

## **Michael Lipsky: Summary Biography**

Michael Lipsky is Senior Program Director at Demos, a public policy research and advocacy organization based in New York. Before coming to Demos in October, 2003, he served for twelve years as a Senior Program Officer in the Ford Foundation's Peace and Social Justice Program, where he managed a portfolio of approximately 100 grants, creating and then managing initiatives to strengthen government and public accountability in the states. He is one of the founding organizers of the State Fiscal Analysis Initiative, a 34-state effort to provide critical data on state fiscal policy.

He has taught at the University of Wisconsin, Harvard University's Graduate School of Education, and for 21 years was a professor of political science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His publications include *Protest in City Politics*; the award-winning *Street Level Bureaucracy*; and *Nonprofits for Hire: The Welfare State in the Age of Contracting* (with Steven Rathgeb Smith). He holds a B.A. from Oberlin College and an M.P.A., M.A., and Ph.D in politics from Princeton University. He is currently a visiting professor at Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute.