

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

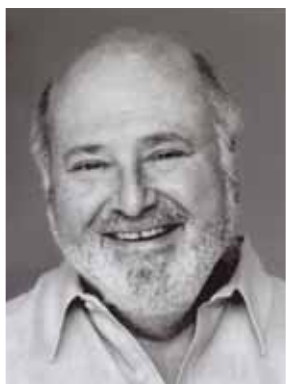


LINDA DARLING-HAMMOND, Ed.D.

**Charles E. Ducommun Professor of Education,
Stanford University School of Education**

Linda Darling-Hammond is the Charles E. Ducommun Professor of Education at Stanford University, where she has launched the Stanford Center for Opportunity Policy in Education and the School Redesign Network and served as faculty sponsor for the Stanford Teacher Education Program. She is a former president of the American Educational Research Association and member of the National Academy of Education. Her research, teaching, and policy work focus on issues of school reform, teacher quality, and educational equity. From 1994-2001, she served as executive director of the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future, a blue-ribbon panel whose 1996 report, *What Matters Most: Teaching for America's Future*, led to sweeping policy changes affecting teaching in the United States. In 2006, this report was named one of the most influential affecting U.S. education, and Darling-Hammond was named one of the nation's ten most influential people affecting educational policy over the last decade. In 2008-09, she headed President Barack Obama's education policy transition team.

Among Darling-Hammond's more than 300 publications are *The Flat World and Education: How America's Commitment to Equity Will Determine Our Future* (Teachers College Press, 2010); *Powerful Teacher Education: Lessons from Exemplary Programs* (Jossey-Bass, 2006); *Preparing Teachers for a Changing World: What Teachers Should Learn and Be Able to Do* (with John Bransford; Jossey-Bass, 2005), winner of the AACTE Pomeroy Award; *Teaching as the Learning Profession* (co-edited with Gary Sykes; Jossey-Bass, 1999), which received the National Staff Development Council's Outstanding Book Award for 2000; and *The Right to Learn* (Jossey-Bass, 1997), recipient of the American Educational Research Association's Outstanding Book Award for 1998. Among recent recognitions, she is recipient of the 2011 Brock International Prize in Education and the 2009 McGraw Hill Prize for Innovation in Education.



ROB REINER

**Founding Commission Chairman, First 5 California,
Child Advocate, Actor, and Director**

Rob Reiner first came to fame as an actor in the landmark television series "All In the Family" but went on to become the acclaimed director of some of the most popular and influential motion pictures of the past few decades, deftly moving among many styles. His work ranges from the pure comedy of *This Is Spinal Tap* and *The Princess Bride* to the intense drama of *Stand By Me*, *Misery*, *A Few Good Men*, and *Ghosts of Mississippi*; from the romantic comedy of *When Harry Met Sally*, *The American President*, and *Flipped* to the poignant comedy-drama, *The Bucket List* and the recently completed *The Summer of Monte Wildhorn*, starring Morgan Freeman.

Reiner is also a vigorous political activist and was instrumental in establishing the California Children and Families Commission, which he chaired for seven years. Recently, he and his wife, Michele, joined with the American Foundation for Equal Rights to bring the landmark federal court challenge to California's Proposition 8, the ban on marriage for gay and lesbian couples.



JOAN LOMBARDI, Ph.D.
Child Development and Social Policy Advisor

Joan Lombardi is a leading national and international expert on child development and social policy. Over the past 40 years, Dr. Lombardi has made significant contributions in the areas of child and family policy as an innovative leader and policy advisor to national and international organizations and foundations and as a public servant.

Lombardi served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Early Childhood Development for the Obama Administration in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2009-2011). In this role, she was responsible for the administration and coordination of two of the largest early childhood programs, Head Start and the Child Care and Development Fund, as well as serving as the liaison with the U.S. Department of Education and other federal agencies. She was instrumental in designing the Early Learning Challenge and in launching the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. Earlier in her career, she served in various positions during the Clinton Administration (1993-1998), including as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and External Affairs in the Administration for Children and Families and as the first Commissioner of the Child Care Bureau.

Outside of public service, Lombardi was the founding chair of the Birth to Five Policy Alliance, established by the Buffett Early Childhood Fund, and served as an advisor to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, UNICEF, and other foundations and international organizations. She is the founder of Global Leaders for Young Children, sponsored by the World Forum Foundation. Lombardi is the author of numerous publications including *Beacon of Hope: The Promise of Early Head Start for the Nation's Youngest Children* and *Time to Care: Redesigning Child Care to Promote Education, Support Families and Build Communities*.



STERLING SPEIRN
President and CEO, W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Sterling Speirn is president and CEO of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Michigan, one of the largest private foundations in the United States.

Since he assumed his role in 2006, Speirn has led the organization through a comprehensive review of its mission, vision, and program priorities. The foundation's strategic framework seeks to integrate three core program areas: Education and Learning; Food, Health and Wellbeing; and Family Economic Security, while emphasizing the promotion of Racial Equity and Civic and Community Engagement as core approaches to its mission to work with communities to create the conditions of success for vulnerable children. As a result, the foundation has placed a special emphasis on whole child development from birth to age eight and intends to commit at least half of its future annual grantmaking in partnerships to increase the number of children who are successful and performing strongly by the end of third grade.

Speirn is a member of the Executive Policy Council of the First Five Years Fund, and serves on the board of directors of the Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF).

Speirn earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Stanford University and holds a law degree from the University of Michigan. He is married to Diana Aviv, president and CEO of the national nonprofit, Independent Sector, and has two sons.

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MARK SHRIVER

Senior Vice President, U.S. Programs, Save the Children

Mark K. Shriver leads Save the Children's U.S. Programs, which works to ensure a fair start for all children in the United States, including the one in five living in poverty.

Shriver developed Save the Children's literacy, health, and early childhood development programs, which benefit more than 70,000 children in some of the most impoverished regions of the country. Studies reveal that 68 percent of children have shown major improvement after participating in the literacy program, and the percentage reading at or above grade level more than doubled from the start of the school year to the end.

Shriver also created Save the Children's domestic emergencies unit, which works to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children before, during, and after disasters through preparedness and response programs, as well as advocacy at the federal, state, and local levels.

Shriver was a member of the Maryland House of Delegates from 1994 to 2002. In 1988, Shriver founded the innovative Choice Program, which serves delinquent and at-risk youth through intensive, community-based counseling.

Shriver received his bachelor's degree from The College of the Holy Cross in 1986 and a master's degree in Public Administration from Harvard University in 1993. He resides in Bethesda, MD with his wife and three children.