important work of addressing our nation's energy needs, standing up for the members of the military, defending our small banks and local credit unions, helping the housing market recover, and keeping our promises to seniors.

## **MICHAEL G. MULLEN, USN (RET.)**

17<sup>th</sup> Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

President, MGM Consulting LLC

Chairman, Coalition for Fiscal and National Security

Considered perhaps one of the most influential chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in history, Admiral Mike Mullen takes a fresh approach to the most important geopolitical issues of the 21<sup>st</sup> century including America's position in the world and how economic health directly impacts our national security. Admiral Mullen believes our "national debt" is our greatest security threat.

Mullen is the kind of broad-minded, intellectually curious leader, who is widely recognized as an "honest broker" as the top military advisor to President George W. Bush and Barack Obama. He brought bold and original thinking to the work of strengthening the U.S. military and advocating for those who serve.

Admiral Mullen oversaw the end of the combat mission in Iraq and the development of a new military strategy for Afghanistan, while promoting international partnerships, new technologies, and new counter-terrorism tactics culminating in the killing of Osama bin Laden.

A 1968 graduate from Annapolis, Mullen sought high-risk positions to develop his leadership skills. He was the chief of naval operations prior to assuming duties as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In an unprecedented in-depth feature article, *FAST COMPANY* called Mullen "not just a new model for military officers—and a new kind of business titan—but also a case study in 21<sup>st</sup>-century leadership."

Since retiring from the Navy, Mullen serves on the boards of General Motors, Sprint, and the Bloomberg Family Foundation, and teaches at the Wilson School at Princeton. He is known for his honesty and candor, and for his efforts on behalf of service members, veterans, and their families. He is renowned for his role in dismantling "don't ask, don't tell" and allowing gay service members to serve openly.

Today he shares with audiences his deep experience in leading change in complex organizations, his assessment of geopolitical relationships and service, diversity implementation, crisis management, economic policy, risk management, and the growing and existential threat of cyber security.

## **SAM NUNN**

Former U.S. Senator

Co-Chairman and CEO, Nuclear Threat Initiative

Sam Nunn is co-chairman and chief executive officer of the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI), a non-profit, non-partisan organization working to reduce the risk of use and prevent the spread of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons. He served as a U.S. Senator from Georgia for 24 years (1972–1996).

Since its founding in 2001, NTI has worked to close the gap between the global threats from nuclear,

biological, and chemical weapons and the global response. By designing and implementing its own projects to directly reduce threats, NTI encourages governments to reduce threats faster, smarter, and on a larger scale, and demonstrates how the non-governmental sector can play an important role on these issues.

In addition to his work with NTI, Senator Nunn has continued his service in the public policy arena as a distinguished professor in the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs at Georgia Tech and as chairman emeritus of the Board of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C. He is a board member of The Coca-Cola Company and is retired from the law firm of King & Spalding.

Raised in the small town of Perry in middle Georgia, he attended Georgia Tech, Emory University, and Emory Law School, where he graduated with honors in 1962. After active duty service in the U.S. Coast Guard, he served six years in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve. He first entered politics as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives in 1968.

During his tenure in the U.S. Senate, Senator Nunn served as chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. He also served on the Intelligence and Small Business Committees. His legislative achievements include the "Nunn-Lugar" Cooperative Threat Reduction Program, which provided assistance for more than 20 years to Russia and the former Soviet republics for securing and destroying their excess nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons, and the Department of Defense Reorganization Act, drafted with the late Senator Barry Goldwater.

He is married to the former Colleen O'Brien and has two children, Michelle and Brian, and three grandchildren.

## **HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADER NANCY PELOSI**

[D-CA]

Nancy Pelosi is the Democratic Leader of the House of Representatives in the 114th Congress. From 2007 to 2011, she served as the first woman Speaker of the House. Leader Pelosi has led House Democrats for more than 12 years and has represented San Francisco, California's 12th District, for 28 years. As the Democratic Leader, Pelosi is fighting for bigger paychecks and better infrastructure for America's middle class families. In 2013, she was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Seneca Falls, the birthplace of the American women's rights movement.

Under Pelosi's leadership, the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress was heralded as "one of the most productive Congresses in history" by congressional scholar Norman Ornstein.

Pelosi brings to her leadership position a distinguished record of legislative accomplishment. Pelosi spearheaded passage of historic health insurance reform legislation in the House which establishes a Patients' Bill of Rights and will provide insurance for tens of millions more Americans while lowering health care costs over the long term. Other accomplishments include the passage of historic investments in college aid, clean energy and innovation, and initiatives to help small businesses and veterans. She has been a powerful voice for civil rights and human rights around the world for decades.

Pelosi comes from a strong family tradition of public service in Baltimore. Married to Paul Pelosi, she is a mother of five and grandmother of nine.

## **JAMES PETHOKOUKIS**

Editor, *AEIdeas* and DeWitt Wallace Fellow, American Enterprise Institute

James Pethokoukis is a columnist and blogger at the American Enterprise Institute, where he is the DeWitt Wallace Fellow. Previously, he was the Washington columnist for *Reuters Breakingviews*, the opinion and commentary wing of Thomson Reuters.

Pethokoukis was the business editor and economics columnist for *U.S. News & World Report* from 1997 to 2008. He currently has a column in *The Week* and has written for many publications, including *The New York Times*, *The Weekly Standard*, *Commentary*, *National Review*, *The Washington Examiner*, *USA Today* and *Investor's Business Daily*. He recently authored "Regulatory and financial reforms to combat cronyism and modernize our economy" for the Conservative Reform Network's *Room to Grow: Conservative Reforms for a Limited Government and a Thriving Middle Class*.

Pethokoukis is an official CNBC contributor. In addition, he has appeared numerous times on MSNBC, Fox News Channel, Fox Business Network, *The McLaughlin Group*, CNN, and *Nightly Business Report* on PBS. A graduate of Northwestern University and the Medill School of Journalism, Pethokoukis is a 2002 *Jeopardy!* champion.

## **ROBERT REISCHAUER**

President Emeritus, Urban Institute  
Former Director, Congressional Budget Office

Robert Reischauer is a distinguished institute fellow and president emeritus of the Urban Institute, which he led from 2000 to 2012. His research interests and expertise focus on the federal budget, health policy, Medicare, Social Security, and income distribution.

Before joining Urban, Reischauer served as the director of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) from 1989 to 1995. He helped Alice Rivlin set up CBO between 1974 and 1981, serving in a number of capacities including deputy director. He was a senior fellow in the Economic Studies Program at the Brookings Institution from 1986 to 1989, and from 1995 to 2000.

Reischauer was one of two public trustees of the Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds from 2010 to 2015. He is a founding member of the National Academy of Social Insurance, which recognized him with the Robert M. Ball Award in 2012. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Science, the Institute of Medicine, and the National Academy of Public Administration. He was a member of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, having served as vice-chair from 2001 to 2009. Reischauer, who serves on the boards of several non-profit organizations, was a member of the Harvard Corporation from 2002 to 2014, serving as the senior fellow from 2010 to 2014.

Reischauer holds an A.B. from Harvard University, as well as an M.A. in international affairs and a Ph.D. in economics from Columbia University.

## **SHELDON WHITEHOUSE**

[D-RI] U.S. Senate Committee on the Budget and Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

Senator Sheldon Whitehouse has served on the Senate Budget Committee since 2007. He also serves on the Judiciary; Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; Environment and Public Works; and Aging Committees. His

work this year includes bipartisan bills to reform the criminal justice system, to strengthen our nation's cybersecurity protections, and to address the opioid abuse epidemic.

A graduate of Yale University and the University of Virginia School of Law, Whitehouse served as United States Attorney and Attorney General of Rhode Island before his election to the Senate in 2006. He and his wife Sandra, a marine biologist and environmental advocate, live in Newport. They have two children.

For the latest updates on Sheldon's work, follow @SenWhitehouse on Twitter and visit [facebook.com/SenatorWhitehouse](https://facebook.com/SenatorWhitehouse).

## MODERATORS

### DANA BASH

Chief Political Correspondent, CNN

Dana Bash is CNN's chief political correspondent based in Washington, D.C., and serves as the network's lead reporter covering the Republican field of 2016 presidential candidates in addition to covering the activities of both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

As the network's chief political correspondent, Bash has played a key role in CNN's 2016 presidential primary debates, serving as a questioner in six of the network's seven primetime primary debates on both sides of the aisle. Bash also serves as a co-anchor on set in the CNN Election Center for all election night specials and is the primary fill-in anchor for Jake Tapper on CNN's premier political show, *State of the Union*.

As part of her coverage of the 2016 presidential campaigns, Bash has conducted sit-down interviews with a majority of the candidates including Donald Trump; Senators Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio, and Bernie Sanders; and Governors Jeb Bush and John Kasich. In addition, Bash secured several extensive interviews with the candidates' families and spouses, including the first interview with Kasich's wife and daughters; Heidi Cruz, exploring her role in her husband's campaign; Governor Scott Walker's two sons before announcing his presidential bid; and Frank Fiorina, husband of the only woman that ran for the Republican nomination.

Bash also continues to be instrumental to the network's Capitol Hill coverage. In 2015, she broke news on live television that House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy would not be running for Speaker of the House and also conducted Speaker John Boehner's final interview on his last day in office. Bash also served as the lead correspondent covering former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's 11-hour testimony before the House Select Committee on Benghazi.

Bash has played a key role in the network's 2014 midterm *Election Night in America* programming; *America's Choice 2012* and Emmy Award-winning election night coverage; the Peabody Award-winning *America Votes 2008* programming; 2006 mid-term election coverage; and the 2004 presidential campaign.

Bash was part of the duo to win the Joan S. Barone Award for excellence in congressional reporting on a STOCK Act loophole and has also earned the prestigious Everett McKinley Dirksen for Distinguished Reporting of Congress Award from the National Press Foundation an unprecedented three times.

Prior to covering Congress and the 2008 campaign, Bash reported as CNN's White House correspondent and served as the Capitol Hill producer for CNN, as well as editor and producer on several of the network's public affairs shows.

Bash graduated cum laude with her bachelor's degree in political communications from The George Washington University.

### JOHN HARWOOD

Chief Washington Correspondent, CNBC  
Political Writer, *The New York Times*

John Harwood is chief Washington correspondent for CNBC and a political writer for *The New York Times*. Harwood was born in Louisville, Kentucky, and grew up in the Maryland suburbs outside of the nation's

capital. He has been around journalism and politics all his life; his first trip on a presidential campaign press plane came when he was 11 years old and accompanied his father, then a political reporter for *The Washington Post*.

While still in high school, he began his journalism career as a copy boy at *The Washington Star*. He studied history and economics at Duke University and graduated magna cum laude in 1978. Harwood subsequently joined *The St. Petersburg Times*, reporting on police, investigative projects, local government, and politics. Later he became state capital correspondent in Tallahassee, Washington correspondent, and political editor. While covering national politics, he also traveled extensively to South Africa, where he covered deepening unrest against the apartheid regime.

In 1989, Harwood was named a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University, where he spent the 1989–90 academic year. In 1991, he joined *The Wall Street Journal* as White House correspondent, covering the administration of George H. W. Bush. Later Harwood reported on Congress. In 1997, he became *The Wall Street Journal's* political editor and chief political correspondent.

While at *The Wall Street Journal*, Harwood wrote the newspaper's Washington Wire political column and oversaw the *Wall Street Journal/NBC News* poll. In March 2006, he joined CNBC as chief Washington correspondent.

In addition to appearing on CNBC, Harwood offers political analysis on PBS's *Washington Week in Review*, among other television and radio programs. Harwood has covered each of the last eight presidential elections.

Follow John Harwood on Twitter at @johnjharwood.

## **MARK HALPERIN**

Managing Editor, *Bloomberg Politics*

Co-Host, MSNBC and Bloomberg's *With All Due Respect*

Mark Halperin, managing editor of *Bloomberg Politics* and host of Bloomberg TV's *With All Due Respect*, has covered every American election since 1988. He is a creator, executive producer, and host of Showtime's political documentary series *The Circus*, produced in cooperation with *Bloomberg Politics*. Halperin also appears on MSNBC as a contributor to *Morning Joe* and in the network's rebroadcast of *With All Due Respect*, and is the most frequent guest in the history of *Charlie Rose*.

Prior to joining Bloomberg in 2014, Halperin served as editor-at-large and senior political analyst for *TIME*, covering politics, elections, and government for the magazine and *TIME.com*. He was also the creator and author of *TIME.com's The Page*, a news and analysis tip sheet reporting on current political stories, campaign ads, TV clips, videos, and campaign reactions from every news source, along with Halperin's own analysis.

He is the co-author of *New York Times* bestsellers *Double Down: Game Change 2012* (2013) and *Game Change: Obama and the Clintons, McCain and Palin, and the Race of a Lifetime* (2010); author of *The Undecided Voter's Guide to the Next President* (2007); and co-author of *The Way to Win: Taking the White House in 2008* (2006).

*Game Change* received wide acclaim and HBO Films adapted the book for a movie which debuted in March 2012 to an impressive 2.1 million viewers, making it one of HBO's most watched original movies ever. The film won five Emmy Awards and three Golden Globes, including outstanding TV movie or miniseries. HBO has also optioned the rights to *Double Down: Game Change 2012*.

Prior to joining *TIME* in April 2007, Halperin worked at ABC News for nearly 20 years, where he covered five presidential elections and served as political director from November 1997 to April 2007. In that role, he was responsible for political reporting and planning for the network's television, radio, and Internet political coverage. He also appeared regularly on ABC News TV and radio as a correspondent and analyst, contributing commentary and reporting during election night coverage, presidential inaugurations, and State of the Union speeches.

At ABC, Halperin reported on every major American political story, including working as a full-time reporter covering the Clinton presidential campaign in 1992 and the Clinton White House. He also covered major non-political stories, such as the O.J. Simpson criminal trial and the Oklahoma City bombing.

Additionally, Halperin founded and edited the online publication *The Note* on abcnews.com, which was characterized as the most influential daily tip sheet in American politics by publications including *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *Vanity Fair*.

Halperin received his B.A. from Harvard University and resides in New York City with Karen Avrich.

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Heilemann joined Bloomberg in May 2014 to help lead the company's political and policy coverage across all platforms—notably with the launch of BloombergPolitics.com and *With All Due Respect*, a daily news analysis program he co-anchors with Mark Halperin. Prior to Bloomberg, Heilemann was for nine years the national affairs editor for *New York* magazine and NYMag.com. At *New York*, he wrote the Power Grid column in print and the Impolitic column online, as well as longer features in the magazine. Before that, Heilemann was a staff writer for *The New Yorker*, *Wired*, and *The Economist*. His first book, *Pride Before the Fall*, about Bill Gates and the Microsoft antitrust trial, was named by *BusinessWeek* as one of the best books of 2001. His writing has also appeared in *Vanity Fair*, *GQ*, *TIME*, *Outside*, *The New Republic*, and *The Washington Monthly*, and has been anthologized in *The Best American Political Writing* and *The Best American Crime Writing*.

With *Game Change*, Heilemann and Halperin published what was widely hailed as the definitive account of the historic 2008 election. The book was a *New York Times* No. 1 bestseller and has been reprinted in eight languages. A movie based on *Game Change* premiered on HBO in 2012 and went on to win five Emmy Awards, three Golden Globes, and a Peabody Award. In *Double Down*, Heilemann and Halperin told the inside story of Barack Obama's reelection over Mitt Romney; that book, too, was a *New York Times* bestseller to which HBO acquired the film rights.

Formerly a political analyst for MSNBC, Heilemann currently appears on *Face The Nation*, *This Week with George Stephanopoulos*, and *Real Time with Bill Maher*. He was the host of *Download*, a four-part documentary on the rise of the World Wide Web that aired on Discovery Channel in 2008. A graduate

of Northwestern University and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, Heilemann was born in Los Angeles and lives in Brooklyn with his wife, Diana Rhoten.

## **NEIL KING JR.**

Global Economics Editor, *The Wall Street Journal*

Mr. King has worked for 17 years in the *Journal's* Washington bureau, where he has covered beats ranging from terrorism and foreign policy to trade and the international oil industry. He served as national political reporter from 2010 until early 2014, when he took over as editor of the *Journal's* economics coverage.

Mr. King first joined Dow Jones in January 1995 as a reporter for *The Wall Street Journal Europe*, based in Prague. In November of that year, he moved to Brussels as chief correspondent of the *European Journal's Central European Economic Review*. In 1996, he became the *European Journal's* chief diplomatic and security correspondent.

Born in Colorado, Mr. King earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Columbia University in New York and a master's degree from the Medill Graduate School of Journalism at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

Follow him on Twitter at @NKingofDC and Google+.

## **RUTH MARCUS**

Columnist, *The Washington Post*

As a reporter, editor, editorial writer, and columnist at *The Washington Post*, Ruth Marcus has developed a keen understanding of the folklores and byways of the national political scene. Marcus writes with the practiced eye of a veteran reporter, the incisive analysis of a lawyer, and the amused affection of someone who loves the political game even as she perceives—and pierces—its artifice.

Marcus has covered every institution in Washington, from the Supreme Court to the White House to Congress; she has reported on every major Washington story of the last two decades, from contested Supreme Court nominations to contested elections, from hard-fought political campaigns to a hard-fought presidential impeachment. She can dissect a Supreme Court opinion; unearth—and explain—a fundraising scandal; and write, always in a down-to-earth manner, about the details of the federal budget or the intricacies of health care reform.

A boots-on-the-ground columnist who likes to report first and opine later, Marcus is happiest out in the field, whether on the campaign trail or at a congressional hearing. Although she leans to the left, she is not captive to any party or orthodoxy. As much as Marcus captures for readers the inner workings of Washington and its money culture, she writes with equal ease about social issues and the real-world concerns of modern parents. She does not shy away from the fact that she is a woman but does not let that define her columns; she brings gender to the table when it is relevant to the discussion.

Marcus joined *The Post* as a staff writer in 1984 and has covered the Justice Department, the Supreme Court, the White House, and national politics, with a particular expertise in campaign finance and lobbying.

Marcus was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and raised in Livingston, New Jersey, where the local passion tended toward shopping rather than politics.

Marcus met her husband in the classic Washington way: She was covering the Supreme Court nomination of Clarence Thomas and he was working for a senator on the Judiciary Committee. They have two daughters.

## **DAVID E. SANGER**

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