

**TITLE IV REVIEW PANELISTS**  
**HIGHER EDUCATION REGULATIONS STUDY REVIEW PANEL #1**

**Ms. Sarah Bauder**  
**Director of Student Financial Aid**  
**University of Maryland, College Park**

Ms. Bauder has worked in financial aid for 17 years, beginning her career at St. Mary's College of Maryland, and moving to the University of Maryland in 1996. Since 2005 she has been the Director of Student Financial Aid at the University of Maryland, where she has been instrumental in the development and implementation of the Maryland Pathways Programs, which provides a debt free education for needy students. Sarah has testified before Congress on two occasions, is a member of NASFAA's Executive Board, and has served on a negotiated rulemaking committee.

Ms. Bauder holds a master's degree in education policy and planning with a focus on higher education administration and leadership from the University of Maryland.

**Mr. Richard (Rick) Jerue**  
**President**  
**Art Institute of Charleston**

Mr. Jerue is President of the Art Institute of Charleston. Prior to assuming that role in November 2006, Mr. Jerue served as Vice President, Government Relations and Corporate Development, for Education Management Corporation (EDMC). He had been with EDMC since 1995, serving in a number of capacities, including President of the Art Institute of Washington and the New England Institute of Art, as well as corporate positions at EDMC headquarters such as Assistant to the CEO and Vice President of Governmental Relations.

Prior to joining EDMC, Mr. Jerue held a number of positions at the federal and state government levels, including Staff Director and Counsel, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, U.S. House of Representatives; Executive Director, National Commission on Student Financial Assistance; Staff Director and Counsel, Subcommittee on Education, Arts and Humanities, U.S. Senate; and Legislative Director, Office of the Governor, State of Rhode Island.

Mr. Jerue holds a BA from Bowdoin College and a JD from Suffolk University Law School.

**Ms. Linda Michalowski**  
**Vice Chancellor of Student Services and Special Programs**  
**California Community Colleges Systems Office**

Linda Michalowski is Vice Chancellor for Student Services and Special Programs for the California Community Colleges System. In that capacity she is responsible for policy and programs to help students achieve their educational goals, including outreach, admissions, assessment, orientation, financial aid, counseling, transfer and articulation, student government, child care, disabled student services, and special services for single parents and other disadvantaged and underprepared students. She was with the Governmental Relations and External Affairs division from 1998 to 2003, serving as Interim Vice Chancellor as well as Director of Strategic Communications and Federal Relations.

Ms. Michalowski was the Chancellor's Office Coordinator for Student Financial Assistance Programs until 1998, during which time she led student aid policy development, represented community colleges in state and national forums, provided guidance to campus financial aid offices, and administered community college financial aid programs. She came to the Chancellor's Office in 1983 as an independent consultant to work with the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) program for disadvantaged students and, the following year, was named the Board Financial Assistance Program Coordinator.

Throughout her more than 25-year career at the Chancellor's Office, Ms. Michalowski has been an advocate for the system's colleges and students in the state and federal legislative and policy arenas. She has served on the American Association of Community Colleges and Association of Community College Trustees Joint Commission on Federal Relations and was the 1997 recipient of the Community College Governmental Relations Award. She led the development and implementation of the system-wide *California Community Colleges: The Way California Works* and *I Can Afford College* public awareness campaigns.

**Ms. Angela Peoples**  
**Legislative Director**  
**United States Students Association**

Ms. Peoples recently joined USSA as its Legislative Director. As Legislative Director, she is committed to work tirelessly to ensure the continuation of USSA's legacy of winning legislative victories on the issues that are most important to students. Ms. Peoples was introduced to the work of USSA in 2007 at a statewide rally of 500 students in Lansing Michigan and again at USSA's 39th Annual Legislative Conference. As a student at Western Michigan University, she worked diligently for change on issues that affect students, including defeating anti-affirmative action legislation and promoting sexual assault policies and preventions. She was also instrumental in collaborating with universities across the State of Michigan to develop and institutionalize the Student Association of Michigan.

Ms. Peoples graduated from Western Michigan with a degree in political science and African studies.

**Dr. Terri Standish-Kuon**  
**Vice President, Communications and Administration**  
**Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities**

Dr. Standish-Kuon is Vice President for the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities in New York (cIcu). She coordinates federal relations, manages the communications program, and supervises the finance and human resources operations for the association, which represents the presidents of 111 private, not-for-profit colleges and universities in the state. She worked with cIcu's member campuses and the New York congressional delegation throughout the most recent Higher Education Act reauthorization cycle. cIcu is actively engaged in the efforts of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU) and its affiliated state associations (NAICUSE).

Dr. Standish-Kuon holds a PhD from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, master's degrees from The Sage Colleges and the University at Albany, and a bachelor's degree from Rochester Institute of Technology.

**Ms. Christine Zuzack**  
**Vice President for State and Special Grant Programs**  
**Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency**

Ms. Zuzack currently serves as Vice President for State Grant and Special Programs at the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA). In this role she oversees the grant, scholarship, and employment programs administered by PHEAA. Her professional career in higher education began at the Community College of Allegheny County in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where she worked in various roles with admissions, financial aid and veterans affairs for five years. The next twenty-two years were dedicated to financial aid administration at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Ms. Zuzack served as President of the Eastern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (EASF AA) from 2003-2004 and as President of the Pennsylvania Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (PASFAA) from 1994-1995. Additionally, she was a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) from 2003-2005.

Ms. Zuzack holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Grove City College and master's degrees in clinical psychology and student personnel services in higher education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She has completed her coursework for a doctorate in adult education at the Pennsylvania State University.

**HIGHER EDUCATION ACT REVIEW PANELISTS  
HIGHER EDUCATION REGULATIONS STUDY REVIEW PANEL # 2**

**Ms. Marcia Boyd**  
**Associate Vice President, Student Affairs**  
**Florida A&M University**

Marcia Boyd currently serves as the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at Florida A&M University. Prior to her work at FAMU, she held positions in financial aid at Hampton University, Christopher Newport University, Greensboro College, and the College of William and Mary.

Ms. Boyd has served on the NCAA Division I academics/eligibility/compliance cabinet and as a representative at large for the Virginia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. She has also created and facilitated training sessions on customer service and the difference between the William D. Ford (Direct Lending) and the Federal Family Education Loan programs.

Ms. Boyd holds a baccalaureate degree in business administration from Bernard M. Baruch College and an MA in education and human resource development from The George Washington University. She is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in higher education administration from The George Washington University.

**Ms. Youlonda Copeland-Morgan**  
**Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management**  
**& Director of Scholarships and Student Aid**  
**Syracuse University**

Youlonda Copeland-Morgan has served as Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Director of Scholarships and Student Aid at Syracuse University since 2008. Previously, she held several positions, including Vice President and Dean of Admission and Financial Aid at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, California.

Ms. Copeland-Morgan is past chair of the board of trustees of The College Board, an association that connects students to services and programs that support college success. She has been recognized many times by regional and national organizations for her accomplishments and leadership.

Ms. Copeland-Morgan holds a bachelor's degree from Loyola Marymount University and an MBA from the University of La Verne in California.

**Mr. John Higgins**  
**Bursar**  
**Purdue University**

John Higgins has worked in the higher education industry for over 16 years in multiple business service roles, and currently serves as the University Bursar at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. Mr. Higgins is an active member of several organizations, including the National Association for College and University Business Officers, the Association of American Universities Bursars, and served on a negotiated rulemaking committee for the *Higher Education Opportunity Act* in 2009. In his role as bursar at Purdue, he has had responsibility for several strategic system implementations, and has a strong interest in advocating on behalf of students, as policies and technology drive business decision-making in higher education.

Mr. Higgins holds a BA in classics from the University of Iowa.

**Dr. Patricia Hurley**  
**Associate Dean/ Financial Aid Director**  
**Glendale Community College**

Patricia Hurley has worked as a financial aid administrator for 40 years at institutions that include Boston College, College of Marin, and, currently, Glendale Community College in California. She has worked for over 25 years in the California Community College system. Dr. Hurley has been actively involved in financial aid on both state and national levels, having served in the California Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators as vice president for state issues, vice president for federal issues, site committee, and conference co-chair, and, currently serves on the state issues committee. In addition, she has served in several positions in the California Community Colleges Student Financial Aid Administrators Association, as a member of the board of directors for EdFund, on the California Student Aid Commission loan advisory committee, and as a chair of the financial aid council for the western region of The College Board.

On the national level, Dr. Hurley currently serves as a member of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators' board of directors, having also been appointed to the organization's national conversation initiative committee and served on the reauthorization task force and federal issues committees. She was appointed by the U.S. Department of Education as a non-federal negotiator on negotiated rulemaking committees in 1999, 2002, 2006, and 2009 and has been invited to participate in several policy workshops as a field representative.

Dr. Hurley has a master's degree in counseling from Suffolk University and a doctorate in education from UCLA.

**Ms. Stacey R. McCorison**  
**Associate Dean, Medical Education Administration/  
Director of Financial Aid and Registrar**  
**Duke University School of Medicine**

Stacey McCorison is responsible for the administration of fair and equitable policies and practices in regard to student financial aid, course management, curricular needs, data collection, and grade and record retention. She also directs and oversees the fiscal operations for all undergraduate and continuing medical education departments. Prior to joining the School of Medicine as Director of Financial Aid in 1996, she was Senior Associate Director of Undergraduate Financial Aid at Duke.

Ms. McCorison has held offices on National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators' committees such as research, need analysis, access and choice, graduate and professional student issues, and the editorial board for the student aid transcript. A frequent presenter at national professional meetings, her expertise has broadened to include not only financial aid management but also registrarial areas.

Ms. McCorison holds a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Anna Maria College and a master's degree in business administration from Duke's Fuqua School of Business.

**Dr. Thomas (Tom) Melecki**  
**Director of Student Financial Services**  
**The University of Texas, Austin**

Tom Melecki serves as Director of Student Financial Services at The University of Texas at Austin, a position he has held since 2008. He oversees all operations of the Office of Student Financial Services, the university's on-campus financial aid resource. Prior to his current position, Dr. Melecki served 17 years with the National Student Loan Program, the nation's sixth largest student loan guaranty agency, as the company's chief compliance officer. Prior to working for NSLP, he served eight years, from 1982-1990, at the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation in Austin, Texas, as an Executive Staff Member. And from 1978 to 1982 he worked as a Student Development Specialist in the Office of Student Financial Services at The University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Melecki has co-authored "A Primer on the Federal Budget Process" and has served on the research committee of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. He also served on the private loans committee of the National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs and the communications committee of the Nebraska Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. Dr. Melecki is a member of the American Society for Training and Development.

In addition to his PhD in educational administration from The University of Texas at Austin, Dr. Melecki earned a master's degree in college student personnel and a bachelor's degree in political science from Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

**Ms. Jenny Allen Ryan**  
**Director of Financial Aid**  
**Western Governors University**

Jenny Allen Ryan has over 31 years of work experience related to higher education administration. Her current position is Director of Financial Aid at Western Governors University. She has experience as a Director of Graduate Admissions at Regis University and Manager of Student Loans at Emory University. Coupled with her higher education experience, Ms. Ryan has worked for a guarantor, USA Funds, and with lender services for Sallie Mae. She coordinated a nationwide public service outreach to teach high school students money management skills through the College for Financial Planning, and her real passion is financial literacy.

Ms. Ryan has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Ohio State University and a master of education in guidance and counseling from Xavier University.

**Mr. David Smedley**  
**Associate Director, Compliance and Training**  
**Office of Student Financial Assistance**  
**The George Washington University**

David Smedley currently serves as the Associate Director for Compliance and Training in the Office of Student Financial Assistance at The George Washington University. In this role, he is primary contact for statutory, regulatory and political analysis relating to issues impacting OSFA. His previous experience includes seven and a half years as director of financial aid at Valley Forge Military Academy and College, along with experience at The Institute of World Politics, Gwynedd-Mercy College, Temple University, and the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

Mr. Smedley has been active in state, regional, and national professional higher education associations. He currently serves on the Federal Relations Committee of the Delaware-District of Columbia-Maryland Financial Aid Administrators (Tri-State), the Access, Diversity, and Excellence Committee of The National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, and a working group on veterans' education benefits/Post 9/11 issues coordinated by the National Association of College and University Business Officers. He has also presented at state, regional, and national conferences. His most recent publications have appeared in the *North County News* and the *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*.

Mr. Smedley earned bachelor of arts and master of public administration degrees from Temple University. He is currently enrolled in the master of education/higher education administration program at The George Washington University with future plans to enroll in a master of divinity program.

**Mr. Joseph Storch**  
**Associate Counsel, Office of University Counsel**  
**State University of New York System Administration**

Joseph Storch is an Associate Counsel at the State University of New York Office of University Counsel. In addition to comprehensive legal representation for SUNY Oswego, SUNY Cortland, and the SUNY Institute of Technology, he concentrates on domestic and workplace violence policies, campus safety, admissions and financial aid, FERPA, and the legal issues created by the use and development of emerging technologies. Mr. Storch is a graduate of SUNY Oswego, where he first worked as an Admissions Counselor. He then attended Cornell Law School, during which he spent two summers working in higher education law, first for the Cornell University Counsel's Office and then for the SUNY Office of University Counsel. After graduating, he clerked for the New York State Appellate Division, 3rd Department.

Mr. Storch's writing has appeared in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Inside Higher Ed*, the *Orlando Sentinel*, the *Albany Law Review*, the *Medical Trial Techniques Quarterly*, *Court Review: the Journal of the American Judges Association*, and as a NACUA Note. He is licensed to practice law in the State of New York.

Mr. Storch graduated summa cum laude from SUNY Oswego with degrees in political science and rhetorical communications. He completed his law degree at Cornell Law School and is currently pursuing a master's degree in public policy with a higher education policy concentration at SUNY Albany.

**Mr. Richard Them**  
**Senior Vice President, Student Finance and Compliance**  
**Education Management Corporation (EDMC)**

Richard Them has been EDMC's Senior Vice President of Student Finance and Compliance since March of 2009. From January 1994 to February 2009, he served in various managerial roles including Senior Vice President of Student Financial Services. Primary responsibilities include financial aid policy development, compliance, institutional eligibility, coordination and preparation of yearly independent financial aid compliance audits and federal program reviews if needed.

Mr. Them has over 30 years of experience in private, postsecondary education where he has held a number of leadership positions in the area of financial aid. He earned a BS in business administration from Manhattan College in 1974, where he graduated cum laude.