

# YOUR LIFE, YOUR MONEY Panelists

## *Executive Producer* **John Grant**

*Chief Program Officer, WNED-TV Buffalo/Toronto*

At WNED-TV, **John Grant** is responsible for the development, management and production of television programs.

Major projects for public television have included *The Adirondacks*, *Frank Lloyd Wright's Buffalo*, *Great Lodges of the National Parks*, *The Marines*, *America's Houses of Worship*, *Niagara Falls*, *Adventure Lodges*, *Window to the Sea*, *West Point*, *Legendary Lighthouses* and *America's Scenic Railway Journeys*. He has also written seven companion books for his television programs and earned an Emmy for his work on the acclaimed children's series *Reading Rainbow*.

## *Producer/Director/Co-Writer* **Tom Simon**

*President & CEO, Working Dog Productions, Inc.*

As a filmmaker, executive producer and television executive, **Tom Simon** has been responsible for some of the world's top-rated documentary programs and has won seven Emmy Awards. Prior to founding Working Dog Productions, Simon was vice-president of programming and production and executive producer of the *National Geographic Specials* and *National Geographic Explorer*. Previously, he served as senior producer of *Smithsonian World* on PBS.

Recent projects include *The Adirondacks* (with WNED Buffalo/Toronto) for PBS and *Dealing Dogs*, an investigative documentary for HBO's *America Undercover* series.

Programs that Simon executive-produced have received more than 150 awards for excellence, including a duPont-Columbia Journalism Award, Peabody Awards and more than three dozen Emmys.

## *Featured Expert* **Beth Kobliner**

An expert in personal finance for young adults, **Beth Kobliner** wrote the *New York Times* and *Business Week* bestseller *Get a Financial Life: Personal Finance in Your Twenties and Thirties*. Among other topics, this timely book (revised and re-released in 2009) covers mutual fund investments, tax-deferred savings plans, avoiding ATMs, tax deductions, passbook savings accounts, credit cards and 401k plans and IRAs. Kobliner was a staff writer at *Money* magazine for eight years and is a frequent guest on *Oprah*, *Today*, CNN, MSNBC, ABC's *World News This Morning* and public radio's *Talk of the Nation* and *Marketplace*.

She also contributes to *The New York Times* and writes a monthly column for *Glamour*. In addition, she writes the annual article on the U.S. Stock Exchange for the *Encyclopedia Britannica Book of the Year*.

## *Host* **Donald Faison**

**Donald Faison** stars as Dr. Christopher Turk on the Emmy-nominated hit series *Scrubs*. He received four NAACP Image Award nominations for "Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy Series" and was named "Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series" at the first BET Comedy Awards.

Faison also starred in Benny Boom's *Next Day Air* opposite Mos Def and Mike Epps, an action-comedy released by Summit Entertainment earlier this year. His other film credits include the classic cult comedy *Clueless*, *Waiting to Exhale*, *Uptown Girls*, *Josie and The Pussycats* and *Big Fat Liar*. On television, Faison played "Tracy" on *Felicity* for two seasons, reprised his role as "Murray" on *Clueless* and acted in *Party of Five*, *Sister, Sister* and *New York Undercover*.