

Keynote Speaker Bios



Dr. Reginald Brothers is a highly respected science and technology leader with more than 20 years of demonstrated success across the private and public sectors. As a Principal with the global security advisory firm the Chertoff Group, he applies his experience across the Science and Technology Ecosystem (Government, Industry, Non-Profits, National Laboratories and Academia). Former Under Secretary for Science and Technology at the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), he served as the science adviser to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary, and oversaw a portfolio including basic

and applied research, development, demonstration, testing, and evaluation with the purpose of helping DHS operational elements and the Nation's first responders achieve their missions in the most effective, most efficient, and safest manner possible. As the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research at the Department of Defense (DoD), he was responsible for policy and oversight of science and technology programs from basic research through advanced technology development. As an architect of the long-term strategic direction of the DoD's science and technology programs, he oversaw the scientific advancements necessary for the continued technological superiority of the US Armed Forces.

Dr. Brothers has held a variety of positions within the scientific and technological community that demonstrate his leadership and technical aptitude. This includes his prior service as a Technical Fellow and Director for Mission Applications in the Communications and Networking Business Area at BAE Systems, as a member of the Board on Army Science and Technology within the National Academy of Sciences, as a Program Manager for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, as a Group Leader at the Charles Stark Draper Laboratory, and as Chief Architect at Envoy Networks, a successful 3G wireless start-up company.



Dr. David Blustein is a licensed psychologist and certified health services provider and is a full time tenured professor in the Department of Counseling, Developmental, and Educational Psychology at Boston College. He has received numerous awards for his work including the APA Division of Counseling Psychology Early Career Scientist-Practitioner Award and the John Holland Award for Outstanding Achievement in Personality and Career Research.

Dr. Blustein has published over 70 journal articles and book chapters in career development, work-based transitions, the exploration process, the interface between work and interpersonal functioning, and the psychology of working. He also has published a book entitled "The Psychology of Working: A New Perspective for Career Development, Counseling, and Public Policy", currently in its third printing. In addition, he has consulted with state and national government agencies on issues pertaining to career development education and the school-towork transition process. He received the Presidential Recognition Award from the National Career Development Association in 2008.