



47TH ANNUAL NATIONAL FOOD POLICY CONFERENCE

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AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

8:00 am	Independence Foyer	Registration
8:30 am	Independence FGHI	Keynote Address - An Update from FDA's Deputy Commissioner for Human Foods
9:00 am	Independence FGHI	Plenary Session: Rethinking the "F" in FDA
9:50 am	Independence FGHI	Plenary Session Debate: How should the next Dietary Guidelines for Americans discuss consumption of ultra-processed foods?
10:30 am	Independence Foyer	Networking Break
11:00 am	Independence D	Breakout Session 1: Targeted Food Advertising: Causes, Consequences, and the Implications for Food Justice
11:00 am	Independence C	Breakout Session 2: Climate Change and Food Safety
11:00 am	Independence B	Breakout Session 3: How to Lobby Me: A Conversation with Congressional Staffers
12:15 pm	Independence FGHI	Luncheon
12:45 pm	Independence FGHI	Keynote Address - The Rise of the Food Citizen: Advancing a Food Bill of Rights
1:30 pm	Independence D	Breakout Session 1: Precision Nutrition: Cutting through the Hype
1:30 pm	Independence C	Breakout Session 2: Regulation of Food Ingredients and Novel Foods: What's the Path Forward?
1:30 pm	Independence B	Breakout Session 3: Food Worker Exceptionalism
2:45 pm	Independence FGHI	Plenary Session: Evidence-Based Food Policy Through a Health Equity Lens
3:40 pm	Independence FGHI	Networking Break
4:10 pm	Independence FGHI	Plenary Session: Agricultural and Nutrition Policy: Working at Cross Purposes?
5:00 pm	Independence FGHI	Adjourn

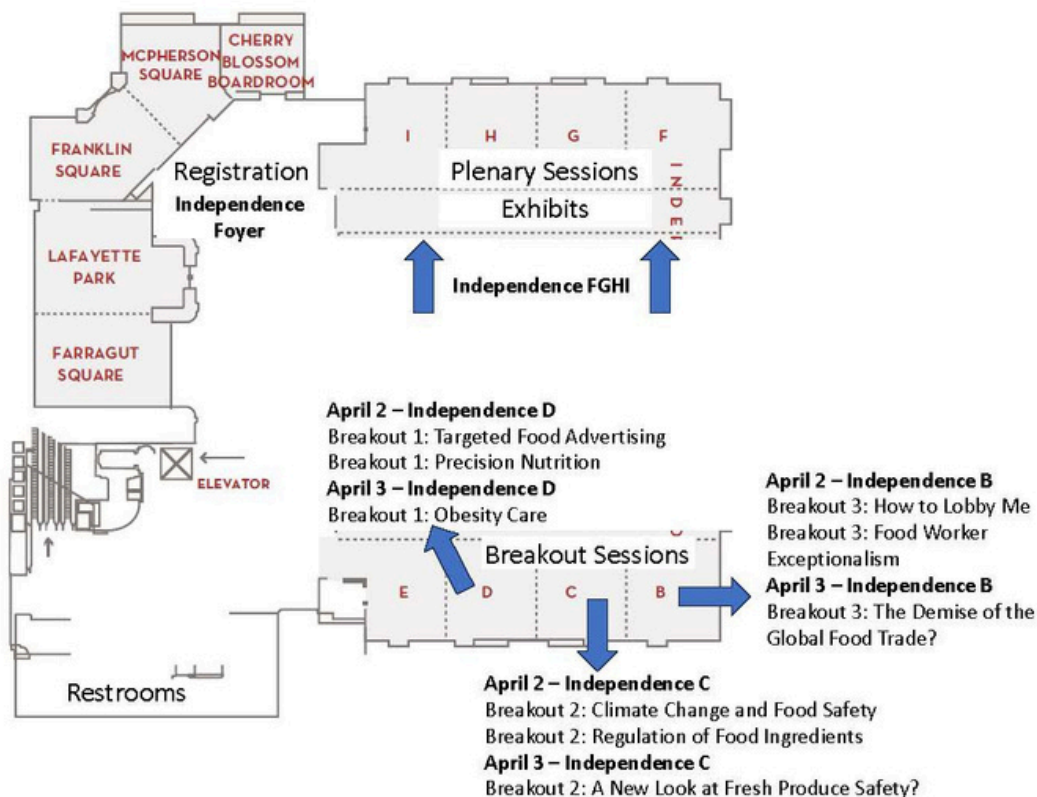


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AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

8:00 am	Independence Foyer	Registration
8:30 am	Independence FGHI	Keynote Address - An Update from the Administrator of the USDA Food and Nutrition Service
9:00 am	Independence D	Breakout Session 1: Obesity Care: Reforms to Improve Health Outcomes for Patients with Diet-Related Disease
9:00 am	Independence C	Breakout Session 2: A New Look at Fresh Produce Safety?
9:00 am	Independence B	Breakout Session 3: The Demise of the Global Food Trade?
10:15 am	Independence FGHI	Plenary Session: New Frontiers of School Meals
11:05 am	Independence Foyer	Networking Break
11:35 am	Independence FGHI	Plenary Session: The Politics of Food Policy
12:30 pm	Independence FGHI	Adjourn



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PROGRAM

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

8:00AM - INDEPENDENCE FOYER REGISTRATION

8:15 AM - INDEPENDENCE FGHI WELCOME



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INTRODUCTION



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8:30 AM-9:00 AM- INDEPENDENCE FGHI

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS - AN UPDATE FROM FDA'S DEPUTY
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9:00 AM-9:50 AM- INDEPENDENCE FGHI

PANEL DISCUSSION: RETHINKING THE “F” IN FDA

FDA's role in regulating the food supply has received intense criticism in the wake of foodborne illness scares linked to products ranging from fresh produce to infant formula. The agency is currently undergoing a reorganization that its proponents claim will make the agency's food apparatus more accountable and responsive in the event of a crisis, but stakeholders have questioned whether it goes far enough. What reforms are needed to improve FDA's regulation of the food supply? Is the current plan adequate?

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9:50 AM-10:30 AM- INDEPENDENCE FGHI

DEBATE: HOW SHOULD THE NEXT DIETARY GUIDELINES FOR AMERICANS DISCUSS CONSUMPTION OF ULTRA-PROCESSED FOODS?

A broad scientific consensus acknowledges that so-called ultra-processed food (UPF) consumption is associated with obesity and other diet-related diseases. The policy implications of this growing epidemiological evidence, however, remains controversial. Some nutrition researchers favor expressly discouraging consumption of UPFs. Others caution that so little is known about what specific qualities of UPFs may be problematic, and how they may cause observed associations, that guidance to avoid them could drive consumers to less healthy choices. In this debate, two renowned nutrition researchers will explore these opposing positions.

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10:30 AM-11:00 AM- INDEPENDENCE FOYER NETWORKING BREAK

11:00 AM-12:15 PM- INDEPENDENCE D

BREAKOUT SESSION 1: TARGETED FOOD ADVERTISING: CAUSES, CONSEQUENCES, AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR FOOD JUSTICE

Food companies spend billions marketing to children, and researchers have found that unhealthy food advertising disproportionately targets Black and Hispanic children. As consumers shift to new technological platforms for entertainment and education, new concerns have arisen regarding manipulative marketing practices. What is the food industry doing to counteract economic incentives for targeted advertising? What are the impacts of this advertising on public health, and health equity? What can policymakers do to protect consumers?

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11:00 AM-12:15 PM - INDEPENDENCE C

BREAKOUT SESSION 2: CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOOD SAFETY

Rising temperatures are increasing the habitat of many pathogens' natural habitats, straining refrigeration capacity critical to keeping dangerous microbes in check, compromising water supplies with the potential to transmit disease, and generally creating economic pressures for producers to cut corners when it comes to food safety.

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11:00 AM-12:15 PM - INDEPENDENCE B BREAKOUT SESSION 3: HOW TO LOBBY ME: A CONVERSATION WITH CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS

Lobbying can feel daunting, but despite the noisy headlines about congressional chaos and dysfunction, lawmakers continue to govern, and advocacy on food policy can make a difference. In this session, congressional staffers will talk about what is most effective in persuading their bosses, and how you can refine your lobbying strategy to best succeed.

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12:15 PM - INDEPENDENCE FGHI LUNCHEON

12:45 PM - INDEPENDENCE FGHI

KEYNOTE ADDRESS - THE RISE OF THE FOOD CITIZEN: ADVANCING A FOOD BILL OF RIGHTS



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1:30 PM-2:45 PM - INDEPENDENCE D

BREAKOUT SESSION 1: PRECISION NUTRITION: CUTTING THROUGH THE HYPE

Start-up companies are harnessing new technologies to tailor diets based on individual's blood sugar, vitamin levels, microbiota, and other variables. Significant federal research funding is now dedicated to advancing the understanding of individual responses to food and dietary patterns, with the stated aim of helping consumers and healthcare providers to adopt effective diet plans. But does healthy eating need to be so complicated? How do the proponents of precision nutrition seek to reform food policy like the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, and how relevant is personalized nutrition to typical consumers?

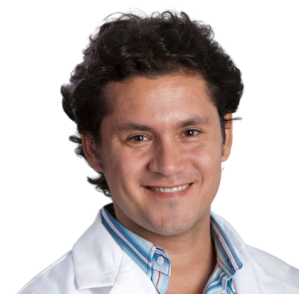
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1:30 PM-2:45 PM - INDEPENDENCE C

BREAKOUT SESSION 2: REGULATION OF FOOD INGREDIENTS AND NOVEL FOODS: WHAT'S THE PATH FORWARD?

Federal regulators have struggled to maintain consumer confidence in the safety of existing food additives, not to mention new food ingredients and manufacturing techniques. Critics have seized on policies such as FDA's "Generally Recognized as Safe" notification program as lacking rigor and transparency, and raised questions about what level of review is needed as novel technologies are brought to market. Unsatisfied with FDA's slow review of existing food additives' safety, state policymakers have recently acted to ban some of them. Can federal reform offer better assurance to consumers? If so, what are the barriers to achieving better regulation of food ingredient safety?

MODERATOR



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1:30 PM-2:45 PM - INDEPENDENCE B

BREAKOUT SESSION 3: FOOD WORKER EXCEPTIONALISM

Labor is in high demand across the U.S. economy, and food workers—from farms to processing plants to restaurants—are advocating for better treatment. This panel will explore the special challenges that workers in the food and agricultural sector have had to contend with over the years, and the state and federal reforms underway or under debate that will affect the future of food work.

MODERATOR



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2:45 PM-3:40 PM - INDEPENDENCE FGHI

PANEL DISCUSSION: EVIDENCE-BASED FOOD POLICY THROUGH A HEALTH EQUITY LENS

For the first time, the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee has been charged with adopting a “health equity lens” in its scientific review. The goal is to formulate nutrition advice that is “relevant to people with diverse racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and cultural backgrounds,” but more broadly, disparities in the burden of diet-related disease have fueled calls for integrating equity considerations into food policy writ large. This panel will explore the rationale for applying a health equity lens to food policy, and the impact on specific areas such as school meals, nutrition education, advertising regulation, and federal food assistance programs.

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3:40 PM-4:10 PM- INDEPENDENCE FOYER

NETWORKING BREAK

4:10 PM-5:00 PM - INDEPENDENCE FGHI

PANEL DISCUSSION: AGRICULTURAL AND NUTRITION POLICY:

WORKING AT CROSS PURPOSES?

Half of the federal MyPlate nutrition guidance is devoted to fruits and vegetables, yet these foods receive only a tiny fraction of agricultural subsidies. Some advocates have argued that redirecting insurance supports and other payments away from commodity farmers to so-called “specialty crop” producers would support healthier diets. Others argue that ag subsidies have a negligible impact on food prices, and federal policy reform efforts should instead focus on incentives for healthier eating in food assistance programs like WIC and SNAP. What is the best way to get Americans to eat their vegetables, and also support the farmers that grow them?

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PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

**8:00AM - INDEPENDENCE FOYER
REGISTRATION OPEN**

**8:25 AM - INDEPENDENCE FGHI
WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**



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**8:30 AM-9:00 AM - INDEPENDENCE FGHI
KEYNOTE ADDRESS - AN UPDATE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR OF
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9:00AM - 10:15AM - INDEPENDENCE D

BREAKOUT SESSION 1: OBESITY CARE: REFORMS TO IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR PATIENTS WITH DIET-RELATED DISEASE

Nearly 40% of U.S. adults suffer from obesity, which is associated with significantly increased risk of various chronic diseases and health conditions, dramatically increased mortality, and skyrocketing healthcare costs. This panel will explore the tools available to medical practitioners for treating patients with obesity, reforms to healthcare policy currently under debate, and the implications for the food system.

MODERATOR



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9:00AM - 10:15AM - INDEPENDENCE C

BREAKOUT SESSION 2: A NEW LOOK AT FRESH PRODUCE SAFETY?

Industry and consumer advocates alike have expressed dissatisfaction with the current food safety regime for fresh produce, including FDA's implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act, USDA's research and extension programs, and a private audit system whose benefits to growers and consumers have increasingly come into question. How can federal policy better prevent foodborne illness risk in fresh produce? How can government and industry collaborate more effectively to improve produce safety? What are the barriers to more widespread adoption of best practices to minimize microbial contamination? And what are the solutions?

MODERATOR



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9:00AM - 10:15AM - INDEPENDENCE B

BREAKOUT SESSION 3: THE DEMISE OF THE GLOBAL FOOD TRADE?

As extreme weather and the war in Ukraine have disrupted global food markets, countries across the globe have implemented export restrictions on food, feed and fertilizer. In the United States, federal legislation may soon block China-based businesses from purchasing American farmland, and a wide range of stakeholders continue to oppose trade agreement provisions that impose restrictions on consumer, labor, and public health policies. Is the era of free trade coming to an end? How should U.S. trade policy confront the challenges of rising world hunger and political instability?

MODERATOR



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10:15 AM-11:05AM - INDEPENDENCE FGHI

PLENARY SESSION: NEW FRONTIERS OF SCHOOL MEALS

Over a decade ago, Congress passed the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, whose new nutrition standards for school meals formed the centerpiece of First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move campaign to reduce childhood obesity. In the years since, attention on school meals has waned, but across the country, innovative strategies to improve access to healthy foods, implement scratch cooking, and source ingredients from local food producers have flourished. What makes for an effective school meal program, and what can federal policymakers learn from these success stories?

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11:05 AM - INDEPENDENCE FOYER NETWORKING BREAK



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11:40AM-12:30PM - INDEPENDENCE FGHI

PLENARY SESSION: THE POLITICS OF FOOD POLICY

In recent polling, voters across the political spectrum express “foodflation” fatigue and say the food system can do a better job of making healthy foods more widely available and affordable, protecting the environment, and serving the interests of workers and rural communities. Despite the broad consensus on the need for reform, however, agreement on the character of food policy reforms remains as elusive as ever. How are shifting popular perceptions of the food system affecting the way policymakers act? A panel of experts will discuss whether increased attention to the food system’s shortcomings may pave the way for updating key legislation like the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act and the Farm Bill, or alternatively, contribute to even worse gridlock.

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Jane Black is a Washington, D.C.-based food journalist who covers food, nutrition and sustainability for national publications including The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times and The Washington Post. In 2022, she launched the podcast Pressure Cooker, which explores parenthood, feeding kids and how it all became so complicated. The show won a James Beard award for audio reporting in 2023 for its two-part report on the history of school lunch.

Jeanne Blankenship oversees the Academy's public policy strategy — leading staff and volunteers in advocacy, promoting public health initiatives, and collaborating with legislators and policy leaders at every level of government to promote health and reduce the burden of chronic disease through nutrition services and interventions. Key areas include nutrition policy and legislation, professional licensure, payment and reimbursement, Academy alliances and the Academy's political action committee (ANDPAC).

Lola Bloom has dedicated her career to providing the space, time, and resources for children and families to creatively experience the world through food, nature and art. She has been the Director of Food and Wellness at DC Bilingual Public Charter School since 2016, and is starting to work with other schools as a consultant to build capacity to their programs. In these roles she fundraised, built and developed a scratch-prep kitchen for over 600 students and staff; created an educational Food Lab and 7,000 sq ft garden for Culinary and Gardening classes, and designed a vibrant family engagement program around food and wellness. Lola has shared her passion for this work locally and nationally through partnerships with Food Corps, The Nature Conservancy, and Share our Strength. She was recently recognized by the Chef Ann Foundation as a School Food Renegade.

Alison Brown, PhD, RDN is a public health nutrition researcher committed to addressing diet-related health disparities through research, community empowerment, and systems change. Dr. Brown's past research explored immigrant health and diet and cardiovascular disease outcomes. Currently, she serves as a Program Director at the National Heart Lung Blood Institute where her work centers on the social determinants of health and nutrition health disparities. She is the Past Chair of the National Organization of Blacks in Dietetic and Nutrition and serves as Adjunct Faculty at Prince George's Community College. She is a former AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellow, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Diversity Leader, American Society of Nutrition Science Policy Fellow, and Board Chair of a community-owned grocery store in Boston. In 2018, she was honored as a 40 under 40 Leader in Minority Health by the National Minority Quality Forum. She also serves on the editorial board for the Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health, Journal of Racial Ethnic Health Disparities, Health Psychology, and Translational Behavioral Medicine. Dr. Brown has a PhD from Tufts University's Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, received her Master of Science degree from Columbia University, and her Bachelor's degree from Spelman College.

De Ann Davis, PhD, DABT is the Senior Vice President, Science at Western Growers Association. Western Growers members grow, harvest and ship over 50% of the nation's fruits, vegetables, and tree nuts. Dr. Davis has more than 30 years of experience in the development and execution of technical global programs, including food safety, quality assurance and regulatory compliance. Prior to Western Growers, her previous roles include Vice President of Food Safety and Quality for both Church Brothers Farms and Earthbound Farm, as well as Chief Food Safety Office for Kraft Foods Group. Dr. Davis earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology and Chemistry from Point Loma Nazarene University and her PhD in Biochemistry from Texas A&M University. She was a certified Diplomat of the American Board of Toxicology, from 1996-2021. Dr. Davis holds several committee appointments within the produce industry and recently completed her second term on the USDA National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Food.

Christopher P. Derico holds a master's degree in education administration from West Virginia University. Through the West Virginia Department of Education, he holds various administrative certifications, including Superintendent of Schools. He has spent time as a teacher and assistant principal at two different high schools, and as a child nutrition director in two different districts. On July 1, 2021, Chris was elevated to his current position of Administrative Assistant overseeing all aspects of secondary education and child nutrition in Harrison County, W.Va. He has served two terms as the President of the WV School Nutrition Association. On the national level, he has served on the professional development and membership committees and spent two years as an at-large director on the SNA Board prior to his election to his current role as the President-Elect.

Caroline Smith DeWaal is the Deputy Chief of Party of EatSafe (Evidence and Action Towards Safe, Nutritious Food) at the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN). Prior to joining GAIN, She has previously worked as an International Food Safety Policy Manager for FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. Caroline holds a bachelor's in Political Science from the University of Vermont and a J.D from Antioch School of Law.



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William (Bill) Dietz is the Director of the Sumner M. Redstone Global Center for Prevention and Wellness at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at The George Washington University. He is also the Sumner M. Redstone Center Chair. Dietz is a member of the National Academy of Medicine and serves as a consultant to the Roundtable on Obesity Solutions. He is the Director of the STOP Obesity Alliance at The George Washington University. He is Co-Chair of the Washington, DC Department of Health's Diabetes Committee, a Commissioner on the Washington, DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education's Healthy Youth & Schools Commission, and Chair of its Subcommittee on Physical Activity. Dietz is also Co-Chair of The Lancet Commission on Obesity. From 1997-2012, Dietz was the Director of the Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity in the Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Prior to his appointment to the CDC, he was a Professor of Pediatrics at the Tuft's University School of Medicine, and Director of Clinical Nutrition at the Floating Hospital of New England Medical Center Hospitals. He received his BA from Wesleyan University in 1966 and his MD from the University of Pennsylvania in 1970. After the completion of his residency at Upstate Medical Center, he received a Ph.D. in Nutritional Biochemistry from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1981. He is the author of more than 200 publications in the scientific literature, and the editor of five books, including *Clinical Obesity in Adults and Children* (now in its 2nd edition), and *Nutrition: What Every Parent Needs to Know*.

Gregg Doud is NMPF's President and Chief Executive Officer. Before arriving at NMPF he served as the Chief Agricultural Negotiator in the Office of the United States Trade Representative from 2018 until 2021; before that, he served as the president of the Commodity Markets Council, representing commodities exchanges before Congress and federal agencies. He also has served as a staff member for the United States Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, where he helped draft the 2012 Farm Bill, and as chief economist for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. Most recently, he worked at Aimpoint Research as its Vice President of Global Situational Awareness and Chief Economist. A native of Mankato, Kansas, where he grew up raising cattle, Doud earned a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science and a Master of Science in agricultural economics from Kansas State University. He was awarded the Outstanding Young Alumnus of the Kansas State University Agriculture Alumni Association in 2012 and also received the Outstanding Alumnus award from the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State in 2017. He currently lives with his family on their horse farm in Lothian, MD.

Leah Douglas is the agriculture and energy policy reporter at Reuters, covering food and farm issues in federal policy, regulation, litigation, competition, labor, and more. Previously, they were a staff writer and associate editor at the Food and Environment Reporting Network, an independent, nonprofit newsroom. Leah's reporting has been published in the Guardian, the Nation, the Washington Post, Mother Jones, NPR, the American Prospect, Time, and other outlets. Leah's reporting has been cited in dozens of print and television media outlets,

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Dr. Thomas Eagen is Senior Health Policy Advisor in the Office of the Chair, Senator Bernie Sanders (D-VT) for the US Senate HELP Committee. Previously, Thomas was Health Policy Director at National Center for Health Research. In this role, Thomas focused on the impact of federal health policy to improve quality of care for all patient populations, and was responsible for tracking active legislation and engaging with Members of Congress and Congressional staff to serve as a resource and ensure policies are supported by research. Previously, Thomas served as a Legislative Assistant in the Office of Senator Maria Cantwell. Dr. Eagen completed his PhD in Rehabilitation Science and MPH in Health Systems and Policy at the University of Washington. Dr. Eagen has focused on the overall reach and effectiveness of evidence-based programs designed for community-dwelling older adults supported by federal funding. Specifically, he has explored the participation of individuals with disabilities in evidence-based falls prevention programs. In his post-graduate work, Dr. Eagen has continued to gain a better understanding of how individuals with disabilities participate in falls prevention programs. His research has sought to identify the individuals at the greatest risk for adverse events, which factors contribute to adverse events, and which programs successfully reduce this risk among individuals with disabilities.

Dr. Ahmed El-Sohemy is a Professor and Associate Chair and held a Canada Research Chair in Nutrigenomics at the University of Toronto. He is also the founder of Nutrigenomix Inc., serves as the company's Chief Science Officer. Dr. El-Sohemy obtained his PhD from the University of Toronto and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard. He has published in the top scientific and medical journals with over 200 peer-reviewed publications and has given more than 300 invited talks around the world. Dr. El-Sohemy is currently Speciality Chief Editor of Nutrigenomics for Frontiers in Nutrition and Editor-in-Chief of Genes and Nutrition while serving on the editorial board of ten other scientific and medical journals. He has been a member of international expert advisory panels and the scientific advisory boards of several organizations, and his research has garnered considerable media attention over the past 20 years. Dr. El-Sohemy is the recipient of several awards for research excellence by the Canadian Nutrition Society, the American College of Nutrition, and the American Nutrition Association.

Frances Fleming-Milici is Director of Marketing Initiatives for the Rudd Center for Food Policy & Health. She joined the Rudd Center's marketing team in February 2011. Her work focuses on analyzing race/ethnicity differences in rates of exposure to advertising of unhealthy foods and beverages, and assessing the impact of targeted marketing practices on youth attitudes and consumption. Dr. Fleming-Milici earned her PhD in Mass Communication at the University of Connecticut.



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Sherry Frey brings more than two decades of industry experience to her role as Vice President, Total Wellness at NielsenIQ. With a background in market research, innovation and consulting, she has elevated clients across the fresh, CPG and wellness industries, providing forward-thinking insights, combined with practical strategies. In addition to leading NielsenIQ's Total Wellness team and industry engagement, Sherry has been a featured speaker at many national and international industry events, and is often sought as a media and analyst resource on topics related to consumer health, wellness and environmental issues. Sherry's view of health and wellness spans beyond personal health and wellness, encompassing how we collectively think about the health of the planet.

Sarah Gallo is vice president, product policy, at the Consumer Brands Association. In her role, Sarah holistically oversees Consumer Brands' policy leadership on smart regulation issues from advocacy through education to marketplace solutions. Prior to joining Consumer Brands, she served as Vice President, Agriculture and Environment for the Biotechnology Innovation Organization. There, Gallo led the organization's strategy across agriculture, food systems, energy, and biobased manufacturing. Before that, Sarah held roles at CHS Inc., the National Corn Growers Association and as Agriculture Counsel with the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Small Business. Gallo graduated from Boston University with a Bachelor of Arts in marine biology. She resides in Arlington, Virginia with her husband and two, young children.

Joe Glauber is a Senior Research Fellow in the Markets, Trade, and Institutions Unit. His areas of interest are price volatility, global grain reserves, crop insurance, and trade. Prior to joining IFPRI, Joe spent over 30 years at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, including as Chief Economist from 2008 to 2014. As Chief Economist, he was responsible for the Department's agricultural forecasts and projections; oversaw climate, energy, and regulatory issues; and served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. From 2007 to 2009, Joe was the Special Doha Agricultural Envoy at the office of the U.S. Trade Representative where he served as Chief Agricultural Negotiator in the Doha talks. He served as economic adviser at the "Blair House agreements," leading to the completion of the Uruguay Round negotiations. Joe is the author of numerous studies on crop insurance, disaster policy, and US farm policy. In 2012, he was elected Fellow of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association. He received his PhD in Agricultural Economics from the University of Wisconsin and holds a bachelor's degree in Anthropology from the University of Chicago.

Stephanie Goodwin joined the Public and Government Affairs team at Danone North America in 2019. She has been with Danone for 8 years, first on the science team for the division of medical foods, and then on the regulatory affairs team. Prior to joining Danone, Stephanie worked within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on the 2015 Dietary Guidelines. Stephanie is a Registered Dietitian and earned a Master of Public Health in Health Education, as well as her Doctorate in Human Nutrition and Public Policy from Virginia Tech. She completed her Post-Doctoral Fellowship in

metabolic science at the National Institutes of Health with the National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Disease. Stephanie is also a graduate of the University of New Hampshire, where she received a Bachelor of Science in Nutritional Sciences. Stephanie is an outdoor enthusiast and spends most of her free time with her family, including her husband and two little boys playing outside.

Dr. Jim Gorny currently serves as the Senior Science Advisor for Produce Safety where he is the chief advisor to CFSAN interim director Dr. Don Prater on policies and programs that affect the safety of produce. At FDA CFSAN, Dr. Gorny works alongside a dedicated team of produce safety experts on the development and implementation of new science and risk-based requirements created to help prevent illnesses caused by fresh produce. He also has responsibilities related to agency responses to produce associated foodborne illness outbreaks, recalls, investigations as well as education outreach and research. Prior to joining FDA, Jim Gorny was Vice President of Food Safety & Technology at the Produce Marketing Association (PMA) where he worked directly with the entire produce industry supply chain to advance produce safety procedures, policies, practices and technology. Dr. Gorny holds a Ph.D. in Plant Biology from the University of California Davis and a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in food science from Louisiana State University.

Randy Green, the owner of Watson Green LLC, has seen food and agriculture policy from all sides, having served in both the executive and legislative branches of government and in the private sector. Over his career he has been closely involved in the development of several multi-year farm bills, as well as major legislation and regulations affecting derivatives, food safety, animal health and human nutrition. Randy came to Washington in the 1980s to work for former Representative Charles Stenholm (D-Tex.) and later served the late Senator Richard Lugar (R-Ind.) on the staff of the Senate Agriculture Committee. With the exception of a stint as a deputy under secretary of agriculture, Randy served on the agriculture committee staff continuously from 1989 to 1999. The last two years he was chief of staff. In 1999 Randy entered the private sector to represent agricultural and food industry clients at the firm now known as Watkinson Miller. Earlier in his career, he managed government relations for the American Soybean Association and was director of the Wheat Export Trade Education Center. In 2013, Randy and Lisa Watson formed Watson Green LLC, a firm centered on food and agriculture policy and public affairs. With Lisa's retirement at the end of 2022, Randy continues to operate the company.

Sally Greenberg joined the National Consumers League as Executive Director on October 1, 2007. The League's focus is on five key priority areas: fraud, child labor, LifeSmarts, health care, especially the safe use of medications and medication adherence, and food safety and nutrition. Sally has testified numerous times before Congress on consumer protection issues, including product safety, fraud, excessive fees on car rentals, consumer rip-offs in calling cards and in support of protections for farmworker children. Sally is our primary spokesperson on a variety of issues. Sally came to NCL from Consumers Union, where she worked from 1997-2007 on product liability and food safety issues, along with auto and product safety. Sally was president of the Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts and the Women's Bar Foundation and served on several gubernatorial commissions in Massachusetts. Sally also served for over a decade on the board of directors of Trillium Asset Management.



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Thomas Gremillion is the Director of Food Policy at the Consumer Federation of America. He oversees the research, analysis, advocacy and media outreach for the group's food policy activities, and monitors food safety activities at USDA, FDA and in Congress, where he advocates for strong food safety protections for consumers. He also coordinates the Safe Food Coalition, a group of consumer, trade union, and foodborne illness victim organizations dedicated to reducing foodborne illness by improving government food inspection programs. Prior to joining CFA in 2015, Gremillion practiced environmental law at Georgetown University Law Center's Institute for Public Representation, where he represented community groups and advocacy organizations in litigation against polluters and government regulators. He also served as an associate attorney at the Southern Environmental Law Center in Chapel Hill, NC, where he specialized in transportation and land use issues. A graduate of Harvard Law School, Gremillion is a member of the D.C. and North Carolina bars. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of South Carolina with a B.S. in mathematics, and served as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in Quito, Ecuador, where he received an M.A. in International Relations from La Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar.

Alexis Guild is the Vice President of Strategy and Programs at Farmworker Justice (FJ), a national farmworker advocacy organization based in Washington, DC. She has been at FJ since 2011. In her role, she coordinates FJ's policy advocacy and programmatic work and is a member of the leadership team. She works with advocacy organizations, community health centers, farmworker community-based organizations, legal services organizations, and labor unions to improve the living and working conditions of farmworkers and their families across the U.S. Alexis co-authored "Out of Sight, Out of Mind: The Implementation and Impact of the Affordable Care Act in U.S. Farmworker Communities" published in the Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved (2016); and "The Neighbors Who Feed Us: Farmworkers and Government Policy – Challenges and Solutions" published in the Harvard Law and Policy Review (2018). Prior to graduate school, she served as a Health Education Volunteer with the U.S. Peace Corps in Guatemala. She has a B.A. from Wellesley College and a Master's degree in Public Policy from the University of Michigan.

Dr. Shauna Henley is actively engaged in food safety education along the food supply chain. At the farm level, Dr. Henley is a FSMA Produce Safety Rule instructor, assists with On-Farm Readiness Reviews and co-teaches Good Agricultural Practices. At the production level, Dr. Henley is a Lead Instructor for FSMA's Preventive Controls for Human Food, and works with an interdisciplinary team to educate food entrepreneurs on Cottage Law, and other regulations related to a food business. In addition to these activities, Shauna is a ServSafe instructor and exam proctor. Her expertise focuses on consumer food-safety education. Shauna's current research interest is improving safe and consistent food handling behaviors from farmers to consumers, by focusing on cues that drive safe food handling behaviors.

Dr. Kristi Muldoon Jacobs is the current Acting Director for the FDA's Office of Food Additive Safety (OFAS). OFAS is responsible for ensuring the safety of direct and indirect food additives, color additives and GRAS substances as well as supporting safety and innovation in food from new plant varieties and made with cultured animal cells. Dr. Muldoon Jacobs earned a Ph.D. from UMDNJ/Rutgers University program in biomedical sciences and continued research at NIH/National Cancer Institute on the mechanism of tumor suppression and carcinogenesis. In her previous roles at FDA and USP she served as a toxicologist with expertise in the safety assessment of FDA regulated products including food ingredients, indirect and direct additives, dietary supplements, and drug impurities. She has extensive knowledge of regulatory systems globally to ensure quality and safety of products and has served as an expert to JECFA, OECD and ICH committees. She is an internationally recognized expert in the application of new and alternative safety and risk assessment methods such as TTC, QSAR and read-across methodology. She has served as an expert on 15 international working groups and has published over 30 peer reviewed publications in areas related to her expertise.

Dr. Lee-Ann Jaykus is a former William Neal Reynolds Professor in the Department of Food, Bioprocessing, and Nutrition Sciences at North Carolina State University, where she was employed for almost 30 years. Her formal training is in Food Safety, Food Microbiology, and Public Health, with research efforts focused on: (1) food virology; (2) development of molecular methods for foodborne pathogen detection; (3) application of quantitative risk assessment in food safety; and (4) understanding the ecology of pathogens in foods. She is probably best known for her efforts in food virology, culminating in her service as scientific director for the USDA-NIFA Food Virology Collaborative (NoroCORE) from 2011-2018. Dr. Jaykus has authored over 200 scientific publications, instructed more than 600 university students, and trained over 60 young professionals who are employed in academic, industry, and government sectors worldwide. Her national and international external activities are vast, spanning service to FAO-WHO, the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods, various National Academies of Sciences panels, and service as president of the International Association for Food Protection from 2010-2011. Dr. Jaykus authored one of the first papers on the impact of global climate change on food safety, and has recently become active in international initiatives centered around the intersection of sustainability, climate change, and the food system, with a focus on nutrition and food safety.

Jim Jones joined the FDA in September 2023 as the agency's first Deputy Commissioner for Human Foods. Prior to the FDA, he spent most of his career as a federal regulator of pesticides, toxic substances, chemical safety, and pollution prevention at the EPA. From 2017 to 2020, Jones worked for the Household and Commercial Products Association, then ran his own company advising clients on issues related to chemical safety and sustainability. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Maryland, and a master's degree in economics from the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Barbara Kowalczyk, PhD, MA, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences and Director of the Food Policy Institute. She also has an appointment in the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health and is a fellow with the Sumner M. Redstone



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Global Center for Prevention and Wellness. Dr. Kowalczyk's research spans a range of topics related to food safety and infectious foodborne disease, including their intersection with nutrition security. She is particularly interested in advancing systems-based approaches to food safety that have a strong focus on disease prevention, consider the connections between human, animal and environmental health, and promote evidence-based decisions from farm to fork to physician. Dr. Kowalczyk has extensively used epidemiologic methods, data analytics and risk analysis to assess food safety risks and potential intervention strategies in both the United States and the Global South. She has led multiple innovative, collaborative and large-scale research projects. Prior to joining GW in 2023, Dr. Kowalczyk was faculty at The Ohio State University with appointments in the Department of Food Science and Technology and the Department of Environmental Health Sciences, and directed the Center for Foodborne Illness Research and Prevention (CFI), a non-profit organization she co-founded in 2006. Prior to joining OSU, she was a senior food safety and public health scientist at RTI International and a research assistant professor in the Department of Food, Bioprocessing and Nutrition Science at North Carolina State University. In addition to her extensive experience in food safety, Dr. Kowalczyk has more than 10 years of experience as a biostatistician conducting clinical research and providing support to data safety monitoring boards in the pharmaceutical industry. Dr. Kowalczyk received her BA in mathematics from the University of Dayton, her MA in Applied Statistics from the University of Pittsburgh and her PhD in Environmental Health from the University of Cincinnati.

Dr. Scott Kahan is the Director of the National Center for Weight and Wellness. He is a physician trained in both clinical medicine and public health, and an internationally-recognized leader in the fields of Preventive Medicine and Obesity Medicine. Dr. Kahan received his undergraduate degree in bioengineering from Columbia University, his medical degree from the Medical College of Pennsylvania, and his Master's of Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. He trained in Internal Medicine and completed a residency in Preventive Medicine at Johns Hopkins University, where he served as Chief Resident. He is Board Certified in Preventive Medicine, Obesity Medicine, and Clinical Nutrition. In addition to his clinical practice, Dr. Kahan also works as a public health physician specializing in nutrition and obesity policy. He has served as the Director of the Strategies to Overcome and Prevent (S.T.O.P.) Obesity Alliance. He has co-authored clinical guidelines for obesity and diabetes treatment. He teaches several courses on obesity, nutrition, public health, and health behavior change. He created and teaches the first course devoted to obesity and nutrition at the George Washington University School of Medicine, as well as the first undergraduate course devoted to obesity at Johns Hopkins University. He has served as the Co-Director of the George Washington University Weight Management Program and the Associate Director of the Johns Hopkins Weight Management Center, as well as core faculty of the Johns Hopkins Preventive Medicine Residency Program.

Abby J. Leibman has been President & CEO at MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger since 2011. Prior to her current tenure, Ms. Leibman had a consulting practice to assist social justice organizations, businesses, and public institutions meet the challenges of growth and change, including leadership development, managing diversity, and implementing strategies to respond to discrimination. For over 20 years, Ms. Leibman has worked with and led some of California's most prominent nonprofit organizations, including the California Women's Law Center, which she co-founded and directed for 12 years. Prior to founding the California Women's Law Center, Ms. Leibman was the Directing Attorney/Community Programs for Public Counsel, where she developed and then directed its Child Care Law Project and managed its project providing pro bono transactional assistance to nonprofit organizations. Ms. Leibman served as adjunct faculty at UCLA and the Graduate School of Management at American Jewish University. Ms. Leibman has received a number of prestigious honors, including the Hastings College of Law Alumnae of the Year, California Women Lawyer's Faye Stender Award, Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles' Ernestine Stalhut Award, UCSD's Top 100 Influential Alumni Award, USC Law Center's Public Interest Advocate Award, and the So. California Employer Round Table's Carol F. Schiller Award. She has a J.D. from Hastings College of Law and graduated magna cum laude from UC San Diego with a B.A. in Political Science.

Cindy Long was appointed Administrator for the Food and Nutrition Service on September 13, 2021. Administrator Long most recently served as Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Acting Administrator, and has had extensive experience with FNS, including serving as Deputy Administrator for Child Nutrition Programs. In this role, she led FNS' implementation of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act, the most significant restructuring of these programs in decades and a legislative centerpiece of the Obama-Biden Administration's nutrition initiatives.

Peter Lurie (he/him/his) is the President and Executive Director of CSPI. He has overall responsibility for CSPI's operations in both program (national, state, and local policy and advocacy; legislative and regulatory affairs; agricultural biotechnology; and Litigation) and business (marketing; development; human resources; finance; customer service; and information systems). He also oversees CSPI's science and communications activities and is the Executive Editor of Nutrition Action. He works closely with CSPI's Board of Directors and represents CSPI before the public, funders, and the press. Previously, Lurie was the Associate Commissioner for Public Health Strategy and Analysis at the Food and Drug Administration, where he worked on antimicrobial resistance, transparency, caffeinated beverages, arsenic in rice, fish consumption by pregnant and nursing women, expanded access to investigational drugs, and prescription drug abuse. Prior to that, he was Deputy Director of Public Citizen's Health Research Group, where he addressed drug and device issues, coauthored the organization's Worst Pills, Best Pills consumer guide to medications, and led efforts to reduce worker exposure to hexavalent chromium and beryllium. Earlier, as a faculty member at the University of California, San Francisco and the University of Michigan, he studied needle exchange programs, ethical aspects of mother-to-infant HIV transmission studies, and other HIV policy issues domestically and abroad.



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Christian Lovell draws on his deep experience in production agriculture and food policy as Farm Action Fund's Senior Director of Programs. In this role, he provides leadership and direction for the organization's growing program portfolio to advance a more just food system. Previously, Christian spent nearly a decade working on federal agricultural policy in Washington, DC, and served as Legislative Director to U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro during her time as Chair of the House Committee on Appropriations. He also held other roles at the National Governors Association, The World Bank, and Informa Economics Group. Christian is a native of West Central Illinois where he now resides and manages his family's Registered Hereford cattle herd. He passionately advocates for regenerative grazing and is actively involved in the Illinois Grazing Lands Coalition.

Rachel Lyons has been with UFCW since 2017 and leads the union's federal and state legislative strategy on issues ranging from agriculture, trade and immigration to labor standards, cannabis and pensions. Prior to joining UFCW, Rachel was responsible for coordinating federal education and advocacy on workplace policies at the National Partnership for Women and Families. Rachel has worked for numerous political and advocacy organizations including Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice America, Business and Professional Women's Foundation, American Arts Alliance and the National Education Association. She has worked on numerous political campaigns and earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of Colorado at Boulder and a Master of Arts in philosophy and social policy from George Washington University. She lives in Washington DC with two cats and her science reporter partner.

Calvin Manduna is a senior trade policy analyst with the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy based in Washington, D.C. He has an interest in promoting environmentally sustainable agriculture approaches, strengthening rural livelihoods and in shaping U.S. agriculture policy towards a future of sustainable agriculture that supports farmers livelihoods and delivers healthy nutritious food for consumers. He has worked on trade policy issues and regional integration for the past 15 years. He has covered trade negotiations with the European Union, the WTO Doha Round, and more recently under the African Continental Free Trade Area. Calvin has worked on trade policy issues based in Brussels and Geneva, as well as in developing country regions across Africa and the Caribbean. Before transitioning to non-profit, Calvin worked for the African Development Bank and the Caribbean Development Bank.

Donna Martin is the retired director of the Burke County (GA) school nutrition program. Martin served as the Academy's President in 2017-2018. Martin is a graduate of the University of Georgia and earned a master's degree from the University of Alabama – Birmingham and an education specialist degree from Augusta University. In 2016, Donna's work in the Burke County Public Schools nutrition program gained national attention when Michelle Obama and Al Roker visited Burke County to help plant a school garden. Donna was then invited to speak at the White House for Michelle Obama's capstone event. Donna was also awarded the 2016 Golden Radish Award for the state of Georgia because of her efforts

in the Farm to School Movement. Donna has been involved in numerous public policy initiatives including testifying before Congress about the new School Nutrition Standards and to the House of Representatives Staff on the Farm to School Bill. Donna got to speak at the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Health on the importance of School Meals. Donna is on the GenYouth Board of Directors, The Chef Ann Foundation Advisory Board, is a National Dairy Ambassador, a No Kid Hungry Consultant and a trainer for the Institute of Child Nutrition.

Dr. Richard Mattes is a Distinguished Professor of Nutrition Science at Purdue University, Adjunct Associate Professor of Medicine at the Indiana University School of Medicine and Affiliated Scientist at the Monell Chemical Senses Center. His research focuses on the areas of taste function, hunger and satiety, food preferences, regulation of food intake in humans and human cephalic phase responses. At Purdue, Dr. Mattes is the Head of the Ingestive Behavior Research Center. He is a former president of the American Society for Nutrition and was a member of the 2020 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee. He has authored over 300 publications. Dr. Mattes earned an undergraduate degree in biology and a Master's degree in Public Health from the University of Michigan as well as a doctorate degree in Human Nutrition from Cornell University. He conducted post-doctoral studies at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and the Monell Chemical Senses Center.

Ruth McDonald

Dr. Jennifer Cleveland McEntire is the founder of Food Safety Strategy, LLC. With 20 years of food and beverage association experience, she combines her technical background and regulatory insights to help the food industry assess and manage food safety risks in order to protect public health. She held previous food safety leadership positions with the International Fresh Produce Association, Grocery Manufacturers Association, The Acheson Group and the Institute of Food Technologists. McEntire earned a PhD from Rutgers University as a USDA National Needs Fellow in Food Safety and received a Bachelor of Science with Distinction, magna cum laude, in food science from the University of Delaware. She's a member of the technical committee for the Center for Produce Safety, and was the 2020 recipient of the NSF International Food Safety Leadership Award and 2023 recipient of the Harold Barnum Industry Award from IAFP. She has published numerous books, book chapters, and peer reviewed articles.

John Myron currently serves as a Legislative Assistant for Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Committee, Congresswoman Rosa L. DeLauro (CT-03). In his role, John is the lead policy staffer on the FDA and food safety, labor, education, agriculture, nutrition and hunger, Social Security/retirement, LGBTQI+ issues, and the Congresswoman's Working Families Agenda which includes the Paycheck Fairness Act to codify equal pay for equal work, the FAMILY Act to ensure paid family and medical leave, the Healthy Families Act to guarantee paid sick leave, and the Schedules that Work Act to help ensure employees have more certainty about their work schedules and incomes. Prior to joining Congresswoman DeLauro's office, John worked for Congressman David Cicilline from Rhode Island. John is a native of Massachusetts and a graduate of Boston College.



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DeAnna Nara is the policy lead for CSPI's warning labels work, specifically focusing on initiatives to improve food environments by reducing sodium and added sugars consumption. As an Edward Alexander Bouchet Doctoral Fellow, DeAnna earned her PhD in Nutritional Sciences from Howard University. Her doctoral dissertation work focused on nutritional management of chronic disease among low income, minority residents in DC. DeAnna earned a MSc in Herbal Medicine from the Maryland University of Integrative Health and graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a BS in Psychology from Howard University, completing her Post Baccalaureate Training at the National Institute of Mental Health within the Laboratory of Cellular & Molecular Regulation. DeAnna is the Chair of the DC Board of Nutrition & Dietetics and is also a Licensed Dietitian-Nutritionist and Certified Nutrition Specialist. DeAnna most recently served as policy advisor and public health Nutritionist for Terrific, Inc., a nonprofit housing and human services organization, where she advised DC policy for managing chronic disease for low income, at-risk, senior citizens.

Aaliyah Nedd serves as Director of Government Relations for the National Cooperative Business Association (NCBA CLUSA). In this role, she leads NCBA's federal, state, and local outreach and advocacy work to develop, advance and promote cooperative enterprise. Prior to joining NCBA CLUSA, Aaliyah worked on a variety of policy issues at the National Association of Counties (NACo). Most recently she served as the Associate Legislative Director for Agriculture/Rural Affairs and Immigration. Aaliyah holds degrees in International Studies and Russian and is a graduate of the University of Florida.

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