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- Sandra Ardrey.** Dr. Ardrey is an Associate Professor of Political Science in the Department of Government at Western Kentucky University. She is also the Director of the African American Studies Program at WKU. Dr. Ardrey attended Ohio State University (M.A., 1976; Ph.D., 1983) and Winston-Salem State University (B.A., 1975). Her many community activities include serving as President of the Bowling Green Chapter of the National Organization for Women, a member of the Board of Trustees for the Bowling Green Girl's Club, a member of the NAACP, the President of the McNeill PTA, and a Girl Scout Troop Leader.
- Karen Armstrong-Cummings.** Ms. Armstrong-Cummings is the managing director of the Commodity Growers Cooperative Association which is based in Lexington. In Governor Jones' administration, she was the Deputy Secretary of the Cabinet for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection. She has worked in environmental and natural resources management since 1972. A graduate of Mars Hill College in North Carolina, she completed graduate work at Kentucky State University, with additional post-graduate work at Duke University and the University of North Carolina.
- Paul Blanchard.** Dr. Blanchard has served for 25 years on the political science faculty of Eastern Kentucky University, where he teaches courses on electoral and legislative behavior and Kentucky politics. He has degrees from the University of Michigan (A.B.), Southern Illinois University (M.A.), and the University of Kentucky (Ph.D.). He has been invited to address the topic of citizen participation in a variety of settings, most recently as an election-night analyst on KET. Earlier this year, he was named as one of three 1996 recipients of the "EKU Foundation Professorship." This is EKU's highest faculty award and is given to recognize "creative, self-motivated exemplars of the ideal college professor."
- Forrest Calico.** Dr. Calico is the President of Appalachian Regional Healthcare (ARH). He was born in Garrard County, Kentucky, attended the University of Kentucky (B.A., M.D.), and was on active duty in the United States Air Force for 12 years. As an Air Force Medical Officer, he served in a variety of capacities including flight surgeon, hospital commander and residency director. He also completed residency training and achieved Board Certification in Preventive Medicine and Family Practice. After leaving the Air Force, he was a full-time faculty member and subsequent Residency Director at St. Elizabeth Medical Center Residency in Family Practice in Northern Kentucky. He joined ARH in 1991 and succeeded to the Presidency on February 1, 1993.
- Amitabh Chandra.** Mr. Chandra is a Research Associate at the Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) at the University of Kentucky. He has been with CBER for almost three years, and during that time has participated in research on profiling workers for unemployment insurance, income inequality, and the implications of dual health insurance coverage for labor market outcomes. His current research is on the returns to completing high school and on higher education reform.
- James Cobb.** Dr. Cobb is the Assistant State Geologist for Research at the Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) and Adjunct Professor in the Department of Geological Sciences at the University of Kentucky. Jim has been at the KGS for the past 16 years; first as geologist, then Head of the Coal and Minerals Section, and currently as the director of research. He received his master's degree at Eastern Kentucky University and his Ph.D. at the University of Illinois. His expertise is in coal resources and coal geology. Jim is a member of the U.S. Department of Energy's Coal Committee, an active associate scientist with the U.S. Geological Survey, Chairman of the Illinois Basin Consortium Management Committee, former Chairman of the Geological Society of America's Coal Division, and an officer in the Energy Minerals Division of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.
- Leslie Cole.** Ms. Cole has been the Executive Director of the Environmental Quality Commission for the last 10 years. She is a member of various state task forces and committees including the Governor's Task Force on Biodiversity, Environmental Education Interagency Committee, Clean Air Task Force, Forestry Advisory Committee, Comparative Risk Public Advisory Committee, and the Lexington/Fayette County Environmental Commission. Prior to Ms. Cole's tenure at the Commission, she held positions as a state forester in Eastern Kentucky, enforcement specialist with the Division for Air Quality, and research analyst and program director of the Council of State Governments environment and natural resource program. She is a resident of Lexington and received her B.S. in Forestry from the University of Kentucky.
- John Curra.** Dr. Curra majored in sociology at San Diego State College, where he received a Bachelor's Degree in 1969 and Master's Degree in 1971. His Ph.D. was received from Purdue University in 1975. As a graduate student, he taught at Purdue University, West Lafayette, as well as at a Purdue extension campus in Calumet, Indiana. For the last twenty-one years, he has taught at Eastern Kentucky University, specializing in the study of crime and social deviance. He is the author of *Understanding Social Deviance* (HarperCollins, 1994) and is currently at work on another book *The Relativity of Deviance* (Sage). He was the recipient of the "Excellence in Teaching Award" for the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences in the 1980-81 academic year.
- Dick Dedic.** Mr. Dedic is the Manager of the Technology Applications Center (TAC) located at the University of Kentucky. He has been an active participant in the technology transfer process as an agent for business and industry for

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the Center. Prior to joining TAC in 1980 Mr. Dedic was the Director of Cooperative Education and Placement with the Lexington Community College. Mr. Dedic received an MBA from the University of Michigan in 1962 and spent a number of years working for the Federal government and business in the areas of computer information systems, communications, and personnel management.

**Lou DeLuca.** Mr. DeLuca is the Executive Director, Office of Operations and Development, within the Education, Arts and Humanities Cabinet. Previously, he was the Director of the Kentucky Arts Council.

**Miriam Fordham.** Ms. Fordham is a staff economist with the Legislative Research Commission where she has been employed since 1995. She received her undergraduate training at Bryn Mawr College, majoring in sociology with a concentration in Hispanic Studies. She completed her graduate studies at the University of Kentucky where she received an M.A. in applied sociocultural anthropology and an M.S. in agricultural economics.

**Stephan Goetz.** Dr. Goetz is an Associate Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Kentucky. His educational background includes: B.Sc. Agriculture/Agric. Economics from the University of Guelph, Canada, 1984; M.Sc. Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University, 1986; and a Ph.D., Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University, 1990. His main area of research interest is the role of markets and human capital (education) in the process of economic development.

**James Graves.** Dr. Graves is a veteran political scientist of 32 years at Kentucky State University. Among his many accomplishments are the Frankfort semester program which he originated and oversaw in the 1960s & '70s; designing and implementing Kentucky State University's program in Public Administration, the University's first and only graduate program; and more recently his scholarly study of electoral financing and his chairing the Standard Committee on "Teaching Civic Responsibility in K-12," a mandate the U.S. Congress is renewing in response to a proposal by the Center for Civic Responsibility.

**Ted Grossardt.** Mr. Grossardt is a research professional at the Kentucky Transportation Center, located at the University of Kentucky. His educational background includes a B.S. in Geography from Kansas State University, an M.A. in Geography from the University of Iowa, and he is currently a Ph.D. candidate in the Geography Department at the University of Kentucky.

**Neil Hackworth.** Mr. Hackworth is the Deputy Director of the Kentucky League of Cities. Previously, he served as the mayor of Shelbyville, Kentucky, for 13 consecutive years. Neil is a graduate of Kenyon College in Ohio (1970, political science) and the University of Kentucky College of Law (1973). In addition, Neil is a licensed insurance agent and has operated a family insurance agency since 1980. Neil and his wife, Sharon, have two children: a son, Will, who attends Georgia Tech, and a daughter, Melissa, who is a senior at Shelby County High School.

**William Hoyt.** Dr. Hoyt is an Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Kentucky. In the Fall of 1994 he rejoined the faculty of the University of Kentucky after two years at Georgetown University. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin in 1986 before coming to the University of Kentucky. His areas of interest include tax policy and public finance. His research has been published by the *American Economic Review*, the *Journal of Urban Economics*, and the *Journal of Public Economics*.

**Tom Hughes.** Dr. Hughes is the senior computer scientist at Kentucky State University. For most of the last ten years he has chaired the University's faculty Senate Budget & Academic Support Committee. His research accomplishments include applying artificial intelligence to automating mine ventilation control and safety management (joint with University of Kentucky) and to production readiness review and materials—processing decision making (for the U.S. Army). For the last four years, he has conducted research for the U.S. Navy in the areas of applying computational geometry to pattern recognition and simulation modeling of "next generation" fighter plane capability, e.g., automated obstacle and ground collision avoidance.

**Dan Jacovitch.** Mr. Jacovitch is a staff economist at the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission where he has been employed since 1993. He obtained his undergraduate degree in Economics at the University of Missouri in 1981. He continued his education while working at the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Kentucky, receiving an MBA with an emphasis in Management Information Systems in 1993.

**Cheryl King.** Dr. King is the Commissioner for the Department of Adult Education and Literacy within the Cabinet for Workforce Development. Previously, she was the Central Office Administrator for the Owensboro Independent School District and before that she was the Principal of Mary Mitchell Education Center and Preschool. Dr. King has attended Vanderbilt University (Ed.D., 1986), Western Kentucky University (M.A., 1976), and Kentucky Wesleyan College (B.A., 1970).

**Sylvia Lovely.** Ms. Lovely has served as the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) Executive Director and CEO since 1990. Prior to that, Sylvia served as Director of Intergovernmental Services, staff attorney and lobbyist for KLC for two years. In her capacity as KLC Executive Director/CEO, Sylvia serves on a variety of boards and commissions, in an effort to enhance and maintain the leadership role of Kentucky cities. She has also been appointed to several positions

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across the state and currently serves as Chair of the Kentucky Health Purchasing Alliance Board; as Chair of the Kentucky Center for Public Issues, a non-profit group established to foster public discussion on a variety of vital topics; and served as a member of the Kentucky Tax Commission, established to review and recommend change to the Kentucky Tax Policy. Sylvia is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law and is licensed to practice in Florida and Kentucky.

**Lynn Luallen.** Mr. Luallen is the Chief Executive Officer of the Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC). Previously he was the State Coordinator for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He has served as KHC's Chief Executive on three other occasions during the Corporation's 24-year history and is responsible for the implementation of a number of programs. These initiatives have included Kentucky's Assisted Living Program; HOME Investment Partnerships; Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program; a statewide nonprofit subsidiary, The Housing Foundation; Affordable Housing Trust Fund; an internal Loan Servicing Department; Senior Homeownership Program; Housing Development Fund; and Tug Valley Flood Damage Reduction Project; as well as the administration of over 18,000 units of Section 8 subsidy. Among his other accomplishments, Lynn has served as Executive Director of the Federation of Appalachian Housing Enterprises and President of The Housing Partnership, Inc., of Louisville. Lynn is a graduate of Transylvania College in Lexington with a degree in political science and history. He and his wife, Crit, live on a farm in Frankfort.

**Peter Meyer.** Dr. Meyer is a Professor of Urban Policy and Economics and Director of the Center for Environmental Management in the University of Louisville's Institute for the Environment and Sustainable Development. He has a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and served for ten years as the Director of the Local Economic Development Assistance Project at The Pennsylvania State University before coming to Kentucky. His current research combines a focus on environmental resource management with one on public and private actions that can increase both environmental and economic efficiency. He is currently a co-principal investigator on a major national study of "The Impacts of Environmental Hazards and Regulations on Urban Redevelopment," jointly funded by USHUD and USEPA. Dr. Meyer's most recent books are *Comparative Studies in Local Economic Development: Problems in Policy Implementations* (1993), which he edited, and *Contaminated Land: Reclamation, Redevelopment and Reuse in the United States and the European Union*, of which he is the senior author.

**Charlie Nett.** Mr. Nett graduated cum laude from the University of Louisville's school of business and public policy in May 1994, with a Bachelor of Science degree in economics. He has also studied at Georgetown University's Institute for Business and Governmental Affairs. Among his accomplishments, he was named by the UofL economics faculty as the outstanding senior in economics. His work history includes internships in Washington, D.C., where he worked as an assistant policy analyst for the governmental affairs office of a Fortune 200 company, and in Frankfort, where he interned with the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center.

**Michael Price.** A native of Louisville, Michael Price obtained a B.A. in sociology and mathematics from the University of Louisville in 1973 and then taught in the city's public and private high schools. After receiving his M.A. in sociology from the University of Louisville in 1977, Dr. Price continued his graduate studies at Michigan State University and obtained his Ph.D. in sociology. In 1981, he returned to the University of Louisville where he serves as Kentucky's state demographer.

**Michael Reed.** Dr. Reed is a Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Kentucky and the Director of the University of Kentucky Office of International Affairs.

**Doug Robinson.** Mr. Robinson is the Executive Director of the Kentucky Information Resources Management Commission (KIRM). He is a member of many commissions, boards and committees related to information technology and information resources management. He has recently been appointed to the Redesign Steering Committee for Empower Kentucky and the Governor's Commission on Higher Education Institutional Efficiency and Cooperation. He also serves on the executive board of the Kentucky TeleLinking Network, the Kentucky Information Highway Marketing Committee and the KLN Union Data Base/Network Design Task Force. He was educated at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville (M.P.A.) and Maryville College (B.A.).

**Graham Rowles.** Dr. Rowles is Professor of Geography and Behavioral Science, Director of the Ph.D. Program in Gerontology, and Associate Director of the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Rowles' research focuses on the experience of aging in different environmental contexts. His publications include *Prisoners of Space? Exploring the Geographical Experience of Older People* and three co-edited volumes, *Aging and Milieu: Environmental Perspectives on Growing Old*, *Qualitative Gerontology*, and *Long Term Care for the Rural Elderly*, in addition to numerous book chapters and articles. He is a fellow of the Gerontological Society of America, is on the editorial Board of the *Journal of Gerontology (Social Sciences)*, and is Editor of the *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. He has served on the West Virginia Commission on Aging Intra State Funding Formula Committee, on the Kentucky

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division of Aging Services Statewide Housing Initiative Steering committee, and as a consultant to the United States Veterans Administration on issues of deinstitutionalization.

- Chris Sauer.** Mr. Sauer is a native of Owensboro. He graduated magna cum laude with honors from Transylvania University in 1995 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics. He also received the Omicron Delta Kappa Rara Avis award as the outstanding student in economics. His senior seminar thesis focused on reconciling prevalent justice theory with feminist concerns. He is currently working on a Master of Public Policy at the University of Michigan where he is studying applied microeconomics, benefit-cost analysis, applied econometrics, and environmental health policy. Chris has also studied the economics of the European Union and the economics of the United Kingdom at the University of Cambridge. In the summer of 1996, he was an intern at the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center.
- Peter Schirmer.** Mr. Schirmer is a policy analyst with the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center. In his two years at the Center, he has co-authored reports on rural development, international trade, and the state budget. He is currently studying electronic delivery of government services in Kentucky, and is developing a computer model of the state budget for use in classrooms. He holds a master's degree in public policy from the University of Michigan and a bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky.
- Bob Sexton.** Dr. Sexton has been the Executive Director of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence since its creation in 1983. A Louisville native and graduate of Waggener High School, he has also been the Deputy Director of the Kentucky Council on Higher Education; an administrator at the University of Kentucky; a professor of history; and a high school teacher. A 1964 graduate of Yale University, he earned a Ph.D. in history from the University of Washington. He was a visiting Scholar at Harvard University in 1992 and 1994, and is currently a Fellow of the Annenberg Institute for School Reform at Brown University. He has been recognized widely for his contributions to education, including the Charles A. Dana Award for Pioneering Achievement and honorary degrees from Berea College and Georgetown College. Bob was a founder of Kentucky's Governor's Scholars Program and the Commonwealth Institute for Teachers. He is the founder and president of the Kentucky Center for Public Issues, publisher of *The Kentucky Journal*, and served as chairman of the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning in Lexington. He serves in numerous Kentucky leadership positions, including the boards of the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center and the Kentucky Institute for Education Research.
- Michal Smith-Mello.** Ms. Smith-Mello is a native Kentuckian who serves as senior policy analyst for the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center. She is the principal author of the Center's 1995 inaugural biennial trends report, *The Context of Change*. Ms. Mello has held numerous writing and editorial posts and conducted research into topics such as workplace change, workplace safety and health, tourism, inter-generational conflict, poverty, income inequality, rural development and workforce development. Ms. Mello holds a B.A. and an M.A. from the University of Kentucky.
- Will Snell.** Dr. Snell is an Associate Extension Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Kentucky where he received his Ph.D. in 1989. His area of specialization is tobacco marketing, policy, and trade. He has other research interests in agricultural policy, international trade, and macroeconomic linkages to agriculture. He is a part-time farmer in Bourbon County and is married with two children, ages four and seven.
- James Strohmaier.** Mr. Strohmaier is a Ph.D. candidate in political science at the University of Kentucky. He received a Master of Arts in political science from the University of Louisville in 1992 and a Bachelor of Science in journalism from the University of Kansas in 1986. Among his accomplishments, he won the Ulmer Award for the Outstanding Graduate Research Paper in 1992 while studying political science at U.K. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and is currently working on his Ph.D. dissertation. He has worked as an intern at the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center.
- Stephan Wilson.** Dr. Wilson received his Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee in 1985. He is the Director of the Research Center on Families and Children at the University of Kentucky as well as an Associate Professor of family studies. His research interests include normative human development, family stress and wellness, adolescents in families, sexuality and families, young adult and early adolescent transitions, rural and Appalachian families, and family quality of life.