SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Laurie Fenton Ambrose

Laurie Fenton Ambrose is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Lung Cancer Alliance (LCA). In this capacity, she is responsible for overseeing the creation and implementation of LCA's patient empowerment programs, public health policy agenda, and national grassroots and awareness initiatives. Ms. Fenton Ambrose also is LCA's primary liaison to community and government leaders, national media, collaborating agencies, health care professionals, and other strategic alliances.

Prior to joining LCA, Ms. Fenton Ambrose was tapped to serve as the first Chief of Staff to United States Department of Commerce Secretary Don Evans, where she helped set the strategic and policy direction of the Department in the first years of the Bush Administration. Before serving in the Commerce Department, she worked for six years in the United States Senate as Chief of Staff to Senator Jon Kyl (R-AZ). Prior to her work in the Senate, Ms. Fenton Ambrose served 11 years in the House of Representatives, six as Chief of Staff to Congressman Jim Kolbe (R-AZ), and the remaining as Legislative Assistant to Congressman Amo Houghton (R-NY) and Congressman Edward Madigan (R-IL). She also served in the private sector as Federal Relations Director for Honeywell.

Ms. Fenton Ambrose is a graduate of The George Washington University and Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government Senior Management in Government Executive Program.

Yolonda Colson, M.D. Ph.D.

Dr. Yolonda Colson is an attending cardiothoracic surgeon within the Division of Thoracic Surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Director of the Women's Lung Cancer Program, and an Associate Professor in Surgery at Harvard Medical School. With funding support from the NIH/NCI, the Center for Integration of Medicine and Innovative Technology (CIMIT), and the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Colson's research focuses on the development of unique mechanisms of polymer and nanoparticle drug delivery aimed at preventing cancer recurrence, and the investigation of novel methods to identify hidden tumor that has spread to nearby lymph nodes.

Dr. Colson is the 2006 Recipient of the George H.A. Clowes, Jr. Research Career Development Award from the American College of Surgeons, the first recipient of the Michelle Kessler Leadership Award in Women's Health, and a recent recipient of the Edward M. Kennedy Award for Health Care Innovation from CIMIT as Team Leader for the Cancer Advanced Technology Team.

Dr. Colson received her bachelor's of science in biomedical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and her medical degree from Mayo Medical School. She also received her doctorate degree from the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Colson completed her surgical residency at the University of Pittsburgh before training in cardiothoracic surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Deborah Morosini, M.D.

Dr. Deborah Morosini is the sister of the late Dana Reeve and a pathologist at AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals. She works in the area of research and development of cancer drugs and strategies to enable the delivery of a personalized health care approach and is a devoted and renowned advocate, spokesperson, and philanthropist for the lung cancer community.

In addition to her ongoing work supporting disease association strategies for new oncology compounds, Dr. Morosini also collaborates with academic institutions on numerous scientific projects and has contributed to the development of data element taxonomy (DET) of disease models for use by genomic researchers as part of the federal government's National Institute of Standards and Technology Advanced Technology Program. She serves on the boards of the Lung Cancer Alliance, Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation, National Comprehensive Cancer Network Foundation, and National Cancer Institute's Director's Consumer Liaison Group and provides strategic guidance and advice on public health and policy matters.

Dr. Morosini received her bachelor's degree in English from Mt. Holyoke College and her master's degree in social work from New York University. She earned her medical degree from Boston University School of Medicine and completed a pathology residency at Boston Medical Center.