



PARTICIPANT BIOGRAPHIES

Jo Dee Adelung - Mayor, Nebraska City, Nebraska: Jo Dee Adelung is a native Nebraskan – born and raised in Broken Bow, Nebraska. She was elected to the Nebraska City City Council as Parks Commissioner in 1996 and elected Mayor in 2000, a position to which she was re-elected in 2004. Among her recent honors are the Public Service Excellence Award for Professional Excellence & Dedication by the Nebraska Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration and the Elks Distinguished Citizenship Award. She has two daughters and resides in Nebraska with her husband Perry.

Azizah al-Hibri - Professor of Law, University of Richmond: Azizah Y. Al Hibri is a professor of law at the T. C. Williams School of Law, University of Richmond. She is the founding editor of *Hypatia: a Journal of Feminist Philosophy*, and founder of KARAMAH: MUSLIM WOMEN LAWYERS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. A Fulbright Scholar, Professor al-Hibri has written extensively on issues of Islam and democracy, Muslim women's rights, and human rights in Islam. She has also guest edited a special volume on Islam by the *Journal of Law and Religion*. She has visited thirteen Muslim countries and discussed with their religious, political, and women leaders, as well as their legal scholars, issues of importance to Muslim women.

Robyn Allen - Student, MIT and Co-Director, Vehicle Design Summit: Robyn Allen is a senior at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology pursuing a BS degree in Aerospace Engineering. At MIT, Robyn co-directs a program called the Vehicle Design Summit, an international, student-led initiative aimed at leapfrogging sustainable transportation technologies. Growing up in the San Francisco Bay Area, Robyn drew inspiration from grass-roots activism, local entrepreneurship, and the dot com boom. As she completes her undergraduate studies, she plans to dedicate her career to decreasing the impact of human civilization on the Earth's ecosystem.

Helen Alvarez - Professor of Law, Catholic University of America: Helen M. Alvaré is an Associate Professor at Catholic University of America. Since 1987 she has worked at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, first in the Office of General Counsel and later as the director of information and planning for the bishops' pro-life office. Alvaré has testified on behalf of the bishops before federal congressional committees and lobbied members of Congress on federal legislation concerning abortion, health care and welfare reform. Alvaré previously worked as a staff attorney for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. She received her juris doctorate from Cornell University in 1984 and a master's degree in theology from The Catholic University of America in 1989.

Nancy L. Banov - Advocate for persons with disabilities: Nancy Leopold Banov has been a recognized volunteer advocate for persons with mental disabilities for nearly 40 years. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, she has a Master's degree in Special Education from the College of Charleston. Recently, she was instrumental in having a law passed for the prevention of abuse of vulnerable adults, persons with mental illness and intellectual disabilities, and is currently involved with legislation to prevent such abuse of vulnerable persons nationally. She has worked to establish programs in S.C. for autistic children, beginning in 1970 at which time she founded the S.C. Society for Autistic Children. Nancy is married to Dr. Charles H. Banov, physician, and has four children, one of whom, Pamela, has Rett Syndrome, and six grandchildren.

Nathan D. Baxter - Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania: The Rev. Dr. Nathan D. Baxter is the Bishop of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, a position he has held since 2006. Prior to his appointment as Bishop, Bishop Baxter was for twelve years Dean of the National Cathedral and Chief

Administrative Officer of the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation, a corporation of the Cathedral's eight schools, colleges and auxiliaries. During his ministry as Dean of the National Cathedral he led many national worship events including the internationally televised National Day of Prayer and Remembrance Service at the Cathedral following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Betty Bayé - Editorial Writer and Columnist, The Courier Journal: Betty Winston Baye is an editorial writer, columnist and Hot Spot blog moderator for The Courier-Journal in Louisville, KY. The Brooklyn, NY native earned a master's degree from the Columbia University, Graduate School of Journalism and graduate cum laude with a bachelor's degree in communications and English from Hunter College, City University of New York. In 1990-91, Betty Baye was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University. Betty Baye has two published books; a novel, "The Africans," and "Blackbird," a collection of her Courier-Journal columns and original essays. She's a past vice president of the National Association of Black Journalists and a past president of the Louisville Association of Black Communicators and the Louisville Chapter of Chums Inc.

Heather M. Berberet – Psychologist: Dr. Heather Berberet completed her doctorate in Clinical Psychology at The California School for Professional Psychology and immediately began designing and implementing social service programming for members of the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) community, while also maintaining a small private practice. She eventually shifted gears to direct a mental health program for foster children. After the birth of her daughter last year, she moved into a full-time private practice as a licensed psychologist. She continues to volunteer her time with various social service programming for LGBT youth, including the nation's first supportive housing project for LGBT transitional aged youth which she helped to found and develop. Dr. Berberet resides in San Diego with her toddler and Dr. Delores Jacobs, her partner of 10 years.

Vicky Cintra - Advocate for the immigrant community: Victoria Cintra currently serves as the Organizing Coordinator for the Mississippi Immigrants Rights Alliance in the State of Mississippi. Following Hurricane Katrina's devastation on the Gulf Coast, having been herself a victim/survivor of Katrina's fury, Cintra was on the ground in Mississippi passing out tens of thousands of leaflets in an effort to channel information to the immigrant community and assist them in the complex web of bureaucracy. Victoria has focused mostly on defending the rights of immigrant workers who were brought in for the rebuilding effort along with those of Katrina survivors. Born in Cuba and living in the United States since 1966, Victoria Cintra has been a Civil Rights / Human Rights Advocate and Community Activist since 1974.

David Davenport - Distinguished Professor of Public Policy, Pepperdine University and Research Fellow, Hoover Institution: David Davenport is a distinguished professor of public policy at Pepperdine University and also a research fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. From 1985-2000, he served as President of Pepperdine University, a period of dynamic growth in the University's quality and reputation. Davenport has held several political appointments, most recently as a member of Governor Schwarzenegger's California Performance Review Commission. He co-chairs Common Sense California, which is a bipartisan effort to reengage citizens and bring their common sense solutions to some of the state's most pressing problems. He and his family reside on Pepperdine's Malibu campus.

Janet Guthrie - Indianapolis 500 Driver: Before becoming the first woman ever to compete in the Indianapolis 500 and the Daytona 500, Janet Guthrie had a diversified background. She was a pilot and flight instructor, an aerospace engineer, a technical editor, and a public representative for some of the country's major corporations. Her big break at the top level of the sport came in 1976, when long-time team owner and car builder Rolla Vollstedt invited her to test a car for the Indianapolis 500. That year, she also became the first woman to compete in a NASCAR Winston Cup superspeedway stock car race. In 1977, she became the first woman to qualify for and compete in the Indianapolis 500; she was also first woman and Top Rookie at the Daytona 500 in the same year. She finished ninth in the Indianapolis 500 in 1978. Janet Guthrie's helmet and driver's suit are in the Smithsonian Institution, and she was one of the first athletes named to the Women's Sports Hall of Fame.

Millie Hallow - Special Assistant to the Executive Vice President, The National Rifle Association:

Millie Hallow has been the Special Assistant to the Executive Vice President and CEO of the National Rifle Association, Mr. Wayne LaPierre since 1996. In her role she serves as liaison for a diverse range of special constituencies, she also serves a producer of his nationally syndicated NBC Radio Show. Ms. Hallow has been extensively involved in Public Arts Administration and in Public Education Administration. She served as Deputy Director and Special Consultant for the Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington and was appointed the Executive Director of the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities and the Mayor's Advisor for Cultural Affairs. Mrs. Hallow spent 8 years as an elementary music teacher, and directed an award winning children's chorus. She also served as music director for a number of regionally based musical's including the east coast premier production of the musical, "Metropolis".

Allison R. Hayward - Assistant Professor, George Mason University Law School: Prof. Hayward is an Assistant Professor at George Mason University School of Law specializing in campaign finance, election law, ethics, professional responsibility, and related fields. Prof. Hayward graduated from Stanford University with degrees in political science and economics, and received her law degree from the University of California, Davis. She clerked for Chief Judge Danny J. Boggs of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. She was an associate at Wiley, Rein & Fielding in Washington DC and Of Counsel at Bell, McAndrews & Hiltachk in Sacramento, CA. Before joining the George Mason law faculty, she was Counsel to Federal Election Commission Chairman Bradley A. Smith. Before attending law school, Prof. Hayward served as staff in the California legislature. She is a native Nevadan and was born and raised in Las Vegas. Prof. Hayward lives in McLean, Virginia with her husband and two children.

Yahya Hendi - Secretary General and Founder, Imams for Human Rights and Dialogue: Imam Yahya Hendi is the Muslim chaplain at Georgetown University, the first American University to hire a full-time Muslim chaplain. Imam Hendi is also the Imam of the Islamic Society of Frederick, and is the Muslim Chaplain at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. He serves as a member and the spokesperson of the Islamic Jurisprudence Council of North America and as an adjunct faculty member for John Hopkins University, Office of Professional Development. Mr. Hendi serves on national and international interfaith councils. In May 2002, Imam Hendi was chosen by Hartford Seminary to receive its annual "James Gettemy Significant Ministry Award" for his dedication to his Ministry and for his work to promote peace building between people of different religions. Imam Hendi speaks about three principles that must guide the world: Politics of Justice; Economics of equity and covenant of community.

Joel C. Hunter - Senior Pastor, Northland, A Church Distributed: Dr. Joel C. Hunter is Senior Pastor of Northland, A Church Distributed, recently named one of "America's 50 Most Influential Churches" by Church Growth Today. Since his tenure began in 1985, the church has grown from 200 faithful souls to a congregation of 12,000. Northland is "A Church Distributed," arranging the church around the relationships of the congregation and partner ministries, rather than around a physical church building. Before bringing his family to Northland, Dr. Hunter served as a United Methodist pastor for 15 years in Indiana. He and his wife, Becky, have been partners in the ministry since their marriage in 1972. Cooperation and partnership are hallmarks of Dr. Hunter's ministry. A respected leader in the Evangelical community, he serves on the board of the World Evangelical Alliance (420 million constituents) and the National Association of Evangelicals (30 million members).

Tamar Jacoby - Senior Fellow, Manhattan Institute: Tamar Jacoby, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, writes and comments extensively on immigration and citizenship. In recent years, she has also played a leading role behind the scenes in Washington advancing immigration reform. From 1987 to 1989, she was a senior writer and justice editor for Newsweek. Between 1981 and 1987, she was the deputy editor of The New York Times op-ed page. Before that, she was assistant to the editor of The New York Review of Books. In 2004, she was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve on the National Council on the Humanities, the advisory board of the National Endowment for the Humanities. She is a graduate of Yale University and has taught at Yale, Cooper Union and the New School University.

Ray Kimball - Founding Member, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America: Ray Kimball is a Major in the United States Army with 12 years of active service. He graduated from West Point in 1995, was commissioned as an Army Aviator and has held command and staff positions in multiple armed reconnaissance units. His operational experience includes counterdrug operations on the Mexican border, peacekeeping in the Balkans, and high-intensity combat in Iraq. He holds Master's degrees in History and Russian, East European, and Eurasian Area Studies from Stanford University, as well as the academic rank of Assistant Professor of History, United States Military Academy (USMA). His current assignment is as the Operations Officer, Center for Company-Level Leaders, USMA. He was a founding member of Operation Truth, a grass-roots organization of Global War on Terror veterans that became Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA). Now with 60,000 active members, IAVA continues to put the voice of the service member in the forefront of the current national debates on defense and veterans' issues.

Chuck Larson - Former Iowa State Senator and Author: Chuck was born in Newton, Iowa on April 1, 1968. While attending the University of Iowa as an undergraduate, a law student, and since achieving his law degree, Chuck Larson has been a member of the United States Army. During his 13 years in the service, Chuck attended Airborne and Pathfinder Schools and has recently transferred to the JAG Corp. In 1992, Chuck Larson decided to run for the State Legislature against a two-term incumbent. He won his first election and subsequent ones up to 2000. In January 2001, Chuck was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Republican Party of Iowa. He was re-elected for a second term in January 2003.

Janna Levin - Professor of Physics and Astronomy: Janna Levin is a Professor of Physics and Astronomy at Barnard College of Columbia University. Her scientific research concerns the Early Universe, Chaos, and Black Holes. Her second book – a novel, *A Madman Dreams of Turing Machines*, won the PEN/Bingham Fellowship for Writers and was a runner-up for the PEN/Hemingway award. She is the author of the popular science book, *How the Universe Got Its Spots: diary of a finite time in a finite space*. She holds a BA in Physics and Astronomy from Barnard College of Columbia University with a concentration in Philosophy, and a PhD from MIT in Physics. She was the first scientist-in-residence at the Ruskin School of Fine Art and Drawing at Oxford, with an award from the National Endowment for Science, Technology, and Arts.

Kara Linse - Former President, The Eugene Chargers, IBL: At 21, Kara Linse became the youngest female president of a professional sports franchise. As president of the Eugene Chargers, a professional basketball team in the International Basketball League, Linse was responsible for overseeing game operations, promotions, players, finances, sponsorships, personnel management and public relations. Linse has been recognized by CNN and Sports Illustrated for her accomplishments as a young executive in the sports industry. Prior to managing the Chargers, Linse worked in marketing for the National Basketball League in Sydney, Australia. In December 2006, she received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Oregon with a dual degree in Spanish and Business, focusing on Sports Marketing and Global Management.

Phyllis Lockett - President and CEO, The Renaissance Schools Fund: Phyllis Lockett is currently the President and CEO of The Renaissance Schools Fund (RSF), a public-private partnership that guides the selection, start-up capital investment and accountability for an urban education initiative that will create 100 new schools in underserved communities throughout Chicago. Ms. Lockett is the former Executive Director of the Civic Consulting Alliance (CCA) and has played an instrumental role in some of the largest initiatives for the City of Chicago, Chicago Public Schools and Chicago Housing Authority. She serves as a member of the City Year Chicago Board of Directors, the Irving B. Harris Public Policy School Visiting Committee at the University of Chicago, the Economic Club of Chicago Membership Committee and The Chicago Network. She is currently a Henry Crown Fellow with the Aspen Institute. Ms. Lockett holds a Master of Management degree from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University, with a concentration in Marketing. She also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from Purdue University.

Lisa Madigan - Attorney General, Illinois: Lisa Madigan was elected to her second term as Attorney General on Nov. 7, 2006, earning the largest vote total of any statewide candidate. As the lawyer for the people of Illinois, Madigan has led efforts to restore integrity to gaming, safeguard children from threats over the internet, better protect women and children from sex offenders, and stop the spread of methamphetamine. Before her election as Attorney General, Madigan served in the Illinois Senate and worked as a litigator for a Chicago law firm, a teacher and community advocate, developing after-school programs to help kids stay away from drugs and gangs. Madigan also volunteered as a high school teacher in South Africa during apartheid. Madigan earned her bachelor's degree from Georgetown University and her J.D. from Loyola University Law School. She and her husband, Pat Byrnes, have one daughter.

Bill McDonald - Cattle Rancher / Conservationist: Bill is a fifth generation Arizona rancher who helped found the Malpai Borderlands Group in 1994 to preserve about a million acres of land in southeastern Arizona and western New Mexico. Bill is the first rancher to win a MacArthur grant for being able to bring two groups, conservationists and ranchers, together. The Malpai organization is credited with reintroducing controlled burning to preserve the ecosystem and for starting "grass banking" that allows ranchers fighting drought to graze on their neighbors land. The group is on the forefront of rancher-based land trusts that buy and hold conservation easements to protect ranch land from development.

Leo Melamed - Chairman Emeritus, Chicago Mercantile Exchange and Chairman and CEO, Melamed & Associates: Leo Melamed is recognized as the founder of financial futures markets. During World War II, he and his parents miraculously outwitted the Gestapo and KGB and escaped to the United States from Bialystok, Poland, where he was born. In 1972, as chairman of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Melamed launched currency futures and created the International Monetary Market (IMM)—the first futures market for financial instruments. He is Chairman & CEO of Melamed & Associates, Inc., a global market consulting service, and Co-Chairman of Stevenson, Melamed and Associates. Mr. Melamed along with former Senator Adlai Stevenson are founders of the HuaMei Capital Company (HMCC), a U.S. merchant banking organization in partnership with China Merchants Securities, Ltd. Mr. Melamed has been appointed by Mayor Richard M. Daley to the Board of the Chicago China Development Corporation.

David Moser - Designer, Thos. Moser: David Moser is a designer at his family's furniture company, Thomas Moser. In 1988, following college, David joined the Peace Corps. After living in a small Kenyan village for a year and a half, David came home to Maine heavily influenced by his experience in Africa and with a broader sense of global environmental pressures, as well as a greater understanding of the significance of his family's business in his life. David is a member of the Game Rangers Association of Africa, and founded the African Anti-Poaching Foundation, in support of ongoing wildlife management efforts in Africa. He is a dedicated photographer, and formerly held a pilot's license.

Robert Moses - President and Founder, The Algebra Project: Robert Moses is founder and president of the Algebra Project Inc., and serves as director of the project's curriculum development program, while also teaching weekly algebra courses at Edison High School in Miami, Florida. A MacArthur Foundation Fellow from 1982 to 1987, Moses used his fellowship to work full-time teaching algebra to seventh and eighth graders as a school volunteer in the Open Program of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School in Cambridge, MA. During that period, Moses developed the concept for the Algebra Project and began to carry it out together with concerned parents, teachers, educators and activists founding the Algebra Project in the early 1980s and incorporating in 1991. During his young adult life, Dr. Moses was a pivotal organizer for the civil rights movement as a field secretary for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), and was director of SNCC's Mississippi Project. He also served as Co-Director of the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO), a group that comprised all the major civil rights organizations working in Mississippi at the time. In that capacity, he was recognized as a driving force behind the Mississippi Summer Project of 1964 and in organizing the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP), which challenged the Mississippi regulars at the 1964 Democratic Convention in Atlantic City, NJ.

Gary Nabel - Molecular Virologist and Immunologist: Gary J. Nabel is Director of the Vaccine Research Center in the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at NIH. He is well known as a molecular virologist and immunologist for his work in the fields of HIV, Ebola virus, and cancer research.

Dr. Nabel graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College in 1975, then entered the university's M.D.-Ph.D. program, completing his Ph.D. in 1980 and his M.D. 2 years later. He then served as a postdoctoral fellow in the laboratory of David Baltimore at MIT's Whitehead Institute. In recognition of his expertise at the forefront of virology, immunology, gene therapy, and molecular biology, Dr. Nabel was elected a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in 1998. Among his honors are: the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology-Amgen Scientific Achievement Award, and he serves as a council member for the American Academy for the Advancement of Science.

Craig Newmark - Customer Service Rep and Founder, craigslist: Craig is a customer service rep and founder of craigslist. He's a senior Web-oriented software engineer, with around thirty years of experience (including 17 years at IBM), and has learned a lot about online community and customer service as "customer service rep and founder" for craigslist.org for twelve years. He's compiled extensive experience evangelizing the 'net, leading and building, including efforts at Bank of America and Charles Schwab. He's one of those guys you hear about who grew up wearing a plastic pocket protector, thick black glasses, (taped together), and who expresses his inner nerd via obsessive commitment to customer service to the craigslist community. In 1995, he started craigslist which serves as a non-commercial community service with classifieds and discussion forums. craigslist focuses on helping people with basic needs, starting with housing and jobs, with a pervasive culture of trust. He brings with him all the glamor of George Costanza. Craig's also involved with a number of community efforts, particularly involving mideast peace and new forms of media, involving "participatory journalism" and blogging.

Janis Orłowski - Senior VP and Chief Medical Officer, Washington Hospital Center: Dr. Orłowski is Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer at Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC. Dr. Orłowski has been editor of Disease a Month and currently is an associate editor of Kidney. She has been active in the United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS), which oversees the organ allocation system in the United States and currently chairs the Policy Oversight Committee for UNOS. Dr. Orłowski graduated from the Medical College of Wisconsin with a MD with honors in 1982 and took a residency in Internal Medicine at Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois. After spending an additional year as Chief Resident, she did a fellowship in Nephrology at Rush. She actively practices Nephrology with a specialized interest in transplantation. Dr. Orłowski and her husband, William J. McNulty and their son, Connor M. McNulty maintain homes in Georgetown in Washington DC and Keshena, Wisconsin.

Tina Packer - Founder, Shakespeare & Co.: Tina Packer, Founder and Artistic Director of Shakespeare & Company, is arguably one of the foremost leading experts on Shakespeare, not only in America but in the world. At Shakespeare & Company, Tina has directed over 50 Shakespeare productions. As an actor she has played countless roles, but most recently Tina played Cleopatra in the Company's 2007 season's critically-acclaimed production of *Antony and Cleopatra*. Tina holds honorary doctorates of letters from Emerson College, Trinity College, the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, and Salem State College. Along with lecturing and directing at Columbia, Harvard, M.I.T. and Brandeis, Tina continues to spearhead the international effort to reconstruct a historically accurate 1587 Rose Playhouse, where Shakespeare's plays were first performed, in Lenox, MA.

Michael Ramirez - Senior Editor / Editorial Cartoonist, Investor's Business Daily: Pulitzer Prize winner Michael Ramirez combines an encyclopedic knowledge of the news with a captivating drawing style to create consistently outstanding editorial cartoons. "Editorial cartoons should be smart and substantive, provocative and informative," he says, "They should stir passions and deep emotions." Ramirez says, "Editorial cartoons should be the catalyst for thought and frankly speaking, if you can make politicians think, that is an accomplishment in itself." A regular contributor to USA Today, Michael Ramirez's work is seen world-wide with a distribution of over four hundred and fifty newspapers and magazines through Copley News Service. His work can be seen in such publications as The New York Times, The Washington Post, Time Magazine, and US News and World Report.

Bruce Ramsey - Editorial Columnist, The Seattle Times: Bruce Ramsey, 56, was a longtime business and financial reporter in Seattle and is now an editorial writer and columnist at The Seattle Times. Politically his views are mainly libertarian, and is a regular contributor to the libertarian magazine Liberty. He is married to retired banker Annie Wong, formerly of Hong Kong, and they have one son, Morgan.

Phillip D. Rumrill, Jr.—Director, Center for Disability Studies, Kent State University: Phillip Rumrill is a Professor of Rehabilitation Counseling and Director of the Center for Disability Studies at Kent State University in Ohio. Dr. Rumrill received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Keene State College in New Hampshire and his doctorate from the University of Arkansas. As a person with a significant disability (blindness) and a former Vocational Rehabilitation consumer, Dr. Rumrill has a personal as well as a professional interest in issues facing people with disabilities in all aspects of society. Accordingly, his teaching, research, program development, administrative, and clinical activities are imbued with the ideals of inclusion, equality of opportunity, and consumer choice that have brought him success in his own career.

Reihan Salam - Associate Editor, The Atlantic: Reihan Salam is an associate editor at The Atlantic Monthly. He's also worked as a producer for NBC News, an editorial researcher and junior editor at The New York Times, a national security research associate at the Council on Foreign Relations, and a reporter-researcher for The New Republic.

Danelle Smith - Attorney, Fredericks Peebles & Morgan, LLP: Danelle Smith is an attorney practicing primarily in Indian law with the law firm of Fredericks & Peebles, LLP. She currently serves as General Counsel to the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and to Ho-Chunk, Inc., the Tribe's economic development corporation. Danelle is active in her community, serving on the Boards of Directors for the Nebraska Justice Center, Legal Aid of Nebraska, and the Ho-Chunk Community Development Corporation. She is a member of the Winnebago Tribe and has lived on the Winnebago Indian Reservation in northeast Nebraska for most of her life. She is also the mother of three sons, ages 16, 13 and 10.

Barbara Brown Taylor - Butman Professor of Religion, Piedmont College: An Episcopal priest since 1984, Taylor now teaches religion at Piedmont College in rural northeast Georgia, where she holds the Harry R. Butman Chair in Religion and Philosophy. Before becoming a full time teacher, Taylor spent fifteen years in parish ministry, first at All Saints Church in Atlanta and then at Grace-Calvary Church in Clarkesville, Georgia. In recent years, she has lectured on preaching at Yale, Princeton and Duke Universities, and has preached at churches across the country. In *Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith*, Georgia Author of the Year Barbara Brown Taylor tells the story of her decision to leave full time parish ministry after fifteen years.

Susan Tully - National Field Director, Federation for American Immigration Reform: Susan Tully is the National Field Director for Federation for American Immigration Reform. She is responsible for the FAIR Field Program and following states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont and Wisconsin. She was a Republican Congressional Candidate in 2000 for Wisconsin's 3rd District, the Southern California Immigration Coordinator for the Coalition of Government Officials and the President of Citizens Committee on Immigration Policy.

Sherry Turkle - Professor, MIT: Sherry Turkle is Abby Rockefeller Mauzé Professor of the Social Studies of Science and Technology in the Program in Science, Technology, and Society at MIT and the founder and director of the MIT Initiative on Technology and Self. Professor Turkle received a joint doctorate in sociology and personality psychology from Harvard University and is a licensed clinical psychologist. Professor Turkle has written numerous articles on psychoanalysis and culture and on the "subjective side" of people's relationships with technology, especially computers. She is engaged in active study of robots, digital pets, and simulated creatures, particularly those designed for children and the elderly as well as in a study of mobile cellular technologies. She is a featured media commentator on the effects of technology for CNN, NBC, ABC, and NPR, including appearances on such programs as *Nightline* and *20/20*.

Vishal Vasishth - Founder and CEO, Clean Partners: Vishal is currently Founder and CEO of Clean Partners and a strategic advisor to Revolution Living. Prior to this, Vishal was chief strategy officer for Patagonia, Inc. In his time at Patagonia, sales doubled while consistently being ranked as one of the best places to work in the U.S. Vishal has worked as a consultant for Investor's Circle-an angel investor forum targeted towards the health and wellness/clean-tech space. He has developed a business plan to promote organic food in India for the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology. He serves on the board of directors for Coalition of Clean Air and is a Henry Crown fellow of the Aspen Institute. He and his family make their home in Ventura, CA.

Robert S. Walker - Chairman, Wexler and Walker Public Policy Associates: Robert S. Walker is Chairman of Wexler and Walker Public Policy Associates and is recognized as one of Washington's leading political strategists. Congressman Walker retired from the U.S. House of Representatives after serving Pennsylvania's 16th District for twenty years. During that service he became Chairman of the Science Committee, Chief Deputy Republican Whip, Chairman of the Republican leadership and Speaker Pro Tempore. In 2004, Walker was presented NASA's Distinguished Public Service Medal. He continues his involvement in technology policy as a board member of the Zero G Corporation, SpaceDev, and as Chairman of the Space Foundation. From 1997-2005 he served on the board of the Aerospace Corporation. Prior to his election to Congress in 1976, Walker was a high school teacher and a congressional aide. He holds a B.S. in Education from Millersville University in Pennsylvania, an M.A. in Political Science from the University of Delaware, and an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Franklin and Marshall College.

Alonzo Washington - Activist and Comic Book Publisher: Alonzo Washington is an activist and comic book publisher. In 1992, he created an innovative group of super heroes designed to address social issues & promote positive imagery of African Americans. The Ebony warriors of the Omega 7 Inc. universe have addressed subject matter such as gang violence, drug abuse, school shootings, missing children and diabetes management. His role as an urban community advocate has led to him combat police brutality, racial profiling, discrimination, economic injustice and various other social ills. By using comic books, trading cards, fliers, T-shirts, billboards, web sites, internet videos & anti-crime rallies Alonzo Washington has been able to solve 3 homicides cases, 3 violent shootings, recover 3 missing children & increase tips to law enforcement.

Ed Whelan - President, Ethics and Public Policy Center: Ed Whelan is President of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, a Washington, D.C.-based research institute. His areas of expertise include constitutional law and the judicial confirmation process. From just before the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, until joining EPPC in 2004, Mr. Whelan was the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel in the U.S. Department of Justice. Mr. Whelan previously served on Capitol Hill as General Counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary. He also was a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and to Judge J. Clifford Wallace of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Mr. Whelan is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School. He lives with his wife Deborah and their children in Arlington, Virginia.

Jay Williams - Mayor, City of Youngstown, OH: Jay Williams is serving as the 47th Mayor of the City of Youngstown, Ohio. He is the first African-American to be elected Mayor of Youngstown, and having been elected at 34 years of age, he is its youngest. Williams is also the first independent candidate to win the Mayoral seat in more than eighty (80) years. Williams is leading efforts that have a direct impact on improving the quality of life for the citizens of Youngstown. Under his leadership, neighborhoods are being revitalized, aggressive policies are targeting crime, and the City is advancing regional economic initiatives intended to stabilize and strengthen the local economic base. Prior to being elected Mayor, Williams spent five years as the Director of Community Development for the City. He graduated from Youngstown State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, majoring in Finance. He and his wife, Sonja, enjoy engaging in various social and community activities.

Leonard Wong - US Army War College: Leonard Wong holds the General Matthew B. Ridgway chair and is a research professor at the U.S. Army War College. His research focuses on the human and organizational dimensions of the military and includes topics such as combat motivation, the military profession, and leadership development. His recent research has led him to locations such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo, Bosnia, and Vietnam for interviews and data collection. He is a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel whose career has included teaching leadership at West Point and serving as an analyst in the Pentagon. He is a Professional Engineer and holds a B.S. from the U.S. Military Academy and an M.S. and Ph.D. in Business Administration from Texas Tech University.

Robert Yung - Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, PMC-Sierra: Dr. Yung is the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) at PMC-Sierra. Prior to joining PMC-Sierra Dr. Yung was a Founding Partner of GSR Ventures, an early-stage private equity technology fund focusing on semiconductor design, wireless and Internet services in China and the USA. Previously, Dr. Yung held various CTO positions within Intel Corporation, including Chief Technology Officer, Enterprise Processors and Chief Technology Officer for the Communications Products Group. Prior to joining Intel, Dr. Yung was the Chief Technology Officer for Sun Microsystems in Asia. In 2002, Dr. Yung was named to the National Committee of US-China Relation's Fellow during the inaugural Young Leader Forum. In the same year, Dr. Yung was appointed to the Executive Board and is a Founder of the World Economic Forum New Asian Leaders Program. In 2000, Dr. Yung was named to the World Economic Forum's "Top 100 Global Leaders for Tomorrow" in Davos, Switzerland.