

About our speakers...



Nancy Altman

Nancy J. Altman has been working for 35 years in the areas of private pensions and Social Security. She is the author of *The Battle for Social Security: From FDR's Vision to Bush's Gamble*. She chairs the Board of Directors of the Pension Rights Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection of beneficiary rights. She is also on the Board of Directors of the Foundation of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare and of the National Academy of Social Insurance, a membership organization of over 800 of the nation's leading experts on social insurance. **Christopher Breiseth** is the former president of the Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, current member of the Frances Perkins Center's Advisory Council, and longtime personal friend of Frances Perkins. **Barbara Burt** is the Frances Perkins Center's executive director. Prior to that, she was a vice president at Common Cause. **Tomlin Perkins Coggeshall** is Frances Perkins's only grandchild and chair of the Center's Board of Directors.



Larry DeWitt

Adam Cohen, an historian and journalist, has been a member of the *New York Times* editorial board since 2002. He is the author, most recently, of *Nothing to Fear: FDR's Inner Circle and the 100 Days that Created Modern America*. **Larry DeWitt** serves as the public historian at the U.S. Social Security Administration, a post he has held since 1995. A recognized authority on Social Security history, he is a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance and the Society for History in the Federal Government. In addition to numerous published articles and essays, he is the principal editor of *Social Security: A Documentary History*. **Kirstin Downey** is an award-winning journalist who was a business writer at the Washington Post from 1988 to 2008. Downey's work has focused on illuminating the human implications of important financial trends, particularly boom and bust cycles in the modern economy. She is the author of *The Woman Behind the New Deal* and is on the board of the Frances Perkins Center. **Susan Feiner** is a Professor of Economics and Professor of Women and Gender Studies at the University of Southern Maine. Her research interests include feminist political economy, critical perspectives in economic education, and the ideological functions of economics. Her most recent book, *Liberating Economics: feminist perspectives on families, work, and globalization*, was named an "Outstanding Academic Title" by the American Library Association. She is on the board of the Frances Perkins Center. **Dr. Eric Kingson** is a professor of Social Work at Syracuse University. He is co-editor of *Social Security in the 21st Century*, and was a senior policy advisor to the 1995 Commission on Entitlement and Tax Reform. He has provided testimony at numerous Congressional hearings. **Dr. Lynn Parramore** is editor of *New Deal 2.0*, the Roosevelt Institute's blog, which presents sharp analysis of the country's most pressing challenges – and offers potential solutions. An author, producer, and communications consultant, she is co-founder of *Recessionwire*, which highlights news, cultural analysis, and entertainment around the economic downturn, and founding editor of IgoUgo.com, the largest database of first-hand travel reviews on the Web. Dr. Parramore's first book of cultural history, *Reading the Sphinx*, was recognized by the *Chronicle of Higher Education* as a notable scholarly book for 2009. **Dr. Maya Rockeymoore** is the President and CEO of Global Policy Solutions, a Washington, DC-based policy firm that works to create and advance social change strategies for the world. An Adjunct Professor in the Women in Politics Institute at American University, she has also served as the Vice President of Research and Programs at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF), Senior Resident Scholar at the National Urban League, and Professional Staff on the House Ways and Means Committee, among other positions. Her areas of expertise include health, social insurance, income security, education, women's issues and youth civic participation. She is the co-editor of *Strengthening Community: Social Insurance in a Diverse America*. Rockeymoore serves on the board of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare and is a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance. **Catherine Corman**'s book of photographs, *Daylight Noir*, was published by Charta Art Books in 2009. She is the editor of *Joseph Cornell's Dreams* (Exact Change Press, 2007.) Her essay on Cornell and the photographer Eugene Atget is anthologized in *Sound Unbound* (MIT Press, 2008.) **Karenna Gore Schiff** is the author of *Lighting the Way: Nine Women Who Changed Modern America* and a volunteer for the legal center of Sanctuary for Families, which provides services for victims of trafficking and domestic violence. She previously worked as the Director of Community Affairs for the Association to Benefit Children (ABC).



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