



Color Guard & National Anthem

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Leon Rodriguez, *Director, Office for Civil Rights*

Biographies of Speakers

(in order of appearance)

Sharon Lewis

Sharon Lewis is the Principal Deputy Administrator of the Administration for Community Living, and a Senior Advisor to Secretary Burwell on Disability Policy. Sharon Lewis was appointed Principal Deputy Administrator of the Administration for Community Living and Senior Advisor to the HHS Secretary on Disability Policy in November 2013. Prior to this Sharon was the Commissioner of the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Well known as an effective advocate, Sharon has a proven track record in championing disability issues. She has been particularly focused upon ensuring that the perspective of people with disabilities and their families are central to program and policy efforts.

Sylvia Mathews Burwell

Sylvia Mathews Burwell was sworn in as the 22nd Secretary of Health & Human Services on June 9, 2014. Secretary Burwell is committed to the mission of ensuring that every American has access to the building blocks of healthy and productive lives. Most recently, Burwell served as Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to serving in the Administration, Burwell served as President of the Walmart Foundation, and President of the Global Development Program and Chief Operating Officer of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Jocelyn Samuels

Jocelyn Samuels is the Acting Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the United States Department of Justice. In that capacity, she is responsible for leadership of the Civil Rights Division as a whole and for fulfillment of the Division's mission to defend civil rights and to ensure and expand equal opportunity for individuals across the country. Previously, Ms. Samuels served as Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, overseeing the work of the Employment Litigation, Educational Opportunities, and Policy and Strategy Sections of the Division, as well as the administration and operation of the Division as a whole.

Bryan Greene

Bryan Greene is the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Mr. Greene has devoted his professional career to fighting housing discrimination. From his start as a fair housing investigator in the Boston Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to his current position as the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Mr. Greene has always worked to promote diverse, inclusive communities. Mr. Greene oversees the policy direction and operational management of HUD's 580-person Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. Under his leadership, HUD has pursued large-scale high-profile cases that address systemic discrimination and provide widespread relief. Mr. Greene was the 2007 recipient of the Presidential Rank Award, the highest federal honor bestowed upon federal senior executives for outstanding service. Mr. Greene earned his degree in Government from Harvard University.

Eve Hill

As Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Justice, Eve Hill is a member of the Civil Rights Division's leadership team and is responsible for oversight of the Division's disability rights enforcement and the American Indian Working Group. Highlights of Ms. Hill's work at the Department include: enforcing accessibility requirements for websites and other digital technology; implementing Olmstead community integration requirements in employment; and enforcing disability rights in education, testing, and health care.

Steve Caley

Steve Caley is a Senior Attorney at GreenLaw (formerly the Georgia Center for Law in the Public Interest). He previously served as Director of Litigation for the Atlanta Legal Aid Society, where he was lead counsel in *Olmstead v. L.C.* In addition to numerous other awards for his public interest legal advocacy, he was granted the ACLU Georgia Civil Liberties Award in 2000 for his Supreme Court victory in the *Olmstead* case.

Stefon Young-Chavez and Shareen Young-Chavez (also in video)

Stefon Young-Chavez, diagnosed with Angelman Syndrome, intellectual disabilities and significant health impairments, is a beautiful, strong young man who enjoys his life fully in the community, including going to church, riding his bike on his street, and eating at his favorite restaurant where everybody knows his name. He is joined by his mother, Shareen Young-Chavez, whose advocacy work is inspired by her son and who has been honored as one of the nation's top advocates for persons with disabilities. She has appeared before Congress and annually speaks before Virginia's General Assembly. Shareen, her husband Jose and Stefon, currently reside in South Chesterfield, VA.

Melissa Taylor (also in video)

Melissa Taylor, a self-advocate, is a Howard University graduate and former small business owner. After her Multiple Sclerosis progressed, she spent approximately two years living in a nursing home in Washington, D.C. With a housing subsidy voucher provided by the D.C. Money Follows the Person program, she was able to move out of the nursing home and into her own apartment, where she has been living since 2011.

Anthony “Tony“ Antosh

Tony Antosh is the founding director for the Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities and a professor of special education at Rhode Island College (RIC). The Sherlock Center was founded at RIC in 1993, and is one of 67 University Centers on Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs) in the state working to help individuals with disabilities to fully participate in the community. Antosh’s work includes leading efforts to close the Ladd School in Exeter and moving students with disabilities into integrated classrooms across Rhode Island.

Louis DiDonato and Lori DiDonato (his mother and advocate)

Louis DiDonato, who has a developmental disability that restricts his verbal-motor functions, worked in a sheltered workshop only among people with similar needs for two and a half years, earning much less than minimum wage. As a result of a DOJ settlement agreement with Rhode Island, Louis now works forty hours at a hospital, where he utilizes his strong computer skills and passion for mathematics to generate Excel Reports, record timesheets, and complete other office-related duties. He especially loves having his own office, which he has decorated with Red Sox paraphernalia. Louis is joined by his mother, Lori, a tremendous advocate for her son, who recently joined the board of Louis’ supported employment service provider to promote the efforts of community employment for individuals with disabilities.

Leon Rodriguez

Leon Rodriguez is the Director for Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Health and Human Services. Most recently, Leon was the Chief of Staff and Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division. In addition to overseeing the administrative operations of the Civil Rights Division, Leon’s leadership portfolio includes civil rights matters involving discrimination based on national origin and immigration status, legislative affairs and community outreach.

Biographies of Honored Guests

Justin Duvall, (also in video) Sharon Ledford (Justin’s mother), Norma Draper (Justin’s grandmother), Hurley (Justin’s service dog), and Tony Venafro (Justin’s boss at Panera)

Justin, a victim of shaken baby syndrome, has lived in the community all his life and has worked at Panera for the past six years, developing many friendships along the way. One friend, his boss Tony, was inspired to run in long distance races because of Justin, and he does this pushing Justin from behind! His mother, Sharon, believes the Olmsted decision means “everything to Justin because he gets to live a life like everybody else.” Justin is featured in the 15th Anniversary of Olmstead film.

Ricardo Thornton (also in video) and Donna Thornton

Ricardo, who was raised in Forest Haven, a long-standing institution located outside of Washington D.C., recalls the day the institution closed as “the best day of his life.” Now, Ricardo and his wife Donna, both tremendous self-advocates, live and work in the community. Ricardo is a clerk at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, an athlete and ambassador with Special Olympics, and the leader of D.C.’s self-advocacy coalition, Project ACTION! Donna is an employee at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Ricardo is featured in the 15th Anniversary of Olmstead film.