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SHEILA BURKE

Sheila P. Burke is the Smithsonian's Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Officer. She joined the Smithsonian in 2000 as Undersecretary for American Museums and National Programs. Prior to that, Ms. Burke was executive dean and lecturer in public policy at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass. In her current role as Deputy Secretary, Ms. Burke oversees the financial office, facilities and engineering and information technology, as well as the museums and organizations that reported to her as Undersecretary.

She served as the chief of staff to former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole from 1986 to 1996 and was elected to serve as secretary of the Senate in 1995. Ms. Burke served as deputy chief of staff to the Senate Majority Leader from 1985 to 1986, as deputy staff director of the Senate Committee on Finance from 1982 to 1985, and as a professional staff member of the committee from 1979 to 1982. Early in her career, she worked as a staff nurse (1974) in Berkeley, California.

Ms. Burke is an adjunct faculty member of Georgetown University Public Policy Institute. She serves as an adjunct lecturer at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and is a fellow of the school's Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy. From 1980 to 1981, Ms. Burke was a research assistant at the Center for Health Policy and Management (now the Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy) at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Ms. Burke currently serves as a member of the board of trustees of the University of San Francisco. She is a member of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC); a member of the Institute of Medicine (IOM); chair of the board of trustees at the Kaiser Family Foundation and a member of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured and on the boards of the AcademyHealth and the American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation. She also serves on a number of corporate boards, including the Chubb Corporation and WellPoint Inc.

Ms. Burke earned a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University in 1982 and a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of San Francisco in 1973. In 1999, she was awarded an honorary doctorate in military medicine from the University of the Uniform Health Services.

RACHEL GOLD

Rachel Gold joined the staff of the Guttmacher Institute in 1979 and currently holds the position of Director of Policy Analysis and Washington Office Operations in the Institute's Public Policy Division. Her expertise is on the role of the public and private sectors in financing reproductive health care. Ms. Gold is the author of several reports and articles in the field of reproductive health and recently completed an analysis of the critical role of Medicaid in providing publicly-funded family planning services. Ms. Gold recently served on the Board of Directors of the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association. Ms. Gold earned a Master of Public Affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs of Princeton University in 1979. She received a Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Government from Wesleyan University in 1977.

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JACKIE JUDD

Jackie Judd, an Emmy award-winning journalist, is Vice President and Senior Advisor for Communications at the Kaiser Family Foundation. Ms. Judd is exploring better ways to communicate health policy information, helping to design a new initiative to help educate journalists from around the world about public health issues, including HIV/AIDS and is helping the Foundation and other non-profit organizations utilize the Foundation's broadcast and webcast studio and Barbara Jordan Conference Center in its Washington, DC, building.

Ms. Judd joined ABC News in 1987 and in 1994 was named special assignments correspondent. She provided reports for "World News Tonight with Peter Jennings," "Nightline" and "Good Morning America." She is a former news anchor for National Public Radio's "Morning Edition" and weekend news anchor for "All Things Considered" and a former CBS News Radio correspondent. Her honors include a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship in political history at the University of California at Santa Barbara; several Emmy Awards, an Edward R. Murrow Award, the Joan Barone Award, a duPont Award, a commendation from Women in Radio and Television for a series on women's health issues; an Emmy for "Nightline's" coverage of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait; and an Overseas Press Club Citation of Excellence for her piece on the Czechoslovakian secret police. She received a bachelor's degree from American University in 1974.

ROBIN RUDOWITZ

Robin Rudowitz is a Principal Policy Analyst for the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, a major initiative of the Kaiser Family Foundation. The Commission functions as a policy institute and forum for analyzing health care coverage and access for the low-income population and assessing options for reform. Ms. Rudowitz, who has been with the Commission since August 2004, identifies policy opportunities for the Commission, develops and oversees some of the Commission's research, and develops and writes Commission publications. Her work focuses on Medicaid financing issues.

Prior to coming to the Commission, Ms. Rudowitz was a Senior Manager at The Lewin Group, a health policy and management consulting firm, where she worked on a wide variety of health policy and delivery issues related to safety-net providers, Medicaid payments and the uninsured.

Ms. Rudowitz has also spent time working on budget and health policy issues at the federal, state and local levels of government. From 1999 to 2001 she served as the Medicaid Director in the Office of Legislation at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Prior to that, she worked for the District of Columbia's Chief Financial Officer, overseeing funding for the District's Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and public health programs. She also worked at the Congressional Budget Office preparing estimates for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program through the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and before that for the Ways and Means Committee for the New York State Assembly. Ms. Rudowitz studied at Cornell University, where she earned her undergraduate degree and a Master's in Public Administration.

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ALINA SALGANICOFF

Alina Salganicoff, Ph.D., is Vice President and Director of Women's Health Policy for the Kaiser Family Foundation. Her work focuses on health policy issues of importance to women, with an emphasis on health coverage and access to care for underserved women. She also directs the Foundation's KaiserEDU.org project, an online educational resource on health policy.

Before directing the Foundation's work in women's health policy, Dr. Salganicoff as an Associate Director of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. Dr. Salganicoff has written numerous book chapters, journal articles, and reports on health care access and financing for low-income women and children. She has also served as a member of many different national, state and Federal advisory committees on women's health. Before working at the Kaiser Foundation, she has was a Research Associate at Johns Hopkins University, on the health program staff of the Pew Charitable Trusts, and a trainer and counselor for CHOICE, a Philadelphia-based, reproductive health care advocacy organization.

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

JUDY WAXMAN

Judy Waxman is the Vice President and Director of Health and Reproductive Rights at the National Women's Law Center. She pioneers advocacy, policy and educational strategies to promote the quality and availability of health care, including reproductive choice, for American women. Prior to joining the National Women's Law Center, Ms. Waxman served as Deputy Executive Director at Families USA for over a decade. In that capacity, she worked to achieve high quality, affordable health and long-term care for all Americans and was a leader on grassroots and activities on Medicaid, Medicare and other health care access legislative issues. She previously served as a Professional Staff Member with the Pepper Commission (The United States Bipartisan Commission on Comprehensive Health Care). Ms. Waxman was also an adjunct professor at the Georgetown University Law Center, an attorney for the Department of Health and Human Services and served as President of the Board of Directors of the Women's Medical Center, a nonprofit health clinic. She served on advisory committees for publications of the Alan Guttmacher Institute and the Older Women's League (OWL), and was the Chair of the Health Task Force of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and of the Leadership Conference of Aging Organizations. She holds a law degree from American University and a bachelor's degree from the University of Miami, in Florida.

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JANET WELLS

Janet Wells first joined the staff of the National Citizens' Coalition for Nursing Home Reform in 1986 as director of publications after a 15-year career in civil rights and women's rights advocacy. From 1992 until 2000, she was a long-term care specialist with AARP, where she was leader of the Association's Long Term Care Team; conceived and coordinated national conferences on long-term care as a women's issue and improving the quality of paraprofessional jobs in long term care; and developed research projects and educational and communications programs on long-term care and health care reform issues. In 2000, she returned to NCCNHR as director of public policy to oversee the organization's legislative and regulatory initiatives and special projects to improve the quality of care in nursing homes. In this capacity, she chairs the Campaign for Quality Care, a coalition of national nursing home stakeholder groups that work together on nursing home policy issues. Prior to 1986, she had been director of an advisory council on Social Security reform for the Older Women's League; associate director of the Federal Education Project of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights under Law; and a project director and community organizer with the American Friends Service Committee.

JOY JOHNSON WILSON

Joy Wilson is Federal Affairs Counsel and Health Policy Director at the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). NCSL represents the legislatures of the 50 states, its commonwealths, territories and the District of Columbia. As Federal Affairs Counsel, she assists with overall government relations, administrative, and public affairs activities in the NCSL Washington Office and is responsible for the operation of the Washington Office in the absence of the Director. As Director of Health Policy, she designs and implements the lobbying strategy for the conference on health care issues. Ms. Wilson has been with NCSL since 1978. She took a leave of absence in 1989 to serve on the staff of the U.S. Bipartisan Commission on Comprehensive Health Care, better known as the "Pepper Commission." On the Pepper Commission staff, she was the liaison to groups representing state and local elected officials, organized field hearings and worked on issues related to the impact of health care reform on small business. She was recently appointed to serve as a non-voting member of Medicaid Commission established by Secretary Mike Leavitt of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Ms. Wilson received a Bachelor of Science from Keene State College in New Hampshire and a Master of Regional Planning degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.