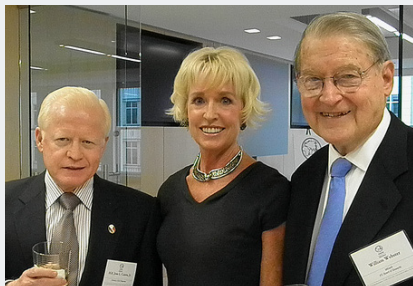


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Scott Wu, *Development Innovation Ventures at U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)*

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John Paul Farmer

John Paul Farmer served as Senior Advisor to the US Chief Technology Officer in the White House Office of Science & Technology Policy. As such, he directed the Presidential Innovation Fellows program, which brings top innovators and entrepreneurs from the private sector for tours of duty in government, where they team with top government innovators to make game-changing progress on projects of national importance. John previously served as Senior Advisor for Healthcare Reform at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, working on healthcare information technology, delivery system reform and economic issues. Prior to Washington, John worked in the investment industry for Credit Suisse and Lehman Brothers. He played professional baseball as a shortstop in the Los Angeles Dodgers and Atlanta Braves minor league systems. John holds an MBA with honors from Columbia Business School and a BA with honors from Harvard University. John is also the cofounder of IFE’s Emerging Market Roundtable program. ■

Special Guest Speakers



Adam Dole

Adam Dole is a Presidential Innovation Fellow working on the MyData Initiatives (Blue Button) at the Department of Health and Human Services. Previously, Adam was an entrepreneur-in-residence at the Mayo Clinic, where he was involved in the strategic planning of new healthcare products and services. His responsibilities included developing new ventures at the intersection of healthcare and technology to expand Mayo Clinic’s scope and reach through new business models. While at Mayo Clinic, Adam incubated a digital health startup, Better, funded by Mayo Clinic and The Social+Capital Partnership. ■



Jacqueline Kazil

Jacqueline Kazil is a Presidential Innovation Fellow working on Disaster Response and Recovery at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Jackie is a software developer passionate about human behavior and open data. Most recently, she worked for CACI, where she was lead developer on a contract at The Library of Congress, working on projects such as Chronicling America and Congress.gov. Previously, Jackie worked for The Washington Post on news-driven data applications—including the notable Top Secret America series, which received multiple awards including the 2010 George Polk Award for Journalism and was a SXSW Finalist for Technical Achievement. ■



Scott Wu

Scott Wu is a Presidential Innovation Fellow working on Development Innovation Ventures at USAID. Scott has devoted the past two decades to innovation – working with, launching, and investing in young companies and organizations to disrupt their respective sectors. Most recently, he was a member of the founding team of Upstart, which is pioneering crowdfunding for recent graduates. Previously, he co-founded several venture capital and investment firms – including FTV Capital and Blue Horizon Equity – that together manage over \$1 billion. ■



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Washington Sends Nobel Laureates Off to Sweden in Style

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Our nation's capital had the honor of feting the nine American Nobel Laureates before they headed to Oslo for the official celebration. Medicine Nobels: James E. Rothman, Randy W. Schekman, Thomas C. Südhof, Chemistry Nobels: Martin Karplus, Michael Levitt, Arieh Warshel. Economic Nobels: Eugene F. Fama, Lars Peter Hansen, Robert J. Shiller. Nobels everywhere! The Laureates and their families gathered to meet with President Obama in The Oval Office, followed by a symposium at The House of Sweden and an elegant black tie dinner hosted by the Swedish Ambassador, H.E. Björn Lyrvall, and the Norwegian Ambassador, H.E. Kåre R. Aas at the stately Swedish Residence.

The symposium had a lighthearted vibe, and highlighted that the Laureates don't just dedicate their entire careers to furthering our understandings of some of the most arcane scientific questions, but they also have fun along the way. As the University of Southern California's Professor Arieh Warshel, a recipient of this year's Nobel Prize in Chemistry, aptly put it, "The thing that makes me most excited is not to find a cure, but to understand how things are working." Even when asked about the impact of his work on other fields, Warshel shrugs modestly. "I was mainly just curious. What counts is that we have enormous fun solving problems that tell us how nature works." Dr. Warshel has been at USC for over four decades and still teaches an

undergraduate chemistry class. USC President C.L. Max Nikias told me, "Warshel is a beloved teacher and mentor to our students."

However, when the conversation turned to the future of science in America, there were no jokes to be made. All nine of the 2013 American Nobel Laureates voiced their concerns over the decline (in real terms) of funding for scientific research in the U.S., and there was consensus among the Laureates that this will have an impact on America's competitiveness. They spoke of the shutdown and sequester being a disaster for the funding mechanisms for the scientific community. Professor Schekman of the University of California, Berkeley, noted that even though the United States higher education institutions attracts a lot of talented young scientists from other countries, many of these young scientists are now choosing to return to their home countries where there is growth in investments in research and development. Professor Rothman of Yale University added that he doubts that he would be able to find funding to conduct the research that he did in the first five years of his career, which ultimately led him to where he is today, if he was to start his career now.

The United States has a long history of immigrants winning Nobel prizes. Twenty-five percent of its 350 recipients have been immigrants. While the number this year (four out of nine) is an outlier, it is not that shocking compared to other recent years (5 out of

11 in 2009). Twenty-two percent of Nobel laureates from the United Kingdom (the country with the second most laureates) have been immigrants. This year's Laureates agreed how important immigration is, when such a large percentage of Nobel laureates are immigrants.

After the thought-provoking symposium, the Nobel Laureates and families headed back to 'clean up' for "The OSCARS" of Washington! H.E. Björn Lyrvall, Mrs. Madeleine Lyrvall and H.E. Kåre Aas received the Nobel luminaries as well as Janet Yellen, soon to be Chairman of the Federal Reserve, World Bank President Jim Yong Kim, Supreme Court Justices, Cabinet Secretaries, Members of Congress, senior White House staff, philanthropists and opinion leaders, in the magnificent Grand Salon. Once again Nobels were everywhere and there was a lively proud energy in the room! Swedish Chef Frida Johansson and Norwegian Chef Sindre Risvoll educated the guests on the extradinaroy menu they collaborated on for the evening.

Much toasting of "skål" continued and DC's OSCAR evening carried on!

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