



2015 Scholars



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I am an assistant professor of biostatistics at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where we are in the midst of developing a new school of public health and all the programs that entails. In my research, I use network-based models of relationships to investigate how the structure of social interactions drives patterns of infectious disease transmission, including how that structure may help or hinder prevention efforts, with a particular focus on the spread and prevention of HIV infection.

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I am an Assistant Professor of Occupational Health Sciences at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler. I am a graduate of the University of Alabama and Auburn University. I completed postdoctoral training in the department of Labor Studies and Employment Relations at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. I serve as the Applied Research Manager for the Southwest Center for Agricultural Health, Injury Prevention, and Education. I have an M.S. in rural sociology and a Ph.D. in forestry. I have extensive research experience with migrant and immigrant workers in the southern forestry industry. I am the co-Principal Investigator on a NIOSH funded study involving safety climate and leadership on logging sites. My goal is to expand my work to include health promotion research and interventions for vulnerable populations in the agricultural sector.

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Currently I am a postdoctoral research trainee in the Center for Women's Health and Health Disparities Research within the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health. I received my doctorate in community health education from the University of North Carolina Greensboro. My research focuses on identifying population needs and examining strategies to reduce health and health care disparities and adverse outcomes in women's health among communities of color and low SES communities. Thus, my interests include maternal and infant health, reproductive health, intersections of race and socioeconomic factors and their impact on health disparities, and community-engaged research and evaluation.

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I am a recent graduate of the University of Montana where I earned my PhD in Exercise Science and Community Health. My dissertation used a community-based participatory research approach to increase physical activity in elementary school children on an American Indian Reservation in Montana. My research interest is in diabetes prevention in American Indian populations. As an enrolled member of the Blackfeet Nation, born and raised on the reservation, I know first-hand the devastating effects that diabetes has on Indian people. I will begin a postdoc appointment June 1st with the University of Wisconsin working on the Healthy Children, Strong Families obesity and diabetes intervention for children ages 2-5 in six tribal communities in the United States.

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I lead works that promotes health equity and access to healthcare in Mississippi and the Mississippi Delta Region. My formal training is in public health and health services research. I am currently pursuing this research agenda as a joint post-doctorate fellow at the Social Science Research Center at Mississippi State University and the Department of Global Health and Population at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. In this position, I am actively involved in developing an interdisciplinary research agenda in understanding and promoting health in the Delta region. I am particularly interested in vulnerable populations, understanding the social context in which health disparities occur, disparities in access to health care, applications of mixed methods, and quality of chronic disease care. In my free time I love to cook, spend time with my family, and travel.

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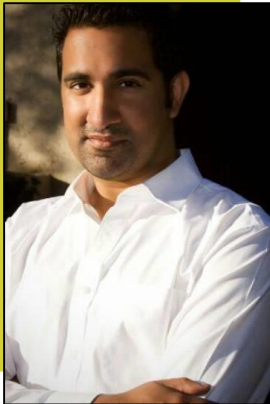


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As an assistant professor with the Howard University School of Social Work, I teach primarily in the research sequence and also in the community, administration, and policy practice concentration in the MSW program. I am a public health social worker, research and educator interested broadly in health and mental health disparities across the lifespan especially in reproductive and sexual health service delivery, inclusive of adolescent pregnant and parenting, as well HIV prevention and intervention. My teaching and research emphasizes the contexts of gender, culture, and familial norms. I am currently a fellow with the American Evaluation Association's Minority Service Institutions Fellowship Program; a council member with the Council on Social Work Education and policy chair with the Population, Reproductive, and Sexual Health Section of the American Public Health Association. My experience and perspective is global in nature with a passion for shared learning across borders and disciplines, along with more deeply understanding the role of social work research in contributing to health equity both nationally and internationally. I received my BS, MPH and MSW from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, and PhD in Social Work with a graduate certificate in international studies from Howard University.

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I am an Assistant Professor with the Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health at the University of Maryland, School of Public Health. I earned my Master of Public Health and Doctor of Public Health degrees in environmental health sciences from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Maryland, I served as Assistant Commissioner for Environmental Health with the Baltimore City Health Department then later as the Assistant Center Director for Human Health with U.S. EPA's National Center for Environmental Research where I focused on biomonitoring for policy analysis, cumulative risk assessment, environmental health indicator development, children's environmental health and environmental health of minority populations. My current research is aimed at improving how society makes decisions about environmental policies that impact the health of communities and populations, especially vulnerable, low income and minority populations. I am energized by the challenge of cumulative environmental health risks and social disparities in environmental health because these issues are difficult, complicated and sometimes controversial, from both science and policy perspectives.

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I am an assistant professor of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. My earned degrees are in community health education. My research interests focus on health disparities and obesity and obesity related disorders that affect health in ethnic racial/ minority populations living in rural underserved areas of the Lower Mississippi Delta Region of the United States, more specifically the Arkansas Delta. I am currently focused on creating sustainable community-based interventions that address sociocultural influences on healthy decision making in adolescent and adult populations.

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I am a postdoctoral fellow at the Department of Population Health Sciences at University of Wisconsin-Madison. My research focus on social and behavioral determinants of health, and my research interests cover a number of topics, including tobacco control, cancer screening, HIV prevention, and healthcare utilization. Currently I am working on a project on HIV risk and healthcare access and utilization among Mexican migrants, a vulnerable and underserved population.

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2015 Presenters



Alex Adams, MD, PhD, is a Professor in the UW Department of Family Medicine and Director of the Collaborative Center for Health Equity (CCHE), part of the Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) in the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. CCHE is home to a P-60 Research Center of Excellence on Minority Health Disparities, award from the NIH-NIMHD. Under the direction of Dr. Adams, the Center builds and maintains strong, long-lasting community partnerships with multiple underserved WI communities in both urban and rural areas statewide. CCHE research projects focus on chronic disease prevention and treatment, as well as enhanced participation in research planning, implementation, analysis and dissemination of findings. Dr. Adams is also Director of the UW Carbone Cancer Center's *Cancer Health Disparities Initiative*, which currently focuses on research and dissemination activities with diverse populations in urban and rural settings.

As a researcher, Dr. Adams has been working in partnership with 4 Wisconsin Tribes and the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council (GLITC) Epi-Center for the past 12 years. A variety of projects aim to reduce the prevalence of pediatric obesity and the risk of future cardiovascular disease and diabetes. Currently, she devotes most of her time on an NIH funded family based intervention project to reduce obesity and cardiac risk factors in American Indian children: *Healthy Children, Strong Families*. A participatory research process is being used throughout all phases so that community and academic researchers work together on data collection, analysis and dissemination. Her research has been funded via an NIH K-23 career-development award from NHLBI; awards from NCI, NIH GLITC-Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) funding, U-01 funding from NIH-NHLBI, and a recent R-01 to expand her work to tribes nationally.

In addition to her research and Center work, Dr. Adams works statewide to reduce the prevalence of pediatric obesity as a founding member of the Wisconsin Prevention of Obesity and Diabetes (wipod.pediatrics.wisc.edu) group. She is an active partner with the State Department of Health's Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity programs on public health and legislative initiatives to improve nutrition and physical activity in childcare/preschools. She is currently practicing at the UW Pediatric Fitness Clinic in Madison, treating children with pediatric overweight and obesity and related chronic conditions. Dr. Adams completed her MD in 1994 and her PhD in Nutritional Sciences in 1997 at the University of Illinois College of Medicine, Urbana, IL. She completed her Family Medicine Residency at the University of Wisconsin in 1997. Her special interests include pediatric nutritional problems, obesity, metabolic syndrome, and indigenous diets and health, and she believes that long-term mutually respectful partnerships with communities pose the best hope for reducing health disparities and increasing healthy equity.



Erin Bailey is part of the UW Carbone Cancer Center's *Cancer Health Disparities* Initiative and directs the Dane County African American Cancer Outreach Project. Ms. Bailey directs outreach and education initiatives working with underserved communities in the Madison and Dane County areas. Her research experience focuses on outreach, training and education and program evaluation.



Libby Bestul is an Outreach Specialist for Cooperative Extension in the UW School of Human Ecology working across a broad variety of topics including parenting, aging, youth-adult participation, healthy living, and financial literacy. Ms. Bestul has been interested in leadership for over 25 years, obtaining her MS from the University of Pennsylvania in Dynamics of Organizations and participating through the Center for Creative Leadership in collaboration with advanced leadership programs at the US Postal Service. Ms. Bestul is currently involved as a volunteer with the Coordinated Leadership Initiative on the UW-Madison campus and plays an important leadership role with the Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras.



Melody Bockenfeld, MPH, BSN, is the Community Engagement and Dissemination Program Manager for the UW ICTR-CAP Dissemination & Implementation Activities Core. The D&I Activities Core is a new resource for UW Researchers and community partners. Ms. Bockenfeld is responsible for developing engagement and outreach strategies that focus on outcomes related to scientific accomplishment, knowledge exchange, collaboration, dissemination, implementation, and demonstrating health impact. She received her Master of Public Health and Bachelor of Nursing degrees from the University of Illinois, at Chicago. She has worked in health care and public health for over 30 years, including hospital and community-based Maternal-Child Health programs in Chicago, and 12 years as a Local Public Health Officer in Wisconsin. She has also served in leadership positions in statewide public health associations.



Militza Bonet-Vasquez, MPH, is a Health Research Coordinator at the United Community Center (UCC) in Milwaukee and a CCHE Research Ambassador. She coordinates UCC-academic engaged research partnerships, associated project development and implementation and ensures the quality of collaboratively established research protocols at the UCC. Ms. Bonet has done extensive work on the impact of social and environmental factors on health, particularly relating to undeserved and vulnerable populations. She has five years of experience working in community-based research development, implementation and evaluation settings, recruitment of potential study participants and interventions. Ms. Bonet has also worked on Patient-Centered Medical Home development and implementation, which is focused on improving the quality of life for persons living with HIV. Additionally, she has developed content for and managed the development of a website in both English and Spanish focused on addressing the needs of underserved HIV clients with limited health and technology literacy. Ms. Bonet holds a B.S. in Biology from Inter American University- San Juan, PR, and a MPH in Health Promotion and Diseases Prevention from University of Missouri-Columbia.



Jessica Burda, MA is a communications, marketing and social media professional for the ICTR-CAP Dissemination & Implementation Activities Core. She has extensive experience working in both the public and private sectors, including the UW Athletic Department and the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene. As the D&I Research Communication Specialist, Ms. Burda assists researchers with translating and promoting their research findings into language and tools intended for use by health care providers and community partners.



Isaiah Brokenleg, MPH, is an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe (Sicangu Nation) and grew up in South Dakota but now calls the Northwoods home. From a cultural perspective, he believes we are all related (“Mitakuye Oyasin”) and, as such, we are all called to be “good relatives” to one another. As a winktè, Isaiah believes that he is called to be a healer and move communities in the direction of positive change.

From an academic perspective, Isaiah has a B.A. from the University of Minnesota, Morris with majors in multicultural studies as well as applied social justice/human rights. He has a Masters of Public Health degree from the University of Minnesota,

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Isaiah is a Program Director and Epidemiologist for the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council. Isaiah is passionate about achieving parity in health, social justice, and working to end the structural oppression/violence that hurts us all.



Sandra Crouse Quinn, PhD, is the Senior Associate Director of the Center for Health Equity, Associate Dean for Public Health Initiatives and Professor of Family Science at the School of Public Health, University of Maryland at College Park. She is an acknowledged leader in health disparities research with an emphasis in ethical recruitment and inclusion of underrepresented and marginalized communities in research, the role of Community Advisory Boards in research and risk communication with disparity populations during pandemics and disasters. Currently, Dr. Quinn is PI (with Dr. Stephen B. Thomas) of a prestigious Grand Opportunity (“GO”) grant sponsored by the Office of the Director, NIH, NIMHD, and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) titled “Bioethics Research Infrastructure Initiative: Building Trust between Minorities and Researchers” (7RC2MD004766; 2009-2012). She is co-Investigator of the Research Center of Excellence in Minority Health Disparities, also

funded by NIMHD, in which she jointly manages budget and administration with Dr. Thomas. Dr. Quinn also served as co-investigator and co-Director of the Pilot Projects and Feasibility Studies Core of EXPORT Health funded by NIMHD. She is also the Principal Investigator on the School of Public Health’s sub-contract for the Mid-Atlantic Public Health Training Center.

Dr. Quinn also served as both Principal Investigator of an administrative supplement (\$337,000) for a national study of public attitudes and trust during the recent H1N1 influenza and Co-PI (from 2008-2010) of a 5- year, Centers for Disease Control funded research center, Public Health Adaptive Systems Studies. From 2005-2007, she was the PI of a Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) funded study on risk communication between postal workers (predominantly minority) and health professionals during the 2001 anthrax attack.

Dr. Quinn’s commitment to overcoming the legacy of the USPHS Study of Untreated Syphilis at Tuskegee, successful recruitment of minorities into research and effective community engagement dates to her collaboration with Dr. Thomas on their seminal article, ‘The Tuskegee Syphilis Study, 1932 to 1972: Implications for HIV Education and AIDS Risk Reduction Programs in the Black Community’, published in the American Journal of Public Health in 1991, which led to a resurgence in scholarly focus on the study, and ultimately contributed to the decision of President Bill Clinton to issue a formal apology for the Tuskegee Study of Untreated Syphilis in 1997. She has published multiple articles on the Tuskegee Syphilis Study (for example, Thomas & Quinn, 1991; Freimuth, Quinn, Thomas et al, 2001; Thomas and Quinn, 2000) and public attitudes toward vaccines including racial differences (Quinn, Thomas and Kumar, 2008; Quinn et al, 2009). Dr. Quinn’s recent publications on racial and ethnic disparities during the H1N1 pandemic were the first empirical examinations of a disparity model (Quinn et al, 2011; Kumar, Quinn et al, 2012). Dr. Quinn has published multiple articles on the use of Community Advisory Boards in research (Strauss et al, 2000; Quinn, 2004; Silvestre, Quinn and Rinaldo, 2010), and is particularly interested in the role that they can play in facilitating the successful inclusion of minorities in research.

She is also actively engaged in training programs that encourage individuals, particularly scholars from underrepresented groups, to pursue careers in health care and research. She was a leader in the establishment of a Summer Research Career Development Institute (Berget et al, 2010). Dr. Quinn initiated, and co-chaired with Dr. Thomas, the Sullivan Commission Task Force on Racial and Ethnic Diversity within the Schools of the

Health Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh. These efforts produced the Task Force report, *The Urgency of Now: Recruiting and Retaining Racially and Ethnically Diverse Professionals in the Health Professions*, which directly led to the creation of a new position, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Diversity in the Health Sciences, and the formation of the Office of Diversity for the Health Sciences with multiple professional staff.



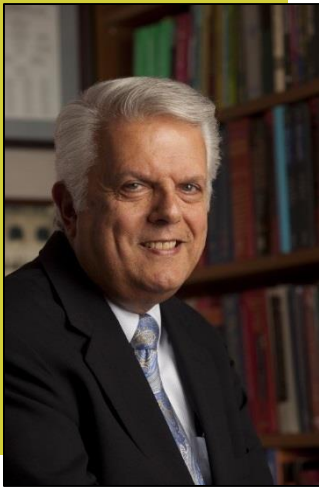
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Dr. Butler has published in numerous professional journals including, but not limited to *Contemporary Clinical Trials*, *Public Health Reports*, *Health Promotion Practice*, *Journal of Health Psychology*, and the *Annual Review of Public Health*. He serves as a reviewer for *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*, *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action*, the *American Journal of Public Health*, *Health Promotion Practice*, and the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. After completing his undergraduate degree in clinical laboratory science at Gwynedd Mercy University, Dr. Butler went on to earn his master's degree in community health education at Temple University and later earned a doctorate in public health from the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public Health. He then completed a postdoctoral fellowship in preventative medicine and public health, concentrating on tobacco control and prevention, at the University of Kansas School of Medicine.



Samuel Dennis Jr, PhD, ASLA, is a geographer, landscape architect, and the Research Director of the Environmental Design Lab at the UW-Madison (www.edl.wisc.edu). His scholarship focuses on understanding and creating outdoor environments that support human health and wellbeing, particularly for children. Dr. Dennis has published on community mapping, obesity prevention, public health and the built environment, outdoor learning environments, and participatory community design. He is currently Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture at UW-Madison and has affiliate appointments in Family Medicine, Environmental Studies, Geography, Agroecology, and Urban and Regional Planning. With CCHE, Dr. Dennis leads the HAPPY II

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Tracy Downs, MD, HELI '10, is the Director of the Bladder Cancer and Intravesical Therapy Programs in the Department of Urology, Assistant Dean for Multicultural and Diversity Affairs and an Associate Professor in the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. He specializes in the surgical treatment of urologic cancers. Dr. Downs has participated as the physician educator for the African American Prostate Cancer Survivor Support Group since its inception in October 2012. Dr. Downs will be presenting with a panel on his work with the Dane County African-American Cancer Outreach Project, 'Improving Informed Decision Making for Prostate Cancer Screening Among African American Men in Dane County in the Post-PSA Era.'



Tim Frandy, PhD, is a folklorist and a CCHE Research Ambassador who partners with multiple tribal communities in Northern Wisconsin. Dr. Frandy's work spans five countries and two continents. He has a Ph.D. in Scandinavian Studies and Folklore Studies, and his research involves indigenous communities, health and wellness, and cultural worldview. With his most recent work, Dr. Frandy has been developing culturally-responsive educational programs to improve health and wellness in indigenous communities. These include the Wiigwaasi-Jiimaan – These Canoes Carry Culture projects: full details, photos, and video of the project work is available at the project website: wiigwaasijiimaan.wordpress.com



Craig S. Fryer, DrPH, MPH, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health at the University of Maryland, School of Public Health and holds a leadership position as an Associate Director of the Maryland Center for Health Equity. Dr. Fryer has worked in the field of health disparities research for the past fifteen years. Trained as behavioral scientist, Dr. Fryer utilizes mixed methods research to examine the sociocultural context of health and health disparities, with a concentration in community engaged research. His work focuses on racial and ethnic health disparities in substance use and dependence, specifically tobacco and marijuana use among urban youth and young adult populations. Collateral research endeavors include: behavioral intervention research; HIV/AIDS and STI prevention; qualitative methods; the recruitment and retention of underrepresented communities into research; and the role of bioethics in health disparities research.

As an Associate Director of the M-CHE, he assists in the development and implementation of the Center's research initiatives to improve the health and well-being of racial and ethnic minority populations. His current research addresses tobacco-related health disparities. Dr. Fryer is the Principal Investigator of a five-year, National Cancer Institute, Mentored Research Scientist Development Award to Promote Diversity (K01) grant that examines correlates of nicotine dependence and symptoms of withdrawal among urban, African American youth. Moreover, he is co-investigator on several projects funded by the National Institute of Health, including NIAAA, NIDA, and the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD). Dr. Fryer has published in several peer-reviewed journals such as *Addictive Behaviors*, *Annual Review of Public Health*, *Journal of School Health*, *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*, and *Qualitative Health Research* and has served on several scientific grant review committees for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), NIH, and the National Science Foundation (NSF). After completing his undergraduate degree in Clinical Nutrition at Case Western Reserve University, Dr. Fryer earned his master's degree in Health Services Administration at the University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public Health. He later earned his doctorate in Sociomedical Sciences at Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health under the tutelage of Drs. Robert E. Fullilove and Mindy Thompson Fullilove, founders of the Community Research Group.



Mary Garza, PhD, MPH, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health at the University of Maryland, School of Public Health and holds a leadership position as Associate Director in the Maryland Center for Health Equity. Dr. Garza received her MPH from the School of Public Health at San Diego State University with an emphasis in health education and health promotion. Post MPH degree, Dr. Garza worked as health coordinator for a federally qualified health center in Coachella Valley, CA where she gained valuable community-level experience working with low-income migrant farm workers (primarily Latinos and African Americans). She coordinated local, state, and federal community education and medical treatment programs with a focus on diabetes, cancer screening, hypertension, STDs, and HIV/AIDS. Dr. Garza returned to graduate school, and received her PhD in Health Policy and Management with a focus in Social and Behavioral Sciences from the Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University where she also completed a post-doctoral fellowship in Cancer Epidemiology. Overall, Dr. Garza's research activities embrace the

full spectrum of the intervention research process—from planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating, to

dissemination of research findings – using a community-based participatory research approach. She has a strong interest in health disparities research, including understanding the interplay of psychosocial, behavioral, and neighborhood-level factors associated with health behavior; specifically, the factors related to sustained compliance with cancer screening and health-related decision making. Her research interests also include the role and influence of religion and spirituality on health outcomes. Currently, Dr. Garza is the principal investigator of a NCI-funded, K01 Mentored Research Scientist Development Award to Promote Diversity (K01), titled “African Americans and Colorectal Cancer: A Multilevel Model to Assess Factors for Screening.” The objective of the K01 is to characterize individual and neighborhood-level risk and protective factors associated with colorectal cancer screening behavior among African-Americans. Additionally, Dr. Garza’s research involves assessing the prevailing perceptions, knowledge and attitudes toward participation in biomedical research, including clinical trials. Moreover, she is working with the Health Advocates in Reach and Research (HAIR) network, a barbershop initiative, to promote cancer screening in barbershops.



Bob Golden, MD, received his BA cum laude with honors in psychology from Yale in 1975, and his MD from Boston University School of Medicine in 1979. He completed an internship, residency, and chief residency in psychiatry at the University of North Carolina. From 1983 to 1985 he was a Medical Staff Fellow in the Clinical Pharmacology Section of the National Institute of Mental Health Intramural Research Program. He returned to UNC-Chapel Hill in 1985, where he served as the founding Director of both the Clinical Psychobiology & Pharmacology Research Training Program and the ECT Service, and as Associate Director of both the General Clinical Research Center and the Mental Health Clinical Research Center. From 1994 through 2005 he served as Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at UNC School of Medicine. In 2004, Dr. Golden assumed the additional role of Vice Dean for the School of Medicine, with responsibilities for the school’s research and educational programs, faculty development and academic affairs, and Area Health Education Centers.

In July 2006, Dr. Golden became the 9th Dean of the School of Medicine and Public Health and the Vice Chancellor for Medical Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He also serves as Chair of the Board of the UW Medical Foundation, an academic group practice comprised of more than 1100 physicians, and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Authority Board of UW Hospital and Clinics.

Dr. Golden’s research and clinical interests have focused on psychobiological and psychopharmacologic aspects of mood disorders. He has published more than 200 papers, chapters, and books. He has served on several editorial boards, review panels, and advisory committees, was Field Editor for Clinical Psychobiology for Neuropsychopharmacology, and is currently Associate Editor for Psychosomatic Medicine. He has served on the Board of Regents of the American College of Psychiatrists, and is currently a Director of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. His honors include selection as a Ginsburg Fellow of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry, a Laughlin Fellow of the American College of Psychiatrists, a Jefferson Pilot Fellow in Academic Medicine, recipient of the Eugene Hargrove Mental Health Research Award and the American College of Psychiatrists Mood Disorders Research Award, appointment as the inaugural Stuart Bondurant Distinguished Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and recipient of the Distinguished Medical Alumnus Award from the UNC School of Medicine and the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Boston University School of Medicine.



Eve Hall, PhD, serves as the President/CEO of the African American Chamber of Commerce, based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she is leading the renewal of the organization. She is a native of Milwaukee, with work experiences in Wisconsin, Florida, and Washington, D.C. Previously, she served as the Chief Innovation Officer for Thurgood Marshall College Fund, where she spent ten years in various national leadership roles impacting students and university/school district partnerships in several states. Other past leadership roles include Vice President of Public Affairs for Family Service of Milwaukee; Milwaukee Public Schools School to Work Administrator, reporting to the Superintendent; and Director of Governor Tommy Thompson's Milwaukee Office.

Hall is the cofounder of the African American Women's Project Fund, created in 1999 and designed to provide support to organizations supporting the well-being of women and girls. The over-\$200,000 fund is held in the Women's Fund of Greater Milwaukee. She earned a B.S. degree in educational psychology from Florida A&M University, a M.S. in administrative leadership from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and a doctorate in educational leadership from Cardinal Stritch University. Dr. Hall began her term as a UW Systems Board of Regents beginning in May 2014.



Brian Jackson has been working with Great Lakes Native American Research Center for Health (GLNARCH) & Health Career Education in Lac Du Flambeau going on 11 years. His primary role is to facilitate the continued development of the GLNARCH program. He provides support for the administration, coordination and evaluation of the GLNARCH program planning and staff development. He is responsible for program activities and the GLNARCH Student Development Program under the National Institute Health (NIH)-NARCH grants, as well as for obtaining other sources of funding for Health Career Education Services. Furthermore, Mr. Jackson is responsible for carrying out the strategic plan and career development activities that are the foundation of a Health Career Education (HCE) Services area at GLITC, as well as the development of collaborative research approaches. CCHE has worked closely with Mr. Jackson since 2008 when we started co-producing the annual UW *Indigenous Health and Wellness Day*, a 3-day immersion experience for 7th-12th grade Native

students to explore pathways to college and careers in the health sciences

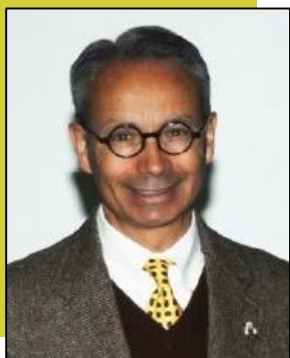
Mr. Jackson is an Ojibwe enrolled in Lac Du Flambeau with Family in Bad River and Lac Vieux Desert communities as well. He takes being a family man and being a positive role model very seriously. He is a Doctoral Candidate in Indigenous Education at University Minnesota Duluth. Other roles include Army National Guard Veteran, Wisconsin Indian Education Association Board President and Lac Du Flambeau School Board member as well. His work is dedicated to promoting educational and healthy equity among American Indian people, particularly within the tribal communities of Wisconsin.



Liz Jacobs, MD, MPP, is Associate Professor of Medicine and Population Health Sciences and Vice Chair for Health Services Research in the Department of Medicine at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. She attended medical school at the University of California at San Francisco and trained as a general internist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. She completed a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Fellowship and a Masters in Public Policy at the University of Chicago.

After struggling to care for limited English-speaking patients during medical school and residency, she decided to pursue a research career investigating minority disparities in health care. Dr. Jacobs' research interests include access to, and cultural specificity of, medical care delivered to minority patients, the impact of interpreter service interventions on the cost and quality of healthcare, health literacy and numeracy, and the role that trust in health care plays in racial/ethnic disparities in health care. Her research has been supported by grants from the National Cancer Institute, the National Institute on Aging, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, The California Endowment, The Russell Sage Foundation and the Office of Minority Health and the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute.

She is recognized as an expert on the provision of linguistically accessible and culturally competent care and has served on Office of Minority Health, Joint Commission, National Quality Forum, and AHRQ expert panels. She has published numerous peer-reviewed journal articles and has authored three book chapters. In addition, she works with other investigators to design culturally specific research, and teaches residents and medical students about practicing culturally sensitive medicine.



Jared Jobe, PhD, FABMR, is retired from Federal service and is now a consultant to universities and research organizations on clinical trials and research funding for biomedical sciences (May 2009 – present).

He received his Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma in 1976. Dr. Jobe has been a peer reviewer for 30 scientific/medical journals and for 12 government and private funding agencies. He has over 300 publications and conference presentations. He was a Fellow of the American Psychological Association, a Fellow of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, and a Fellow of the Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research. Selected Awards and Honors: 2000 Outstanding Scientists of the 20th Century; Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare; International Who's Who in Medicine; NHLBI

Director's Award (2007); NIH Award of Merit (2007); NHLBI EEO Special Achievement Award (2007); NCHS Director's Award (1989).

During Dr. Jobe's military career, he was Director, Health and Performance Division, US Army Research Institute for Environmental Medicine, in Natick, Massachusetts, and was principal investigator on a series of small-scale randomized controlled trials on treatments for Raynaud's Disease. After 8 years at CDC, he spent 5 years at NIA as a branch chief, where he initiated and led a national clinical trial on cognitive interventions for older adults and a mentorship program for junior faculty at 4-year colleges. He then spent 10 years at NHLBI as a program director, where he led 5 clinical trials on CVD prevention in Native communities. Dr. Jobe was also involved in a

number of training and mentorship programs, including the Summer Institute Program to Increase Diversity in Health-Related Research (SIPID), now called PRIDE, which he began. Following his retirement, he worked as a research scientist, under contract for the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health (NIH) (May 2009 – January 2013). He was deputy project officer for the Centers for Population Health and Health Disparities, and developed the program, “Interventions for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in Native American Populations.”

Dr. Jobe was a member of the Steering Committee for the Indian Health Service Special Diabetes Program for Indians Prevention Initiative Competitive Grant Program. He was a founding member of the NIH American Indian-Alaska Native Employee Council, serving as President in 2004, 2005, 2007, and 2008, and Vice-President in 2002, 2003, and 2006. He was also a founding member of the NIH Community-Based Participatory Research Scientific Interest Group, a member of the Interagency Committee on Smoking and Health, a member of the NHLBI Committee for Recruitment and Retention of Minorities in Biomedical Research, and a member of the NHLBI Training Committee. He was a member of the NIH Technical Merit Evaluation Committee for Evaluation Proposals, and was a member of the NIH Diversity Council. He was a senior scientific reviewer for the 2009 Surgeon General’s Report, “How Tobacco Causes Disease: The Biological and Behavioral Basis for Tobacco-Attributable Disease.”

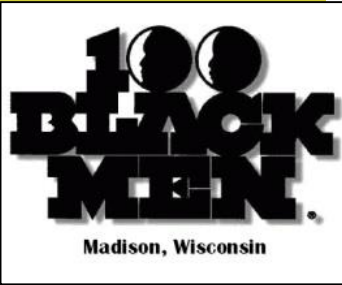


Nancy Mitchell has spent 25 years at UW-Madison, designing career and leadership development systems for students and professionals internationally. She is currently studying organizational behavior and leadership, with a passion for social justice leadership and co-facilitation. Nancy serves on the Coordinated Leadership Initiative (CLI), where she helped develop UW Madison's Leadership Framework and currently leads CLI Communications.



Jessica Moehr is a Training Coordinator in the Leadership and Talent Development department within the Office of Talent Management and serves as the program manager for the Fully Prepared to Lead program. She’s been teaching leadership and professional development courses for over 12 years while consulting with and coaching employees, supervisors, and managers on a variety of topics such as performance management, change management, leadership at all levels, business writing, coaching, and feedback. A graduate of UW-Madison, she has facilitated workshops for the Women & Leadership Symposium, the Leadership & Management

Development Conference, the Office Professional Conference, and Leadership Sun Prairie. Areas of expertise include Performance Management, Professional Development and Leadership Development.



Ed Murray is a retired Cardio Pulmonary Perfusionist and Clinical Instructor at the UW Hospital and Clinics and the William S. Middleton Veterans Hospital. Mr. Murray is the Chair of the Madison Chapter of the Health and Wellness Program of the 100 Black Men of America Inc.



Sarah Paige, PhD, MPH is an Assistant Scientist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Global Health Institute. There she leads Foundation fundraising efforts while also pursuing her personal research program. As a Health Geographer her research strives to integrate social and biological questions and methodologies towards improved understanding and prevention of emerging infectious diseases from animals. Over the course of her international health career, Sarah has lived and worked in Ecuador, South Africa, Kenya, and Uganda, on issues as varied as sustainable organic agriculture, pharmaceutical management, and zoonotic disease emergence. In 2014, she was recognized by Wisconsin Without Borders as a Globally Engaged Scholar due to her commitment and promotion of a relational global health research ethic; one which strives to ensure respect and empathy between scientist and subject in under-served and under-resourced communities.

"My mission is to mobilize poor communities to organize and agitate for improved health and wellness services through community health research, results dissemination, and collaborative program design. I translate my privilege as a citizen of the Global North into resources and capacity building for the communities I serve; and I conduct my practice with attention to transparency, critical self-reflection, and a deep commitment to relational ethics." Dr. Paige was a 2014 recipient of an internal award to support Dissemination activities based on 10 years of disease ecology and zoonotic disease research in Western Uganda.



Emily Parrot is a graduate student at the School of Human Ecology in Human Development and Family Studies. She is interested in several strands of research in the following areas: policymakers' use of research in policy creation, specifically regarding families in poverty; best practices related to youth programs, including program development, management, and evaluation; college and its effects on students, specifically first-generation students; and civic engagement behaviors developed in late adolescence and early adulthood and their impact on political participation later in life.

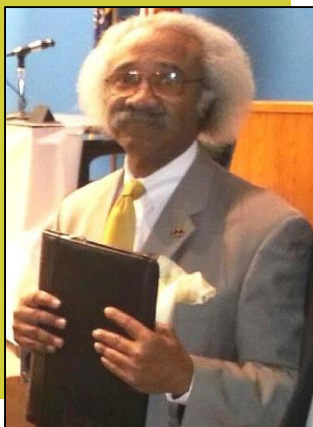


Patrick Remington, MD, MPH, is Associate Dean for Public Health and Professor of Population Health Sciences at the School of Medicine and Public Health, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

His current research interests are on methods used to measure the health of communities and communicate this information to the public and policy makers. He is currently co-directing an RWJ-funded project entitled Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH). This three-year, \$5 million project will rank the health of the counties in all 50 states and examine strategies to improve population health.

He began his public health career in 1982 at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), serving as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer with the Michigan Health Department and a medical epidemiologist with the Division of Nutrition in Atlanta. While at the CDC, he was the lead epidemiologist working on the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. In 1988, he returned to Madison to work as an epidemiologist in the Wisconsin Division of Health, eventually serving as the first Chief Medical Officer for Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention. During this time, he developed an applied program for chronic disease surveillance and control, including studies that examined the effectiveness of interventions to increase the use of mammography in low-income, rural populations. Since joining the Department of Population Health Sciences in 1997, he has helped develop public health programs in public health research, education, and service. He was the Associate Director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center, Director of the Population Health Institute, and founding director of the Master of Public Health Program, before assuming his current position as Associate Dean for Public Health in July 2009.

Dr. Remington earned a BS degree in molecular biology (1976) and an MD (1981) from the University of Wisconsin-Madison; completed an Internal Medicine Internship at the Virginia Mason in Seattle (1982); an Epidemiology Fellowship (1984).



Floyd Rose, PhD, has been a leader and advocate in the African American and other communities of color for decades. Dr. Rose is President of the Wisconsin Council, a nonprofit organization which supports and develops minority-owned, women-owned and veteran-owned businesses by facilitating important connections between corporations and diverse suppliers of goods and services. Dr. Rose started the Wisconsin Council in 1984. In 1987, Dr. Rose was involved in the creation of the Business Management Seminar (BMS), an executive management symposium that has been exclusively tailored for the owners and executives of minority-owned firms. In his capacity as President of the 100 Black Men, Madison Chapter, and a consultant, Dr. Rose has advanced programs to enhance achievement in academics, economic empowerment, mentoring, health and wellness and racial parity in Madison and across the nation.

Dr. Rose is also the founder of the African American Communication and Collaboration Council and currently is a Board Member of Kappa Alpha Psi, the Center for Family Policy and Practice, the Boys and Girls Club of Dane County, and the 100 Black Men Madison Chapter. He is a former member of the Edgewood Campus School Board of Directors.

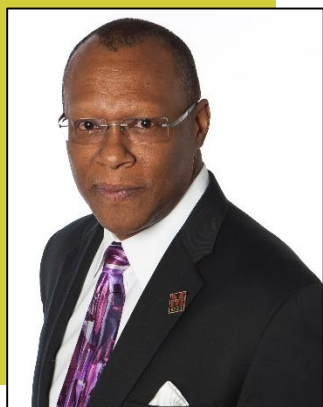


Christine Sorkness, RPh, PharmD, is ICTR Senior Associate Executive Director and oversees the Community-Academic Partnerships core and the Pilot Grants program. She is Associate Director of the ICTR Collaborative Center for Health Equity (CCHE), and is co-PI on the P60 NIMHD Center of Excellence grant that funds CCHE. She has a special interest in health disparities in asthma, in which she has conducted clinical efficacy, cost effectiveness and comparative effectiveness trials.

Dr. Sorkness has a clinical practice in the Anticoagulation Clinic at the VA Hospital-Madison, and also is affiliated with the UW Allergy, Pulmonary, and Critical Care Division, with more than 20 years of NHLBI-funding as either a co-investigator or co-principal investigator. A long-standing member of the UW Health Sciences IRB, she has also served on several NHLBI-appointed Data and Safety Monitoring Boards for large

multi-center national trials.

Today, Dr. Sorkness holds professorships in both the School of Pharmacy and the School of Medicine and Public Health. Having guided the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum through the UW academic approval process, she had the expertise to manage approvals in 2009 for the ICTR graduate programs in clinical investigation. She serves on the ICTR Faculty Governance Committee and teaches two graduate courses. Dr. Sorkness also has a particular interest in expanding mentor training for clinical and translational researchers.



Stephen B. Thomas, PhD, is Founding Director of the Maryland Center for Health Equity and Professor of Health Services Administration in the School of Public Health. Dr. Thomas is one of the nation's leading scholars on community-based interventions to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities including obesity, diabetes, hypertension, HIV AIDS and violence. He is Principal Investigator (with Dr. Sandra Quinn) of the **Center of Excellence on Race, Ethnicity and Disparities Research** funded by the NIH-National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD). This \$5.9M grant award, launched in August 2012, includes teams of scientists conducting targeted research on obesity, vaccine acceptance and Black men's health. Dr. Thomas is also Principal Investigator (with Dr. Quinn) on the NIH-NIMHD National Bioethics Research Infrastructure Initiative **"Building Trust**

Between Minorities and Researchers" focused on delivery of scientifically sound

and culturally relevant research with racial and ethnic minority populations. His work in the state of Maryland was instrumental to passage of the Maryland Health Improvement and Disparities Act of 2012, creating public policy solutions for addressing health disparities through creation of Health Enterprise Zones in communities at greatest risk for hypertension, asthma and type 2 diabetes. From 2000-2010 he was the endowed Philip Hallen Professor of Community Health and Social Justice at the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public Health and Director of the Center for Minority Health. In 2010, he received the Dorothy Nyswander Social Justice Award from the Society for Public Health Education. He was awarded the 2005 **David Satcher Award** from the Directors of Health Promotion and Education for his leadership in reducing health disparities through the improvement of health promotion and health education programs at the state and local levels and received the 2004 **Alonzo Smyth Yerby Award** from the Harvard School of Public Health for his work with people suffering the health effects of poverty. Stephen earned his BS degree from The Ohio State University, his MS degree from Illinois State University and his Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University. He believes that

the elimination of racial and ethnic health disparities must be a national priority for the nation to achieve health equity for all.



Emily Tomayko, PhD, RD, HELI '13, is a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Molecular and Applied Nutrition Training Program at the University of Wisconsin. She completed her doctorate in Nutritional Sciences from the University of Illinois in 2011 studying the effects of protein supplementation on health outcomes in hemodialysis patients and went on to complete the dietetic internship at the University of Houston in 2012. She has held the American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship and Kraft Food Graduate Fellowship, as well as a Doctoral Student Research Grant through the American College of Sports Medicine. After studying the effects of chronic diseases, Dr. Tomayko developed a strong desire to promote nutrition as a health prevention strategy and is currently engaged in obesity prevention work, with a particular focus on American Indian and other underserved communities. In addition, she completed the Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Fellowship at the National Academies in 2012

and is an active member of the American Society of Nutrition Public Policy Committee in an effort to better understand the impact of policy on health and disease prevention. As of this summer, Dr. Tomayko will be Assistant Professor, Public Health Nutrition, in the School of Biological and Population Health Sciences at Oregon State University.



Carmen Valdez, PhD, is a licensed professional psychologist with a primary affiliation to the UW Department of Counseling Psychology. She is also an affiliate of the Wisconsin Center for Education Research and the UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research and is a research investigator with the UW CCHE. In her role with CCHE, she serves as faculty director for the Advancing Health Equity and Diversity (AHEAD) initiative. AHEAD is aimed at providing networking, mentoring, and access to shared resources to early career scholars and investigators in health disparities research. A highlight of her professional service is serving on the American Psychological Association Committee on Children, Youth and Families (2013-2015), under the auspices of the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest.

Dr. Valdez's research is on the impact of family stress and sociocultural context on Latino children's academic, social, and emotional functioning. First, she has been a co-Investigator on an NICHD-funded project (Adam Gamoran, PI) examining the effects of social capital on Latino children's socioemotional and academic functioning in Texas and Arizona. As part of this project, she developed a special interest in the role of anti-immigration climate in Arizona on children's life course development. She recently submitted an R01 application for a mixed-methods project to continue to follow the children in the Arizona sample into adolescence, with a direct focus on anti-immigration climate. Dr. Valdez's second line of research entails developing community-based, family-focused interventions for Latino immigrant families experiencing stress. Prior to her position at the

University of Wisconsin-Madison, she co-developed the Keeping Families Strong program for low-income families affected by maternal depression. At UW, she conducted a linguistic and cultural adaptation of KFS for Latino immigrant families, called “Fortalezas Familiares” (Family Strengths). Dr. Valdez has piloted the intervention with families in the community, and plans to prepare an R01 application to conduct an effectiveness study of the intervention.



Earlise Ward, PhD, is a Licensed Psychologist and an Associate Professor at the UW School of Nursing. In her position as associate professor her primary responsibilities include conducting research, teaching, and engaging in service to the university, Madison community, and professional organizations including the American Psychology Association (APA). She is also a research investigator at the UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research and Collaborative Center for Health Equity. In her role with CCHE, she is a faculty director for the Health Equity and Leadership Institute (HELI), contributing to the planning and evaluation activities of HELI, mentoring and consulting with HELI Scholars, alum and faculty and serving as a resource to CCHE affiliates and other junior investigators.

Dr. Ward has witnessed first-hand in her clinical practice the impact of mental health disparities among African Americans. Her program of research focuses on developing and testing culturally appropriate mental health interventions for African American adults with depression, and she has expanded her research on an international level, collaborating with researchers in the US Virgin Islands and Ghana. Dr. Ward is passionate and committed to improving mental health outcomes and quality of life for African Americans struggling with depression. She believes that providing culturally sensitive care is important for everyone regardless of race, ethnicity and nationality.



Susan Ellis-Weismer, PhD is a professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Associate Dean for Research for the College of Letters and Science, and the Principal Investigator & Director of the Language Processes Lab UW Waisman Center. She also instructs CSD 900 Grant Writing and Professional Development Seminar.

Dr. Ellis-Weismer’s research investigates the developmental course and nature of language processing in atypical language learners compared to those with typical language development. Current work at the Waisman Center focuses on children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and uses implicit eye-tracking methodologies to glean insights into language comprehension abilities. Her research has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH NIDCD) for more than twenty years and she has served on a number of different grant review panels for the NIH. In addition to her research funding, she is the PI of a NIH training grant (T32) and research conference grant

(R13). Professor Ellis-Weismer is a recipient of the 2013 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Honors of the Association Award, the highest honor the organization bestows.



Tracy Williams-Maclin is the Director of Diversity and Inclusion at the Wisconsin Alumni Association. She is a researcher and consultant with experience in education and nonprofit leadership and recently led implementation of the National Latino and Hispanic Organization Research Project for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Her experience also includes leadership for the Greater Milwaukee Foundation; a partnership of the African American Chamber of Commerce and Milwaukee Public Schools; and service as Director of the Office of Multicultural Relations at Cardinal Stritch University. As WAA's director of diversity and inclusion, Williams-Maclin builds on the association's engagement with alumni from diverse backgrounds, identities and cultures, including LGBT, African American, Native American, Hispanic/Latino/Latina and Asian/Southeast Asian communities. She also advances WAA and UW-Madison efforts to grow appreciation for diverse and inclusive alumni and student experiences by collaborating with campus partners, including the Chief Diversity Officer and the Dean of Students.

Williams-Maclin's education includes a bachelor's degree in individual and family development with a minor in psychology from Northern Illinois University, a master's degree in Business Management from Cardinal Stritch University, and additional study at Harvard University and New York University.



Eric G. Williams, PhD, is the Assistant Vice Provost for Student Diversity and Academic Excellence at UW-Madison and also collaborates with the Division of Student Life, the vice provost for teaching and learning, and schools, colleges and student groups across campus.. Dr. Williams has a doctoral degree in educational leadership and policy studies from Virginia Tech, as well as a master's degree in higher education and college student personnel from Kent State University and a bachelor's degree in African-American community and cultural studies from Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Williams came to UW in 2011 from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), where he has been director of the university's Multicultural Academic Opportunities Program.

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