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Lisa Maatz is the Director of Public Policy and Government Relations at the American Association of University Women. As AAUW's top policy adviser, Lisa works to advance AAUW's priority issues on Capitol Hill, in the White House, and in coalition with other organizations. Lisa provides leadership to several coalitions working to advance opportunities for women and girls, including the National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education and the Paycheck Fairness Act Coalition. Recently featured in the book *Secrets of Powerful Women*, Lisa has developed a reputation for her strategic approach to legislation and advocacy.

She has done similar work for the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund and the Older Women's League, and she was a legislative aide to U.S. Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (D-NY). Her grassroots advocacy career began when she was the Executive Director of Turning Point, a battered women's program recognized for excellence by the Ohio Supreme Court.

Lisa has been with AAUW since 2003. During that time, she also spent 16 months serving concurrently as the Interim Director of the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund.

Crystal Bridgeman is a Senior Education Advisor for Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA), Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee, where she focuses on workforce development and career and technical education. Before joining the HELP Education Committee staff, Crystal worked for Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), former Chairwoman of the Senate HELP Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, with a focus on workforce development policy.

Prior to her Congressional staff experience, she was a Presidential Management Fellow and worked in a higher education administration.

Jamie Pueschel Fasteau currently serves as Director of Education Policy for Congressman George Miller (D-VA), who is the senior democrat on the House Education and the Workforce Committee. Jamie oversees the Committee's education policy agenda. She most recently served as Vice President for Federal Advocacy at the Alliance for Excellent Education, where she led the organization's efforts toward influencing federal policy on secondary school reform efforts.



Before that, Jamie served as the Director of Policy at the Alliance for Excellent Education, managing the Alliance's legislative agenda. Previously Jamie served as Legislative Assistant for Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) on education, issues affecting children and families, and civil rights. Before working for Senator Murray, Jamie worked as the Government Relations Manager for the American Association of University Women (AAUW), working on education, civil rights, reproductive rights, and women's issues.

Jamie started her career in Washington as the Legislative Director of the United States Student Association, representing millions of college students on access to higher education, student financial aid, and civil rights issues.



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Patrick L. Murray currently serves as Education Policy Advisor to Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Ranking Member on the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee. His portfolio for the committee includes workforce development issues, early childhood education, and K-12 policy. Prior to coming to the committee, Patrick worked as a middle school science teacher in Phoenix, AZ.

Patrick received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the College of the Holy Cross, holds a Master of Secondary Education from Arizona State University and a Master of Public Policy from Georgetown University.



Rachel Gragg joined National Skills Coalition in 2007 as the organization's Federal Policy Director. She leads the organization's Washington-based efforts to advance a national skills strategy within federal legislation, agency regulation, and national funding initiatives. Rachel was previously a Senior Policy Analyst for the Center for Community Change (CCC), where she coordinated national efforts to engage grassroots organizations in legislative advocacy. Prior to her work at CCC, Rachel was a Legislative Assistant to the late Senator Paul Wellstone (D-MN), for whom she worked on issues such as welfare reform, food stamps, and affordable housing.

Rachel has a Ph.D. and master's degree in sociology from the University of Washington and a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Texas. She is based in Washington, DC.

Rosemary Lahasky is a Professional Staff Member with the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce. Under Chairman John Kline's leadership, the Committee oversees federal education and workforce policy. In this position, Rosemary handles legislation impacting high school students, career and technical education, and employment and training. Prior to joining the Committee, she worked for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for Competitive Workforce (ICW). There Rosemary built and implemented legislative and grassroots strategies on workforce development and education initiatives for businesses, state and local chambers of commerce, and communities nationwide. She managed ICW's state-by-state report card series, Leaders and Laggards, measuring the K-12 education system in each state and the District of Columbia.

Rosemary also managed the U.S. Chamber's Education, Employment, and Training Committee (EETC). The EETC directs Chamber policy relating to all issues that affect education and workforce development policy, including workforce preparation, K-12 education reform, postsecondary education, incumbent worker training, and lifelong learning.