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Keynote Speakers

David W. Orr, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of the Environmental Studies Program, Oberlin College

David W. Orr was born in Des Moines, Iowa and was raised in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. He holds a B.A. from Westminster College (1965), a M.A. from Michigan State University (1966), and a Ph.D. in International Relations from the University of Pennsylvania (1973). He and his wife have two sons and two grandchildren. David Orr is currently Professor and Chair of the Environmental Studies Program at Oberlin College.

He is perhaps best known for his pioneering work on environmental literacy in higher education and his recent work in ecological design. He raised funds for and spearheaded the effort to design and build a \$7.2 million Environmental Studies Center at Oberlin College, a building described by the New York Times as “the most remarkable” of a new generation of college buildings and selected as one of 30 “milestone buildings” in the 20th century by the U.S. Department of Energy.

He was awarded a Bioneers Award in 2002, a National Conservation Achievement Award by the National Wildlife Federation in 1993, a Lyndhurst Prize in 1992 awarded by the Lyndhurst Foundation “to recognize the educational, cultural, and charitable activities of particular individuals of exceptional talent, character, and moral vision,” the Benton Box Award from Clemson University for his work in Environmental Education (1995). He holds three Honorary Doctorates and has been a distinguished scholar in residence at Ball State University (1995) and Westminster College in Salt Lake City (1996). In a special citation, the Connecticut General Assembly noted Orr’s “vision, dedication, and personal passion” in promoting the principles of sustainability. The Cleveland Plain Dealer described him as “one of those who will shape our lives.”

David Orr is the author of four books: *The Last Refuge: The Corruption of Patriotism in the Age of Terror* (Island Press, 2004); *The Nature of Design* (Oxford, 2002); *Earth in Mind* (Island, 1994); *Ecological Literacy* (SUNY, 1992) and co-editor of *The Global Predicament* (North Carolina, 1979) and *The Campus and Environmental Responsibility* (Jossey-Bass, 1992). He has published 120 articles in scientific journals, social science publications, and popular magazines.

Dr. Orr is contributing editor of *Conservation Biology*. He is a Trustee of the Educational Foundation of America and the Compton Foundation. He serves on the Boards of the Rocky Mountain Institute (CO), Second Nature (MA), the Center for Ecoliteracy (CA), and the Center for Respect of Life and Environment. He is also an advisor and consultant to the Trust for Public Land, the National Parks Advisory Committee, and other organizations. He is a frequent lecturer at Schumacher College (UK) and has lectured at hundreds of colleges and universities throughout the U.S.

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Ronald M. Davis, M.D., President, American Medical Association

Ronald M. Davis, MD, a preventive medicine physician from East Lansing, Mich., became the 162nd president of the American Medical Association (AMA) in June 2007. Dr. Davis was elected to the AMA Board of Trustees (BOT) in June 2001 and re-elected in June 2005. He had previously served as the first resident physician member of the AMA-BOT (1984–1987).

Dr. Davis was a member (1993–1999) and chair (1997–1998) of the AMA Council on Science and Public Health. He represented the American College of Preventive Medicine in the AMA House of Delegates (HOD) from 1987 to 2001, and served as chair (1996–1997) of the AMA Specialty and Service Society, a consortium of about 100 national medical specialty societies represented in the AMA-HOD. He was the AMA Medical Student Section (MSS) delegate to the AMA-HOD (1980–1982) and AMA-MSS chair (1982–1983).

Born in Chicago, Dr. Davis received his BS degree from the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), and his MD degree and an MA degree in public policy studies from the University of Chicago. He completed the Epidemic Intelligence Service program (a two-year epidemiology training program) and the preventive medicine residency program at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). He is board-certified in preventive medicine.

Following his training, Dr. Davis served as director of the CDC's Office on Smoking and Health (1987–1991). He then served as chief medical officer in the Michigan Department of Public Health (1991–1995), and since 1995 has been director of the Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention at the Henry Ford Health System (headquartered in Detroit).

Dr. Davis represented the AMA on the board of commissioners of the Joint Commission from 2002 to 2006. He chairs the Residency Advisory Committee for the preventive medicine residency program at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, where he is an adjunct professor of epidemiology.

Dr. Davis was a member (1999–2005) and chair (2003–2005) of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee (MCAC) of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. He was the founding editor (1992–1998) of *Tobacco Control*, an international peer-reviewed journal published by the British Medical Association, and was North American editor of the *British Medical Journal* (1998–2001). Dr. Davis has received many honors, including the Surgeon General's Medallion, the American Public Health Association's Jay S. Drotman Memorial Award, the American College of Preventive Medicine's Distinguished Service Award, the World Health Organization's World No-Tobacco Day medal and award, the Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco's John Slade Award, and the American Thoracic Society's Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Davis and his wife, Nadine, have three sons and reside in East Lansing, Michigan.