



"Great Decisions" January 25 - March 22 Facilitator Bios

Stephen Gessner, PhD, has worked in K-12 and higher education, as an administrator, teacher, clinician and researcher. Dr. Gessner has specialized in gifted and talented, as well as international education. He was the Chief Academic Officer of the American Institute for Foreign Study and was the Senior Director of Programs for the Center for Talented Youth. Gessner was the Director of the University of Chicago Laboratory School and the Head of the Sandy Spring Friends School. He was the founding Senior Program Officer of the Goldman Sachs Foundation. Gessner has a PhD in Psychology from the University of Chicago, and a B.A. from Swarthmore College.

Richard Scribner, PhD, led the Science, Technology and International Affairs program at Georgetown University. As a State Department official, Dr. Scribner dealt with global environmental and nuclear nonproliferation issues, and led U.S. delegations. He was honored for his work in developing the 50-year-old Congressional Science Fellowship program for the American Association for the Advancement of Science and that organization's Arms Control and International Security program. He was also the founding Director of a counterterrorist research institute at Dartmouth and a government consultant. Dr. Scribner has authored books and articles on arms control, science and public policy, and climate change.

Jeff Stonecash previously taught American politics at Syracuse University and has published a number of books on American political parties. He has been a resident of Fernandina Beach since 2014.

Bob Weintraub is a former journalist (*New York Times*, *Atlanta Constitution* et al.) and public relations executive. He is a four-time winner of the prestigious Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Silver Anvil Award and former president of PRSA-NY. Bob has been involved in the environmental, economic and political landscape for almost seven decades.

