

CHINA TOWN HALL

Local Connections, National Reflections

Panel Bios



Robert E. Rubin began his career in finance at Goldman, Sachs & Company in New York City in 1966. Mr. Rubin served as vice-chairman and co-chief operating officer from 1987 to 1990 and as co-senior partner and co-chairman from 1990 to 1992. Before joining Goldman, he was an attorney at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton in New York City (1964-1966).

Long active in public affairs, Mr. Rubin joined the Clinton administration in 1993 as assistant to the President for economic policy and as director of the newly-created National Economic Council (NEC). In January 1995, Mr. Rubin was appointed the 70th Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. He served until July 1999, and was involved in balancing the federal budget; opening trade policy to further globalization; acting to stem financial crises in Mexico, Asia and Russia; helping to resolve the impasse over the public debt limit; and guiding reforms at the Internal Revenue Service.

From 1999 to 2009, Mr. Rubin served as a member of the board of directors at Citigroup and as a senior advisor to the company. In 2010, Mr. Rubin joined Centerview Partners as a senior counselor.

Mr. Rubin is one of the founders of The Hamilton Project, an economic policy project housed at the Brookings Institution that offers a strategic vision and innovative policy proposals on how to create a growing economy that benefits more Americans.

Mr. Rubin is the author of *In an Uncertain World: Tough Choices from Wall Street to Washington* (Random House, 2003, with Jacob Weisberg), a *New York Times* bestseller also named one of *Business Week's* ten best business books of the year.

Mr. Rubin is co-chairman of the Council on Foreign Relations, a member of the board of trustees at the Mount Sinai Health System, and chairman of the board of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, the nation's leading community development support organization with 38 offices nationwide. In June 2014, he completed a 12-year term as a member of the Harvard Corporation.

A summa cum laude graduate of Harvard College with an A.B. in economics, Mr. Rubin received an LL.B. from Yale Law School and attended the London School of Economics. He has received honorary degrees from Harvard, Yale, Columbia and other universities.



Sheldon A. Day has served as mayor of the City of Thomasville (Alabama) since 1996. He graduated from Thomasville High School and attended Patrick Henry Jr. College (now Alabama Southern Community College) in Monroeville, Alabama, before beginning a career in retail management. He managed stores for TG&Y, Inc., for seven years and spent the next seven years with Walmart Stores, Inc. Sheldon was a member of the Thomasville City Council for two terms during his time with Walmart Stores, Inc.

Sheldon is a small business owner and works to build new business potential in Thomasville and southwest Alabama.

Sheldon is a member of the Alabama Technology Network Advisory Board at Alabama Southern Community College; a past member of the board of directors of the Southwest Alabama Medical Center; a member of the Southwest Alabama United Way Advisory Board; a member of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Council; founding member of the Clarke County Community Development Foundation; and a member and past president of the Thomasville, Alabama, Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Day is a graduate of the 2005 Leadership Alabama class and a past member of the Leadership Alabama Executive Board. He is also a graduate of the Auburn University Economic Development Institute.

Beyond the borders of Thomasville, Sheldon is active in politics and economic development. He serves on the Alabama League of Municipalities Executive Committee, as co-chairman of Governor Bentley's Black Belt Commission; and he served as a panelist from 2005 through 2012 for the Delta Regional Authority Congressional Caucus on Rural Issues in Washington, D.C. He has been invited to many states across the United States to tell the "Thomasville Success Story" and provide commentary on rural issues. Mayor Day has participated in numerous business missions in the United States and abroad including to Cuba, China, South Korea, and Brazil.

During Mayor Day's 19 years of mayoral service, the City of Thomasville and surrounding rural area has seen over \$700 million in capital investment and the creation of more than 1,000 new manufacturing and service sector jobs. In addition, the city government and schools have partnered to bring high quality education and innovative career technical programs to the area; they have become a model for the state of Alabama and the southeastern United States.



Daniel H. Rosen is a founding partner of the Rhodium Group (RHG), and leads the firm's work on China and the world economy. RHG combines policy experience, quantitative economic tools and on-the-ground research to analyze disruptive global trends. Mr. Rosen's focus includes U.S.-China policy dynamics, interpretation of Chinese economic performance indicators, and assessment of long-term Chinese reform and policy directions. RHG's China research contributes to corporate strategy and planning, investment management, and political risk assessment of China and its global interactions.

Mr. Rosen is an adjunct associate professor at Columbia University, where he has taught a graduate seminar on the Chinese economy at the School of International and Public Affairs since 2001. He is affiliated with a number of preeminent American think tanks focused on

international economics. Since 1992, he has written more than a dozen major books and reports on China's economic and commercial development.

From 2000 to 2001, Mr. Rosen was senior advisor for international economic policy at the White House National Economic Council and National Security Council, where he played a key role in completing China's accession to the World Trade Organization and accompanied the President of the United States to Asia for summits and state visits.

Mr. Rosen is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and serves on the board of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. He holds a master's degree in foreign service from Georgetown University and a bachelor's degree in Asian studies from the University of Texas.