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Gloria's frontline experience has given her a unique understanding of the confluence of the personal and the political in leadership and American culture. Currently she is a professor at Arizona State University where she teaches "Women, Power, and Leadership." People magazine called this former teen mom, who became leader of the world’s largest reproductive and sexual health care provider and advocacy organization, "the voice of experience." She brought phenomenal growth to the Planned Parenthood affiliates she led in West Texas and Arizona, then served as president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Federation of America from 1996-2005. She led the organization to adopt a bold new Vision for 2025. Her call to “fight forward” led to insurance coverage for contraceptives and accessible emergency contraception. Under her leadership, the Planned Parenthood Action Fund grew into the largest nonpartisan pro-choice action fund. Her life's passion for social justice, especially for women, is her life's work.

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Rahul Singh received his undergraduate degree at St Stephens, Delhi University, and attended Kings College, Cambridge for higher studies, graduating with History Honors. At Cambridge he was President of the India Society. Mr. Singh has held various positions in the press including; Assistant Editor at the Times of India and first Editor of the Indian Reader's Digest. Mr. Singh also helped to set up the Hindi version of the Reader's Digest, Sarvottam. Singh has worked as Resident Editor of the Indian Express and Editor of the Indian Post and Sunday Observer. In 1991, Mr. Singh became a consultant to the United Nations, for whom he wrote the book “Family Planning Success Stories: Asia, Africa, Latin America.” This book discussed 12 countries all over the world that have had successful family planning programs.

In 2001, Singh went to Dubai for a year as Editor of the Khaleej Times. At present Mr. Singh is writing three books for Penguin, apart from writing for various newspapers. Singh also serves as President of the Board of Trustees for DKT India, serves on the Advisory Board for World Literacy of Canada, and Trustee to the K.C. Mahindra Education Trust, which gives scholarships to Indian students going to school abroad. Rahul Singh is also Chair of Population Institute's Global Media Awards program.
Award Winners

Best Book
A Pivotal Moment: Population, Justice, & The Environmental Challenge
Laurie Mazur

Best Article or Series of Articles
Mother Jones

Best News Service
The P.U.S.H. Journal
Communications Consortium Media Center
Accepted by Andea Sybinsky

Best Radio Show
The Climate Connection: Are There Too Many People on the Planet?
BBC World Service
Accepted by Anna Lacey

Best Film or Miniseries
Empty Handed
Population Action International
Accepted by Michael Khoo, Producer & Nathan Golon, Director

Best TV Show
Dick Smith's Population Puzzle
Accepted by Jennifer Brown

Best Editorial Cartoon
Joel Pett
Lexington Herald-Leader

Best Print Editorial
“Time to Apply Brakes on Rapid Population Growth”
Kakaire Kirunda

Best Online Commentary or Blog
The GINK Chronicles
Lisa Hymas

Best Serial Drama
Makutano Junction
Accepted by Kate Lloyd Morgan
Laurie Mazur, a writer and the director of the Population Justice Project, will receive the Best Book award for her book *A Pivotal Moment: Population, Justice, & The Environmental Challenge*. The book, which she edited, explores the relationship between population growth and climate change, ecosystem health, and other environmental issues.


Excerpts from the award-winning *A Pivotal Moment: Population, Justice & The Environmental Challenge*

“The best way to slow population growth is not with top-down “population control” but by ensuring that all people have the means and power to make real choices about childbearing. That means, first, that all people must have access to family planning and other reproductive health services. Second, it means addressing the economic and gender inequities that limit choices for so many of the world’s people. Finally, and urgently, it means investing in the young men and women of the largest generation.”

“If we take seriously the twin imperatives of sustainability and equity, it becomes clear that it would be easier to provide a good life—at less environmental cost—for 8 rather than almost 11 billion people.”

“Everything we must do to slow population growth—ensuring access to reproductive health services, improving the status of girls and women, alleviating poverty—is something we should be doing anyway. And slowing population growth in this way is surprisingly cost-effective.”

Best Article or Series of Articles

Mother Jones will be honored with the award for Best Article or Series of Articles for its May/June population themed issue. *Mother Jones* dedicated their entire issue to looking at the impact that population growth is having on the world and as the cover asks “Who’s to Blame for the Population Crisis?”

*Mother Jones* is a nonprofit news organization that specializes in investigative, political, and social justice reporting. It currently has two main “platforms”: an award-winning bimonthly national magazine (circulation 240,000), and a website featuring new, original reporting 24-7. It is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, with the majority of its revenue coming from subscriptions and donors, big and small. It has won six National Magazine Awards and it has been nominated for many more, but its most recent coup was winning the 2010 National Magazine Award for General Excellence. It prides itself on “smart, fearless journalism” that keeps people better informed. Plus, they say, “We’re pretty damn fun.”

Excerpts from the award-winning issue of *Mother Jones*

“Although it’s unclear how many babies were added to the human family as a result of the global gag rule, the UN estimates that at its height in 2005, the unmet demand for contraceptives and family planning drove up fertility rates between 15 and 35 percent in Latin America, the Caribbean, the Arab states, Asia, and Africa—a whole generation of unplanned Bush babies.”

“That’s 1.6 million more humans alive this week than last week and 227,000 more people today than yesterday—all needing food, water, homes, and medicine for an average lifespan of 69 years.”

“Faced with a world that can support either a lot of us consuming a lot less or far fewer of us consuming more, we’re deadlocked: individuals, governments, the media, scientists, environmentalists, economists, human rights workers, liberals, conservatives, business and religious leaders. On the supremely divisive question of the ideal size of the human family, we’re amazingly united in a pact of silence.”
**Best Online News Service**

**The P.U.S.H. Journal**

The Periodic Updates on Sexual and Reproductive Health (PUSH) Journal is a daily compilation of news stories and opinion pieces on a broad range of global population, reproductive health and related issues from more than 36,000 news outlets around the world.

This free, objective news service is the product of a partnership between the Communications Consortium Media Center (CCMC), a nonprofit NGO based in Washington, DC, and LexisNexis.

Every day, CCMC staff culls through media coverage around the world and edits it down to the most important coverage on issues related to sexual and reproductive health. Subscribers, which include journalists, NGO and non-profit advocates among others, receive one e-mail per day, five days a week, containing all stories on the topics and countries chosen. The P.U.S.H. Journal adds no text or commentary.

Recent posts from CCMC’s P.U.S.H. Journal’s award-winning online news service

- India is worse than Pakistan on gender equality - *The Times of India (TOI)*
- Amnesty Demands Repeal of Indonesia's Anti-Abortion Laws - *The Jakarta Globe*
- Maternal mortality rate highest in Balochistan - *Right Vision News (Pakistan)*
- Afghanistan reports progress in economy, women’s rights, education, health - *Xinhua General News Service (China)*
- Two Female Circumcisers Testify in Gamcotrap Case - *The Daily Observer (Banjul)*
- GUEBUZA CONDEMNS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN - *Mozambique News Agency (English)*
- Moore, Kutzer campaign against modern-day slavery - *Agence France Presse -- English*
- Wash Pharmacy Board to change 'Plan B' rule - *The Associated Press State & Local Wire*
- Rwanda Begins Revision of Controversial - *Global Insight (U.S.)*
- PNG sex laws under review - *PNG Post-Courier (Australia)*
- Study says sex education should come from pupils - *The Times Educational Supplement (U.K.)*
- Gender gap persists in Brazil despite election of female president - *Xinhua General News Service (China)*
- PROBLEMS OF TEENAGE PREGNANCIES - *Chinadaily.com.cn*

**Best Radio Show**

**The Climate Connection: Are There Too Many People on the Planet?**

The Climate Connection: Are There Too Many People on the Planet? from BBC World Service will receive the award for Best Radio Show. The program, airing before the Copenhagen Climate Talks, engaged people in the UK and Kenya in a lively and informative discussion about population and its impact on climate.

Anna Lacey is a freelance radio producer with a particular love of science, health and global / development issues. In her 3 years of working for the BBC World Service and BBC Radio 4, she has reported from countries across Asia, Africa, the Caribbean, the USA and Europe. In 2007, she won the Association of British Science Writers’ New Voice award for the year’s best young broadcaster. Her work also led to her being awarded a media fellowship by the One World Broadcasting Trust in 2009, where she spent a month reporting on the progress of the Millennium Development Goals in Rwanda. For the past six months, she has crossed to the ‘other side’ and made her first foray into television. The hour-long documentary about the engineering challenges of the Deepwater Horizon spill was broadcast on BBC2 in mid-November.

Claudia Hammond is a broadcaster, writer and lecturer. She is the presenter of *All in the Mind, Case Study, State of Mind* and *Mind Changers* on BBC Radio 4 as well as the weekly global health programme *Health Check* on BBC World Service Radio and BBC World News TV. She is on the part-time faculty at Boston University’s London base where she lectures in health and social psychology. Her first book “Emotional Rollercoaster — a journey through the science of feelings” has been translated into six languages. Her programmes and writing have been shortlisted for the Mental Health Media Awards, the Medical Journalism Awards and the Premio Luchetta for International Humanitarian Journalism. Claudia was awarded Highly Commended for the PPA Magazine Columnist of the Year Award 2009.

Brief summary of the award-winning The Climate Connection: Are There Too Many People on the Planet?

As the global population approaches seven billion, concerns are growing that our population may soon reach an unsustainable level. Questions are being asked about whether growth could be managed if consumption and emission levels were significantly reduced.

Katie Chau, a consultant for the International Planned Parenthood Foundation, embarks on a journey from London to Kenya to meet with expert witnesses and debates the issues surrounding the ever-increasing global population. She speaks to a range of people including: John Guillebaud from the Optimum Population Trust; Ben Oghre, a blogger and one of sixteen children, who is in favour of a two-child policy for many African nations; and Kenyan Nobel Laureate Grace Akurut, a lead negotiator on climate change who thinks the industrialised world needs to change its ways - and now.
**Best Film or Miniseries**

**Empty Handed**

*Empty Handed*, produced by Population Action International with support from the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition’s Innovation Fund, will receive the award for Best Film or Miniseries. The film illustrates the challenges and obstacles that are faced by women in Uganda as they try to access family planning services.

**NATHAN GOLON - director**

Nathan Golon is an independent filmmaker and photographer based in Washington, DC. His work encompasses topics such as gender, reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, education, and conflict resolution.

His client list includes Population Action International, Mercy Corps, Family Health International, the Population Council, Columbia University’s International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs (ICAP), the Whole Planet Foundation, PATH’s Malaria Vaccine Initiative, the Capital Area Food Bank, ESPN, and the Associated Press.

**MICHAEL KHOO - producer**

Khoo came to PAI in 2009 with 14 years experience in strategic communications for progressive organizations focused on politics, the environment, health, and international issues. He was Vice President at Fenton Communications from 2004-2009 where he worked with clients such as the Nobel Women’s Initiative, MoveOn.org, Friends of the Earth, Step It Up, Farmworker Justice, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and Pew Health and Human Services. He led Fenton’s Washington online division and specializes in communications strategy, media relations, and online marketing.

**Brief summary of the award-winning Empty Handed**

*Empty Handed* tells the story of women’s lack of access to reproductive health supplies in sub-Saharan Africa, and its impact on their lives. Around the world, 215 million want to delay pregnancy but need contraception. Often, these women must travel far from their communities to reach a health facility, only to return home empty handed due to shortages and stock-outs. The film documents the challenges at each level of the supply chain and identifies key areas for improvement. This film shows that ongoing challenges in obtaining reproductive health supplies can have devastating consequences for family size, abortion, spacing and delaying pregnancy, HIV/AIDS and other STIs.

When women seeking family planning services are turned away, they are unable to protect themselves from unintended pregnancies and sexually-transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS. In developing countries, a woman’s lifetime risk of dying due to pregnancy and childbirth is 1 in 75. In sub-Saharan Africa, where fertility rates are some of the highest in the world, the risk of dying is 1 in 22.

*Empty Handed* was shot in Uganda in 2009-2010 by PAI filmmaker Nathan Golon, produced by Michael Khoo and was made possible with support from the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition.

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**Best TV Show**

**Dick Smith’s Population Puzzle**

*Dick Smith Population Puzzle*, broadcast on ABC1 (Australian Broadcasting Corporation), will be recognized as the Best TV Show. This documentary looked at Australia’s rapid population growth and ways to change the political and social consensus on the issue in Australia.

**ANNA CATER - producer**

Anna Cater began her career as a print journalist and has written for newspapers and magazines around the world. She then worked as a broadcast journalist at the ABC, winning a gold medal at the New York Festival. Her documentary credits include the award-winning films *Frank Hurley – the Man Who Made History*, *Outsourced!* (also known as 1-800-INDIA) and *Honeybee Blues*. She has worked for Oxfam in the UK and Australia and is currently producing the feature film *Rites of Passage*.

**SIMON NASHT – writer, director and co-producer**

Simon Nash is one of Australia’s most experienced documentary filmmakers. His films include *Addicted to Money*, *The Bridge*, *The Hobbit Enigma* and portraits of Australian iconoclasts such as Errol Flynn, Frank Hurley and Sir Hubert Wilkins. They have been shown by the ABC, BBC and PBS and have won prizes at many film festivals. A former print and broadcast journalist, he has won a Logie, a Eureka Prize for Science Journalism, AWGIEs and written best-selling non-fiction books.

**Brief summary of the award-winning Dick Smith’s Population Puzzle**

Dick Smith’s Population Puzzle follows the Australian entrepreneur and adventurer Dick Smith’s campaign against rapid population growth and his attempts to turn around the nation’s political consensus supporting high birth rates and immigration. Mass migration and a high natural birth rate have been the cornerstone of Australia’s post-war economy and the consensus policy of all major political parties. But then one day Dick Smith had a revelation:

“In September 2009, my youngest daughter, Jenny, phoned me and said, “Dad, they are all talking about human induced climate change, and they’re all going off to Copenhagen. Why don’t they talk about the ‘elephant in the room’”. I said, “Jenny, what’s that?”. She said, “population!”.

The instant she said the word, it was almost as if a light was turned on in my head. Within seconds I realised how stupid I had been. Here we were talking about problems which are facing our planet, but people weren’t talking about the most obvious problem – too many people. I knew that we had something like 6.7 billion people in the world, and this was predicted to go to over 9 billion by 2050. But I’d never actually linked that with a great many of the problems we have in our world.”
Joel Pett, a Pulitzer Prize winning editorial cartoonist for the Lexington Herald-Leader, will be honored with the award for Best Editorial Cartoon. He has a history of commenting on population and environmental issues over the course of his award winning career.

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Pett also received the 1999 Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award, and the 1995 and 2007 Global Media Awards for cartoons on population issues, as well as a regional Emmy for television commentary. He is a past president of the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists, a past Pulitzer juror, and has conducted three overseas seminars on editorial cartooning as a guest speaker of the U.S. State Department.

Having observed life in over twenty-five countries, from his boyhood home in Nigeria, down the Amazon, to Red Square, Tiananmen square, and beyond, Pett sums up his philosophy simply: “Hello, God?…We could use some help down here…”

Kakaire Ayub Kirunda is a former deputy news editor with Uganda’s Daily Monitor newspaper. He resigned his job in April 2009 to pursue a two year HIV/AIDS Fellowship Program at the Makerere University School of Public Health in Kampala-Uganda. He started his professional career in 2002 as a senior staff reporter with Kiira Radio in eastern Uganda before moving on to become Daily Monitor’s Bureau Chief in eastern Uganda. Kaire went on to become a senior health writer and deputy news editor with the same newspaper. During his professional work he reported on development issues ranging from the environment to health. Because of his exceptional work he won two awards in Uganda and health journalism training fellowships took him to Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Mozambique, South Africa, Ghana, Nigeria, Germany, UK, France, Mexico, and Austria. As part of his fellowship he is attached to the Uganda Health Communication Alliance until April 2011 as a health journalism trainer.

“Eastern Uganda is the country’s most densely populated region, with 226 persons per sq km, yet families continue to expand at a very rapid rate. The land is not growing, though. And since these families needs food, shelter, and other resources but have no sound source of income, they march up fragile hillsides, cutting the trees and other vegetation that hold soil to their steep slopes.”

“Mudslides are just one problem this country is facing due to its uncontrolled population growth. Has it ever occurred to you that the poor quality of services you are getting results partly from the fact that population is growing faster than our resources?”

“One of the proven ways of slowing population growth and realizing quality of life as envisaged by the MDGs is family planning. But sadly, 41 percent of married women of reproductive age in Uganda want to space or limit their births but are not using contraceptives. A good place to start turning things around, then, would be to solve Uganda’s unmet need for family planning.”
Lisa Hymas, the Senior Editor at Grist, will be awarded Best Online Commentary for her blog “The GINK Chronicles.” Her blog discusses population and environment issues and her choice to not have children (GINK: Green Inclinations, No Kids).

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Excerpts from the award-winning GINK Chronicles

“Making the green choice too often feels like a sacrifice or a hassle or an expense. In this case, it feels like a luxurious indulgence that just so happens to cost a lot less for me and weigh a lot less on the carbon-bloated atmosphere. I call myself a GINK: green inclinations, no kids.”

“For the average person like me—someone who doesn’t have the ability of an Al Gore to reach millions or of a Nancy Pelosi to advance (if not actually enact) landmark environmental legislation, or of a Van Jones to inspire (and piss off) whole new audiences—the single most meaningful contribution I can make to a cleaner, greener world is to not have children.”

“I like kids—many of them, anyway. Some of my best friends, as they say, are parents. I bear no ill will to procreators, past, present, and prospective. I claim no moral or ethical high ground.

If being a parent is something you’ve longed and planned for, or already embarked upon, I respect your choice and I wish you luck. Go forth and raise happy, healthy kids. May they bring you joy and fulfillment.”

Makutano Junction will receive the award for Best Serial Drama. It is a television serial drama focusing on issues faced in a small town in Kenya. Makutano Junction has covered a range of issues including the danger of unsafe abortion and the importance of contraception and planned families. It has aired in Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania.

Kate Lloyd Morgan - Director, Mediae

Kate has worked in media and communications in Africa for over 15 years. She began her career with Voluntary Service Overseas in Nigeria and has worked under the auspices of DFID, both as technical cooperation officer and also in a consultancy capacity. She has experience in rural and social development issues, complemented by practical experience in the use of radio, and in particular radio soap opera, as a development tool. She has conducted research into ways of improving the communication of natural resource research findings, in collaboration with Reading University, resulting in a set of best practice guidelines. Kate has co-managed a number of Mediae radio projects. She teaches part of the Module on Principles of Communication Design for Development at Reading University.

She is currently introducing Mediae's popular Makutano Junction drama series into UK secondary schools. Kate runs Mediae’s UK office.

Brief summary of award-winning Makutano Junction

Makutano Junction has been entertaining and educating audiences in East Africa since 2006. Produced by Mediae, a production company specializing in ‘edu-tainment,’ the series is shortly starting production on its eleventh series, due for broadcast in January 2011. Set in a small Kenyan town, Makutano follows the lives of a diverse population. As well as dealing with day to day issues, each episode of the show also includes a key development topic where our viewers are encouraged to investigate solutions to a wide range of issues (including agricultural advances, governance, sexual health, and financial education, to name a few). This past year the show worked to raise awareness of the dangers of unsafe abortion and let people know that while abortion is illegal post abortion care is not. They also spent time advocating the benefits of planned parenting and the use of contraceptives to prevent unwanted pregnancies. Currently, Makutano Junction runs for 26 episodes a year and is watched by over 7 million Kenyans. It is also broadcast in Uganda (where it is the most watched drama) and Tanzania bringing the total audience to 12 million.
Thank you to the Judge’s of the 2010 Global Media Awards...

Earl Babbie is Emeritus professor of Behavioral Sciences at Chapman University and author of *The Practice of Social Research and The Basics of Social Research*, among other textbooks and scholarly works. He serves as a pro-bono research advisor to PMC and as a board member of the Population Institute. He received an A.B. from Harvard College and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley.

Hal Burdett joined the Population Institute in 1979 as Director of Information and Editor of Publications, including the then monthly newsletter POPLINE and the TOWARD THE 21ST CENTURY monographs. He retired from the Institute in 2007 as Vice President for Communications.

Prior to his affiliation with PI, he was an award-winning newspaper journalist, freelance magazine writer and author. His honors included several Heartline Service Awards while serving as state government correspondent and political columnist for The Baltimore News American, as well as top honors in the column and editorial categories in Maryland-D.C.-Delaware Press Association competitions.

His feature and op-ed articles have appeared in virtually every major newspaper in the United States, among them: The Washington Post, Baltimore Sun, Chicago Tribune, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Des Moines Register, Houston Post, Seattle Times, San Francisco Chronicle, Atlanta Constitution, Charlotte Observer, and The Minneapolis Star-Tribune.

Since his retirement, Hal has been writing Potomac Digest, an online national political column at www.potomacdigest.blogspot.com and serving as a theater critic for The Annapolis Capital. His first book in more than 30 years, *Wit, Wisdom and Whatever*, a selection of his essays, articles and short stories, is scheduled for publication in 2011.

Janet Edmond is the Director of Population Environment at Conservation International in Arlington, VA. Ms. Edmond has more than 20 years experience in international health, environment and development in more than 10 countries. Since January 2004, Edmond has provided global leadership, as well as technical and financial oversight, of CI’s population, health and environment (PHE) portfolio. She currently serves as Deputy Director for the USAID-supported $5 million BALANCED project (2008-2013), promoting and advancing (PHE) approaches worldwide. Edmond also directed CI’s $3.85 million PHE program, the USAID-funded Healthy Families, Healthy Forests project and the Meeting Population and Conservation Needs in Mexico’s Selva Lacandona project, supported by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. She has a Masters in Public Health (MPH) from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. From 1999-2003, she managed RH/FP, MCH and HIV/AIDS projects on the USAID-funded Partners for Health Reform plus Project. Edmond’s environmental experience includes seven years with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF-US) and the Environmental and Energy Study Institute in Washington, DC.

Robert Engelman is Vice President for Programs at the Worldwatch Institute, a globally focused environmental research organization based in Washington, DC. Bob provides strategic direction for the Institute’s research and programs and is a specialist in issues of population, reproductive health, global public health, climate change, and food security. Prior to joining Worldwatch, Bob was Vice President for Research at Population Action International, a policy research and advocacy group in Washington, and directed its program on population and the environment. He has written extensively on population’s connections to environmental change, economic growth, and civil conflict.

A former newspaper reporter specializing in science and the environment, Bob has served on the faculty of Yale University as a visiting lecturer and was founding secretary of the Society of Environmental Journalists. Bob serves on the boards of the Center for a New American Dream, the Population Resource Center, and the Nova Institute.

Nancy Pendarvis Harris for three decades has played a leadership role in the development and management of international family planning/reproductive health, maternal-child health and development programs and in influencing health policy. Since 1981, she has directed large worldwide programs. Early work at the grassroots level and extended residences in developing countries give her a keen understanding of the context in which service delivery and advocacy programs must operate. Her large professional network and proficiency in languages enables her to communicate effectively with policy-makers, program managers, governments and private voluntary agencies. From her position as a Vice President of John Snow Inc, Harris has been able to shape policy and strategy to meet the changing needs of health programs around the world. She also serves on the board of Partners for Development and Management Strategies for Africa and on numerous advocacy and professional committees and working groups.

Michael Khoo is Vice President of Communications for Population Action International. Khoo came to PAI in 2009 with 14 years experience in strategic communications for progressive organizations focused on politics, the environment, health, and international issues. He was Vice President at Fenton Communications from 2004-2009 where he worked with clients such as the Nobel Women’s Initiative, MoveOn.org, Friends of the Earth, Step It Up, Farmworker Justice, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and Pew Health and Human Services. He led Fenton's Washington online division and specializes in communications strategy, media relations, and online marketing.

Prior to joining Fenton, Khoo was the Washington representative for the Union of Concerned Scientists, where he developed online and offline communications strategies and tactics for its corporate and legislative campaigns. His work with UCS contributed to McDonald's landmark decision in 2003 to reduce the use of antibiotics in its meat production, and it helped secure the first Republican co-sponsor of Senate legislation. He also served as a spokesperson for UCS, authoring op-eds and outreach materials.

As national campaigner for Greenpeace Canada, Khoo developed and launched the organization’s first biotechnology campaign in 1999, which doubled Canadian public awareness of the issue and led to the first international treaty on biotechnology. As lead spokesperson he performed more than 700 media interviews. As part of the campaign, Khoo also developed the funding necessary to start the first Canadian college-level course on organic agriculture at Guelph University in Ontario.

Earlier, Khoo served as a press officer for the renowned Canadian geneticist, environmentalist and broadcaster Dr. David Suzuki. He was a campaigner with the Toronto Environmental Alliance and before that was an independent music publicist. He resides in Washington, D.C. with his wife Anastasia.

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Robert Walker is the Executive Vice President of the Population Institute, where he directs the organization’s advocacy and public education activities, including its work on issues related to health, economic development, sustainability and the environment.

Prior to joining the Population Institute in February 2009, Mr. Walker was President of the Population Resource Center. He formerly was the Executive Director of the Common Cause Education Fund, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization working to promote open, honest and accountable government.

He also served for three years as President of Handgun Control, Inc. and the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence, and four years as legislative director at Handgun Control, where he led the lobbying campaigns that led to the successful passage of the Brady Law and the federal assault weapons ban. Prior to his work for Handgun Control, Mr. Walker worked for a total of 14 years on Capitol Hill, including two legislative aide to Rep. John B. Anderson and six years as Legislative Director to Rep. Mo Udall, the Chairman of the House Interior Committee. He also served for two years as Legislative Counsel for the American Association of Retired Persons.

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