

## **Short Bios for Presenters on CSI Democracy Briefing (10/10/08)**

### **Jonah Goldman, Director, LCCRUL's National Campaign for Fair Elections**

Jonah H. Goldman is the Director of the National Campaign for Fair Elections in the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law's Voting Rights Project. Jonah is responsible for implementing the Campaign's mission of developing policy and strategy to reform the administration of elections at the federal, state and local level. His responsibilities include leadership in the Election Protection Coalition, the National Network on State Election Reform, and the Lawyers' Committee election reform advocacy and litigation docket. Jonah has been a frequent commentator on the issues confronting American democracy. In addition to testifying before Congress and other legislative bodies, he is frequently asked by the media for his opinions on the subject and has published numerous articles about how to improve our electoral process.

### **Stuart Comstock-Gay, Director, Demos' Democracy Program**

Stuart Comstock-Gay is Director of the Democracy Program at Dēmos, a New York-based "think and action" tank devoted to making democracy work for all Americans. Comstock-Gay came to Dēmos through its affiliation with the National Voting Rights Institute in Boston, where Comstock-Gay was Executive Director. From 1997 to 2004, Comstock-Gay worked for the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, as Vice President for Programs, and later as Chief Operating Officer. He also spent 14 years with the ACLU, the last ten as Executive Director of the Maryland affiliate. He has written for numerous publications, and has spoken before hundreds of audiences on a wide range of civil liberties, democracy and foundation issues. Comstock-Gay has an MPA from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, and a BA in Political Science from Bucknell University. He lives in Concord, NH.

### **Rob Richie, Executive Director, FairVote**

Rob Richie has directed FairVote since 1992. His writings have appeared in every leading national newspaper and his writings have appeared in nine books, including as co-author of *Every Vote Equal* about establishing a national popular vote for president and *Whose Votes Count* making the case for proportional voting and instant runoff voting in legislative elections. He has been a guest on NPR, C-SPAN, NBC News, CNN, FOX, Bloomberg News and MSNBC and addressed conventions of the American Political Science Association, National Association of Counties, National Association of Secretaries of State, Free Press, National Latino Congreso and National Conference of State Legislatures. He and his wife Cynthia Terrell have three children.

## **David Segal, Senior Analyst, FairVote and member of Rhode Island House of Representatives**

David Segal is an analyst for FairVote and has served as a member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives since 2006. In 2003, David Segal was sworn in as the youngest person ever elected to the Providence City Council. Dubbed "a champion of progressive politics" by the Providence Phoenix, David led countless initiatives during his time on the City Council, promoting social justice, good government, environmental sustainability and energy efficiency, civil liberties, and civil rights. David moved to Providence in 2001, after graduating magna cum laude from Columbia University with a BA in math. During 2001 and 2002 he worked at the Wheeler School, teaching and tutoring mathematics. While at Columbia, he co-founded the Columbia Political Union and worked on various political campaigns. He interned and worked for ABC World News and Nightline, PBS, the Capitol Hill newspaper, "The Hill."