

COSUAA Annual Conference 2018 Speaker List

Helen Colby

Helen Colby received her PhD in cognitive psychology and marketing from Rutgers University, where she also received her master's degree. She holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Chicago in economics and psychology. Most recently, Colby worked as a post-doctoral research fellow at UCLA Anderson School of Management. Colby's research interests include consumer judgment and decision-making (both financial and health decision-making), information effects, self-control and goals. Colby is completing larger scale projects in regards to research on financial decision-making and financial literacy training. She believes this has the biggest potential impact in terms of how we are conducting financial literacy training. A large meta-analysis showed that financial literacy training, as it currently exists, changes knowledge, but it generally has no effect on behavior. Her work is a new way of looking at why this might be, which then can be used to find more effective ways of training to change both knowledge and behavior.

Allen Groves

Allen W. Groves has served as the Virginia University Dean of Students since August 2007. He oversees Student Activities; Housing & Residence Life; the University's three residential colleges (Brown, Hereford and the IRC); Fraternity & Sorority Life; Multicultural Student Services; Orientation & New Student Programs; Newcomb Centers & Services (student union and other students spaces); and Peabody Hall. Mr. Groves also serves as a member of the University's Critical Incident Management and Threat Assessment Teams. Mr. Groves received his juris doctor degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1990. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in history from Stetson University, where he received the Rhett Award as the outstanding student in that major. While studying law at the University, Mr. Groves served as Area Coordinator for the Alderman Road first-year dormitories, receiving the Melissa Holland Award for his contributions to the Resident Staff program. In 1990 he was inducted into the Raven Society for academic success and service to the University.

Debo Adegbile

Debo P. Adegbile is a partner at the law firm of WilmerHale. He focuses his practice on a broad range of matters at the intersection of law, business and government policy. He has significant experience in commercial, government-facing and appellate litigation, as well as strategic counseling in high-stakes cases, anti-discrimination matters and investigations. In addition to his practice at the firm, Mr. Adegbile currently serves as a commissioner on the US Commission on Civil Rights, appointed by President Obama in 2016. Debo's broad legal understanding is drawn from years of experience in the top tier of the law firm, government and not-for-profit sectors, including high-ranking roles with the Senate Judiciary Committee and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.

Craig Munier

Craig Munier has been in student financial aid since 1982 and higher education administration since 1976. Mr. Munier is a past NASFAA National Chair, past National Chair of the Coalition of State University Aid Administrators (COSUAA), and a past chair of the National Direct Student Loan Coalition (NDSLCL). He currently serves as an Assistant Director in Policy Liaison and Implementation, Federal Student Aid, U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C.

Jeff Appel

Jeff Appel is Deputy Under Secretary of Education at the US Department of Education. As Deputy Under Secretary, Jeff oversees postsecondary student aid policy initiatives that align the efforts of Federal Student Aid, the Office of Postsecondary Education, and the Office of Vocational and Adult Education. Jeff first joined the Department in 2011 as a Senior Policy Advisor for Higher Education and Student Financial Aid in the Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development. From 2007 to 2011, Jeff worked for Congressman George Miller as a Senior Policy Advisor for the U.S. House of Representative's Committee on Education and Labor, where he led numerous student aid and higher education policy efforts that guided legislation for the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, the Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act, the 2008 Higher Education Act reauthorization, the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

Courtney McAnuff

Courtney McAnuff is the Vice President for Enrollment Management at Rutgers University. He oversees Undergraduate Admissions, Student Financial Aid, Academic Records, Registration, Retention Programs, and Early Awareness Outreach at Rutgers University. V.P. McAnuff brings Rutgers outstanding leadership, innovative thinking, and new programs such as Rutgers Future Scholars. His goals to ensure Rutgers is a diverse institution and leader in quality education have been widely recognized. Vice President McAnuff consults to advisory boards and post-secondary institutions and has testified before the House of Representatives and NJ Senate. He has been awarded Chancellor's Awards for Most Outstanding Administrator-State University of New York System; Administrator of the Year by Student Government at Eastern Michigan University, Gold Medallion Award-Eastern Michigan University, twice Administrator of the Year, Boss of the Year Award, Outstanding Achievement Award by Multicultural Center and many other distinguished awards.

Debra Chromy

Debra Chromy is the President of Education Finance Council (EFC), the national association representing nonprofit and state-based higher education finance organizations. Dr. Chromy leads EFC's advocacy efforts on regulatory and legislative issues related to student loans and higher education. She collaborates with all EFC members, EFC's Board of Directors, staff, the Administration, Congress, and other industry groups, facilitating and promoting EFC's goals and initiatives. In addition, Dr. Chromy works to develop and implement member services and operational and communications strategies. Dr. Chromy has worked in the student loan industry her entire career, for a student loan lender of both private and federal loans, a student loan servicer, and a federal loan guarantor. Prior to EFC, Dr. Chromy served as Vice President of Strategic Partnerships for American Student Assistance (ASA), where she was a leader in ASA's corporate strategic planning process and managed ASA's external relationships and partnerships, including federal and state governments, colleges and universities, higher education associations, and other student loan industry organizations.

Ben Miller

Ben Miller is the senior director for Postsecondary Education at American Progress. He was previously the research director for higher education at New America, as well as a senior policy advisor in the Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development at the U.S. Department of Education. Miller's work focuses on higher-education accountability, affordability, and financial aid, as well as for-profit colleges and other issues. It has appeared in The New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, the Chronicle of Higher Education, and Inside Higher Ed, among other outlets. He holds a bachelor's degree in history and economics from Brown University.

Angela Adams

Angela Adams is the Owner and Managing Attorney for Adams Immigration Law. She has practiced law since 2004 as Associate of Lewis & Kappes for seven (7) years, Equity Partner of Lewis & Kappes for two (2) years, and Associate General Counsel for immigration at Indiana University (IU) for three (3) years, Angela's experience with both family and employment based immigration is extensive. Furthermore, she has personally petitioned for family, helped various good friends navigate our immigration system, and therefore understands the practical and emotional difficulties involved in family-based immigration cases—all of which positions her uniquely to own, operate, and manage Adams Immigration Law, LLC. Prior to attending law school, Angela served as an Education Consultant for the Indiana Department of Education, Division of Language Minority and Migrant Programs, where she assisted teachers of English Language Learners (ELLs) across the state of Indiana for nearly four (4) years. Angela also taught English abroad in Saltillo, Coahila, Mexico, and is fluent in Spanish.

Justin Draeger

Justin Draeger is President and CEO of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. He serves as the primary voice of NASFAA and as the liaison between the association members, the U.S. Congress, federal agencies and the media. Most of Justin's career has been devoted to assisting disadvantaged populations achieve their educational goals and better their communities. Since 2002, Justin has been engaged in either administering, interpreting, communicating, or developing student financial aid policy. His prior experiences include working as a financial aid director, regulatory and policy analyst, and spokesperson. He has held senior positions overseeing government relations, communications, and policy work. Justin is frequently quoted in the press and has appeared on The Today Show on NBC, National Public Radio, APM's Marketplace, Fox Business News, CNBC, and C-SPAN, and is often quoted in national news outlets. Justin currently serves on the boards of directors of the American Council on Education (ACE), Baker College, the Association Mutual Health Insurance Company, and other organizations that promote health and education. He earned his undergraduate from Brigham Young University and his MBA from Baker College. Justin lives in Fairfax, VA with his wife and three children, where he spends his free time shuttling children to various events, playing racquetball, running or swimming.