**Ted Wackler, Deputy Chief of Staff and Assistant Director**

**Seth Andrew, Senior Advisor to the CTO**

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**Steve Fetter, Principal Assistant Director for National Security & International Affairs**

**Prof. Fetter is currently on leave from the University. He is serving as Principal Assistant Director for National Security and International Affairs in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. After this government service, he will return to the School of Public Policy.**

Steve Fetter has been a professor in the School of Public Policy since 1988, serving as dean from 2005 to 2009. His research interests include nuclear arms control and nonproliferation, nuclear energy and releases of radiation, and climate change and carbon-free energy supply.

**Mahlet Mesfin, Senior Policy Advisor, International Science and Technology**

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**Kumar Garg, Assistant Director, Learning and Innovation**

Kumar Garg is a Senior Advisor to the Deputy Director at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy focusing on education and broader innovation policy. In particular, Kumar leads President Obama’s “Educate to Innovate” campaign to improve science, technology, engineering and math education (STEM). As part of Educate to Innovate, which already has secured over $700 million in private sector commitments, Mr. Garg works with a broad range of industry, foundations, philanthropists, states, non-profits, professional societies, and federal agencies to build on the President’s call to action. Prior to his time in government, Kumar worked on behalf of parents and children seeking educational reform as an education lawyer and advocate. He served as a Supervising Clinical Lecturer at Yale Law School, supervising students in complex litigation in education. Kumar received a B.A. from Dartmouth College in political science and a law degree from Yale Law School.