

2020 Vision Futures Panel
October 29, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.
Cary Memorial Hall

Moderator: former Lexington Selectman William Dailey

Panelists:

Dr. Nariman Behravesh is Chief Economist and Executive Vice President for IHS Global Insight and author of the recently published book *Spin-Free Economics: A No-Nonsense, Nonpartisan Guide to Today's Global Economic Debates* (McGraw-Hill). Directing IHS Global Insight's entire forecasting process, he oversees the work of 325 professionals worldwide. Behravesh and his team have been ranked among the top economic forecasters in recent years.

As IHS Global Insight's chief spokesperson, Behravesh is quoted extensively in the media on such topics as the outlook for the U.S. and global economies, oil prices, exchange rates, the budget deficit, the trade deficit, globalization, country risk, and emerging markets crises. He is cited frequently in leading business publications and regularly appears on national radio and television programs. Behravesh was the host of the PBS television series "Inside the Global Economy."

Before joining IHS Global Insight, Behravesh was chief international economist for Standard & Poor's. Prior to that, he was president and CEO of Oxford Economics U.S.A., Inc. He has been covering the global economy for over 30 years. Behravesh holds Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in economics from the University of Pennsylvania, and a B.Sc. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has lived in Europe and the Middle East, traveled widely, and is fluent in several languages.

Dr. William Moomaw is both Professor of International Environmental Policy and Director of Fletcher's Center for International Environment & Resource Policy. Professor Moomaw works to translate science and technology into policy terms using interdisciplinary tools. He was a coordinating lead author of the Year 2001 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change chapter on greenhouse gas emissions reduction, and is currently writing on 'Carbon Capture and Storage' for the next IPCC report. He provides advice to fuels and power sector companies and governments on environmentally significant issues. As a Congressional Science Fellow, he worked on legislation that eliminated the use of CFCs to protect the ozone layer.

With his wife Margot, Dr. Moomaw built a solar-powered house in Williamstown, Massachusetts in 2007. It is among some two-dozen homes nationwide where environmental systems are being monitored by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) of the U.S. Department of Energy as part of a study to help develop net-zero-energy homes. Professor Moomaw is Co-Director of Tufts Climate Initiative whereby Tufts became the first university to join the Chicago Climate Exchange and is making a voluntary, legally binding commitment to reduce their emissions of greenhouse gases under this pilot program.

Moomaw currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Consensus Building Institute; Earthwatch Institute and Clean Air Cool Planet. He recently co-edited a book with Barbara Baudot entitled *People and their Planet: Searching for Balance*, and with Lawrence Susskind and Kevin Galhager, *Transboundary Environmental Negotiations*. Professor Moomaw received a BA from Williams College and a PhD in physical chemistry from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Glenn Koocher is Executive Director of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees. A native of Cambridge, MA, Glenn Koocher served on the Cambridge School Committee from 1974-1986. On the board, he was vice chair, chairs of the Committees on: Budget, Special Education, Student Concerns, and Personnel Policy, and delegate representative to both the Community Schools Commission and the city's Community Action Program. He served as budget chair during the implementation of Proposition 2 1/2 and was actively engaged through that city's multi-year desegregation effort.

Koocher has combined a career of educational advocacy with professional duties in health care and programs for older people. Most recently he served as the Northeast US Regional Manager for Programs and Advocacy for the American Association of Retired Persons.

Koocher graduated from the Cambridge Public Schools and earned a BA at Harvard College (1971). He is an alumnus of the Kennedy School's Program for State and Local Government Executives and received an MPA from Suffolk University.

Bruce M. Cohen, M.D., Ph.D. is President and Psychiatrist in Chief Emeritus at McLean Hospital and the Robertson-Steele Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. Currently, as Director of the Frazier Research Institute at McLean, he leads a consortium of investigators and clinicians using laboratory, brain imaging and clinical research techniques to develop new treatments for the most severe psychiatric disorders. His research activities focus particularly on the diagnosis and treatment of patients with psychotic and mood disorders, including bipolar disorders.

Following undergraduate studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and graduate and medical studies at Case Western Reserve University, Dr. Cohen completed his residency training at McLean Hospital, where he established a clinical practice and an externally funded program of clinical and laboratory-based research. Dr. Cohen was Director of McLean Hospital from 1997 through 2005, a period during which the hospital became financially stable and grew in its clinical care, research, and teaching roles.

Cohen has taught at McLean Hospital, Harvard Medical School, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as well as to academic and lay audiences worldwide. Dr. Cohen has appeared on the Today show, Good Morning America, and NPR and has authored over 200 manuscripts of original research in peer reviewed journals. He has won awards for research, teaching and clinical care and has been featured in local and national publications as one of the best doctors in America.