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BERNARD E. ANDERSON

Bernard E. Anderson, a nationally respected economist, has held leadership positions in academia, public service, and civic life. He is the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Professor Emeritus, at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, and Senior Fellow, Center for Human Resources.

He began his career as an economist with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, and after earning the Ph.D. degree in Business and Applied Economics at the University of Pennsylvania, was appointed to the Wharton School faculty where he pursued a productive career in teaching, research, and publication. He is the author of six books and numerous scholarly and popular articles on economic affairs and employment policy. He was the second African-American ever appointed to the Wharton School Faculty, and the first to earn tenure. (He was a student of the late Dr. Andrew F. Brimmer, the first African American member of the Wharton School faculty).

He took leave from the University to serve as Director of the Social Sciences Division of the Rockefeller Foundation, and Visiting Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University. He later served as Managing Partner of the Urban Affairs Partnership in Philadelphia. In 1991, Governor Robert P. Casey appointed him Chairman of the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority, the fiscal oversight board for the City of Philadelphia. He was later appointed by President William J. Clinton as Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment Standards Administration. He was also a public member of the Board of Directors of

the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

At various times, he served on the board of directors of Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company, United Bank of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Urban League, the Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition, The Franklin Institute, and the Philadelphia Orchestra. He was chairman of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, and is currently Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Tuskegee University. He is Chairman of the National Urban League Council of Economic Advisors. He received the A.B. degree from Livingstone College (summa cum laude), and the M.A. degree from Michigan State University. He was awarded honorary doctoral degrees by six colleges and universities. Throughout his career, he has worked to achieve equal opportunity for all Americans, and to eliminate racial inequality in American economic life.

CHARLES L. BETSEY

Charles Betsey is Professor of Economics at Howard University and Co-Director of the Center on Race and Wealth. He served as Interim Dean of the Graduate School from 2009 to 2012 and as chairman of the economics department from 1990-1996. Prior to joining the Howard faculty he was on the faculty of a number of universities and served in staff roles in various governmental and private research organizations, including the U.S. Department of Labor and the Congressional Budget Office.

Dr. Betsey's current research interests include the factors that affect wealth accumulation of African-Americans. His

recent publications include an edited volume of articles on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and a study of the determinants of faculty research productivity. His recent study of racial differences in saving and investment attitudes and behavior coauthored with Margaret Simms is pending publication. Dr. Betsey earned his B.A. in Economics and Spanish Literature and his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Michigan.

JAMES H. CARR

Jim Carr is a housing finance, banking and urban policy consultant and Senior Policy Fellow with the Opportunity Agenda. Previously, he served as Chief Business Officer for the National Community Reinvestment Coalition where he managed minority- and women-owned business centers in Washington, DC, New York, NY, and Houston, TX that assisted their clients to access more than \$1.8 billion of capital and \$350 million in federal contracts during his tenure. Prior to his appointment to NCRC, Jim was Senior Vice President for Financial Innovation, Planning and Research for the Fannie Mae Foundation and Vice President for Housing Research at Fannie Mae. He has also held posts as Assistant Director for Tax Policy with the U.S. Senate Budget Committee, and Research Associate at the Center for Urban Policy Research at Rutgers University. Jim also previously served a Visiting Professor at Columbia University and an Executive Committee Member of Americans for Financial Reform.

Jim has served on research or policy advisory boards at numerous colleges and universities including Harvard University, University of California-Berkeley, and University of Pennsylvania. He is an Advisory Committee Member of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Center for Community Development Investments, an

Advisory Board Member of the John Marshall Law School, and a Braintruster (blogger) for the Roosevelt Institute. Jim previously served on the Corporate Advisory Board of the Urban Financial Services Coalition and was as an instructor for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Training Institute. Jim has also been an advisor to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Urban Affairs Project Group in Paris, France. Jim has served as an international advisor on financial modernization and housing finance to China, Mexico, Turkey, and Colombia. He has served on Congressional delegations to South Africa and Ghana on housing and economic development.

Jim testifies frequently before the United States Congress on issues related to the economy, housing markets, financial system regulatory reform, and wealth disparities and economic mobility. He is particularly recognized for his knowledge about and leadership on development of financial instruments and strategies to promote sustainable affordable home lending, inner-city community and economic development, and wealth creation for lower-income households.

Jim has appeared on CNN, CNBC, Bloomberg, MSNBC, FOX News, PBS, and a variety of local news stations in Washington, DC and New York. He has been interviewed on Newsweek on Air, Bloomberg Radio, and National Public Radio. Jim has been quoted and his research cited in various major newspapers including the Washington Post, USA Today, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, Associated Press, Reuters, and numerous additional media outlets.

Jim's speeches have been awarded top honors, including the "Best of the Best" award by the International Association of Business Communicators. Jim is the founder and former editor of the scholarly journal *Housing Policy Debate* (published by Rutledge Publishers) which, during Jim's 17 years as editor, was routinely rated one of the nation's premier urban studies research journals by the Institute for Scientific Information. He also served for more than a decade as editor of the peer-reviewed publication *Journal of Housing Research*. Jim's recent books include *Replicating Microfinance in the United States* and *Segregation: The Rising Costs for America*.

Jim has earned numerous professional and academic honors and awards. He was selected as a 2012 Closing the Racial Wealth Gap Fellow with the Insight Center for Community Economic Development and Op Ed Project, 2004 Aspen Institute Scholar, recipient of the 2003 Community Impact Award from the National Organization of Black County Officials, the 1998 Presidential Award from the National Association of Urban Bankers, and an Outstanding Achievement Award by the Neighborhood Reinvestment Training Institute in 1996. Jim holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree with honors from Hampton University, a Master of Urban Planning degree from Columbia University, and a Master of City and Regional Planning degree from University of Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM A. DARITY JR.

William A. ("Sandy") Darity Jr. is Arts & Sciences Professor of Public Policy Studies and Economics, Chair of African and African American Studies and director of the Research Network on Racial and Ethnic Inequality at Duke University. He earned the Ph.D. in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1978.

Previously he served as director of the Institute of African American Research, director of the Moore Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program, director of the Undergraduate Honors Program in economics, and director of Graduate Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Darity's research focuses on stratification economics, inequality by race, class and ethnicity, schooling and the racial achievement gap, North-South theories of trade and development, skin shade and labor market outcomes, the economics of reparations, the Atlantic slave trade and the Industrial Revolution, doctrinal history and the social psychological effects of unemployment exposure.

Darity was the 2012 recipient of the Samuel Z. Westerfield Award, the highest honor bestowed by the National Economic Association. He also has been a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Sciences at Stanford (2011-2012), a fellow at the National Humanities Center (1989-90) and a visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve's Board of Governors (1984). He is a past president of the National Economic Association and the Southern Economic Association. Darity also has taught at Grinnell College, the University of Maryland at College Park, the University of Texas at Austin, Simmons College and Claremont-McKenna College. He was Editor in Chief of the most recent edition of the *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences* (Macmillan Reference, 2008). Darity has published or edited 10 books and more than 220 articles in professional journals.

Darity lives with his family in Durham, N.C. where he occasionally plays harmonica in a

local blues band, occasionally coaches youth sport, and enjoys reading science fiction and speculative fiction.

ALEXANDER DELEON

Alexander DeLeon is a 2012 graduate of Morehouse College with a degree in mathematics, and a first year graduate student in the Howard University Department of Economics. His interest in economics grew out of concern about the nation's stark and persistent wealth inequality, and blossomed while observing various consequences of the most recent recession in his home community in Prince Georges County, Maryland. He is currently working towards a master's degree in Economics. His academic interests include Macroeconomics and Public Finance.

MARGARET EVANS GAYLE

Margaret Evans Gayle (BA English; MA Education, Western Carolina University), a Visiting Research Fellow with the Research Network for Racial and Ethnic Inequality at Duke University, has spent 50 years in public education administering programs at local and state levels and writing and speaking about transforming education for the future. Gayle has spent the last decade on research in Title 1 schools for promoting teaching gifted education for all students that culminated in a Javits Education Grant, Project Bright IDEA: Interest Development Early Abilities, 2004-2010. Significant findings included the increase of students in gifted programs from Title 1 populations with no disproportional differences found in ethnicity or gender.

RALPH B. EVERETT

Ralph B. Everett is the President and CEO of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a leading think tank that focuses on issues of concern to African Americans and other people of color. In

heading the Joint Center, he has strengthened the organization's research and policy activities in the areas of economic opportunity and health equity, while expanding the organization's focus into new areas such as broadband access and energy and environment. He previously spent 18 years as a specialist in telecommunications and transportation policy at the law firm of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, where he became its first African American partner and served as Managing Partner of the Washington, DC Office for a number of years. Prior to that, Mr. Everett had worked in the U.S. Senate for more than a decade, including serving as staff director and chief counsel of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. He is currently on the boards of Cumulus Media Inc., Star Scientific, Inc., Duke University School of Law Board of Visitors, the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, and Independent Sector. He is also a member of the Economic Club of Washington, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity. In 1998, President Clinton appointed Mr. Everett as U.S. Ambassador to the International Telecommunications Union's Plenipotentiary Conference. That year, he was also chosen to lead the U.S. Delegation to the Second World Telecommunication Development Conference in Malta, joining participants from more than 190 nations. In 2008, Mr. Everett was a team lead for the Obama-Biden Transition Project Agency Review Working Group responsible for overseeing the U.S. Department of Commerce. His past service includes being a member of the boards of the National Urban League, Connected Nation, Center for National Policy, the Federal Communications Commission's Advisory Committee on Diversity for Communications in the Digital Age and the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and

Universities. Mr. Everett is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Morehouse College and has a J.D. from Duke University Law School and an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Virginia State University.

WAYNE A.I. FREDERICK

Wayne A.I. Frederick, MD., MBA, F.A.C.S. is the Provost and Chief Academic Officer, Deputy Senior Vice President of Howard University Health Sciences and the Director of Howard University's Cancer Center. Dr. Frederick's history with Howard University dates back to his college years where he left his homeland of Trinidad to join the University as a student ultimately matriculating in a combined BS/MD program and receiving his medical degree in six years, graduating at the age of 22. While completing his residency in General Surgery at Howard University Hospital, Dr. Frederick received several awards including the Chairman's Chief Resident of the Year Award. He completed his surgical oncology fellowship and post-doctoral research fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center. While at MD Anderson Cancer Center he held the position of Chief Administrative Fellow. His other noteworthy positions include: Principal Investigator for the Susan G. Komen Dr. LaSalle D. Leffall Jr. Fellowship in Health Disparities Program; Director of the Drew-Walker Residents Forum of the Surgical Section of the National Medical Association; and Vice Chairman of the District of Columbia Board of Medicine. In addition, he has also served as an Associate Board Examiner for the American Board of Surgery and he currently sits as a reviewer of several scientific journals. He is currently a member of several national organizations, including: the Society of University Surgeons; the Association of Academic Surgeons; the Society of Black Academic Surgeons; the American Society of Clinical Oncology; the

American College of Surgeons, where he serves as an executive member of the Committee of Young Surgeons; and, the Society of Surgical Oncology, where he is a member of the Diversity Committee. Dr. Frederick has recently been elected as the Chair of the Surgical Section of the National Medical Association. Dr. Frederick's research has been published in several internationally recognized peer-review journals. His research interest specifically focuses on the outcome disparities seen in African Americans and other unrepresented segments of our society.

LINDA GREEN

Linda Green, MD is currently Associate Program Director in Internal Medicine at Prince George's Hospital Center. In this capacity she sees patients in the inpatient and outpatient setting and supervises the training of 42 residents in internal medicine. She is a member of the American College of Physicians and in 2001 received the "Annual Award for Excellence in Internal Medicine". In 2006 she received a "Hero in Health Care" award from Dimensions Healthcare.

She has been a member of the Medical Care Section of the American Public Health Association for 30 years and served on the Governing Council. She has been active for 20 years with the Metropolitan Washington Public Health Association and its Disparities Committee with a focus on HIV/AIDS and Housing.

Dr. Green went to medical school at Duke University, did her training at New York and Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospitals and is board certified in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology. She has been on the faculty at Howard University and George Washington University and worked for Group Health Association before coming to Prince George's Hospital Center.

RODNEY GREEN

Rodney Green has served as a professor of urban economics at Howard University since 1977, and for the past eighteen years has also served as Executive Director of the Howard University Center for Urban Progress, a unit designed to strengthen the University's urban research, program evaluation, community service, and community development agenda at local, federal, and international levels. He currently serves as Chair of the Howard University Department of Economics and is a co-Principal Investigator of the Center on Race and Wealth.

Dr. Green has directed over 60 externally funded projects at the Center for Urban Progress since its founding with a value of over \$30 million dollars. Dr. Green has authored three scholarly books on issues of race and urban development and over 40 journal articles. In recent years, he has directed evaluation studies of seven HOPE VI projects in the District of Columbia, Virginia, and Florida, as well as other public housing and urban initiatives. Dr. Green has actively participated in labor, social justice, and anti-racist movements since 1968. Dr. Green received his undergraduate degree in politics and economics at Yale University (1970) and his M.A. (1976) and Ph.D. (1980) degrees in economics at the American University.

DARRICK HAMILTON

Darrick Hamilton is an associate professor of economics and urban policy at The New School, an affiliate scholar at the Center for American Progress, and a research affiliate at the Research Network on Racial and Ethnic Inequality at Duke University. He earned a Ph.D. from the Department of Economics at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 1999. He is a

stratification economist whose work focuses on the causes, consequences and remedies of racial and ethnic inequality in economic and health outcomes, which includes an examination of the intersection of identity, racism, colorism, and socioeconomic outcomes. He has published articles on disparities in wealth, homeownership, health and labor market outcomes. Finally, his research agenda has been supported by grants from the Ford Foundation, National Institute of Health, National Science Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

JONATHAN HUTTO

In January 2004, Jonathan Hutto enlisted in the United States Navy. He was stationed onboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71) in July 2004. He immediately confronted a culture of ingrained racism and xenophobia. While deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, some shipmates displayed a hangman's noose to his face. He responded by writing an open letter to his chain of command demanding accountability. Those shipmates were punished for their actions. In the fall of 2006, he began a campaign with active duty service members to call attention to the Iraq War. Using the Military Whistleblower Protection Act, he helped to mobilize over 2000 service members, through the Appeal for Redress campaign, to send a protected communication to their member of Congress to end the war and send the troops home. In October 2007, he accepted the Letelier Moffit Human Rights award from the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS). He published a book, through Nation Books, on the Appeal for Redress campaign titled "Anti-War Soldier." He was honorably discharged from the Navy August 16, 2011.

Jonathan is currently a 1st year doctoral student in Political Science back at alma

mater Howard University. He graduated with a BA in Political Science in 1999. He served as Howard University Student Association President (1997-98) and Undergraduate Trustee (1998-99).

JANICE JOHNSON DIAS

Dr. Janice Johnson Dias is an Assistant Professor of Sociology and a Graduate Faculty in the Department of Criminal Justice at John Jay College. Johnson Dias holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from Temple University; she completed her postdoctoral study at the University of Michigan, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, National Poverty Center. Her research focuses on impoverished mothers and children. In addition to her academic work, Johnson Dias has extensive experience working with, evaluating and building collaborations among social service and community organizations. Her most recent work in Long Island with Stony Brook University and community stakeholders on issues of black girls' mental, sexual and physical health earned the collaborative a special Congressional honor. Johnson Dias also serves as the President of GrassROOTS Community Foundation, a national health advocacy organization that supports, develops, and scales community-driven solutions to the health challenges facing women and girls living in poverty.

HAYDAR KURBAN

Haydar Kurban, Ph.D., is an associate professor in Department of Economics at Howard University. Dr. Kurban received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Kurban's research is focused on inequity in property tax funded public education, local public finance, urban sprawl, and economics of disasters. His research projects have been funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban development, National Science Foundation,

and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Dr. Kurban's research papers have appeared as book chapters and as journal articles in *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, *National Tax Journal*, *Economic Development Quarterly*, *Cityscape*, *International Journal of Critical Infrastructure* and *the Review of Black Political Economy*. Dr. Kurban is a member of Chicago Political Economy Group (<http://www.cpeonline.org>).

WILHELMINA A. LEIGH

Wilhelmina A. Leigh, Senior Research Associate, at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, has done work most recently in the areas of housing and asset building. Previously a principal analyst at the U.S. Congressional Budget Office, Dr. Leigh has taught at Harvard University, Howard University, the University of Virginia, and Georgetown University. She has been an elected member of the National Academy of Social Insurance since 1996. In 2012, she became a fellow of the TIAA-CREF Institute. Leigh received her Ph.D. in economics from the Johns Hopkins University and her A.B., also in economics, from Cornell University.

ENRIQUE A. LOPEZLIRA

Enrique A. Lopezlira is a Ph.D. candidate in economics and a lecturer in economics at Howard University, where he teaches principles of microeconomics, intermediate microeconomics and business statistics. His research focuses on the micro-econometric aspects of the labor market behavior of older workers. He has taught economics at Mesa Community College and Grand Canyon University in Arizona, and was deputy director of policy and research at Western Progress, a progressive think tank focusing on issues impacting the Rocky Mountain West.

LORENZO MORRIS

Lorenzo Morris is professor and former chair of Political Science at Howard University. He recently held the Tocqueville-Fulbright Distinguished Chair at the University of Paris. He is an author and consultant on electoral behavior, black politics, and international and American public policy. He has taught previously at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has been a Research Fellow at the Brookings Institution and a Senior Fellow in the Institute for the Study of Educational Policy. He has served internationally as a visiting lecturer and analyst on electoral behavior and civil rights in numerous countries. He is a frequent television, radio newspaper public affairs commentator on American politics in Western Europe, Canada, francophone West Africa, and the U.S. He has published five scholarly books including *Elusive Equality* and more than a hundred articles. His most recent publications include "Behavioral Pragmatism: President Obama's Approach to Unemployment," *Review of Black Political Economy* (2012) and "Rules for Public Intellectuals," *PS: Political Science and the Politics* (2010).

In the university context he directs the Census Information Center and the Community Development Minor. He has been president of NCOBPS, a national political science association and editorial board member or chair of several scholarly journals including *PS: Political Science & Politics* and the *National Political Science Review*. He has served on U.S. State Department evaluation and review panels and been an analyst for State Department and USAID programs in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Caribbean.

He was born in Poughkeepsie, New York. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Fisk University. He studied at Oberlin College and Yale University. He received his Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in political science from the University of Chicago.

JUDY MULUSA

Judy Mulusa is a Ph.D. candidate at Howard University's department of Economics. In her dissertation research she is looking at the effects of gentrification in the housing market. Her dissertation consists of three essays analyzing the displacement effects of gentrification and the disproportionate impact that it may have on low income and minority households. Currently Judy is a Research Assistant at the Center for Urban Progress, Howard University where she has participated in a number of projects including a Georgia Avenue Growth study, evaluation of the HOPE VI community supportive services program, and a study on racial wealth gaps in the state of Illinois.

WIZDOM POWELL HAMMOND

Wizdom Powell Hammond is Assistant Professor of Health Behavior at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. Dr. Hammond is also a faculty member at UNC's Lineberger Comprehensive Care Center and Director of UNC's Men's Health Research Lab. Most recently, she was appointed by President Obama to serve as White House Fellow to the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel & Readiness and Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta. In these roles, she provided subject matter expertise on military mental health policies. Her community-based research broadly focuses on psychosocial determinants of physical/mental health and health services use among African American men and boys.

ELSIE L. SCOTT

Dr. Elsie L. Scott is the founding director of the Ronald Walters Leadership and Public Policy Center at Howard University. Prior to her present position, she served as President & CEO of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. She is a political scientist who holds a Ph.D. from Atlanta University, M.A. degree from the University of Iowa and a B.A. degree from Southern University.

CONGRESSMAN ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

Congressman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott is currently serving his eleventh term in Congress. Prior to serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, Rep. Scott served in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1978 to 1983 and in the Senate of Virginia from 1983 to 1993.

During his 15-year tenure in the Virginia General Assembly, Rep. Scott successfully sponsored laws that are critical to Virginians in healthcare, education, employment, economic development, crime prevention, social services and consumer protection. His legislative successes included laws that improved healthcare benefits for women, infants and children, increased the Virginia minimum wage and created the Governor's Employment and Training Council. He also sponsored the Neighborhood Assistance Act, which provides tax credits to businesses for donations made to approved social service and crime prevention programs.

In November 1992, Rep. Scott was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. Through this election, Rep. Scott made history by becoming the first African American elected to Congress from the Commonwealth of Virginia since Reconstruction and only the second African American elected to Congress in Virginia's history. Having a maternal grandfather of

Filipino ancestry also gives Rep. Scott the distinction of being the first American with Filipino ancestry to serve as a voting member of Congress.

Rep. Scott currently serves on the Committee on the Judiciary, where he is the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations and a member of the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. Rep. Scott also serves on the Committee on Education and the Workforce where he is a member of the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education and the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

In his almost 20 years in Congress, Rep. Scott has become known as a champion of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, fighting to protect the rights and civil liberties of all Americans. For example, in 1997, he protected the right of all children with disabilities to obtain a free and appropriate education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) by leading a successful effort to defeat amendments aimed at curtailing that right for some children. Another example is a bill Rep. Scott sponsored, the Death in Custody Reporting Act, which requires states and localities to report information regarding the death of any person in the custody of law enforcement officials. It was signed into law by President Clinton on October 17, 2000. In 2010, Rep. Scott successfully led efforts in the House to pass the Fair Sentencing Act, which reduced the crack and powder cocaine sentencing disparity from a ratio of 100:1 to 18:1. Rep. Scott is also a leading critic against warrantless wiretapping and the leading opponent of efforts to permit employment discrimination in federally funded programs.

As a former member of the House Budget Committee, Rep. Scott has developed a reputation as a deficit hawk. He was an ardent opponent of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts that were skewed towards the wealthiest Americans and created huge deficits. He also opposed the 2008 taxpayer bailout of Wall Street and the 2010 extension of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts. He is dedicated to restoring fiscal sanity to the federal budget process in order to balance the federal budget. In the 111th Congress, he advocated for the return of Statutory Pay-As-You-Go budget rules, which helped bring the federal budget from deficit to surplus in the 1990s.

Rep. Scott was an early and consistent opponent of the War in Iraq, having voted against the initial resolution authorizing President Bush to use force against Iraq. At the same time, Rep. Scott is a strong supporter of our nation's military readiness as well as our troops and their safety. He is a leading advocate for improving and increasing funding for veterans' benefits and health care, especially mental health care, and was the lead sponsor in the House of Senator Jim Webb's Post-9/11 G.I. Bill that was signed into law on June 30, 2008. For the 111th Congress, Rep. Scott received an "A" from the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America for his service and commitment to veterans.

From the beginning of his tenure in Congress, Rep. Scott has led efforts to pass comprehensive juvenile justice reform and crime prevention legislation and is doing so now by sponsoring the Youth PROMISE Act, which would provide resources to state and local governments for evidenced-based strategies and programs to prevent juvenile crime. He is also leading efforts to enact legislation designed to reduce high school

dropout rates and increase access to a college education for all students with the Every Student Counts Act. And, as a part of developing universal health care for all, Rep. Scott sponsored the All Healthy Children Act to ensure that the 9 million uninsured children in the United States have access to quality health care.

In 2010, Rep. Scott was recognized by The Hill, a Capitol Hill newspaper, as one of the 25 hardest working Members of Congress. The Hill later recognized Rep. Scott in 2012 as one of Capitol Hill's 50 most beautiful people.

Rep. Scott was born on April 30, 1947 in Washington, D.C. and grew up in Newport News, Virginia. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Boston College Law School. After graduating from law school, he returned to Newport News and practiced law from 1973 to 1991. He received an honorable discharge for his service in the Massachusetts National Guard and the United States Army Reserve.

Rep. Scott is a member of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Newport News and is a member of many professional, community and civic boards and organizations.

RHONDA VONSHAY SHARPE

Rhonda Vonshay Sharpe currently serves as a Visiting Professor of African and African American Studies, the Associate Director for the Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics, and the Research Director for the Research Network on Racial and Ethnic Inequality at Duke University. Her recent publications have focused on the demography of higher education and of STEM education; the educational attainment of blacks; and the development of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). She has served on the faculty at

Barnard College, Columbia University, the University of Vermont, and Bennett College. She earned her Ph.D. in economics/mathematics from Claremont Graduate University.

WILLIAM SPRIGGS

William Spriggs is a professor in, and former Chair of, the Department of Economics at Howard University and serves as Chief Economist to the AFL-CIO. Bill assumed these roles in August 2012.

Bill was appointed by President Barack Obama, and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, in 2009 to serve as Assistant Secretary for the Office of Policy at the United States Department of Labor, taking a leave of absence from Howard University to do so. At the time of his appointment, he also served as chairman for the Healthcare Trust for UAW Retirees of the Ford Motor Company and as chairman of the UAW Retirees of the Dana Corporation Health and Welfare Trust; vice chair of the Congressional Black Caucus Political Education and Leadership Institute; member of the joint National Academy of Sciences and National Academy of Public Administration's Committee on the Fiscal Future for the United States; and Senior Fellow of the Community Service Society of New York. He also served on the boards of the National Employment Law Project and the Eastern Economic Association.

Bill's previous work experience includes roles leading economic policy development and research as a Senior Fellow and Economist at the Economic Policy Institute; as Executive Director for the Institute for Opportunity and Equality of the National

Urban League; as a Senior Advisor for the Office of Government Contracting and Minority Business Development for the U.S. Small Business Administration; as a Senior Advisor and Economist for the Economics and Statistics Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce; as an Economist for the Democratic staff of the Joint Economic Committee of Congress; and, as staff director for the independent, federal National Commission for Employment Policy.

He also taught six years at Norfolk State University and for two years at North Carolina A & T State University.

He is a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance and the National Academy of Public Administration

OMARI H. SWINTON

Dr. Omari H. Swinton is an assistant professor in the Economics department at Howard University where he teaches introductory, intermediate, and urban economics. His research interests include labor economics and education. He has papers examining the teenage labor market, the benefits from attending HBCU's, and the returns to a college education. He coauthored a report for NAFEO entitled "The State of Blacks in Higher Education." He currently is working on projects that examine the returns to effort for students and the obstacles to faculty diversity in higher education. He earned his B.S. from Florida A & M University in 2001, and his doctoral degree from Duke University in 2007. He resides in Upper Marlboro, MD with his wife, Phyllis, and three children, Omari Jr., Nyla, and Jamir.