

SPEAKERS' BIOS



Forrest W. Calico, MD, MPH, was until recently the Senior Advisor on Quality for the National Rural Health Association. Prior to that, he was the Health Systems Advisor for the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, where he was responsible for the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program and actively promoted rural healthcare quality improvement. Dr. Calico graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine and the Harvard School of Public Health. He served in the United States Air Force for 13 years as a Flight Surgeon and Family Physician, after residency training and Board certification in both Family Medicine and Aerospace Medicine. Subsequently he has directed Family Medicine Residencies and served as a physician executive in a large rural healthcare organization. He resides on his farm in Lincoln County, Kentucky.



Karin Chenoweth, a long-time researcher and education writer who currently writes for The Education Trust. From 1999 to 2004 she wrote a column on schools and education for *The Washington Post*, and before that was senior writer and executive editor of *Black Issues in Higher Education* (now *Diverse*). Her 2007 book, *It's Being Done*, has been included by *The American School Board Journal* on their list of Top Education Books of 2007. Her most recent work, *How It's Being Done: Urgent Lessons from Unexpected Schools*, was released in September.



Carolyn Dennis has served as Executive Director of the Friedell Committee since 2007. She has an extensive background in public health, with particular emphasis on health promotion and chronic disease prevention, including having worked as a Certified Diabetes Educator for 10 years. She chaired a statewide task force for several years while advocating in Frankfort for the passage of the 2005 "School Junk Food bill." Ms. Dennis is a Registered Dietitian with an M.S. in Clinical Nutrition. She is immediate Past President of the Kentucky Dietetic Association and has served as Health Commissioner for the Kentucky PTA and on the boards of several diabetes organizations at both state and national levels. Ms. Dennis and her husband live on several acres on the Elkhorn Creek with their three teenage sons.



Dr. Gilbert H. Friedell is Director Emeritus of the Markey Cancer Center, Professor of Pathology Emeritus, and Professor of Behavioral Science at the University of Kentucky. He is currently a member of the UK College of Social Work Advisory Committee. Dr. Friedell was appointed as the first Director of the Markey Cancer Center in 1983. He was also the founding director of the Kentucky Cancer Registry, the Principal Investigator of the National Cancer Institute Mid-South Cancer Information Service, and Co-Director of an expanded statewide cancer control outreach program in partnership with the University of Louisville Brown Cancer Center. In 1990, he stepped down as Director of the Cancer Center and until he retired in 1998 he was Director for Cancer Control. In 1994 he was a co-founder of Kentucky Homeplace, a lay health worker program begun in eastern Kentucky and funded by the General Assembly to facilitate access to healthcare services for the underserved. At the present time Homeplace is present in 58 rural counties across the state. In 2005, together with Jane Chiles, Former Executive Director of the Catholic Conference, he founded the values-based Committee for Health System Transformation, subsequently named the Friedell Committee. Among his honors is a Special Recognition Award from the Appalachian Regional Commission in 2003 for "Untiring commitment, dedication and leadership in improving the health and well-being of the people of Appalachia."



Doug Henton is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Collaborative Economics. He has more than 30 years of experience in innovation and economic development at the national, regional, state, and local levels. Mr. Henton is nationally recognized for his work in bringing industry, government, education, research, and community leaders together around specific collaborative projects to improve regional competitiveness. Mr. Henton is a consultant to the California Economic Strategy Panel, California's state economic strategy process linked to innovation, industry clusters, and regions. He has worked extensively in California to help develop regional economic and innovation strategies for Silicon Valley, Sonoma, Sacramento, Santa Barbara, San Diego, the Central Valley, and others. He was primary consultant to the Fresno's Regional Jobs Initiative, which used the clusters of opportunity methodology to identify promising areas for development. Doug has also consulted with the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, advising on economic development strategies. He has worked with the Great Valley Center on identifying promising areas for economic development, including renewable energy. In addition, Mr. Henton has worked with Next 10 on the continued development of the California Green Innovation Index. He has also been consultant to several other state and regional agencies and organizations, including the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, Chicago Metropolis 2020, the Potomac Conference, and Arizona Partnership for a New Economy. He has assisted Oregon with its current strategy for economic development, and has advised governors in New York, Ohio, Washington, and others on their economic and workforce policies. Mr. Henton holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Economics from Yale University and a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of California, Berkeley.



Dr. Peter B. Meyer is President and Chief Economist of The E.P. Systems Group, Inc., and Professor Emeritus of Urban Policy and Economics at the University of Louisville, where he founded and directed a Center for Environmental Policy and Management and the EPA Region 4 Environmental Finance Center. He served as Director of the Local Economic Development Assistance Center for The Pennsylvania State University, 1978-1987. A specialist in community and local economic development and public policy evaluation, Dr. Meyer has been engaged in brownfield redevelopment research and related environmental and economic development work since 1993. He has written extensively on contaminated land redevelopment policy and practices in the United States and the European Union, collaborating with colleagues in Britain, Germany, Greece, Italy, and the Netherlands. While his first work on local government energy conservation planning dates to the 1970s, he has shifted his attention to the economics of conversion to lower carbon intensities in national economies. In addition to his research and consultation activities in the US and overseas, Dr. Meyer has also participated in the design and development of informational Web sites, looking to provide the widest possible access to informational sources and the results of his research efforts.



Dr. William Renzulli is a self-taught artist who left his 9-year practice of internal medicine in 1981 to pursue a career in art. For 20 years he divided his time between art and medicine, and since 2002 has devoted all of his time to art. Working with watercolor, Dr. Renzulli's early work focused on architecture and the built environment, depicting townscapes, and urban landscapes. In recent years his primary medium has been pastels, clay monotyping, acrylics, and a variety of mixed mediums. The landscapes have become more rural, but the architectural elements persist. Dr. Renzulli's paintings have been exhibited in numerous solo and juried shows and his limited edition prints are distributed nationwide. In addition, he has been commissioned to create both commemorative prints and original work for a number of institutions, schools, and corporations. In 2002 he was accepted as a signature member into the Pastel Society of America. Heeding the call of Paducah's Artist Relocation Program, William Renzulli moved to Paducah's Lowertown in 2002. Free from the responsibilities of medicine for the first time, he has been able to pursue the many interests that have characterized his art. From urban architecture to vast rural landscapes and iconic barns rendered in acrylics, oil, watercolor, or pastels, Dr. Renzulli never hesitates to follow his heart, wherever it may take him. Dr. Renzulli's work can be seen at Gallery 5 in Paducah and is also represented in Galleries in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Nevada, Indiana, and Delaware. Dr. Renzulli earned his B.S. degree from Lebanon Valley College and his M.D. from Jefferson Medical College. He completed his Internship at Akron City Hospital, and Internal Medicine Residency at Akron City Hospital and Wilmington Medical Center. He served with the US Navy during 1967-1969. During his medical career, Dr. Renzulli worked in private practice in Internal Medicine, Emergency Medicine at the Wilmington Medical Center, Urgent Care in the Health Care Center of Christiana, and as Medical Director of Full Sail IPA. Dr. Renzulli has served as a Member of the Boards of Directors of New Castle County Medical Society and Union Hospital Health Systems, a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Medical Society of Delaware, Chief of Section of General Internal Medicine at Wilmington Medical Center, and President of the Medical Staff of Union Hospital of Cecil County.



Aaron Smith has been with the Pew Internet and American Life Project since the spring of 2007. He is the lead author on several reports examining the role of the internet in the 2008 elections, and has co-authored research on teens and technology, the role of technology and family life, and the demographics of internet use. He holds a Masters degree in Public Affairs and an undergraduate degree from the Plan II Honors Program, both from the University of Texas at Austin.

