



## 2018 Presenters



**Christie Bartels, MD, MS**, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine - Division of Rheumatology. She seeks to improve the cardiovascular health and survival of patients with inflammatory rheumatic diseases and more broadly to improve how primary and specialty care providers communicate and collaborate. Her research program investigates how the collaboration between rheumatologists and primary care providers affects management of modifiable cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk factors in patients with inflammatory rheumatic diseases. Her recent research has identified national gaps in lipid testing and hypertension recognition for rheumatoid arthritis

patients. Dr. Bartels is interested in using results from these and other research projects to design interventions to improve CVD health for patients with inflammatory diseases, and to improve care coordination for patients who receive both specialty and primary care.



**Michael Bernard-Donals, PhD**, is the UW-Madison Vice Provost for Faculty and Staff Programs and works closely with individuals in administrative offices, deans of schools and colleges, and other units across campus to address issues of concern to faculty and staff. He is also the Nancy Hoefs Professor of English and an affiliate member of the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies. His research areas include the history and theory of rhetoric, public memory (including museums and memorials), and Jewish Studies.

He's written widely, and taught courses, on how we remember events like the Holocaust, the different forms that memory takes, and the consequences—intended and unintended—of those memorial forms on individuals and their communities. Prior to his work in the provost's office, Professor Bernard-Donals was the chair of the English Department, the director of the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies, the chair of the Arts and Humanities Divisional Executive Committee, and chair of the University Committee.



**Allan Brasier, MD**, is the incoming Executive Director of the UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) and Senior Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. He came to UW from his prior position as Director of the Institutes for Translational Research and Translational Science at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. Dr. Brasier is also setting up his research lab in the Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism and Diabetes.



**Stephanie Budge, PhD**, focuses her research and activism efforts on transgender and gender diverse people. She is an assistant professor in the Department of Counseling Psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She received her master's degree in Educational Psychology from the University of Texas at Austin in 2006 and received her PhD in Counseling Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her research focuses on emotional and coping processes for transgender youth and adults, as well as the effectiveness of medical and psychotherapeutic treatments for transgender clients. She provides clinical trainings nationally

and internationally related to LGBTQ issues, focusing on practitioners' self-efficacy, knowledge, awareness, and skills. At the University of Wisconsin, she promotes transgender activism on campus by providing workshops to students, faculty, and staff related to navigating gender identity within a university environment. As a licensed psychologist, she has provided pro-bono therapy to transgender youth and has chaired an ad-hoc committee committed to ensuring that bathrooms on campus are visibly friendly and accessible spaces for all students. For her research efforts, she received the American Psychological Association LGBT Outstanding Community Contributions award (2011) and the APA LGBT Early Career Professional Award (2015) from the Society for Counseling Psychology. Stephanie is currently an Associate Editor of *Psychotherapy* and on the editorial boards of the *International Journal of Transgenderism* and *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*.



**Al Castro, MS, BSSW**, is Program Director at the United Community Center (UCC) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In his role, Mr. Castro manages the Health Research Department at the UCC. UCC collaborates with various academic research universities (such as UW-Madison, Medical College of Wisconsin, Marquette University, UW-Milwaukee) in conducting community-engaged research in areas of health issues and inequities among the Latino community, to lead towards development of programs and services that addresses these issues and needs. Mr. Castro serves as the primary liaison with a wide range of university partners. Prior to this position, Mr. Castro had

been the director of the UCC Latino Geriatric Center, which is composed of a memory diagnostic

clinic for Latinos and an adult day center designed for Latinos with dementia care needs and to provide support to Latino family caregivers. Mr. Castro has been with UCC for over 17 years. Mr. Castro has 38 years of experience in social work or management positions in various county social services and community services roles, with populations ranging from young children, teenagers, and families to elderly individuals. Mr. Castro has over 18 years of experience implementing and managing various human services programs and research projects in the greater Milwaukee area. He is a member of the UW-Milwaukee Helen Bader School of Social Welfare Advisory Council and a frequent lecturer in various social work classes. Since 1978, Mr. Castro has been a field placement supervisor for numerous social worker students from UW-Milwaukee, Carroll University, Mt. Mary College, Loyola University and Ottawa University, with special dedication to helping Latino students develop their careers in social work. In 2014 UW-Milwaukee recognized Mr. Castro with the Outstanding Social Work Field Instructor Award. In 2015, the Medical College of Wisconsin recognized his efforts with the President's Award for Inclusion and Diversity. Mr. Castro is an advisory board member for the following groups: the UW-Madison/ Community-Academics Advisory Research Network Board, the Training in Urban Medicine and Public Health Program, the UW-Milwaukee Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, and the Alzheimer's Association of SE Wisconsin. He is a frequent presenter at local, state and national conferences, workshops and seminars.

Mr. Castro holds a BS degree in Social Work (1972) from Carroll University in Waukesha WI, and a MS degree in Business Management (2009) from Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, WI. He is a licensed social worker in the State of Wisconsin, and is fluent in Spanish. Originally from Texas, Mr. Castro has made Wisconsin his home over 40 years.



**Nichelle Cobb, PhD**, is the Director of the Health Sciences Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has worked with IRBs since 1999. She has been involved in the formation of several statewide and regional IRB consortia to streamline IRB oversight of multi-site research. In addition to her duties as an IRB Director, Nichelle acts as the Chief Regulatory Operations Officer for Implementation for SMART IRB. SMART IRB is a project sponsored by the National Center for Advancing Translational Science (NCATS), an agency within the National Institutes of Health, which created a standardized national IRB agreement and a range of resources to support single IRB review. As

part of the SMART IRB project she also co-leads a working group to harmonize approaches to reportable events. In addition, she is a member of several working group to establish support for single IRB model review of multi-site research (e.g., for the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Network and the Clinical Trials Transformation Initiative). Nichelle also is a site visitor for Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP). Nichelle served as a member of the Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research Workshop/Didactic Subcommittee.



**Marc Drezner, MD**, is the Executive Director of the Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) is also Senior Associate Dean in the School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH). Dr. Drezner oversees an ICTR administrative team, as well as collaborating with partners Marshfield Clinic, four UW schools (SMPH, Nursing, Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine), and the College of Engineering.

In 2000, joining UW-Madison from Duke University, he served as UW Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism Section Head for 10 years. He also led the NIH-funded General Clinical Research Center. Today, as principal investigator for the NIH-funded Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) at UW, he is also active at the federal level on major committees and projects associated with the \$8 million CTSA grant that anchors the funding for ICTR. Dr. Drezner is retiring in July 2018.



**Amanda Eggen, PhD**, is the Research Director of the Cancer Health Disparities Initiative (CHDI) in the Carbone Cancer Center (UWCCC) in the UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health. In this role she directs development of CHDI research projects in partnership with UWCCC faculty. She also leads the development of CHDI's publications and the conduct of formative assessments and secondary data analysis. Amanda's PhD is in social and cultural psychology and she has experience designing and conducting research employing multiple quantitative statistical approaches. She brings experience in patient advocacy, health disparities outreach, and teaching in Vietnam and Ethiopia.



**Sarah Esmond, MS**, is the ICTR Administrative Director and also serves as Administrative Director for the Collaborative Center for Health Equity (CCHE) and as the UW site project director for the PCORNet-sponsored Greater Plains Collaborative.

As ICTR Administrative Director, Ms. Esmond: Lends project management leadership to multiple initiatives across the portfolio of programming; serves as UW liaison to the CSTA consortia hub administrators network; Coordinates ICTR annual reporting and grant renewal activities; leads ICTR communication efforts, including print/online resources as well as collaborations across Health

Sciences-based ICTR program teams, ICTR partner sites and with the UW campus; and ensures coordination of ICTR Evaluation and data tracking and analysis (Webcamp and Common Metrics) activities. Ms. Esmond works closely with the CCHE faculty director, Dorothy Farrar Edwards, PhD on the implementation of *All of Us Wisconsin @ UW*. She is a member of the UW Community Partnerships and Outreach Network and works collaboratively with the UW Health Patient and Family Advisor Partnership Program to strengthen patient-centered and stakeholder-engaged research at UW.





**Dorothy Farrar-Edwards, PhD**, is Director of the ICTR Collaborative Center for Health Equity, Chair of the UW Department of Kinesiology, and a Professor Kinesiology and Medicine. In 2016, she was named to Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professorship, an award recognizing distinguished scholarship as well as standout efforts in teaching and service. Her multidisciplinary research addresses the effects of aging on functional independence and quality of life. The central goal of her research is to contribute to the understanding of quality of life and well-being in older adults by examining the impact of cognitive and physical impairment on performance of complex

activities of everyday life. Her research explores questions of functional performance, caregiver burden, and treatment outcomes in a variety of populations ranging from normal aging to neurological diseases such as Alzheimer's disease and stroke. She is particularly interested in the aging process in African Americans, via her role in community engagement and outreach with the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute and Alzheimer's disease Research Center. The ultimate aim of these studies is to support the development and implementation of more effective interventions for persons with cognitive loss and their families.



**Tisha Felder, PhD, MSW, (HELI 2011 Alumni)**, is an Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing at the University of South Carolina (USC). She is also Core Faculty in the Cancer Prevention and Control Program (CPCP) at USC Arnold School of Public Health. Dr. Felder's research program aims to achieve equity in access to and use of evidence-based cancer care, particularly among African Americans and socioeconomically disadvantaged populations. She is currently the PI of a National Cancer Institute (NCI) K01 career development award (2015-2020) focused on improving breast cancer survivors' experiences with taking adjuvant hormonal therapy. Prior to pursuing her research career, Dr. Felder was a Presidential Management Fellow (2003-2005) at the NCI. A

South Carolina native, Dr. Felder received her BA in sociology from Wake Forest University (2001), Master of Social Work from University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (2002) and a PhD in Behavioral sciences from the University of Texas Health Science Center School of Public Health in Houston in 2010. In addition to her passion for research, Dr. Felder is a proud wife and mother of two. (Twitter: @UofSCDrT)



**Craig S. Fryer, DrPH, MPH**, is an Associate 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 (M-CHE). Dr. Fryer obtained his MPH from the University of Pittsburgh in Behavioral and Community Health Sciences with a concentration in child welfare and his DrPH in Sociomedical Sciences from Columbia University with an emphasis in the social determinants of health behavior and health outcomes.

Trained as behavioral scientist, Dr. Fryer utilizes mixed methods research designs to examine the sociocultural context of health and health status, with an emphasis 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.

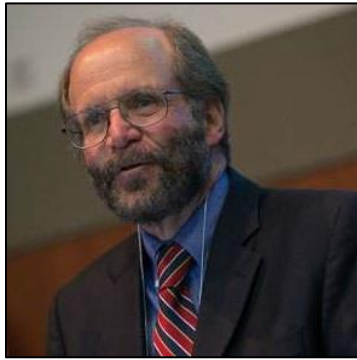
Dr. Fryer is the Principal Investigator of the five-year, NIH-funded (National Cancer Institute) K01 career development award, *Correlates of Nicotine Dependence among Urban African American Youth*. Additionally, he is a Co-Investigator on a FDA/NCI-funded, *Assessing Risk Perceptions for Small Cigars/Cigarillos among Young Adults* and three grants within the Center for Health Equity funded by the National Institute for Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD). Collateral research endeavors include: African American men's health; behavioral intervention research; and the respectful, recruitment and retention of underrepresented communities in research.



**Carey Gleason, PhD, MS**, is a scientist and clinician whose research interests stem from her desire to improve diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's disease (AD) and dementia for *all* individuals including women, African Americans and other groups traditionally under-represented in research. Her research program in AD has two major foci: (1) the cognitive effects of estrogens and estrogenic compounds, and (2) Health Disparities in AD. The belief that research discoveries should benefit all groups unifies seemingly disparate lines of scientific inquiry.

Dr. Gleason led some of the first trials examining cognitive effects of isoflavones in healthy older adults and those with AD. She continued estrogen research as a Co-Investigator on the Kronos Early Estrogen Prevention (KEEPS) – Cognitive and Affective Study, a multi-site, NIH-funded clinical trial investigating cognitive and mood effects of menopausal hormone therapy (R01 AG029624) and published of the primary findings in PLOS Medicine. To date, this paper has been cited 85 times and has more 16,500 views.

Presently, Dr. Gleason serves as co-Leader of the Minority Recruitment Satellite Program of the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center and is principal investigator (PI) for the NIH/NIA-funded African Americans Fighting Alzheimer's in Midlife (AA-FAiM; R01 AG054059) study. She is co-PI for the KEEPS Continuation study, also funded by the NIH/NIA (RF1 AG057547) and hopes to continue adding to our understanding of the relationship between hormones and brain health. Altogether, her research examines modifiable risk factors, including cardiovascular disease, emotional health and social context and exposure the menopausal hormone therapy. Findings from her research projects have resulted in more than 50 scholarly articles, and four book chapters.



**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.

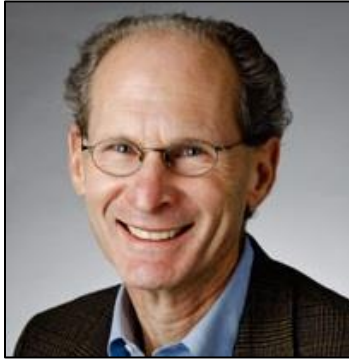
Dr. Golden's research and clinical interests have focused on psychobiological and psychopharmacologic aspects of mood disorders. He has published more than 200 papers, chapters, and books. He has served on several editorial boards, review panels, and advisory committees, was Field Editor for Clinical 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.



**Brenda González** has worked for many years to help health care organizations move toward health equity. She is the Diversity Manager at Agrace, Wisconsin's largest nonprofit palliative care and hospice agency. She works to implement strategies for Agrace to improve access to diverse and underserved patients and assist the agency in ensuring that its staff and volunteer workforce reflects the diversity of the communities they serve. Gonzalez also oversees Agrace's minority certified nursing assistant and emergency medical technician scholarship programs for graduating high school seniors and non-traditional students. González previously served on the

Agrace Foundation's board of directors and the staff of Group Health Cooperative of South Central

Wisconsin, where she served as community marketing and health equity manager. She has more than 20 years of experience collaborating in the Madison community helping people navigate the complexities of our health care system, especially among linguistically and financially isolated communities.



**Jan Greenberg, MSSW, PhD**, is a Professor of Social Work and the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research for the social sciences in the office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison. His research focuses on families of persons with disabilities. Dr. Greenberg has been the PI or Co-PI on several NIH funded studies examining the long-term toll of caregiving on the health and mental health of families of persons with serious mental illness and persons with developmental disabilities. Dr. Greenberg was the Director of an NIMH predoctoral training program on families and mental health services, and for over a decade a mentor to junior faculty in both the John A. Hartford Faculty Scholars Program, and the Institute on Aging and Social Work, which was funded jointly by NIA and the John A. Hartford Foundation.



**Gina Green-Harris, MBA**, is the inaugural Director of The Center for Community Engagement and Health Partnerships in Milwaukee (CCE). CCE is a newly created center to further advance research in the African American community in a culturally inclusive manner. This office builds upon the health equity work that Ms. Green-Harris has been doing over the past nine years at the UW for the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute's Regional Milwaukee Office. Along with being director of the Milwaukee Regional Office, she also and leads the Health Equity Pillar of the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute (WAI). In this role she provides leadership and governance to guide and build the capacity of the WAI Milwaukee office which is designed to

provide outreach services, programs, resources and to recruit African Americans into research using culturally tailored methods.

Ms. Green-Harris was recently appointed as the Director and Principal Investigator of the Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families, a large community based initiative of the UWSMPH to address the issue of infant mortality in African American communities across Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha, WI.

Ms. Green's Harris's work is being followed by community leaders, executives, and researchers across the state and nation to learn about their outreach and recruitment model and she has been recruited to serve on national think tanks including most recently the National Institute of Health's National Strategy for Recruitment and Retention.

Ms. Green-Harris holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration and a Bachelors of Science in Psychology.





**Maria E. Guardiola, MS, LPC**, holds a Master of Science in Community Psychology from Alverno College and is completing her doctoral work in clinical psychology at the Wisconsin School of Professional Psychology (WSPP). Ms. Guardiola's research interests include, social justice, multicultural/diversity issues, child psychopathology, integrated behavioral health care, and multicultural neuropsychological research. Ms. Guardiola is currently practicing at the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center (SSCHC), and is providing school-based mental health services to students at St Anthony Middle School. Ms. Guardiola's experience includes work with children, adolescents and adults dealing with a variety of issues

including bereavement, depression, anxiety, trauma, attachment, and life transitions. She believes in taking a holistic approach to mental health care by taking the mental, physical, social and spiritual states of well-being into account.



**Carl V. Hill, PhD, MPH**, serves as the Director of the NIA Office of Special Populations. Dr. Hill comes to NIA from the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), where he was a Contract Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) with the National Children's Study after serving as Health Scientist Administrator (HSA) for the Extramural Associates Research Development Award (EARDA) in the NICHD Division of Special Populations. Before NICHD, Hill was an HSA with the National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities (now the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities). He is current co-chair of the HHS Interagency Committee on Health and

Health Disparities and co-chair of the Trans NIH American Indian, Native American, Alaska Native Special Interest Group. Dr. Hill was a member of the inaugural class of the Master of Public Health program at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia. He later joined the charter class of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Public Health Prevention Service (PHPS), where he worked on the CDC's 1997 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), helped to establish the Center for Bioethics in Research and Healthcare at Tuskegee University, and implemented a local version of the YRBS in Harris County, Texas. Upon completing the PHPS program, Hill was a research fellow at the Center for Research on Ethnicity, Culture, and Health (CRECH) at the University of Michigan, School of Public Health and joined the W.K. Kellogg Doctoral Fellowship Program in Health Policy at Michigan. He completed his dissertation research on the influence of ethnicity, stress, and coping on black men's health at the Michigan's Institute of Social Research Program for Research on Black Americans (ISR-PRBA). Most recently, Hill has teamed with extramural investigators at Morgan State and Central Florida Universities to develop the *Epidemiological Criminology* paradigm, a public health and health disparities approach to crime and violence.



**Paul Hutson, PharmD, MS**, is a Professor (CHS) in the School of Pharmacy at University of Wisconsin-Madison. He practices pharmacy with the oncology and palliative care group at the UW Hospital and Clinics and is an Associate Member of the UW Carbone Cancer Center.

Dr. Hutson is the principal investigator for a study of the safety and pharmacokinetics of escalating doses of psilocybin in normal healthy adults. This study is designed to support the extension of recent Phase II trials in patients with advanced cancer suffering from severe anxiety or depression to collaborative Phase III trials. He is also

leading the design and implementation of additional Phase I / IIa clinical trials at the UW School of Pharmacy to explore the safety and utility of psilocybin in the treatment of other diseases in patients refractory to usual therapies.



**Michelle Johnson-Jennings, PhD, EdM, (HELI 2011 Alumni)**, is an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation in Oklahoma. She recently moved to the University of Saskatchewan from the University of Minnesota (UMN) at Duluth. Dr. Johnson-Jennings' expertise lies in biopsychosocial health interventions (including brief cognitive behavioral therapy, motivational interviewing, and providing integrated care) and in understanding the cultural health beliefs among Indigenous peoples, including traditional healing practices that serve as protective factors for trauma and stress coping. She has served, or currently serves, as co-PI and co-investigator on

several NIH, NIDA funded grants involving identifying protective and risk factors and developing Indigenous cultural health interventions and effectiveness in reducing substance abuse use and, or food addiction/obesity in Indigenous communities. Dr. Johnson-Jennings offers expertise in cultural health beliefs and behavioral interventions regarding addiction such as misuse of medicines, reducing obesity, decreasing tobacco use and substance use for tribal participants. She further has drawn from her expertise as an integrated primary care psychotherapist, and trainings in qualitative and quantitative research.



**Amy JH Kind, MD, PhD**, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Geriatrics at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. She currently serves as Associate Director-Clinical of the VA Geriatrics Research, Education and Clinical Center (GRECC), Co-Directs the Memory Assessment Clinic and attends on the geriatrics consult service at the William S Middleton VA Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. Dr. Kind's research focuses on assessing, understanding and improving care system fragmentation, particularly for highly vulnerable and disadvantaged older adult populations.

Dr. Kind designs, leads and assesses systems interventions which improve care transitions and between-facility communication at the time of hospital discharge for high-risk older adult patients, including those with dementia and those discharged to nursing homes. One of these interventions, the Coordinated-Transitional Care (C-TraC) Program, is a low-cost, nurse-led, mostly phone-based intervention designed to improve hospital-to-home transitions and to be particularly applicable in low-resource, rural and safety-net hospital settings. Originally developed at Madison VA Hospital, C-TraC was named a “VA Best Practice” in 2014, has disseminated to multiple VA and non-VA hospitals, and is the focus of a 5-year NIH-funded randomized controlled trial targeting patients with dementia.

Dr. Kind is also performing studies to examine the role of neighborhood socioeconomic contextual disadvantage in the health of older adults. This work employs a composite US Census-based index, the Area Deprivation Index (ADI), developed in 2003 by Singh for the county/Census tract level. Dr. Kind’s group recreated this index for the full US at the more geographically discrete Census block group (i.e., neighborhood) level and have been studying its association with health utilization and outcomes. The first paper from this work entitled “Neighborhood Socioeconomic Disadvantage and 30-Day Rehospitalization: A Retrospective Cohort Study” was published in *Annals of Internal Medicine* in December 2014. Since then, Dr. Kind has served as a consultant on this topic to the State of Maryland’s Health Services and Cost Review Commission, has given US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Grand Rounds, and was awarded a 5-year NIH R01 to further this research. Dr. Kind receives research funding through the NIH/National Institute on Aging (including a Paul B. Beeson Career Development Award), the NIH/National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, the Department of Veterans Affairs and multiple non-profit foundations.



**Melissa Lemke, MA**, is a program manager at the University of Wisconsin Madison School of Medicine and Public Health and a passionate leader in local government. She received her undergraduate degree at the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse, where she discovered her love of public health during an internship focused on LGBT health education and promotion.

After completing her Bachelor’s degree she went on to obtain her MA in Sociology at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee where she focused on teaching research methods and social psychology. During her graduate career she also completed a research internship at the Public Policy Forum in Milwaukee and published briefs related to regional policy issues including: race relations, income migration and school performance. She completed her degree after defending her thesis on gender related sentencing disparities in the justice system.

Melissa joined the Center for Urban Population Health (CUPH) as a research specialist in 2007. Over the course of her ten years with the Center she has conducted public health research and program evaluation with an asset-based lens, focused on the health of women and youth. Currently, in her role as a research program manager she works with the Training In Urban Medicine and Public Health (TRIUMPH) medical education program and continues to work as a public health program evaluator at CUPH.

Melissa also has a strong passion for politics and civic engagement. Recently she ran for the Racine Common Council, unseating an incumbent alderman. On the common council Melissa works to ensure the voices of her constituents are represented in local policymaking and decisions that impact their lives. She recently accepted an appointment as a local government representative to the Racine Kenosha Community Action Agency board and hopes to contribute to their work toward reducing poverty. Her commitment to public health leadership was recognized by her peers when she was awarded the Diverse & Resilient Youth Health Leadership Award.



**Noelle LoConte, MD**, is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Wisconsin. She completed medical school at the University of Illinois at Chicago, then did her internship in internal medicine at UW. Dr. LoConte completed her internal medicine residency at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland. She has also completed fellowship training in both medical oncology as well as geriatrics. She joined the faculty of the UW Carbone Cancer Center in the summer of 2006. She is the recipient of the American Society of Clinical Oncology Young Investigator Award for 2006, and has funding from the Centers for Disease Control and the National Cancer Institute. She has been a principal investigator on many clinical trials

of new chemotherapies for gastrointestinal cancers, from Phase I through Phase III studies. Dr. LoConte is also the co-leader of the UW Carbone Cancer Center gastrointestinal disease oriented working group. Dr. LoConte's clinical interests are in gastrointestinal cancers, including liver and pancreas cancers, as well as cancer of any type in the older adult.



**Melissa Metoxen, MS**, is a member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin. She serves as the UW Native American Center for Health Professions' (NACHP) community and academic support coordinator and has been in this role since the inception of NACHP in 2012.

She earned a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from UW-Madison. She also holds a master of science degree in educational leadership and policy analysis from UW-Madison's School of Education.

She has worked for many years on student growth and leadership development at the pre-college and college level with American Indian students. Additionally, she continues to work with tribal communities across the state in developing partnerships and bring more visibility to the University of our Wisconsin tribal communities and impact they have on the state. She also currently serves as Co-PI on the Indians into Medicine (INMED) grant that NACHP received from Indian Health Service.





**David J. Pate, Jr., PhD**, is an Associate Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, and an Affiliated Associate Professor of the Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Faculty Affiliate of the Institute for Child and Well-Being at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Professor Pate's research projects involve examining the life course events of Black males thorough the use of qualitative research methods. In addition, he studies the child support enforcement system, infant mortality, and the impact of adverse childhood experiences on the well-being of African American adult males.

He was a member of the Ford Foundation Scholars Network on Masculinity and the Wellbeing of African American Males, a member of the Father Research and Practice Network Advisory Board (Temple University), and an invited member of the Poverty and the Transition to Adulthood Network (National Poverty Research Center, the Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP), in collaboration with the U.S. Collaborative of Poverty Centers (CPC) partner institutions.

In 2014, he completed a two-year appointment as an advisor to the federal Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. He has appeared in The New York Times, Milwaukee Sentinel, Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, NPR, WUWM (Milwaukee NPR affiliate), Wisconsin Public Radio, WNYC (New York NPR affiliate), and The Jim Lehrer Report (PBS Newshour).

Professor Pate received a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Detroit, a Masters of Arts in Social Work from the University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration and then earned a Ph.D. in Social Welfare at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



**Sandra Quinn, PhD**, is Professor and Chair in the Department of Family Science, Director of the Maternal and Child Health PhD Program and Senior Associate Director of the Center for Health Equity at the School of Public Health, University of Maryland at College Park. She is the Principal Investigator (with Dr. Stephen Thomas) on the Center of Excellence in Race, Ethnicity and Health Disparities Research, funded by the National Institute for Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD). Dr. Quinn is a co-investigator on the National Research Mentoring Network grant from the NIH. Since beginning her academic career, she has been

committed to mentoring young scholars, who because of race, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation, may experience additional challenges in building and succeeding in their research careers. She is a founding member of two institutes focused on the career development of URM post-doctoral fellows and junior faculty: the Summer Research Career Development Institute, and HELI.



**Charles R. Rogers, PhD, MPH, MS**, is a behavioral scientist and certified health education specialist (CHES®) and currently serves as a tenure-track Assistant Professor in the Department of Family & Preventive Medicine at the University of Utah's School of Medicine. His transdisciplinary training in applied mathematics and statistics, health education, and public health administration & policy, provide a unique perspective for translating research findings into prevention methods among government agencies, policy makers, private health care organizations, and communities. Dr. Rogers' research agenda contributes to translational solutions that address the complex

underpinnings of inequalities in men's health, with a current focus on colorectal cancer awareness and prevention among African-American men. As an emerging leader of the cancer health disparities workforce, Dr. Rogers has shared his knowledge across East Africa and Jamaica as well as via a number of venues including newspapers, radio stations, national conferences, minority health fairs, and television.



**Dean S. Seneca, MPH, MCURP**, is Director of the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center (GLITEC), a program of the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. (GLITC) in Lac Du Flambeau, WI. He is a member of the Seneca Nation of Indians. Mr. Seneca joined GLITC after 19 years of service with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention where he served as a Senior Health Scientist in the Partnership Support Unit within the Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support. His main responsibilities were to build CDC's national public health partners ability to provide greater capacity building assistance to state, tribal, local, and territorial health departments. Mr. Seneca is also the past President

of the CDC/ATSDR American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian Coalition and Chair of the Racism and Health Work Group. Mr. Seneca began his career at CDC in 1998-99 within the Office of Minority Health as the lead for all public health activities regarding American Indian/Alaska Native populations. Before arriving to CDC, he held the position of Tribal Planning Director for the Seneca Nation of Indians. He received both of his Master's degree(s) from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Mr. Seneca is the former Director of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's, Office of Tribal Affairs addressing complex environmental health issues that pertain to American Indian/Alaska Native populations. Throughout his career, Mr. Seneca has garnered several awards and recognitions. In 2017, he was recognized with a Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Buffalo. In 2010, the Native Research Network, a leadership community of American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Canadian Aboriginal researchers promoting integrity and excellence, awarded Mr. Seneca the Phil Smith Award in honor of Dr. Phil Smith, MD, MPH, a Senior Clinician for Utah Navajo Health System and an Associate Faculty member at Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health. During 2007, Mr. Seneca earned the Distinguished Service Award for his leadership as a member of the CDC Tribal Consultation Policy Work Group. In 2003, Mr. Seneca garnered both the US Department of Health and Human Services, Interdepartmental Council on Native American Affairs Special Recognition and the Environmental Protection Agency's Suzanne E. Olive National EEO Award for exemplary leadership in national equal employment opportunity. During 2002, Mr. Seneca earned the National Indian Health Board

Special Recognition Award for leading and promoting better health of American Indians and Alaska Natives.



**Olayinka Shiyabola, PhD, B.Pharm**, (2014 HELI Alum) is an Assistant Professor in the Social and Administrative Sciences Division in the School of Pharmacy at UW-Madison. She received her Pharmacy degree from the University of Ibadan in Nigeria and her PhD in Pharmaceutical Socioeconomics from the University of Iowa in Iowa City. For her PhD degree, Dr. Shiyabola examined beliefs in medicines, changes in beliefs overtime and its impact on patient health outcomes. Before joining the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy faculty in 2013, Dr. Shiyabola was a faculty at South Dakota State University College of Pharmacy. Dr.

Shiyabola's research examines patient perceptions and roles in medication use and its impact on medication adherence, health literacy and the elimination of health disparities. Specifically, Dr. Shiyabola studies the perceptions of illness and medicines among underserved populations. She explores how to utilize and interweave patient perspectives into the development of tailored patient-centered medication use interventions. In her other areas of interests, Dr. Shiyabola is exploring how pharmacy quality measures can be utilized by patients and empirically redesigning prescription warning and health information documents to improve medication safety. She utilizes sociobehavioral and health psychology theories in her studies and employs qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods approaches in her work. Dr. Shiyabola was a NIH Mixed Methods Research Training Program Scholar and a National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Institute Scholar. In 2016, she received a 3-year NIH KL2 Career Development Grant. Dr. Shiyabola currently serves as a member of the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine Roundtable on Health Literacy.



**Paul Smith, MD**, is a Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Smith graduated with his BA in chemistry from DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana in 1979. He received his MD degree from Wright State University School of Medicine in Dayton, Ohio in 1982 and completed his residency training at Maine-Dartmouth Family Practice Residency in Augusta, Maine, in 1985. After residency, he joined the Family Practice Department at Health Services Association, a staff model HMO, near Syracuse, New York where he practiced for almost ten years and participated in ASPN, a primary care research network, for nine years. He joined the DFM faculty in October 1995. He provides clinical care

and teaches residents one day per week, and spends three days per week in a variety of service and research activities. He is a volunteer on the Board of Directors for Wisconsin Literacy. His interests also include health literacy, electronic medical records and computerized patient interviewing.



**Christine Sorkness, 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.



**Mirtha Sosa Pacheco, BA** is the Health Research Program Coordinator in the Health Research Department at the United Community Center (UCC). She graduated from Marquette University in 2014, with an interdisciplinary academic background of Spanish Language, Literature and Culture, Social Welfare and Justice, and Health Studies. Following graduation, she began working as the Milwaukee Southside Coordinator (then Milwaukee Project Coordinator) at the WI Bike Fed, a statewide nonprofit advocacy and education organization focused on promoting bicycling and walking in Wisconsin. Mirtha was responsible for a variety of projects in the

city, including but not limited to the roles of health intervention coach/Co-PI in a Biking for Health study partnership with the Medical College of Wisconsin, and lead planner/manager of Milwaukee's first ever Open Streets initiative(s) of which she executed 3. As the current Program Coordinator of Health Research at the UCC, she is responsible for the coordination of UCC-academic community engaged research partnerships in the metro-Milwaukee Latino community, and associated project development and implementation of health and wellness research endeavors. Mirtha has personal, academic, and professional experience, connections and awareness of the Latino community of Milwaukee. From her previous research experience she has proven capabilities in engaging Latinos into health research, and in collaborating with academic researchers and diverse community stakeholders, for the purpose of creating systemic space and access for Milwaukee's Latino/immigrant community to be empowered and healthy.





**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.



**Amy Trentham-Dietz, PhD**, is a Professor of Population Health Sciences and the Program Leader of the Cancer Control Program in the UW Carbone Cancer Center. As a cancer epidemiologist, Dr. Trentham-Dietz's research is focused on breast cancer prevention, early detection and outcomes. She employs novel and traditional epidemiologic approaches in her studies complemented by methods deriving from health services research and simulation modeling. She has made contributions to understanding the natural history of breast cancer, which helps women assess their risk; her studies also support decision-making surrounding screening and treatment consistent with

optimizing both survival and quality of life. Professor Trentham-Dietz's research has been supported by the National Cancer Institute, the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program, the Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, and the Wisconsin Partnership Program. She has published over 180 peer-reviewed manuscripts with her collaborators and trainees. She particularly enjoys working with junior scientists and has mentored five faculty members, four postdocs, two medical students, 18 doctoral students (6 as chair), 16 masters students (seven as chair), and five undergraduates.

Professor Trentham-Dietz has approached breast cancer prevention and detection as a central theme in her research program from three directions. First, she has focused on modifiable lifestyle factors including obesity, physical activity, and environmental factors to better understand breast cancer etiology and reveal avenues for prevention. Also, recognizing that breast density—most often evaluated from mammogram images—is an important factor in the natural history of breast cancer, she has led studies of novel predictors of breast density. Second, her studies have focused on ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) of the breast which, often detected through mammography, does not necessarily portend invasive breast cancer. By examining prognostic markers of disease-free survival after DCIS, Professor Trentham-Dietz aims to help DCIS patients make decisions about treatment and lifestyle behaviors, since different treatment choices are associated with similar survival but very different impacts on quality of life. Both these research areas feed into a third focusing on simulation modeling of breast cancer to examine risk-based approaches to screening to maximize benefits of screening programs while reducing harms.



**Lynet Uttal, PhD, APSW**, is a community-based researcher and Professor in the Department of Counseling Psychology in the UW-Madison School of Education. She is also a practicing clinical social worker. She teaches an undergraduate course on intersectionalities and various courses about immigrants and refugees, including a community based research course about the relations between Arabic speaking refugees and schools. She has led international service learning courses to Honduras and Mexico. Her current research focuses on optimizing human, family and community development for Latino immigrant families and Muslim refugees. She has also

conducted some research on Tibetan health in the United States. She is interested in biculturalism using data from community dialogues and English as second language courses to understand how immigrant and refugees adapt to living the United States, with a focus on how parents raise their children in the United States between two cultures.



**Carmen Valdez, PhD, (2012 HELI Alumni)**, 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 is preparing an R01 application to conduct an effectiveness study of the intervention.



**José F. Vásquez, MS**, is the President of St. Anthony School of Milwaukee. This school is the largest parish-affiliated Catholic school in the United States. St. Anthony School serves over 2,000 students from nursery school through high school. The school is divided into five campuses on the south side of Milwaukee. Vásquez has approximately 40 years of management experience in the private sector, county government, and education, both at the technical college and university level. He has worked for Waukesha County Technical College, the University of Wisconsin-Extension, Milwaukee County Government, Neighborhood House, St. Joseph Academy, and

La Casa de Esperanza among others. He has managed organizations at all stages of development, from small to large and new to well-established. The variety of services provided by these organizations have been from early childhood and elementary education, technical college and university education, community-based organizations, medical services, elderly serving organizations and others.

Vásquez has also served on the board of directors for organizations such as Milwaukee Area Technical College, St. Francis de Sales Catholic Seminary, and Red Cross of Greater Milwaukee. He also served on the University of Wisconsin System Board Of Regents, and on the Wisconsin Technical College System Board of Directors. One of his longest board services has been for the United Community Center Board of Directors in Milwaukee. He has held all leadership positions typical of nonprofit board directors. Vásquez holds a bachelor's degree (1968) in sociology from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas and a master's degree (1975) in educational rehabilitation counseling from UW-Milwaukee. He is also a professionally trained consultant specializing in serving nonprofit board directors and executive directors. Mr. Vásquez was the keynote speaker at the HELI 2016 UW Welcome Reception.



**Karriem S. Watson, DHSc, MS, MPH**, is a Senior Research Scientist with the University of Illinois Cancer Center and the Director of Community Engaged Research for the UI Cancer Center at UIC and the Mile Square Health Center, a group of Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHCs) affiliated with the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System. Dr. Watson has a Doctorate in Health Science in Global Health and a Master of Science in Basic Medical Research and a Master's in Public Health in Community Health Sciences. Dr. Watson's work has resulted in the creation of community based cancer screening, prevention and navigation programs for

breast, lung, colorectal, cervical and prostate cancer. His work to support community based breast cancer screening and navigation afforded him recognition by the Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force as a "Community Champion". He is a faculty member at the UIC School of Public Health in the Division of Community Health Sciences and is an Adjunct Faculty at DePaul and Northwestern University. Dr. Watson is also the Core Co-Lead of the Community Engagement Core for a 5 year NCI funded multi-institutional grant with the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center at Northwestern University, the University of Illinois Cancer Center and Northeastern Illinois University to address cancer disparities in Chicago, he also serves as Co-Investigator for a 4 year NCI funded grant to develop a partnership with the UI Cancer Center and Governors State University to increase the number of faculty and students from underserved communities who engage in cancer disparities research. Dr. Watson is also a Co-Investigator of the Illinois Precision Medicine Consortium that was funded by the NIH Precision Medicine Initiative, now called the All of Us Initiative and a newly awarded NIMHD Center of Excellence in Health Disparities at UIC.



**Danielle Yancey, MS**, serves as Director of the UW Native American Center for Health Professions (NACHP). She is of the Menominee/Santee Nations, was raised on the Menominee Indian reservation in north-central Wisconsin, and is a graduate of UW-Madison. Her studies include bachelor of arts degrees in social welfare and women's studies, master of science in urban and regional planning, and a graduate certificate in sustainability leadership.

Yancey has many years' experience serving tribal communities in pre-college programming, intergovernmental affairs, and community and economic development. She joins the Native American Center for Health Professions from UW Health, where she served as a Career Pathways coordinator supporting health care career exploration for youth and workforce development pathways into health care professions.



## **Additional People of Note You May See**

**Roxana Alexandridis, PhD**, is Supervising Scientist in the Department of Biostatistics & Medical Informatics in the UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health. She will serve as a Statistics Consultant on one of the Mock Review sessions.

**Colleen Andrews, MPH**, is a 3rd year medical student at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health and a member of the Training in Urban Medicine and Public Health (TRIUMPH) program. She earned a bachelor's degree in Biology with a minor in Spanish from Boston College. After graduation from Boston College, she obtained a Master in Public Health from Columbia University in Epidemiology and Global Health. As part of the TRIUMPH program, she has been working with the United Community Center (UCC) on developing a health and wellness curriculum for caregivers at their Adult Day Center. The CUPH formed in 2001 with the mission of improving the health of urban populations and reducing inequities among communities through research, evaluation and education. Research programs focus on projects that address the health needs of women and children, the aging population, minority groups and the economically disadvantaged.

**Lisa Berger, PhD**, is the Director of the Center for Urban Population Health (CUPH) a collaborative research organization among UWM, the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, and Aurora Health Care Inc. Berger, whose research expertise is in substance abuse, has been involved in population health-related research for nearly 20 years. She spent her early career at UWM's Center for Applied Behavioral Health Research, where she was involved in several clinical trials for behavioral health conducted at Aurora Sinai Medical Center. An affiliated scientist at CUPH since 2011, Berger has several grants, including federal support for a training program designed to help community partners treat substance abuse.

Berger joined the faculty of the UW-Milwaukee Helen Bader School of Social Welfare in 2005. She completed her bachelor's degree at UW-Madison and earned a master's degree in social work and a doctorate in urban studies at UWM.

**Kevin Buhr, PhD**, is Senior Scientist in the Department of Biostatistics & Medical Informatics in the UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health and Director of the Statistical Data Analysis Center. He will serve as a Statistics Consultant on one of the Mock Review sessions.

**Ricardo Diaz** is the Executive Director of the United Community Center, a comprehensive social service agency serving Milwaukee area Latinos. The United Community Center is the 17th largest Hispanic Non-profit in the country. Mr. Diaz has more than 30 years of non-profit management experience. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated a strong commitment to education as well as to neighborhood and economic development via leadership and technical assistance to Milwaukee area agencies. Mr. Diaz previously served as Milwaukee Commissioner of City Development and the Executive Director of the Milwaukee Housing Authority.

Mr. Diaz previously served as Executive Director at the United Community Center from 1984-88 – although he remained on its Board of Directors. Having attended the center as a young adult, Mr. Diaz was excited to “return home” again in 2003. He has become widely recognized as a leading quality education advocate in Milwaukee, sharing with many his firm belief that education is the path out of poverty and critical to the growth of our city.

Under Mr. Diaz’s leadership, the United Community Center has undergone a number of expansions in the last 10 years including a Latino Geriatric Center to serve elderly with Alzheimer’s disease, a new elderly housing complex and senior center in conjunction with the Housing Authority of Milwaukee, and several additions and renovations of the Bruce Guadalupe Community School (including elementary science labs, an early childhood center, and new classrooms in the Middle School). UCC is now engaging in an \$8 million capital campaign to expand the school, and ultimately to increase enrollment by 600 students (bringing total enrollment to almost 1600).

**David Frazer, MPH**, is the Associate Director of the Center for Urban Population Health in Milwaukee. Frazer received his Master of Public Health from Tulane University's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine; his focus of study included program management and evaluation. He has worked in public health for 18 years and his experience ranges from forging grassroots community based organization collaborations to providing technical assistance to the World Health Organization. His work experience and interests are in population health including: environmental health; behavioral health including substance abuse, HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, and hepatitis. He has served on dozens of community and regional health workgroups and coalitions including the Wisconsin HIV Prevention Planning Council and the Milwaukee-based Syphilis Elimination committee. He currently facilitates the Milwaukee Regional Cancer Care Network and is part of the core planning team of the Lindsay Heights Wellness Commons. Frazer has worked extensively in Latin America and is proficient in Spanish.

Mr. Frazer leads the expansion and sustainment of community partnerships and coordinating community-based research and initiatives. He facilitates collaborative, equitable involvement of the community in local research and is the link between the community at large and the Center. Mr. Frazer has experience in creating environments where community and academic partners can digest evidence and adapt what works into local solutions. He supports and provides a menu of approaches to engage with community or academia depending on the stage of research or program development.

**Abiola Keller, PA-C, MPH, PhD**, (2012 HELI Alumni) is an Assistant Professor of Nursing in the College of Nursing at Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI. Her research focuses on improving the health status of vulnerable populations through studying the relationship between patient-provider factors and associated mental health and health outcomes. Her current research projects include a qualitative study that examines the provider and patient-provider interactional factors that may affect care seeking and management of depression among women and a quantitative study exploring the role of non-physician providers in improving the quality and equity of depression management in the US.

**Juan Ruiz** is the Deputy Director of the Board & Chief Financial Officer of the United Community Center in Milwaukee, WI.