

# *One Minnesota* Legislative Conference



8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Cowles Auditorium  
Humphrey School of Public Affairs

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# Agenda

*All programs will take place in Cowles Auditorium.*

- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.      **Continental breakfast** and time to connect with colleagues
- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m.      **Welcome and overview**  
Speaker Kurt Daudt
- 8:45 – 9:15 a.m.      **Budget and economic outlook**  
Laura Kalambokidis, *Minnesota State Economist*  
Moderator: *Speaker Kurt Daudt*
- 9:15 – 10:00 a.m.      **Transportation panel**  
David Levinson, *University of Minnesota, Department of Civil Engineering*  
Sue Miller, *County Engineer, Freeborn County, MN*  
Moderator: *Deputy Minority Leader Erin Murphy*
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m.      **Break**
- 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.      **Mining panel**  
Rolf Weberg, *Director, Natural Resources Research Institute*  
Patrick Schoff, *Research Associate, Natural Resources Research Institute*  
Larry Kramka, *Mining Services Director / Senior Environmental Project Manager, Houston Engineering*  
Moderator: *Senate Majority Leader Tom Bakk*
- 11:15 a.m. – Noon      **Business outlook in Minnesota**  
Scott Wine, *Chairman and CEO, Polaris Industries Inc.*  
Rick King, *Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer, Thomson Reuters*  
Moderator: *Senate Majority Leader David Hann*
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.      **Lunch** and time to meet and connect with your fellow members  
*We invite you to sit with colleagues you may not know.*
- 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.      **What makes Minnesota work?**  
Tom Friedman, *Columnist, New York Times*  
Moderator: *Speaker Kurt Daudt*
- 2:30 – 2:45 p.m.      **Closing**  
House and Senate Leadership
- 2:45 – 4:00 p.m.      **Reception in Humphrey School Atrium**

# Speaker Bios



**Laura Kalambokidis** is Minnesota's State Economist. In that position, she heads Economic Analysis at MMB, which is responsible for producing and presenting the state's revenue and economic forecasts. Laura is also a professor in the Department of Applied Economics and an Extension economist at the University of Minnesota, where she teaches public sector economics and does research on a range of federal and state tax policy issues. Laura was a member of the Minnesota State Budget Trends Study Commission in 2007-08 and the Minnesota Tax Expenditure Review Study Group in 2010-11. Prior to assuming her position at the university, she was a financial economist in the Office of Tax Analysis in the U.S. Department of Treasury in Washington, D.C., where she provided economic analysis of tax policy issues and developed models to estimate the revenue effects of proposed tax changes. Laura has been Minnesota State Economist since 2013. She holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Michigan.



**Prof. David Levinson** serves on the faculty of the Department of Civil, Environmental, and Geo-Engineering at the University of Minnesota, is Managing Director of the Accessibility Observatory, and directs the Networks, Economics, and Urban Systems (NEXUS) research group. He holds the Richard P. Braun/CTS Chair in Transportation. He also serves on the graduate faculty of the Applied Economics and Urban and Regional Planning programs at the University of Minnesota. In academic year 2006-2007 he was a visiting academic at Imperial College in London.



**Sue Miller** is a graduate of North Dakota State University, home of the Bison, five time National Football Champions. She began her professional career as an assistant engineer at the City of Albert Lea. Since 1998, Sue has served as the Freeborn County Engineer. She often says that she couldn't "engineer her way out of a wet paper bag anymore" but instead has focused her career on public service. Being involved in professional organizations such as the Minnesota County Engineers Association and serving as the National County Engineers Association President has benefitted the citizens of Freeborn County and Minnesota.



**Dr. Patrick Schoff** is a Wisconsin native and attended the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point, where he graduated with a BS degree in Biology in 1976. He received a PhD in Zoology and Physiology from the University of Wyoming in 1981, and spent the next dozen years or so at the University of Wisconsin as a postdoctoral fellow at the Institute for Enzymology and as a research faculty member in the Department of Meat and Animal Science, where he performed studies on developmental reproductive physiology. In 1995, he joined the Natural Resources Research Institute at UMD and worked on methods of targeting reproduction in invasive species. Dr. Schoff's current research includes studies on the effects of chemicals and other stressors on the early developmental stages of fish and amphibians, endocrine disruption, and recently, sustainable development.



**Dr. Rolf Weberg** assumed leadership of the University of Minnesota Duluth's Natural Resources Research Institute in 2014 after a 25-year industrial career. As Executive Director, he is responsible for the operation, integration, and performance of the Institute, which fulfills the University of Minnesota's applied research role in natural resources and economic development as chartered by the Minnesota Legislature in 1983. Today, NRRI is recognized as a model for bridging between the University of Minnesota and state stakeholders to define, develop, and deliver research solutions balancing the economy, state resources, and the environment to foster resilient communities. Dr. Weberg grew up in Mankato, Minnesota, and attended the University of Minnesota Duluth where he graduated with a BS degree in Chemistry (1982). He received a PhD in Inorganic/Organometallic Chemistry from the University of Colorado, Boulder (1986). After two post-doctoral appointments, he embarked upon a 25-year career in the R&D division of the DuPont Company. He left DuPont in 2014 as the Global Technology Manager for DuPont's Building Innovations Business – Surfaces Division.

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**Larry Kramka** became the Mining Services Director/Environmental Service Sector Lead at Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI) in August of 2012. During his 22-year tenure with the Minnesota DNR (MnDNR), Kramka developed expertise serving in a variety of roles, including Field Hydrologist, Regional Hydrologist, Assistant Commissioner, and most recently as the Director of the Lands and Minerals Division. As the director of Lands and Minerals, Kramka was responsible for mine land reclamation, permitting, and the oversight of the state's mineral assets including exploration, mineral leasing, and royalty negotiations. At HEI, he provides objective third-party environmental reviews (NEPA/MEPA) for mining projects, and also specializes in policy issues, complex stakeholder processes, and guiding technology development for custom tools to solve difficult water and natural resource concerns.



**Scott Wine** is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Polaris Industries Inc., the \$4.7B market leader in powersports, which produces off-road vehicles, snowmobiles, motorcycles, and on-road electric/hybrid-powered vehicles. He joined the company in September, 2008. Previous roles included President of Fire Safety Americas, a division of United Technologies; senior leadership positions at Danaher Corporation, serving as President of its Jacob Vehicle Systems and Veeder-Root subsidiaries; and various international and domestic posts with Honeywell's Aerospace Division. He received an Economics degree from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1989, and served as a Naval Supply Officer until 1996, beginning onboard the USS Lewis B. Puller and concluding at the Pentagon. He holds an MBA from the University of Maryland, College Park.



**Rick King** is Executive Vice President & Chief Information Officer at Thomson Reuters, providing professionals with the intelligence, technology, and human expertise they need to find trusted answers. Mr. King has been with Thomson Reuters since 2000 and has held numerous executive-level roles in the company. Mr. King was appointed by Governor Dayton to serve on the State of Minnesota Technology Advisory Committee in 2011 and named to the Metropolitan Airports Commission in 2011 and again in 2015. In addition, Mr. King was named by former Governor Pawlenty to chair Minnesota's Ultra High-Speed Broadband Task Force in 2008. Mr. King currently serves on the board of trustees for Minnesota Public Radio and the Minneapolis Institute of Art and is a director of Greater MSP and the Minnesota Business Partnership. He also serves on the board of directors for TCF Financial Corporation.



**Thomas L. Friedman** was born in Minneapolis in 1953, and grew up in the middle-class Minneapolis suburb of St. Louis Park. He graduated from Brandeis University in 1975 with a degree in Mediterranean studies, attended St. Antony's College, Oxford, on a Marshall Scholarship, and received an M.Phil. degree in modern Middle East studies from Oxford.

After three years with United Press International, he joined *The New York Times*, where he has worked ever since as a reporter, correspondent, bureau chief, and columnist. At the Times, he has won three Pulitzer Prizes: in 1983 for international reporting (from Lebanon), in 1988 for international reporting (from Israel), and in 2002 for his columns after the September 11th attacks.

Friedman's first book, *From Beirut to Jerusalem*, won the National Book Award in 1989. His second book, *The Lexus and the Olive Tree: Understanding Globalization* (1999), won the Overseas Press Club Award for best book on foreign policy in 2000. In 2002 FSG published a collection of his Pulitzer Prize-winning columns, along with a diary he kept after 9/11, as *Longitudes and Attitudes: Exploring the World After September 11*. His fourth book, *The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century* (2005) became a #1 New York Times bestseller and received the inaugural Financial Times/Goldman Sachs Business Book of the Year Award in November 2005. A revised and expanded edition was published in hardcover in 2006 and in 2007. *The World Is Flat* has sold more than 4 million copies in thirty-seven languages. In 2008 he brought out *Hot, Flat, and Crowded*, which was published in a revised edition a year later. His sixth book, *That Used to Be Us: How American Fell Behind in the World We Invented and How We Can Come Back*, co-written with Michael Mandelbaum, was published in September 2011.

