

SPEAKER VITAE

David Bergeron is the Director of Policy and Budget Development for the Office of Postsecondary Education at the United States Department of Education. In this role, David works with Congressional members and their staffs and the higher education community to develop legislative proposals for the Department's postsecondary education programs. His office is also responsible for developing regulations and other policy guidance to implement enacted legislation. In that capacity, David has worked on four reauthorizations of the Higher Education Act, the Taxpayer -Teacher Relief Act, numerous Budget Reconciliation Acts. Most recently, David and his staff worked on the provisions of the Higher Education Reconciliation Act that changed numerous financial aid provisions, but in particular, created two new academic-based grants for needy students, the Academic Competitiveness Grant and National SMART Grant.

Allison Brown has been with the Department of Education for 23 years and has been with the TCCU program for approximately 3 years.

Sonia Feigenbaum joined the Division of Education at the NEH in 2001. Since then, she has had the opportunity to help many applicants secure funding in all grant categories available in the division of Education Programs. She heads the Humanities Initiatives for Faculty at Tribal Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-serving Institutions and Historically Black Colleges and Universities cluster. Prior to joining the NEH, she was on the faculty at Williams College and the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota.

Angel Figueroa is the Natural Resources Conservation Service National TSP Team Leader. Angel has been with USDA since 1989 having served in Massachusetts, Ohio, North Dakota, and Maryland.

Dennis Friday is Chief Scientist of the Electromagnetics Division at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Boulder Colorado. He assumed this position in October, after having served as a Division Chief for the past 10 years, and Deputy Chief for 5 years prior to that. Dennis also served as a Program Analyst in NIST Director's Program Office in Gaithersburg, MD, for a year; as Division Program Development Coordinator; as Chairman of the NIST Research Advisory Committee; and as the NIST Liaison to the DOD Calibration Coordination Group. Prior to joining NIST, in late 1979, in the Center for Applied Mathematics, he was a member of the technical staff in the Operations Research Center of Bell Laboratories, Holmdel, New Jersey; an electrical engineer with Boeing in Seattle, WA, and at Cape Canaveral, FL; a consultant in signal processing for Locus Inc. and the Applied Research Labs in State College, PA; and a measurement systems design specialist at the GE Space Technology Center in King of Prussia, PA. Dennis also served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Swaziland. He attended Drexel University, and holds a BS and PhD from Pennsylvania State University.

Ralph Hines is Director of the U.S. Department of Education's International Education Programs Service, which administers the international education programs authorized under Title VI of the Higher Education Act (HEA) and Section 102(b)(6) of the Fulbright-Hays Act. He manages the major federal programs dedicated to the maintenance and development of a national capacity in foreign language area studies and international business. He has held a variety of administrative, programmatic and management positions during his 36-year tenure with the Department's international education programs. Mr. Hines has served the public well in a great variety of professional activities, including work on inter-governmental advisory groups and task forces in the United States and abroad that focused on the totality of the federal effort in the field of international training and exchanges. His professional activities have included travel and consultations in the Americas, Africa, Asia, Middle East, and the Caribbean. He holds BA and MA degrees from Norfolk State University and the George Washington University, respectively and a Senior Executive Fellows certificate from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Ron His Horse is Thunder serves as Chair of the President's Board of Advisors on Tribal Colleges and Universities. His Horse is Thunder, a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, was elected tribal chair in 2005. Prior to that time he served as president of Sitting Bull College for eleven years, responsible for overall college operations, public relations and liaison to tribal, state and federal governments. Ron His Horse is Thunder has also served as president of Little Hoop Community College, in Fort Totten, ND; and of Standing Rock Community College before it was renamed Sitting Bull College. Ron His Horse is Thunder earned a J.D. degree from the University of South Dakota School of Law and a bachelor's degree in political science from Black Hills State College.



Len Lintner is the Acting Chief, State Administration Branch. Mr. Lintner manages activities associated with the Perkins State Basic and Tech Prep Grants. He provides leadership that includes oversight of all programmatic issues related to career and technical education assistance to the states, the monitoring process, and audit resolutions. Although Mr. Lintner is not responsible for oversight of state accountability under Perkins IV, the work that is accomplished by his monitoring teams serves to support states in meeting performance goals.

Dan Litynski is currently serving with the National Science Foundation (NSF) as Program Director (Physics) and has served as Acting Division Director within the Division of Undergraduate Education (DUE) under the provisions of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA). He is a Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Western Michigan University (WMU) and completed five years of distinguished service as Dean of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Interim President at WMU. Major initiatives included strategic planning, implementation, and reorganization at university and college level, and the planning and implementation of a new 270 acre, over \$100 million, engineering campus collocated with a Business Technology and Research Park. Brigadier General (retired) Litynski served in the U.S. Army for over thirty years and completed nine years as Head of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at West Point before joining WMU in July 1999. Teaching, research, and educational innovations in physics, optics, electrical engineering and computer science are included in numerous publications, awards, and a patent. Education includes Ph.D. and B.S. in Physics (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) and M.S. in Optics (University of Rochester) degrees. National service education includes the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces of the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. Military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal and Bronze Star. Appointed to six honor societies, is a member of seven professional societies, and has several professional honors and awards. Senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and President of the IEEE Education Society.

Sylvia Lyles is the Acting Director, Discretionary Programs and Innovation Group (DPIG), Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) for the Department of Education. The DPIG is responsible for developing policy and programmatic guidance and providing a broad range of services to grantees in response to the mandates of Perkins IV. Ms. Lyles is responsible for program implementation and management for the Native American and Hawaiian grants under Perkins IV, Sections 115, 116, 117, and 118. She will lead the discretionary grant competitions planned for 2006-2007.

James Manning serves as Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, advising the Secretary of Education on all matters related to postsecondary education and administers programs that support students and institutions of higher education nationwide. A native of Boston, Massachusetts, Mr. Manning is a graduate of Northeastern University. In 2001, he became Chief of Staff in the Office of the Deputy Secretary. He served as the principal advisor to the Deputy Secretary with responsibility for budget, policy and program issues. Jim left the Department in 2003 when the White House asked him to serve as the Acting CEO and Chief Operating Officer of the Corporation for National Community Service. He directed Senior Corps, AmeriCorps and the Learn and Serve programs, overseeing the grant-making process and the Office of Development and Leadership Training. In February 2004, he returned to the Department of Education as Chief of Staff in the Office of Federal Student Aid, where he continues to serve in this position.

Lara Moody is a licensed Professional Engineer with Iowa State University in the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Department in Ames, Iowa. Lara's office developed the TSP Core Curriculum that may be adopted by other institutions.

Randi Neff recently joined NRC's Office of Human Resources (HR), as a Training Program Specialist (grants) to expand the education grants program for institutions of higher education for the support of courses, studies, training, curricula, and disciplines pertaining to nuclear safety, security and environmental protection. Ms Neff has spent the last 5 years developing, administering and monitoring grant programs and activities at NOAA's Office of Ocean Exploration, NOAA's Office of Education and at NOAA's Grant Management Division.

Jim O'Connor is the Director of the Small Business Training Network (SBTN) at the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). He has been with the SBA for over twelve years and has held various positions in program management, policy formation and business development. As the director of SBTN, he is responsible for the agency's online training environment. More than 5,000 small business clients each week register for free SBTN online courses. Jim is also an adjunct business professor at Anne Arundel Community College and is on the school's Business Advisory Board. He has over twenty years of experience in business and government.



Van Pace has worked in every level of grant management policy and operation during her career. Before employment with the federal government, she was a Director of a non-profit agency and worked as a fiscal officer for several other non-profit agencies. She had responsibility to research potential program eligibility criteria, assess program feasibility, and produce documents to apply for funding, in addition to providing supervision and training to in the implementation of federal funded programs. She negotiated and executed contracts, federal and state grant awards, cooperative agreements and other types of assistance awards. She worked with the federal government in both program and fiscal management of assistance programs both in Washington, D. C. Headquarters offices and at Regional Offices. She currently holds the position of Director, Grant Policy and Oversight with the Department of Homeland Security.

Jagadeesh Pamulapati joined the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASA(ALT)) as the Deputy Director for Laboratory Management in June 2006. In this position, Dr. Pamulapati serves as the Army's Chief Scientist's expert advisor for all aspects related to the strategic planning, review and oversight of Army laboratories and research personnel activities. Specifically, he evaluates and oversees implementation of policies and procedures for the Army's Laboratory Program. Additionally he oversees a portion of the Applied Research Portfolio for the Chief Scientist. Dr. Pamulapati received his B.S.E., M.S.E. and Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He holds eleven patents and has contributed to more than 40 archival journal publications and three books. On numerous occasions, he has been invited to lecture at national and international fora for industry and academia. Besides the Army War College in Carlisle, PA, he has been a visiting lecturer at the University of Maryland, College Park, and Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Piscataway. Since 1991, he has been an active member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering.

Laura Petonito is Acting Director of University Programs and Chief, Education Programs in the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Research and Development. Ms. Petonito is responsible for DHS S&T science, technology, engineering and mathematical (STEM) education and workforce development initiatives. Prior to joining University Programs, Laura served as the Office of Naval Research Program Manager for STEM education programs, including investing in and building research skills for students attending TCUs, HBCUs, and HSIs and at the Department of Veterans Affairs headquarters office evaluating the performance of Veterans Health Administration. As a professional staff member of the U.S. Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee, she spent over a decade serving as the Committee's expert in food and nutrition health-related issues and commodity marketing programs. She has a master's degree in Health Education and is a PhD candidate in Education.

Michelle Rathbun is the diversity outreach coordinator for the Office of Workforce Development for Teachers & Scientists in the U.S. Dept. of Energy's Office of Science. She coordinates publications and outreach to support science education programs for teachers and undergraduate students. The programs can be found on the Web at www.scied.science.doe.gov

Tuwanda M. Smith, ESQ., gained employment with NRC's Office of Small Business and Civil Rights (SBCR), as Program Coordinator for MSIP, on April 3, 2006. Upon her arrival, she was task with developing an outreach partnership program with Minority-Serving Institutions. Ms. Smith has received numerous citations for developing programs to assist individuals pursue education, career, and life goals. In 2003, Ms. Smith received a *Meritorious Service Award* for 13 years of outstanding services to the citizens of Prince George's County in the field of civil rights.

Margaret Spellings has served as Secretary of Education since January 2005. Prior to her tenure as Education Secretary, Spellings served as Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy, where she helped create the *No Child Left Behind Act* and crafted policies on education, immigration, health care, labor, transportation, justice, housing, and other elements of the President's domestic agenda. Previously, Spellings worked for six years as Senior Advisor to Governor George W. Bush with responsibility for developing and implementing the Governor's education reforms and policies. She graduated from the University of Houston with a bachelor's degree in political science.

