

About the Speakers

Robert E. Lucas Jr. is one of the most influential figures in modern economics. His pioneering work on rational expectations shifted the paradigm for the practice of economics. He has made fundamental contributions in macroeconomics, the theory of economic growth, and industrial organization. He earned his doctorate from the University of Chicago in 1964 and has been a professor there since 1974. He is currently visiting the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. Dr. Lucas was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1995.

Arthur J. Rolnick is senior vice president and director of research at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. His work has had substantial impact on policy debates. His policy proposals for addressing economic competition between states and addressing moral hazard in banking created by deposit insurance have received national attention. His research interests include banking and financial economics, monetary policy, monetary history, the economics of federalism, and the economics of early childhood development. He earned his doctorate in economics from the University of Minnesota, and he is on the Minneapolis Star and Tribune's Board of Economists. Dr. Rolnick is also a member of Minnesota's Council of Economic Advisors, and he is past president of the Minnesota Economic Association.

Judy Schaubach is president of Education Minnesota, Minnesota's largest union of educators. She was a strong and effective advocate of the merger of the Minnesota Education Association and the Minnesota Federation of Teachers that led to the creation of Education Minnesota. She has held leadership positions in the State Residential Schools Education Association, the National Council for State Education Associations, and Shared Decisions Minnesota. Ms. Schaubach is president-elect of the Minnesota AFL-CIO. She earned her B.A. at Augsburg and her M.S. at Mankato State University.

Stacy Becker manages her own consulting practice, where she advises local and regional governments, foundations, policy groups and private developers on issues of housing education, organizational effectiveness, and innovation. She is known for her leadership in designing and facilitating the work of high-level task forces. In this capacity, she has been working with the Education/Evolving project for over two years. As part of her work, Stacy served on St. Paul Mayor (now U.S. Senator) Norm Coleman's panel on charter schools, facilitated a national meeting on teachers as owners, and is currently leading Education/Evolving's exploration of how technology will influence public education. Stacy has a B.A. from Macalester, a M.P.P. from the John F. Kennedy school at Harvard, and a M.Sc. from the London School of Economics. She previously served as Public Works Director for the City of St. Paul, Director of Research and Development for the City of St. Paul Police Department, and Budget Director for the City of St. Paul and the County of San Francisco.

Chas Anderson was appointed by Governor Tim Pawlenty to be Minnesota's Assistant Commissioner for Finance and Administrative Services. She is responsible for direct oversight of state and federal expenditures in excess of \$13 billion over the two-year biennial budget period and directs general operations of the agency. Ms. Anderson was previously employed by the Minnesota House of Representatives as the lead administrator for the House Ways and Means Committee from January 1999 until January 2003. During this period she focused on education, taxes and state government. Ms. Anderson worked as an aide to Governor Arne Carlson, and holds a B.A. from St. Cloud State University.

Helen Ladd is professor of public policy studies and economics at Duke University. Prior to 1986 she taught at Dartmouth College, Wellesley College, and Harvard University, first in the City and Regional Planning Program and then in the Kennedy School of Government. She is well known for her research on education policy and is the editor of *Holding Schools Accountable: Performance-Based Reform in Education* (Brookings Institution, 1996). Dr. Ladd is also the coauthor of *When Schools Compete: A Cautionary Tale* (Brookings Institution, 2000). Dr. Ladd has been active in the National Tax Association (serving as president in 1993-94) and the Association for Public Policy and Management. She has been a visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, a senior research fellow at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, and a visiting fellow at the Brookings Institution. She earned her Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1974.

Derek Neal received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Virginia. He began his academic career as an assistant professor at the University of Chicago in 1991. From 1998 to 2001 he served on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin before returning to Chicago. His current research focuses on measuring labor market inequality among black and white women in the United States. In other work, he examines the performance of private versus public schools while paying particular attention to the performance of Catholic schools in large cities. Professor Neal has served as an advisory editor for *Economics Letters* and as co-editor for the *Journal of Human Resources*. He now serves as the editor-in-chief for the *Journal of Labor Economics*.