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Donna E. Shalala became Professor of Political Science and President of the University of Miami on June 1, 2001. A leading scholar on the political economy of state and local governments, she has also held tenured professorships at Columbia University, the City University of New York (CUNY), and the University of Wisconsin - Madison. She served as President of Hunter College of CUNY from 1980 to 1987 and as Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 1987 to 1993. One of the country's first Peace Corp volunteers, she served in Iran from 1962 to 1964.

Dr. Shalala served in the Carter administration as Assistant Secretary for Public Development and Research at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In 1993, President Clinton appointed her United States Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) where she served for eight years, becoming the longest serving HHS Secretary in U.S. history. As HHS Secretary, she directed the welfare reform process, made health insurance available to an estimated 3.3 million children through the approval of all State Children's Health Insurance Programs (SCHIP), raised child immunization rates to the highest levels in history, led major reforms of the FDA's drug approval process and food safety system, revitalized the National Institutes of Health, and directed a major management and policy reform of Medicare. At the end of her tenure as HHS Secretary, *The Washington Post* described Dr. Shalala as "one of the most successful government managers of modern times." In 2007, President George W. Bush picked her to co-chair with Senator Bob Dole the Commission on Care for Returning Wounded Warriors, to evaluate how wounded service members transition from active duty to civilian society.

In June 2008, President Bush presented her with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award, at a ceremony in the White House, praising her "as one of our nation's most distinguished educators and public officials." She has been awarded more than three dozen honorary degrees and a host of other honors, including the 1992 National Public Service Award, the 1994 Glamour magazine Woman of the Year Award, and in 2005 was named one of "America's Best Leaders" by U.S. News & World Report and the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. She has been elected to the Council on Foreign Relations; National Academy of Education; the National Academy of Public Administration; the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; the National Academy of Social Insurance; the American Academy of Political and Social Science; and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.



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Moses Boyd is Principal in the Integrated Solutions Group of the Washington Group. After receiving his J.D. from the University of South Carolina in 1986, he began his practicing law legal career in private practice in Greenville, South Carolina. He was then appointed to the South Carolina Legislative Council as a legislative drafting attorney. In November 1989, he joined the United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, as Counsel to the Consumer Subcommittee. Mr. Boyd became Senior Counsel to the Consumer Subcommittee in 1992, and Democratic Chief Counsel to the full Committee in 1999. Throughout his thirteen-year tenure with the Commerce Committee, Mr. Boyd played an active role on major issues and policies such as the liability of airlines and cities for the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, antitrust review procedures for communications and technology industry mergers, Enron oversight, corporate average fuel economy standards (CAFÉ), 2000 Digital Signatures Act, authorizing contractual agreements over the Internet through the use of digital signatures, 1998 Tobacco Settlement, federal insurance oversight and a host of product and commercial liability bills.

Mr. Boyd has been a Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars, and has conducted a seminar at the University of South Carolina on how interest groups acquire and effectuate political power.

Peter Levine is Director of CIRCLE, The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, and Research director of Tufts University's Jonathan Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service. He graduated from Yale in 1989 with a degree in philosophy and then studied philosophy at Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship, receiving his doctorate in 1992. From 1991 until 1993, he was a research associate at Common Cause. In the late 1990s, he was Deputy Director of the National Commission on Civic Renewal, chaired by Senator Sam Nunn and William Bennett.

Dr. Levine is the author of *The Future of Democracy: Developing the Next Generation of American Citizens*; *The Myth of Paolo and Francesca: Narrative and Ethics in Dante and Modern Times*; *The New Progressive Era: Toward a Fair and Deliberative Democracy*; *Living Without Philosophy: On Narrative, Rhetoric, and Morality*; *Nietzsche and the Modern Crisis of the Humanities*; and a novel entitled *Something to Hide*. He also co-edited *The Deliberative Democracy Handbook* and co-organized the writing of *The Civic Mission of Schools*, a report released by Carnegie Corporation of New York and CIRCLE in 2003. The author of numerous articles on politics and society, the Internet, moral philosophy, and literature, Dr. Levine also serves on the boards or steering committees of AmericaSpeaks, Streetlaw, the Newspaper Association of America Foundation, the Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools, the Kettering Foundation, and the Deliberative Democracy Consortium.