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Speaker Biography

Diane Oakley, Executive Director, National Institute on Retirement Security

In January 2011, Diane Oakley was named executive director of the National Institute on Retirement Security. With the Board of Directors, Oakley leads the organization's strategic planning, research, and education initiatives.

Before joining NIRS, Ms. Oakley served as senior policy advisor to Congressman Earl Pomeroy, who represented the state of North Dakota. There, she worked in a bi-partisan fashion with diverse groups to achieve policy solutions. Oakley played a key staff role in formulating legislative strategy on a range of tax, pension, Social Security, financial services, and workforce issues.

Prior to her service on Capitol Hill, Ms. Oakley held leadership positions with TIAA-CREF, a leading financial services provider. During her 28-year tenure with the organization, she held a number of management, public policy, and technical positions. She began as an actuary and was promoted to positions including vice president for special consulting services and vice president for associations and government relations.

She holds a B.S. in Mathematics from Fairfield University, where she graduated Cum Laude. She earned an M.B.A. in Finance from Fordham University. She is a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance.