**Speaker Biographies**

**David Buysse** is a 1980 graduate of the University of Illinois College of Law. He joined the Office of the Illinois Attorney General in 2002 and is currently Deputy Chief of the Public Interest Division. He has been involved in Attorney General Madigan’s legislative initiatives concerning healthcare issues, as well as investigations and litigation involving Illinois non-profit hospitals.

**Ralph Martire** is executive director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability (“CTBA”). He is a regular columnist for the *Springfield State-Journal Register*, *The Joliet Herald News*, and *The Daily Observer* on public policy and good government, and former columnist for the *Chicago Sun-Times*. Ralph served on the budget advisory board to Governor Rod Blagojevich's transition team, where he acted as chairperson of the state revenue subcommittee. Ralph was the principal author of a study CTBA produced that identified revenue enhancement proposals to address the 2002 fiscal crises in the state of Illinois. Five of the proposals identified in that study ultimately became law. Ralph also is a key member of the research team that produces the groundbreaking "State of Working Illinois" reports, which detail industry, employment, wage and benefit trends in Illinois over the last 15 years. A joint project of CTBA and Northern Illinois University, State of Working Illinois reports have been featured in over 300 media (print and broadcast) placements nationwide.

Ralph received the 2008 *Friend of Education* Award presented by the Illinois Education Association-NEA, for meritorious efforts on behalf of the students, staff and public institutions across Illinois by demonstrating in both word and deed support for great public schools. Ralph also received the 2007 *Champion of Freedom* Award, presented by the Rainbow PUSH Coalition to individuals who carry out Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s commitment to equal educational opportunities through their professional and personal activism, and the 2004 *Ben C. Hubbard Leadership* Award, presented annually by Illinois State University to an individual whose leadership has significantly benefited education in Illinois.

A frequent lecturer on fiscal policy, Ralph continues to teach at the undergrad and graduate student levels, including a Master's level class on fiscal policy and a Doctoral class on the politics of education at Illinois State University, and an undergraduate class on public policy for Benedictine University. In 2009, Ralph designed and taught Masters' level programs for both Roosevelt University and the University of Illinois. Ralph also has taught tax policy seminars for the International Fulbright Scholar Program, the National Labor College and the national Women in Government lecture series. Ralph has been featured as a tax policy expert for numerous television and radio news programs such as WTTW, the Chicago PBS affiliate, and WPWR, the Chicago NPR affiliate. Prior to joining CTBA, Ralph was a partner in a law firm, with a sophisticated transactional practice focused on intellectual property, structured finance and mergers and acquisitions.

Mr. Martire served as the deputy issues director for Dawn Clark Netsch in her gubernatorial campaign, and issues director for David Wilhelm in his run for the United States Senate. He is also a former candidate for the Cook County Board. His prior appointments include serving as a member of both the Cook County State's Attorney's Council on Hate Crimes Prosecution and Cook County Special Task Force on Domestic Violence.

Mr. Martire graduated from Indiana University Phi Beta Kappa, with a B.A. in history and received his JD from the University of Michigan. He is married to Mary Kay Martire, and has two children, a son Nicholas, and a daughter Valerie.
Caroline Chapman, JD, has been a Staff Attorney at the Legal Assistance Foundation (LAF) of Metropolitan Chicago since 2008, with a specialty in public benefits and health law. She completed coursework for a LLM in Health Law from Loyola University and is awaiting thesis approval. Carrie was the co-author of LAF’s Amicus Brief in the Provena case and participated in legislative attempts to pass the HAPI ordinance at Cook County Board of Commissioners. She was a guest lecturer in the Spring 2010 and Fall 2010 semesters at DePaul University Law School on Health Care Reform and on its implications for charity care. Her practice areas include advising clients on bankruptcy and health care debt, coordinating with LAF’s medical debt relief project to provide assistance to clients with medical debt, and assisting individual clients with efforts to secure charity care benefits in order to obtain ongoing health care.

Lucy Gomez-Feliciano works and lives in Chicago’s Logan Square Community and is the Lead Health Organizer at the Logan Square Neighborhood Association (LSNA). In 2009 her work expanded to include serving as the director of the Chicago “Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities” Partnership, targeting policy changes that improve access to parks and increase healthy food options at parks.

Lucy serves as co-chair to the “Open Streets” Stakeholders, who have hosted 3 temporary streets closures along the boulevard and engaging thousands of people in human powered activities. For 5 years Lucy served as the coordinator of the Active Living by Design and Health Eating by Design Partnership in Logan Square.

For over 20 years Lucy’s work focused on building the minds, bodies and spirits of youth and families, working for: the YMCA, Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago, Chicago Park District, University of Chicago Laboratory Schools and Outward Bound.

Lucy earned a Bachelors of Fine Arts Degree at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Currently a board member of the Active Transportation Alliance, co-chair of the Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC) at Northwestern University and the Wellness Parent Advocate at her daughter’s elementary school.

Robert E. Tonkinson, Jr. From October 2002 until April 2010, when his position was eliminated in a merger, Rob Tonkinson was the Chief Financial Officer for the Carle Foundation, a $500 million in revenue and $1.1 billion in assets diversified not-for-profit single hospital healthcare system. In addition to overseeing the day-to-day operational financial functions of the system, Mr. Tonkinson led the process to obtain Carle’s first public debt rating (AA- from both S&P and Fitch) and led mergers and divestitures for the organization. Mr. Tonkinson also worked extensively with local community groups to improve Carle’s charity care program, an effort for which he was awarded the Harry J. Baker Community Service Award from the Champaign County Health Care Consumers. Prior to his tenure with Carle, Mr. Tonkinson began his career at Carilion Health System (now Carilion Clinic) in Roanoke, Virginia where he worked for fifteen years, the last six as Vice President of Financial Planning and Budget and Assistant Treasurer. When in Roanoke, Mr. Tonkinson also served for five-and-a-half years as a Bishop in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Mr. Tonkinson received a Master of Health Administration degree from Brigham Young University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Policy, also from Brigham Young University. He and Cameo, his wife of twenty-five years have six children ranging in age from 23 to 4.

Richard Sewell, MPH, (moderator) is Clinical Assistant Professor in Health Policy and Administration at the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health. He has a long history of involvement in health and human services policy formulation, management and community affairs in the Chicago area. He was Executive Director of the health systems agency for suburban Cook County and DuPage County, founding President of the Suburban Primary Health Care Council, providers of the Access to Care Program, Deputy Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Public Health and Executive Director of the Chicago Health Policy Council at the University of Chicago. Richard is on the Board of Directors of Health and Medicine Policy Research Group.