

National Press Conference—Speaker Profiles

(in alphabetical order)

Dr. Gail C. Christopher

Dr. Gail C. Christopher is a National Director of the Americans All program. She brings with her more than 15 years of career experience in human service, encompassing direct service, program design and administration, research, development and advocacy. Dr. Christopher created and administers the programmatic implementation for Americans All. She designs and assists in the areas of training, evaluation and volunteer components of the program. As well as coordinating daily operations for the Americans All Chicago offices, she coordinates the national staff in five cities.

Dr. Christopher has pioneered translating self-esteem and stress management concepts into programmatic interventions for at-risk population groups. Her unique motivational and self-esteem program models have been adapted for various settings. These include: family support and preservation; economic self-sufficiency; nutritional health assessment and support for children with multiple handicapping conditions; support programs for urban educators and social workers; and multicultural education programs.

She is the former Executive Director of the Family Resource Coalition, a national membership organization that represents thousands of community-based family support and education programs, and is currently the President of her own consulting firm, Gail C. Christopher Enterprises. Clients include: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Administration for Children, Youth and Families; Head Start Bureau, Illinois Department of Public Aid; Chief State Planning and Policy Agency (CSPA); State Department of Education for South Carolina; The Women's Self-Employment Project; and the Coordinating Committee for Ellis Island.

Dr. Christopher is one of the country's leading spokespersons for children and families. Her motivational and self-esteem workshops and presentations have been well received by audiences across the country. She has been featured in national media (print and broadcast) such as *Good Morning America*, *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, and an award-winning public television documentary, *Crisis on Federal Street*.

A resident of Evanston, Illinois, Dr. Christopher is a divorced single parent of two children, Daniel, age 17 and Heather, age 10.

Dr. Roger J. Fish

Dr. Fish, a 24-year veteran of the District of Columbia Public Schools, is currently Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Educational Technology.

Dr. Fish has served as Special Assistant to the Superintendent, as Acting Director of the Division of Program Development and Planning, Acting Director for Grants Administration, Assistant for Planning, and Coordinator of the Research Information Center. He was an elementary science teacher in the Philippines with the Peace Corps.

Dr. Fish has a doctoral degree in educational administration/finance from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., a master's degree in international-comparative education, also from Catholic University, and a bachelor's degree in history and secondary education from St. John Fisher College in Rochester, New York.

Under his supervision and direction, an African-Centered Education Initiative was developed in the fall of 1989 describing a two-year plan to create an appropriate level of awareness among teachers and administrators in year one (1989-90) and to initiate implementation of the curriculum during year two—the year of commitment (1990-91). Dr. Fish has also actively supported the piloting of Americans All, the national multicultural curriculum, in over twenty public schools in our nation's capital.

Felicia B. Lynch

Ms. Lynch comes to her position at The Hitachi Foundation with a diverse background and a number of years experience as both an educator and grant maker. She initially began her career as a nurse. As such, she served as President and Chief Executive Officer of a health care education organization and a consultant to the University of Massachusetts' Women in Prisons Program. After receiving her masters from Harvard University Graduate School of Education (concentration administration, planning and social policy), Ms. Lynch joined the staff of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE).

As a senior level Program Officer at FIPSE, Ms. Lynch coordinated a number of the internal administrative operations and supervised the intake, review and evaluation of the organization's \$13 million grants program. While at FIPSE, her primary areas of focus were new approaches to postsecondary education as they related to improved access for minorities and women, teacher education, the arts and continuing professional education. During her years spent at FIPSE, she served as Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Education, Department of Health Education and Welfare.

Ms. Lynch joined The Hitachi Foundation in June of 1986 as Program Director. Currently she holds the position of Senior Vice President. The Hitachi Foundation is committed to supporting programs that enable individuals to lead more productive lives, helping them to participate with more awareness as citizens in an increasingly international environment, and encouraging global and social responsibility.

Ms. Lynch is Chairman of the Board of Directors of Women and Foundations/Corporate Philanthropy, a board member of The American Forum for Global Education and The Hospital for Sick Children. She serves on the AAUW Educational Foundation Advisory Council and the Pennsylvania Humanities Council Women's Studies Advisory Board.

Allan S. Kullen

Allan Kullen brings more than two decades of managerial, civic and entrepreneurial experience to his position as a National Director of the Americans All program. Mr. Kullen has been the principal funder and Chief Executive Officer for this endeavor since its inception eight years ago as the Images of Ellis Island project. He is responsible for the administrative and internal operations of this national program with particular concentration in the areas of editorial management, publication production and distribution. He administers the fundraising, development and fiscal affairs of the program and supervises the daily operations of the Washington, D.C., based team of staff and consultants.

A successful business owner, Mr. Kullen is currently President of Todd Allan Printing Co., Inc. He has previously served as Executive Editor of the *New American Encyclopedia* and as Production Coordinator for the *International Library of Afro-American Life and History*. He was the creator, editorial coordinator and production supervisor for a 700 page reference book, *The Practical Graphic Arts Guide*. His extensive background and resources in the printing and publishing arenas have been instrumental in the development of the Americans All in-school resource materials. Mr. Kullen has pulled together a unique national team of writers, scholars, historians and editors representing diverse backgrounds. He has coordinated this team and guided the production of this comprehensive set of historical resources. He is also the principal researcher and compiler of *The Americans All Photographic Collection*.

Mr. Kullen received his degree in Printing Management from Carnegie Institute of Technology and, as a graduate student, taught at the University of California, Berkeley, and later, in the Adult Education Program at The Catholic University of America. Active in charitable organizations, he has served on many local boards in the Washington, D.C., area. A native Washingtonian, Mr. Kullen currently resides in Bethesda, Maryland, with his wife, Diane. They have two children, Allison, age 20 and Todd, age 17.

The Honorable Andrew Young

Andrew Young has spent his entire adult life in public service. Following his graduation from Howard University and Hartford Theological Seminary, he pastored small congregations in Alabama and Georgia. In 1961 he returned to Atlanta to work as a top aide to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference during the civil rights movement of the 1960s. He ultimately became the Executive Vice President of that organization. Mr. Young assisted Dr. King with the writing of both the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Mr. Young was elected to the United States Congress in 1972 where he represented the Fifth Congressional District of Georgia for two terms. In 1977 he resigned his seat to become United States Ambassador to the United Nations under President Jimmy Carter.

First elected Mayor of Atlanta in 1981, Mr. Young was re-elected for a second term in 1985. During his administration, over half a million jobs were created and the metropolitan region attracted more than \$70 billion in private investment and construction.

Following his term as Mayor, Mr. Young served as Executive Consultant for Law Companies Group, Inc., one of the most respected engineering companies in this country. He was recently appointed Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of its subsidiary, Law Companies International Group.

As a result of the many contacts Andrew Young made during his years of public service, he was very instrumental in Atlanta's being named as the site of the 1996 Summer Olympic Games, and he presently serves as Chairman of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games.