50 years after President Johnson signed Medicare and Medicaid into law, are we once again at a turning point in the historic quest to make healthcare accessible to all? Princeton sociologist Paul Starr, a former healthcare policy advisor to President Bill Clinton, opens the symposium with his keynote address “America’s Peculiar Struggle over Healthcare Reform, Then and Now.” A follow-up panel features reports from the front lines of state, local, and community-based implementation of the Affordable Care Act, on progress to date, and on challenges ahead.

Symposium Participants

**Paul Starr, Princeton University**
Starr is a professor of sociology and public affairs and author of *Remedy and Reaction: The Peculiar Struggle over Health-Care Reform* as well as the Pulitzer Prize-winning *The Social Transformation of American Medicine.*

**Mario Chavez, St. John’s Child and Family Well Center**
As the Center’s Communications Manager Chavez has been in the leadership of its community-based efforts to expand healthcare rights, provide comprehensive health services, and garner living wages for healthcare workers.

**Susan Klein-Rothschild, Santa Barbara County Health Department**
Klein-Rothschild is the Deputy Director of the Department’s Community Health Division, and has been centrally involved in implementing the ACA as part of the agency’s responsibility for providing a wide range of preventive health and wellness services for the community at large.

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