

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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RON HASKINS is a guest scholar in the Economic Studies Program at the Brookings Institution, a senior consultant at the Annie E. Casey Foundation in Baltimore, and the Special Advisor to the President for Welfare Policy at the White House. Prior to joining Brookings and Casey, he spent 14 years on the staff of the House Ways and Means Human Resources Subcommittee, first as welfare counsel to the Republican staff, then as the subcommittee's staff director. In 1997, Haskins was selected by the *National Journal* as one of the 100 most influential people in the federal government. From 1981-1985, he was a senior researcher at the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where he was also a research professor. He also taught and lectured on history and education at UNC, Charlotte and developmental psychology at Duke University. Haskins was the editor of the 1996, 1998, and 2000 editions of the *Green Book*, a 1600-page compendium of the nation's social programs published by the House Ways and Means Committee that analyzes domestic policy issues including health care, poverty, and unemployment. Haskins has also co-edited several books, including *The New World of Welfare* (Brookings, 2001) and *Policies for America's Public Schools: Teachers, Equity, and Indicators* (Ablex, 1988), and is a contributor to numerous books and scholarly journals on children's development and social policy issues. He holds a Bachelor's degree in History, a Master's in Education, and a Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology, from UNC, Chapel Hill. Haskins, who was a noncommissioned officer in the United States Marine Corps, lives with his wife and son in Rockville, Maryland.

PAUL OFFNER is a research professor of the Institute for Health Care Research & Policy at Georgetown University. Prior to joining the Institute, he was a commissioner on the Commission on Health Care Finance in the District of Columbia. He also served as the Chief Health & Welfare Counselor for the Senate Finance Committee, overseeing health policy development within the jurisdiction of the committee, including Medicare, Medicaid, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), and child welfare. Additionally during this time, he was a member of the White House Health Care Task Force and Coordinator of Welfare Reform for the Clinton Transition Team. Mr. Offner was also Legislative Assistant to Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Deputy Director for the Ohio Department of Human Services. While at the Ohio Department of Human Services, Mr. Offner was responsible for AFDC, general assistance, and food stamps. Furthermore, he was in charge of child support and Medicaid, overseeing a \$4 billion budget and 1.2 million recipients. Prior to his time as Deputy Director, he served in both Houses of the Wisconsin legislature. As a Wisconsin State Senator, Mr. Offner chaired the Finance Subcommittee on Health and Social Services and authored laws that licensed HMOs and PPOs, established competency testing in public schools, and reformed the state's civil service system. Mr. Offner holds a Ph.D. in economics from Princeton University. He also received an M.P.A. from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton and a B.A., cum laude, from Amherst College.

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DIANE ROWLAND is executive vice president of The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and executive director of The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. She is also an adjunct associate professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health and a Brookdale senior fellow. Dr. Rowland serves on the Board of the Academy for Health Services Research and Health Policy, the Secretary's Task Force on Infant Mortality, and The Commonwealth Fund Task Force on Health Insurance for Working Americans. Her federal health policy experience includes the staff of the Subcommittee on Health and the Environment in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as senior health policy positions in the Department of Health and Human Services in the Office of the Secretary and the Health Care Financing Administration. Dr. Rowland specializes in issues related to health insurance coverage, access to care, and health care financing for low-income, elderly, and disabled populations and has published widely on these subjects. Dr. Rowland holds a bachelor's degree from Wellesley College, a master's in public administration from the University of California-Los Angeles and a doctor of science degree in health policy and management from Johns Hopkins University.

LAURIE RUBINER is the vice president for program and public policy at the National Partnership for Women and Families. She provides leadership direction and manages all initiatives in the National Partnership's three program areas: work and family, workplace fairness, and health care. Rubiner also oversees the management of the communications department and facilitates a coordinated strategy between the program and development agendas. Rubiner has extensive public policy experience. Before joining the National Partnership in February 2000, Rubiner served as a legislative assistant to Senator John H. Chafee from 1990 until his death in October 1999. She was the Senator's senior advisor on issues pertaining to the health and welfare of low-income families and specific women's health issues. A moderate Republican from Rhode Island, Senator Chafee was well known for his leadership in defending a woman's right to choose, expanding access to quality health care for low income women and their children, and the protection of children in the child welfare system. As the Senator's senior advisor, Rubiner was able to make great strides in improving the health and well being of women and families across the country. She has been recognized for her outstanding leadership through awards such as: the Congressional Staff Award from the *National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association*; the Leadership Award from the *National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse*; and the Child Advocacy Award from *Catholic Charities U.S.A.* Rubiner earned her bachelor's degree from Barnard College and her juris doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center.