

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

David C. Colby, PhD

Dr. David Colby is the Vice President of Research and Evaluation at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. In this capacity, Dr. Colby leads a team dedicated to improving the nation's ability to understand key health and health care issues so that informed decisions can be made concerning the way Americans maintain health and obtain health care. He is guided by the principle that research speaks truth to power when it is practical and communicated to a broader audience, and views his role of developing and disseminating focused research doing just that.

Since joining the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in 1998, Dr. Colby has served in a number of leadership positions, including Interim Vice President of Research and Evaluation, Deputy Director of Research and Evaluation, and Deputy Director of the Health Care Group. Prior to joining the Foundation, Dr. Colby served for nine years with the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission, where he served as Deputy Director. While in government, Dr. Colby developed policy research contributing to landmark legislation that changed the formula for Medicare reimbursement. Previously, he had worked on physician payment issues as a Robert Wood Johnson Faculty Fellow in Health Care Finance, serving in the Congressional Budget Office. Prior to his policy work, Dr. Colby was an Associate Professor in the Policy Sciences Graduate Program and Coordinator of the Masters of Policy Sciences Program at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. He was Dean of Freshman and Assistant Dean at Williams College and held faculty positions at Williams College and the Statue University College at Buffalo.

Dr. Colby's published research has focused on Medicaid and Medicare, media coverage of AIDS, and civil rights. He served as Associate Editor of the *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law* from 1995 to 2002. In 2000, he was elected to the National Academy of Social Insurance for his contributions to the nation's understanding of social insurance programs.

Dr. Colby received his bachelor's degree from Ohio Wesleyan University and his master's degree from the Ohio University. He earned his doctorate in political science from the University of Illinois.

Larke Huang, PhD

Dr. Larke Huang, a licensed clinical-community psychologist, is the Director of the Office of Behavioral Health Equity and Senior Advisor in the Office of Policy Planning and Innovation at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). As Senior Advisor, Dr. Huang provides leadership on national policy for mental health and substance use issues for children, adolescents, and families, and leads SAMHSA's strategic initiative on Trauma and Justice. In 2009, she completed a six month leadership exchange at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, where she served as Senior Advisor on Mental Health.

For the past 25 years, Dr. Huang has worked at the interface of practice, research, and policy. She has assumed multiple leadership roles dedicated to improving the lives of children, families, and communities. Prior to joining SAMHSA, Dr. Huang worked as a community mental health practitioner. She also served as a faculty member at the University of California at Berkeley and Georgetown University, and was a research director at the American Institutes of Research.

Dr. Huang has worked with states and communities to build systems of care for children with serious emotional and behavioral disorders. She has developed programs for underserved, culturally and linguistically diverse populations, evaluated community-based programs, and authored several books and articles on behavioral health. Her recent publications include: *Children of Color: Psychological Interventions with Culturally Diverse Youth*; *Transforming Mental Health Care for Children and Their Families*; *Advancing Efforts to Improve Children's Mental Health in America: A Commentary*; *The Influence of Race and Ethnicity on Psychiatric Diagnoses and Clinical Characteristics of Children and Adolescents in Children's Services*; and *Co-Occurring Disorders of Adolescents in Primary Care: Closing the Gaps*.

Dr. Huang received her doctorate from Yale University.

William R. McFarlane, MD

Dr. William McFarlane is the Program Director of the National Demonstration of Early Detection, Intervention and Prevention of Psychosis in Adolescents and Young Adults (EDIPPP) and Professor of Psychiatry at Tufts University School of Medicine.

Dr. McFarlane has been working with families of the mentally ill, especially in multiple family groups, since his training at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Social and Community Psychiatry in the early 1970's. His main interests are in developing and testing family and social treatments for major mental illnesses and their application in the public sector. Prior to his tenure at Tufts University, Dr. McFarlane served as the Director of Research and Chief of the Department of Psychiatry of Maine Medical Center and Spring Harbor Hospital. Previously, he served as the Director of the Biosocial Treatment Research Division of the New York State Psychiatric Institute, and as an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University. The Director of Family Therapy Training for the residency training program, Dr. McFarlane also served as the Director of the Fellowship in Public Psychiatry at Columbia.

Dr. McFarlane has published more than 80 articles and book chapters, and has been an Associate Editor of *Family Process* and *Families, Systems, and Health*. He also edited *Family Therapy in Schizophrenia*, published in 1983, and recently published *Multifamily Groups in the Treatment of Severe Psychiatric Disorders*. Dr. McFarlane has served on the boards of directors of the American Orthopsychiatric Association and the Association for Clinical Psychosocial Research, and is a past president of the Maine Psychiatric Association. In 2007, he was awarded the Gralnick Award for Schizophrenia Research by the American Psychiatric Association.

Dr. McFarlane earned his bachelor's degree from Earlham College and his medical degree from Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Linda Rosenberg, MSW

Linda Rosenberg is the President and CEO of the National Council for Behavioral Health, a nonprofit advocacy and educational association of more than 2,000 organizations that provide treatment and support services to six million adults and children with mental illnesses and addictions. With more than 30 years of experience in the development, design, and delivery of mental health policy and services, Ms. Rosenberg is a certified social worker, family therapist, and psychiatric rehabilitation practitioner.

Under her leadership, the National Council has more than doubled its membership; helped secure the passage of the federal mental health and addiction parity law; played a critical role in ensuring the Affordable Care Act addresses the needs of individuals with behavioral health disorders; expanded financing for integrated behavioral health and primary care services; and built an extensive array of organizational, clinical, and workforce development initiatives. Dr. Rosenberg introduced the Mental Health First Aid public education program in the United States, and has led the National Council in training nearly 100,000 citizens in this program.

Prior to joining the National Council, Ms. Rosenberg served as the Senior Deputy Commissioner for the New York State Office of Mental Health and ran New York's adult and child psychiatric hospitals. She also promoted the adoption of evidence-based practices, including tripling New York's assertive community treatment capacity. Ms. Rosenberg was responsible for expanding children's community-based services, developing housing options for people with mental illnesses and addictions; and implementing a network of jail diversion programs, including New York's first mental health court.

Ms. Rosenberg has held faculty appointments at a number of schools of social work and serves on many agency and editorial boards.