

9/11 at 25: Honoring the Past, Protecting the Future

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BIOGRAPHIES

Eric J. Nestler, MD, PhD, is the Anne and Joel Ehrenkranz Dean and Professor of Neuroscience and Psychiatry at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, and Executive Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer at Mount Sinai Health System. He received his BA, PhD, and MD degrees, and psychiatry residency training, from Yale University. Prior to joining Mount Sinai, he served on the faculties of Yale University (1987-2000) and UT Southwestern (2000-2008). Dr. Nestler is a member of the National Academy of Sciences (2025) and National Academy of Medicine (1998) and a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2005). He is a past President of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (2011) and the Society for Neuroscience (2017).

The goal of Dr. Nestler's research is to better understand the molecular basis of drug addiction and depression. His research uses animal models of these disorders to identify the ways in which drugs of abuse or stress change the brain to lead to addiction- or depression-like syndromes, and to use this information to develop improved treatments of these disorders.

Erica Schwartz, MD, MPH, JD (RADM, USPHS, RET), is the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. As director of CDC, Dr. Schwartz leads the agency in its mission to protect the health and safety of the American people through evidence-based guidance, operational excellence, and partnership-driven solutions to address twenty-first century public health challenges.

In this role, Dr. Schwartz prioritizes modernizing CDC's data infrastructure for real-time threat detection; empowering states, tribes, local communities, and territorial partners; and supporting the agency's dedicated workforce. Prior to joining CDC, Dr. Schwartz served as the United States Deputy Surgeon General. During her tenure, she played a pivotal role in the COVID-19 pandemic, designing and operationalizing scalable drive-through testing sites across all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. This effort resulted in the testing of nearly 11.5 million Americans and expanded access to care while preserving critical hospital capacity.

Dr. Schwartz's early career includes service as an occupational medicine physician in the US Navy. Her assignments included serving as the Chief of the Occupational Medicine Clinic and the Immunization Clinic and serving as the Preventive Medicine Department Head at the Naval Medical Clinic in Annapolis, MD. She also served as an occupational medicine physician and clinical epidemiologist at the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center in Portsmouth, VA.

In 2005, Dr. Schwartz transferred from the Navy to the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) and was detailed to the US Coast Guard. She focused on developing force health protection guidance for

responders during major national and global crises such as Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the 2009 H1N1 pandemic, the 2010 Haiti earthquake, Deepwater Horizon, and the West Africa Ebola outbreak. In 2015, Dr. Schwartz was appointed to the rank of rear admiral in the USPHS and became Chief Medical Officer for the US Coast Guard, where she oversaw the Coast Guard's healthcare system, safety program, and work-life initiatives.

Dr. Schwartz holds a Bachelor of Science in biomedical engineering and a Doctor of Medicine from Brown University. She also earned a Master of Public Health in epidemiology from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Maryland. Her academic and professional training reflects a lifelong commitment to public health, scientific rigor, and operational excellence.

Rear Admiral Lisa J. Delaney, MS, is an Assistant U.S. Surgeon General and advises and collaborates with the Office of the Surgeon General and the Department of Health and Human Services on strategic priorities and initiatives to advance public health. She also serves on the U.S. Public Health Service Assistant Surgeons General Leadership Council and is a member of its Deployment Subcommittee. She is excited to support the Assistant Secretary for Health ADM Christine's priority areas—visibility, readiness, and response—with the goal to address critical public health challenges and improve the readiness and effectiveness of its officers.

RDML Lisa Delaney is the associate administrator and director of the World Trade Center Health Program, where she provides executive oversight of a complex federal healthcare, health surveillance, and research program addressing the health problems arising in the aftermath of the 9/11 terror attacks. With a 26-year career at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, she has held various positions dedicated to promoting and enhancing occupational health and safety with a focus on preventing exposures that can lead to health effects during response and recovery work.

Robert O. Wright, MD, MPH, is the Ethel H. Wise Chair of the Department of Environmental Medicine and Co-Director of the Institute for Exposomic Research at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. The Department of Environmental Medicine is home to the World Trade Center Health Program Clinical Center of Excellence and the World Trade Center Health Program General Responder Data Center.

Dr. Wright studies exposomics, chemical mixtures, epigenetics and the role of social stressors as modifiers of chemical toxicity. He has published over 500 research studies and has served on numerous international and national committees and advisory boards. Dr. Wright founded the Senator Frank Lautenberg Laboratory of Environmental Health Sciences at Mount Sinai in 2014 and in 2022 launched the "Exposomic in Precision Medicine" program as part of Mount Sinai's Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Program. The program is designed to make the environment an integral part of precision medicine initiatives with the goal of bringing it into clinical training as a tool for optimally determining treatment options and variable individual responses to treatment.

Allison Lee Turkel, JD, became Special Master of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund ("VCF") in March 2023. Allison brings extensive and broad experience in the field of justice and victim

issues. She has served in the Department of Justice for over 14 years, most recently in the Office for Victims of Crime (“OVC”), where she focused on implementation of a claims system for victims of trafficking in child pornography. Prior to this role, Allison oversaw all grant functions for the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (“SMART”). Previously at the SMART office, she had oversight of the team working with American Indian tribes to implement the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act. For their efforts, she and her team received the Assistant Attorney General Award for Exceptional Service.

Allison previously served as the Deputy Director of the Federal, International, and Tribal Division at OVC. She oversaw the Antiterrorism Emergency Assistance Program, including the International Terrorism Victim Expense Reimbursement Program, National Mass Violence Victimization Center, and OVC's Mass Violence victim support program. As Deputy Director, she also provided guidance and resources for Federal partners' victim services programs. In addition, she led the tribal victims' services program, including the creation of innovative and efficient processes to help the Department effectuate a massive increase in funding for the first ever Tribal Victim Services Set Aside Program, and the creation of the Tribal Financial Management Center.

Steven Markowitz, MD, DrPH, an occupational medicine physician, internist, and epidemiologist, directs the Barry Commoner Center for Health and the Environment at the City University of New York. He is Adjunct Professor of Environmental Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. In 1998, Dr. Markowitz co-founded the Worker Health Protection Program, screening ~35,000 Department of Energy workers for occupational disease, including a low-dose CT scan-based screening program for over 14,000 workers in the largest occupational lung cancer screening program in the country. From 2016 to 2025, he served as Chair of the Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health of the U.S. Department of Labor. He has served on the NIOSH World Trade Center Scientific and Technical Advisory Board since 2011.

Michael A. Crane, MD, MPH, is Professor in the Department of Environmental Medicine and Medical Director of the World Trade Center Health Program Clinical Center of Excellence at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Additionally, he is the Medical Director of the Mount Sinai Selikoff Centers for Occupational Health, part of a New York State-funded occupational health center network. Dr. Crane is an expert on the physical and mental health consequences of large-scale disasters experienced by rescue and recovery workers, particularly those affecting responders who worked at the World Trade Center disaster site following the attacks of September 11, 2001. Prior to joining Mount Sinai in 2006, Dr. Crane spent 16 years at Con Edison of New York, where he served as Assistant Vice President and Chief Medical Officer. In 2002, he established a medical monitoring and treatment program for Con Edison workers who assisted in recovery efforts at the WTC site. Previously, he served as Associate Director of the Alcoholism Treatment Program of the Mount Sinai Services City Hospital Center at Elmhurst, New York.

Denise Harrison, MD, is the Medical Director of the World Trade Center Health Program at New York University (NYU) Grossman School of Medicine and the Associate Medical Director of the Bellevue/NYU Occupational Medicine Clinic.

Her 25 years of clinical and research work has focused on the health effects of environmental and occupational exposures, especially WTC-related illnesses, with expertise in inhalational hazards and long-term respiratory and multisystem outcomes. She completed residency training in Internal Medicine and fellowship training in Pulmonary Medicine at NYU.

Mariama James is a lifelong Lower Manhattan resident, deeply dedicated civic leader, and a prominent advocate for the 9/11 survivor community. Personally covered in toxic dust while eight months pregnant on September 11, 2001, Mariama's advocacy is rooted in a profound family legacy of survival and loss. She is a 9/11 survivor, the mother of three adult children who are certified survivors in the WTC Health Program, and the daughter of two survivors who tragically passed away from WTC-related illnesses.

For nearly two decades, Mariama has been at the forefront of the legislative battle for medical and financial equity. She was part of the dedicated grassroots group that helped create, pass, reauthorize, and expand the landmark James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, working tirelessly to ensure the WTC Health Program and the Victim Compensation Fund (VCF) are fully and permanently funded. Her leadership extends deeply into local recovery and equity. As a co-founder of the Coalition for an Affordable 5WTC, she successfully fought to secure a historic 20% housing preference specifically earmarked for 9/11 survivors and first responders at the 5 World Trade Center residential site. Today, Mariama serves as an appointed member of both the federal WTC Scientific/Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) and the WTC Health Program Survivor Steering Committee. She continues to help lead the efforts urging the city to declassify and release all internal 2001-era environmental and air quality records—demanding full, uncompromised transparency for the families who bore the brunt of the toxic aftermath.

Sandra M. Lowe, MD, is Professor of Psychiatry and Environmental Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and Medical Director of the World Trade Center Mental Health Program at the Mount Sinai Clinical Center of Excellence. She also serves as Chair of the Program's Mental Health Forum, providing national leadership on mental health policy and clinical care across the Program. Her work focuses on the long-term health effects of trauma exposure, psychiatric-medical comorbidity, and the development of comprehensive care models for populations affected by disaster.

Benjamin J. Luft, MD, is Professor of Medicine and Director and Principal Investigator of the Stony Brook World Trade Center Health and Wellness Program. For more than two decades, he has led one of the nation's largest programs dedicated to the care and study of World Trade Center responders and survivors. Since 2003, he has overseen the longitudinal follow-up of more than 16,000 responders and survivors, advancing our understanding of the long-term physical, psychological, and neurological consequences of the September 11 attacks.

Under his leadership, the program has established one of the world's most comprehensive biobanks dedicated to disaster-related illness, containing more than 500,000 biological specimens. This unique resource has supported groundbreaking research into the long-term effects of environmental exposures and psychological trauma, including accelerated aging, chronic disease, cognitive impairment, and post-

traumatic stress disorder. Dr. Luft founded *Remembering 9/11: An Oral History of World Trade Center Responders*, an initiative now housed in the Library of Congress that preserves the firsthand experiences of those who participated in the rescue, recovery, and cleanup efforts. Through this work, he has sought to ensure that the voices and sacrifices of responders remain part of the nation's historical record.

Sean Michael is a Battalion Chief with the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY) and a 30+ year veteran of the department. He is currently assigned to the 16th Battalion in Harlem. Chief Michael currently serves as a Chiefs' Representative for the Uniformed Fire Officers Association (UFOA), the labor organization representing the FDNY's lieutenants, captains, battalion chiefs, deputy chiefs, medical officers, and supervising fire marshals. He also serves as a Trustee of the New York City Fire Pension Fund. Through these leadership roles, he advocates for the health, safety, and retirement security of active and retired fire officers.

Chief Michael serves on the Board of Directors of 9/11 Health Watch, where he works to protect and strengthen the World Trade Center Health Program. Chief Michael remains committed to protecting the health, safety, and retirement security of New York City's firefighters while advocating for the long-term well-being of those affected by the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Jacqueline M. Moline, MD, MSc, is an Occupational Medicine specialist and Professor of Occupational Medicine, Epidemiology and Prevention, and Internal Medicine at Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine. She joined Northwell Health in 2010 as the founding Chairperson of the Department of Occupational Medicine, Epidemiology and Prevention, following 19 years at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Since 2001, Dr. Moline's work has focused heavily on the medical evaluation and treatment of World Trade Center (WTC) responders, playing an instrumental role in establishing the WTC Health Programs. Notably, she is the only individual to have directed WTC programs across two institutions—first at Mount Sinai, and currently at the Northwell Health Clinical Center of Excellence in Queens, NY. Dr. Moline was the recipient of the Kehoe Award of Merit from the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine for significant contributions to research in the field of occupational and environmental medicine in 2010 and was awarded the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization Lifetime Achievement Award in 2021. She has received numerous awards for her service to WTC responders. She is Editor-in-Chief of the Archives of Environmental and Occupational Health. Dr. Moline continues to maintain a clinical practice, focusing on patients with occupational exposures, particularly individuals who have been exposed to asbestos.

David J. Prezant, MD, is the Chief Medical Officer for the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY) and the Special Advisor to the Fire Commissioner for Health Policy. He has overall responsibility for the Bureau of Health Services, Counseling Services Unit, the WTC Health Program and the Office of Medical Affairs. He is FDNY's senior Pulmonary Consultant, Co-Director of FDNY's World Trade Center (WTC) Medical Program, the Principal Investigator for the NIOSH-funded FDNY WTC Data Center and the Co-Director of the NIOSH-funded FDNY WTC Clinical Center of Excellence. Additionally, he is a Professor of Medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and a pulmonary physician at the main teaching hospital – Montefiore Medical Center.

On 9/11, Dr. Prezant was at the WTC taking care of FDNY firefighters and EMS rescue workers. He was present during the collapse and its aftermath and helped with triage efforts. Since then, he has been responsible for the design and implementation of the WTC medical monitoring and treatment program for FDNY firefighters and EMS WTC rescue workers funded by NIOSH. Dr. Prezant has played a key role in leveraging the WTC Health Program so that members can obtain WTC Victim Compensation benefits and DOJ Public Safety benefits.

Alyssa Raghu, MD, is Medical Director of the World Trade Center Health Program Clinical Center of Excellence at William Street Clinic (operated by Optum Serve Health Services). She is an internist by training and completed her medical education internationally before pursuing her residency in Internal Medicine at United Health Services Hospitals in Binghamton, New York.

She is deeply committed to the clinic's mission and the communities it serves. Since assuming her current role in 2023, she has overseen the clinic's expansion from providing Initial Health Examinations (IHEs) and Annual Medical Examinations (AMEs) to offering comprehensive in-house behavioral health diagnostic and treatment services, as well as general medical care for qualifying certified conditions. Under Dr. Raghu's leadership, the clinic continues to broaden its scope of practice, with ongoing plans to expand clinical services and enhance access to high-quality, patient-centered healthcare for its members.

Joan Reibman, MD, recently retired as Professor of Medicine and Environmental Medicine at New York University/Bellevue Hospital. She was the Medical Director of the NYC Health + Hospitals WTC Environmental Health Center, a program she began soon after 9/11 for treatment of community members (Survivors) exposed to the WTC dust and fumes.

She served as the Director of the Bellevue Hospital Asthma Clinic beginning in 1991, funded under a New York State Primary Care Initiative Grant and established the NYU/Bellevue Asthma Airways Environment Program, a program initiated to provide state-of-the-art care and research in asthma.

Dr. Reibman has been the recipient of multiple NIH awards to study mucosal immunity and ambient pollutants, and for over 20 years, was the Principal Investigator for the New York Consortium of the American Lung Association Airway Clinical Research Centers, a multi-center program for clinical trials in asthma and COPD. She has published over 150 peer-reviewed manuscripts.

Iris G. Udasin, MD, is the Director of the Rutgers University WTC Clinical Center of Excellence, serves as Medical Director of the clinic of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute (EOHSI), and is a professor of environmental and occupational medicine.

She is a principal investigator and has been directly involved in providing care to those suffering from adverse health effects of WTC exposures from the onset of the WTC program. In January 2003, she began seeing WTC patients at the EOHSI clinic.

As a member of the WTC Steering Committee, she continues to work collaboratively with other WTC treatment centers to monitor and treat patients. Along with other investigators, she has worked to establish the relationship between WTC exposure and sleep apnea. She has also noted an increase in

head and neck cancers in WTC patients. In addition to patient care, she has worked to improve the pension system for New Jersey police and firefighters exposed to WTC toxins.

Leigh Wilson, DO, MPH, is the Medical Director of the World Trade Center Environmental Health Center (WTC EHC), a Clinical Center of Excellence at NYC Health + Hospitals. The WTC EHC was established by Dr. Joan Reibman for the care of the local population (Survivors) affected by the WTC disaster in the years following 9/11/01.

Prior to her work at the WTC EHC, she was the medical director at the Northwell WTC Health Program for 10 years. Dr. Wilson holds a Master's degree in Industrial Hygiene from UCLA and is board certified in Internal Medicine, General Preventive Medicine and Public Health, as well as Occupational and Environmental Medicine.

Michael Aronson has been on the Editorial Board of the New York Daily News for many years. He helps guide the paper's stand on issues of the day and writes editorials. His editorials have been honored with the Pulitzer Prize and the Polk Award.

Devlin Barrett has covered federal law enforcement for more than 25 years, explaining how decisions are made inside the Justice Department and F.B.I. Since 2024, he has worked at *The New York Times* and previously worked at *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Associated Press*, and the *New York Post*, where he started his career in journalism as a copy boy and where he worked on September 11, 2001.

In the years that followed, he covered the consequences of that day, from terrorism investigations, to how the Twin Towers collapsed, to government rebuilding efforts, and the long-term health effects. He has been part of four Pulitzer Prize-winning reporting teams, winning for Public Service, National Reporting, Investigative Reporting and Breaking News Reporting. He's also been a co-finalist for both the Pulitzer for feature writing and the Pulitzer for international reporting. He grew up in Troy, N.Y., graduated from McGill University in Montreal and now lives in Virginia with his wife and sons.

James Brosi was elected president of the Uniformed Fire Officers Association (UFOA) in August 2023. The union represents FDNY's lieutenants, captains, battalion chiefs, deputy chiefs, medical officers and supervising fire marshals. President Brosi, a 33-year member of the FDNY and 23-year member of the UFOA, previously served on the union's executive board as the recording secretary and pension trustee. He is currently assigned to Division Seven in the Bronx's Fordham Heights section.

On September 11, 2001, the FDNY lost 343 members in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. The impact of 9/11 will continue for years since city firefighters were involved in the cleanup and many suffered from cancer and lung disease. Over the years since 2001, the number of FDNY members who have died from 9/11-related illnesses has exceeded those killed on the day of the 9/11 attack and now has reached over 430 deaths and climbing. The illnesses include lung cancer, prostate cancer, thyroid cancer, respiratory conditions and other chronic problems. New cases from NYC firefighters are emerging daily.

President Brosi knows the effects of 9/11-related health disorders personally, having watched his father, Joe Brosi, a former FDNY firefighter who spent 32 years with the department, succumb to cancer following an eight-year battle with the disease.

Benjamin Chevat is Executive Director of both 9/11 Health Watch Inc. and Citizens for the Extension of the James Zadroga Act Inc., two not-for-profits dedicated to overseeing the implementation of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010 and its renewal and extension on behalf of injured and ill 9/11 responders and survivors.

He was formerly Chief of Staff for Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY), where he worked to create the Census Caucus, to ensure a fair and accurate Census and the American Community Survey. He drafted Census reform legislation proposed by Representative Maloney making the Census Bureau an independent agency as well as legislation creating a term of office for the Director of the Census, provisions of which were enacted into law.

Previously he was Chief of Staff to then-Congressman Charles Schumer, Counsel to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly and Counsel to the Co-Chairman of the New York State Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Development.

He received his BA from Queens College, City University of New York and his JD from the City University of New York Law School at Queens College, where he was in the inaugural class.

John Feal is a nationally recognized 9/11 advocate and Founder and President of the FealGood Foundation (FGF), a nonprofit that provides financial assistance and advocacy for first responders who have been injured in the course of their duties.

After serving in the U.S. Army Airborne Division, John worked as a demolition expert. On September 12, 2001, he and his crew were deployed to Ground Zero. Five days later, an 8,000-pound steel beam crushed his left foot, ultimately leading to the amputation of half of it. During years of surgeries and rehabilitation, John experienced firsthand the challenges faced by catastrophically injured responders. Determined to help others, he founded the FealGood Foundation, which has since raised and distributed more than \$10 million to those affected by the aftermath of 9/11. Beginning in 2004, John led grassroots advocacy efforts that helped secure passage of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act in 2010 and its permanent reauthorization in 2015. His advocacy has contributed to more than 20 pieces of legislation, including the permanent extension of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund and the 2022 PACT Act for veterans exposed to burn pits.

John received the New York State Congressional Medal of Honor for Civilians, "Above & Beyond," recognizing both his advocacy and his donation of a kidney to a stranger. His work has been featured by *60 Minutes*, CNN, ABC, NBC, NPR, *The Daily Show*, *Newsweek*, *Vanity Fair*, and *Rolling Stone*. His memoir, *I Will Follow You Anywhere*, with a foreword by Jon Stewart, will be published in September 2026.

Kimberly Flynn serves as Director of 9/11 Environmental Action (9/11EA), which she co-founded in 2002. 9/11EA is a coalition of Lower Manhattan residents, school parents, and community advocates affected by the World Trade Center disaster. Partnering with environmental, medical, and occupational

health and safety experts, 9/11EA led efforts to advocate for a science-based cleanup for all affected neighborhoods, and later, for federal funding and inclusion of the WTC Environmental Health Center in the WTC Health Program. Starting in 2016, she organized survivors, parents, and young adults to press for the creation of a new, representative research cohort for individuals who were exposed to the WTC disaster as children.

The Honorable Vito J. Fossella was elected the sixteenth Borough President of Staten Island in 2021. His priorities include supporting small businesses, promoting innovation and a positive learning environment in our schools, revitalizing the St. George waterfront, reducing crime, and supporting first responders.

Borough President Fossella has championed and funded Staten Island nonprofit organizations that are dedicated to arts and culture, healthcare, education, youth sports, and business. In support of Staten Island's vibrant neurodivergent and special-needs communities, he conceived and funded the borough's first full-scale play area for children of all developmental abilities, now in design at Wolfe's Pond Park. Borough President Fossella represented the South Shore of Staten Island in the City Council for three years, followed by twelve years as our Congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives. Borough President Fossella is a graduate of Monsignor Farrell High School and the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. He earned his Juris Doctorate from the Fordham University School of Law.

Denis M. Hughes is a nationally respected labor leader, public policy advocate, and former President of the New York State AFL-CIO, the nation's largest state labor federation. Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Hughes played a pivotal leadership role in New York's recovery. He coordinated organized labor's successful efforts to secure \$20 billion in federal funding to rebuild New York City and New York State.

Hughes was instrumental in leading labor's campaign for the passage of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act. His tireless advocacy helped ensure that the health needs of 9/11 responders remained a national priority long after the recovery effort ended. He had the vision to create 9/11 Health Watch, so that there would be one organization whose sole purpose was to protect the healthcare interests of 9/11 responders and survivors.

During his tenure as President of the New York State AFL-CIO, Hughes also championed numerous landmark initiatives, including reforms to New York's workers' compensation system, expanded labor protections, organizing rights, pension improvements, and legislation establishing a minimum wage for farm workers.

The Honorable Peter T. King (R-Seafood) served fourteen terms in Congress from 1993-2021. During his years in Congress, Rep. King earned the reputation of being an independent leader who always fought for his constituents even if it meant bucking his own party. Congressman King served as Chairman of the Homeland Security Committee, the Intelligence Committee, the Financial Services Committee and Foreign Affairs Committee.

Congressman King played a leadership role after the 9/11 terrorist attacks to secure the homeland and provide screening and healthcare for anyone afflicted by an illness resulting from being in the vicinity of Ground Zero on 9/11 or the days, weeks, and months which followed.

A graduate of St. Francis College (Brooklyn) and Notre Dame Law School, Rep. King has lived in New York his entire life and has been a resident of Nassau County for more than 50 years. He and his wife Rosemary reside in Seaford and have two adult children and two grandchildren.

The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY) was elected to Congress in 1992, “Year of the Woman.” She was the first woman to represent her Congressional district and City Council district; and the first woman to chair the Government Reform and Oversight Committee and the Joint Economic Committee. She authored over 80 laws, including the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act. In recognition of her three decades of public service, her official portrait was commissioned by the U.S. Capitol Historical Society and unveiled in Washington, D.C. and New York City.

Today, she serves as the Eleanor Roosevelt Distinguished Leader-in-Residence at Hunter College’s Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute and is the Founder of ERA-Now and Sign4ERA.org, leading national efforts to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. She sits on the Advisory Board of the Smithsonian American Women’s History Museum and holds leadership and board roles across prominent civic, cultural, and financial institutions, including the Metropolitan Opera, the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, and the National Organization for Women.

Michael McAuliff is a journalist who has covered 9/11 and its fallout since the beginning, as an editor and reporter, at *ABC News*, the *New York Daily News*, the *Huffington Post* and most recently at *Crain’s Modern Healthcare*, where he was the outlet’s Politics and Policy Reporter.

Micki Siegel de Hernández, MPH, recently retired as National Deputy Director of Occupational Safety and Health for the Communications Workers of America (CWA), serving from 2019 to 2026. Previously, she was Health and Safety Director for CWA’s District 1 (1999-2019) leading the union’s health and safety response after the 9/11 attacks.

Since 2001, Micki has advocated for thousands of CWA members who were responders or survivors, as well as for the broader 9/11 community. She is the longest serving responder representative on the WTC Health Program’s Responder Steering Committee (RSC) serving as Chair/Co-Chair from 2018 until her retirement in 2026. Micki currently serves on the Boards of 9/11 Health Watch and Citizens for the Extension of the James Zadroga Act.

Her extensive 9/11-related appointments have included: the WTCHP’s Scientific Technical Advisory Committee (STAC); Labor Co-Chair on the WTCHP’s Survivor Steering Committee; labor representative on the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene WTC Registry Labor Advisory Committee; and as the sole labor liaison appointed to the EPA WTC Expert Technical Review Panel. In addition, she co-chaired the WTC Community Labor Coalition.