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AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Thursday, January 14, 2010

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6:15pm Movie Screening of *The Cartel* and Q&A with Director Bob Bowdon *Conference Room 301*

The Cartel exposes our educational system like we've never seen it before and explores what dedicated parents, committed teachers, officials, and tireless reformers are doing to improve it. Movie munchies will be provided! (*See information on page 15*)

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12:15pm Salon ABC Special Remarks



THE HONORABLE JOHN CORNYN

U.S. Senator

In 2008, Texans overwhelmingly re-elected Senator John Cornyn to represent them for a second six-year term in the U.S. Senate. Senator Cornyn was first elected to the Senate in 2002 and previously served in Texas as a district judge, a member of the Texas Supreme Court, and as Texas Attorney General. During his first term in the U.S. Senate, Senator Cornyn distinguished himself as a leader in the Senate on a variety of issues important to Texans and has earned a national reputation as an articulate and powerful voice for conservative values in Washington. Senator Cornyn is committed to bolstering our national defense, repairing our broken immigration system and securing our borders, boosting access to more affordable health care, improving educational opportunities for all Texans, strengthening the economy and expanding job opportunities, keeping taxes low, and reducing spending.

12:15pm Salon ABC Lunch Keynote Speaker



CRAIG JAMES

ABC/ESPN sports
commentator
and entrepreneur

Craig James is one of the most respected and knowledgeable sports broadcasters today. He joined CBS in 1996, where he served as a studio analyst on their *College Football Today* as well as *The NFL Today* programs before becoming a game analyst on NFL on CBS with Kevin Harlan. In 2003, James moved to ABC. He served as a studio analyst on their college football coverage through the 2008 season. He also appears as an analyst on ESPN's Thursday night package as well as other college football programs. The former Southern Methodist University tailback was teamed with Eric Dickerson to form the famed "Pony Express." After being named first-team All-Southwest Conference, James played for the USFL's Washington Federals and the NFL's New England Patriots.

In 2003, James founded Emerging Land Markets, an extension of personal real estate holdings with a focus on ranch acquisitions and development. The sales of assets from 2006-2008 on these 50,000+ acres of land holdings was approximately \$100 million. James has served on the Celina Economic Development Corporation Board as President since 2002. Craig is also serving as co-chair for SMU Unbridled: The Second Century Campaign, a capital campaign raising money for campus and student life.

5:00pm Salon AB Reception Discussion



THOMAS WOODS, PH.D.

Economist and
New York Times
bestselling author

Thomas E. Woods, Jr. is a senior fellow at the Ludwig von Mises Institute. He holds a bachelor's degree in history from Harvard and a master's, M.Phil., and Ph.D. from Columbia University. He is the author of nine books, including two *New York Times* bestsellers: *Meltdown: A Free-Market Look at Why the Stock Market Collapsed, the Economy Tanked, and Government Bailouts Will Make Things Worse* and *The Politically Incorrect Guide to American History*. His critically acclaimed 2004 book *The Church Confronts Modernity* was recently released in paperback by Columbia University Press.

KICKOFF EVENT: Temperature Rising: A Heated Global Warming Debate

8:30-9:30am Salon C Featuring Dr. Gerald North, Texas A&M University; Dr. Roy Spencer, University of Alabama; and moderated by Dr. Bryan Shaw, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)



**GERALD
NORTH, PH.D.**

Texas A&M
University

Dr. Gerald R. North has been a Distinguished Professor of Atmospheric Sciences and Oceanography at Texas A&M University since 1986. For the last five years he has held the Harold J. Haynes Endowed Chair in Geosciences. He has just finished a term as Editor in Chief of the *Reviews of Geophysics*. Dr. North received his Ph.D. in theoretical physics from the University of Wisconsin in 1966 and served eight years as a research scientist at NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center. He has published in the fields of physics, chemical physics, paleoclimatology, statistical methods in climate dynamics, and on simplified models of climate and climate change. He was the proposer and first U.S. Study Scientist for the Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission, a satellite jointly supported by the U.S. and Japan launched in 1997. He has also been recognized as one of the most highly cited geoscientists by the *Web of Science*. He is a Fellow of the American Meteorological Society, the American Geophysical Union, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is the recipient of the Jule G. Charney Award by the American Meteorological Society for "Climate Modeling, Atmospheric Statistics, and Satellite Program Development."



**ROY SPENCER,
PH.D.**

University of
Alabama

Dr. Roy W. Spencer received his Ph.D. in meteorology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1981. Before becoming a Principal Research Scientist at the University of Alabama in Huntsville in 2001, he was a Senior Scientist for Climate Studies at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, where he and Dr. John Christy received NASA's Exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal for their global temperature monitoring work with satellites. Dr. Spencer's work with NASA continues as the U.S. Science Team leader for the Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer flying on NASA's Aqua satellite. He has provided congressional testimony several times on the subject of global warming. Dr. Spencer's research has been entirely supported by U.S. government agencies: NASA, NOAA, and DOE. He has never been asked by any oil company to perform any kind of service. Dr. Spencer's first popular book on global warming, *Climate Confusion* (Encounter Books), is now available at Amazon.com and BarnesAndNoble.com.



**BRYAN SHAW,
PH.D.**

Texas Commission
on Environmental
Quality

Dr. Bryan W. Shaw of Bryan, Texas was appointed to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality by Gov. Rick Perry on Nov. 1, 2007. He was later appointed as Chairman by Gov. Rick Perry on September 10, 2009. His term will expire on Aug. 31, 2013. In this role, he serves as one of three commissioners who establish agency direction and policy and make final determinations on contested permitting and enforcement matters. Dr. Shaw received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Agricultural Engineering from Texas A&M University and his Ph.D. in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. For more than 18 years, he conducted research on agricultural air quality issues, 13 of those years on the faculty at Texas A&M University. He advised graduate students who assisted with research on measurement, modeling, and control of emissions from agricultural operations (particulate matter and gaseous). Dr. Shaw also taught undergraduate courses on processing and handling of agricultural materials.

TAXING TEXAS: IS THERE A BETTER WAY?

9:40-10:50am Salon DE Moderator: The Honorable Talmadge Heflin, Director, Center for Fiscal Policy

So long as Texans live under the current property tax system, no one can ever truly own their own home or business—they can only rent it from the government. But is there a better way? Join us as our panel discusses the merits of moving away from a property tax system altogether and replacing it with a consumption-based alternative.



THE HONORABLE RENE OLIVEIRA

Texas House of
Representatives

Representative Rene Oliveira (D-Brownsville) is currently serving his 13th term in the Texas Legislature where he serves as Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and member of the House State Affairs Committee. As the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, which writes the state's tax policy, he is also a member of the Legislative Budget Board, and the Legislative Audit Committee which monitor state revenues and expenditures. First elected in 1981, he currently ranks eighth in overall seniority of the 150 members of the Texas House of Representatives. He is a past two-term chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, the House Economic Development Committee and has served as a past vice-chairman of the House Public Education Committee.



THE HONORABLE KEN PAXTON

Texas House of
Representatives

Representative Ken Paxton is currently serving as the State Representative for District 70 which consists of Frisco, Allen, McKinney, Prosper, and Celina. In presidential election years 2004 and 2008, he received more general election votes than any other state representative in Texas. He has been named "Champion for Free Enterprise" by the Texas Association of Business, which is the Association's highest legislative distinction. Additionally, he has been named "Texas Taxpayer Hero" by Texans for Fiscal Responsibility and has been named to the Texas Association of REALTORS Legislative Hall of Fame for his "uncompromising commitment to championing the rights of homeowners." Finally, he made the power rankings list by on-line guide *Capitol Insider* in 2004. He graduated from Baylor University earning a B.A. in Psychology in 1985 and a M.B.A. in 1986. He attended the University of Virginia School of Law where he earned a J.D. degree in 1991.



DONNA ARDUIN

Arduin, Laffer &
Moore Econometrics

Donna Arduin is a partner at Arduin, Laffer & Moore Econometrics, LLC, providing economic, fiscal, and policy advice to governors, legislatures, think tanks, and corporate clients throughout the country. Arduin served as California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Director of Finance from November 2003 until October 2004, where she was the Governor's chief fiscal advisor and was a member of over 70 boards and authorities. Prior to her appointment as Director, Schwarzenegger asked Arduin to undertake an outside, independent audit of California government and state finances. Prior to working for Governor Schwarzenegger, Arduin served governors from three additional states, including Florida, New York, and Michigan. She was Governor Jeb Bush's Director of the Florida Office of Policy and Budget for five years, where she managed the formulation of the governor's policy and fiscal recommendations, created the nation's first interactive "e-budget," and implemented performance-based budgeting and long-range planning.

WESTERN CIVILIZATION: DEAD OR ALIVE IN ACADEMIA?

9:40-10:50am Conference Rm 301 Moderator: Elizabeth Young, Center for Higher Education

Over the last several decades there has been an erosion of personal ethics and integrity in our society. This panel will discuss whether universities in Texas should place a renewed focus on programs that teach students American traditions and ethics to begin to address the problem through a reinvigoration of the core principles and values of western civilization and those underlying the development of our great democracy.



THE HONORABLE LOIS KOLKHORST

Texas House of
Representatives

Representative Lois W. Kolkhorst is a member of the Texas House of Representatives, serving House District 13. As the Chair of the House Committee on Public Health, she helps manage the state's \$52 billion health care system and works to set priorities for the Health and Human Services Commission, which oversees nearly 9,000 state employees at five state agencies. She is also a member of the House Committee on Corrections and the Calendars Committee. As a lawmaker, she has fostered positive changes in the state's public schools, colleges, and universities. As a long time education advocate, she was honored by the Texas Retired Teachers Association as well as the College of Education at Sam Houston State University.



STEVE BALCH, PH.D.

National Association
of Scholars

Dr. Stephen H. Balch is the founder and chairman of the National Association of Scholars, America's largest and most active membership organization of scholars dedicated to higher education reform. He holds a Ph.D. in political science from the University of California at Berkeley and, for 14 years, was a member of the Government Faculty at John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the City University of New York. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Council of Trustees and Alumni and has played a role in the founding of four other higher education reform organizations. Dr. Balch is the author of a variety of articles on reopening the intellectual marketplace on campus and is a leader in the movement to foster the study of Western civilization.



RICHARD BRAKE, PH.D.

Intercollegiate
Studies Institute

Dr. Richard Brake is the Director of University Stewardship and the Culture of Enterprise Initiative at the Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI), a non-profit educational foundation headquartered in Wilmington, DE, and dedicated to transmitting to generations of college students the political, economic, and moral principles that sustain America's free society. In this capacity, Dr. Brake oversees the Institute's Civic Literacy Program, which has documented the failure of America's colleges and universities to teach their students the founding history, key texts, and enduring institutions of our Republic. His commentaries have appeared in such media outlets as CNN, C-SPAN, *Newsweek*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Washington Times*, and countless talk radio programs.



LORRAINE PANGLE, PH.D.

University of Texas

Dr. Lorraine Smith Pangle is Associate Professor of Government and Co-director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Study of Core Texts and Ideas at the University of Texas at Austin. She earned a B.A. in history from Yale, a B.Ed. from the University of Toronto, and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago Committee on Social Thought. She has won fellowships from the Searle, Olin, and Earhart Foundations, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Her publications include *The Political Philosophy of Benjamin Franklin*; *Aristotle and the Philosophy of Friendship*; *The Learning of Liberty: The Educational Ideas of the American Founders* (co-authored with Thomas L. Pangle); and others.

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A FREE ROAD

10:55am-12:05pm Conference Rm 301 Moderator: Justin Keener, Vice President of Policy & Communications

Will relying on the gas tax free Texans from traffic congestion? During a time when voter opposition to the growth of government is increasing, congestion also increases, and there remain calls to raise taxes to build more roads and rail. This panel will look at the growth of government spending, the lack or prioritizing transportation, and options available to address the problem.



**THE HONORABLE
ROBERT
NICHOLS**

Texas Senate

First elected to the Texas Senate in 2006, Robert Nichols represents 16 counties including the greater part of East Texas and Montgomery County. Senator Nichols serves as vice chair of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and sits on the Transportation and Homeland Security, Health and Human Services, and Nominations Committees. During his two sessions as a state senator, he authored important legislation to protect landowners' rights, increase educational opportunities in East Texas, and reform transportation policies. He was designated as one of 10 best legislators by *Texas Insider* and a champion of free enterprise by the Texas Association of Business. Before running for Senate, he served as a transportation commissioner for eight years where he established a reputation for increasing efficiency without compromising quality.



**THE HONORABLE
JOE PICKETT**

Texas House of
Representatives

Representative Joe C. Pickett is serving his eighth term as a member of the Texas House of Representatives. Representative Pickett is currently serving as Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation. In addition, he is a member of the House Committee on Defense and Veterans Affairs and the House Committee on Redistricting. Representative Pickett has been honored once again with a membership on the House Research Organization Committee. Previously, he served on the Committee on Appropriations and served as Chairman of Budget Oversight (CBO) for the Committee on Land and Resource Management. In addition, he served on the Committee on Border and International Affairs which has jurisdiction over international commerce and trade.



**JOSEPH
GIGLIO, PH.D.**

Northeastern
University

Dr. Giglio's unique background in business, public policy, and finance is rooted in his experience on Wall Street, in management consulting, in government service, and in academia. Dr. Giglio served as the Special Advisor to the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. He is also the Vice Chairman of the Hudson Institute, a leading public policy organization in Washington, D.C. In addition, Giglio teaches the strategic decision-making and the CEO courses at the College of Business at Northeastern University in Boston. Dr. Giglio served as Chairman of President Reagan's National Council on Public Works Improvement, which released its report "Fragile Foundations" in 1988. He also chaired the U.S. Senate Budget Commission on Innovative Financing of Infrastructure from 1983-1986.



**THE HONORABLE
TALMADGE
HEFLIN**

Texas Public Policy
Foundation

The Honorable Talmadge Heflin is the Director of the Texas Public Policy Foundation's Center for Fiscal Policy. For 11 terms, Heflin served the people of Harris County as state representative. Well regarded as a legislative leader on budget and tax issues, he for several terms was the only House member to serve on both the Ways and Means and Appropriations committees. In the 78th Session, Heflin served as chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations. He navigated a \$10 billion state budget shortfall through targeted spending cuts that allowed Texans to avoid a tax increase.

CORRECTIONS SOLUTIONS FOR A TIGHT BUDGET

10:55am-12:05pm Salon DE Moderator: Marc Levin, Esq., Director, Center for Effective Justice

While reforms over the last few years have reduced the number of adults and juveniles incarcerated in Texas, the state still has the nation's second highest adult incarceration rate and more than 6,000 youths are in state or local lockups on any given day. As state lawmakers brace for significant budget pressures in the new biennium, this panel will address how Texas can build on the recent reforms in the adult and juvenile systems to achieve the goals of controlling costs and reducing recidivism.



**THE HONORABLE
JOHN WHITMIRE**

Texas Senate

Senator John Whitmire represents the 15th Senatorial District comprised of north Houston and north Harris County. He was elected to the Texas Senate in 1982 after serving 10 years in the Texas House of Representatives. With over 26 years of service in the Texas Senate, Senator Whitmire ranks first in seniority and is the "Dean of the Texas Senate." Currently, he serves as Chair of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee and works to bring about needed changes to the adult and juvenile criminal justice systems. Senator Whitmire also serves as Chair of the Criminal Justice Legislative Oversight Committee.



**THE HONORABLE
JIM MCREYNOLDS**

Texas House of
Representatives

First elected in 1997, Representative Jim McReynolds has served the residents of House District 12 for the past 13 years. Representative McReynolds served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve from 1962 to 1968. He earned a B.S. in English from Abilene Christian University, a M.A. in History from Lamar University, and a Ph.D. in History from Texas Tech University. Representative McReynolds has served on numerous House committees during his tenure as a State Representative. Most recently, Representative McReynolds served as the Chair of the House Corrections Committee. He has been married to his wife Judy for 43 years and together they have raised two sons. Jim and Judy are the proud grandparents of four grandchildren.



**TONY FABELO,
PH.D.**

Council of State
Governments

Dr. Tony Fabelo is the Austin-based director of research of the Justice Center of the Council of State Governments. Fabelo was the executive director of the Texas Criminal Justice Policy Council from 1991-2003. Before that, he served in other capacities assisting, since 1984, five Texas governors and 13 regular biennial Texas legislatures. In recent years he has worked on correctional system reforms in Texas, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, and soon in North Carolina, Ohio, and New Hampshire as part of the Justice Reinvestment initiative of the center. He also leads the probation performance project for the center.



ADAM GELB
Pew Center on the
States

Adam Gelb directs the Public Safety Performance Project, which works with more than a dozen states to advance fiscally sound, data-driven policies in sentencing and corrections that protect public safety, hold offenders accountable, and control corrections spending. One of its reports, *One in 100: Behind Bars in America 2008*, illustrated the high costs and low crime-control returns of prisons and highlighted state innovations that are cutting recidivism and saving money. Gelb has been involved in crime control and prevention issues for the past 20 years as a journalist, congressional aide, and senior state government official.

THE OVERCRIMINALIZATION OF BUSINESS: MORE LAWS, LESS FREEDOM?

2:00-3:15pm Salon DE Moderator: Marc Levin, Esq., Director, Center for Effective Justice

There are more than 4,000 federal criminal laws and some 2,000 Texas criminal laws, many of which apply to ordinary business activities. For example, a Texan can be jailed for up to one year for violating any occupational rule or for using “a pesticide in a manner that injures vegetation, crops, wildlife, or pollinating insects.” Panelists will address what can be done to rein in the growing body of criminal law, particularly as it applies to business activities.



THE HONORABLE BILL CALLEGARI

Texas House of
Representatives

Representative Bill Callegari has represented the Katy area since his election in 2000. As a staunch fiscal conservative with an eye towards reducing the size of government, he has passed several bills to eliminate unnecessary government functions, lower citizens’ tax burdens, and improve accountability. During his tenure in the Texas House, Representative Callegari has worked extensively on complex issues including water policy, eminent domain, transportation, low-income housing reform, and government streamlining. He currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, and is also a member of the Transportation Committee, House Administration Committee, and the House Research Organization.



THE HONORABLE RICHARD THORNBURGH

Former U.S. Attorney
General

Designated by *Washingtonian* magazine as one of “10 legendary Washington lawyers who will forever leave their mark on the District’s legal landscape,” Dick Thornburgh is currently counsel to the international law firm of K&L Gates LLP, and a resident in its Washington, D.C. office. He previously served as Governor of Pennsylvania, Attorney General of the United States under Presidents Reagan and George H.W. Bush, and Under-Secretary General of the United Nations during a public career that spanned over 25 years. A native of Pittsburgh, Thornburgh was educated at Yale University, where he obtained an engineering degree, and at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law where he served as an editor of the *Law Review*.



SHANNON EDMONDS

Texas District &
County Attorneys
Association

Shannon Edmonds is the Director of Governmental Relations for the Texas District and County Attorneys Association (TDCAA). Edmonds serves as a liaison between prosecutors and the Texas Legislature on criminal justice, juvenile, and government representation issues. Upon the conclusion of each legislative session, he authors TDCAA’s popular Legislative Update book. He has been interviewed about Texas legal issues by print, radio, and television news media from across the nation, including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Times*, *Associated Press*, *National Law Journal*, *Texas Law Journal*, *Time Magazine*, *Court TV*, *National Public Radio*, and every major daily newspaper in the state of Texas.



TIMOTHY LYNCH

Cato Institute

Tim Lynch is Director of the Cato Institute’s Project on Criminal Justice. In 2000, he served on the National Committee to Prevent Wrongful Executions. Lynch has also filed several amicus briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court in cases involving constitutional rights. He is the editor of *In the Name of Justice: Leading Experts Reexamine the Classic Article “The Aims of the Criminal Law”* and *After Prohibition: An Adult Approach to Drug Policies in the 21st Century*. Lynch has published articles in *The New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *ABA Journal*, and the *National Law Journal*. He has appeared on *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*, *NBC Nightly News*, *ABC World News Tonight*, Fox’s *The O’Reilly Factor*, and C-SPAN’s *Washington Journal*.

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS? THE FUTURE OF THE TEXAS PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

2:00-3:15pm Conference Rm 301 Moderator: Bill Peacock, Director, Center for Economic Freedom

After years of deregulating Texas' utilities, does Texas still need a PUC? This panel will examine the future of the Public Utility Commission as it undergoes review by the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission and discuss its changing regulatory role in light of the increasingly deregulated electricity and telecommunications markets.



THE HONORABLE KIRK WATSON

Texas Senate

Senator Watson was elected to the Texas Senate in 2006. He represents most of Travis County. In 2009, he was recognized by *Texas Monthly* magazine as one of the state's "10 Best Legislators," among many other recognitions. Senator Watson's priorities center on education and higher education, health care, economic development, 21st Century energy generation, environmental protection, transportation, budget transparency, and state employees. He serves on the Senate committees overseeing Business and Commerce, Economic Development, Nominations, and Jurisprudence, and he is Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.



THE HONORABLE SYLVESTER TURNER

Texas House of
Representatives

Representative Sylvester Turner was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1988 and has since earned the respect of his colleagues from every corner of the state and across the political spectrum. In the last legislative session, he authored and passed the bill which added 127,000 previously uninsured children to the Texas Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Representative Turner is currently serving as a member of the State Affairs Committee, Business and Industry Committee, Criminal Justice Legislative Oversight Committee and is also serving as Chair of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus and Co-Chair of the Harris County Legislative Delegation.



THE HONORABLE BARRY SMITHERMAN

Chairman, Public
Utility Commission

Chairman Barry Smitherman is a fourth generation Texan appointed by Governor Rick Perry to the PUC in 2004. He was reappointed on September 13, 2007 and promoted to Chairman on November 14, 2007. He was recently awarded the State Leadership award by the American Wind Energy Association for the PUC's pioneering renewable energy zone policy for proactive transmission development. Smitherman is a member of the State Bar of Texas, a member of the Governor's Competitiveness Council, an ex officio board member of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas and the Texas Regional Entity, the Regional State Committee for the Southwest Power Pool, and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.



JERRY ELLIG, PH.D.

Mercatus Center

Dr. Jerry Ellig has been a senior research fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University since 1996. Between August 2001 and August 2003, he served as deputy director and acting director of the Office of Policy Planning at the Federal Trade Commission. Dr. Ellig has also served as a senior economist for the Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. Congress and as an assistant professor of economics at George Mason University. Dr. Ellig coauthored eight out of ten editions of the Mercatus Center's Performance Report Scorecard, which evaluates the quality of annual performance reports produced by federal agencies. He has published numerous articles on government regulation and business management in both scholarly and popular periodicals.

REGULATORY TAKINGS: A BIGGER PROBLEM THAN *KELO*?

3:30-4:45pm Conference Rm 301 Moderator: Bill Peacock, Director, Center for Economic Freedom

The *Kelo v. City of New London* case outraged the country, but perhaps doing more harm to the economy is the heavy burden foisted on businesses and consumers through excessive regulation. With regulatory takings, owners don't lose their property, they just lose the use of it. Businesses are zoned or regulated out of existence, owners can't use their property for the purposes they bought it for, workers lose jobs, and the cost of living goes up for everyone.



THE HONORABLE BRYAN HUGHES

Texas House of
Representatives

Representative Bryan Hughes represents District 5 in the Texas House of Representatives. He is Vice Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and a member of the House Human Services Committee. He is also Vice Chairman of the Rural Caucus, serves as a Board Member on the Texas Conservative Coalition, and is Co-chairman of a Joint Committee responsible for the state's welfare reform efforts. Representative Hughes has received numerous awards for his service, including being one of only eight members of the House and Senate to be named a Taxpayer Hero by Texans for Fiscal Responsibility each year the award was given. He has also received the Horizon Award from Texas Right to Life and was named a "Defender of the American Dream" by Americans for Prosperity.



MATTHEW FESTA

South Texas College
of Law

Matthew J. Festa teaches and researches in the areas of property law, land use, and state and local government. His scholarship focuses on property rights, land use regulation, and legal history. He is the editor of the *Land Use Prof Blog*, and is a Contributing Editor for the ABA's *Probate & Property* magazine. Prior to teaching, Professor Festa practiced in the Houston office of the law firm Locke Lord Bissell Liddell and served as a law clerk to federal judges on the U.S. District Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He attended Vanderbilt University Law School, where he was the Executive Editor of the *Vanderbilt Law Review*, and the University of Notre Dame. He has served in the Army's 101st Airborne Division, and is currently a Major in the Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Army Reserve.



KENDALL MILLER

Tanglewood
Corporation

Kendall Miller is the President of Houstonians for Responsible Growth (HRG) and was at the forefront when HRG was organized in response to a significant number of proposals by the City of Houston proposing stringent land-use controls. Houstonians for Responsible Growth is a 501c4 non-profit organization dedicated to land use research and advocating Houston's consumer-driven land use system. Miller is President of Tanglewood Corporation, a family owned business that develops and manages various properties in the Houston area, including Tanglewood Center and Post Oak Shopping Center. His experience in business has provided him the opportunity to see first hand that Houston's history of rejecting heavy-handed land use restrictions, including zoning, has been a key element to Houston's prosperity.

ENSURING QUALITY: BALANCING CHARTER SCHOOL GROWTH WITH ACCOUNTABILITY

3:30-4:45pm Salon DE Moderator: Brooke Dollens Terry, Center for Education Policy

While there are many Texas charter schools producing great results with high percentages of graduates attending college and thousands of students on waiting lists, there are still some policy barriers to expansion. Where do we go from here? What policies would help high-performing charter schools expand and flourish?



**THE HONORABLE
FLORENCE
SHAPIRO**

Texas Senate

Senator Florence Shapiro was elected to the Texas Senate in 1993. Since 2003, Senator Shapiro has chaired the Senate Education Committee. In 2006, she sponsored legislation that significantly lowered property taxes, increased the state's share of public school funding, established one of the largest educator incentive pay programs in the country, and initiated a wholesale revision of state curriculum. In 2007, she authored legislation to revamp Texas' assessment system by establishing end of course exams in place of the comprehensive Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS). In 2009, Senator Shapiro sponsored legislation that revamped Texas' accountability system to include measures of college readiness as a part of the accountability system and to provide students with rigorous and relevant course options.



DAVID DUNN

Texas Charter Schools
Association

David Dunn is the founding executive director of the newly formed Texas Charter Schools Association (TCSA). The TCSA appointment marks the latest step in a career devoted to improving academic results and raising standards in America's schools. Most recently, Dunn served as the chief of staff to U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings. Before that, Dunn served as special assistant to the President for domestic policy at the White House Domestic Policy Council. Before joining the Domestic Policy Council, he was the Associate Executive Director of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) where he acted as the association's chief lobbyist. Dunn was also the association expert on school finance and school accountability.



RICHARD KOURI

Texas State Teachers
Association

Richard Kouri is the current Assistant Executive Director for Public Affairs for the Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA). Prior to taking that position, he was the Public Relations Coordinator for TSTA. Kouri served as TSTA president and vice president between the years of 1989 through 1993. He is the former president of the Austin Association of Teachers. While employed in the Austin Independent School District he taught English for 13 years at Anderson and Johnston high schools. He was one of a select group of teachers chosen to staff the Liberal Arts Academy, which was an innovative magnet school program at Johnston.



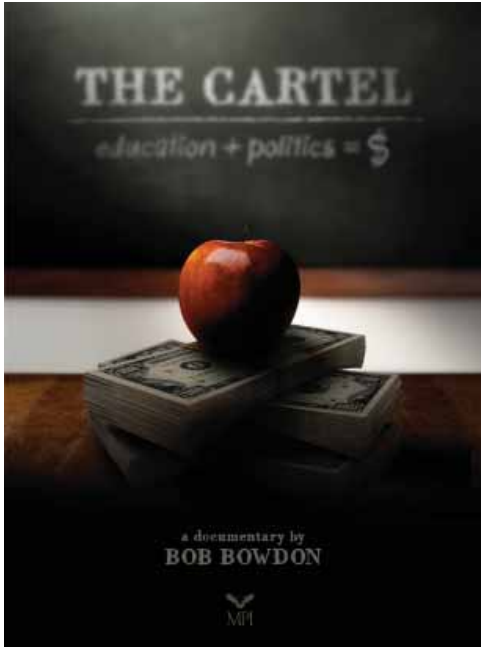
**SONER TARIM,
PH.D.**

Superintendent of
Schools, Harmony
School System

Dr. Tarim has been working as the superintendent of schools for the Harmony School System, a college preparatory charter school network, since its inception in August 2000. Currently, the Harmony School System consists of 25 campuses throughout Texas and serves over 12,000 students. He received his Ph.D. from Texas A&M University and has taught many courses in the field of biology, ecology, management, general science, and physical education over the years. Dr. Tarim published various peer reviewed scientific articles, policies, procedures, and guidelines for charter schools in the areas of admission, governance, and human resources. He is a certified school board member and school administrator trainer.

MOVIE SCREENING: *THE CARTEL* WITH DIRECTOR BOB BOWDON

6:15pm Conference Room 301



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Please join us for a special screening of the award-winning education documentary *The Cartel* with director Bob Bowden.



The Cartel examines the widespread education crisis through the personal stories of students, parents, and teachers.

This award-winning film demonstrates how individuals and communities are affected when schools succeed or fail, and examines what dedicated parents, committed teachers, and tireless reformers are doing to make our schools better.

For more information on this award-winning documentary, please visit: www.thecartelmovie.com.

Bob Bowdon, *The Cartel's* director, has been a television producer, reporter, news anchor, and commentator for the past 15 years. He's the host and Executive Producer of *Two-Way Street*, a debate-format, nationally syndicated PBS talk show, premiering in January 2010. Previously, he was best known for his six years as an anchor/reporter on Bloomberg Television.

His varied career has seen him producing television shows; hosting news programs; conducting in-depth on-camera interviews; appearing in satirical news sketches for the Onion News Network; anchoring regional news broadcasts covering New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut; and shaping Bloomberg Television's World Financial Report. He is president of Bowdon Media, an Internet marketing firm, and holds degrees in mechanical engineering, engineering management, and film production from Purdue University, Stanford University, and New York University. *The Cartel* is his first film.



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JANUARY 15, 2010—AT&T EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CENTER

8:15am VIP Breakfast: Exclusive to legislators, sponsors, and their guests, with featured speaker Richard Thornburgh, former Governor of Pennsylvania and former U.S. Attorney General *Salon C*

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Moderated by The Honorable Talmadge Heflin, Director, Center for Fiscal Policy

12:15pm-2pm Closing Lunch with introductory remarks by William Bennett, nationally-syndicated radio host and bestselling author, and keynote address from Texas Governor Rick Perry *Salon ABC*

GUEST SPEAKERS—JANUARY 15, 2010

8:15am Salon C VIP Breakfast: Exclusive to legislators, sponsors, and their guests.



THE HONORABLE RICHARD THORNBURGH

**Former Governor
of Pennsylvania
and former U.S.
Attorney General**

Designated by *Washingtonian* magazine as one of “10 legendary Washington lawyers who will forever leave their mark on the District’s legal landscape,” Thornburgh is currently counsel to the international law firm of K&L Gates LLP, and a resident in its Washington, D.C. office. He previously served as Governor of Pennsylvania, Attorney General of the United States under Presidents Reagan and George H.W. Bush and Under-Secretary General of the United Nations, during a public career that spanned over 25 years. Elected Governor of Pennsylvania in 1978 and re-elected in 1982, Thornburgh was the first Republican ever to serve two successive terms in that office. He served as Chair

of the Republican Governor’s Association and was named by his fellow governors as one of the nation’s most effective big-state governors in a 1986 *Newsweek* poll. During his service as Governor, Thornburgh balanced state budgets for eight consecutive years, reduced both personal and business tax rates, cut the state’s record-high debt and left a surplus of \$350 million. Under his leadership, 15,000 unnecessary positions were eliminated from the swollen state bureaucracy that he inherited and widely recognized economic development, education, and welfare reform programs were implemented.

12:15pm Salon ABC Introductory Remarks: Keynote Lunch



**WILLIAM J.
BENNETT, PH.D.**
**Nationally-syndicated
radio host and
New York Times
bestselling author**

William J. Bennett is one of America’s most important, influential, and respected voices on cultural, political, and education issues. A native of Brooklyn, New York, Bill Bennett studied philosophy at Williams College (B.A.) and the University of Texas (Ph.D.) and earned a law degree from Harvard. He is the Washington Fellow of the Claremont Institute. Over the course of his professional life, in education, government, and the private sector, Dr. Bennett has succeeded in a

trifecta of American institutions. He brings broad and deep experience achieved from a unique series of successes in several distinct fields: he is an award-winning professor in academia, having taught at Boston University, the University of Texas, and Harvard; he is a three-time confirmed executive in the Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush administrations including holding two cabinet-level positions, Secretary of Education under Ronald Reagan and the Nation’s first “Drug Czar” under the first President Bush; he is the author of 18 books, including two *New York Times* number one best sellers and two of the most successful books of the 1990s; he is the co-founder and served as the first Chairman of K12, Inc., a very successful online education company; and he is the host of the number eight ranked nationally-syndicated radio show, “Morning in America.”

KEYNOTE SPEAKER—JANUARY 15, 2010

12:15pm-Salon ABC



THE HONORABLE RICK PERRY

Governor of Texas

Sworn in as the state's 47th governor on December 21, 2000, Rick Perry was elected to a four-year term November 5, 2002 and re-elected November 7, 2006.

A fifth generation Texan, Governor Rick Perry has taken an extraordinary Texas journey, from a tenant farm in the rolling West Texas plains to the governor's office of our nation's second largest state.

The first Texas A&M graduate to occupy the Governor's Mansion, Rick Perry has led a life of public service, starting in the United States Air Force and continuing over two decades in elected office.

Governor Perry's administration has focused on creating a Texas of unlimited opportunity and prosperity by improving education, securing the border, and increasing economic development through classical conservative values. Governor Perry signed a school finance reform package that provides a 33 percent school property tax reduction, a \$2,000 pay raise for teachers, record funding for classrooms, and a reformed business tax.

Governor Perry also signed the nation's most sweeping lawsuit reforms, which stand as a national model for addressing skyrocketing malpractice insurance rates. Many hospitals and doctors subsequently experienced insurance savings, obstetricians and specialists are returning to practice in previously high-risk areas, and physicians from across the country are moving to Texas to practice medicine.

Starting with his election as lieutenant governor in 1999, Rick Perry has worked to build a stronger safety net for the poorest of the poor. The number of children with health insurance under Medicaid and CHIP has more than doubled since 1999. He is also working to expand opportunities for the private sector to offer health insurance, and signed legislation allowing small businesses to pool together to offer affordable health insurance policies.

Rick Perry's political career started in 1985 as a representative for a rural West Texas district in the state House of Representatives. He was first elected to statewide office in 1990, and served as Texas Commissioner of Agriculture for two terms. Governor Perry hails from Paint Creek, a small farming community north of Abilene. His father, Ray Perry, served as a Haskell County Commissioner, school board member, and a World War II tail gunner. Between 1972 and 1977, Governor Perry served in the United States Air Force flying C-130 tactical airlift aircraft in the U.S., Europe, and the Middle East.

He is a 1972 graduate of Texas A&M University where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets, a junior and senior Yell Leader and an animal science major. The younger of Ray and Amelia Perry's two children, Governor Perry is an Eagle Scout and lifetime member of American Legion Post #75.

DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS: ECONOMIC FREEDOM AND THE 82ND TEXAS LEGISLATURE

9:00-10:15am Conference Rm 301 Moderator: Bill Peacock, Director, Center for Economic Freedom

We will learn from entrepreneurs about the challenges they face in meeting market demands, the impact their businesses have on the community, and how government can help—or hinder—their efforts to create jobs, meet customers' needs, and grow the economy.



THE HONORABLE MARK STRAMA

Texas House of
Representatives

In 2004, Representative Mark Strama campaigned for state representative and won by just a few hundred votes. Two years later, he was re-elected with an overwhelming majority. His campaigns have earned national attention because of his effectiveness in registering voters and mobilizing young activists. This past session, Representative Strama's third, he served as the Chairman of the Technology, Economic Development, and Workforce Committee and as a member of the Energy Resources Committee. He has fervently supported legislation in support of renewable energy and education, and hopes to continue being a leader on these issues in the years to come.



DON BAYLOR

Center for Public
Policy Priorities

Don Baylor joined the Center for Public Policy Priorities in 2004 and focuses on asset building, postsecondary education, and workforce-economic development within the mission of expanding economic opportunity in Texas. He has authored legislation on community tax centers, children's savings accounts, unemployment insurance, high-cost lending, and business incentives. Before coming to the center, he served New York ACORN as Legislative Director and advocated on state and local issues such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), the minimum wage, job training, affordable housing, and predatory lending. He earned a B.A. from Georgetown University and a M.A. in African American and Southern History with honors from The University of Wisconsin at Madison.



STEVE MOORE

*The Wall Street
Journal*

Stephen Moore is a member of the editorial board and senior economics writer for *The Wall Street Journal*. He splits his time between Washington and New York, focusing on economic issues, including budget, tax, and monetary policy. Moore is the founder and former president of the Club for Growth. He is also former president of the Free Enterprise Fund. He has served as a senior economist on the Congressional Joint Economic Committee, as a budget expert for the Heritage Foundation, and as a senior economics fellow at the Cato Institute. He was research director for President Reagan's Commission on Privatization. Moore is the author of five books, most recently, "Bullish on Bush: How the Ownership Society Is Making America Richer."



JEFF SANDEFER

Sandefer Capital
Partners

Jeff Sandefer is a Master Teacher with the Acton School of Business. A serial entrepreneur, Sandefer's latest venture was Sandefer Capital Partners, an energy investment firm that held over \$1 billion in assets. For the last 20 years, Sandefer has also taught entrepreneurship at the graduate level. Six years ago, Sandefer and a group of successful entrepreneurs left a nationally recognized program they had built at the University of Texas to start the Acton School of Business. For four consecutive years, Acton was rated among the top MBA programs in the country by *The Princeton Review* which declared Acton's students to be the "most competitive" MBAs in America. At the University of Texas, Sandefer was named by *BusinessWeek* as one of the top entrepreneurship professors in the U.S.

OBAMACARE: WHAT NOW? THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE REFORM

9:00-10:15am Salon DE Moderator: The Honorable Arlene Wohlgemuth, Executive Director, TPPF

President Obama's version of health care reform has almost made its way through the U.S. Congress, and though not final, it is very possible that many of his reform ideas will ultimately become law. This panel will discuss the remaining issues Congress must still work out before health care legislation is passed, the reform's potential fiscal impact, and the changes patients can expect to see in the years to come.



**THE HONORABLE
LOIS KOLKHORST**

Texas House of
Representatives

Representative Lois W. Kolkhorst is a member of the Texas House of Representatives, serving House District 13. As the Chair of the House Committee on Public Health, she helps manage the state's \$52 billion health care system and works to set priorities for the Health and Human Services Commission, which oversees nearly 9,000 state employees at five state agencies. She is also a member of the House Committee on Corrections and the Calendars Committee. As a lawmaker, she has fostered positive changes in the state's public schools, colleges, and universities. As a long-time education advocate, she was honored by the Texas Retired Teacher Association as well as the College of Education at Sam Houston State University.



**MICHAEL
CANNON**

CATO Institute

Michael F. Cannon is the Cato Institute's director of health policy studies. Previously, he served as a domestic policy analyst for the U.S. Senate Republican Policy Committee. Cannon has appeared on ABC, CBS, CNN, CNBC, C-SPAN, Fox News Channel, and NPR. His articles have been featured in *USA Today*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *New York Post*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Chicago Sun-Times*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Forum for Health Economics & Policy*, and the *Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law, and Ethics*. Cannon is coauthor of *Healthy Competition: What's Holding Back Health Care and How to Free It*. He holds a B.A. in American government from the University of Virginia, and a M.A. in economics and J.M. in law & economics from George Mason University.



**ANNE
DUNKELBERG**

Center for Public
Policy Priorities

Anne Dunkelberg joined the Center for Public Policy Priorities in 1994. She is one of the state's leading experts in policy and budget issues relating to health care access. In 2007, she was named Consumer Advocate of the Year by Families USA in Washington, D.C. Before coming to the center, she served as Program Director for Acute Care in the Texas Medicaid Director's Office and spent six years with the Texas Research League, where she authored numerous reports on Texas health and human services issues and tracked state health and human services budget issues. She earned dual degrees from The University of Texas at Austin—a Bachelor of Arts (Plan II), *magna cum laude*, in 1979 and a Master of Public Affairs from the LBJ School of Public Affairs in 1988.



**JOHN C.
GOODMAN, PH.D.**

National Center for
Policy Analysis

John C. Goodman is president and CEO of the National Center for Policy Analysis. *The Wall Street Journal* and the *National Journal*, among other publications, have called him the "Father of Health Savings Accounts," and the Media Research Center credits him, along with former Sen. Phil Gramm and columnist Bill Kristol, with playing the pivotal role in the defeat of the Clinton Administration's plan to overhaul the U.S. health care system. He is also the Kellye Wright Fellow in health care. The mission of the Wright Fellowship is to promote a more patient-centered, consumer-driven health care system.

TEXAS WATER RIGHTS: PROPERTY INTERESTS OR STATE PERMITS?

10:30-11:45am Conference Rm 301 Moderator: Katharine Armstrong, Former Chair, Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission

For over a century, Texas law has upheld the property interest in Texas water rights, both in the landowner's groundwater rights and surface water rights to use state water. Do recent legislation and agency rules undermine these fundamental property interests in water? Long-time state decision makers will consider this pivotal issue in Texas water policy.



THE HONORABLE SUSAN COMBS

Texas Comptroller
of Public Accounts

Comptroller Susan Combs was elected Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts in November 2006 and immediately set an innovative course of action to transform state government and prepare Texas for the future beginning her first day in office on Jan. 1, 2007. As Comptroller, Combs is the state's chief financial officer. Combs has spearheaded unprecedented efforts to give taxpayers a transparent look at how their dollars are spent. She posted the expenses of the Comptroller's office online her third day on the job. She took transparency in government spending to new heights by launching the *Where the Money Goes* website. The site features a virtual check register that gives the public online access to detailed and up-to-date state expenditure information for all state entities. Under her leadership, the Comptroller's office has assessed and implemented a sweeping range of business process improvements projected to save nearly \$8 million by the end of 2009 to reinvest in meeting increased demand for services.



THE HONORABLE BILL CALLEGARI

Texas House of
Representatives

Representative Bill Callegari has represented the Katy area since his election in 2000. As a staunch fiscal conservative with an eye towards reducing the size of government, he has passed several bills to eliminate unnecessary government functions, lower citizens' tax burdens, and improve accountability. During his tenure in the Texas House, Representative Callegari has worked extensively on complex issues including water policy, eminent domain, transportation, low-income housing reform, and government streamlining. He currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, and is also a member of the Transportation Committee, House Administration Committee, and the House Research Organization.



THE HONORABLE KATHLEEN HARTNETT WHITE

Texas Public Policy
Foundation

Kathleen Hartnett White joined the Texas Public Policy Foundation in January 2008. She is a Distinguished Senior Fellow-in-Residence and Director of the Armstrong Center for Energy & the Environment. Prior to joining the Foundation, White served a six-year term as Chairman and Commissioner of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). TCEQ's staff of 3,000, annual budget of over \$600 million, and 16 regional offices make it the second largest environmental regulatory agency in the world after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. White is also co-owner of White Herefords and a partner with her husband in a 125 year-old ranching operation in Jeff Davis and Presidio counties. She is Vice-Chairman of the Texas Water Foundation and sits on the board of the Texas Natural Resource Foundation. She is the recipient of the 2007 Texas Water Conservation Association's President's award, the Colorado River Foundation's Friend of the River Award, and the Texas Chemical Council's Leadership Award.

BUDGET CLIMATE—FAIR OR STORMY?

10:30-11:45am Salon DE Moderator: The Honorable Talmadge Heflin, Director, Center for Fiscal Policy

With the state already six months into the 2010-11 budget, many experts are beginning to turn their attention to the next budget cycle. Join us as our panel discusses how well they think the state's finances are holding up and the fiscal opportunities and challenges that may face those in the 82nd Legislature.



THE HONORABLE ROYCE WEST

Texas Senate

Senator West was installed as State Senator, District 23 (Dallas County), in January 1993 after winning the election for the Senate seat in November 1992. In 2005, *Texas Monthly* named Senator West as one of the 25 most powerful people in Texas politics. The magazine chose Senator West as one of the "Ten Best Legislators in Texas" and twice named him as an "Honorable Mention." The Associated Press named Senator West as one of the "key players of the 2005 Legislature" in its "Movers and Shakers" list. *Texas Insider* named Senator West to its 2009 "Best Legislators" list. He is Chairman of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and is a member of the Senate's Committees on Education, Finance, Health and Human Services, and Higher Education.



THE HONORABLE TOMMY WILLIAMS

Texas Senate

Senator Tommy Williams brings a strong record of business achievements, community involvement, and public service to the people of Southeast Texas. Senator Williams serves as Chairman of the Senate Administration Committee and as a member on the Senate Finance Committee, Education Committee, and International Relations & Trade Committee. By special appointment of Lt. Gov. Dewhurst, Senator Williams also serves as a member of the Legislative Audit Committee, the State Preservation Board, and the Energy Council. His legislative leadership and strong conservative voting record have been recognized and honored by many state and community groups and organizations throughout his tenure in the Texas House and Texas Senate.



THE HONORABLE CRAIG EILAND

Texas House of
Representatives

In 1994, Representative Craig Eiland was elected to serve in the 74th Legislature. For the 81st Legislative Session, Representative Eiland was appointed to the position of Speaker Pro Tempore. He is a member of the committee on Appropriations, where he is Chair of the Hurricane Subcommittee and a member of the Stimulus Subcommittee as well as the Health and Human Services Subcommittee. He is also a member of the Committee on Insurance. Representative Eiland has served seven sessions on the Insurance Committee. He is viewed by his colleagues as an expert on insurance matters. During five terms on Appropriations, Eiland had a hand in crafting balanced budgets while appropriating a total of over \$500 billion.



THE HONORABLE JIM PITTS

Texas House of
Representatives

Representative Jim Pitts (R-Waxahachie) represents District 10, which includes Ellis and Hill counties. Representative Pitts was first elected to the Texas House in 1992. Prior to his election to the House, he served for 14 years as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Waxahachie Independent School District, serving his final term as President of the Board. During his tenure, Representative Pitts has served on various committees, including the House Committee on Appropriations as Chairman during the 79th and 81st sessions. As Chairman of that committee last legislative session, he led the passage of a budget that cut state spending of general revenue. In the special session this past summer, he authored and passed a highway funding bill. In 2006, he also authored and passed HB 2, providing the largest property tax cut in the state's history.

PANEL MODERATORS



KATHARINE ARMSTRONG

Former Chair, Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission

Katharine Armstrong is a fifth-generation Texan raised on her family's South Texas cattle ranch, an artist, an avid outdoors woman, and the mother of three children. She has spent her adult life active in politics at both the state and national levels. She was appointed to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission in 1999 by Gov. George W. Bush and named Chairman in 2001 by Gov. Rick Perry, becoming the first woman to head the agency. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is the second largest wildlife agency in the United States. As Chairman of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, Armstrong began by focusing her efforts on building the agency's credibility with political leaders.



TALMADGE HEFLIN

TPPF Director, Center for Fiscal Policy

The Honorable Talmadge Heflin is the Director of the Foundation's Center for Fiscal Policy. Prior to joining the Foundation, he served the people of Harris County as a state representative for 11 terms. Well regarded as a legislative leader on budget and tax issues by Democratic and Republican speakers alike, for several terms he was the only House member to serve on both the Ways and Means and Appropriations Committees. In the 78th Session, Heflin served as chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations. He navigated a \$10 billion state budget shortfall through targeted spending cuts that allowed Texans to avoid a tax increase. Originally from Webster Parish, Louisiana, Heflin has been a resident of Houston for over 35 years.



JUSTIN KEENER

TPPF Vice President of Policy and Communications

Justin Keener oversees research, legislative, and communications initiatives for the Texas Public Policy Foundation. Prior to joining the Foundation, Keener worked in the Texas House, Texas Senate, non-profit community, and private sector. His legislative experience includes serving as an advisor to Texas Speaker Tom Craddick, and as communications director to Senator Florence Shapiro and the Senate State Affairs Committee. Keener's public affairs background started at the Greater Dallas Crime Commission, then as a lobbyist with a small firm in Dallas, and as a vice president in Austin with two of the nation's largest public relations firms before starting his own consulting practice.



MARC LEVIN

TPPF Director, Center for Effective Justice

Marc A. Levin is the Director of the Center for Effective Justice at the Texas Public Policy Foundation. Levin is an Austin attorney and an accomplished author on legal and public policy issues. Levin has served as a law clerk to Judge Will Garwood on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and Staff Attorney at the Texas Supreme Court. In 2002, Levin received his J.D. with honors from the University of Texas School of Law. Levin's articles on law and public policy have been featured in publications such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *Texas Review of Law & Politics*, *National Law Journal*, *New York Daily News*, *Jerusalem Post*, and many others.



BILL PEACOCK

TPPF Vice President of Research & Director, Center for Economic Freedom

Bill Peacock is the Vice President of Research and Director of the Texas Public Policy Foundation's Center for Economic Freedom. His work focuses on identifying and reducing the harmful effects of regulations on the economy, businesses, and consumers. Prior to joining the Foundation, Peacock served as the Deputy Commissioner for Coastal Resources for Commissioner Jerry Patterson at the Texas General Land Office. Before he worked at the GLO, he was a legislative and media consultant. Peacock has also served as the Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Intergovernmental Affairs for then-Commissioner Rick Perry at the Texas Department of Agriculture.

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Brooke Dollens Terry is a senior policy analyst in the Foundation's Center for Education Policy. Before joining the Foundation, she worked at the Texas Workforce Commission in government relations and as a policy analyst for Commissioner Diane Rath. Prior to working in state government, Terry worked in Washington, D.C. for U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, analyzing federal legislation and policy. Upon Senator Gramm's retirement, she worked for U.S. Senators John Cornyn and Richard Lugar as a legislative assistant. During college, she interned in U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison's press office in Washington, D.C., and in then-Governor George W. Bush's criminal justice division in Austin.



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Elizabeth Young joined the Texas Public Policy Foundation in March 2009 as a policy analyst for the Foundation's Center for Higher Education and in June 2009 added health care policy to her portfolio. Her research focuses on consumer driven solutions for health care policy reform and higher education costs, affordability, value, and transparency. Prior to joining the Foundation, Elizabeth worked as a Legislative Assistant for State Representative Phil King. Elizabeth graduated *magna cum laude* with a B.A. in Government from the University of Texas at Austin.



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The Honorable Kathleen Hartnett White joined the Texas Public Policy Foundation in January 2008. She is a Distinguished Senior Fellow-in-Residence and Director of the Armstrong Center for Energy & the Environment. Prior to joining the Foundation, White served a six-year term as Chairman and Commissioner of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). TCEQ's staff of 3,000, annual budget of over \$600 million and 16 regional offices make it the second largest environmental regulatory agency in the world after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Prior to Governor Rick Perry's appointment of White to the TCEQ in 2001, she served as then-Governor George Bush's appointee to the Texas Water Development Board where she sat until appointed to TCEQ.



ARLENE WOHLGEMUTH

TPPF Executive
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The Honorable Arlene Wohlgemuth is Executive Director and Director of the Center for Health Care Policy at the Texas Public Policy Foundation. She served 10 years as a state representative for District 58. During the 77th legislative session, she served as chairman of Appropriations Article II Subcommittee (Health and Human Services), vice-chairman of Calendars, CBO for Human Services, and member of the Select Committee for Health Care Expenditures. Wohlgemuth authored HB 2292, the sweeping reform of health and human services which improved service delivery for the recipients, saving taxpayers more than \$3.7B during its first five years. The reforms consolidated 12 agencies into five and was the largest government reform bill ever passed in the state. Wohlgemuth served as president of the Texas Conservative Coalition, chairman of the TCCRI Health and Human Services Task Force, and chairman of the Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute's State Finance Task Force. She was twice named to *Texas Monthly's* "Ten Best" List.

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Called “the Margaret Thatcher of financial regulation” by *The Wall Street Journal*, the Texas Public Policy Foundation’s Chairman founded the Regulatory Studies Program at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, where she is a Distinguished Senior Scholar. Gramm served as chairman of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission from 1988-1993. She was Administrator for Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget from 1985-1988, the executive director of the Presidential Task Force on Regulatory Relief, and director of the Federal Trade Commission’s Bureau of Economics. Gramm has been on the research staff of the Institute for Defense Analysis. She started her economics career at Texas A&M University, where she taught economics for over eight years. She holds a B.A. from Wellesley College and a Ph.D. from Northwestern University, both in Economics.



BROOKE L. ROLLINS
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Brooke L. Rollins served as Governor Rick Perry’s Deputy General Counsel, and later as his Policy Director, before joining the Texas Public Policy Foundation as President & CEO. She managed the Governor’s Policy Division and all policy issues including education, transportation, natural resources, agriculture, criminal justice, economic development, health and human services, and insurance. Rollins graduated from Texas A&M University and went on to graduate with honors from the University of Texas School of Law before spending several years as a litigator with Hughes & Luce, L.L.P., in Dallas, Texas. She also completed a federal judicial clerkship with The Honorable Barbara M.G. Lynn, a United States Federal District Judge in the Northern District of Texas. Rollins recently received the 2008 Thomas Roe Award, the top honor for free-market think tank leadership, from the State Policy Network.



THE HONORABLE ARLENE WOHLGEMUTH
Executive Director & Director, Center for Health Care Policy

The Honorable Arlene Wohlgemuth was appointed the Texas Public Policy Foundation’s Executive Director in January 2010, and continues her role leading the Texas Public Policy Foundation’s Center for Health Care Policy. She served 10 years as a state representative for District 58. During the 77th legislative session, she served as chairman of Appropriations Article II Subcommittee (Health and Human Services), vice-chairman of Calendars, CBO for Human Services, and member of the Select Committee for Health Care Expenditures. Wohlgemuth authored HB 2292, the sweeping reform of Health and Human Services which improved service delivery for the recipients, saving taxpayers more than \$3.7B during its first five years. The bill consolidated 12 agencies into five and was the largest government reform bill ever passed in the state. Wohlgemuth has twice been named to *Texas Monthly’s* “Ten Best” list for her outstanding measured leadership as a chief conservative in the legislature.

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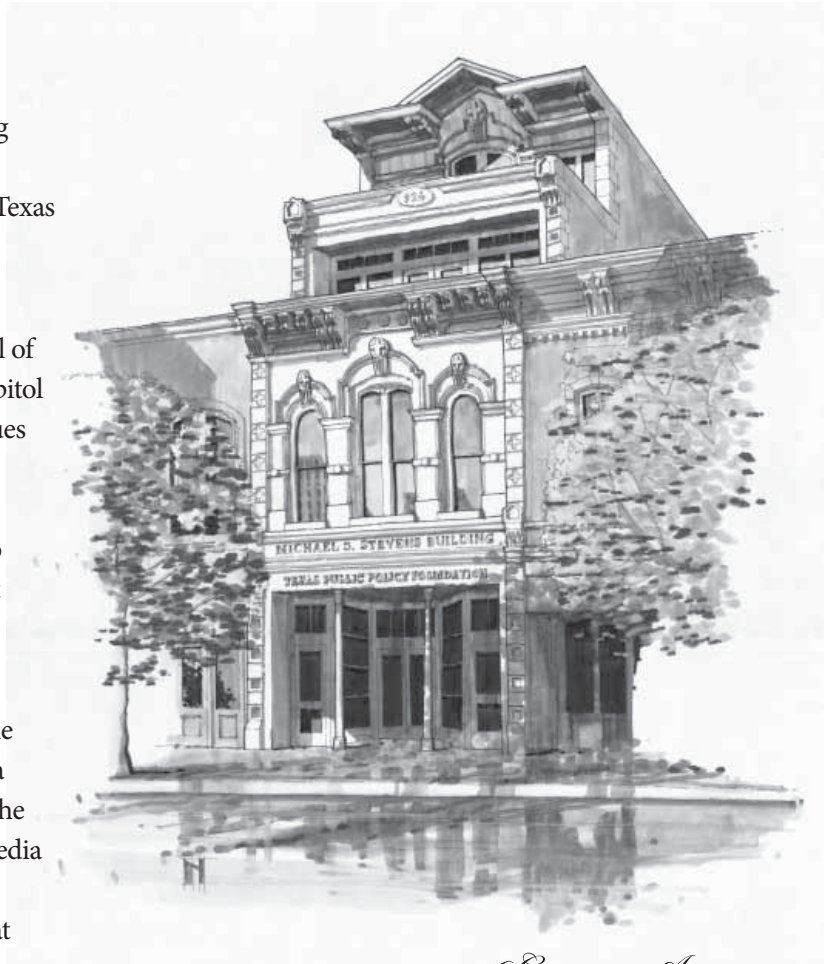
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