

Presenter Bios

Bersheril Bailey

Senior Program Associate

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M.A., Educational Administration, Michigan State University), is a Senior Program Associate at Learning Point Associates. She works with state education agencies and intermediate school districts to develop systems that increase academic achievement for all students. She also provides assistance to districts and schools in need of improvement to meet and exceed the requirements of No Child Left Behind. Bersheril Bailey has thirty-three years of experience in public school education. She has worked in elementary, middle, and high schools as a special education teacher, assistant principal, director of alternative programs, and as a high school principal. She implemented and supervised smaller learning communities and a magnet program for math, science, and engineering. Her most notable accomplishments include creating and supervising innovative high school programs for students who struggled to succeed in traditional high school settings. She has extensive experience and training in classroom management, school improvement, and creating positive school climate and culture. She was chosen Employee of the Year in 2005 by the Superintendent and School Board in her district. She currently serves as a consultant to the Michigan Department of Education.

Rep. Richard Ball (R – Laingsburg)

House Education Committee

Dr. Ball is a life long resident of Shiawassee County and a graduate of Owosso High School. He has a degree in Optometry, a Masters in Physiological Optics, and a Ph.D. in Visual Experimental Psychology.

Experience:

50 years practicing optometry in Owosso

Over 40 years Associate Professor teaching part time at M.S.U.

Over 16 years member of Owosso Board of Education

7 years member Shiawassee County Health Board

Rep. Ball was elected in 2004 to Michigan House of Representatives and is now serving in his third term.

During his first two terms served on the following Committees in House of Representatives

Agriculture (twice) (Vice Chair / 05-06)

Education

Health Policy (twice)

Insurance

Senior Health and Retirement (Vice Chair/ 07-08)

Dick Ball is married to Connie. He was widowed in 1996 and he remarried in 2000. He has two grown sons, Dave (Angela) and Mike (Pico); Connie has one grown son, Brian (Vickie). Together they have three grandchildren.

Has owned and lived on a 100 acre farm in Bennington Township for over 45 years.

He is also a veteran of U.S. Army.

Brian Barber

Director

White Lake Area Community Education

Brian Barber received his B.S. in Education and his Master in Leisure Service Administration from Central Michigan University. He has served as the Assistant Director of White Lake Area Community Education in Whitehall, Michigan for the past six years. Brian has a widely varied background and has worked for Oakridge Public Schools, as the Director/Principal of Early Childhood & Community Education; the Bay Area Community Foundation; the Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission; and the United States Army. He has been on numerous boards, including the Otsego Chamber of Commerce, MACAE's own Board, and as an Advisory Board Member for the Michigan Area Renewable Energy Center. He has also had the position of President of the Western Michigan Community Education Coalition and received the 1999 Michigan Department of Education Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding New Director in Adult and Community Education. He is married to Amy Barber for 19 years and they have three daughters.

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Sherry Belcher

College Access Advisor

Jackson College Access Center

Sherry Belcher is a College Access Advisor for the Jackson College Access Center. Jackson County is committed to increasing educational opportunities for our community. The Jackson College Access Center supports community members as they navigate the postsecondary education process. Sherry meets one-on-one with students supporting their needs: career exploration, college admissions/selection, financial aid, scholarship searches and agency referrals. She coordinated and implemented the Sallie Mae Fund's Kids2College early awareness program for 125 sixth grade students. This is a six lesson curriculum engaging socio-economically challenged students in a college bound culture. She presents to high school students and parents as well as GED program participants promoting postsecondary education planning. The Jackson College Access Center is a program of the Jackson Community Foundation.

Sherry is the President-elect of the Jackson Counselors Association and has served on various boards and volunteer positions in her community. She continues to work as a substitute teacher for the Jackson County ISD. She formerly worked for Consumers Energy as a Documentation and Training Specialist. She has a Bachelors of Science degree in Scientific and Technical Communications from Michigan Technological University.

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John Burkhardt

National Forum on Higher Education for the Public Good

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Dr. John C. Burkhardt is a Clinical Professor of Higher and Postsecondary Education at the University of Michigan, and directs the National Forum on Higher Education for the Public Good, an effort to make higher education more responsive to the needs of a changing society. In addition to his teaching and research responsibilities, he also holds the title of Special Assistant to the Provost for University Engagement.

The work of the National Forum has received substantial attention and investment from major national foundations as a means of repositioning education in U.S. society. One of the National Forum's signature projects takes place in communities where citizens gather to discuss the question, "Who is College For?"

John joined the Michigan faculty in September of 2000 after serving eight years as a program director at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. At Kellogg he coordinated leadership grant making and projects in education and leadership development around the world. During his tenure, the foundation invested over \$250 million dollars in projects to promote engagement between higher education and communities and funded several national efforts to renew the public service missions of land grant institutions, community colleges and research universities. John was also responsible for leading the foundation's efforts at higher education transformation in Eastern and Central Europe following the dissolution of the Soviet Union.

Prior to his role at the Kellogg Foundation, John was vice president for planning and administration at the University of Detroit Mercy. He has also been a fellow of the Institute for Educational Leadership, a Kellogg Foundation National Leadership Fellow and has held fellowships or visiting scholar positions at the University of California at Los Angeles and The Salzburg Seminar in Salzburg, Austria. In 2009 he was awarded the Exemplary Diversity Engagement Award by the National Center for Institutional Diversity at the University of Michigan.

In 2004, Dr. Burkhardt served as senior policy advisor to a statewide commission convened by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm charged with setting the future direction of Michigan's higher education system. He also served as a member of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education for the Civic Good, appointed by the Michigan state legislature in 2004. In 2007, he was appointed by the Michigan State Board of Education to the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers. He is past chairman and current board member of the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital board of directors, a trustee emeritus of the Eastern Michigan University Foundation, and a director of the Robert K. Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership.

John received a bachelor's degree from Oakland University, a master's degree in education from Michigan State University, a master's degree in psychology from the University of Michigan and a doctoral degree in philosophy from Michigan in 1986. Over his career his work has been supported by many national and regional foundations and agencies. His most recent book is (2005) *Higher Education for the Public Good: Voices from an Emerging Movement*.

Barb Fardell

Education Consultant

Education Technology & Data Coordination

Michigan Department of Education

Barb Fardell is currently the Manager for Educational Technology for the Michigan Department of Education. In addition to her role as technology and curriculum policy interpreter for Michigan Schools, she spends much of her time working on the expansion of distance learning throughout the state and presenting at conferences and districts on the merits technology integration. Barb and her staff are responsible for Title II Part D, Enhancing Education Through Technology Grants. She has spent much of the past year working on a collaborative project with the Library of Michigan, MDE, and Wayne State University on the development of the Michigan Online Resources for Educators (MORE) teacher resource portal. Barb was one of the original teachers and course designers for the Michigan Virtual School and served as the Manager for Teacher Training and Development. She has also been a classroom teacher and a technology trainer for private industry.

MaryAlice Galloway

Interim Director

Office of School Improvement

Michigan Department of Education

MaryAlice Galloway has worked at the Michigan Department of Education for many years in a variety of positions. As the Interim Director of the Office of School Improvement she provides leadership to a large office that administers many state and federal programs and services including: Title I, curriculum and instruction, school improvement, support for schools identified for improvement.

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Abbie Groff Hilgendorf is the Instructional Specialist Consultant in the Curriculum and Literacy Unit of the Office of School Improvement at the Michigan Department of Education. She began her work in education as a third- and fourth-grade teacher and later as an assistant elementary school administrator in the Greenville Public School District in Greenville, MS. Most recently, Abbie was the principal of a charter school in Indianapolis, IN. She is an alumna of Indiana University, Teach for America, and the Harvard University Graduate School of Education.

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Matt Korolden

Co-Director, Secondary Redesign and Transition

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Matt joined the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services in October 2007 as co-director of one Michigan's Mandated Activity Projects. Matt's emphasis is on the connection between special education and high school redesign. Prior to this he served the Sanilac ISD as Behavioral Consultant and Transition Coordinator. His work experience spans the fields of sports and entertainment, community mental health and special education.

Matt currently resides in Yale, Michigan's self proclaimed "Bologna Capitol." His has been married for 13 years to his wife, Jami and is the father of four children: Ryan age 8, Jillian age 6, Aidan age 3 and Nolan age

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Rep. Tim Melton (D-Auburn Hills)

Chair, House Education Committee

Tim Melton was born and raised in Pontiac, MI, the son of two General Motors Corporation autoworkers and influential leaders in the UAW, Charlie and Bonnie Melton. His father and mother were both elected officials in UAW local 653, with his father serving as President when the local was one of the largest in the nation. Tim often is fond of saying he practically grew up in a union hall, and learned politics from his parents who won and fought many elections. His mother still serves as Chairperson of the Retiree Chapter of the union local, where Tim is actively involved.

Melton, who attended both high school and college within the 29th state house district, graduated from Oakland Christian High School and then attended and graduated with honors from Oakland University. An accomplished student, he left school to work as a "Welfare to Work" counselor and Economic Development Coordinator for the Oakland Partnership in Pontiac. While working and attending graduate school at Wayne State University in 1998, Melton, then 27 years old, ran for Oakland County Commissioner, unseating a three-term incumbent by one vote in the primary. The district then encompassed all of the city of Auburn Hills and the north half of the city of Pontiac. Melton would go on to run for re-election in 2000 winning that primary and general election by a landslide.

Tim's professional career grew quickly in the coming years, working in the finance and information technology sectors. Tim reorganized an IT company, later selling it after making it profitable. After the sale of the company, Melton remained on as National Sales Manager for the company.

Tim Melton's record of fighting for working people as well as working with both sides of the aisle has led to him having many significant pieces of legislation enacted in Oakland County. He has worked to create a senior citizen prescription drug plan, he worked in the wake of 9-11 to bring in national leaders to examine our security management plans in Oakland County, he has long advocated cable broadcasts for commission meetings, he has delivered the state of the county democratic response and has worked to make sure that the city of Pontiac and Auburn Hills have a voice at the table in many matters. He passed legislation to setup a study group to help small businesses provide affordable health care and continued to fight to ensure the residents of the county run senior facility had proper facilities to live in. During his six years as a County Commissioner his leadership led him to be appointed to the Board of Directors for the National Association of County Officials where he served on the finance committee.

After his third term on the County Commission, Melton ran for and won the 29th house district, a heavily democratic district including the cities of Auburn Hills and Pontiac. Melton knocked on virtually every door in the district over the past 8 years and his door-to-door strategies and yard sign campaigns are well known. Melton has predicated his career on fighting for education and working to get a fix for what he calls the "urban burden" in the city of Pontiac. Most importantly though Melton will fight for the people that he is elected to represent. In what has been called one of the most eclectic districts in the house, Melton is uniquely prepared to assume the responsibilities for this district.

Tim was recently elected for a second term, serving the 29th district. He is now serving in his second term as Chair of House Education committee. In addition to the Education Committee, Tim is Vice Chair of the Tax Policy committee. He also serves on the House Regulatory Reform, Energy and Technology, and the K-12 Appropriations subcommittee. He was also honored by his caucus to serve as an assistant majority floor leader.

Tim is married to Patty Melton. Tim and Patty recently welcomed a baby boy, Myles Jackson Melton into the family. The family has just celebrated Myles's first birthday.

Rep. Joel Sheltroun (D-West Branch)

House Education Committee

State Rep. Joel Sheltroun is a life-long resident of northern Michigan's Ogemaw County. He is the Chair of the Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources Committee and serves on the Commerce, Tourism, and Education Committees as well.

As a State Representative, his priorities include:

- Stopping the flow of Canadian and out-of-state trash into Michigan.
- The economic development of northern Michigan, particularly in health care services.
- Supporting public schools and ensuring high-quality early childhood education for all of Michigan's children.
- Expanding public recreational access.
- Increasing citizen participation in state government.

Robert L. Stephenson

Michigan Teacher of the Year

Third Grade Teacher

Wardcliff Elementary, Okemos Public Schools

Rob Stephenson has taught third grade for the last 15 years in the Okemos Public School District. In addition to being named as the 2009-2010 Michigan Teacher of the Year, he has also received the 2006 Presidential Award For Excellence In Mathematics And Science Teaching. He is an outspoken advocate for integrating a STEM focus in current curriculum, as well as promoting developmentally appropriate practices in early childhood education. He is very active in his district serving as his building's Instructional Technology Representative, and holding the Vice President's position in his local education association.

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Sally Vaughn, Ph.D

Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

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Dr. Sally Vaughn has served as the Deputy State Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer for the Michigan Department of Education since August 2007. In that capacity, she is responsible for providing leadership and support for school improvement, special education, assessment and accountability, teacher preparation, early childhood education, and career and technical education.

Prior to this role, Dr. Vaughn was the superintendent of Livingston Educational Service Agency (LESA) where she provided leadership and support services to local school districts serving over 30,000 students.

Before her superintendency at LESA, she served as Associate Superintendent for Learning Services for Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) for eleven years, where she worked with 34 local school districts and eight public schools authorized by Wayne RESA, serving nearly 500,000 students.

She also served in administrative and consultant capacities for Wayne RESA in grants and planning, state and federal programs, school improvement, and career and technical education. She began her educational career as a Business English teacher in Detroit.

Dr. Vaughn has served as president of the Michigan Association for Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA), on the Board of Directors for the Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA), the American Association for School Administrators, and the National Association of State and Federal Programs.

She received the Michigan Association of State and Federal Program Specialists' Educator of the Year Award in 2003 and the MAISA President's Distinguished Service Award in 2005. She was appointed by Governor Granholm to the Early Childhood Investment Corporation in 2006.

Dr. Vaughn received her B.A. from Western Michigan University and her M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

She is married and has a 19 year old son, who is a junior at the University of Michigan.

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Chuck Wilbur

Senior Advisor for Education and Communication

Office of Governor Jennifer M. Granholm

Chuck Wilbur is Governor Granholm's Senior Advisor for Education and Communication. In this position, he helps develop policy on a range of issues, from early childhood education to higher education. He worked closely with the Cherry Commission as it developed its series of policy recommendation aimed at doubling the number of college graduates in Michigan. He also works with the Governor's Communications staff, guiding a variety of ways the Administration shares its message with Michigan citizens.

Prior to joining the Granholm Administration in January, 2003, Chuck was an aide to United States Senator Carl Levin for ten years, working in Michigan as his State Director and in Washington as his Chief of Staff. Chuck also served as the Senator's Campaign Manager in 1996 and 2002.

Chuck's career history follows a non-linear path linked together by life-long interests in education, communication and politics. Upon earning Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Michigan, Chuck worked as a Media Specialist in Westwood Community Schools in Wayne County. He also worked as a community organizer with low income advocacy organizations in Detroit and as a broadcast journalist with Detroit's public radio station WDET. His work experience also includes a short stint as an advisor to a citizen's organization in Moscow during Russia's 2000 election campaign.

Chuck lives in Ann Arbor with his wife Caroline Blaum, a Professor in the University of Michigan Medical School. They have three adult children including Michigan and Georgetown graduates and a member of the class of 2010 at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio.

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