



SPEAKERS

Angelo I. Amador is executive director of immigration policy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

In this capacity, he is responsible for working with members of the business community to develop the Chamber's position on comprehensive immigration reform, legalization, border security, visa processing and guest worker programs. He also advocates on behalf of the Chamber and its members before the U.S. Congress and administrative agencies, including the departments of Homeland Security, State and Labor.

Amador is also executive director of the Americans for Better Borders coalition, which unites regional business organizations, companies and trade associations to advocate for policy that permits the efficient flow of goods and people across our borders while addressing national security concerns.

Marshall D. Fitz is director of advocacy for the American Immigration Lawyers Association, where he leads education and advocacy efforts on immigration policy issues. He serves as a media spokesperson for AILA on immigration policy and also plays a leading role in several national and grassroots coalitions working to advance comprehensive immigration reform. He speaks frequently at conferences and universities on immigration matters, makes presentations to members of Congress and assists in drafting legislation.

A graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law, where he served on the Virginia Law Review, Fitz serves on boards and steering committees of several national organizations. Before joining AILA, he clerked for Judge Bruce M. Selya on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and practiced immigration law at the Washington DC firm of Hogan & Hartson, LLP.

He serves on the board of directors of the ImmigrationWorks Foundation, the 501(c)(3) arm of ImmigrationWorks.

John Gay, a consultant to the American Immigration Lawyers Association, is co-founder and former co-chair of the Essential Worker Immigration Coalition, a group of national trade associations seeking immigration reform. He serves on the board of directors of the National Immigration Forum, an organization he chaired from 2006 to 2009.

Gay has extensive experience in trade association management, including as senior vice president of government affairs and public policy of the National Restaurant Association. He served in a similar capacity with the International Franchise Association and was on the government relations staff of the American Hotel & Lodging Association.

He has been cited on immigration and other issues in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* and has appeared on many television and radio programs. He also has testified before Congress on the need to revamp the nation's immigration system.

Mike Gilsdorf is CEO and part owner of the largest tree and shrub nursery business in Colorado.

He and his retail operation, Arapahoe Acres Nursery, have won numerous awards, and he was voted "Nursery Person of the Year" three times by the Colorado Nursery and Greenhouse Association.

He is co-founder and chairman of Colorado Employers for Immigration Reform, a pro-immigration business coalition affiliated with ImmigrationWorks USA. In this capacity, he has appeared frequently in the media, including in *The New York Times*, National Public Radio, *Colorado Biz Magazine*, all the major Denver TV channels and Denver newspapers.

He graduated from Colorado State University and served as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam.

Daniel Griswold is director of the Cato Institute's Center for Trade Policy Studies. Since joining Cato in 1997, he has authored numerous studies on immigration, globalization and other international trade issues.

Griswold has testified before the House and Senate Immigration subcommittees on the economic and security implications of immigration. His work has been published in *The Wall Street Journal* and the *Los Angeles Times*, among other newspapers, and he has appeared on numerous TV and radio shows including *Lou Dobbs Tonight* and the *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Griswold served as a congressional press secretary and a daily newspaper editorial page editor. He holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and a diploma in economics and a master's degree in the politics of the world economy from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Deborah Marriott Harrison is senior vice president for government affairs at Marriott International Inc.

She began working at Marriott in 1975 and has held several positions in the company, including accounting positions at Marriott headquarters and operations positions at Key Bridge and Dallas Marriott hotels.

She participates actively on a variety of committees and boards, including the Mayo Clinic Leadership Council for the District of Columbia and the boards of the Bullis School, the D.C. College Access Program and the J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation.

She has also served on the boards of several mental health organizations, including The National Institute of Mental Health Advisory Board, Depression and Related Affective Disorders Association and the Center for The Advancement of Children's Mental Health in association with Columbia University. She is an honors graduate of Brigham Young University.

Tamar Jacoby is president and CEO of ImmigrationWorks USA, a national federation of employers working to advance better immigration law.

A nationally known journalist and author, she is a leading center-right advocate for immigration reform.

Her articles have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The Weekly Standard* and *Foreign Affairs*, among other publications. She is a regular guest on national television and radio.

She is author of *Someone Else's House: America's Unfinished Struggle for Integration*, and editor of *Reinventing the Melting Pot: The New Immigrants and What It Means To Be American*, a collection of essays about immigrant integration.

From 1989 to 2007, she was a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute. Before that, she was a senior writer and justice editor for *Newsweek*. From 1981 to 1987, she was the deputy editor of *The New York Times* op-ed page.

Ben Johnson is the executive director of the American Immigration Law Foundation, a Washington-based organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of immigration law and policy, deepening awareness of immigration's value to American society and advancing fairness and due process under the law for immigrants.

Before becoming executive director, Johnson served as the director of AILF's research arm, the Immigration Policy Center.

Johnson has worked in the immigration field for more than 15 years. He has written extensively on immigration law and policy and has testified on immigration issues before the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. He is a frequent guest commentator on television and radio, with appearances on CNN, MSNBC, ABC News, Fox News and National Public Radio, among other outlets.

A native of Arizona, Johnson earned a JD from the University of San Diego School of Law and studied international and comparative law at Kings College in London.

Jim Kolbe served for 22 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, elected for eleven consecutive terms, from 1985 to 2007. For 20 of those years, he was on the House Appropriations Committee, responsible for deciding the allocation of the budget and the terms for spending appropriated funds. He chaired the Treasury, Post Office and Related Agencies subcommittee for four years, and more recently chaired the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Agencies subcommittee for six years.

He is currently a senior transatlantic fellow for the German Marshall Fund of the United States, where he advises on trade, migration and its relationship to development. He is also an adjunct professor in the College of Business at the University of Arizona and a part-time consultant with McLarty Associates.

He graduated from Northwestern University with a BA in political science and then from Stanford University with an MBA and a concentration in economics.

He serves on the board of ImmigrationWorks USA.

Jason LeVecke and his family are owner-operators of over 130 restaurants and convenience stores in eight states, including Carl's Jr., Hardees, Pizza Patron and Bill's Ghost and Spirits. He is a grandson of Carl's Jr. founder, Carl Karcher.

LeVecke began his working career on the front lines of the restaurant business, starting as a cook and cashier at a Carl's Jr. and eventually working his way up to general manager of several Carl's Jr. Restaurants.

A former U.S. Marine, he graduated from the Defense Language Institute as an Arabic linguist with a top secret security clearance and earned two Naval Achievement Medals during his enlistment.

Following his service in the Marines, he returned to the restaurant business, and he and his family grew two Carl's Jr. restaurants into the enterprise they own and operate today.

A few years ago, LeVecke founded the Golden Door Initiative, a nonprofit organization that promotes liberty, freedom, opportunity and entrepreneurship.

He is president of Arizona Employers for Immigration Reform, a pro-immigration business coalition affiliated with ImmigrationWorks USA.

Jenny Levy is the manager of grassroots advocacy for the American Immigration Lawyers Association, where she develops and facilitates advocacy initiatives for AILA members promoting pro-immigration and pro-immigrant policies at the federal and local level. She also represents the association in several national coalitions for immigration reform.

Before joining AILA in October 2005, she was outreach coordinator for the environment and health program at Physicians for Social Responsibility, a national nonprofit organization committed to protecting public health. She has also worked on Capitol Hill and at the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

She received her MA from George Washington University and her BA from the University of Maryland College Park Scholars Program.

Lynden Melmed is a partner with the immigration law firm, Berry Appleman & Leiden.

Prior to joining BAL, he served as chief counsel of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, that agency's highest ranking legal position.

As USCIS chief counsel, he was a key advisor on all aspects of immigration law to USCIS senior leadership, the Department of Homeland Security, the White House and other federal agencies.

Before joining USCIS, he served as special counsel to Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas), who at the time was chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship.

Before working on the Hill, Melmed worked as an attorney in the DHS general counsel's office, the USCIS chief counsel's office and the INS general counsel's office. Before that, he practiced immigration law in Dallas, Texas. He received his BA and JD from the University of Virginia.

Ali Noorani is executive director of the National Immigration Forum, one of the nation's premier immigration policy organizations.

Before joining the Forum, he was executive director of the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, an educational and advocacy organization serving the New England region. Under Noorani's leadership, MIRA tripled its staff and programs and significantly increased its capacity to advocate for the rights and opportunities of immigrants and refugees.

Before taking the helm at MIRA, he was director of public health at the Health Services Partnership of Dorchester, Massachusetts, and before that worked for the city of Boston, coordinating funding and technical assistance to environmental justice projects.

The son of Pakistani immigrants, he is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and holds a master's degree in public health from Boston University. He appears frequently in the national media.

Grover Norquist is president of Americans for Tax Reform, a coalition of individuals, businesses and taxpayer groups opposed to higher taxes at the federal, state and local levels.

Americans for Tax Reform organizes the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, which asks all candidates for federal and state office to commit themselves in writing to oppose all tax increases. President Bush, 193 House members and 41 Senators have taken the pledge. On the state level, 7 governors and 1,221 state legislators have taken the pledge.

Mr. Norquist is author of *Leave Us Alone – Getting the Government's Hands Off Our Money, Our Guns, Our Lives*, an optimistic look at how the conservative movement can and will grow during the next 25 years.

Craig Regelbrugge is vice president for government relations and research at the American Nursery & Landscape Association, a national trade organization representing nursery and greenhouse crop growers, independent garden retailers, landscape design and installation professionals and related industry suppliers. Before joining ANLA in December 1989, he served as a horticultural extension agent in Virginia.

A leading voice on immigration and the agricultural sector, Regelbrugge is national co-chair of the Agriculture Coalition for Immigration Reform, a coalition working to secure an affordable and legal workforce for agriculture and the green industry. He also serves on the executive committee of the National Council of Agricultural Employers and is currently vice chairman of the National Immigration Forum.

He speaks frequently about immigration and appears regularly in the media.

Simon Rosenberg is president and founder of NDN, a leading center-left think tank.

A veteran of two presidential campaigns, including the 1992 Clinton War Room, he got his start as a writer and producer in network television.

He has built NDN into one of Washington's most forward-thinking policy shops, fashioning a unique set of messages and policies around focusing on the economic well-being of everyday people left out during the Bush years as wages stagnated and incomes declined.

He was one of the first political operatives to understand and embrace new technologies and new media and to grasp the significance of the Millennial Generation. He has also designed strategies to make Democrats more competitive in states with rapidly growing Hispanic populations and has helped map a new path forward on immigration reform.

Rosenberg is a member of the Aspen Institute's 2001 Class of Henry Crown Fellows and served on the 2004 Democratic National Convention Platform Committee. He sits on the boards of the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, the publication *Democracy: A Journal of Ideas* and the Roosevelt Institution. In 2007, he was named one of the 50 most powerful people in DC by GQ Magazine.

Joe Sigg is the director of government relations for the Arizona Farm Bureau, where he is responsible for state and national government affairs and spends most of his time working on labor and immigration issues.

Before joining the Farm Bureau, he served as deputy director of the Arizona Department of Agriculture.

His background is in agricultural banking and trust, a field he worked in for over 20 years and in more than 30 states, first with the Northern Trust Company of Chicago and then with Bank One of Phoenix. He has supervised the farming and leasing activities of an Indian tribe. He has also been director of personnel for the Ohio Governor's Office and Ohio Department of Agriculture. He received his BA from Ohio Northern University and his MA in public administration from Ohio State University.

Stacia Smith is director of workforce and health policy at the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce.

She joined the Chamber in 2004 as a government affairs assistant, moving up to government affairs manager and then director of workforce and health. In her current position, she oversees state legislative affairs and is responsible for lobbying, policy development and policy committees on immigration, health care, K-12 and higher education.

A Minnesota native, she received a BA from Hamline University and an MA in public policy from the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. Before joining the Minnesota Chamber, she was director of finance for a small private company.

She serves on the boards of the Education Tax Credit Coalition and Minnesota Waters. She is a member of the MN Government Relations Council, the Citizen's League Education and Immigration Committee, Smart Buy Alliance and the Minnesota Independent School Forum, among other legislative taskforces and coalitions.

She leads the Minnesota Business Immigration Coalition, a state-based employer coalition that works with ImmigrationWorks USA.

Sara Taylor is a principal at BlueFront Strategies, a strategic consulting and public affairs company.

Former White House Political Director for President George W. Bush, she has extensive experience as a campaign strategist, field operator and pollster. A member of the Bush inner circle from 1999, she worked on both the 2000 and 2004 presidential campaigns. In the 2004 campaign, she was a senior strategist, helping direct the campaign's message development, paid-media strategy and opinion research. She also helped develop some of the campaign's cutting-edge marketing tools, including its innovative "microtargeting" technique, a process that marries demographic data with lifestyle habits to grow a campaign's voter target list.

She began her career at the Tarrance Group, a political research firm. After leaving the White House in 2007, she founded BlueFront Strategies, a firm specializing in communication solutions and new media tools. In 2008, she co-founded Resonate Networks, the first attitudinal microtargeting online advertising platform.

She is a frequent guest speaker on national politics for businesses, civic groups and party organizations. She has appeared on ABC, CNBC, Bloomberg and Fox News.