

## Speaker Biographies

### “50 Million Uninsured: The Faces Behind the Headlines”

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**Katherine Baicker** is professor of Health Economics in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Harvard School of Public Health. She is a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research. From 2005-2007, Professor Baicker served as a Senate-confirmed Member of the President’s Council of Economic Advisers. She currently serves on the Editorial Boards of Health Affairs, the Journal of Health Economics, and the Forum for Health Economics and Policy; as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of Academy Health; on the Congressional Budget Office's Panel of Health Advisers; and as a commissioner on the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission. Professor Baicker's research focuses primarily on the factors that drive the distribution, generosity, and effectiveness of public and private health insurance, with a particular focus on health insurance finance and the effect of reforms on the distribution and quality of care. She is currently one of the leaders of a research program investigating the many effects of expanding health insurance coverage in the context of a randomized Medicaid expansion in Oregon. She received her BA in economics from Yale and her PhD in economics from Harvard.

**Kirk Calhoun** has been president of University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler since November 2002. He is very active in the Northeast Texas area, including service on the Tyler Economic Development Board and the Tyler 21 Public Facilities and Services Working Group (for the future planning of Tyler). Dr. Calhoun has served on the state Task Force on Medical Indigent Care, Task Force for Financial Exigency and other committees. He most recently served on the Presidential Search Committee for M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. He serves on the Texas Hospital Association Board of Trustees, Teaching Hospitals of Texas Board of Trustees, and is Chair of the National Association of Public Hospitals Executive Committee. Dr. Calhoun serves as co-chair of the Health Disparities, Education, Awareness Research and Training (HDEART) Consortium and as a member of the State Health Services Council. Dr. Calhoun, a native of Chicago, Illinois earned a bachelor’s degree in biology from the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle and an M.D. from the University Of Kansas School Of Medicine. He served an internship and residency in internal medicine at Northwestern University and Medical Center in Evanston, Illinois, as well as a fellowship in clinical nephrology, hypertension, and metabolism at the University of Chicago.

**Rachel Garfield** is a senior researcher and Associate Director at the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, the largest operating program of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. At the Foundation, Dr. Garfield is responsible for directing analytic work on the

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impact of health reform on coverage and access to care. Her work also focuses on the role of Medicaid in providing insurance coverage to the low-income population, mental health coverage under public programs, and public financing for health programs for the low-income population. Prior to joining the Kaiser Family Foundation, Dr. Garfield was an assistant professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the University Of Pittsburgh Graduate School Of Public Health, where her research and teaching focused on state health financing/policy and the politics of health policy in the United States. She has also held positions as a policy analyst in Medicaid/CHIP policy and research consultant for hospital operations and management. Dr. Garfield received her Ph.D. in health policy from Harvard University and holds an M.H.S. in health policy from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.

**John F. Holahan** is director of the Health Policy Research Center at the Urban Institute. Much of his work over the last 30 years has focused on the Medicaid program, as well as state health policy more broadly, and issues of federalism and health. These include analyses of the recent growth in Medicaid expenditures, variations across states in Medicaid expenditures, changes in federal-state matching formulas and Medicaid restructuring. He has conducted analyses on the cost and coverage impacts of alternative strategies to expand Medicaid coverage. Dr. Holahan has developed proposals for health system reform, most recently in Massachusetts and New York, including analysis of cost and coverage impacts of reform proposals. He has recently written on strategies to address the issues of insurer and provider consolidation, and on cost containment more generally. In addition, he has analyzed how states are likely to be affected by the Affordable Care Act, particularly by the Medicaid expansion and the tax credit provisions. He has also published research on the reasons for the growth in the uninsured over the past decade, as well as research on the effects of proposals to expand health insurance coverage on the uninsured and on costs to federal and state governments.