Matt Bennett
Senior Vice President for Public Affairs, Third Way

Matt's pursuit of center-left politics has taken Matt from the campaign trail to the White House, and from the pages of The New York Times to appearances on Meet the Press and 60 Minutes. He worked on both of the presidential campaigns of Bill Clinton, his political hero. He served as Deputy Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs in the Clinton House, where he was the principal White House liaison to governors and covered issues ranging from disaster response to Medicaid to immigration. Prior to that, Matt traveled with Vice President Al Gore on his White House staff. He was Director of Communications for Wesley Clark's presidential campaign in 2004, and from 2001-2004 he was Director of Public Affairs for Americans for Gun Safety.

In 2005, Matt joined his three fellow co-founders in establishing Third Way, believing that there is a tremendous need for fresh thinking and moderate ideas in a time of extreme political immoderation. Matt loves coming to work every day to take on the big questions our country faces with some of the people he respects most in the world. He considers helping to extend marriage equality to gays and lesbians one of Third Way’s proudest achievements so far.

Matt earned his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law and his bachelor's degree in History from the University of Pennsylvania.

United States Senator
Cory Booker (D-NJ)

Since winning election to the United States Senate in October 2013, Cory Booker has focused on creating new jobs, improving economic opportunity for all New Jerseyans, speeding the pace of Hurricane Sandy recovery and addressing the economic squeeze facing middle class families. The senator is working to break down the old partisan barriers that have made Washington so removed from the concerns of everyday New Jerseyans. He has reached across the aisle to work on issues such as reforming the criminal justice system and empowering young people through access to apprenticeships.

Booker earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Stanford University, where he also played for the football team. He then attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar where he ran a student tutoring and mentoring program in a disadvantaged community. Booker earned his law degree from Yale Law School, where he helped lead free legal clinics for New Haven residents.
Booker was elected mayor of New Jersey's largest city, Newark, in 2006. While Booker was mayor, the city entered its biggest period of economic growth since the 1960s – the first new downtown hotels were constructed in 40 years, the first new office towers in 20. During Booker’s tenure, overall crime declined and the quality of life for residents improved with more affordable housing, new green spaces and parks, increased educational opportunities and more efficient city services.

As New Jersey's Junior Senator, Booker serves on the Senate's Committees on Commerce, Science and Transportation, Small Business and Entrepreneurship; Environment and Public Works; and Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committees.

**Carol Browner**  
*Leadership Council Member, Nuclear Matters*

Carol Browner is Leadership Council Member at Nuclear Matters and Senior Counselor at Albright Stonebridge Group, as well as a member of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (SEAB) Task Force on the Future of Nuclear Power.

Browner most recently served as Assistant to President Obama and director of the White House Office of Energy and Climate Change Policy, where she oversaw the coordination of environmental, energy, climate, transport, and related policy across the federal government.

From 1993 through 2001, Browner served as the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. As administrator, she adopted the most stringent air pollution standards in our nation's history; set for the first time, a fine particle clean air standard; and spearheaded the reauthorization of the Safe Drinking Water Act as well as the Food Quality Protection Act.

**Chris Colbert**  
*Chief Strategy Officer, NuScale*

Chris Colbert utilizes his extensive experience in project development to focus on the development and implementation of NuScale projects and strategic partnerships. Colbert held the position of Chief Operating Officer from September 2011 to July 2014.

Colbert joined NuScale from UniStar Nuclear Energy, LLC, where he was Senior Vice President for Projects and Services during 2007-2011. While at UniStar, Colbert was
responsible for the deployment of the U.S. EPR at Calvert Cliffs (Maryland) and Nine Mile Point (New York). Prior to UniStar, Colbert worked for GenPower, LLC, where he was Vice President of Coal Project Development during 2001 – 2007, focused on the development of the $2.2 Bn, 700MW Longview coal-fired power plant outside of Morgantown, WV. Prior to GenPower, Colbert held numerous positions within InterGen.

Colbert began his career at GE Aircraft Engines as an Engineering Development Program Trainee. He then moved to General Electric Company as an audit manager, and later became a representative for Bechtel Financing Services, Inc.

A graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a B.S. in electrical engineering and a minor in computer science, Colbert received an M.B.A. from the Walter A. Haas School of Business in Berkeley, CA. He is also a chartered financial analyst.

**United States Senator**

**Mike Crapo (R-ID)**

As a lifelong Idahoan and third-term U.S. Senator for Idaho, Mike Crapo has learned that a willingness to listen makes for a more effective leader and lawmaker. Mike’s commonsense approach and collaborative, creative problem-solving style have enabled him to achieve lasting solutions to issues of importance to Idahoans and the nation.

Mike’s sensible approach has earned him the respect of his colleagues, and he has been selected to serve in various leadership roles, including serving as Chief Deputy Whip for the 114th Congress. He is the second most senior Republican on the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee. He also serves as the Chairman of Banking Committee’s Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment. He is the third-ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee and serves as the Chairman of the Finance Committee’s Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight. Senator Crapo is a senior member of the Senate Committees on the Budget, Environment and Public Works, and Indian Affairs. He also serves as a member of the Joint Committee on Taxation. Additionally, he leads and serves on several caucuses, including his service as Co-Chairman of the Senate Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus.

He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1999 after serving six years in the U.S. House of Representatives and eight years in the Idaho State Senate, where he also served as Senate President Pro Tem. Before his election to Congress and the state legislature, Mike was a partner in the law firm of Holden, Kidwell, Hahn & Crapo. He received his
law degree from Harvard Law School and undergraduate degree from Brigham Young University. He served a one-year clerkship with the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Mike and his wife, Susan, have five children and eight grandchildren.

Leslie Dewan

Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, Transatomic Power

Leslie Dewan serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Transatomic Power which she co-founded in 2011 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She leads the commercialization and materials design of Transatomic Power’s molten salt fueled reactor.

Dewan graduated from MIT with a Ph.D. in nuclear engineering where her research focused on computational nuclear materials. She also holds B.S. degrees from MIT in mechanical engineering and nuclear engineering. Before starting her Ph.D., Dewan worked for a robotics company in Cambridge, MA, where she designed search-and-rescue robots and equipment for in-field identification of biological, chemical, and nuclear weapons. She is a recipient of the Department of Energy Computational Science Graduate Fellowship and the MIT Presidential Fellowship. Dewan has been granted several U.S. patents for her work and was named a TIME Magazine “30 People Under 30 Changing the World”, an MIT Technology Review “Innovator Under 35,” and a Forbes “30 Under 30” in Energy.

Jacob DeWitte

Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, UPower

Jacob DeWitte is CEO & Founder of UPower. UPower is building a very small nuclear power plant. The CEO and his co-founders are developing a transportable, solid-state nuclear generator that can generate 2 megawatts of power for 12 years without refueling, saving customers 90% on their energy bills. The reactor is also fuel agnostic, meaning it can run on uranium, thorium, even nuclear waste. In fact UPower’s technology can turn existing stockpiles of nuclear waste around the world into almost a millennium of clean power.

He is working on developing technologies to make the most of our incredible nuclear fleet, and advanced nuclear technologies that can make nuclear more competitive, available, and widespread than ever before.
Susan Eisenhower

President, The Eisenhower Group

Susan Eisenhower is the Eisenhower Institute’s Chairman Emeritus. She was a founding director and the first president of the Eisenhower Institute where she became known for her work in the former Soviet Union. For more than twenty years she traveled extensively to that region, on matters related US national security. More recently she has concentrated her efforts on the energy security field.

Eisenhower is also the CEO and Chairman of the Eisenhower Group, Inc. (EGI), a Washington D.C. based consulting company founded in 1986. For nearly thirty years the company has provided strategic counsel on business development, public affairs and communications projects. EGI has advised Fortune 500 companies, not just in the United States, but also abroad—in China, Russia, Central Asia and Western Europe— for such companies as American Express, IBM, Coca Cola, AES, Alcoa, and General Electric.

Eisenhower is currently a member of MIT’s Energy Initiative Advisory Board and co-chairman of NEAC, the Secretary of Energy’s Nuclear Energy Advisory Board.

Ashley Finan

Policy Director, Nuclear Innovation Alliance

Ashley Finan serves as Policy Director for the Nuclear Innovation Alliance, an organization that researches, develops and advocates policies to enable the efficient licensing and timely early-stage demonstration of advanced reactor technologies.

Finan also serves as Project Director for Advanced Energy Systems at Clean Air Task Force. In that role she manages CATF’s advanced nuclear energy project, coordinates studies on energy innovation policy and on advanced energy technologies. She works with the CATF team to develop and implement strategies that facilitate the commercialization of promising energy technologies.

Finan earned her Ph.D. in Nuclear Science and Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Her doctoral work focused on energy innovation investment and policy optimization, both in nuclear and renewable energy technologies. She has played a key role in studies of the use of advanced nuclear energy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in several applications, including hydrogen production, coal to liquids processes, and oil production methods. Finan holds an SB degree in Physics as well as SB and SM degrees in Nuclear Science and Engineering from MIT.
Josh Freed

Vice President for the Clean Energy Program, Third Way

After years of alternating between work with technology companies and in politics, Josh sought an opportunity that married both passions. He believes that the only way for the nation to solve complex issues, particularly one like climate change, is to ignore ideology and adopt ideas across the political spectrum. Under Josh’s direction, Third Way's Clean Energy Program has helped lead efforts to find pragmatic, post-partisan solutions to the energy challenges in the United States and expand American innovation, particularly in nuclear energy and cleaner fossil fuels. He regularly advises senior federal and state policymakers, and his work has been featured in The Washington Post, NPR, National Journal, POLITICO, The Los Angeles Times and Wired.

Prior to joining Third Way, Josh served for more than a decade as a strategist for public advocacy, corporate, and political campaigns and was a senior staffer on Capitol Hill. Most recently, Josh was Vice President at GMMB, a social marketing and advocacy firm, where he advised the senior leadership of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Before that, Josh ran the Washington, D.C. office and served as the chief policy advisor for Representative Rob Andrews, and was Deputy Chief of Staff for Representative Diana DeGette, a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Christian Garcia

Investor, Family Office

Christian Garcia manages venture capital investments at a multi-asset family investment office. Prior to this role he was a principal at Novus Energy Partners, a cleantech focused venture capital firm. Garcia began his career as a spacecraft R&D engineer with Boeing Phantom Works, before transitioning to investment banking and venture capital. He has a M.S. and B.S. from MIT and an MBA from Harvard Business School.
**Simon Irish**

*Chief Executive and Director, Terrestrial Energy*

Simon Irish has over 20 years investment banking and asset management experience in London and New York. Irish founded SWH Capital LLC in 2009, a New York based investment firm focused on innovative businesses in the financial, energy and healthcare sectors. Irish has established and managed multi-billion dollar alternative investment businesses in North America. Most recently he operated a substantial proprietary investment program for Man Group Plc. in start-up investment businesses including those focused on the technology sector. Irish’s responsibilities extended to sourcing and appraising corporate acquisition opportunities for Man Group Plc.

Irish received his MA (Natural Sciences) from Cambridge University and an MSc in Finance from London Business School.

**Ross Koningstein**

Ross leads Google’s Advanced Energy R&D group. He is co-author of the IEEE article “What would it really take to reverse climate change” and presented the talk “Why Incremental advances are inadequate to Solving Climate Change” at the 2015 MIT Low-Carbon Energy Workshop.

He previously contributed to Google's RE<C effort and the design of Google's breakthrough high-efficiency data center in The Dalles, Oregon. He was one of the inventors of Google’s AdWords, the main revenue driver for the company. Ross joined Google in 2001 as its first Director of Engineering after an entrepreneurial early career. Now an Engineering Director Emeritus, Ross focuses on hands-on engineering work, his first love.

Outside of work, Ross applied his knowledge of energy systems to his home renovation and won the town’s Green Building Award. He was an executive producer of the movie “Pandora’s Promise”. Ross earned a PhD in Aerospace Robotics at Stanford University and a BEng in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at Carleton University.
Maria G. Korsnick

Chief Operating Officer, Nuclear Energy Institute

Maria Korsnick is chief operating officer of the Nuclear Energy Institute. Before joining NEI, Korsnick served as senior vice president of Exelon’s Northeast operations and acting chief executive officer and chief nuclear officer of Constellation Energy Nuclear Group (CENG), where she developed company policies and strategies to ensure the safe, reliable and efficient operations of the fleet.

Previously, Korsnick held positions of increasing responsibility at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant and CENG's headquarters in Baltimore. During her 17 years at Calvert Cliffs, Korsnick was an integral member of the leadership team that brought the site national recognition for achieving world records in outage duration and quality.

Stephen Kuczynski

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Southern Nuclear Operating Company

Stephen Kuczynski is Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Southern Nuclear Operating Company. In this role, he is responsible for all operations of Southern Company’s six nuclear reactors. He is also responsible for new nuclear development initiatives, including the construction of Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4 near Augusta, Ga. He was elected Chairman, President and CEO, effective July 11, 2011.

Kuczynski has more than 30 years of experience in the nuclear industry. Most recently he was the Senior Vice President of Exelon Nuclear’s Midwest Operations. In that role, Kuczynski had oversight of all operational functions for Exelon Nuclear’s six Illinois operating facilities and 11 reactors. Prior to that role, Kuczynski was the Senior Vice President of Operations Support in which he was responsible for the performance of Outage Services, Training, Emergency Preparedness, Security, Chemistry, Radiation Protection, Operations, Maintenance, Work Control and Industrial Safety for the Exelon Nuclear fleet.

Joseph B. Lassiter

Senior Fellow, Harvard Business School

Joe Lassiter is the Senator John Heinz Professor of Management Practice in Environmental Management, Retired. He focuses on one of the world’s most pressing problems: developing clean, secure and carbon-neutral supplies of reliable, low-cost
energy all around the world. He studies how high-potential ventures attacking this problem are being financed and how their innovations are being brought to market in different parts of the world. In the HBS MBA and Executive Education programs, he teaches about the lessons learned as well as potential improvements in business practices, regulation and government policy. On retiring in 2015, Lassiter was appointed as a Senior Fellow to continue his work on energy and climate change related issues at HBS as well as in supporting University-wide efforts as a Faculty Fellow of the Harvard Environmental Economics Program and a Faculty Associate of the Harvard University Center for the Environment.

After joining HBS in 1996 as a Senior Lecturer, he was appointed a Professor of Management Practice in 1997. From 2010 until 2015, Lassiter was Faculty Chair of the University-wide Harvard Innovation Lab. Lassiter’s academic and professional work focused on the creation of high-potential ventures --both as new companies and within existing companies-- and the efforts of their managers to turn these ventures into high-performance businesses.

**Jeffrey S. Merrifield**

*Partner, Pillsbury Law*

Jeffrey Merrifield is a partner in Pillsbury’s Energy practice and is located in the Washington, DC office.

Merrifield was appointed by President Clinton and reappointed by President Bush to serve on the five-member, Senate-confirmed, independent United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission. During his tenure, which was from October 1998 to June 2002 and from August 2002 to June 2007, the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission had a staff of 3,250 employees with a budget of $900 million and set all policies and rules that govern the safe and secure use of nuclear materials at the 104 U.S. nuclear power plants operating at that time.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Merrifield served as President of The Merrifield Group, LLC where he provided energy and environmental consulting, advocacy and strategic advice for companies, organizations and individuals.
United States Senator

Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)

Senator Lisa Murkowski is the first Alaskan-born Senator and only the sixth United States Senator to serve the state. The state’s senior Senator, Lisa Murkowski is a third-generation Alaskan, born in Ketchikan and raised in towns across the state: Wrangell, Juneau, Fairbanks and Anchorage. Since joining the Senate in 2002, Senator Murkowski has been a strong advocate for Alaska on the important issues facing the state, including energy, health care, education, military/veterans’ affairs and infrastructure development.

Only the 32nd female to serve in the United States Senate since its founding in 1789, Senator Murkowski has assumed leadership roles quickly. She is the Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and also serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee, where she is the Chairman of the Interior and Environment Subcommittee. Senator Murkowski is a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee – the first Alaskan to serve on that panel – and also is a senior member of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee.

She earned a B.A. in economics from Georgetown University in 1980 and a law degree from Willamette University in 1985. Prior to her appointment to the United States Senate, Senator Murkowski practiced commercial law in Anchorage and served three terms in the Alaska State House of Representatives. She was elected to a full six-year U.S. Senate term in 2004, and was re-elected in 2010 in a historic write-in campaign, the first successful write-in effort to the Senate since 1954.

Senator Murkowski is married to Verne Martell and they have two sons. She enjoys spending time with her family in the Alaska outdoors.

Ted Nordhaus
Chairman, Breakthrough Institute

Ted Nordhaus is founder and chairman of the Breakthrough Institute, a political think tank based in Oakland, California, that works at the nexus of climate, energy, and economic policy. He is also managing partner of American Environics, a research and consulting firm that uses cutting-edge research and methodologies to understand the evolution of American social values to progressive political projects.

A widely recognized authority on climate and energy policy, Nordhaus is an author, researcher, and political strategist whose work has influenced a new generation of clean energy advocates. In 2008, Time named Mr. Nordhaus a “Hero of the Environment.” With co-author Michael Shellenberger, he published the seminal 2004
essay “The Death of Environmentalism” and the controversial and critically acclaimed Break Through: Why We Can’t Leave Saving the Planet to Environmentalists. Mr. Nordhaus’ writings have appeared widely in publications like the New Republic, the American Prospect, Salon, and the New York Times.

Franklin (Lynn) Orr
Under Secretary for Science and Energy, Department of Energy

Dr. Franklin (Lynn) M. Orr was sworn in as the Under Secretary for Science and Energy on December 17, 2014. As the Under Secretary, Orr is the principal advisor to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary on clean energy technologies and science and energy research initiatives. Orr is the inaugural Under Secretary for the office, which was created by Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz to closely integrate DOE’s basic science, applied research, technology development, and deployment efforts. As Under Secretary, he oversees DOE’s offices of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Fossil Energy, Indian Energy Policy and Programs, Nuclear Energy, and Science. In total, these programs steward the majority of DOE’s National Laboratories (13 of 17).

Prior to joining the Department of Energy, Orr was the Keleen and Carlton Beal Professor Emeritus in the Department of Energy Resources Engineering at Stanford University. He joined Stanford in 1985. He served as the founding director of the Precourt Institute for Energy at Stanford University from 2009 to 2013. He was the founding director of the Stanford Global Climate and Energy Project from 2002 to 2008, and he served as Dean of the School of Earth Sciences at Stanford from 1994 to 2002. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota and a B.S. from Stanford University, both in Chemical Engineering.

Mark Peters
Laboratory Director, Idaho National Laboratory

Dr. Mark Peters is the Director for the Idaho National Laboratory and president of Battelle Energy Alliance. His credentials and experience include leadership and management of large institutions with substantial effort focused on technology research and development. Prior to joining INL, Peters served as Argonne National Laboratory’s Associate Laboratory Director for the lab’s Energy and Global Security. Peters serves as a senior advisor to the Department of Energy on nuclear energy technologies, research and development programs, and nuclear waste policy.
As a recognized expert in nuclear fuel cycle technologies and nuclear waste management, Peters is called upon frequently to provide expert testimony to Congress and to advise in formulation of policies for nuclear fuel cycles, nonproliferation and nuclear waste disposal. He serves on the American Nuclear Society’s Public Policy Committee and also served on the Executive Committee of its Fuel Cycle and Waste Management Division.

Peters received his Ph.D. in Geophysical Sciences from the University of Chicago and his B.S. in Geology from Auburn University. He has also received extensive management and leadership education and training, including completion of the Strategic Laboratory Leadership Program at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

**Rachel Pritzker**  
*President, Pritzker Innovation Fund*  
*Board Member, Third Way*

Rachel Pritzker is a Board member of Third Way, as well as President and Founder of the Pritzker Innovation Fund, whose mission is to support the development and advancement of paradigm-shifting ideas to address the world’s most wicked problems. The Fund is currently focused on building an eco-modernist approach to climate, energy access, and conservation issues. Pritzker is also the Chair of the Advisory Board of the Breakthrough Institute, an innovative think tank committed to modernizing environmentalism for the 21st century.

Pritzker serves on the board of the Palm Center, a research institute that produces scholarship designed to enhance the quality of public dialogue about critical and controversial policy issues, such as gender and sexuality in the military. She is also a member of The Philanthropy Workshop West. Pritzker previously served as a founding board member of Media Matters for America and a founding board member of the Democracy Alliance, a partnership of business and philanthropic leaders committed to a stronger democracy through supporting progressive organizations. She is also founder and principal of the Festus Group LLC, a venture capital fund that invests in health and technology companies.

Pritzker attended Brown University, where she majored in Latin American studies. She is a clinical nutritionist by training and co-founded the nation’s first accredited master’s degree program in botanical medicine.
Dan Reicher
Executive Director, Steyer-Taylor Center for Energy Policy and Finance, Stanford University

Dan Reicher is Executive Director of the Steyer-Taylor Center for Energy Policy and Finance at Stanford University. Reicher came to Stanford in 2011 from Google, where he served since 2007 as Director of Climate Change and Energy Initiatives. He is also a member of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (SEAB) Task Force on the Future of Nuclear Power.

Reicher has more than 25 years of experience in energy and environmental policy, finance, and technology. He has served three Presidents including in the Clinton administration as Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and Department of Energy Chief of Staff, as a member of President Obama's Transition Team and Co-chair of the Energy and Environment Team for Obama, and as a staff member of President Carter’s Commission on the Accident at Three Mile Island.

Reicher is a member of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, the National Academy of Sciences Board on Energy and Environmental Systems, a senior fellow (non-resident) of the Brookings Institution, and board chair and interim President and CEO of the American Council on Renewable Energy.

Ray Rothrock
Partner Emeritus, Venrock

As a venture capitalist for more than two decades, Rothrock has assisted entrepreneurs in achieving their dreams and produced outstanding financial returns for his limited partners. He has personally discovered, created and guided more than 50 companies in the Venrock portfolio through their early stages of formation and emerging growth. Beginning his professional career as a nuclear engineer he continues his love for “building,” especially companies.

Rothrock also is active in educational and community causes. He currently serves on the Visiting Committee of the MIT Nuclear Science and Engineering Department and the Board of Woodside Priory School. He previously served as Trustee of the Texas A&M Foundation and chaired the investment committee of its $1 billion endowment. In 2010-2011, Rothrock was an Executive in Residence at Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT, where he taught several economics classes and lectured on energy.
Rothrock earned his B.S. in Nuclear Engineering from Texas A&M University, an S.M. in Nuclear Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and an MBA with Distinction from Harvard Business School.

John Sackett

Senior Vice President & Chief Technology Officer, Advanced Reactor Concepts

Dr. Sackett, a former Associate Director of Argonne National Laboratory (ANL) and an internationally recognized expert in reactor design and safety, led much of the initial development work in small fast-reactors for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

Since his departure from ANL, he has served as a consultant to U.S. DOE and is a part-time employee of the Idaho National Laboratory as a senior advisor. During his extensive career, Sackett has managed large-scale nuclear programs for ANL and U.S. DOE involving hundreds of millions of dollars of R&D funding. He is considered one of the foremost authorities on small reactor design. His experience with fast-reactors and associated fuel recycling is not just theoretical; early in his career he was the Director of the EBR-II Division where he was responsible for day-to-day operation of the reactor and conduct of its experimental programs.

Arthur J. Samberg

Managing Partner, Hawkes Financial Services

After spending twenty years on Wall Street following technology stocks Art Samberg founded Pequot Partners in 1986, when there were fewer than fifty hedge funds in existence. From an initial $3 million the fund complex grew to over $17 billion in 2000, making it the largest hedge fund in the world. Art closed Pequot in 2009, and established Hawkes Financial LLC, a family office whose primary vehicle, Acadia Woods Partners, LLC, invests predominantly in technology based start-ups. He is Chairman of the Board of JetSuite, Inc., and Tri Alpha Energy, Inc. He is on the Boards of Levant Power Corporation, Mederi Therapeutics, Inc., OpenMobile Worldwide, Inc., and Scroll Motion, Inc. Art also serves on his alma maters; MIT Executive Committee and The Corporation, and Columbia Business School as Co-chair. Art also serves on the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee at New York-Presbyterian Hospital as well as on the boards of a number of not-for-profit organizations.
Rachel Slaybaugh

Assistant Professor, Nuclear Engineering, University of California, Berkeley

Rachel Slaybaugh is an assistant professor of nuclear engineering at the University of California, Berkeley. At Berkeley, Prof. Slaybaugh’s research program is based in computational methods and applied to existing and advanced nuclear reactors, nuclear non-proliferation and security, and shielding applications.

She received a BS in nuclear engineering from Penn State in 2006, where she served as a licensed nuclear reactor operator. Slaybaugh went on to the University of Wisconsin–Madison to earn an MS in 2008 and a PhD in 2011 in nuclear engineering and engineering physics along with a certificate in energy analysis and policy. Throughout her career, Slaybaugh has been engaged in Software Carpentry education and training; she also contributes to the open source project PyNE. Slaybaugh was awarded the 2014 American Nuclear Society Young Member Excellence Award.

Tina Taylor

Director, Nuclear External Affairs, Electric Power Research Institute

Tina Taylor is a Director in the Nuclear Sector at the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). She is responsible for EPRI’s work with external organizations and leads research on advanced nuclear technologies as well as long term operations of nuclear plants.

Taylor has worked in the electric power industry for 25 years and joined EPRI in 1997. At EPRI, she has worked in a breadth of areas including nuclear power, environment, sustainability, renewables and engineering services. Previously, Taylor specialized in chemistry and corrosion in nuclear plants, working as a senior engineer at B&W Nuclear Technologies and before that as an engineer at Northeast Utilities. Taylor holds a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from Tufts University.

Jennifer Uhle

Director of the Office of New Reactors, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Dr. Jennifer Uhle is the Director of the Office of New Reactors at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). Jennifer graduated from MIT with a B.S. in nuclear engineering in 1991 and a Ph.D. in nuclear engineering in 1996. Jennifer has worked at the NRC for over 22 years in a number of progressively more responsible positions.
including Special Assistant for Reactor Programs in former Chairman Richard Meserve’s office, the Deputy Director of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research and the Deputy Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. Jennifer served as the U.S. representative to the first fact finding mission of the IAEA to Fukushima in April 2011.

**Kevan Weaver**

*Director of Technology Integration, TerraPower*

Kevan Weaver leads TerraPower’s technology development and integration team. Before joining TerraPower, he worked at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) for more than nine years in various capacities. He served as the national technical director for System Interface and Support Systems for the Nuclear Hydrogen Initiative, and as technical lead for Reactor Testing and Qualification for Fission Surface Power Systems for a NASA/Department of Energy Space Reactor Program.

He also served as the U.S. system integration manager for the Next Generation Nuclear Plant/Very High Temperature Reactor (NGNP) and Gas-Cooled Fast Reactor programs. He was also the co-chair on the international Gas-Cooled Fast Reactor system steering committee for the Generation IV International Forum. Early in his tenure at INL, he was group leader for the Advanced Reactor Design Group.

Weaver holds a Bachelor of Science in physics with minors in math and Spanish from Brigham Young University, and a doctorate in nuclear engineering from the University of Utah. He is a member of the Alpha Nu Sigma and Tau Beta Pi honor societies, and is a member of the American Nuclear Society and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

**United States Senator**

**Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)**

As a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Whitehouse has championed efforts to reduce carbon pollution, protect our air and water, and position Rhode Island as a leader in the clean energy economy. He founded the Senate Oceans Caucus to promote creative, bipartisan policy solutions that protect our oceans, our coasts, and the people and economies that rely on them.

A forceful voice for action on the challenges of a changing climate, Whitehouse joined with Rep. Henry Waxman to form a bicameral Task Force on Climate Change
to take on this important issue. Janet Larsen of the Earth Policy Institute called Sheldon “an elected official who speaks the truth.”

A graduate of Yale University and the University of Virginia School of Law, Whitehouse served as Rhode Island’s Director of Business Regulation under Governor Sundlun before being recommended by Senator Pell and nominated by President Bill Clinton to be Rhode Island’s United States Attorney in 1994. He was elected Attorney General of Rhode Island in 1998, a position in which he served until 2003. On November 7, 2006, Rhode Islanders elected Whitehouse to the United States Senate, where he is a member of the Budget Committee; the Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW); the Judiciary Committee; the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee; and the Special Committee on Aging. He is the Ranking Member of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism and of the EPW Subcommittee on Oversight.

He and his wife Sandra, a marine biologist and environmental advocate, live in Newport. They have two children.

**Jay Wileman**

*President and Chief Executive Officer, GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy*

Jay Wileman was named President and CEO of GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy (GEH) in November 2015. In this role, he is responsible for leading the $1 billion nuclear business with 3,000 employees and manufacturing, service and sales facilities around the globe. He is also responsible for managing the joint venture between the General Electric Corp. and Hitachi Corp.

With more than 30 years’ experience, Wileman has a wealth of international knowledge, having led many global teams to success across the energy spectrum. Prior to being named President and CEO of GEH, he served as Senior Vice President, Nuclear Plant Projects and Chief Operating Officer, a position he assumed in 2012.

Since joining GE in 1994, Wileman has held positions in engineering, manufacturing, industrial services and financial services in the U.S., Japan, Italy, Australia and South Africa. He served for three years as GE’s Global Mining leader. Before that, Wileman was President and CEO of GE Equipment Services – Rail Services, where he managed and led the business’ railcar and intermodal services and leasing fleet.