



Keynote Speaker: Oregon State Treasurer Randall Edwards

Born in Eugene, Oregon, Randall Edwards was raised in Walla Walla, Washington, where he spent his summers working on farms of wheat and pea harvests. Mr. Edwards holds a Bachelor's degree in economics from Colorado College and an MBA from George Washington University.

Mr. Edwards was elected to the House of Representatives in 1996. In the legislature, he was a financial leader—improving school funding, saving taxpayers money through the creation of the Oregon School Bond Guaranty Act, and pushing into law an innovative financing plan to rebuild Oregon's State Parks. He also wrote the legislation that created the Oregon College Savings Plan.

Mr. Edwards was elected State Treasurer in 2000 and re-elected in 2004. As State Treasurer, Mr. Edwards is now a guardian of Oregonians' retirement savings and investments, calling for the SEC, corporate boards, and Wall Street firms to require increased analysis and disclosure of the risks posed by climate change. He created investment principles for increased disclosure in mutual funds and advocated for more independent boards to protect Main Street investors.

Randall and his wife, Julia Brim-Edwards, live in Portland with their three children. Mr. Edwards is a school volunteer, a soccer coach and a late-blooming Lance Armstrong inspired cyclist.