



Speaker Bios

Morning Plenary

Joe Mathews, a journalist and Irvine senior fellow at the New America Foundation, is co-president of the 2010 Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy, a free, public event that takes place July 31 to August 4 at UC Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. He is co-author, with Mark Paul, of *The California Crackup: How Reform Broke the Golden State and How We Can Fix It* (University of California Press, 2010) and author of *The People's Machine: Arnold Schwarzenegger and the Rise of Blockbuster Democracy* (PublicAffairs, 2006). Mr. Mathews is a contributing writer at the *Los Angeles Times* and a columnist for *The Daily Beast* and *Fox & Hounds Daily*. His work appears in the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *The American Prospect*, *The New Republic*, *Politico*, the *Scientific American*, and *Los Angeles* magazine. Before joining New America in 2008, he was a reporter for the *Los Angeles Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *Baltimore Sun*. A fourth-generation Californian, he lives with his wife and toddler son in Los Angeles, a short walk from Little Ethiopia and the La Brea Tar Pits.

Jean Ross is the executive director of the CBP. Her prior professional experience includes serving as principal consultant to the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee; senior consultant to the Assembly Human Services Committee, where she staffed the California Legislature's Joint Select Committee on the Changing Family; and assistant research director of the Service Employees International Union in Washington, DC, where she was responsible for coordinating the union's research on tax, budget, and employment policy issues. Ms. Ross serves on the Board of the Washington, DC-based Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, the Advisory Committee of California's Franchise Tax Board, and the Board of the California Tax Reform Association. Ms. Ross is a frequent speaker on workforce and fiscal policy issues and has published numerous reports and articles on fiscal and economic policy issues. Ms. Ross graduated from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and has a master's degree in city and regional planning with a concentration in regional economics from the University of California, Berkeley. Ms. Ross was selected as a senior fellow of the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Public Policy and Social Research in 2000-01.

Sherry Novick serves as executive director of the First 5 Association of California, representing California's 58 First 5 County Children and Families Commissions. In that role she assists in coordinating the activities of local commissions, facilitates technical assistance and training efforts, and represents the commissions statewide with partner agencies concerned with the well-being of young children. Prior to assuming this position, Ms. Novick worked for 15 years in the California Legislature where she served as a consultant to the Joint Select Task Force on the Changing Family and later as Chief Consultant to the Assembly Human Services Committee. During her years with the State Assembly, Ms. Novick specialized in issues related to child and family services, early care and education,

income support programs, disability, and long-term care. Ms. Novick staffed development of the CalWORKs Program, California's response to federal welfare reform, and the CARES legislation designed to improve retention and training of early childhood educators. Ms. Novick holds a masters degree in public administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Lunch Plenary

Christopher Hayes is the Washington, DC editor of *The Nation* and a fellow at the New America Foundation. Since 2002, he has written on issues including union organizing and economic democracy, the culture of right-wing email forwards, the worldview of the anti-globalist right, and the culture of technology. His essays, articles, and reviews have appeared in *The New York Times Magazine*, *The Nation*, *The American Prospect*, *The New Republic*, *The Washington Monthly*, *The Guardian*, and *The Chicago Reader*. From 2005 to 2006, Mr. Hayes was a Schumann Center Writing Fellow at *In These Times*. Mr. Hayes grew up in the Bronx, graduated from Brown University in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and now lives in Washington, DC with his wife Kate.

Afternoon Plenary

Senator Denise Moreno Ducheny has served in the California State Senate since November 5, 2002 representing the 40th District, which includes portions of San Diego and Riverside counties and all of Imperial County. Senator Ducheny chairs the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, and the Select Committees on California-Mexico Cooperation and the Colorado River. She is a member of the Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee, the Labor and Industrial Relations Committee, the Select Committee on State School Facilities, and the Joint Committee on Fairs, Allocation, and Classification. She is also Chair of the Border Legislative Conference, a binational forum of state legislators from the 10 US-Mexico Border States sponsored by the Council of State Governments and serves on the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures. Prior to her election to the California State Senate, Senator Ducheny served in the California State Assembly from 1994 to 2000 and on the San Diego Community College Board from 1990 to 1994. Ms. Ducheny holds a bachelor's degree in history from Pomona College and a Juris Doctorate from Southwestern University School of Law.

Assemblymember Noreen Evans represents the 7th State Assembly District, which includes all of Napa County and portions of Solano and Sonoma counties. Assemblymember Evans is the former chair of the Assembly Budget Committee and currently serves on the Budget, Banking and Finance, Governmental Organization, and Judiciary committees. Representing much of California's premium wine growing region, Assemblymember Evans has chaired the Assembly Select Committee on Wine for the past four years, where she serves as a liaison between the wine industry and the Assembly. As a member of the Law Revision Commission, Assemblymember Evans studies intricate legal problems to resolve deficits in our laws and identifies major policy questions for legislative attention. As a member of the Commission on the Status of Women, she also advises the Governor and the Legislature on inequities in laws, practices, and conditions that affect women. Prior to her election to the Assembly in 2004, Assemblymember Evans served two terms on the Santa Rosa City Council and three years on the Santa Rosa Planning Commission. An attorney by training, Assemblymember Evans also practiced law for more than twenty years, focusing on civil litigation and appeals. Assemblymember Evans has a Juris Doctorate from the McGeorge School of Law at the University of Pacific and a bachelor's degree in government from California State University, Sacramento. She lives in Santa Rosa and has three children: Erin, Joel, and Rachel.

Dan Morain is senior editor-opinion and a political affairs columnist for *The Sacramento Bee*. He has covered numerous political campaigns, including the 2008 presidential campaign, and all three branches of California state government, including the California Supreme Court when Rose Bird was chief justice, the legislature when Assemblymember Willie Brown was speaker, and Governor Gray Davis' administration. Mr. Morain joined *The Sacramento Bee* at the beginning of 2010, after working for nine months for Consumer Attorneys of California and 27 years as a reporter for the *Los Angeles Times*.

Workshops

Alissa Anderson serves as the deputy director of the CBP. She joined the CBP in 2005 as a labor market policy analyst and continues to conduct research on California's economy. Prior to joining the CBP, Ms. Anderson was a research associate in the Education Policy Center at the Urban Institute in Washington, DC. She also held a research internship at the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy and provided research consulting to several organizations, including the International Longshore and Warehouse Union and the Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies in Los Angeles. Ms. Anderson received a master's degree in urban planning with a concentration in regional and economic development from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a bachelor's degree in sociology from Bryn Mawr College.

Barbara Baran is a senior fellow at the CBP. From 2003 until 2005, she served as the CBP's associate director. For the prior 20 years, she worked in the fields of workforce and economic development, as an academic, senior administrator, and national consultant. For much of that time, she served as vice president of the Industrial Services Program and its successor organization, the Corporation for Business, Work, and Learning (CBWL). The CBWL was a \$200 million quasi-public corporation in Massachusetts, with both a workforce development and economic development mission. After leaving the CBWL, Ms. Baran was a founding partner of Workforce Learning Strategies, a national consulting organization dedicated to helping policymakers, community, business, and labor leaders develop strategies to ensure decent work and income for all citizens. Ms. Baran's work has included policy analysis, program evaluation, technical assistance, and academic research. She holds a Ph.D. and master's degree from the University of California, Berkeley, in city and regional planning, and a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Beth Capell, principal with Capell & Associates, provides policy analysis, legislative advocacy, and other strategic counsel to Health Access and to other consumer, labor, and public interest organizations on health care issues. Ms. Capell has headed Capell & Associates and represented Health Access since 1996. During those years, Health Access fought for and won the HMO Patient Bill of Rights as well as expansions of health coverage, including the creation of Healthy Families. Ms. Capell has worked in and around the state capitol since 1977, working as legislative staff, in the executive branch, and in campaign consulting. She has been a legislative advocate since 1984 working on health care issues. Ms. Capell has a Ph.D. in political science from the University of California, Berkeley and has also served as a Visiting Scholar, research associate, and teaching assistant at that campus.

Linda Collins is the Executive Director of the Career Ladders Project (CLP), a non-profit organization working to foster educational and career advancement for Californians through research, policy, and direct assistance to colleges and their workforce partners. Ms. Collins has extensive experience with workforce development, academic leadership as well as educational policy and programs, having worked closely with the Board of Governors for the California Community Colleges (CCC) to develop the statewide Ladders of Opportunity policy initiative and the large scale Career Advancement Academy (CAA) demonstration project designed to connect underprepared and underemployed youth and adults to high-wage career pathways. Ms. Collins taught sociology and interdisciplinary studies at Los Medanos College in Pittsburg, California for 15 years. She served two terms as the President of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges and was the founding director of the Inter-segmental Major

Preparation Articulated Curriculum (IMPAC), a major initiative to improve articulation across the segments of higher education in California. Ms. Collins is frequently asked to consult on state and national policy efforts. She is a founding member of the California EDGE Campaign, a non-partisan coalition – including business, labor, community colleges, workforce boards, and community and social equity groups – focused on policy change and systems alignment to improve the state’s workforce development system.

Kara Dansky is the executive director of the Stanford Criminal Justice Center (SCJC). At the SCJC, Ms. Dansky develops nonpartisan analyses and recommendations that aid public officials, legal practitioners, and the public in understanding criminal justice policy at the state and national levels. She also coordinates major symposia and conferences on policies related to crime control, sentencing and corrections, and helps students prepare for careers in criminal law and criminal justice policy. As a Lecturer in Law at Stanford Law School, Ms. Dansky teaches courses on criminal practice, sentencing law, and policy, and the criminal court system, and supervises the law school’s criminal law externship program. Additional research interests include legal and policy concerns associated with DNA collection and the success of diversion courts. In 2007 and 2008, Ms. Dansky conducted the Stanford Executive Sessions on Sentencing and Corrections – a policy working group designed to encourage collaborative criminal justice policy development at the national, state, regional, and local levels by promoting public/private partnerships between different levels of government in the criminal justice arena; creating opportunities for the use of social science research to aid in the development and implementation of empirically validated, data-driven criminal justice programs and policies; and serving as a public service consultant to public officials at all levels of government. She also serves as Vice President of the National Association of Sentencing Commissions, a national organization created to facilitate the exchange of sentencing information, ideas, data, expertise, and experiences on issues related to sentencing policies, sentencing guidelines, and sentencing commissions. Before joining Stanford, Ms. Dansky was a staff attorney for the Society of Counsel Representing Accused Persons in Seattle.

Sophie Fanelli is director of research at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Institute for Democracy, Education, and Access (IDEA). Ms. Fanelli has overseen the research activities of IDEA since September 2007 (most recently, she oversaw research production of the Educational Opportunity Report Series). IDEA is a network of UCLA scholars and students, professionals in schools and public agencies, advocates, community activists, and urban youth. IDEA’s mission is to make high-quality public schooling and successful college participation a routine occurrence in low-income neighborhoods of color. Prior to joining IDEA, Ms. Fanelli was a Research Fellow at the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California. She was a key member of the Williams v. State of California litigation team, working closely with expert witnesses to develop the factual basis and remedies for the case. Ms. Fanelli also worked on cases that increased access to advanced placement courses for low-income students of color. Ms. Fanelli has a law degree and a master’s degree in international law and human rights from the Universite D’Aix-en-Provence, and a joint masters in history and political science from Universite d’Aix and Universita La Sapienza, Rome, Italy. Ms. Fanelli also conducted research at the University of Texas at Austin as a Foreign Law Fellow.

Lisa Gardiner worked as the CBP’s communications director from 2005 to 2007 and rejoined the CBP as its communications director in October 2008. Prior to joining the CBP, Ms. Gardiner was the legislative director for California State Assemblymember Juan Arambula and worked for four years as a legislative aide for Assemblymember John Dutra. A former newspaper reporter, most recently for ANG Newspapers in the San Francisco Bay Area, she holds a master’s degree in theological studies from Vanderbilt University Divinity School and a bachelor’s degree in English from Reed College.

Scott Graves has analyzed health, human services, housing, and other issues for the CBP since 2002. Prior to joining the CBP, Mr. Graves worked as a researcher in Austin, Texas, for the Tomás Rivera Policy Institute, Consumers Union, and the Public Policy Clinic at the University of Texas, Austin. He also was a California executive fellow and worked as a reporter for newspapers in Arizona and California. Mr. Graves received a Ph.D. in political science from the

University of Texas, Austin, and a bachelor's degree in government and journalism from California State University, Sacramento.

Christian Griffith is the chief consultant of the Assembly Budget Committee. As chief consultant, Mr. Griffith is responsible for crafting the state's \$144 billion total annual budget and directing the Assembly's budget process. Previously, Mr. Griffith served as the director of Fiscal and Administrative Services for the Santa Clara County Social Services Agency, where he oversaw the administrative functions for the agency. Prior to that position, Mr. Griffith served as a senior consultant with the Assembly Budget Committee for six years, where he staffed a diverse group of issue areas, including human services, health, child development, labor, military, and veterans affairs. Mr. Griffith also worked as a senior fiscal and policy analyst for the San Francisco Department of Human Services. He received his undergraduate degree from the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University and his master's in public policy from the Goldman School of Public Policy at University of California, Berkeley.

Debra Jones currently serves as the administrator of adult education at the California Department of Education. Ms. Jones has a rich history of more than 25 years in adult education having worked as an instructor, coordinator, counselor, and director of an adult school. Her accomplishments include working as an operator of a regional "one stop," serving on the Workforce Investment Board, and establishing a county Newcomer Center for new immigrants at an adult school. Ms. Jones is the chair of the research committee for the United States National Adult Education Council of State Directors. She works closely with the leadership in Washington, DC to fulfill President Obama's goal of educating the adult workforce and to further the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act Title II legislation. Ms. Jones sits on state and federal boards and has received numerous recognitions in the field of adult education, including the Tom Fine award for innovative leadership. She believes that amidst the economic challenges there is an opportunity for adult educators to create and define a robust future for the adult education system. Ms. Jones is currently working to complete her doctorate in organizational leadership.

Jonathan Kaplan joined the CBP as an educational policy analyst in 2006. Prior to joining the CBP, Mr. Kaplan taught law and United States history for seven years in Martinez, California, where he also served as chair of Alhambra High School's social science department. Mr. Kaplan holds a master's degree in education from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and received his bachelor's degree in history from Yale University.

Vicky Lovell joined the CBP in January 2009. Her research focuses on workforce development programs, unemployment insurance, and work supports. Before coming to the CBP, Ms. Lovell conducted research and provided technical assistance on employment, unemployment, and work supports – particularly as those issues intersect with gender—as the director of employment and work/life programs at the Institute for Women's Policy Research in Washington, DC. She received a Ph.D. in public administration and policy from Portland State University in Portland, Oregon, and a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Pomona College in Claremont, California.

Raúl Macías joined the CBP as an intern in September 2008 and is currently the CBP's research assistant. Prior to joining the CBP, Mr. Macías worked as an advocate at California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform and at the Health Rights Hotline. He also held internships with AARP California and Disability Rights California, and worked as an Organizing Fellow for Barack Obama for America in New Mexico. Mr. Macías received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Los Angeles, and is currently working on a master's degree in public policy and administration from California State University, Sacramento.

David Min is the associate director for Financial Markets Policy at the Center for American Progress. He works on capital market issues, including the mortgage finance system, the credit crisis, and all aspects of financial regulatory reform. Mr. Min appears regularly to discuss these issues and others related to markets and the economy on television, radio, and print. Prior to joining the Center, he was a senior policy advisor and counsel with the Joint

Economic Committee of the US Congress, where he focused on policy solutions to the credit crisis, as well as other macroeconomic and financial markets issues. Mr. Min was formerly the Banking Committee counsel for Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY). Before coming to Capitol Hill, Mr. Min was an associate at the law firm Wilmer Hale, where he specialized in white-collar criminal and civil litigation, and previously worked as a staff attorney in the Securities and Exchange Commission's Division of Enforcement. Mr. Min holds a Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School and received his undergraduate degrees from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business and School of Arts and Sciences, where he graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa.

Edwin Park is a senior fellow in the Health Policy Department of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) focusing on Medicaid, CHIP, Medicare, and comprehensive health reform efforts at the federal level. He also analyzes federal tax policies related to health care, state regulation of the private health insurance market, and issues related to prescription drugs. He has testified before Congress, been interviewed on NPR and CNBC, and has been cited in media publications such as the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Los Angeles Times*. Prior to coming to the CBPP in 2001, Mr. Park served as the health policy advisor for the National Economic Council. He also has worked as a professional staff member for the US Senate Finance Committee specializing in Medicaid and as an attorney in private practice specializing in health law. He has a law degree from Harvard Law School and a bachelor's degree from Princeton University.

LaDonna Pavetti is the Director of the Welfare Reform and Income Support Division at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. In this capacity, she oversees the Center's work analyzing poverty trends and assessing the nation's income support programs, including the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program. Before joining the Center in 2009, Dr. Pavetti spent 12 years as a researcher at Mathematica Policy Research, Inc., where she directed numerous research projects examining various aspects of TANF implementation and strategies to address the needs of the hard-to-employ. She has also served as a researcher at the Urban Institute, a consultant to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on welfare reform issues, and a policy analyst for the District of Columbia's Commission on Social Services. In addition, for several years she was a social worker in Chicago and Washington, DC. Dr. Pavetti has a master's degree in social work from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. in public policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Hanh Kim Quach joined the CBP in September 2009 as a health policy analyst. Her experience includes previous work as a senior consultant in the state Legislature and as policy coordinator at Health Access Foundation. Prior to entering the policy world, Ms. Quach was a journalist for 10 years, including seven years as a capitol reporter for the *Orange County Register*. Ms. Quach earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona.

Robert Tannenwald is a Senior Fellow for the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities' State Fiscal Project. Prior to joining the Center in 2010, he served as a Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, where he worked for 28 years, and Director of the Bank's New England Public Policy Center, which he founded in 2005. From 1975 through 1978, he was an Analyst in Taxation and Fiscal Policy for the Library of Congress' Congressional Research Service. Mr. Tannenwald has published extensively on state and local taxation over the course of his 35-year career. A widely respected authority on a range of public finance issues ranging from unemployment insurance to tax competitiveness, Mr. Tannenwald has served as an expert witness at scores of public hearings. He has also served as Research Director or Member of five different tax study commissions in three New England states. In 2007, he was elected President of the National Tax Association. Mr. Tannenwald received a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College and a Ph.D. from Harvard University, where he was a Danforth Graduate Fellow.

Seren M. Taylor is the staff director for the Senate Republican Fiscal Office. As the staff director, Mr. Taylor is the point person for the Senate Republican Caucus on all state fiscal matters. The Senate Republican Fiscal Office plays a critical role in shaping the state budget and informing the senators' fiscal policy decisions. The Senate Republican

Fiscal Office provides fiscal advice to Republican members of the Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, all the budget subcommittees, and the Appropriations Committee, and is responsible for providing the fiscal analysis of all legislation that may have an economic impact upon the state. Mr. Taylor began his career in state government as a budget analyst for the California Department of Finance in 1997. After nearly five years with the Department of Finance, where he administered the budgets for several different state departments, including the Department of Corrections and the Department of Fish and Game, Mr. Taylor was recruited to work for the Assembly Republican Fiscal Office. As the senior consultant for the Assembly Republican Fiscal Office in the health program area, he analyzed all state budget health issues and advised republican assemblymembers regarding the programmatic and policy implications and fiscal impact of those health issues. After several years with the Assembly, Mr. Taylor became the principal consultant in the health program area for the Senate Republican Fiscal Office and was ultimately promoted to the position of staff director.