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Dr. Margaret Walsh Joins NHFPI Board of Directors

CONCORD, NH – The New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute (NHFPI) today announced the addition of Dr. Margaret Walsh to the organization’s Board of Directors. Dr. Walsh is a professor of sociology and anthropology at Keene State College, where since 2000 she has taught courses and directed research focused on a range of social issues including poverty, education, and housing.

“Dr. Walsh has dedicated her career to understanding poverty and social issues that affect individuals, families, and communities,” said Liz Hager, chairman of the NHFPI Board of Directors. “Her knowledge, research experience, and genuine concern for humanity will be a tremendous asset to the organization’s work to promote policies that improve economic opportunity, prosperity, and security for all New Hampshire residents.”

Dr. Walsh has authored numerous articles and publications focused on women, education, homelessness, and social stratification as well as changes in families in rural and urban communities. She is currently engaged in a qualitative research study looking at the housing recovery in New Hampshire and the emotional and economic impact of the housing crisis on the middle class.

“Families and individuals across our state are struggling to stay afloat in today’s economy,” said Dr. Margaret Walsh. “I look forward to working with the NHFPI Board of Directors and staff to move forward policies that will make a positive difference in the lives of residents across the Granite State.”

Professor Walsh holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Education from Wheaton College and a Master of Arts and Doctorate in Sociology from the University of New Hampshire. She is a past president and council member of the New England Sociological Association. Dr. Walsh served as director of the Keene State College Honors Program from 2010-2013; she continues to serve on the council and as a faculty advisor to the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She lives in Peterborough with her husband and children, and she is an active member of the community.

The New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute is an independent, non-partisan organization dedicated to exploring, developing, and promoting public policies that foster economic opportunity and prosperity for all New Hampshire residents, with an emphasis on low- and moderate-income families and individuals. Learn more at www.nhfpi.org.