Dr. Lonna Rae Atkeson is a professor and Regents' Lecturer in the Political Science Department at the University of New Mexico. Her general research program involves a wide number of subfields within political science including elections, campaigns, public opinion, political behavior, the media, political psychology, state politics, gender politics and political methodology. Lonna has received a number of honors and grants for her work. Recently, she has received several grants from The Pew Charitable Trusts and the Justice, Equality, Human Dignity, and Tolerance (JEHT) Foundation to assess electoral performance and analyze voter intent in New Mexico and the Southwest.

David Becker is the director of election initiatives at The Pew Charitable Trusts. He supervises work in election administration, including research and reform efforts to improve military and overseas voting; assess election performance through better data; use technology to provide voters with information they need to cast a ballot; and upgrade voter registration systems. David oversees research and works with states to modernize registration systems. He also testifies before state legislatures and other government entities, presents at relevant conferences, serves as a media resource, and identifies and implements partnerships. Before joining Pew, David served as a senior trial attorney in the Voting Section of the Department of Justice’s Civil Rights Division, where he led investigations into violations of federal voting laws regarding redistrictings, minority-language voter rights, and voter intimidation. David received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of California, Berkeley.

Matt Boehmer is in charge of administering the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, which covers the voting rights of military personnel and U.S. citizens abroad. Matt began working for the federal government in December 1991, when he joined the Department of Defense’s Outstanding Scholarship Program after receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from The University of Mary Washington. He has spent his 21-year career working for the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, initially at the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) and currently with the Defense Human Resources Activity (DHRA). Matt graduated from the 1999 Executive Leadership Development Program, received the Joint Meritorious Unit Award in 1999, and in 2007 received the Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service from the Office of Secretary of Defense.
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Doug Chapin is currently the director of the Program for Excellence in Election Administration at the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey School of Public Affairs. He worked for 10 years at The Pew Charitable Trusts, where he served as director of Election Initiatives. Under his leadership, Pew’s elections team successfully lobbied for enactment of military and overseas voting reform; enlisted dozens of states and technology partners to provide official voting information online and via mobile technology; and assisted with efforts to upgrade the nation’s voter registration systems. Prior to serving at Pew, Doug was an attorney in private practice specializing in election and ethics law.

Dr. Diane Cordry Golden has close to 40 years of experience working in the disability, education, assistive/accessible technology field at the local, state and national level. She served on both federal Access Board Committees providing recommendations for the Section 508 information technology accessibility standards. She has provided testimony for congressional hearings on issues surrounding accessible voting equipment is a frequent presenter on accessible voting systems. Diane served on the Technical Guidelines Development Committee established by HAVA and conducted research as part of the Research Alliance for Accessible Voting, an EAC-funded grant. She holds a Ph.D. in special education administration with an emphasis in disability policy and is currently employed by the Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs.

New Mexico Secretary of State Dianna J. Duran was born in Tularosa, N.M., graduating from Tularosa High School. Dianna attended New Mexico State University in Alamogordo before beginning work in the Office of the Otero County Clerk. Elected county clerk in 1988, Dianna served two consecutive two-year terms. In 1992, she was elected to the New Mexico State Senate, serving until her resignation upon being elected Secretary of State in November 2010. On January 1, 2011, Dianna became New Mexico’s 24th secretary of state. She is the first Republican elected to that office since 1928. Her primary objective remains the integrity of the electoral system. She believes in a republic in which elections are conducted fairly, votes are counted correctly, and only eligible voters are allowed to participate. The Corporations Division within the secretary of state processes 15 separate kinds of documents involving charter applications, as well as reports which are filed by corporations and limited liability companies. Currently, the secretary of state is developing a new in-house elections system, which will replace a decade-old system, incorporating the latest technology. Duran is married to Leo Barraza and they make their home in Tularosa. Together they have five children, 13 grandchildren and one great grandchild.
Susan Dzieduszycka-Suinat heads the nonpartisan, nonprofit, public services organization, U.S. Vote Foundation and its Overseas Vote initiative. Susan’s keen interest is civic engagement with voting as a central action. She actively pursues the development of innovative online solutions that improve the voting process for all types of voters—domestic, absentee, overseas and military—across all states. Her current objective is to expand and develop a new concept of personalized civic engagement. With recent grants from the Democracy Fund, the foundation has integrated the award-winning FactCheck.org database of articles into their “My Voter Account” application and embarked on a major research project in the arena of End-to-End Verifiable Internet Voting. For more information, please visit: www.usvotefoundation.org.

Brian Hancock serves as director of the Testing and Certification Division for the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. Brian oversees the EAC’s efforts in testing and certifying voting systems, works to accredit independent testing laboratories, and develops and maintains the EAC’s Voluntary Voting System Guidelines. From 1984-2003, he served on the staff of the Federal Election Commission (FEC) as an elections research specialist. Brian also edited The FEC Journal of Election Administration and authored essays describing the foundations, development and organization of electoral bodies in America, and he co-authored Implementing the National Voter Registration Act of 1993: Requirements, Issues, Approaches, and Examples.

Commissioner Thomas Hicks graduated from the Columbus School of Law in 1993. He served from 1993-2001 in the Clinton Administration as a special assistant and legislative assistant in the Office of Congressional Relations for the Office of Personnel Management. He then worked as a senior lobbyist and policy analyst from 2001-2003 for a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that empowers citizens to make their voices heard in the political process. Thomas then joined the U.S. House of Representatives as a senior elections counsel and minority elections counsel from 2003-2014. His primary responsibility was advising and providing guidance to the committee members and caucus on election issues. Thomas was nominated by President Barack H. Obama and confirmed by unanimous consent of the U.S. Senate on December 16, 2014, to serve on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC). His term of service extends through December 12, 2017.

Senator Daniel Ivey-Soto represents the northeast area of Albuquerque in the 15th District of the New Mexico State Senate. In 2000, Daniel was general counsel to his state political party when New Mexico’s electoral votes were decided by a 237 vote margin statewide. Since then he has served as the state’s election director, as a member of the Drafting Committee for the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act, in his current position as executive director for the state’s 33 county clerks and as vice chair of the Senate Rules Committee.
**Merle King** is an associate professor emeritus of Information Systems and the executive director for the Center for Election Systems at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Ga. An active researcher in election administration, Merle is the 2005 recipient of the National Association of Secretaries of State Medallion Award for his work in Georgia elections. Together with his colleagues at the Center, Merle has led the development one of the nation’s best resources for election administration support. The Center for Election Systems provides voting systems technical support to the Georgia Office of the Secretary of State and to the 159 county election supervisors in Georgia. He is an active national consultant on voting and election systems and works with the EAC as moderator of its roundtable series.

**Commissioner Matt Masterson** graduated from the University Of Dayton School of Law in 2006. Later that year, he joined the EAC as a special assistant/counsel to Chairman Paul DeGregorio. Matt then became the deputy director for the EAC’s Voting System Testing and Certification Program, where he created the next iteration of the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines. He also managed the day-to-day business of the EAC’s laboratory accreditation program including the creation of the EAC’s Voting System Test Laboratory Program Manual. Matt left the EAC to work for the State of Ohio, where he served as the deputy director of Elections from 2011-2013. After being promoted to deputy chief of staff and chief information officer for the secretary of state’s office, he became responsible for voting system certification efforts. Matt later served as interim chief of staff for the Ohio secretary of state and is widely considered an expert on elections administration.

**Commissioner Christy McCormick** graduated from George Mason University School of Law in 1999. She served as a judicial law clerk for the Seventh Circuit from 1999-2001. She then became the assistant attorney general and the assistant to the solicitor general for the Virginia Attorney General’s Office from 2001-2003. Christy clerked for the Honorable Elizabeth A. McClanahan until 2006, when she joined the Department of Justice as a senior trial attorney. In this role, she served as the deputy attorney general to the senior attorney advisor in the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, where she worked on the Iraq national elections and rule of law matters. Christy was a U.S. elections expert during Iraq’s 2010 elections, and she provided assistance and advice to the Independent High Electoral Commission. She also investigated and prosecuted violations of the federal voting statutes, including the Voting Rights Act and National Voter Registration Act.

**Dr. Michael McDonald** is associate professor of political science at University of Florida and a nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. He received his Ph.D. in political science from University of California. Michael’s research interests are in the areas of elections and methodology. His voter turnout research shows that turnout is not declining, the ineligible population is rising. He is a co-principle investigator on the Public Mapping Project, a project to encourage public participation in redistricting. Michael has worked for the national exit poll organization, consulted to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, consulted to the Pew Center for the States, served on campaign staff for state legislative campaigns in California and Virginia, worked for national polling firms, been an expert witness for election lawsuits in Florida and Washington, and worked as a redistricting consultant or expert witness in Alaska, Arizona, California, Georgia, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Virginia.
Katy Owens Hubler is a senior policy specialist at the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), focusing on election administration and issues relating to election technology in all 50 states. Previous to joining NCSL, she worked for the Denver Elections Division for several years and served as the assistant program coordinator to the Carter Center’s 2011 Election Observation Mission in Tunisia.

Tammy Patrick is a former federal compliance officer for Maricopa County, Ariz., where she was tasked with serving more than 1.9 million registered voters in the greater Phoenix Valley. She was chosen to serve on the Presidential Commission on Election Administration (PCEA), also known as the Bauer-Ginsberg Commission, and traveled around the county listening to election administrators, advocates and other stakeholders to identify best practices in election administration. In January 2014, the PCEA issued its report to the president with recommendations on how to improve the voting experience. Tammy now serves at the Bipartisan Policy Center to further the work and recommendations of the PCEA.

Whitney Quesenbery is the co-director of the Center for Civic Design. Whitney’s work in civic design began with her appointment to the EAC Federal advisory committee writing the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG), including the first usability requirements for voting systems. She brings her expertise in research methods, accessibility and plain language and a passion for understanding the story behind the data to her work. Whitney served on the U.S. Access Board’s advisory committee updating the Section 508 accessibility regulations, co-authored the Brennan Center for Justice’s seminal publications, Better Ballots (2008) and Better Design: Better Elections (2012). She coordinated the EAC-funded Accessible Voting Technology Initiative, managing 15 grants on voting for people with disabilities, including the Anywhere Ballot project. Whitney’s the author of three books: A Web for Everyone: Designing Accessible User Experience and Storytelling in User Experience (Rosenfeld Media, 2014 and 2011) and Global UX: Design and Research in a Connected World (Morgan Kauffman, 2012). She holds a Masters from the Open University in social research methods and teaches UX research at Rutgers University.

Pamela Smith is the president of Verified Voting, a nonpartisan nonprofit working to safeguard elections in the digital age. She provides information and testimony about issues relating to the use of technology in election processes at federal and state levels, including the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on House Administration. Pamela oversees an extensive information resource on election equipment and regulations governing its use across the 50 states. She is co-editor of Principles and Best Practices in Post Election Audits, co-author of Counting Votes 2012: A State By State Look at Election Preparedness and co-author of a chapter of Confirming Elections: Creating Confidence and Integrity through Election Auditing. Pamela participates in the Future of California Elections initiative sponsored by the James T. Irvine Foundation and serves on the Election Verification Network’s coordinating committee. She was a small business/marketing consultant and nonprofit executive for a Hispanic educational organization in first language literacy and adult learning.
Suzanne Staiert is the current Colorado deputy secretary of state and was appointed by former Colorado Secretary of State Scott Gessler. In January, she was reappointed by current Secretary of State Wayne Williams. Suzanne serves as the department’s chief in-house legal counsel and policy advisor. Before her appointment as deputy secretary, Suzanne practiced local government law for 19 years. Her career began with the City of Aurora where she represented various departments including the City Clerk’s Office and the Licensing Division. This included drafting election questions and working with the public and staff on initiatives and referendums. While in Aurora, she drafted Aurora’s campaign finance code and analyzed changes at the state level as they related to the city’s election code. Suzanne’s final year in Aurora was spent as a part-time municipal court judge presiding over trials and arraignments related to the city code. She also practiced in Arapahoe County and the City of Littleton. In Littleton, Suzanne served as the city attorney and worked closely with the clerk’s office on election issues. She also worked extensively with elected officials on matters of campaign finance and ethical considerations.

Chris Thomas is the director of Elections in the Michigan Department of State, a position he has held since 1981. He also teaches election law as an adjunct professor at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Mich. Chris served as director of Campaign Finance Information and director of Campaign Finance Operations for the State of Michigan, and then as director of Public Communications at the Federal Election Commission from 1975-1977. He began his election administration career in 1974 in Washington, D.C. where he was a staff assistant responsible for managing campaign finance filings in the Office of the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives. Chris is a founding member of the National Association of State Election Directors and currently serves as president. He has served on the Board of Advisors to the Election Assistance Commission since 2005. He received a J.D. from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

Maggie Toulouse Oliver graduated from the University of New Mexico with both a Bachelors of Arts and Master of Arts in political science. She has been a proponent of the Voter Expansion Project, an initiative aimed at ensuring that every eligible citizen is registered to vote, all registered voters have access to the ballot box, and every vote is accurately counted. Maggie is a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from United Voters New Mexico for her work in promoting election integrity. She helped with the successful implementation of vote centers for the 2012 election, including establishment of the “My Vote Center” app. Maggie has served as a Bernalillo County clerk since 2007.

Wendy Underhill is program manager for elections policy with the Legislative Management program at the National Conference of State Legislatures. She has been with NCSL for five years, specializing in research and analysis on elections issues, such as online voter registration, voter ID, voting technology, early voting, election metrics and more. Wendy publishes The Canvass, NCSL’s elections newsletter. The Canvass summarizes complex election issues and trends for busy state legislators, legislative staff and all others with an interest in election policy. Wendy is also NCSL’s expert on statewide ballot measures and the initiative and referendum process, and she is getting an on-the-job crash course in redistricting and campaign finance as well.
**Michael Winn** has been in the Travis County Clerk’s Office since 1998. Michael currently serves as director of elections at the Travis County Clerk’s Office in Austin. He is responsible for and manages an office that oversees elections for more than 145 jurisdictions. Michael brings with him more than 20 years of experience in elections and community service. He has a strong background in public relations, team development and project management. Michael has been a member of IACREOT since 2002; he has served in a number of key positions within the organization and currently serves as this year’s president. Michael continues his pursuit of understanding the process of managing and conducting elections as he has completed educational requirements and has attained certifications from national professional organizations including The Election Center.