

Special Guest Speakers at the CGS 50th Annual Meeting

Martin Walker is the Senior Director of the Global Business Policy Council, a private think-tank. He is also a syndicated columnist, Editor-in-Chief Emeritus of United Press International, and a regular on BBC, NPR, and CNN. Previously he was with *The Guardian*, serving as bureau chief in Moscow and the US. He is the author of books on US and Russian politics as well as detective novels. Mr. Walker will speak at the opening plenary session on Thursday, December 2 at 9:00 am.

Louis Menand is a professor of English at Harvard. His book *The Metaphysical Club* won the Pulitzer Prize for History in 2002. His most recent book, *The Marketplace of Ideas*, is about the possibilities for and obstacles to reform in American higher education. Dr. Menand will speak at plenary II on Thursday, December 2 at 2:30 pm.

Martha Kanter serves as US Under Secretary for Education and oversees policies, programs, and activities related to postsecondary education, vocational and adult education, and federal student aid. Previously she served as chancellor of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District, one of the largest community college districts in the nation. Dr. Kanter will speak at the morning plenary session, Friday, December 3.

Noted actor and writer, **Alan Alda**, describes his innovative efforts to teach future scientists how to communicate more effectively with the public, based on his work at Stony Brook University. This session is plenary IV on Friday, December 3 at 2:00 pm.

Freeman A. Hrabowski, III, has served as President of UMBC (The University of Maryland, Baltimore County) since May 1992. His research and publications focus on science and math education, with special emphasis on minority participation and performance. He chaired the National Academies' committee that recently produced the report, *Expanding Underrepresented Minority Participation: America's Science and Technology Talent at the Crossroads*. He will be speaking on Saturday, December 4 at 8:30 am on Diversity: National Trends and Models for Change.