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Speaker Biographies

John Bouman, JD

President, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law

John Bouman was named President of the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law effective January 1, 2007. He also remains the Shriver Center's Director of Advocacy, his position since 1996. He joined the Shriver Center in May 1996 after twenty-one years at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago, where he supervised public benefits advocacy from 1985. Bouman also worked in several Chicago neighborhoods and held a position as a specialist in the Foundation's Elderly Law Project. Bouman has won numerous awards for his career and accomplishments in antipoverty legal and advocacy work. He is recognized for being one of the most effective and thoughtful public benefits advocates in the country. He is credited by many legislators, administrators, providers, and other advocates for his leadership in the design and implementation of Illinois's new welfare law in 1997. Recently Bouman led the successful statewide effort to create the FamilyCare program to provide health insurance to up to 300,000 working poor parents of minor children. In November 2002 Bouman was named to Governor-elect Rod Blagojevich's key transition team committee focusing on the state's budget crisis. He is lead counsel in *Memisovski v. Maram*, a successful case establishing substantial reforms in children's health care in Illinois. Bouman is a founding and current member of the steering committee of the National Transitional Jobs Network. He is a frequent lecturer and trainer on a variety of social policy, advocacy, and lawyering subjects. Bouman is a 1975 graduate of Valparaiso University School of Law and member of the Chicago Council of Lawyers and the Chicago Bar Association.

Karen Davenport, MPA

Director of Health Policy, Center for American Progress

Karen Davenport is Director of Health Policy at the Center for American Progress (CAP). Before joining CAP, she served as Washington Director for the Medicare Rights Center, coordinating the organization's national policy activities, partnership development and fundraising activities. As a Senior Program Officer at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, she developed and managed national programs dedicated to increasing health insurance coverage – including Covering Kids and Families and Covering America:

Real Remedies for the Uninsured – and improving long-term care financing and services for frail elders and people with disabilities. As a Legislative Assistant to Senator Bob Kerrey, she was responsible for staffing the Senator's work on Medicare, Medicaid, public health, welfare and social issues. Her earlier federal experience includes serving as a specialist in Medicaid legislation for the Health Care Financing Administration (now the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) and serving on the White House Health Care Reform Task Force. Before entering public service, she worked at the Henry M. Jackson Foundation in Seattle. Davenport earned an MPA from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University and a BA in political science from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington.

Peter Edelman, JD

Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center

Peter Edelman had a distinguished career in all three branches of government before joining the Law Center in 1982. He served as a law clerk for Judge Henry Friendly of the Second Circuit and Justice Arthur Goldberg of the U.S. Supreme Court. He was special assistant to Attorney General John Douglas at the Department of Justice and legislative assistant to Senator Robert Kennedy. In addition, he served as Vice President of the University of Massachusetts, director of the New York State Division for Youth, and was a partner with the D.C. firm of Foley & Lardner. He was the J. Skelly Wright Memorial Fellow at the Yale Law School during the spring of 1991. Edelman has also been highly involved as a leader in community and national organizations; he has been Chairman of the Board of the Center for Community Change and co-chair of Americans for Peace Now, and was a board member of Common Cause and of the University of the District of Columbia. He is currently Board President of the New Israel Fund and also serves on the boards of the Public Welfare Foundation, the National Center for Youth Law, the Juvenile Law Center, and the Center for Law and Social Policy, among others. He teaches Constitutional Law, Social Welfare Law, and Public Interest Lawyering at the Law Center. He served as Director of the Federal Legislation Clinic in the spring of 2000, and in the spring of 2001, and founded a new District of Columbia Division of that clinic in the fall of 2001, to work on local issues affecting low-income people. From 1993 until spring 1997, he was on leave from the Law Center, serving first as Counselor to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and then as Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation in the same Department.

Howard Koh, MD, MPH

Professor, Associate Dean/Director, Division of Public Health Practice, Harvard School of Public Health

Howard K. Koh is the Harvey V. Fineberg Professor of the Practice of Public Health, Associate Dean for Public Health Practice, and Director of the Division of Public Health Practice at the Harvard School of Public Health. He also serves as Director of the Harvard School of Public Health Center for Public Health Preparedness. Koh received his M.D. from Yale University and M.P.H. from Boston University School of Public Health. From 1997 through 2003, Koh served as Commissioner of Public Health for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, appointed by Governor William Weld. An accomplished physician, advocate, scholar, and healer, Koh has been recognized for his interdisciplinary leadership in public health. He has published more than 200 articles in the medical literature and is nationally known in the areas of cancer prevention, tobacco control, Asian-American health issues, and skin oncology (melanoma and cutaneous lymphoma). In addition, he has served as Principal Investigator on numerous medical research grants funded by the National Cancer Institute and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and was elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies. Koh has received the Drs. Jack E. White/LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr., Cancer Prevention Award from the American Association for Cancer Research and the Intercultural Cancer Council, as well as the national Distinguished Service Award from the American Cancer Society. In 2000, President Bill Clinton appointed Koh to a term on the National Cancer Advisory Board.

Robert S. Lawrence, MD

Director, Center for a Livable Future, Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Robert S. Lawrence is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Medical School. He served for three years as an epidemic intelligence service officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Lawrence is a Master of the American College of Physicians and a Fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine, a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, the Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine, the American Public Health Association, and Physicians for Human Rights. From 1970 to 1974, he was a member of the faculty of medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. From 1984 to 1989, Lawrence chaired the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force of the Department of Health and Human Services and served on the successor Preventive Services Task Force from 1990 to 1995. He currently serves as a consultant to the Task Force on Community Preventive Services at the CDC. From 1991 to 1995, he was the director of health sciences at the Rockefeller Foundation. In 1996 Lawrence became the founding director of the Center for a Livable Future at the School of Public Health. The Center is an inter-disciplinary group of faculty and staff that focuses attention on equity, health, and the Earth's resources.

Ellen Lawton, JD

Executive Director, Medical-Legal Partnership for Children, Boston Medical Center

Ellen Lawton, is Executive Director of the Medical-Legal Partnership for Children at Boston Medical Center. She has served as MLPC's Executive Director since 2001; prior to that, she was a staff attorney responsible for a federally funded Welfare-to-Work advocacy project at BMC. Lawton has expertise in poverty law generally, and in the area of family law and interpersonal violence. Lawton is nationally recognized for her leadership in developing the medical-legal partnership model, and has published an array of articles describing this work in both clinical and legal journals. She was a 2004 Harvard Law School Wasserstein Fellow. Lawton is a 1993 graduate of Northeastern University School of Law. Prior to her work at BMC, she clerked for the Honorable Frederick L. Brown of the Massachusetts Appeals Court and then served as Staff Attorney for the Massachusetts Department of Social Services.

Landis MacKellar, PhD

Project Leader, Health and Global Change, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis

Landis MacKellar is an economist specializing in economic demography. His research has covered population and development, population and the environment and, most recently, the economics of population aging. Since 2006, he has been leader of IIASA's Health and Global Change Project. MacKellar holds M.A. and Ph.D degrees from the University of Pennsylvania as well as an M.Sc from the School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London. Prior to joining IIASA in 1994, he worked for the International Labour Organization in Geneva and Africa and was Assistant Professor of Economics at Queens College of the City University of New York and an economist at Wharton Econometric Forecasting Associates.

William McGreevey, PhD

Assoc. Professor, Dept. of Int'l Health, School of Nursing and Health Studies, Georgetown University

William McGreevey is an Associate Professor in Department of International Health. He was chair of the Center for Latin American Studies and taught economic history at UC Berkeley in the 1960s. In the interim since 1971, he has worked at the OAS, Smithsonian Institution, World Bank, and Futures Group. McGreevey has focused in recent years on strengthening health systems in developing countries, and on specific issues in the economics of HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases. At the World Bank, 1980-97, he worked on poverty and living standards, urban, health, nutrition, and population projects, and managed training for Bank staff in these areas. McGreevey has worked in more than seventy countries, is author or editor of three books and several dozen published articles.

Dania A. Palanker, MPP

JD Candidate, Georgetown University Law Center

Dania Palanker is in her final semester of the part-time J.D. program at Georgetown University Law Center. She is Deputy Administrator of the SEIU Health Care Access Trusts, providing health benefits to

low-wage workers who are members of the Service Employees International Union. She has an M.P.P. from the John F. Kennedy School of Government and Harvard University. Her interests include ensuring people with chronic diseases have access to adequate health care, with a particular interest in the treatment of chronic pain and neurological disorders.

Larry I. Palmer, LL.B.

Professor, Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs, Professor, Department of Social and Behavioral Medicine, School of Medicine, Virginia Commonwealth University

Larry I. Palmer is a professor at both the School of Medicine and the Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University. Previously, Palmer was the Endowed Chair in Urban Health Policy at the University of Louisville, with appointments in Health Management and Systems Sciences and the Department of Community and Geriatric Medicine, in the School of Medicine. Prior to accepting the position at University of Louisville, he was professor of law at Cornell University Law School in Ithaca, New York. He is the author of *Law, Medicine, and Social Justice* (1989), *Endings and Beginnings: Law, Medicine and Law in Assisted Life and Death* (2000), and articles dealing with law, medicine, and health policy. Palmer is also the executive producer and author of the study guide of the prize winning educational video, *Susceptible to Kindness: Miss Evers' Boys and the Tuskegee Syphilis Study*. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Hastings Center in Garrison, New York, a member of the America Bar Association's Special Committee on Bioethics and the Law, and the Council of its Health Law Section. He was a director of the National Patient Safety Foundation from 1997-2002 and served as a trustee of the Phillips Exeter Academy from 1990-2000. From 1979-1984, he served as a vice provost at Cornell and was a vice president at Cornell from 1987-1994. In addition to his positions at Cornell and the University of Louisville, he has held appointments at the University of Texas School of Law at Austin, the University of Virginia School of Law, Rutgers University Law School-Camden, Villanova School of Law, Emory Law School, The Friedrich-Alexander University, Erlangen-Nurnberg, and Clare Hall, Cambridge University. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Yale Law School.

Wendy C. Perdue, JD

Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center

Wendy Perdue has been a professor at the Law Center since 1982. Before joining the Law Center faculty, she served as a law clerk for the Honorable Anthony M. Kennedy of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and was an associate with the D.C. firm of Hogan and Hartson. She teaches Civil Procedure, Conflict of Laws, and Constitutional Law, and has taught Antitrust and Regulation of Futures Trading. Her writings are in the fields of civil procedure and conflict of laws, and also on issues concerning land use and its relation to public health. She is a co-author of *Civil Procedure: Cases, Materials, and Questions* and *Conflict of Laws: American, Comparative, International*. She served for nine years as Vice-Chair of the Montgomery County Planning Board and a commissioner of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Sara Rosenbaum, JD

Hirsh Professor and Chair, Department of Health Policy, The George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services

Sara Rosenbaum is the Harold and Jane Hirsh Professor of Health Law and Policy and Chair of the Department of Health Policy at the George Washington University Medical Center, School of Public Health and Health Services. Professor Rosenbaum also directs the Hirsh Health Law and Policy Program and the Center for Health Services Research and Policy. Rosenbaum has focused her career, which began as a legal services attorney for the poor, on health care for low income, minority and medically underserved populations. Over the years, she has played a major role in the design of federal and state legislative and regulatory health policy in a wide range of areas, including Medicaid, private health insurance and employee health benefits, health services for medically underserved persons, maternal and child health, civil rights, and public health. In 1993 and 1994, Rosenbaum worked for the White House Domestic Policy Council, where she directed the drafting of the Health Security Act for President Clinton. In addition to her research and academic leadership activities, Rosenbaum is co-author of *Law*

and the American Health Care System (Foundation Press, NY, NY) a widely used health law textbook and also is a recipient of a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator's Award in Health Policy Research. Rosenbaum has been named one of America's 500 most influential health policymakers and has been recognized by the United States Department of Health and Human Services for distinguished national service on behalf of Medicaid beneficiaries.

David Schulman, JD

Supervising Attorney, AIDS/HIV Discrimination Unit, Los Angeles City Attorney's Office

David Schulman is Supervising Attorney of the Los Angeles City Attorney's AIDS/HIV Discrimination Unit and one of the pioneers of HIV law. In 1986, he became the nation's first government AIDS lawyer when he was appointed to enforce LA's landmark AIDS discrimination law, the nation's first, and to provide civil advice on AIDS law and policy to the Mayor, City Council and City departments. Both his anti-discrimination and civil advisory work have served as models throughout the country. Schulman has served as an advisor to the U.S. Surgeon General, the White House Office of National AIDS Policies, the U.S. Department of Justice and the Department of Health and Human Services. In 1998 he filed an *amicus* brief in the United States Supreme Court's landmark AIDS discrimination case, *Bragdon v. Abbot*. He has testified before both the Presidential and National AIDS commissions, and presented at the Third International AIDS Conference, at Harvard and University of Chicago schools of law, and with the support of the U.S. Agency for International Development at India's first national AIDS conference. His publications include opinion pieces in the *Los Angeles Times* and editorials in the *Annals of Emergency Medicine* and *Tikkun* magazine. He has a B.A. in anthropology from Stanford University and his J.D. from UCLA. While at Stanford, he was one of the founders of Columbae House, a cooperative student residence that continues to engage in the study and practice of non-violence and social change to this day. He then worked as a community organizer in Roanoke, Virginia. While at UCLA, he externed at the National Senior Citizens Law Center, which at that time was one of the national subject matter backup centers of the Legal Services Corporation.

Rudolf V. Van Puymbroeck, JD

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Rudolf V. Van Puymbroeck is Adjunct Associate Professor at the School of Nursing and Health Studies and Senior Scholar, O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, Georgetown University, and consultant to the World Bank and other organizations on HIV/AIDS, health law and development. He retired from the World Bank in August 2006 where, among other positions, he had held the positions of Lead Counsel for HIV/AIDS and human development, Advisor to the Global HIV/AIDS Program, and Chief Counsel for the Latin America and Caribbean Region. Van Puymbroeck holds a Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center (1976), a Master's in Business Administration from New York University (Fulbright Scholar, 1969), a Licentiate in Commercial and Financial Sciences from the State University Center at Antwerp, Belgium (*magna cum laude* 1967), and Certificate, World Bank Group Executive Development Program, Harvard Business School (1999). He is a member of the Bar of the District of Columbia, the American Public Health Association, and a number of law-related associations. Among other publications, he is contributing author and the editor of *Legal Aspects of HIV/AIDS: a Guide for Policy and Law Reform* (World Bank 2007), co-author (with Prof. Frederick M. Abbott) of *Compulsory Licensing for Public Health: A Guide and Model Documents for Implementation of the Doha Declaration Paragraph 6 Decision* (World Bank 2005), and founder and editor of *The World Bank Legal Review: Law and Justice for Development* (Vol. 1) (World Bank and Kluwer Law International 2002). He is a member of the Editorial Committee, Office of the Publisher, World Bank.