

Howard H. Goldman, MD, Ph.D. – Moderator



***Professor of Psychiatry
University of Maryland School of Medicine***

He is the author or co-author of 325 publications of professional literature. Dr. Goldman is the editor of *Psychiatric Services*, a mental health services research and policy journal published monthly by the American Psychiatric Association. He also has served on the editorial boards of several other journals, including *Health Affairs*, the *American Journal of Psychiatry* and the *Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics*. From 2004 – 2016 Dr. Goldman was the Senior Scientific Editor of the Surgeon General's Report on Mental Health from 1997-1999 for which he was awarded the Surgeon General's Medallion. During 2002 and 2003 Dr. Goldman was a consultant to the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health. He was elected to membership in the National Academy of Social Insurance in 1996 and to the Institute of Medicine in 2002.

Dr. Goldman is an expert on disability and disability policy. While serving as Assistant Director of the National Institute of Mental Health, he worked closely with the Social Security Administration revising policies and regulations for assessing individuals with mental impairments. He has written extensively about this topic, including papers in the *Milbank Quarterly* and *Health Affairs* and in his recent book with Gerald Grob, *The Dilemma of Federal Mental Health Policy*. He also served on the Disability Policy Panel for the National Academy of Social Insurance. In 2007, he served on the Institute of Medicine Committee on Medical Evaluation of Veterans for Disability Compensation. Beginning in 2009, Dr. Goldman became the chair of the IOM Standing Committee of Medical Experts to Assist Social Security on Disability Issues.

Dr. Goldman received joint M.D. - M.P.H. degrees from Harvard University in 1974 and a Ph.D. in social policy research from the Heller School at Brandeis University in 1978.

Marty Ford



Senior Executive Officer, Public Policy The Arc

Marty Ford is Senior Executive Officer for Public Policy at The Arc, a national community-based organization advocating for and serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Ms. Ford leads the five-person policy team representing The Arc on Capitol Hill and before federal agencies. She is a recognized leader in federal public policy affecting people with disabilities, with over 30 years of experience in long-term services and supports, Medicaid, and Social Security disability issues. She has testified numerous times before Congress on behalf of people with disabilities.

Ms. Ford served three years as Chairperson of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD), a coalition of over 100 national organizations; served on its Board of Directors for 12 years; and served many years as Co-Chair of various CCD Task Forces, including the Social Security Task Force and the Long Term Services and Supports Task Force. She currently serves as Co-Chair of the CCD Task Force on Financial Security. Ms. Ford serves as Secretary on the Board of Directors of the National Academy of Social Insurance and served on its study panel for *Uncharted Waters: Paying Benefits from Individual Accounts in Federal Retirement Policy*. She serves as Vice-Chair of Allies for Independence/Advance CLASS and has served in numerous long-term services and supports policy leadership roles. A member of the American Bar Association, she has served on two ABA Commissions and is currently serving as disability liaison to its Commission on Law and Aging.

She received a B.A. from the University of Virginia, an M.S. in Communications Design from Pratt Institute, and her J.D. from the George Washington University National Law Center.

Andrew Sperling



Director, Legislative Affairs, Advocacy & Public Policy National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Andrew Sperling is the Director of Federal Legislative Advocacy for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). He leads NAMI's legislative advocacy initiatives in Congress and before federal agencies. Mr. Sperling works on issues affecting the mental health community, with a focus on improving the lives of people with severe mental illnesses.

Prior to joining NAMI, Mr. Sperling held the position of deputy director of government relations for the National Community Mental Healthcare Council and was a legislative assistant for U.S. Representative Dick Swett (D-NH). Since 1994, he has also served as co-chair of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Housing Task Force.

Mr. Sperling earned his B.A. from Tulane University, an M.A. from George Washington University, and a law degree from the Franklin Pierce Law Center.

Ruth Luckasson



***Distinguished Professor, Chair, Department of Special Education
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Ruth Luckasson, J.D., is a Distinguished Professor of Special Education at the University of New Mexico, where she has been the Chair of the Department of Special Education for 14 years. She is a past president of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD). She previously served on the President's Committee on People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, the Board of Trustees of the Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, the World Health Organization Working Group on the Classification of Intellectual Disabilities for the International Classification of Disease, Eleventh Revision or ICD-11, and as Chair of the American Bar Association's Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law.

Professor Luckasson has published widely in the following areas: definition, classification, and systems of supports for people with intellectual disability (ID); clinical judgment and professionalism; special education; legal and human rights; criminal justice of victims and defendants with ID; and community living of individuals with disabilities. She is the author or co-author of 17 books and over 75 chapters and articles. Her books include: the 9th, 10th, and 11th editions of *Intellectual Disability: Definition, Classification, and Systems of Supports* (with Schalock, et. al) (AAIDD, 1992, 2002, 2010); the 1st and 2nd editions of *Clinical Judgment* (with Schalock) (AAIDD, 2005, 2014); *The Forgotten Generation: The Status and Challenges of Adults with Mild Cognitive Limitations* (with Tymchuk and Lakin) (Brookes, 2001); *The Criminal Justice System and Mental Retardation: Defendants and Victims* (with Conley and Bouthilet) (Brookes, 1992); and *Introduction to Special Education* (with Smith) (Allyn & Bacon, 1992, 1995).

Kate Lang



Senior Staff Attorney Justice In Aging

Kate Lang joined Justice in Aging (formerly known as the National Senior Citizens Law Center) in 2012 as a member of the Income Security team working primarily on Social Security and Supplemental Security Income-related issues. Before joining Justice in Aging, she was a staff attorney at the Maryland Legal Aid Bureau where she was an advocate for low-income older adults and persons with disabilities. In previous positions, Ms. Lang worked as an advocate at National Legal Aid and Defender Association and Bread for the City Legal Clinic in Washington, DC as well as an associate at Doherty, Cella, Keane and Associates, LLP. She also served as a staff attorney at Legal Services of Northern California.

She received her bachelor's degree from Oberlin College and a master's degree in teaching English to speakers of other languages from the University of Pennsylvania. Ms. Lang received her J.D. from Fordham University School of Law; she is a member of the California bar.

Pamela B. Teaster, Ph.D.



***Professor and Director, Center for Gerontology
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Pamela B. Teaster is the Director of the Center for Gerontology and a Professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Science at Virginia Tech. She established the Kentucky Justice Center for Elders and Vulnerable Adults. She also founded the Kentucky Guardianship Association and was its first president. She is the Secretary General of the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and is on the Board of Trustees of the Center for Guardianship Certification. She serves on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect.

Dr. Teaster is a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America and the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education. She is a recipient of the Rosalie Wolf Award for Research on Elder Abuse, the Outstanding Affiliate Member Award (Kentucky Guardianship Association), and the Distinguished Educator Award (Kentucky Association for Gerontology). She serves on the board of the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and is a former president.

Her areas of scholarship include the abuse of elders and vulnerable adults, public and private guardianship, end-of-life issues, ethical treatment of older adults, public policy and public affairs, and quality of life. She has published over 100 scholarly articles and book chapters and is the editor or author of four books.

Before joining Virginia Tech, Dr. Teaster spent 12 years at the University of Kentucky as professor, associate dean for research, and director of doctoral studies in the College of Public Health.

She has a bachelor's and a master's degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. She received her Ph.D. and a certificate in gerontology from Virginia Tech.

Kelly A. Thompson



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Kelly A. Thompson is an attorney in Arlington, Virginia, who has worked in the trusts and estates field since 1977 as both a trust banker and a practicing attorney. She focuses her practice on guardianship and trust and estate issues, with emphasis on planning for persons with special needs. She is a Director of the Special Needs Alliance, a national, non-profit organization of attorneys committed to helping individuals with disabilities, their families, and the professionals who represent them. She is also a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, and past Chair of the Governing Council of the Virginia Bar Association Elder Law and Special Needs Section. She is an active volunteer with The Arc of Northern Virginia and serves as counsel for their pooled special needs trust program.

She served on the Board of Directors of Capital Hospice from 1998 to 2005, and on the Governing Board of the Trusts and Estates Section of the Virginia State Bar from 1995 to 2002. She is a past president of both the Northern Virginia Estate Planning Council and the Alzheimer's Association, Northern Virginia Chapter.

Ms. Thompson is the author of "Trust Administration in Virginia" published by the Virginia Bar Foundation (1997) as well as the "Adult Incapacity" chapter of *The Virginia Lawyer: A Desk Book for Practitioners* (updated annually). She is a frequent speaker for continuing legal education programs and for community programs. Ms. Thompson is listed among *Washingtonian Magazine's* "Top Lawyers" in both the fields of Trusts and Estates and Elder Law, and has also been honored as a Virginia "Super Lawyer" and in "America's Best Lawyers" in both fields.

She received a B.A. from the University of Virginia. Ms. Thompson holds a J.D. from Fordham University School of Law, and is a member of the Virginia, District of Columbia, and New York bars.

Dari Pogach



Staff Attorney, Commission on Law and Aging American Bar Association

Dari Pogach is a staff attorney at the American Bar Association's Commission on Law and Aging. Ms. Pogach has worked in adult guardianship reform and alternatives to guardianship for several years. Prior to joining the Commission, Ms. Pogach provided direct legal services to indigent clients with disabilities. She represented individuals with mental illness as a staff attorney at Disability Rights D.C. of University Legal Services, the District of Columbia's protection and advocacy program for people with disabilities. Ms. Pogach assisted individuals with developmental disabilities seeking alternatives to guardianship as a staff attorney at the Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities. She has also represented respondent parents and grandparents in child abuse and neglect cases in New York City. Ms. Pogach has substantive experience in policy and legislative advocacy, and has testified at numerous legislative hearings. She has provided comments to proposed regulations, and written public reports with recommendations for improving local laws and practices.

Ms. Pogach received her B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and her J.D. from Washington College of Law.

Nina A. Kohn



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Nina A. Kohn is the David M. Levy Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Research and Online Education at Syracuse University College of Law, and a faculty affiliate with the Syracuse University Aging Studies Institute. She currently serves as the Reporter for the Third Revision of the Uniform Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Act, Co-Chair of the Elder Rights Committee of the Individual Rights and Responsibilities Section of the American Bar Association, and Co-Director of the Aging, Law, and Society Collaborative Research Network.

Professor Kohn's research focuses on elder law and the civil rights of older adults and persons with diminished cognitive capacity. Her recent articles have addressed such issues as supported and surrogate decision-making, financial exploitation of the elderly, vulnerability and discrimination in old age, the practical and constitutional implications of elder abuse legislation, the potential for an elder rights movement, elder care, and legal education. She also authored the textbook *Elder Law: Practice, Policy & Problems* (Aspen 2014). Consistent with her research interests, Professor Kohn has taught elder law, family law, trusts and estates, torts, and an interdisciplinary gerontology course.

In 2011, she received Syracuse University College of Law's Res Ipsa Loquitur award recognizing excellence in teaching, and in 2012, she was selected as Syracuse University's Judith Greenberg Seinfeld Distinguished Faculty Fellow.

Professor Kohn earned an A.B. *summa cum laude* from Princeton University and a J.D. *magna cum laude* from Harvard University. She clerked for the Honorable Fred I. Parker of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Following her clerkship, she was awarded a fellowship by the Skadden Fellowship Foundation to provide direct representation to nursing home residents and frail elders.

Susanne Horn, MSW



*Representative Payee Program Manager
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Susanne Horn is the Representative Payee Program Manager at Bread for the City, a private nonprofit in Washington, DC. Ms. Horn joined the Social Services program at Bread for the City in 2001 as a case manager, and became the Representative Payee Program Manager at the inception of the agency's contract with the District's Department of Behavioral Health in 2002. Under this contract, the Representative Payee Program provides organizational payee services to over 800 individuals living with chronic mental illness by collaborating with members of each consumer's mental health treatment team at provider agencies around the city.

Ms. Horn received her M.S.W. from The Catholic University of America.