

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Rachel Vogelstein, JD

Rachel Vogelstein serves in the Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues at the U.S. Department of State, where she is a Senior Policy Advisor to Melanne Verveer, Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues. In this capacity, she works on a variety of foreign policy issues related to the advancement of women and girls and focuses on global health and education.

Prior to joining the State Department, Ms. Vogelstein served as Assistant Counsel to then-Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton on her presidential campaign. She also served as Senior Counsel at the National Women's Law Center, where she specialized in women's health, and was awarded an Equal Justice Works Fellowship to work on women's health policy. Ms. Vogelstein also was a clerk for the Honorable Thomas L. Ambro on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Ms. Vogelstein received her bachelor's degree from Barnard College, Columbia University and her law degree from Georgetown Law School, where she received the National Association of Women Lawyers Award and was Executive Editor of the *Georgetown Law Journal*.

Jane Otai

Jane Otai is the Urban Health Advisor for Jhpiego, an international nonprofit health organization affiliated with Johns Hopkins University that enhances the health and saves the lives of women and families in limited-resource settings.

Ms. Otai has led Jhpiego's innovative urban health initiative in Nairobi, Kenya, working to increase access to health services for women and their families in two urban slums. Under her leadership, the programs have centered on empowering women in the slums of Korogocho and Viwandani to take charge of their health needs and participate in developing solutions to benefit their families. She has managed HIV and reproductive health projects in these impoverished communities that have resulted in significant increases in women's participation in maternal and child health services. Through Ms. Otai's work, a network of more than 200 community health workers has been established to link residents with public health services. The emphasis on community needs has led to a cervical cancer screening program at a local clinic, improved HIV prevention services for pregnant women and newborns, rape and sexual assault counseling services, and increased nutritional support for residents.

Prior to joining Jhpiego, Ms. Otai worked for several years as a program officer for African Population and Health Research Center. She earned her bachelor's degree in social sciences from Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda.