

BIOGRAPHIES

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President of MHA—An Association of Health-Care Providers (formerly the Montana Hospital Association), Helena, Montana. Mr. Ahrens is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and serves on the Mountain Pacific Quality Health Foundation Board of Directors. He also is a member of the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health. Under his presidency the Montana Hospital Association (MHA) helped the Montana legislature to develop legislation establishing Medical Assistance Facilities, which became a model for national legislation creating Critical Access Hospitals. For this activity the MHA received the American Hospital Association's Justin Ford Kimball Innovators Award. Mr. Ahrens also has served as vice president of the Illinois Hospital Association. He received a master's degree in education from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and a BA in philosophy from St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa.

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Professor of Political Science, University of Michigan. In the 2000-2001 school year, Dr. Campbell was acting director and visiting professor at the Kyoto Center for Japanese Studies. He has served as secretary-treasurer of the Association for Asian Studies and received numerous research fellowships, including a Fulbright-Hays and a Ford Foundation Fellowship. With Naoki Ikegami he co-authored *The Art of Balance in Health Policy—Maintaining Japan's Low-Cost Egalitarian System* (Cambridge University Press, 1998) and *Long-Term Care for Frail Older People—Reaching for the Ideal System* (Springer, 1999). In 1993 he received the Masayoshi Ohira Memorial Prize for his book *How Policies Change: The Japanese Government and the Aging Society* (Princeton, 1992). In 1997 and 1999 he served as a visiting professor of medicine at Keio University and between 1989 and 1990 was a visiting professor of law. Dr. Campbell received his Ph.D. in political science and a certificate from the East Asian Institute at Columbia University in 1973. He undertook advanced language training at the Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies in Tokyo (1965-1966).

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Professor and Chair of the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Keio University School of Medicine. Dr. Ikegami is a board member of the Japanese Society on Hospital Administration and is editor-in-chief of *Hospital Administration* (the society's official journal). He also is a board member of interRAI (an international organization of professionals working in the fields of health, social care and research of older people). His research areas have included health policy, long-term care and pharmacoeconomics. He sits on the editorial boards of the *International Journal of Technology Assessment in*

Health Care, Journal of Health Administration Education, and the Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics. Among his recent books and numerous publications are *The Art of Balance in Health Policy—Maintaining Japan’s Low-Cost Egalitarian System* (Cambridge University Press, 1998) and *Long-Term Care for Frail Older People—Reaching for the Ideal System* (Springer, 1999), both with John Creighton Campbell. Dr. Ikegami graduated from Keio University School of Medicine and was a resident in the Department of Neuropsychiatry before joining the Department of Hospital and Medical Administration, from which he received his Ph.D. He received a Master of Arts degree in health services studies with distinction from Leeds University in Great Britain. He also has served as a visiting professor at the University of Pennsylvania, at both its Wharton School and Medical School.

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Family practitioner and owner of group practice clinics in rural Hokkaido. A graduate of Chiba University, Dr. Narato opened the Miruto Clinic in Hokkaido in 1984 for the practice of family medicine. In 1991 he established and became the chairman of a medical corporation, Kenshin-Kai. He and his team of doctors manage Kurisawa-cho Miruto Clinic and Iwamisawa City Higashi-machi Family Clinic, both in Hokkaido. In 1995 he was a founding member of the Hokkaido Regional Health-Care Study Group. Dr. Narato also is the executive director of the Japan Overseas Christian Medical Cooperative Service.

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Division of the Ministry of Health and Welfare's Pension Bureau from 1994 to 1996. In the Hokkaido Government, he worked on welfare service policies for the elderly from 1996 to 1998. He also served as a Secretary to the Minister of Health and Welfare, Yuya Niwa, from 1999 to 2000. He is working now for health-care reform in Japan, especially the reform of legislation that regulates medical service providers. He is a 1983 graduate of the University of Tokyo.

JOHN ZAUHER

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