

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

LINDA P. FRIED, M.D., M.P.H.

Linda P. Fried is a Professor of Medicine, Epidemiology and Health Policy at the Johns Hopkins University Schools of Medicine and of Public Health. Dr. Fried is a geriatrician and Director of the Johns Hopkins Center on Aging and Health, a multidisciplinary center of excellence for research and education. She also is Vice Chair for Clinical Epidemiology and Health Services Research for the Johns Hopkins Department of Medicine, and serves on a number of strategic planning groups for the University, including the President's Council, and directs the School of Public Health's Steering Committee on Aging.

She leads a research program directed at health promotion and disease and disability prevention in older adults, with approaches ranging from social models to public health and clinical interventions. She has published numerous articles on prevention and health promotion in older adults in leading medical and public health journals. Dr. Fried serves as an advisor for such organizations as the Paul Beeson Faculty Scholars in Aging Research and the Health and Retirement Survey. She is also on the editorial board of a number of journals dedicated to the health of older adults, including the Journal of Gerontology (Medical Sciences), and the American Journal of Medicine.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Rush Medical College, Dr. Fried was honored by a Fellowship in the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine Program and has been named a Kaiser Foundation Scholar in General Internal Medicine and a Fellow in the American Heart Association Council on Epidemiology and Prevention. Dr. Fried also has been the recipient of the 2000 APHA Archstone Award, the Marion Spenser Fay Award for the 2000 Distinguished Woman Physician/Scientist, and the 2000 Herbert R. DeVries Distinguished Research Award of the Council on Aging and Adult Development, among other awards.

CYNTHIA HALL

Cynthia Hall became President of Women's Policy, Inc. (WPI) in January 1999. WPI is a nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy organization that provides legislative analysis and information services on congressional actions affecting women and families. WPI is a special affiliate of The George Washington University.

Prior to her current position, Ms. Hall worked on Capitol Hill for 18 years for four Members of Congress. From 1987-1998, she served as Congresswoman Connie Morella's Legislative Director, with specific responsibilities for women's health, biomedical research, and budget and tax issues. In her work, Ms. Hall focused on HIV/AIDS and other STDs, osteoporosis, and breast cancer. She was the staff liaison to the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues during the 104th Congress, when Congresswoman Morella served as co-chair.

Ms. Hall received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Colgate University.

THE HONORABLE NANCY JOHNSON (R-CT)

Congresswoman Nancy Johnson, serving her tenth term, represents Connecticut's 6th District. She chairs the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health and is the fourth-ranking Republican on the House Ways and Means Committee.

Congresswoman Johnson served as Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues during the 105th Congress. She is recognized for her work on tax issues, championing middle-class tax relief measures and the child care tax credit. A nationally recognized leader in health care reform, Congresswoman Johnson's legislative priorities for the 107th Congress include strengthening Medicare with a prescription drug benefit, expanding coverage for the uninsured, and long-term care affordability.

Before her election to Congress, Congresswoman Johnson served three terms in the Connecticut State Senate. Prior to seeking elective office, she was active in community affairs in New Britain, Connecticut. She is a graduate of Radcliffe College.

PATRICIA NEUMAN, Sc.D.

Patricia Neuman is a Vice President of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and the Director of the foundation's Medicare Policy Project. Dr. Neuman specializes in issues related to Medicare, long-term care, and health coverage for low-income elderly and disabled populations and has published numerous articles on topics related to health coverage and financing for the Medicare population.

Dr. Neuman received a Doctorate of Science degree in health policy and management and a Masters of Science degree in finance and management from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health in Baltimore, Maryland. She holds a faculty appointment in the Johns Hopkins University Department of Health Policy and Management. She received her Bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University.

Before joining the foundation in 1995, Dr. Neuman served for six years on the staff of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health. Between 1982 and 1985, she was on the staff of the Senate Special Committee on Aging working on health and long-term care issues.

Dr. Neuman serves on the Department of Health and Human Services' Advisory Panel on Medicare Education.

ALINA SALGANICOFF, PH.D.

Alina Salganicoff is Vice President and Director of Women's Health Policy for the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. Her work for the foundation focuses on health care coverage and access for women. Dr. Salganicoff has written numerous book chapters, journal articles, and reports on health care access and financing for low-income women and children.

Before directing the foundation's work in women's health policy, Dr. Salganicoff worked on the staff of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured specializing in coverage and access issues facing low-income women and children, Medicaid managed care, and state health reform. She has also worked as a Research Associate at the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health, on the health program staff of the Pew Charitable Trusts, and as a trainer and counselor for CHOICE, a Philadelphia-based, reproductive health care advocacy organization.

Dr. Salganicoff has served as a member of the advisory committee to the Jacobs Institute's project on women's health and managed care and as an advisor to the U.S. Public Health Service's Office on Women's Health, the Health Services and Resources Administration, and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

Dr. Salganicoff completed her undergraduate degree at the Pennsylvania State University and holds a Ph.D. in Health Policy from the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health.

THE HONORABLE LOUISE SLAUGHTER (D-NY)

Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, serving her eighth term, represents New York's 28th District. She is a member of the House Rules Committee and serves as Vice Chair of the Research Committee of the Democratic leadership.

Congresswoman Slaughter, Vice Chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, is recognized for her work on women's health. She has fought for funding increases for women's health research and championed legislation that established a federal education program on DES. Over the past five years, Congresswoman Slaughter has pushed for legislation that would prohibit health insurers from discriminating based on genetic information.

Before her election to Congress, Congresswoman Slaughter served for five years in the New York State Assembly. Congresswoman Slaughter received a Bachelor of Science degree in microbiology and a Master of Science degree in public health from the University of Kentucky.