

# STATE POLICY SYMPOSIUM

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## 2016 SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS

10:00 am

### Spotlight on the Every Student Succeeds Act

Now that the *Every Student Succeeds Act* has been signed into law, what can change for the arts in education? Get a concise overview of the biggest policy changes, an idea of the implementation timeframe, and opportunities to take a leadership role your within your state policy environment.

## SPEAKERS

### Narric Rome

Vice President of Government Affairs and Arts Education  
Americans for the Arts



Narric is responsible for promoting the Americans for the Arts message to Congress and the administration, with the goal of influencing public policies that advance direct and indirect support for the arts and arts education. He serves as senior lobbyist for the Americans for the Arts legislative portfolio and researches and pursues untapped federal funding opportunities. He also leads the policy planning for the annual Arts Advocacy Day and manages the Americans for the Arts' arts education program. Narric has 20 years of experience in the public policy and congressional arena, having worked on the policy staff of Howard Dean's presidential campaign in Vermont and having served as a legislative aide to Secretary Riley at the U.S. Department of

Education. Earlier in his career Narric worked on Capitol Hill, at the Podesta Group and on several state and national political campaigns. Narric holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Vermont and a master's in public administration from Columbia University.



  
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**Dr. Monique M. Chism**

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education  
U.S. Department of Education



Dr. Monique Chism joined the Department in January 2013 as member of the Senior Executive Service and is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Programs in the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE). In this role she serves as a principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary on grant programs and initiatives in the Offices of Academic Improvement, Safe and Healthy Students, School Support and Rural Programs, Impact Aid Program, Migrant Education, and Indian Education. Previously, Dr. Chism served as the Director of the Office of Student Achievement and School Accountability and then transitioned to lead the new Office of State Support (OSS) in OESE. Prior to joining the department, Dr. Chism held a number of positions in the field of education as a teacher, researcher, and state policy maker at the Illinois State Board of Education, where she served as the Assistant Superintendent for Innovation and Improvement. In these positions she has influenced and shaped education policy with the goal of ensuring that every student has access to a high-quality education and the opportunity to learn. She is committed to creating environments that foster educational excellence. Through her work she continues to focus on effective strategies for improving equity and access for all students, closing opportunity gaps, and cultivating culturally proficient schools.

**Kristen Amundson**

Executive Director  
National Association of State Boards of Education



The Hon. Kristen Amundson brings more than two decades of experience as a policymaker to NASBE. She represented the 44th District in the Virginia General Assembly from 1999 to 2009. During that time, she was a member of Virginia’s P–16 Council and the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). Before her election to the General Assembly, Amundson—a former teacher—served for nearly a decade on the Fairfax County, Va., School Board, including two years as its chairwoman. Most recently, she was the senior vice president for external affairs at Education Sector, an independent think tank. She writes frequently on education issues and has been published in *The Washington Post* and the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, among others.

**Lee Posey**

Federal Affairs Counsel

National Conference of State Legislatures



Lee White Posey is a federal affairs counsel working with the Education Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). She conducts NCSL lobbying activities in education, representing state positions and concerns to Congress and the Administration. Lee has been at NCSL since 1999. Her NCSL experience includes four years as committee director for the Human Services and Welfare Committee and the Agriculture and Energy Committee. Before coming to NCSL, Lee was a policy analyst for the Georgia Senate, focusing on education and child care issues. In that position, she staffed the standing Senate Education Committee and various interim education study committees. She also worked for the Education Development Division of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget while in

Georgia, performing research on education issues, analyzing budget requests from education agencies, assisting education agencies in implementing programs and policies, and analyzing state and federal legislation affecting education. She holds a Masters degree in Political Science from Georgia State University and a Bachelors degree from Davidson College.