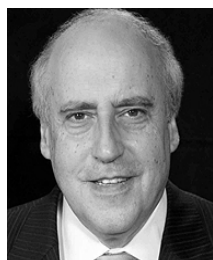




Key Biographies

Co-Chairs

Dan Glickman



Dan Glickman has had a distinguished career in public service, having served as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture from 1995 to 2001. Under Glickman's leadership, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) administered farm and conservation programs, forged international trade agreements to expand U.S. markets, and improved its commitment to fairness and equality in civil rights. Prior to his appointment at the USDA, Glickman served for 18 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, representing Kansas' 4th Congressional District. During this time, he served as a member of the House Agriculture Committee, including six years as Chairman of the subcommittee that had jurisdiction over most federal farm policy issues.

More recently, Glickman was Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Motion Picture Association of America from 2004 to 2010. In 2010, he served as President of Refugees International, where he worked to improve the organization's ability to compel world leaders to provide clean water, food, health care, and other basic assistance to people displaced by conflict.

Glickman is currently a Senior Fellow at the Bipartisan Policy Center, and serves as the Executive Director of the Aspen Institute Congressional Program. He also serves on the board of directors of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange; Communities in Schools; Food Research and Action Center; National 4-H Council; Farm Foundation; and the Center for U.S. Global Engagement, where he is Chair of the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition. He also chairs an initiative at the Institute of Medicine on "accelerating progress on childhood obesity." He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and a senior fellow of the Center on Communication Leadership and Policy at the USC Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism, the Council on American Politics at The Graduate School of Political Management at The George Washington University, and Vice-Chair of the World Food Program-USA. He is the co-chair of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs' global agricultural development initiative. He is the author of "Farm Futures," in *Foreign Affairs* (May/June 2009).

Glickman received his B.A. in history from the University of Michigan and his J.D. from George Washington University.

Kathleen Merrigan



Kathleen Merrigan is Executive Director of Sustainability at the George Washington University (GW), where she leads the GW Sustainability Collaborative, GW Food Institute, and serves as Professor of Public Policy. GW sustainability accolades in 2014 included a “Gold” rating by the Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education and ranking 12th on the Sierra Club’s list of “Cool Schools.” Merrigan serves as a Board Director for the Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture and Food Corps, a member of the Harvard Pilgrim Healthy Food Fund Advisory Committee, Senior Advisor at the Kendall Foundation, and steering committee member of the Council of Environmental Deans and Directors of the National Council for Science and the Environment.

From 2009-2013, Merrigan was U.S. Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Officer of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, a \$150 billion, 110,000 employee institution. As Deputy Secretary, Merrigan created and led the *Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food* Initiative to support local food systems; was a key architect of First Lady Michelle Obama’s “Let’s Move!” campaign; and made history as the first woman to chair the Ministerial Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. Before joining the USDA, Merrigan held a variety of agriculture policy positions, including faculty member at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University, Administrator of the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service, and senior staff on the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, where she wrote the law establishing national standards for organic food.

Merrigan holds a Ph.D. in environmental planning and policy from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a Master of Public Affairs from the University of Texas, and a B.A. from Williams College. Recognizing the history and scope of her work, Time Magazine named Dr. Merrigan among the “100 most influential people in the world” in 2010.

Jim Moseley



Throughout his career, Jim Moseley has played a key role in developing public policy regarding agriculture, the environment, and natural resources conservation at the state and national levels. He served as Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) from 2001 to 2005, a Senate-confirmed position. In this capacity, Moseley oversaw the day-to-day activities of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, one of the largest and most diverse departments in the federal government. He was also the primary lead on the post 9/11 security needs of the food and agricultural system in the U.S. While at the USDA he also worked on international development issues, with a focus on agriculture in Afghanistan, Iraq, Africa, and Asia.

In 1997, Moseley served as Chairman and lead negotiator of the industry negotiating team for the National Pork Producers Council’s National Pork Dialogue. The dialogue was a nationwide effort to improve the environmental performance of pork operations across the country. Following the 1995 Farm Bill, Moseley served as a consultant to the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NRCS), where he worked with producers and the NRCS to develop model resource management plans. From 1993 to 1995, he served as the Director of Agricultural Services and Regulations for the state of Indiana at Purdue University. He also served as a political analyst and a member of the editorial board of Farm Journal Publications. From 1990 to 1992 Moseley served at the USDA as the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment. And from 1989 to 1990 he was Agriculture Advisor to the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In this capacity, he provided leadership to the Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service on a variety of issues including endangered species, old growth forests, livestock grazing on public lands, wetlands, and policy issues related to the conservation title of the 1990 Farm Bill.



Moseley has held membership in numerous professional and academic organizations and has received many awards and honors for his efforts in service to public organizations. His most recent activities include Chairman of the Farm, Ranch and Rural Advisory committee for USEPA, Steering committee member of 25x'25, Board member Farm Safety 4 Kids and member of the board of the Lafayette Community Foundation.

An Indiana native, Moseley holds a B.S. in horticulture from Purdue University. He has more than 40 years' experience as a farmer. He currently owns a farm focused on grain and vegetable production. For many years he owned and operated Ag Ridge Farms, which specialized in grains, and Infinity Pork, LLC, which raised hogs. Both were located in Clarks Hill, Indiana.

Emmy Simmons



Emmy Simmons completed a career of nearly 30 years with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in 2005. In her last three years at USAID, she served as the Assistant Administrator for Economic Growth, Agriculture, and Trade, a presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed position. In addition to holding a number of positions overseas (regional West Africa, Mali, regional East and Southern Africa) with USAID, Simmons held supervisory positions in the Africa Bureau and the Global Bureau in USAID's Washington headquarters.

Prior to joining USAID, Simmons worked in the Ministry of Planning and Economic Affairs in Monrovia, Liberia, and taught and conducted research at Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria, Nigeria.

Simmons is currently an independent consultant on international development issues, with a focus on food, agriculture, and Africa. She serves on the boards or advisory panels for several organizations engaged in international agriculture and global development, including: the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa, the World Vegetable Center, the CGIAR Research Program Agriculture for Nutrition and Health, and the Cornell-Tata Initiative in India. Simmons served as a co-chair for the Roundtable on Science and Technology for Sustainability at the National Academies of Science and continues to engage on projects with NAS. In addition, she is a member of the Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition.

Simmons began her international career as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines from 1962 to 1964. She holds an M.S. in agricultural economics from Cornell University and a B.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

AGree Staff

Deborah Atwood



Deborah Atwood joined Meridian Institute in January 2011 and serves as Executive Director of Meridian's *AGree: Transforming Food and Ag Policy* initiative. Atwood has more than 30 years of experience in policy and legislative matters regarding food, agriculture, the environment, research, and risk management, including extensive experience working with executives in the private sector, federal government, and nonprofit organizations.

Prior to joining Meridian, Atwood was an Associate for Corporate Affairs and Public Policy at Mars, Incorporated. In this role, she worked closely with lawmakers in Congress and senior officials in the White House, and federal agencies. Previously, she was a Senior Policy Advisor with Crowell & Moring, on behalf of clients in the agricultural, food, environmental, mining, and chemical industries. She served from 2001 to 2003 as a



Special Assistant to U.S. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Jim Moseley. From 1995 until 1999 she was Assistant Vice President of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs for the National Pork Producers Council, and from 1992 until 1995 served as Vice President for Legislative and Regulatory Affairs at the American Meat Institute. Atwood served from 1989 to 1992 as Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional and Legislative Affairs at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). She served as head of the Congressional Affairs Office at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration prior to taking the EPA position. Atwood also has U.S. Capitol experience: From 1981 to 1984, she was Professional Staff for the U.S. House of Representatives' Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee and from 1984 to 1987 was Professional Staff for U.S. Senator Slade Gorton (Wash.).

Atwood serves on the board of ACIDI-VOCA, an agriculture development nonprofit organization with many years of experience working in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. She is a marine resource scientist by training.

Mil Duncan



Mil Duncan is Research Director of AGree. From 2004-2011 she was Professor of Sociology and founding director of the University of New Hampshire's Carsey Institute, an interdisciplinary research center focused on vulnerable families and sustainable development in rural America. From 2000-2004 she served as the Ford Foundation's Director of Community and Resource Development; from 1989-2000 she was a professor of Sociology at the University of New Hampshire. Duncan recently updated *Worlds Apart: Poverty and Politics in Rural America* (Yale University Press 2014), which won the American Sociological Association's Robert E. Park Award. She has written numerous articles and chapters on poverty and development, and edited *Rural Poverty in America*. Among her awards are the Earl D. Wallace Award for Contribution to Education Reform in Kentucky, the Thomas R. Ford Distinguished Alumni Award for Sociology at the University of Kentucky, Distinguished Lecturer talks, and several public service awards. She serves on several regional boards related to philanthropy and policy. Mil Duncan received her BA in English from Stanford University, and her MA and Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky.

Todd Barker



Todd Barker is a Senior Partner at Meridian Institute; he joined Meridian in 1999. Barker has more than 20 years of experience facilitating policy dialogues, negotiations, and strategy development processes. He has expertise in the areas of food and agriculture; chemicals, pesticides, and toxic substances; climate change, energy, and air quality; environmental cleanup and waste management; biodiversity and natural resources; mining; science and technology; security; and water.

Barker manages and leads policy dialogues, negotiations, and strategy development projects. He conducts convening assessments, designs processes, raises funds, plans and facilitates meetings, and helps participants develop consensus documents and implementation activities.

In recent years, Barker has focused extensively on issues relating to food and agriculture in both developed and developing countries. For example, he worked closely with eight major foundations over more than two years to help them envision and then launch *AGree: Transforming Food and Ag Policy*. In addition to his on-going work with AGree, Barker presently provides facilitation and strategy support to the Global Alliance for the Future of Food, a unique coalition of foundations committed to leveraging resources to help shift food and agriculture systems towards greater sustainability, security, and equity. In 2010 he led Meridian's Innovations for Agricultural Value Chains in Africa project. In this project, leading scientists and innovators collaborated with key players in the maize, cassava, and dairy value chains in Africa to identify innovative post-harvest management and processing technologies that reduce post-harvest crop loss.

Barker holds an M.S. in Resource Policy and Administration from the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and a B.A. in History, also from the University of Michigan.