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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Donna E. Shalala, Ph.D., FAAN is Professor of Political Science and President of the University of Miami. She served as chair of the Institute of Medicine’s Committee on the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Initiative on the Future of Nursing. President Shalala has more than 30 years of experience as an accomplished scholar, teacher, and administrator.

President Shalala earned her A.B. degree in history from Western College for Women, and her Ph.D. from The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. One of the country’s first Peace Corps Volunteers, she served in Iran from 1962 to 1964.

She has held tenured professorships at Columbia University, the City University of New York (CUNY), and the University of Wisconsin - Madison. She served as President of Hunter College of the City University of New York from 1980 to 1987 and as Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 1987 to 1993.

In 1993 President Clinton appointed her U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) where she served for eight years, becoming the longest serving HHS Secretary in U.S. history. At the end of her tenure as HHS Secretary, The Washington Post described her as “one of the most successful government managers of modern times.” She served in the Carter administration from 1977-80 as Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In 2007, President George W. Bush handpicked Shalala to co-chair with Senator Bob Dole the Commission on Care for Returning Wounded Warriors, to evaluate how wounded service members transition from active duty to civilian society.

She has been elected to numerous honorary academies, including the Council on Foreign Relations; National Academy of Education; the National Academy of Public Administration; the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; and the Institute of Medicine.
Carmen Alvarez, Ph.D., R.N., NP-C, CNM is currently a post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Health Policy at The George Washington University, in addition to her role as a nurse practitioner with the Fairfax County Community Health Care Network in Virginia. As a former Fuld Fellow, she has conducted her clinical practice and research focusing on underserved populations. She is specialized in reproductive health and chronic disease management in urban community health centers, where she is dedicated to serving the uninsured and underinsured. Her research thus far has focused on sexual risk behaviors among adolescent and young adult Latinos. She completed her undergraduate work at Iowa State University in Nutritional Science and completed a Master of Science in Nursing at the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing at Emory University. Dr. Alvarez obtained her Ph.D. in Nursing from University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Linda Burnes Bolton, Dr.P.H., R.N., FAAN is Vice President for Nursing, Chief Nursing Officer, and Director of Nursing Research at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. She served as vice chair of the Institute of Medicine’s Committee on the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Initiative on the Future of Nursing. Her research, teaching, and clinical expertise includes: nursing and patient care outcomes, improving organization performance, quality care and cultural diversity within the health professions. She is co-investigator of the regional Collaborative Alliance for Nursing Outcomes research team.

Dr. Burnes Bolton is a past president of the American Academy of Nursing and the National Black Nurses Association. She has provided leadership for several state and national programs, including service as chair of the National Advisory Committee for Transforming Care at the Bedside and the Veteran Affairs Commission on Nursing. Dr. Burnes Bolton is a trustee at Case Western Reserve University and a board member of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She serves on the American Organization of Nurse Executive board of directors and will assume the role of president elect in 2014. She was named one of the top 25 women in health care in 2011 by Modern Healthcare magazine. Dr. Burnes Bolton received her bachelor of science in nursing from Arizona State University, masters in nursing, master of public health, and doctorate in public health from UCLA.
Susan Hassmiller, Ph.D., R.N., FAAN is Senior Adviser for Nursing at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. In this role, she shapes and leads the Foundation’s strategies to address nurse and nurse faculty shortages in an effort to create a higher quality of patient care in the United States. She also serves as Co-Director of the Future of Nursing Scholars program. In partnership with AARP, Dr. Hassmiller directs the Foundation’s Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action, which seeks to increase access to high-quality, patient-centered care in a health care system where nurses contribute as essential partners in achieving success. This 50-state and District of Columbia effort strives to implement the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine’s report on the Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health. Dr. Hassmiller served as the report’s study director.

Previously, she was a member of the National Board of Governors for the American Red Cross, serving as chair of the Disaster and Chapter Services Committee. She is now a member of the national nursing committee, and is the Board Chair for the Central New Jersey Red Cross. Dr. Hassmiller served with the Health Resources and Services Administration as executive director of the US Public Health Service Primary Care Policy Fellowship, and taught public health nursing at the University of Nebraska and George Mason University in Virginia.

Dr. Hassmiller is a member of the Institute of Medicine, a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, a member of the Joint Commission’s National Nurse Advisory Council, the Health Resources and Services Administration National Advisory Committee for Nurse Education and Practice, and the CMS National Nurse Steering Committee. Among the many awards she has received is the Florence Nightingale Medal, the highest international honor given to a nurse by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Darrell G. Kirch, M.D. is president and CEO of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), which represents the nation's medical schools, teaching hospitals, and academic societies. A distinguished physician, educator, and medical scientist, Dr. Kirch speaks and publishes widely on the need for transformation in the nation’s health care system and how academic medicine can lead that change across medical education, medical research, and patient care. Prior to becoming AAMC president in 2006, Dr. Kirch served as the dean and academic health system leader of two institutions, the Medical College of Georgia and the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. He has co-chaired the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the accrediting body for U.S. medical
schools, and now serves as chair of the Washington Higher Education Secretariat and the Department of Veterans Affairs Special Medical Advisory Group. Dr. Kirch also is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies.

A psychiatrist and clinical neuroscientist by training, Dr. Kirch began his career at the National Institute of Mental Health, becoming the acting scientific director in 1993 and receiving the Outstanding Service Medal of the United States Public Health Service. A native of Denver, he earned his B.A. and M.D. degrees from the University of Colorado.

David Vlahov, Ph.D., R.N., FAAN is Dean and Professor at the University of California, San Francisco School of Nursing. He previously served as professor of epidemiology at Johns Hopkins University and Columbia University and held adjunct positions at the New York University (NYU) College of Nursing and at the medical schools of Cornell, Mount Sinai, and NYU. He has also served as co-Director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholars program. Dr. Vlahov’s research interests are in epidemiology, infectious diseases, substance abuse, and mental health. He has conducted studies of urban populations in Baltimore for over 20 years and has led epidemiologic studies in Harlem and the Bronx, which have contributed much information on racial/ethnic disparities in health and approaches to address such disparities. Dr. Vlahov initiated the International Society for Urban Health, serving as its first President, and also served on the New York City Board of Health. Dr. Vlahov is the editor-in-chief of the Journal of Urban Health, has edited three books on urban health and published over 610 scholarly papers. In 2011 Dr. Vlahov was both elected to the Institute of Medicine and inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. In 2012 he was invited by the National Department of Health and Human Services to serve on the National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice. In early 2013 he was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. He received his baccalaureate in history from Earlham College, his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in nursing from the University of Maryland, and his doctorate in epidemiology from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.
Harvey V. Fineberg, M.D., Ph.D. is President of the Institute of Medicine. He served as Provost of Harvard University from 1997 to 2001, following thirteen years as Dean of the Harvard School of Public Health. He has devoted most of his academic career to the fields of health policy and medical decision making. His past research has focused on the process of policy development and implementation, assessment of medical technology, evaluation and use of vaccines, and dissemination of medical innovations. Dr. Fineberg helped found and served as president of the Society for Medical Decision Making and also served as consultant to the World Health Organization. At the Institute of Medicine, he has chaired and served on a number of panels dealing with health policy issues, ranging from AIDS to new medical technology. He also served as a member of the Public Health Council of Massachusetts (1976-1979), as chairman of the Health Care Technology Study Section of the National Center for Health Services Research (1982-1985), and as president of the Association of Schools of Public Health (1995-1996). Dr. Fineberg is co-author of the books *Clinical Decision Analysis*, *Innovators in Physician Education*, and *The Swine Flu Affair*, an analysis of the controversial federal immunization program against swine flu in 1976. He has co-edited several books on such diverse topics as AIDS prevention, vaccine safety, and understanding risk in society. He has also authored numerous articles published in professional journals. Dr. Fineberg is the recipient of several honorary degrees and the Joseph W. Mountin Prize from the US Centers for Disease Control. He earned his bachelor's and doctoral degrees from Harvard University.