



NATIONAL COUNCIL ON TEACHER RETIREMENT

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Bios for Pre-Conference Seminar with Christian Weller, PhD

Sunday, October 9, 2016; 3:00-4:30 pm



GUEST SPEAKER: Christian E. Weller is a Senior Fellow at American Progress and a professor of public policy at the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. His area of expertise includes retirement income security, macroeconomics, money and banking, and international finance. He is also a research scholar at the University of Massachusetts Amherst's Political Economy Research Institute and an institute fellow at the University of Massachusetts Boston's Gerontology Institute. Prior to joining the Center, he was on the research staff at the Economic Policy Institute, where he remains a research associate.

Christian has also worked at the Center for European Integration Studies at the University of Bonn in Germany; under the Department of Public Policy of the AFL-CIO in Washington, D.C.; and served in the banking sector in Germany, Belgium, and Poland. He is a respected academic with more than 100 academic and popular publications. His academic publications have appeared in the *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, the *Journal of Development Studies*, the *Cambridge Journal of Economics*, the *Journal of International Business Studies*, the *Journal of Aging and Social Policy*, and the *Journal of Economic Issues*, among others. His popular writings have been published in *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *The Atlanta Journal Constitution*.

He co-authored with E. Wolff the book, *Retirement Income: The Crucial Role of Social Security* and was a co-editor of *Employee Pensions: Policies, Problems and Possibilities* with T. Ghilarducci. In 2006, he was awarded the Outstanding Scholar-Practitioner Award from the Labor and Employment Relations Association. In 2007, Christian was elected to the board of the Labor and Employment Relations Association, one of the country's largest associations for professionals in the fields of labor and employment relations.

His work is frequently cited in the press and he is often a guest on national TV and radio programs. Christian holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.



MODERATOR: Tony Gelderman is Counsel at Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP. Mr. Gelderman heads the firm's Louisiana office and is responsible for the firm's institutional investor and client outreach. He is a frequent speaker at U.S. and European investor conferences and has written numerous articles on securities litigation and asset protection. Previously, Mr. Gelderman served as Chief of Staff and General Counsel to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana (1992–1996) and, prior to that, served as General Counsel to the Louisiana Department of the Treasury. He also coordinated all legislative matters for the State Treasurer during his tenure with the Treasury Department. Earlier in his career, Mr. Gelderman served as law clerk to U.S. District Judge Charles Schwartz, Jr., Eastern District of Louisiana (1986–1987). He is also a former adjunct professor of law at the Tulane Law School where he has taught a course in legislative process.



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PANELISTS:



In his thirtieth year as an educator in the Prince George's County Public Schools, Kenneth B. Haines currently serves as Liaison to the Peer Assistance & Review Program that he helped create as the immediate past president of the Prince George's County Educators' Association, the 18th largest local affiliate in the NEA family.

Ken is currently serving his second term as an elected Trustee on the Board of Trustees for the Maryland State Retirement & Pension System with holding currently valued at approximately \$46 billion.



Michael P. Kreps is a principal at Groom Law Group, where he counsels employers, plan sponsors, financial institutions, trade associations, and coalitions on retirement, health, tax, and employment matters. Mr. Kreps specializes in issues relating to public policy, fiduciary responsibility, and plan funding and restructuring.

Previously, Mr. Kreps served as the Senior Pensions and Employment Counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions from the 110th through the 114th Congresses. In that role, he managed all aspects of the Committee's retirement agenda and had primary staff responsibility for pension legislation, including the pension investment provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, the funding stabilization and Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation reform provisions of the MAP-21 Act of 2012, the Pension Relief Act of 2010, and the CSEC Pension Flexibility Act. He also led the Committee's oversight of regulatory activities involving employee benefit plans.

Mr. Kreps is a frequent speaker and writer on retirement and health policy. He holds a JD, with honors, from The George Washington University Law School, and a BA, with distinction, in history and art history from the University of Colorado. He is active in his local community as a member of the Alexandria Commissions on Aging and Human Rights and is member of the Sorensen Institute Political Leaders Program's class of 2015.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Senior Pensions & Employment Counsel, United States Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Academy of Social Insurance, American Bar Association, Section of Taxation, Alexandria Commission on Aging.



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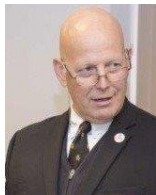


Diane Oakley, Executive Director. In January 2011, Diane Oakley was named executive director of the National Institute on Retirement Security. With the Board of Directors, Oakley leads the organization's strategic planning, research, and education initiatives.

Before joining NIRS, Ms. Oakley served as senior policy advisor to Congressman Earl Pomeroy, who represented the state of North Dakota. There, she worked in a bi-partisan fashion with diverse groups to achieve policy solutions. Oakley played a key staff role in formulating legislative strategy on a range of tax, pension, Social Security, financial services, and workforce issues.

Prior to her service on Capitol Hill, Ms. Oakley held leadership positions with TIAA-CREF, a leading financial services provider. During her 28-year tenure with the organization, she held a number of management, public policy, and technical positions, including vice president for special consulting services and vice president for associations and government relations.

She holds a B.S. in Mathematics from Fairfield University, where she graduated Cum Laude. She earned an M.B.A. in Finance from Fordham University. She is a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance.



Sanford "Sandy" Rich is the Executive Director and CIO of the New York City Board of Education Retirement System. Sandy was Chief of Negotiations and Restructuring at the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, a U.S. government agency from 2012 to 2016. Sandy is an investor, director, Audit Committee Chairman and previous CEO of InsPro Technologies, a provider of insurance ERP systems. Sandy is an investor, director and the Audit Committee Chairman at

Aspen Group Inc., the holding company for Aspen University. Sandy served as director and Chief Executive Officer at In the Car, LLC, property casualty insurance company, from October 2011 to November 2012. He was an investor, director, Audit Committee Chairman of InterClick, Inc., internet advertising, from 2007 to 2011. From 1995 to 2008, Sandy was director, Senior Vice President and Portfolio Manager at GEM Capital Management Inc. From 1993 to 1995, he was a Managing Director of High Yield Finance, Capital Markets & North American Loan Syndicate, Sales and Trading at Citicorp Securities. From 1985 to 1993, he served as Managing Director of Debt Capital Markets at Merrill Lynch. From 1978 to 1985, Sandy held various Analyst positions with a focus on distressed company analysis, defaulted liability investing, and non-investment grade credit analysis.