

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Nancy Hoffman: Senior Advisor, Jobs for the Future, Author, *Vocational Education and Training for a Global Economy: Lessons from Four Countries*

Hoffman is co-founder of the Pathways to Prosperity Network. The Network seeks to ensure that many more youth complete high school, attain a postsecondary credential with currency in the labor market and get launched on a career. Hoffman supports states, regions and cities in efforts to build or improve pathways from high school to a first marketable postsecondary credential. Hoffman has held faculty and administrative positions at institutions including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, UMass Boston, Harvard, Brown, Temple and Portland State. She serves on the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, and on the boards of North Bennet Street School and Build Up Birmingham. Hoffman has written and edited numerous books and is co-editor of Harvard Education Press' new Work and Learning book series that explores the ways in which the education and work worlds intersect.

William E. "Brit" Kirwan: Chair, Maryland Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education

Kirwan is the chancellor emeritus of the University System of Maryland, a position he held for more than 10 years. Prior to that role, Kirwan was the 26th president of the University of Maryland, College Park and the 12th president of The Ohio State University. Kirwan served in multiple roles at the College Park campus, including as a professor, chair of the Department of Mathematics, vice chancellor for academic affairs and acting chancellor. He has chaired many boards and commissions including the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics, the National Research Council Board of Higher Education and the Workforce, the American Council for Higher Education, the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities and the Business Higher Education Forum. He was honored in 2010 with the TIAA Institute Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for Leadership Excellence and was selected in 2009 by the Carnegie Corporation of New York for its Academic Leadership Award. In 2016, Governor Larry Hogan appointed Kirwan to chair the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education.

Mary Alice McCarthy: Director, Center on Education & Skills, New America

McCarthy's work examines the intersection between higher education, workforce development and job training policies. Prior to joining New America, McCarthy worked at both of the U.S. Departments of Education and Labor where she led a variety of technical assistance initiatives in the areas of career pathways, credentialing and competency-based education. She co-founded an interagency working group with staff from the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services and Labor that continues to meet and coordinate federal investments in relation to career pathways. McCarthy wrote policy guidance on credentialing and career pathways and supported the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT)

and Workforce Innovation Fund grant programs, helping design the solicitations and technical assistance activities. While at the Department of Education, she also served as the liaison to a team of researchers at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development conducting a review of postsecondary education and training in the United States.

Janay McClarin: Program Manager, National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity

McClarin is the National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE) program manager for the Southeast region and has spent 20 years working in the fields of service, education and youth development. She began her career as a law enforcement officer in Arkansas, serving as a community resource officer and later as a corporal for the state capitol police. McClarin was later dean of students for the Kent School District in Washington state, before transitioning to the nonprofit sector to serve as the director of impact for City Year in Seattle where she oversaw the implementation of programs focusing on service learning, student achievement and increasing graduation rates. Prior to joining NAPE, McClarin served as program director for Girl Scouts in Central Florida, expanding community partnerships with an emphasis on STEM opportunities.

Anne-Marie Slaughter: CEO, New America

Slaughter is the CEO of New America, a role which she has held since 2013. She is also the Bert G. Kerstetter '66 University Professor Emerita of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University. Slaughter served as director of policy planning for the United States Department of State from 2009-11. Upon leaving the State Department, she received the Secretary's Distinguished Service Award for her work leading the Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review. Prior to her government service, Slaughter was dean of Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and the J. Sinclair Armstrong Professor of International, Foreign and Comparative Law at Harvard Law School. She was the convener and academic co-chair of the Princeton Project on National Security, a multi-year research project aimed at developing a new, bipartisan national security strategy for the United States. Slaughter has authored several books, is a contributing editor to the *Financial Times* and writes a bi-monthly column for *Project Syndicate*.

Vivien Stewart: Senior Advisor for Education, Asia Society, Author, *Vocational Education and Training for a Global Economy: Lessons from Four Countries*

Stewart is senior advisor for education at Asia Society. Previously, she was vice president for education at Asia Society, where she was responsible for its programs that promote the study of Asia and other world regions, cultures, languages and global issues in U.S. schools and for building connections between U.S. and Asian education leaders. In this role, she developed a series of international benchmarking exchanges to share expertise between American and Asian education, business and policy leaders on how to improve education to meet the demands of globalization. Before joining Asia Society, Stewart directed programs for children and youth at the Carnegie Corporation of New York, where she shaped agendas in early childhood education and urban school reform. She also served as a senior policy advisor at the United Nations. Stewart was awarded the Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education in 2007. Her book, *A World-Class Education: Learning from International Models of Excellence and Innovation* was named one of Bill Gates' "Top 10 Books for 2012."

Marc Tucker: Founder and Senior Fellow, NCEE, Editor, *Vocational Education and Training for a Global Economy: Lessons from Four Countries*

Tucker is the founder of NCEE and has been a leader of the standards-driven education reform movement for many years. He created New Standards, a 23-state consortium designed to develop internationally benchmarked student performance standards and matching student examinations. He authored the 1986 Carnegie Report, *A Nation Prepared: Teachers for the 21st Century*, which called for a restructuring of America's schools based on high standards; created the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; created the Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce and co-authored its report, *America's Choice: high skills or low wages!*, which called for a new high school leaving certificate; and was instrumental in creating the National Skill Standards Board and served as the chairman of its committee on standards and assessment policy. Tucker also created the National Institute of School Leadership, the largest executive development program for school leaders in the United States.

Taylor White: Senior Policy Analyst, PreK-12 Education and Center on Education & Skills, New America

White has worked on both K-12 and higher education policy issues in previous roles at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, and more recently on behalf of the Australian Department of Education and Training in her role as the deputy director of education policy and research at the Australian Embassy in Washington, DC. In her work at New America, White focuses on developing effective college and career pathways and topics related to youth apprenticeship. She has taught high school and college-level students in the United States and Oslo, Norway, where she was a Fulbright Scholar.