

Global Aging Forum

Perspectives on U.S. Health-Care Reform

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CSIS 4th Floor
Conference Room

Speakers:

Stuart Butler, Vice President for Domestic and Economic Policy Studies, The Heritage Foundation

Len Nichols, Director of the Health Policy Program, The New America Foundation

Chaired by:

Richard Jackson, Director, CSIS Global Aging Initiative and **Neil Howe**, Senior Associate, CSIS

The Global Aging Forum meets over lunch roughly once a month at the Center for Strategic and International Studies to discuss the fiscal, economic, social, and geopolitical challenges arising from the aging of the population in the United States and around the world. There is a brief presentation by a prominent policy or thought leader followed by an off-the-record discussion. Attendance is by invitation only and meetings are closed to the press. Please RSVP to Keisuke Nakashima at knakashima@csis.org.

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---Speakers' Biographies---

Stuart M. Butler, Ph.D.

*Vice President, Domestic and Economic Policy Studies
The Heritage Foundation*

Since joining Heritage in 1979, Stuart Butler has played a major role in shaping the policy debate on a wide range of domestic policy issues from health care and Social Security to welfare reform and privatizing government services. In 2002, he spent a semester at Harvard University as a Fellow at the Institute of Politics, and currently he is an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University Graduate School. Butler has degrees in physics and math and a doctorate in American economic history from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. Butler's abiding passion is health care reform, where he has argued for a restructured system based on consumer choice and state-led innovation. He also has been published in leading academic journals, such as the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and *Health Affairs*, and in leading newspapers. In addition to the dozens of research papers he has written for Heritage, Butler is the author of three books: *Enterprise Zones: Greenlining the Inner Cities* (1981), *Privatizing Federal Spending* (1985), and *Out of the Poverty Trap* (1987), and has edited several others. He has testified before Congress on a range of policy issues.

Len Nichols, Ph.D.

*Director, Health Policy Program
The New America Foundation*

Len Nichols, a highly respected healthcare economist, directs the Health Policy Program at the New America Foundation, which aims to expand health insurance coverage to all Americans while reining in costs and improving the efficiency of the overall health care system. Before joining New America, Dr. Nichols was the Vice President of the Center for Studying Health System Change, a Principal Research Associate at the Urban Institute, and the Senior Advisor for Health Policy at the Office of Management and Budget during the Clinton reform efforts of 1993-94. He has testified frequently before Congress and state legislators and has published widely in a variety of health related journals. Previously, Dr. Nichols was Chair of the Economics Department at Wellesley College, where he taught for 10 years. He also served as a member of the Competitive Pricing Advisory Commission (CPAC) and the 2001 Technical Review Panel for the Medicare Trustees Reports. He was on the advisory panel to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Covering America project and has been a consultant to the World Bank, the InterAmerican Development Bank, and the Pan American Health Organization. Dr. Nichols received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Illinois.