Speaker Biographies



Dr. Stuart Altman, Sol C. Chaikin Professor of National Health Policy at The Heller School for Social Policy and

Management, Brandeis University, is an economist with five decades of experience working closely with issues of federal and state health policy within government, the private sector, and academia.

He has demonstrated leadership in health care through service on numerous government advisory boards on both the federal and state levels, including service as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation/Health at the U.S. Department of Health Education and Welfare (HEW) from 1971 to 1976; as Chairman of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission (ProPac) from 1984 to 1996; and in 1997 as an appointed member of the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare. In total, Dr. Altman acted as advisor to five U.S. presidential administrations. He also served as Chair of the Institute of Medicine's Committee for the Evaluation of the Future of Nursing Campaign for Action in the 2015. In January 2016 Governor Charles Baker reappointed Dr. Altman to chair the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission as part of the states' attempt to moderate the growth in healthcare spending.

Dr. Altman has also been recognized as a leader in the health care field by Health Affairs and by Modern Healthcare, which named him in 2006 among the 30 most influential people in health policy over the previous 30 years, and which from 2003 to 2011 named him one of the top 100 most powerful people in health care. In 2014 he was awarded the Graham Life Time Achievement Award in Health Services Research by the Association of Health Administration Programs. In 2017 he was the recipient of the Champion of

Health Wellness award by and the Massachusetts Health Council and the Robert M. Ball Award for Outstanding Achievements in Social Insurance from the National Academy of Social Insurance, and in October 2018 he was presented with the Gustave O. Lienhard Award from the National Academy of Medicine. He has served on the Board of Directors of several forprofit and not-for-profit companies, and he is a member of The Institute of Medicine and chairs the Health Industry Forum at Brandeis University. He is a published author of numerous books and journal articles, the most recent, Beyond Antitrust: Health Care and Health Insurance Market Trends and the Future of Competition (2017) and Power, Politics and Universal Health Care: The Inside Story of a Century-Long Battle (2011). In addition to teaching at Brandeis, Dr. Altman has taught at Brown University and at the Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of California at Berkeley and the University of North Carolina. He served as Dean of the Heller School from 1977 to 1993 and from 2005 to 2008. He also served as interim President of Brandeis University from 1990 to 1991.



Mollyann Brodie is Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation

and Executive Director of KFF's Public Opinion and Survey Research Program. As COO, Dr. Brodie oversees KFF's budgeting, human resources, facilities management, and the executive operations of the President's Office and Board of Trustees. As ED of Public Opinion and Survey Research, she oversees KFF's polling work including the monthly Health Tracking Poll and ongoing survey partnerships with news media organizations. A distinguished public opinion scholar, Dr. Brodie's research efforts focus on understanding the U.S. public's views and knowledge on health care policy issues, and the role of opinion in health policy debates. Her research has been published in the Journal of the American Medical Association; New England Journal of Medicine; Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law; and Health Affairs. She is co-editor of the book American Public Opinion and Health Care (CQ Press, 2011). Dr. Brodie is a Past President of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) and the 2018 recipient of the Roper Center's Warren J. Mitofsky Award for Excellence in Public Opinion Research. She received a M.S. in Health Policy and Management and a Ph.D. in Health Policy from Harvard University.



James C. Capretta is a resident fellow and holds the Milton Friedman Chair at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), where

he studies health care, entitlement, and US budget policy, as well as global trends in aging, health, and retirement programs.

Concurrently, Mr. Capretta serves as a senior adviser to the Bipartisan Policy Center and, since 2011, as a member of the Advisory Board of the National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation.

He spent more than 16 years in public service before joining AEI. As an associate director at the White House's Office of Management and Budget from 2001 to 2004, he was responsible for all health care, Social Security, welfare, and labor and education issues. Earlier, he served as a senior health policy analyst at the US Senate Budget Committee and at the US House Committee on Ways and Means. From 2006 to 2016, Mr. Capretta was a fellow, and later a senior fellow, at the Ethics & Public Policy Center. Mr. Capretta is also a contributor to RealClearPolicy, where he regularly publishes commentary on public policy issues.

He is the author and coauthor of many published reports, including "Toward and essays Meaningful Price Transparency in Health Care" (AEI Economic Perspectives, 2019); "Increasing the Effectiveness and Sustainability of the Nation's Entitlement Programs" (AEI, 2016) and "Improving Health and Health Care: An Agenda for Reform" (AEI, 2015). In addition, his book chapters include "Medicaid" in "A Safety Net That Works: Improving Federal Programs for Low-Income Americans" (AEI Press, 2017) and "Reforming Medicaid" in "The Economics of Medicaid: Assessing the Costs and Consequences" (Mercatus Center, 2014).

Mr. Capretta has been widely published in newspapers, magazines, and trade journals, including Health Affairs (where he is a member of the Editorial Board), The JAMA Network, National Affairs, National Review, The New York Times, and The Wall Street Journal. His television appearances include "PBS NewsHour," Fox News Sunday, C-SPAN's "Washington Journal," CNBC, and Bloomberg Television.

Mr. Capretta has an MA in public policy studies from Duke University and a BA in government from the University of Notre Dame.



Dr. Vivek H. Murthy served as the 19th Surgeon General of the United States from December 15, 2014 to April 21, 2017.

As America's Doctor, Dr.

Murthy created initiatives to tackle our country's most urgent public health issues. He chose areas of focus that were raised by people across America during his inaugural listening tour. Highlights included: Facing Addiction in America: The Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs, and Health, TurnTheTideRx: The Surgeon General's Call to End the Opioid Crisis, Surgeon General's Report on E-cigarette Use Among Youth, Step It Up! The Surgeon General's Call to Action to Promote Walking and Walkable Communities, Get Vaccinated with the Surgeon General and Elmo.

In 2017, Dr. Murthy focused his attention on chronic stress and isolation as prevalent problems that have profound implications for health, productivity, and happiness. Partnering with the Veterans Health Administration, he led a convening that brought together leading thinkers, researchers, and practitioners to identify scientifically proven ways we can cultivate emotional well-being and fitness to help us thrive among the most challenging circumstances.

In addition to his role as America's Doctor, as the Vice Admiral of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, Dr. Murthy commanded a uniformed service of 6,600 public health officers, serving the most underserved and vulnerable populations in over 800 locations domestically and abroad. He worked with thousands of Commissioned Corps officers to strengthen the Corps and protect the nation from Ebola and Zika and to respond to the Flint water crisis, major hurricanes, and frequent health care shortages in rural communities.

Dr. Murthy's commitment to medicine and health began early in life. The son of immigrants from India, he discovered the art of healing watching his parents - Hallegere and Myetriae Murthy treat patients like family in his father's medical clinic in Miami, Florida. Prior to becoming Surgeon General, his accomplishments included:

VISIONS, Swasthya Project, TrialNetworks, Doctors for America, Medical care and education. His research and perspectives have been published in the nation's top medical journals. Dr. Murthy received his bachelor's degree from Harvard and his M.D. and M.B.A. degrees from Yale. He completed his internal medicine residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and later joined Harvard Medical School as faculty in internal medicine. His research focused on vaccine development and later on the participation of women and minorities in clinical trials. Dr. Murthy resides in Washington, D.C. with his wife and two young children. In the spring of 2020 his first book "Together- The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World" was published by HarperCollins and made the New York Times Best Seller list.

Dr. Murthy resides in Washington, D.C. with his wife, Dr. Alice Chen, and their two young children.



Elizabeth Fowler is Executive Vice President of programs at The Commonwealth Fund, a nonprofit private foundation supporting independent health policy research to promote а high performing health

system that provides affordable quality health care to all. She joined The Commonwealth Fund from Johnson & Johnson where she was Vice President for Global Health Policy. Liz was special assistant to President Obama on health care and economic policy at the National Economic Council. In 2008-2010, she was Chief Health Counsel to Senate Finance Committee Chair, Senator Max Baucus (D-MT), where she played a critical role developing the Senate version of the Affordable Care Act. She also played a key role drafting the 2003 Medicare Prescription Improvement Drug, and Modernization Act (MMA). Liz has over 25 years of experience in health policy and health services research. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania, a Ph.D. from the

Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, where her research focused on risk adjustment, and a law degree (J.D.) from the University of Minnesota. She is admitted to the bar in Maryland, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Supreme Court. Liz is a Fellow of the inaugural class of the Aspen Health Innovators Fellowship and a member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network. She serves on the board of directors for the Medicare Rights Center, the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, and the Winston Fellowship.



Wendell Primus is the Senior Policy Advisor on Budget and Health issues to Speaker Nancy Pelosi. In that capacity, he was the lead staffer in developing the

Affordable Care Act. He also played a major role in the SGR legislation in 2015 and various budget agreements. Prior to this appointment in March, 2005, Dr. Primus was the Minority Staff Director at the Joint Economic Committee. He has also held positions at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, served in the Clinton Administration at the Department of Health and Human Services and also served as Chief Economist for the House Ways and Means Committee and Staff Director for the Committee's Subcommittee on Human Resources. Dr. Primus received his Ph.D. in economics from Iowa State University.



Dean Rosen, a partner at Mehlman Castagnetti Rosen & Thomas, is one of Washington's foremost experts on America's complex health care system—and a

master of both the politics and policies that shape

it. With more than two decades of experience developing and advancing health policy initiatives on Capitol Hill and in the private sector, Rosen has been named a "Top Lobbyist" by The Hill, a " Power Player" that healthcare groups turn to by Modern Healthcare, and one of the "DC Healthcare Power Players Who Shape the Rules for a \$3.5 trillion industry" by *Business Insider*.

Rosen advises a wide range of health care stakeholders, from established players to startups trying to gain a foothold in Washington, DC. He has represented health systems and hospitals, medical colleges and physician specialty organizations, health insurers, clinical laboratories, biopharmaceutical companies, nonprofit foundations, and multinational employers. He helps clients shape national policy and navigate the transformational changes taking place in the nation's health care system.

Prior to joining Mehlman Castagnetti, Rosen held a series of high-level positions in both the private sector and government, including on key committees in both the Senate and House. As the Chief Healthcare Advisor to former Sen. Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN), a leading voice on national medical and health issues, Rosen helped draft and navigate to final passage landmark legislation creating a Medicare prescription drug benefit. Rosen also helped pass laws in the wake of the September 11 and bioterrorism attacks in 2001 to ensure that local, state and national public health systems had new authorities and resources to respond to future threats.

Earlier, Rosen served as Staff Director for the Senate Subcommittee on Public Health, Majority Counsel for the House Ways and Means Health Subcommittee and Health Policy Coordinator for the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources (now the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee). While at Ways and Means, he played a leading role in crafting the Medicare provisions of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. At Labor, he was the lead Senate staffer in drafting the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

Rosen's policy, legal and management experience expands beyond Capitol Hill. He served as Senior Vice President of Policy and General Counsel for the Health Insurance Association of America (HIAA), and practiced law at Dow, Lohnes and Albert- son in Washington, DC.



Mark B. McClellan, MD, PhD, is a doctor and an economist whose work has addressed a wide range of strategies and policy reforms to improve health care, including payment reforms to promote

better outcomes and lower costs, methods for development and use of real-world evidence and approaches for more effective drug and device innovation.

McClellan is a former administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and former commissioner of the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), where he developed and implemented major reforms in health policy. McClellan has served as a member of the President's Council of Economic Advisors and as deputy assistant secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy. He was also a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution and a professor of economics and medicine at Stanford University where he directed the Program on Health Outcomes Research.



Julie Morita, MD, is executive vice president of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), where she oversees all programming, policy, research and communications activities.

As the nation's largest private philanthropy dedicated solely to improving the nation's health, RWJF is focused on building a comprehensive Culture of Health that provides everyone in America a fair and just opportunity to live the healthiest life possible. Knowing many factors, such as clean air and water, access to healthy safe housing, secure employment, food. education, and quality health care, contribute to the well-being of our nation, the Foundation concentrates on advancing health equity by eliminating barriers to health, including discrimination.

Before joining RWJF, Morita helped lead the Chicago Department of Public Health for nearly two decades, first as a medical director, then as chief medical officer. In 2015, she was appointed to the department's top position, commissioner. In that role, she oversaw the public health needs of 2.7 million residents in the nation's third largest city.

As commissioner, Morita led the development and implementation of Healthy Chicago 2.0, a four-year health improvement plan focused on achieving health equity by addressing the conditions in which people live, learn, work and play. The plan was based on RWJF's Culture of Health framework. As medical director, Morita's priority was reducing disparities top immunization coverage levels among children and adults in Chicago. She implemented systems to identify communities with the lowest rates of immunization and to provide families in those areas with information about, and access to, critical vaccines. Additionally, Morita led several policy initiatives to reduce tobacco usage among teens, including raising the legal age to purchase tobacco products to 21.

She has served on many state, local, and national health committees, including the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and the National Academy of Sciences' Committee on Community Based Solutions to Promote Health Equity in the United States. She is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Morita began her medical career as a pediatrician in Tucson, Ariz., before moving into public health as an Epidemic Intelligence Service officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta (CDC).

Influenced deeply by her own family history, Morita has been a lifelong advocate of equity issues. As children, both of her parents, Mototsugu and Betty Morita, were detained in Japanese internment camps during World War II. They and their extended families were uprooted from their homes, communities, and jobs in the states of Washington and Oregon and transferred to a detention camp in Idaho. Having grown up hearing stories about the harsh and unjust treatment her grandparents, parents, and thousands of others endured, Morita has used that knowledge to pursue health equity in every aspect of her work.

Born and raised in Chicago, Morita earned her undergraduate degree in biology from the University of Illinois, and her medical degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago Medical School. She completed her residency at the University of Minnesota.

Morita is married to William Trick, MD, an internist who is director of the Collaborative Research Unit at Cook County Health. They have two young adult children, Megan and Jake.



Aletha Maybank, MD, MPH currently serves as the Chief HealthEquity Officer and Group Vice President for the American Medical Association (AMA) where she focuses on embedding health equity across all the work of the AMA and leading the Center for HealthEquity. She joined the AMA in April 2019, to launch AMA's Center for Health Equity as their inaugural Chief Health Equity Officer. Prior to joining the AMA, Dr. Maybank served as the Founding Deputy Commissioner for the Center for Health Equity at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (2014). Aimed at strengthening equity efforts and transforming organizational culture, the Center became a model of success recognized by NYC leadership, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization. She was instrumental in infusing equity at the neighborhood level and advancing the Department's place-based approach to addressing health inequities. She also set precedence with groundbreaking work at the Office of Minority Health in the Suffolk County Department of Health Services (2006) while serving as the Founding Director.

Dr. Maybank has taught medical and public health students on topics related to health inequities, public health leadership and management, physician advocacy, and community organizing in health. In 2012, along with a group of Black woman physician leaders, Dr. Maybank co-founded "We Are Doc McStuffins", a movement inspired by the Disney Junior character Doc McStuffins serving to shine a light on the critical importance of diversity in medicine.

She is a highly sought-after health expert in media appearing on national and influential media outlets such as NPR, MSNBC, NewsOne, Roland Martin, the Lancet, Journal of the American Medical Association to name a few. More recently, due to her leadership in the COVID response efforts, she has been interviewed by Oprah Winfrey and authored the New York Times Op- ed, "The Pandemic's Missing Data" to bring more awareness to the structural inequities in the United States. She moderates the AMA bi-weekly web series,

"Prioritizing Equity" that elevates the voices and stories of physicians centering equity in COVID-19 response efforts.

Dr. Maybank holds a BA from Johns Hopkins University, a MD from Temple University School of Medicine, and a MPH from Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. She is a pediatrician and preventive medicine/public health physician.



Tim Ferris, MD, a primary care physician at Mass General since 1996, leads the Massachusetts General Physicians

Organization and is a professor of medicine

at Harvard Medical School. His clinical interests include caring for medically complex patients and home visits to the elderly. His research and management interests include design and implementation of care delivery system improvements for vulnerable populations at Mass General and across Mass General Brigham.

His work has led to roles at the national and international level, including chairing the steering committee of the National Quality Forum, multiple committees at the National Academy of Medicine, membership on the Secretary of Health and Human Services independent advisory council on physician payment policy, and a non-executive director on the board of England's National Health Service (NHS Improvement).

He attended Harvard Medical School and the Harvard School of Public Health and completed his residency training in internal medicine and pediatrics at Mass General.



Terry Fulmer, PhD, RN, FAAN, is the President of the John A Hartford Foundation in New York City, an organization dedicated to improving the care of older adults. Established in 1929, the Foundation has a current endowment of over \$560

million and is world-renowned for philanthropy devoted exclusively to the health of older adults. She serves as the chief strategist for Foundation giving and is also the chief spokesperson for advancing the Foundation's mission.

Dr. Fulmer is nationally and internationally recognized as a leading expert in geriatrics and is best known for conceptualization and development of the national NICHE program and research on the topic of elder abuse and neglect, work that has been funded by the National Institute on Aging and the National Institute of Nursing Research. Her recent effort with the Age-Friendly Health Systems initiative in partnership with IHI is a potential game changer for how we think about care for older adults.



Michael Doonan is an associate professor and Director for the Masters of Public Policy Program, Schneider Institute for Health Policy at The Heller School for Social Policy and Management,

Brandeis University. He is the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Health Policy Forum. His Ph.D. from Brandeis is both in Political Science and Health Services Research. His research and publications focus on issues related to access to health care reform, federalism, Medicaid, federal/state relations, public health and the politics and economics of health system change. He speaks widely on state and national health care reform. He is author of American Federalism in Practice: The Formulation and Implementation of Contemporary Health Policy, published by the Brookings Institute Press in 2013. Michael worked as program specialist for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), in the area of Medicaid managed care and state health care reform. He served as a member of President Clinton's Health Care Taskforce working primarily on the Low-Income and Working Families work group, and as a member of the Taskforce Speakers Bureau. Michael also worked as a fellow for the U.S. Senate Finance Committee as they considered national reform in 1994. He began his career as a legislative aide for Senator John Kerry where he worked on health and environmental issues.