

**COVID-19 AND THE ECONOMY**  
**May 29, 2020 at 8:05-8:45pm ET**  
**Panelist Biographies**

Panelists:

Banthoon Lamsam

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering, Banthoon Lamsam went on to obtain an MBA from Harvard Business School. He spent all of his working life in Thailand, a 40-year career with Kasikornbank, one of the country's top four banks. The highlight of that career was the Asian banking crisis of 1997, when the Thai banking system – and the country itself - essentially went bankrupt. With enormous luck, he managed to steer the bank back to solvency. As the current Covid-19 went into full swing in March this year, Banthoon relinquished his dual positions of chairman of the board and CEO – a transition that had been planned much earlier. His time will now be spent on the promotion of sustainability on various fronts, including co-heading a public-private task force to recover a much denuded headwater forest, the size of the state of Connecticut, in the northern Thailand province of Nan.

Chester Spatt

Chester Spatt is a chaired Professor of Finance at Carnegie Mellon's Tepper Business School, teaching there since 1979. After Princeton, he earned his doctorate in economics from Penn. Professor Spatt studies financial markets, including equity- and fixed-income trading, financial regulation, taxation and personal investing. His paper on asset location won TIAA-CREF's Paul Samuelson Award for Best Publication on Lifelong Financial Security. He served as SEC Chief Economist and Executive Editor and a founder of the *Review of Financial Studies*. He has served on advisory committees at the Federal Reserve, SEC and Office of Financial Research and is a member of the Systemic Risk Council, the Financial Economists Roundtable, Senior Fellow of the Milken Institute and Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Marty Gruenberg

Marty Gruenberg is currently a member of the FDIC Board of Directors. Previously, he served as Chairman of the FDIC from November 2012 until June 2018. He served as Vice Chairman from August 2005 until his confirmation as Chairman. Marty joined the FDIC Board after broad congressional experience in the financial services and regulatory areas. He served as Senior Counsel to Senator Paul Sarbanes (D-MD) on the staff of the Senate Banking Committee from 1993 to 2005. He also served as Staff Director of the Banking Committee's Subcommittee on International Finance from 1987 to 1992. He holds a J.D. from Case Western Reserve Law School and an A.B. from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

Moderator:

Shanta Devarajan

Shanta Devarajan is Professor of the Practice of International Development at Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service. He spent 28 years at the World Bank, where he was the Senior Director for Development Economics; the Chief Economist of the South Asia, Africa, and Middle East and North Africa regions and of the Human Development Network. Before joining the World Bank, he was on the faculty of Harvard Kennedy School. Born in Sri Lanka, Shanta received his A.B. in mathematics from Princeton University and his Ph.D. in economics from the University of California, Berkeley.

**IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON MEDICINE AND HEALTHCARE:  
PREVENTION, TREATMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH**

**May 30, 2020 at 4:00 – 4:40pm ET**

**Panelist Biographies**

Gus Birkhead

Gus Birkhead, MD, MPH is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the School of Public Health, University at Albany. Until 2015, he worked at the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) for 27 years in positions of increasing responsibility. From 2007 to 2015 he was Deputy Commissioner for all public health programs at the state health department. He has an MD from the Yale University School of Medicine and a Masters of Public Health from Johns Hopkins. He is a graduate of the CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service and Preventive Medicine Residency programs and is board certified in internal medicine and preventive medicine. Dr. Birkhead has served on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) at CDC and as a member and chair of the HHS National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC). He is co-author of over 140 publications in peer-reviewed literature, 2 public health textbooks and 8 book chapters

Richard M. Schwartzstein

Richard M. Schwartzstein, MD, is the Ellen and Melvin Gordon Professor of Medicine and Medical Education at Harvard Medical School (HMS), and Chief of the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC). With a longstanding interest in physiology, Dr. Schwartzstein has investigated the underlying mechanisms of shortness of breath throughout his career. In particular, he has linked the phrases that people use to describe their breathing discomfort to different physiological and disease processes, thereby enhancing our understanding of the mechanisms and possible treatments for this debilitating symptom.

Dr. Schwartzstein has been an active clinical educator and researcher since he came to the HMS faculty over 30 years ago. He has held multiple key leadership roles at the medical school, including Director of the HMS Academy for Teaching Excellence and Educational Innovation, chair of the Steering Committee that developed the innovative *Pathways* curriculum at HMS, and Director of Education Scholarship. His textbook, "Respiratory Physiology: A Clinical Approach," received a national award for its interactive style.

Jon Yewdell

Jon Yewdell is Chief, Cellular Biology Section, Laboratory of Viral Diseases, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health. He obtained his MD PhD degrees at University of Pennsylvania in 1981 and pursued post-doctoral fellowships at the Wistar Institute (Philadelphia, PA ) and Imperial College (London, UK). He returned to Wistar in 1983 as an Assistant Professor, moving to NIAID in 1987. Jon is a recognized leader in several areas of virology and immunology, with over 350 publications to date. His research interests include the cell biology of MHC class I processing and presentation, antibody and T cell responses to viruses, and evolution of influenza A viruses.

Moderator:

#### Leona Brenner-Gati

Leona Brenner-Gati, MD is an endocrinologist whose career has encompassed academic medicine, industry, and government service. She received her MD from Harvard Medical School, obtained postgraduate medical training at New York University/Bellevue Hospital Medical Center, and held academic appointments at Cornell University Medical Center/New York Hospital.

Dr. Brenner-Gati was FDA Acting Deputy Commissioner of Medical Products and Tobacco, where she played a leadership role to ensure integrated regulatory processes in emerging areas in medicine, science, and technology impacting the development of drugs, biologics, devices, diagnostics, and tobacco products. Dr. Brenner-Gati has 25 years experience in pharmaceutical development and identification of innovative medical technologies. At Johnson & Johnson, she held senior leadership positions as Vice-President, Corporate Office of Science and Technology, Vice-President, Clinical Research and Global Project Management, and in Medical Affairs and Business Development. In addition, Dr. Brenner-Gati was Vice President, General Medicine at Eisai, Inc. and led the Internal Medicine Clinical Research Therapeutic Area at Sandoz Pharmaceuticals. She has achieved the successful registration of numerous medical products in multiple therapeutic categories during her career.

## **WHERE IS EDUCATION HEADED POST-COVID?**

**May 30, 2020 at 4:40-5:20pm ET**

### **Panelist Biographies**

Panelists:

#### Ellen Finkelpearl

At Princeton, Ellen's roommates called her "Classics" and she hasn't looked back. She went on to get a PhD in Classics from Harvard, held several temporary teaching positions, and ended up at Scripps College in Claremont where she has taught for over 30 years. She has published academic books and articles, focusing on the ancient novel, and particularly on the Latin author, Apuleius. Ellen is currently working on ancient Greek and Latin texts in which animals are artists, musicians and art-appreciators. More relevant to Princeton, she is currently collaborating with Professor Peter Singer as translator on an abridged version of Apuleius' *Golden Ass*, highlighting its sympathetic view of animals – to be released by Norton next year.

Ellen lives in Pasadena, is still a vegetarian, has two grown kids and a grandson. Her father was a Professor Finkelppearl before her and attended Princeton.

### Richard H. Gehman

Richard Gehman graduated with a B.A., Cum Laude, in Sociology, with a special interest in international labor migration and modernization in the Middle East and East Asia. After graduation he went to Iran for the dual purpose of teaching in international schools and learning some of the languages of the region. Teaching for three years, 1975-1978, at two schools turned out to be a wonderful *full-time* occupation and the springboard for an unexpected career. Motivated by a revolution he returned to the US to pursue a degree from the University of Massachusetts and graduated in 1981 with an M. Ed. In Educational Policy, Research and Administration, with a concentration in International Education.

In 1981 he began teaching and administrating at St. Luke's School in Connecticut. From there he moved on to the Savannah Country Day School in 1989. In 1993 he accepted the position of Head of School at Oak Hall School in Gainesville, FL, where he remained until his retirement in 2017. Immediately failing at retirement he took a position with a Chinese-American education company in Beijing and has spent most of the last three years leading the development of an innovative program for ground-breaking bilingual schools in the PRC. This challenge allowed him to focus directly on his two main educational passions—fostering global education and designing a constructivist educational environment where the elements of content, context and community are integrated.

### David G. Offensend

David Offensend is President and CEO of Education Development Center (EDC), a global nonprofit that develops programs to improve education, health and economic opportunity worldwide. EDC's programs span all 50 states and 30 developing countries around the world. Prior to joining EDC in 2015, Offensend was Chief Operating Officer of America Achieves, a nonprofit accelerator that supports entrepreneurial leaders to grow game-changing initiatives to promote high quality education systems and prepare young people for college and careers. Prior to America Achieves, he spent 10 years as COO of the New York Public Library, the nation's largest public library system, with 90 branches. During his tenure the Library expanded hours of operation, increased circulation by 70%, and invested heavily in its digital offerings despite a budget shrinkage.

Before moving into the nonprofit sector, Offensend had a highly successful career in the financial services sector. He cofounded Evercore Partners, an independent investment banking advisory firm, in 1995. Prior to that he also worked at Oak Hill Patrnrs, the investment organization associated with Robert M. Bass, and at Lehman Brothers, where he was President and CEO of the Lehman Brothers Merchant Banking Partnership. Offensend has served on multiple boards, including Princeton University, Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation, Brooklyn Bridge Park Corporation, and Hudson Global. He holds a BA in Public and International Affairs from Princeton and an MBA from Harvard.

### David E. Van Zandt

David E. Van Zandt was the President of The New School from 2011 until this past April. Currently, he is the Global General Counsel for The Invus Group, LLC, a private investment firm based in New York and Europe. During his 10 years at The New School, David advanced a vision that elevated the university's core values of creativity and social engagement and integrated its strengths in design, social research, liberal arts, and performance. He consolidated The New School to its Greenwich Village campus, doubled the size of its endowment, and created a sophisticated, personality-based marketing approach for admissions. He is an expert on higher education and has spoken and written frequently about the challenges it faces. His other research and teaching has been in the areas of property, corporate, and international financial law as well as the sociology of religion. He is the author of *Living in the Children of God* (published by Princeton University Press).

Prior to The New School, David served as dean of the Northwestern University School of Law for 15 years after 10 years on the faculty there. Earlier in his career, he was an associate with Davis Polk & Wardwell, and served as a law clerk to Southern District of New York Judge Pierre N. Leval (now on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals) and to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun. He holds an AB from Princeton University, a JD from Yale Law School, and a PhD in sociology from the London School of Economics.

Moderator:

### Julie Raynor Gross

Julie Raynor Gross is the Founder and President of Collegiate Gateway, a leading educational consulting firm. She counsels students and families around the country on college and graduate school admissions, especially for medical, law, and business schools as well as PhD programs. Julie continually visits universities around the world and meets with admissions deans, faculty and students, in order to keep current about admissions approaches, academic programs and school culture. She is recognized nationally as an expert in the field and is featured regularly on television, in print, and at industry conferences to provide insight into the current state of the admissions landscape. During the pandemic, she has been offering frequent video presentations on the impact of Covid on admissions and academics.

Julie serves on the board of the World Frontiers Forum whose mission is to promote human wellness through frontier discoveries in the areas of technology, life sciences, and the arts. In addition, she provides pro bono management consulting for the Harvard Business School Club of New York's Community Partners Program and works with teams to offer strategic direction to secondary schools and higher education institutions. She received an AB in Psychology from Princeton and for the past decade has served as Co-President of the great class of 1975! After Princeton, she went on to earn an Ed.M. from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

**THE VIRUS AND THE VOTERS: ELECTION 2020**  
**May 30, 2020 at 5:20-6:00pm ET**  
**Panelist Biographies**

Panelists:

Tom Feyer

Tom Feyer has been the letters editor of The New York Times since 1999, overseeing the selection, editing and publication of letters from among more than 4 million submissions in the last two decades. Before that, he was an editor on the foreign desk of The Times, starting in 1980.

He was born in Budapest, Hungary, emigrated from Vienna to the United States in 1957 and became a naturalized citizen five years later. He was raised in Manhattan and in Jackson Heights, Queens, and now lives in Scarsdale, N.Y., where he is hunkered down safely with his family near the epicenter of the pandemic.

Joel Goldstein

Joel K. Goldstein is the Vincent C. Immel Professor of Law Emeritus at Saint Louis University School of Law where he taught constitutional law for more than 25 years. He is the author of *The White House Vice Presidency: The Path to Significance, Mondale to Biden* and numerous other works on the vice presidency, constitutional law and presidential succession and inability. His interest in the vice presidency began when he wrote his Princeton senior thesis on presidential succession and inability under the supervision of Professor Stanley Kelley, Jr.

He is married to Maxine I. Lipeles '75 and has two children and two grandchildren. He is working on a biography of the national political career of Edmund S. Muskie.

Sally Sears

Sally Sears is a special assignment reporter, covering the American South for network affiliates in Memphis, Dallas and for 36 years in Atlanta. Princeton Triangle Club experience leavens her broadcasts, while her thesis advisor Sheldon Hackney launched her study of the tensions in southern history.

She's a founding member of the environmental organization South Fork Conservancy, restoring habitat and public access to Peachtree Creek and its tributaries. Married to investigative reporter Richard Belcher, she lives in Druid Hills in Atlanta.

Moderator:

Kathleen McCleery

Kathleen McCleery is an award-winning broadcast journalist, and now a special correspondent and freelance producer for the PBS NewsHour. She was the program's Deputy Executive Producer from 2005-2013.

Kathleen taught journalism at Princeton University in 2016 and 2018, focusing on media coverage of U.S. elections. She's covered Presidential campaigns and produced interviews with 6 Presidents. She and her husband, Robert Martinez '75, live in Corrales, NM.

### **ADDITIONAL LECTURES**

"Let Them Eat Flowers: The Gardens of Paris "  
Lecture by CeCe Haydock

#### CeCe Haydock

CeCe Haydock graduated from Princeton University (BA English) and received a master's degree in landscape architecture from the SUNY School of Environmental Science and Forestry. After working for the New York City Parks Department, she joined the firm, Innocenti and Webel in Locust Valley, NY, before starting her private practice. In 2007, she did research as a Visiting Scholar at the American Academy in Rome on Edith Wharton and Italian villas. She has lectured and written on historic Italian, French, and American gardens for Old Westbury Gardens, Maryland's Ladew Topiary Gardens, Princeton University, and numerous garden and horticultural clubs. A trustee of Planting Fields Arboretum and a member of the International Council of The Preservation Society of Newport County, she is a visiting lecturer at the New York Botanic Garden and an adjunct professor at Long Island University. CeCe is currently expanding her private practice to include landscape sustainability.