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E. Calvin Beisner

Founder and National Spokesman, Cornwall Alliance for the Stewardship of Creation

E. Calvin Beisner, Ph.D., is a founder and the national spokesman for the Cornwall Alliance for the Stewardship of Creation (www.cornwallalliance.org) and serves on the pastoral staff of Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church (www.holytrinityopc.org) in Broward County, Florida. He is an author and speaker on the application of the Biblical worldview to economics, government, and environmental stewardship, on which he has testified before Congress, lectured for the Vatican, and briefed the White House Council on Environmental Policy. A co-author of the Cornwall Alliance's widely respected white paper "A Call to Truth, Prudence, and Protection of the Poor: An Evangelical Response to Global Warming," he has published over ten books and hundreds of articles, contributed to or edited many other books, and is a frequent guest on radio talk shows. He has served as associate professor of historical theology and social ethics at Knox Theological Seminary, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, teaching church history, logic, apologetics, comparative religions, ethics, and the history of political thought, and as associate professor of interdisciplinary studies at Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Georgia. He has spoken to churches, seminars, and other groups around the country for nearly twenty years.

Alexandra Liddy Bourne

Vice President, Policy and Strategy and National Legislation Manager, The Heartland Institute

Alexandra (Sandy) Liddy Bourne is vice president for policy and strategy of The Heartland Institute, a 22-year-old national nonprofit research center located in Chicago, Illinois. According to a recent telephone survey, among state and local elected officials, The Heartland Institute is among the nation's best-known and most highly regarded "think tanks." Bourne is Heartland's Washington, D.C., media spokesman and liaison to Heartland's Legislative Advisors (elected officials), donors, and allies. She authors media statements and commissions and edits original research on the major issues of the day, particularly those concerning energy and environmental regulation. Prior to joining Heartland, Bourne worked for the American Legislative Exchange Council, the nation's largest membership organization for state elected officials. As policy director, she provided supervision and guidance to the policy development of nine task forces, the federal affairs program, and the international program. Under her leadership, 20 percent of ALEC model bills were enacted by one state or more, up from 11 percent. Bourne started her career as a nurse, receiving a B.S.N. degree from the College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, New York, and an M.S.N. from Catholic University of America. From 1986 to 2003 she served in the U.S. Army Reserves, attaining the rank of captain in the Army Nurse Corps. In October 2001, she worked with ALEC leadership to develop a homeland security working group in response to the attacks of September 11, 2001. Bourne currently serves as a member of the Virginia Board of Conservation and Recreation by appointment by Speaker Bill Howell, Virginia General Assembly. Bourne has received numerous awards, including the ALEC National Chairman's Award for Service and Dedication in 2001, Goodyear-National Association of Conservation Districts Merit Award in 1994, and Who's Who in American Nursing in 1993.

Conn Carroll

Assistant Director, Center for Media and Public Policy, The Heritage Foundation

Conn Carroll was born in Oakland, California, and grew up in the Golden State. He earned a B.A. degree in political communications at George Washington University and a J.D. at George Mason University School of Law. Before joining Heritage's Center for Media and Public Policy as Assistant Director, he worked at The Hotline as a Senior Writer for a little over a year and a half. He resides in Arlington, Virginia, with his wife and son.

The Honorable David Casas

Member, Georgia House of Representatives

David Casas was born in the Canary Islands, Spain, to Cuban parents. Arriving in the United States at the age of two, he did not understand at that time the struggles his parents and sister had faced in Castro's Communist Cuba. Although via Spain, David and his family were admitted into the United States as political refugees. David graduated from Georgia State University in 1996 with a B.A. in history. David sees teaching and coaching as an opportunity to give back to this country as he influences the next generation of young people. As a teacher and consultant of politics and economics, David is knowledgeable and well prepared to deal with the issues facing our society today. In November 2002, David was first elected to Georgia's General Assembly, representing the 103rd District in Gwinnett County and being the first Republican Hispanic elected to state office in Georgia. In only his third term, David serves as Vice Chairman of the House Economic Development and Tourism Committee. He also serves on the House Education Committee, and as Chairman of its Subcommittee on Academic Achievement. David also serves on the powerful House Rules Committee and the House Science and Technology Committee. In 2006, David was appointed by the Speaker of the House to serve on the Georgia High School Athletics Overview Committee. David's strong conservative values have made him a notable figure in the Hispanic community and have propelled him as the spokesman for conservative Hispanics within the Georgia Republican Party and the Republican National Committee. His conservative leadership in the state and as one of the founders and current chairman of the National Conference of Hispanic Legislators has caught the eye of the White House. David served as one of ten national Republican Hispanics on the Hispanic Advisory Council to the chairman of the Republican National Committee. David, his wife Ann, and their two children live in Lawrenceville. They are members of Mount Paran Church of God in Atlanta, where David serves in Spanish education ministry.

Paul Chesser

Director, Climate Strategies Watch

Paul Chesser is Director of Climate Strategies Watch, which assesses the development of global warming policies in the states, and a contributing editor for *Carolina Journal*, specializing in investigative journalism and opinion writing. He came to the Locke Foundation in 2001 after serving as editor for two weekly community newspapers. His articles have appeared in *The Washington Post*, *The Washington Times*, *Washington Examiner*, *San Francisco Examiner*, *Baltimore Examiner*, *National Review Online*, *The Weekly Standard Online*, *American Spectator*, *WORLD* magazine, the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, *The News & Observer* of Raleigh, and *The News & Record* of Greensboro. He is a regular contributor and blogger for *American Spectator* Online and the Cooler Heads Coalition blog. In 2002, he served as one of *The Charlotte Observer's* monthly community columnists. His opinion articles and reporting have also appeared in dozens of other newspapers nationwide. Chesser has also appeared on NBC's *Today* and as a talk radio guest on stations across the country. Chesser came to North Carolina in 1995 from Los Angeles, where he worked in accounting for both private business and a nonprofit organization. He grew up in Rhode Island. Chesser lives in the Raleigh area with his wife and four children. He maintains his own Web site at PaulChesser.com, where most of his past writings are archived or linked.

Franklin Cudjoe

Executive Director, IMANI Center for Policy and Education, Ghana

Franklin Cudjoe is Executive Director of IMANI Center for Policy and Education. Founded in 2004, IMANI is a nonprofit, non-government organization dedicated to fostering public awareness of important policy issues concerning business, government, and civil society. The Atlas Economic Research Foundation just named IMANI, the only African think tank and one of nine winners from a global pool of 180 think tanks, to receive the inaugural Antony and Dorian Fisher Award Grant. Mr. Cudjoe is also editor of AfricanLiberty.org, a joint Cato Institute/IMANI project to publish and syndicate open-society-type articles throughout Africa. AfricanLiberty.org publishes books and studies and organizes seminars. Mr. Cudjoe received a B.S.c from Kwame Nkrumah University in land economics, certificates in Austrian economics from the Institute for Economic Studies in Paris and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation in Germany, and a Certificate in Leadership and Think-Tank Management from the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in Midland, Michigan. In January 2008, Mr. Cudjoe was awarded an Earhart Foundation Fellowship to pursue his Ph.D. at Buckingham University in the U.K. Mr. Cudjoe holds fellowships from a wide range of organizations including the Mont Pelerin Society, George Mason University, New School of Athens, Instituto Bruno Leoni, Evian Group at IMD, Independent Institute, Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), International Policy Network, and Atlas Economic Research Foundation. He is a frequent commentator in print and broadcast media about Africa development issues, co-author of "The Water Revolution: Practical Solutions to Water Scarcity" (with forewords by Hernando de Soto and Sir Ian Byatt), and author of a forthcoming publication, "Hobbled Trade: Trade Barriers within Africa."

Beverly Danielson

Trustee, Capital Research Center

Beverly Danielson, Key Biscayne, Florida, is a conservative/libertarian, free-market activist and has been involved in public and foreign policy issues since the Goldwater campaign of 1964. She is on the board of directors of the Institute of World Politics, is a trustee of the Capital Research Center, and is a member of the Mont Pelerin Society. She also edits books, articles, and a newspaper column.

Tom Daxon

Economist, Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs, and Executive Director, Opportunity Oklahoma

Tom Daxon is a CPA with extensive experience in governmental finance and accounting. He has served as finance director for the State of Oklahoma and budget director for the Oklahoma House of Representatives. He was previously the elected State Auditor and Inspector and the Republican nominee for Oklahoma Governor. He has been called in to assist in several high-profile situations including serving as Treasurer of Orange County immediately following its bankruptcy and as Director of Quality Assurance for a failing unit of the Resolution Trust Corporation. He is the Executive Director of Opportunity Oklahoma, an organization he founded to provide research assistance to Oklahoma legislators, and also serves as a contract economist for the Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs.

Iain Duncan Smith, MP

Chairman, Centre for Social Justice, United Kingdom

Iain Duncan Smith has been Member of Parliament for Chingford and Woodford Green since 1992, when he succeeded Norman Tebbit. Iain was born in 1954, the son of a hero of the Battle of Britain—Group Captain W. G. G. Duncan Smith—and Pamela, a ballerina. Iain married Betsy in 1982. They have four children: two sons and two daughters. Before entering Parliament, Iain served in the Scots Guards for six years. He was posted to Rhodesia at the time of that country's independence and in Northern Ireland. He has also been a businessman, working in the defense and publishing sectors. From 1992 to 1997, Iain was a backbench MP and an opponent of the Maastricht Treaty. He was appointed to the shadow cabinet when William Hague became Conservative leader. He held the social security and then the defense portfolios under Hague. He was elected Conservative leader in September 2001, at the time of the 9/11 attacks on America. During his two years as Leader of the Opposition, he supported action against Afghanistan and Iraq. He forged close links with senior members of the U.S. Administration, relationships that still prosper today. As Conservative leader, he led the party toward a greater emphasis on public services. His policies on school choice and National Health Service reform are still at the heart of today's Conservative agenda. After losing the Conservative leadership in October 2003, he established the Centre for Social Justice to continue his commitment to compassionate conservatism. The Centre for Social Justice is an independent think tank established to seek effective solutions to the poverty that blights parts of Britain. It highlights the work of profoundly differing and unique small voluntary organizations and charities and conducts policy research that combines data and anecdotal evidence and polling to gain an accurate picture of poverty in Britain.

Becky Norton Dunlop

Vice President, External Relations, The Heritage Foundation

As Vice President of External Relations at The Heritage Foundation, Becky Norton Dunlop is the think tank's "chief ambassador" to outside audiences, especially other conservative groups and institutions around the country and the globe. At Heritage, Dunlop oversees three departments—Coalition Relations, Lectures and Seminars, and the Young Leadership Program—engaged in strategic communication of conservative ideas and values to leaders and groups in the public and private sectors. Before joining Heritage in 1998, Dunlop ran her own strategic management and communications consulting firm and served as Virginia's Secretary of Natural Resources for then-Governor George Allen. Before that, she served in President Reagan's White House, including as Deputy Assistant to the President and Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks in the Interior Department. She has also served in the Administration of President George W. Bush. In 2003, Bush appointed her as chairwoman of the Federal Services Impasse Panel, which handles disputes between government agencies and labor unions. Dunlop currently serves on the boards of a number of organizations including the Virginia Institute for Public Policy, Council for National Policy, Family Foundation of Virginia, Reagan Ranch Board of Governors, Reagan Alumni Association, Association for American Educators Foundation, American Conservative Union, National Conservative Campaign Fund, and Phillips Foundation. She also is a Senior Fellow with the Alexis de Tocqueville Institute, which published her book, *Clearing the Air*, in 2000, and is a Visiting Fellow with the Atlas Economic Research Foundation. Dunlop is a graduate of Miami University in Ohio. She is married to George S. Dunlop, who currently serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army. They live in Arlington, Virginia, and are members of the Oakland Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia.

Calvin Edwards

Founder & CEO, Calvin Edwards & Company

Mr. Calvin Edwards is an executive with more than twenty years experience working with charitable, educational, and religious institutions. In 2001 he founded Calvin Edwards & Company, a firm committed to “maximizing the good of giving” by consulting with philanthropists as they support charitable and faith-based causes. The firm brings a mixture of art and science to bear on major giving decisions made by affluent persons, family offices, and private foundations. This venture builds on Edwards’ experience in the nonprofit world and the financial services sector. He joined the senior management team of Ronald Blue & Co. (RB&Co.) in 1996 and was made a principal later in the year. This investment advisory firm helps people apply Biblical principles to personal finance. Previously, Mr. Edwards provided consulting services to a number of businesses in the seminar, high-tech, and publishing industries. His major engagement was as the chief operating officer for Peter Lowe International (PLI) in Tampa, Florida, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting time-proven values that help make great people, communities, and nations. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in literature and religion from Pacific Union College and a diploma in education from Avondale College. He also earned a Master of Divinity from Andrews University, where he graduated *summa cum laude*, and a Master of Business Administration from Georgia State University, which he completed with a 4.0 GPA.

Robert Enlow

Executive Director and COO, The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice

Robert Enlow has been the Executive Director and COO of the Milton and Rose D. Friedman Foundation, an organization dedicated to promoting universal school choice, since early 2007. He joined the Friedman Foundation when it first opened in 1996, serving as fundraiser, projects coordinator, and vice president before being named Executive Director and COO. Under his leadership the Friedman Foundation has become one of the nation’s leading advocates for school choice, working in dozens of states to advance the issue by disseminating research, sponsoring seminars, undertaking advertising campaigns, organizing community leaders, and providing grants. He is the co-editor of the book *Liberty and Learning: Milton Friedman’s Voucher Idea at Fifty*; author of *Grading Vouchers: Ranking America’s School Choice Programs*; and co-author of *School Choice: A Reform that Works* and “Early School Choice,” a chapter in *An Education Agenda: Let Parents Choose Their Children’s School*. His articles and quotes have appeared in numerous publications including the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Arizona Republic*, and *National Review*. Robert attended Oxford University, where he worked on a post-graduate degree in theology. He received his B.A. degree from Seattle Pacific University. His civic positions include Private Sector Chairman of the Education Task Force for the American Legislative Exchange Council, board member for the Friedman Foundation for Educational choice, board member for School Choice Ohio, board member for the Hispanic Council for Reform and Educational Options (CREO), and Advisory Board Member of Children First: School Choice Trust. He currently lives in Indianapolis and has two children, Jefferson and Charles.

Greg Fleming

CEO, Maxim Institute, New Zealand

Greg Fleming is co-founder and CEO of the Maxim Institute, an independent research and public policy think tank started in 2001. The Institute’s mission is to foster the ideas and leadership that will enable justice, freedom, and compassion to flourish in New Zealand. Having studied at Victoria University, Wellington, he began his career in finance as a chartered accountant before working as General Manager of Parenting with Confidence (now Parents Inc). He has sat on the boards of several community organizations. In July 2005, he was honored to receive a prestigious Sir Peter Blake Emerging Leader Award. Greg is married to Kirsty, and they have four children.

Frederic Fransen, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Center for Excellence in Higher Education

Frederic Fransen is Executive Director of the Center for Excellence in Higher Education (CEHE), which launched to the public in September 2007. The mission of CEHE is to help donors transform higher education through effective philanthropy. It educates the public about the state of higher education in America and provides support and assistance to donors contemplating major gifts to colleges and universities. Since its launch, Fred has been involved in helping donors with gifts totaling more than \$100 million. Fred has worked in the area of higher education philanthropy for more than ten years. From 1996 until 2006, Fred was variously a program officer, fellow, and senior fellow at Liberty Fund, Inc., a private operating foundation. From 2001 to 2006, he also served as director of grants for the Pierre F. and Enid Goodrich Foundation, where he analyzed, evaluated, and managed a grant program involving more than two dozen higher education organizations, along with numerous additional projects. From 1988 to 1991, he worked in Brussels, Belgium, as a researcher studying European Community and NATO security policy. Fred has a Ph.D. in social thought from the University of Chicago and has written on topics ranging from the origins of the European Community and the interplay between literature and politics to bioethics, markets, and the future of health care policy in China.

Alison Fraser

Director, Thomas A. Roe Institute for Economic Policy Studies, The Heritage Foundation

As director of the Roe Institute for Economic Policy Studies, Alison Acosta Fraser oversees nine Heritage analysts and researchers who produce studies on a wide range of economic issues. Before coming to Heritage, Fraser was deputy director of Oklahoma's Office of State Finance where she supervised the activities of the agency, including the work of the state budget office and the state controller. She was also director of research and policy, developing tax and fiscal policy recommendations for the governor and managing budget and economic research for the state. Prior to becoming deputy director, she was a senior budget analyst at State Finance and was a budget administrator for Orange County, California.

Kevin Gentry

Vice President, Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation

Kevin Gentry is director of special projects for Koch Industries. He is also vice president at the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation, where he helps market-oriented organizations build their fundraising capabilities. Previously, Kevin served as vice president for both the Mercatus Center and the Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. Since 2000, Kevin has served as a vice chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia. He is also a member of the board of directors of Legacy and a member of the executive committee of the Council for National Policy. Kevin and his wife, Anne, are graduates of the College of William and Mary, and Anne is a graduate of George Mason University's School of Law. Anne currently serves as an Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Virginia and as associate legal counsel to George Mason University. They have two children and are active members of The Falls Church (Anglican), where Kevin serves on the vestry and is chairman of the stewardship committee. Kevin and Anne reside in Fairfax, Virginia.

Jonah Goldberg

Editor-at-Large, National Review Online, and Author, Liberal Fascism: The Secret History of the American Left from Mussolini to the Politics of Meaning

Jonah Goldberg is one of the most prominent young conservative journalists on the scene today and America's most widely read political columnist under the age of 40. Goldberg is a contributing editor to *National Review* and was the founding editor of *National Review Online*. He is a weekly columnist for the *Los Angeles Times*, and his syndicated column appears regularly in the *Chicago Tribune*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Kansas City Star*, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, *Washington Examiner*, *Miami Herald*, *Manchester Union Leader*, and scores of other newspapers. He was nominated in 2008 for a Pulitzer Prize. His first book, *Liberal Fascism: The Secret History of the American Left from Mussolini to the Politics of Meaning* (Random House/Doubleday), was a number-one *New York Times* and Amazon bestseller and remains the bestselling—and most controversial—new political book of 2008. Goldberg is currently a member of the Board of Contributors to *USA Today*. In the past he has served as a media critic for both *Brill's Content* and *The American Enterprise* and a Washington columnist for *The Times* of London. He has written about politics and culture for *The New Yorker*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The LA Times*, *Commentary*, *The Public Interest*, *The Wilson Quarterly*, *The Weekly Standard*, *Slate*, *TheStreet.com*, *The New York Post*, *Women's Quarterly*, and *Food and Wine*. Goldberg is a regular political commentator on CNN and has served as a guest host on *Crossfire* and as a regular panelist on Wolf Blitzer's *Late Edition*. Other appearances include *Good Morning America*, *Larry King Live*, *Today*, *Nightline*, *Hardball with Chris Matthews*, *Hannity & Colmes*, *The Daily Show*, *Real Time with Bill Maher*, *Special Report with Brit Hume*, *Geraldo*, *NBC Nightly News*, and numerous other television and radio programs. He was senior producer of the award-winning series *Think Tank with Ben Wattenberg* on PBS. Goldberg grew up in New York City. He is a graduate of Goucher College. After Goucher, he taught English in Czechoslovakia and, later, was a researcher at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., where he currently resides. He is married to author and speechwriter Jessica Gavora. They have one daughter and one dog, Cosmo—the “it dog of the American Right.”

Peter D. Greenberger

Team Manager, Elections & Issue Advocacy, Google, Inc.

Peter joined Google in May 2007 to build and manage a new Elections & Issue Advocacy sales team dedicated to introducing Google solutions to political campaigns, committees, and issue advocacy groups. Previously, Peter grew the public affairs division of New Media Strategies, a Web 2.0 marketing firm, working with clients such as the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, Discovery Networks, Ford Motor Company, the Granholm for Governor campaign, Merck, Inc., Wachovia, the Washington Redskins, and XM Satellite Radio. Prior to joining New Media Strategies, Peter spent ten years working on presidential, gubernatorial, U.S. Senate, and Congressional campaigns. Most recently, he managed Congressman Brad Carson's 2004 United States Senate campaign in Oklahoma. During the Clinton Administration, Peter worked in the White House Office of Legislative Affairs as the Director of Congressional Correspondence. In this role, he coordinated all written communications between the White House and the Congress. Peter graduated from Yale University and earned a master's degree with distinction in comparative government from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Daniel Griswold

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Daniel Griswold is Director of the Center for Trade Policy Studies at the Cato Institute in Washington, D.C. Since joining Cato in 1997, Mr. Griswold has authored or co-authored major studies on globalization, trade, and immigration, including the 2007 study “Trading Up: How Expanding Trade has Delivered Better Jobs and Higher Living Standards.” He has authored articles for the *Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Financial Times*, and other major publications and has appeared on C-SPAN, CNN, PBS, the BBC, and Fox News. He has testified before congressional committees and federal agencies on trade and immigration issues. He holds a bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and a diploma in economics and a master’s degree in the politics of the world economy from the London School of Economics.

Jon Ham

Vice President for Communications, John Locke Foundation, and Publisher, Carolina Journal

Jon Ham is Vice President for Communications for the John Locke Foundation and publisher of its newspaper, *Carolina Journal*. Prior to joining the John Locke Foundation, Jon had worked for *The Herald-Sun* newspapers in Durham, N.C., from 1985–2005, serving as an investigative reporter and editorial writer for *The Durham Sun*, founding editor of *The Chapel Hill Herald*, managing editor of the *Durham Morning Herald*, managing editor of the combined *Herald-Sun*, and finally as director of digital publishing. He has worked as government reporter and assistant city editor for *The Ledger* in Columbus, Georgia; associate editor of *The Gretna Gazette* in Gretna, Virginia; capitol correspondent for *The Anniston Star* in Alabama; and editor of *The Chesterfield Gazette* in Midlothian, Virginia. He also served as press secretary for Governor Fob James of Alabama. He has a degree in journalism from the University of Georgia’s Henry W. Grady School of Journalism and a master’s degree in political science from Auburn University. He did three years of doctoral work in political science at Duke University before joining *The Durham Sun* in 1985.

Shari Hanrahan

Vice President of Outreach, Texas Public Policy Foundation

Shari Hanrahan is the vice president of outreach for the Texas Public Policy Foundation. Since joining the Foundation 2004, her extensive background in communications has supported her role of coordinating its contributed income program. Shari is responsible for maximizing fundraising potential and for increasing the base of support from foundations, corporations, and individuals. Her leadership has helped to grow the Foundation’s budget 167 percent since she came on board. Shari has worked for Texas State Representatives Jerry Madden, Ken Paxton, and Jodie Laubenberg as a communications aide and chief of staff. Previous to working at the Capitol, Shari volunteered as a radio broadcast assistant at the last Republican National Convention. Her media background extends to Southwest Airlines Co., where she oversaw media relations for the company’s Midwest region of service, and to overseeing radio promotions for a leading Dallas radio station. An alumna of Ohio University, Shari received her Bachelor’s of Science degree from the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism.

Kim Holmes, Ph.D.

Vice President, Foreign and Defense Policy Studies, and Director, The Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for International Studies, The Heritage Foundation

Kim Holmes has served as Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs during the George W. Bush Administration. Holmes directed the diplomatic efforts to protect U.S. interests and promote U.S. policy on issues as varied as Iraq, terrorism, peacekeeping, and U.N. reform. Holmes was the founding editor of the *Index of Economic Freedom*. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and has served as a member of the Department of Defense’s Defense Policy Board Executive Committee, a member of the Board of Directors of the Center for International Private Enterprise, a public member of the U.S. delegation to the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe, and an adjunct professor at Georgetown University. Before coming to Heritage, Holmes was Senior Fellow at the Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis. Holmes holds Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in history from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and a B.A. in history from the University of Central Florida.

Gisèle Huff, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Jaquelin Hume Foundation

Dr. Gisèle Huff is executive director of the Jaquelin Hume Foundation in San Francisco. After a decade in the business world, she earned a Ph.D. in political science with a concentration in political philosophy at Columbia University. She has taught at Golden Gate University, San Francisco University High School, and Dominican College. While at University High School, she served as the director of development for twelve years. She currently serves on the board of the Center for Education Reform and as treasurer on the Board of Directors of the State Policy Network. She is a member of the Advisory Board for Harvard University's Program on Education Policy and Governance and of the Advisory Committee for the National Research Project at the Center on Reinventing Public Education. She is the 2003 recipient of the Thomas A. Roe Award, which is presented annually to a person who has contributed significantly to the field of state-level public policy.

Scott Jensen

National Consultant of State Projects, Alliance for School Choice

Scott Jensen is National Consultant for State Projects at the Alliance for School Choice and the Advocates for School Choice. He is the lead strategist for the advancement of school choice by the nation's largest school choice organizations. Previously, he served for 14 years in the Wisconsin Assembly including three terms as Assembly Speaker. He also served as Chief of Staff to Governor Tommy Thompson (R). Jensen played a crucial role in the creation, expansion, and defense of Milwaukee's pioneering school choice program. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science and economics from Drake University in 1982, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa, and his master's in public policy at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 1984. Scott Jensen lives in Brookfield, Wisconsin, with his wife and three young children.

Jim Johnston

Director of Marketing, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

Jim Johnston is Director of Marketing at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University. For the past 10 years, he has written direct mail letters and run the direct mail program for Mercatus and its sister organization, the Institute for Humane Studies. He also does freelance copywriting for a variety of conservative nonprofit and political clients. Jim is a graduate of Tulane University, a native of Mississippi, and currently lives in Alexandria, Virginia, with his wife and son.

Dan Lips

Education Policy Analyst, The Heritage Foundation

Dan Lips is an Education Analyst at the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C. In this position, he researches and writes on federal and state education issues. His research has been widely cited, and he has appeared on major media outlets. His commentaries have appeared in print and online outlets such as *National Review Online*, *The Houston Chronicle*, and *The Baltimore Sun*. Prior to joining Heritage, Lips was a Senior Policy Advisor at the Americans for Prosperity Foundation. He has also served as the executive director of the Arizona Dream Foundation in Phoenix, Arizona, and as an education research associate at the Cato Institute. Lips is also a Senior Fellow at the Goldwater Institute. In 2008, he was appointed to the D.C. State Advisory Committee for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. He earned his bachelor's degree in politics from Princeton University.

Carrie L. Lukas

Vice President for Policy and Economics, Independent Women's Forum

Carrie L. Lukas is vice president for policy and economics for the Independent Women's Forum. Lukas is the author of *The Politically Incorrect Guide to Women, Sex, and Feminism*, which was published by Regnery Publishing in May 2006. She is also a contributor to *National Review Online* and a senior fellow at the Goldwater Institute. Lukas appears frequently on television and radio, on shows such as Fox News Channel's *Your World with Neil Cavuto*, *Fox Report with Shepard Smith*, *The O'Reilly Factor*, *Hannity & Colmes*, CNBC's *Kudlow and Company*, and MSNBC's *Hardball with Chris Matthews*. Lukas's commentaries have appeared in numerous newspapers such as *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *The New York Post*, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *The Arizona Republic*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, and *The Baltimore Sun*. While at IWF, Lukas has testified before the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security. Before joining IWF in 2003, Lukas worked on Capitol Hill as the senior domestic policy analyst for the House Republican Policy Committee under the stewardship of Chairman Christopher Cox, and then as professional staff for the House Select Committee on Homeland Security. Lukas also has worked at the Cato Institute as a Social Security policy analyst. Lukas holds a bachelor of arts from Princeton University and a master's in public policy from Harvard University.

Jennifer Marshall

Director, Domestic Policy Studies, The Heritage Foundation

Before joining Heritage in 2003, Jennifer Marshall worked on cultural policy issues at Empower America, another Washington-based think tank. Before that, she was Senior Director of Family Studies at the Family Research Council and taught at an American school in Lyon, France. As Director of Domestic Policy Studies at The Heritage Foundation, Marshall oversees research in areas that determine the character of our culture: education, marriage, family, religion, and civil society. Marshall directs the think tank's Richard and Helen DeVos Center for Religion and Civil Society and manages familyfacts.org, an online catalog of social science research relating to family and religious practice. Marshall has spoken at national and international forums, testified before Congress, and appeared on radio and television shows, such as C-SPAN's premier talk show *Washington Journal* and Fox News Channel's *Hannity & Colmes*. Marshall holds a master's degree in statecraft and world politics from the Institute of World Politics in Washington, D.C., and a bachelor's degree in French from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, where she also earned teacher's certification. She lives in Arlington, Virginia.

Eddy Martinez

Executive Director, Center for Export and Investment, Dominican Republic

Eddy M. Martinez is the Minister of the Center for Export and Investment of the Dominican Republic (CEI-RD) and President of the Parque Cibernético de Santo Domingo (PCSD), government institutions that promote national strategic export and foreign investment opportunities and work hands-on with local and foreign enterprise to facilitate business activity. Before assuming his position at CEI-RD in August 2004, Mr. Martínez worked as the Director of Science, Technology, and Innovation at the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (FUNGLODE), a not-for-profit think tank founded and headed by Dr. Leonel Fernández, current President of the Dominican Republic. While at the Global Foundation, Mr. Martínez led applied research efforts and drafted national policy proposals for numerous projects. During this time, he also launched his own entrepreneurial venture, Expansion Consulting Dominicana, S.A., a consulting firm that provides advisory and marketing services to foreign and local firms. Prior to the creation of Expansion Consulting Dominicana and his tenure at the Global Foundation, Mr. Martinez served as the founding Executive Director of the Dominican Republic's Office for the Promotion of Foreign Investment (OPI), vigorously promoting policy changes and modernization efforts to help transition the Dominican Republic from a predominantly agricultural and light manufacturing-based economy to a higher value-added, service-oriented one. Mr. Martinez's academic background includes a Masters of Arts in Economic Development and International Relations of the FLASCO; a Bachelor of Economics; extensive training in the area of FDI from institutions such as IDI in Ireland, MIGA, TSG, and the promotion agencies of Chile and Argentina; and the Entrepreneurship Development Program of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Global Senior Management Program with the Instituto de Empresa of Madrid, Spain, and the Chicago Business School. He has written and published several articles, presentations, and research papers on the subject of economic development and the international competitiveness of the Dominican Republic.

Edmund McMahon

Director, Empire Center for New York State Policy

Edmund J. McMahon is Director of the Empire Center for New York State Policy, a project of the Manhattan Institute. He also is Senior Fellow for Tax and Budgetary Studies at the Institute's Center for Civic Innovation. McMahon focuses on state, city, and local issues, recommending policy changes and reforms to increase economic growth. His articles have appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Barrons*, *The Public Interest*, *The New York Post*, *The New York Daily News*, *Newsday*, and the *New York Sun*, among other publications. McMahon's professional background includes more than 25 years as an Albany-based policy analyst and close observer of New York State government, working in both the private and public sectors. He has served as Deputy Commissioner for Tax Policy Analysis and Counselor to the Commissioner in the state Department of Taxation and Finance; Director of Minority Staff for the Assembly Ways and Means Committee; Vice Chancellor for External Relations at the State University of New York; and Director of Research for the Public Policy Institute, research arm of the Business Council of New York State. Earlier in his career, he was a staff writer and columnist for newspapers including the *Albany Times Union* and *The Knickerbocker News*. McMahon is a graduate of Villanova University.

Adam Meyerson

President, The Philanthropy Roundtable

Adam Meyerson joined The Philanthropy Roundtable as president in October 2001. From 1993 to 2001, Adam was Vice President for Educational Affairs at The Heritage Foundation. He coordinated the think tank's civil society projects, publications on the Founding Fathers, and "No Excuses" work on high-performing high-poverty schools. From 1983 to 1998, he was also editor-in-chief of Heritage's journal *Policy Review* (now published by the Hoover Institution). From 1979 to 1983, Adam was an editorial writer for *The Wall Street Journal* and editor of its "Manager's Journal" and "Asia" columns and its book reviews. He is co-editor of *The Wall Street Journal on Management*, a book published by Dow Jones-Irwin in 1985. From 1974 to 1977, he was managing editor of *The American Spectator* magazine, then in Bloomington, Indiana. Adam graduated *summa cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa from Yale University in 1974. From 1977 to 1979, he attended Harvard Business School and completed all requirements but the dissertation for a doctorate in international business. Adam and his wife Nina live with their three sons in Washington, D.C.

Ambassador Terry Miller

Director, Center for International Trade and Economics, The Heritage Foundation

Terry Miller is Director of the Center for International Trade and Economics (CITE) at The Heritage Foundation. In this position, he directs the center's ongoing research into the role of free markets and international trade in fostering economic growth around the world. The center's signature publication in this area is the annual *Index of Economic Freedom*, a country-by-country guide co-published with *The Wall Street Journal*. Prior to joining Heritage in October 2007, Ambassador Miller had a distinguished career as a diplomat and public servant. In 2006, President George W. Bush appointed him as an ambassador to the United Nations Economic and Social Council. Before that, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Global Issues. Overseas, Miller has served in Italy, France, Barbados, and New Zealand, including as head of the U.S. observer mission to the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). He also headed the U.S. delegation to the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development in 2004 and was the lead negotiator for the Monterrey Consensus on Financing for Development. Miller did both his undergraduate studies in government and his graduate studies in economics at the University of Texas in Austin. He is married to former opera singer Deborah Miller. They have three children.

Johnny Munkhammar

Senior Fellow, European Enterprise Institute, Belgium, and Author, The Guide to Reform: How Policymakers Can Pursue Real Change, Achieve Great Results, and Win Re-Election

Johnny Munkhammar is an analyst and commentator specializing in political and economic affairs. He is affiliated with several institutes, including Timbro and the European Enterprise Institute. Mr. Munkhammar holds a Master's Degree from Uppsala University, Sweden, where he majored in political science and minored in economics and economic history. *The Guide to Reform* is the most recent of Mr. Munkhammar's five books. His most recent preceding book, *European Dawn*, also attracted substantial international attention. He has also contributed to numerous books, including the 2007 *Index of Economic Freedom*, and to a range of studies and policy papers. Mr. Munkhammar has also served as a senior adviser at the Confederation of Swedish Enterprise, lead writer at several local daily newspapers in Sweden, and partner at a public affairs firm. He has cooperated with international, national, and local governmental bodies, other large organizations, and corporations on a range of projects. Mr. Munkhammar is a sought-after speaker and panelist, appearing at conferences, corporations, and universities across Europe and the United States. A frequent commentator and contributor to broadcast and print media, Mr. Munkhammar has also published hundreds of op-eds in leading publications.

Grover Norquist

President, Americans for Tax Reform

Grover Norquist, a native of Massachusetts, has been one of Washington's most effective issues management strategists for over two decades. Mr. Norquist is president of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), a coalition of taxpayer groups, individuals, and businesses opposed to higher taxes at the federal, state, and local levels. ATR organizes the TAXPAYER PROTECTION PLEDGE, which asks all candidates for federal and state office to commit themselves in writing to oppose all tax increases. To date, President George W. Bush, 193 House members, and 41 Senators have taken the pledge. On the state level, seven governors and 1,221 state legislators have taken the pledge.

John O'Sullivan

Executive Editor, Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty

As Executive Editor, John O'Sullivan sets editorial vision and direction for Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty (RFE/RL), ensuring that the breadth and depth of RFE/RL's content meet its mission and regional requirements. Mr. O'Sullivan has served as a senior editor at the *London Times* and the *Daily Telegraph*, and as a special adviser to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. He helped found the Canadian daily, the *National Post*. Mr. O'Sullivan has also been editor-in-chief of United Press International and editor of the magazines *The National Interest* and *National Review*. Most recently, Mr. O'Sullivan was a senior fellow at the Hudson Institute in Washington, D.C. His recent book, *The President, the Pope, and the Prime Minister*, has been translated into Polish, Czech, Spanish and Portuguese. He is the founder of the bi-partisan, transatlantic New Atlantic Initiative, launched at the Congress of Prague in 1996.

Daniel Oliver

Chairman of the Board, National Review

In 1986, Daniel Oliver was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to be Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission. Before that, he had been appointed General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Education and General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. After leaving the Federal Trade Commission in 1989, Mr. Oliver worked in Paris. Subsequently he joined The Heritage Foundation as a Senior Fellow. Mr. Oliver is also a Senior Director of White House Writers Group, a Washington, D.C., firm that specializes in high-stakes communications and formulating corporate strategies. In addition, he serves on the boards of the Pacific Research Institute and the International Policy Network, an international public policy organization in London. Mr. Oliver is a member of the Mont Pelerin Society and of the Philadelphia Society, of which he is a past president. Before moving to Washington in 1980, he practiced law in New York City and served as Executive Editor of *National Review*. Mr. Oliver grew up in New York City. He received his B.A. from Harvard College and his LL.B. from Fordham Law School. He served in the U.S. Army from 1959 to 1962. He is married to Louise Vietor Oliver, the current U.S. Ambassador to UNESCO in Paris. They have five children and four grandchildren.

Nina Owcharenko

Senior Policy Analyst, Center for Health Policy Studies, The Heritage Foundation

Nina Owcharenko is a Senior Policy Analyst for health care in The Heritage Foundation's Center for Health Policy Studies. In this position, she researches and writes on a variety of health-care policy issues, including the uninsured, Medicaid, and prescription drugs. She has presented before numerous national, state, and professional conferences and has been published in such noted publications as *Health Affairs*. She has also been a guest on dozens of radio and television programs advocating her opinions and policies. In 2008, Owcharenko's work on health-care issues, especially on the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), earned her Heritage's prestigious Drs. W. Glenn and Rita Ricardo Campbell Award. The award is given to the employee who has delivered "an outstanding contribution to the analysis and promotion of a Free Society." Owcharenko served for nearly a decade on Capitol Hill focusing on health-care issues. Before coming to Heritage in 2001, Owcharenko served as Legislative Director for Representatives Jim DeMint (R-SC) and Sue Myrick (R-NC). She started her Hill career working for Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC). Owcharenko received her bachelor's degree in political science from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 1994. Originally from Charlotte, North Carolina, Owcharenko now lives in Washington, D.C., with her husband and son.

Tim Phillips

President, Americans for Prosperity and Americans for Prosperity Foundation

Tim Phillips was named President of Americans for Prosperity and the Americans for Prosperity Foundation in February 2006. He is a veteran political strategist and one of the nation's premier grassroots organizers with nearly two decades of experience, including presidential, gubernatorial, and congressional races, as well as state legislative, local, and issue-advocacy campaigns. In 1992, Phillips managed U.S. Representative Bob Goodlatte's (6th Dist.-Va.) first Congressional campaign and later served as Representative Goodlatte's Chief of Staff on Capitol Hill for four years. In 1997, Phillips helped found Century Strategies, one of the nation's leading public affairs and public relations firms. Phillips was named a "Rising Star in Politics" in 1998 by *Campaigns and Elections* magazine. As a partner in Century Strategies, he worked both the 2000 and 2004 Presidential campaigns. Under his leadership, AFP and the AFP Foundation have expanded from seven to 21 state chapters, more than doubled membership to 200,000 citizen leaders, embarked on a nationwide campaign to end pork-barrel earmarks, and successfully engaged in over a dozen major grassroots issue battles on taxes and government regulation in states across the country. Phillips has appeared on CNN's *360 with Anderson Cooper*, the Fox News Channel, ABC's *World News Tonight* and *Nightline* programs, the CBS *Evening News* and dozens of regional and local media outlets promoting AFP's grassroots message of free markets and free enterprise. Phillips and his wife Julia have been married for 22 years and are the proud parents of four children.

Tom Price, M.D.

Member, United States House of Representatives (R–GA)

Congressman Tom Price is recognized as a vibrant leader in Georgia and a diligent and tireless problem solver in Congress. First elected to Congress from the Sixth District of Georgia in November 2004, Price was re-elected with broad support in both primary and general elections in 2006. Prior to going to Washington, Price served four terms in the Georgia State Senate, two as Minority Whip. In 2002, he became the first Republican Majority Leader in the history of Georgia. This year he was promoted to Deputy Whip, part of the Republican Leadership Team. In Congress, Price's priorities are reforming the tax system, strengthening health care and education, bringing common sense to the litigation system, and finding transportation solutions for Atlanta's residents and commuters. Congressman Price serves on the Committee on Education and Labor, as well as the Committee on Financial Services in which he is the Deputy Ranking Member on the Financial Institutions Subcommittee. Congressman Price received a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Michigan and completed his orthopaedic surgery residency at Emory University. Price established an orthopaedic clinic just north of Atlanta. After nearly twenty years of private practice, he returned to Emory University School of Medicine as an Assistant Professor. Before coming to Congress, Price was Medical Director of the Orthopaedic Clinic at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, teaching resident doctors in training. Congressman Price, with his wife Elizabeth and his son, resides in Roswell. They are members of the Georgia Ensemble Theater, Roswell Clean and Beautiful, the Chattahoochee Nature Center, and the Roswell Presbyterian Church.

Roger R. Ream

President, The Fund for American Studies

For more than 30 years, Roger Ream has worked in the fields of politics, economic education, and public policy. He joined the Fund for American Studies as Executive Vice President in 1991 and was named President and Chief Operating Officer in 1998. The Fund for American Studies teaches America's founding principles to students who will be entering careers in journalism, government, public policy, business, education, and other leadership professions. The Fund, founded in 1967, sponsors educational programs in the U.S. and overseas that encourage students to be engaged citizens and honorable leaders. The Fund sponsors programs in Washington, D.C., the Czech Republic, Greece, and Hong Kong, all in partnership with Georgetown University. Prior to joining the Fund for American Studies, Mr. Ream was a founding staff member and Vice President for Development at Citizens for a Sound Economy (CSE), which later split to become Americans for Prosperity and Freedom Works. Mr. Ream has also served as a Special Assistant to two U.S. Congressmen and on the Senior Staff of the Foundation for Economic Education in Irvington, New York. Mr. Ream was a founding member and is secretary of the Frank S. Meyer Society. He serves on the boards of the Foundation for Economic Education, the U.S. Air Force Academy Foundation, the International Freedom Educational Foundation, and the Philadelphia Society. He is also a member of the advisory board of the America's Future Foundation. He received his B.A. in history from Vanderbilt University. A native of Wisconsin (and avid Green Bay Packer fan), he is married and has three children.

Jay W. Richards, Ph.D.

Research and Fellow Director, Acton Media, Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty

Jay W. Richards is Research Fellow and Director of Acton Media at the Acton Institute in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He has a Ph.D. in philosophy and theology (with honors) from Princeton Theological Seminary, where he was formerly a teaching fellow. He also has a Th.M. from Calvin Theological Seminary and an M.Div. from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. He is the author of many scholarly popular articles in publications such as *The Washington Post*, *National Review Online*, and *The Washington Times*, as well as several books, including *The Untamed God* and *The Privileged Planet: How Our Place in the Cosmos Is Designed for Discovery*, with astronomer Guillermo Gonzalez. He is executive producer of the documentaries *The Call of the Entrepreneur* (Acton Media, 2007) and *The Birth of Freedom* (Acton Media, 2008) and recently completed a book, *The Christian Case for Capitalism* (HarperCollins/HarperOne, 2009).

Jamie Self

Director of Government Affairs, Georgia Family Council

Jamie Self has worked in the government relations, grassroots, and public relations arena for eight years. As Vice President of Public Policy for the Georgia Family Council, she focused primarily on family law, education, and tax policy. Since then, she has expanded her policy focus as a consultant to include work with the Alliance for School Choice, as well as adoption, health care, technology and child care-related public policy issues. Most recently, Jamie led the successful legislative fight to pass the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship, which allows qualifying students to use the state portion of their tax funds for private schools, as well as the effort to allow companies and individuals to claim tax credits for donations to scholarship funds for students to access more choice in education. Her legislative successes have been featured in state and national media outlets, and she has become a central figure in pushing for conservative policies in Georgia. She currently lives in Atlanta.

John Shadegg

Member, United States House of Representatives (R–AZ)

John Shadegg has represented Arizona's Third Congressional District since 1994. He has established a reputation in Congress as a leading advocate for reduced government spending, federal tax relief, and the re-establishment of state and individual rights. Shadegg gained a national profile when he ran for House Majority Leader to fill the vacancy created by Tom DeLay's resignation. He was widely credited with changing the dynamic of the debate and, ultimately, the outcome. Shadegg served as Chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee, the fifth-ranking position in the House Leadership, from 2005 to 2006. At the time, he was the only member of the Republican Class of 1994 serving in the House Leadership. He resigned that position when he entered the race for Majority Leader. From 2000 to 2002, Shadegg was chairman of the Republican Study Committee (RSC), the largest conservative organization in the House of Representatives. Under Shadegg's leadership, the organization grew from 40 to more than 70 members and became the most influential and respected force in the U.S. House shaping conservative policy for the country.

Reverend Robert A. Sirico

President, Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty

Rev. Robert A. Sirico is known by many as a public intellectual. He is often in the pages of prominent newspapers or on the radio or television, being called upon for statements regarding economics, civil rights, and issues of religious concern. However, few know that, in addition to his leadership as president of the Acton Institute in Grand Rapids, Rev. Sirico is a parish priest with responsibility for St. Mary's Parish in Kalamazoo. He is also the founder and leader of a new religious order in formation. Rev. Sirico received his Master of Divinity degree from the Catholic University of America, with undergraduate study at the University of Southern California and the University of London. He holds an honorary doctorate in Christian ethics from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, as well as an honorary doctorate in social sciences from Universidad Francisco Marroquin.

Ryan Streeter, Ph.D.

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Ryan Streeter is Vice President of Civic Enterprises, LLC. He manages policy development and initiatives for a diverse group of the firm's private-sector clients and has an established track record of public policy accomplishments on a wide variety of issues. From 2005–2007, Streeter was Special Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy at the White House, where he coordinated housing, health care, and human services policy. Prior to his White House experience, he served as senior adviser and director at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, where he led the Department's efforts to engage more grassroots organizations in housing and development policy. Earlier in his career, Streeter was a fellow at the Hudson Institute, where he conducted research, wrote, and consulted on a wide variety of issues such as urban policy, civil society, social welfare, philanthropy, and results-oriented government services. Prior to his work at Hudson, he served as special assistant for policy to Indianapolis mayor Stephen Goldsmith and worked as a consultant in Europe. He is the editor, co-author, and author of four books and has published numerous articles. Streeter is an adjunct fellow at the Hudson Institute and holds a Ph.D. in political philosophy from Emory University. He lives in Alexandria, Virginia, with his wife and two children.

Phil Truluck

Executive Vice President, The Heritage Foundation

Phil Truluck is The Heritage Foundation's Executive Vice President, responsible for overseeing all day-to-day operations. During Ronald Reagan's first term, Truluck served on the Executive Committee of the President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control, more commonly known as the Grace Commission. Prior to joining Heritage in 1977, Truluck began his career in the office of Senator Strom Thurmond. He later worked for Representative Ben Blackburn of Georgia and served as Deputy Director of the Republican Study Committee. Truluck is a member of The Heritage Foundation's Board of Trustees, a founding director and current member of the Board of Directors of the Center for International Private Enterprise, and a board member of the Capitol Hill Business Improvement District. He is also a member of the Philadelphia Society and the Mont Pelerin Society. Truluck holds a B.S. degree in finance from the University of South Carolina.

James Tusty

Producer and Director, The Singing Revolution

James Tusty and Maureen Castle Tusty co-produced, co-wrote, and co-directed *The Singing Revolution*. The film is an execution of their vision, inspired by teaching two filmmaking courses in Estonia in 1999 and 2001. *The New York Times* made *The Singing Revolution* a coveted “NYT Critic’s Choice” and compared the film to *Casablanca*: “Imagine the scene in ‘Casablanca’ in which the French patrons sing ‘La Marseillaise’ in defiance of the Germans, then multiply its power by a factor of thousands, and you’ve only begun to imagine the force of ‘The Singing Revolution.’” This is their first feature film. Prior to *The Singing Revolution*, they have separately and together produced hundreds of programs, including television programs and documentaries, TV commercials, and corporate films for some of the largest corporations in the world including Coca-Cola, GE, and IBM. The body of their work has been honored with over 100 national and international awards. Both have extensive international experience, having shot films in over thirty countries around the world. Jim has prior experience with Eastern European production. He produced several Russian-language programs for McGraw-Hill that were shot in multiple locations in Russia in 1986 and 1988, and immediately after the dissolution of the Warsaw Pact, he produced a fifteen-part series on free-market economics for Hungarian television. *The Singing Revolution* premiered at the Black Nights Film Festival in the Republic of Estonia, where it received an unprecedented fifteen-minute standing ovation. The film went on to become the most successful documentary film in Estonian box office history.

Peggy Venable

Texas Director, Americans for Prosperity

Peggy Venable has worked in public policy and grassroots campaigns in government, the political arena, and the private sector for over thirty years. A native Texan, Peggy has spent 15 years in Washington, D.C., working for three Administrations. During that time, she worked on public policy issues in the areas of education, natural resources, and transportation. Peggy was White House Liaison for three Cabinet secretaries including the U.S. Department of the Interior and the Department of Education. She was at the Department of Education when the idea for *A Nation at Risk* was conceived, which was our country’s first “wake-up call” that our education system was falling behind. At the U.S. Department of the Interior, she directed the “Take Pride in America” grassroots campaign, which encompassed eight federal agencies. Peggy has served as senior staff at the RNC and directed the Republican National Convention in 1984. Twenty years later, she was a Texas delegate at large to the 2004 Republican National Convention in New York City. Peggy is Texas Director of AFP, which has a membership of over 16,000 individuals, and has served as a taxpayer advocate in Texas for fourteen years. She is mother to a 20-year-old daughter who is in college and in the honor society and senior news reporter for her college newspaper. Peggy is a contributing editor to the *Lone Star Report*, on the board of the Texas Center for Education Research as well as Austin CEO Foundation, a board member of the Reagan Conservative Society, and immediate past President of the Texas Women’s Alliance as well as a past President of the Texas State University Foundation Board.

John Von Kannon

Vice President and Treasurer, The Heritage Foundation

John Von Kannon has been an integral part of The Heritage Foundation for more than 25 years, heading the department that’s responsible for raising the money Heritage needs to further its vision of building an America where freedom, opportunity, prosperity, and civil society flourish. In 2006, Heritage received a record \$41.4 million from its 280,000 supporters. But Von Kannon says that “matchmaker” is a better description of his post than “fundraiser,” as he focuses on connecting Americans concerned about their country with Heritage’s ideas and values. Von Kannon joined Heritage in 1980 as an assistant to the think tank’s President, Ed Feulner, with Heritage’s fundraising activities. He was named Treasurer a year later and became Vice President and Treasurer several years after that. In 1988, Von Kannon left Heritage to become Vice President of the Pacific Legal Foundation, a public-interest law foundation in Sacramento, California. A year later, he became president of Russell & Von Kannon, a marketing and consulting firm in suburban Chicago. He rejoined Heritage in 1991. Before joining Heritage, Von Kannon was publisher of *The American Spectator*, a conservative opinion journal then published in Bloomington, Indiana. It was at the *Spectator* that Von Kannon got his start in fundraising. Von Kannon later became a contributing editor for the *Spectator* and for years was listed on its masthead as “Kapellmeister” under his nickname there: “Baron Von Kannon.” Von Kannon has been active in politics since his teens. In 1964, at age 15, he campaigned for GOP presidential candidate Barry Goldwater. A graduate of Indiana University, Von Kannon also was an active member of Young Americans for Freedom and served on its national Board of Directors. In addition to his duties at Heritage, Von Kannon serves as a trustee of FREE, the Foundation for Research on the Economics of the Environment in Bozeman, Montana. He is also a trustee of four grant-making institutions. Von Kannon resides with his wife, Cindy, and children, Jack and Rachel, in Washington, D.C.

Bridgett Wagner

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Carsten Walter

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Ben Weisberg

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