



## 2019 Presenters



**Olufunmilola Abraham, PhD, MS, BPharm,** (HELI 2018 Alumna) is an Assistant Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW) School of Pharmacy, Social and Administrative Sciences Division. Dr. Abraham is also a Fellow of the UW Collaborative Center for Health Equity and the UW Morgridge Center for Public Service. She received her BPharm Degree from University of Lagos, Nigeria and practiced as a hospital and community pharmacist in Nigeria. Dr. Abraham received her MS and PhD in Social and Administrative Pharmacy from the UW School of Pharmacy. She also received a PhD minor in Industrial and Systems Engineering from UW, focused on human factors and

ergonomics and a graduate certification in patient safety. Prior to becoming a faculty member at UW, Dr. Abraham served as a faculty member at the University of Pittsburgh Schools of Pharmacy, Medicine (Departments of Pediatrics, Biomedical Informatics), Health Policy Institute, Center for Pharmaceutical Policy and Prescribing (CP3), and the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI).

Dr. Abraham's research goal is to improve medication use for vulnerable and underserved populations such as children, young adults, women, and people living with serious chronic health conditions. Dr. Abraham has over ten years of experience in conducting research to improve pharmacy practice and quality of patient care. Her research focuses on development and dissemination of innovative interventions such as serious games to promote medication safety and adherence. Dr. Abraham uses human factors and system engineering concepts and techniques to characterize pharmacy practice and the medication use process. Currently, her research foci include: opioid medication safety, medication self-management in cystic fibrosis, and game-based learning. Dr. Abraham is one of the inaugural UW-Madison Collaborative Center for Health Equity Research Fellows.



**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.



**Angela Rose Black, PhD**, (HELI 2013 Alumna) is an Activist, Scholar, Practitioner, and Thought Leader in the Mindfulness Movement. Named by Mindful.org as one of the “10 Powerful Women of the Mindfulness Movement” (1/19/2019), and TIME magazine as “The New Mindfulness”, Dr. Black is a self-proclaimed disruptor of systemic whiteness in the mindfulness movement. She brings racial justice to mindfulness initiatives, and mindfulness to racial justice initiatives.

Training at Tulane University, University of Georgia, University of Illinois, University of Wisconsin, UMass, Stanford, and the Mayo Clinic support her interdisciplinary background in Psychology, Human Development and Family Studies, Black Women’s Studies, Public Health, and Mind-

Body Medicine. During the 15 years she served as an academic, Dr. Black's research on the utility of mind-body medicine and stress-health pathways among Black women resulted in numerous publications, invited presentations, federal training grants, and awards.

Dr. Black is now the Founder and CEO of Mindfulness for the People (MFP) --- a Black-owned social change agency that engages organizations in their emotional relationship with race. She is also the Founder of Academy for the People (AFP)— a not-for-profit affiliate project of Mindfulness for the People that engages individuals in their emotional relationship with race through adult education and continuing education classes. Both entities offer oppression-sensitive and culturally-responsive approaches for engaging Racial Battle Fatigue among People of Color and White Fragility among White people. The impact of Mindfulness for the People has been celebrated in national media sources including TIME, Essence, and Mindful.org. Mindfulness for the People radically reimagines a mindfulness movement that meets the needs of our racialized world.



**Allan Brasier, MD**, is the 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. Dr. Brasier served on the faculty of the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston since 1991, where he was director of the Institute for Translational Sciences (ICTS) , director of the Sealy Center for Molecular Medicine, and the Nelda C. and H.J. Lutcher Stark Distinguished Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine. He has received 10 patents to date, and his 240 publications have been cited more than 10,000 times. Dr. Brasier has an

active research program in the Department of Medicine, focused on clinical proteomics and precision medicine. He is spearheading the [Precision Medicine Strategic Alliance Program](#) in partnership with the SMPH Human Proteomics Program.



**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 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.



**Janean Dilworth-Bart, PhD**, is an Associate Professor and the chair of the Department of Human Development and Family Studies in the School of Human Ecology at the UW-Madison. She earned her BA in Psychology in 1995 from Hampton University, a Historically Black University in Hampton, Virginia and obtained her doctorate in Psychology with a Clinical emphasis in 2001 at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. Her scholarship revolves around how early developmental contexts help or hinder children's development into competent, productive members of society. She addresses this broad issue on how parents and coparents, parenting behaviors, and the social and physical

impact to self-regulation development and school readiness.



**Sarah Esmond, MS**, is the ICTR Administrative Director and also serves as Administrative Director for the Collaborative Center for Health Equity (CCHE).

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, and Elizabeth Burnside 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 at USC Arnold School of Public Health. Dr. Felder's research program aims to promote strategies to improve breast cancer prevention and treatment outcomes among African Americans and socioeconomically disadvantaged populations. She also has strong research interests in the mentoring and training of students and junior faculty from underrepresented backgrounds in research. 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. (Twitter: @UofSCDrT)



**Mona Fouad, MD, MPH, (Keynote Speaker)** is a Professor of Medicine, Director of the Division of Preventive Medicine, and Senior Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion in the School of Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and Founding Director of the UAB Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center. She is recognized nationally as a leader in health disparities research and served as a member of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Advisory Council on Minority Health and Health Disparities from 2008-2012. In 2017, Dr. Fouad was elected a member of the National Academy of Medicine. She obtained her MD from Alexandria University School of Medicine in Alexandria, Egypt, and her

MPH from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health. Dr. Fouad's career has focused on the health of minority and underserved populations, including efforts to increase involvement of special and underrepresented populations in research. She serves as PI of the NIMHD U54 *Obesity Health Disparities Research Center (OHDRC)*, previously funded since 2003 as an NIMHD P60 Center of Excellence. The OHDRC focuses on the theme of obesity and obesity-related health disparities across the Life Course. Dr. Fouad has contributed to the science of health disparities through major studies to identify variability in cancer care and outcomes based on race, gender, and age. She has developed nationally emulated models in recruitment and retention of minorities in clinical trials and innovative community-based approaches to reducing racial disparities in breast and cervical cancer. She has been the driving force behind interdisciplinary research efforts for understanding problems related to cancer screening and cancer risk factors in the Deep South. Her work in translating science into practice has improved health outcomes in minority and other vulnerable populations. As a direct result of her research projects, racial disparities in breast cancer screening in Alabama Black Belt counties were virtually eliminated, as were disparities in access to cancer care. Dr. Fouad has also played a prominent leadership role, both regionally and nationally, in promoting diversity in medical education. Dr. Fouad has led in the efforts to promote minority students, researchers, and leaders through joint programs with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and other minority-serving academic institutions. She serves as PI of the NIDDK-funded UAB STEP-UP: Promoting Diversity through Mentored Research Experiences, whose goal is to enhance the diversity of the nation's research workforce by providing mentored research training to promising undergraduate students from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in biomedical, clinical and behavioral research.



**David Frazer, MPH,** is the Associate Director of the Center for Urban Population Health in Milwaukee. He supports overall management, administrative, communication and engagement of the Center for Urban Population Health. The Center is a partnership among UW School of Medicine and Public Health, UW-Milwaukee and Aurora Health Care. He provides day-to-day support for Center academic and administrative staff, across the three institutions. In addition, 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.

Mr. 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 26 years and his experience ranges from forging grassroots community-based organization collaborations to providing technical assistance to World Health Organization. His work experience and interests are in population health across many disease and health outcomes with a focus on partnering with organizations that work to address the social determinants of health. He has served on dozens of community and regional health workgroups and coalition and acts as a liaison to the three institutions he serves. David has worked extensively in Latin America and is proficient in Spanish.



**Andrea Gilmore-Bykovskiy, PhD, RN, (HELI 2019 Alumna)**

is an Assistant Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Investigator at the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center. A 2018 recipient of an NIA Paul B. Beeson Emerging Leaders Career Development Award, Dr. Gilmore-Bykovskiy directs an inter-disciplinary research program focused on promoting equitable access to effective dementia-specific care and therapies among people living with, and at risk for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Much of her research focuses on high-risk points in the care continuum, such as hospitalization and transitions in care, and on care for vulnerable and disadvantaged

populations. An expert in dementia symptom management, Dr. Gilmore-Bykovskiy has served on regional and national initiatives to address management of complex symptoms in individual with cognitive impairment, most recently serving on the Veterans Health Administration Inpatient Care for Veterans with Complex Cognitive, Mental Health and Medical Needs Task Force. Dr. Gilmore-Bykovskiy's research has been funded by the American Nurses Foundation, the National Hartford Centers of Gerontological Nursing Excellence, the National Institute on Aging and the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. Dr. Gilmore-Bykovskiy is one of the inaugural UW-Madison Collaborative Center for Health Equity Research Fellows.



**Carey Gleason, PhD,** is an Associate Professor of Geriatrics in the Department of Medicine in the UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health. Carey Gleason is a researcher and clinician, interested in improving timely identification of and intervention for memory disorders in underserved communities. Ultimately, she seeks to identify targets to modify risk for Alzheimer's disease in African Americans and Native Americans, groups traditionally under-represented in research. She serves as leader of the Inclusion of Under-Represented Groups Core at the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center and is principal or co-investigator



on numerous research projects examining modifiable risk factors, including cardiovascular disease, emotional health, and social context.



**Robert Golden, MD**, joined UW–Madison in July 2006 as the dean of the UW School of Medicine and Public Health and vice chancellor for medical affairs. He is also Vice Chair of the UW Hospitals and Clinics Authority Board. Dean Golden has a degree in psychology from Yale University, and earned his M.D. from Boston University School of Medicine. He completed his residency at the University of North Carolina, followed by a research fellowship at the National Institutes of Health. Prior to his appointment at UW-Madison, he served in a series of faculty and leadership roles at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, including Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Vice Dean of the School of Medicine.

Throughout his career, Dean Golden has been a passionate advocate for diversity and inclusion, both as an end in itself, but also as a valuable means for eliminating health disparities.



**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.



**Kara Hoppe, DO**, is an Assistant Professor of Maternal-Fetal Medicine in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health. Dr. Hoppe's research interests revolve around maternal medical conditions, infectious diseases, hypertension-related disorders during pregnancy, labor, quality improvement and preterm birth prevention. Dr. Hoppe is one of the inaugural UW-Madison Collaborative Center for Health Equity Research Fellows.





**Betty Kaiser, PhD, RN**, is Director of Stakeholder Training for the Wisconsin Network for Research Support (WINRS), a fee-for-service patient and community engagement resource based at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing. Betty specializes in developing and delivering orientation programs that help patients and community members, including low-literacy learners, feel confident and comfortable sharing their ideas and opinions with researchers. She is the lead author of two WINRS toolkits posted on the Health Innovations Program HIPxChange website: *Hard-to-Reach Patient Stakeholders: An Engagement Guide (HARPS)* and *Patient Advisor Toolkit 1: Orientation for Patient Advisory Committees (PAT-1)*. Her background includes experience in teaching, program planning

and evaluation, and community-based research. Betty has led multiple workshops and presentations on patient and community engagement, including events sponsored by the Community Academic Programs core at the UW-Madison Institute for Clinical and Translational Research; Campus Community Partnerships for Health; and the Meharry Vanderbilt Alliance.



**Abiola O. Keller, MPH, PhD**, (2012 HELI Alumni) is an Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing at Marquette University. She seeks to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities and achieve health equity for adults with chronic illnesses, including depression, by optimizing chronic disease self-management behaviors. Dr. Keller is the co-lead on the Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award funded project, *Patient Centered Outcomes Research for Employees (PCORE) of Milwaukee's Near West Side*. Additionally, her research investigates how involving family members in the care of African American older adults with multiple chronic conditions impacts health behaviors and health outcomes for

the caregiver and care recipient.

Dr. Keller received her Ph.D. in population health sciences and master of public health degrees from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She also completed a postdoctoral fellowship in health disparities research at the University of Wisconsin Center for Women's Health and Health Disparities Research. Dr. Keller was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Connections Scholar and a National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Institute Scholar.



**Amy JH Kind, MD, PhD**, is Director of the Health Services and Care Research Program and Associate Professor of Medicine (Geriatrics), with the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. She leads a robust research program focused on improving health equity through cutting-edge interdisciplinary research on neighborhood disadvantage, the social determinants of health and Alzheimer's Disease. Dr. Kind and her team developed the Neighborhood Atlas ([www.neighborhoodatlas.medicine.wisc.edu](http://www.neighborhoodatlas.medicine.wisc.edu)), a free first-of-its-kind on-line tool--that quantifies socioeconomic disadvantage for

every neighborhood in the US including Puerto Rico. Her Atlas data have found widespread application including in the US House of Representatives, NIH, CDC, VA, DOD, HHS, AARP, health systems and industry. Her work has had far-reaching policy impact, has been actively promoted by the NIH and published in top journals including NEJM. To directly intervene on health disparities, Dr. Kind has successfully designed, implemented, and tested models of care to improve patient outcomes in low resource and safety net areas. Her interventions, such as low-cost models of care to improve coordination of care transitions, have been disseminated widely. Dr. Kind has multiple active R01s from the NIH/National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, the NIH/National Institute on Aging, and routinely advises state, federal and international entities. Her most recent R01 will provide a novel window into the sociobiologic mechanisms underlying neighborhood disadvantage exposure and Alzheimer's Disease neurobiology. She is a dedicated clinician and serves as an outstanding research mentor, with many successfully funded mentees (NIH K awards, Diversity supplements).



**Patricia L. Lassila** was elected by the people and serves as the Chairwoman to the Oneida Nation Commission on Aging (ONCOA), the Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation, and the Oneida Election Board providing a public service to the Oneida Nation Community. Her professional goal is to improve healthcare for Oneida Elders by advocating and endorsing comprehensive Alzheimer's\Dementias Medical Information to the Oneida Nation Elderly Community.

ONCOA was established by the Oneida Nation to provide guidance and support for maintaining an independent, healthy, productive, and quality lifestyle for Oneida Nation Elders. The traditions of the Oneida Nation dictate the mission of all Oneida entities to be a nation of strong families who embrace tradition and culture. Mrs. Lassila has served on ONCOA for more than 5 years and works toward creating a Alzheimer's\Dementias Team of professional elders focused on advocating in areas that will support the issues and needs of Oneida Nation Elders.



**Ticiana A. Leal, MD**, is a faculty member in the Division of Hematology, Medical Oncology and Palliative Care at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is a medical oncologist specializing in lung cancer and is board certified in medical oncology and palliative care medicine. She serves as team leader of the UW Carbone Cancer Center Thoracic Malignancies Disease Oriented Team. She is member of the NCCN (National Comprehensive Cancer Network) NSCLC and mesothelioma/thymic malignancies panels, Associate Editor of The Journal of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (JNCCN), and member of Executive Editorial Board for JNCCN. She is Co-Chair of the Big Ten Cancer Research Consortium (CRC) Thoracic

Clinical Trial Working Group. Dr. Leal has authored or coauthored numerous peer-reviewed original research articles, book chapters, and posters. She has provided clinical and classroom instruction to medical students, residents, and fellows.



**Kristen Malecki, PhD, MPH**, (HELI 2010 Alumna) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Population Health Sciences. She has a PhD in Environmental Epidemiology and Health Policy and Masters of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Dr. Malecki serves as the co-director for the Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW), overseeing survey implementation efforts and ancillary study development. She has been a leader in the development and evaluation of indicators for environmental health risk assessment and policy. Dr. Malecki also works to bridge applied public health practice with academic research

focusing on environmental health and health disparities using a social determinants of health model. She recently served as Principal Investigator for the Wisconsin Groundwater Coordinating Council project addressing vulnerability among private well owners in Wisconsin. She is a member of the University of Wisconsin National Institute for Environmental Health Breast Cancer and the Environment Research Program (coordinating center). Her transdisciplinary work includes identification of biomarkers of expression and response using epigenetics and transcriptomics. She also serves as the Principal Investigator for a number of SHOW ancillary studies involving community-academic partnerships. Dr. Malecki's current areas of research interest include: systems-science approaches to addressing health disparities; environmental epidemiology (children's health, pesticide and water exposures, adult chronic diseases and cumulative risks, climate change); chemical, physical (built environment) and social factors influence on child growth, development, and obesity; translational community based environmental health research; transcriptional biomarkers of exposure and response. Her teaching interests and experience spans from environmental health to survey research methods and applied public health practice.



**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 for 6 years. She works out of the NACHP Tribal Engagement Office located in the Oneida Community Health Center in Oneida, WI.

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 10 years on campus, working to increase access to college for American Indian students, as well as providing programming and support across campus for American Indian students. Additionally, her work also involves engaging with tribal communities across the state in developing partnerships and bring more visibility to the university for our Wisconsin tribal communities and the 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.



**Maria Mora Pinzon, MD, MS**, (HELI 2018 Alumna) is an Assistant Researcher at the University of Wisconsin- Madison. Dr. Mora Pinzon received her MD from the Universidad Central de Venezuela - Escuela Jose Maria Vargas, a master's degree in Clinical Research from Rush University (Chicago, IL), and completed Preventive Medicine Residency at the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 2017. She is Board Certified in Preventive Medicine and Public Health, and currently works as a Researcher at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, where she is working in health equity and its intersection with dissemination and implementation science in communities of color, particularly in topics affecting older adults: falls,

management of chronic diseases, and dementias.

Dr. Mora Pinzon has leadership positions in the Young Physician Section of the American College of Preventive Medicine and the Council of Young Physicians of the National Hispanic Medical Association. In 2018, she was selected as Young Physician of the year by the National Hispanic Medical Association for her work empowering physicians from Latinx backgrounds. Dr. Mora Pinzon was selected as fellow of the Health Equity Leadership Institute in 2018. She is one of the founders of the Twitter community #LatinasInMedicine which amplifies the voices of Latinas in healthcare professions, and shares opportunities for networking, mentoring and professional development. Currently, Dr. Mora Pinzon is working with other faculties within UW to formalize a pipeline program that mentors students from underrepresented backgrounds interested in applying to health professions. (Twitter: @MariaCMoraP)





**Susan Passmore, PhD**, is a Senior Scientist and Assistant Director for Community Engaged Research with CCHE. Dr. Passmore arrived to UW in Fall 2018, previously serving as an Assistant Director for the Maryland Center for Health Equity (M-CHE) in the School of Public Health at the University of Maryland-College Park. Dr. Passmore is lending leadership to the community engaged infrastructure for CCHE including contributing to engagement activities occurring within our All of Us precision medicine program and working across our CTSA to advance community-academic partnerships. This Spring, she led a train-the-trainer workshop for 12 UW faculty and staff on a curriculum she co-developed at M-CHE, *Building Trust between Minorities and Researchers*.

As an anthropologist, Dr. Passmore is passionate about building capacity for the connections that are a fundamental to the pursuit of health equity. Dr. Passmore's scholarship centers around the use of qualitative and mixed method research to explore ways to incorporate the principles of community based, participatory methods.



**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.



**Katrina Phelps, PhD**, is the Community Liaison and Communications Specialist for the Wisconsin Network for Research Support (WINRS). She is committed to community engagement and values the role that WINRS plays in connecting researchers with the wisdom and expertise that exist in the groups they study. Katrina leads the Community Advisors on Research Design and Strategies (CARDS®) program, building relationships with community members and facilitating gatherings to allow the richness of community voices to transform the depth and responsiveness of the research enterprise. Katrina spent years teaching university courses on developmental psychology and collaborating with academic and

community partners to create innovative programs for positive youth development and elder abuse prevention.



**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, CHES®**, is a behavioral scientist and certified health education specialist (CHES®) who currently serves as a tenure-track Assistant Professor in the Department of Family & Preventive Medicine at the University of Utah's School of Medicine. In addition to serving as the Director of his Men's Health Inequities Research Lab, Dr. Rogers is also an Associate Member of Huntsman Cancer Institute. His transdisciplinary training in applied mathematics and statistics, community-based participatory research, health education, as well as 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. To learn more, visit [crrogersPhD.com](http://crrogersPhD.com) or follow Dr. Rogers on Twitter: [@crrrogersPhD](https://twitter.com/crrrogersPhD).



**Patrick J. Sims** has served as UW–Madison’s Chief Diversity Officer since 2013, first on an interim basis and then permanently since May 2015 when he was named Vice Provost for Diversity & Climate. He was named Deputy Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion and Elzie Higginbottom Vice Provost in October 2018.

In addition to oversight for institution-wide diversity, Sims leads the Division of Diversity, Equity & Educational Achievement, which oversees the university’s major diversity scholarship and service programs. These programs, like the Chancellor’s Scholarship Program which has been part of the university since 1984, represent the university’s historic and innovative initiatives to recruit, retain and graduate a diverse student body. His teams are responsible for guiding and supporting the work of the Chief Diversity Officer on matters related to diversity of students, staff, faculty, as well as classroom, workplace, and general campus climate. Sims joined the UW–Madison faculty in 2004 as a professor in the Department of Theatre & Drama. He developed the Theatre for Cultural and Social Awareness (TCSA) interactive training model that dramatizes sensitive subject matters for universities, corporations and non-profit organizations. Sims is a founding member and artistic director of the Human Experience Theatre (HET) at UW-Milwaukee, has served as summer faculty at the School for Asia–Karuizawa in Japan and as faculty director of UW–Madison’s “The Studio” Creative Arts and Design residential learning community.

A first-generation college student himself, Sims understands the realities faced by students who inhabit multiple identities, particularly when issues of race, gender, class, culture and sexual identity collide.



**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.



**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.





**Shaneda Warren Andersen, PhD**, is a cancer epidemiologist. She received her B.S. in Genetics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and later earned a M.S. and Ph.D. in Population Health from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. She completed her postdoctoral fellowship in the Vanderbilt University Medical Center R25 Molecular and Genetic Epidemiology of Cancer (MAGEC) training program. Dr. Warren Andersen is currently an Assistant Professor of Population Health Sciences in the School of Medicine and Public Health at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is a member of the University of Wisconsin Carbone Cancer Center and an affiliate of the Center for the

Demography of Health and Aging. Dr. Warren Andersen's research program uses molecular and genetic epidemiologic methods to identify risk factors for cancer. She is interested in how social determinants, lifestyle, and genetic variants work in concert to influence cancer risk in diverse populations.



**Jennifer Weiss, MD**, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine – Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. Her clinical and research interests focus on colorectal cancer (CRC) screening for both average-risk and high-risk populations. She received an American Cancer Society career development award to evaluate system-wide interventions to increase CRC screening rates and develop a toolkit to guide other healthcare systems in their CRC screening program design efforts. Through Dr. Weiss' efforts with the UW Health Colon Cancer Prevention Initiative, UW Health has been able to increase our CRC screening rates from 60% to 81%. We are proud to say that we have reached the

National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (NCCRT) goal of 80% by 2018. The next phase of her research is to use a similar approach in working with rural communities to identify successful CRC screening strategies in high-performing rural primary care clinics that can be translated to lower-performing rural clinics to move forward with the new NCCRT goal of 80% in every community. Dr. Weiss is one of the inaugural UW-Madison Collaborative Center for Health Equity Research Fellows.



**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 the Supervising Scientist in the Department of Biostatistics and Medical Informatics in the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, Associate Director of the Biostatistics/BERD Core for the UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR), and Associate Director of the Biostatistics Shared Resource for the UW Carbone Cancer Center. She will serve as a Biostatistics Consultant on one of the Mock Review sessions.

**Angela Byars-Winston, PhD**, is an Associate Director of CCHE, tenured Professor in the UW Department of Medicine, Director of Research and Evaluation in the UW Center for Women's Health Research, and Faculty Director of Strategic Partnerships of the Center for the Improvement of Mentored Experiences in Research. Her research examines cultural influences on academic and career development, especially for historically minoritized groups in the sciences, engineering, and medicine with the aim of broadening their participation in STEM fields. Dr. Byars-Winston was Principal Investigator on an NIH R01 grant to measure and test critical factors in research training interventions for mentors of ethnically diverse mentees in biological science and is currently co-leading a renewal of that R01 grant to investigate and intervene on research mentors' cultural diversity awareness. She is co-investigator on the National Research Mentoring Network (NRMN) grant from the NIH in the Mentor Training Core through which she is leading the Culturally Aware Mentorship initiative. Dr. Byars-Winston is currently chairing the Committee on Effective Mentoring in STEMM through the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

**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).

**Sharon G. Gartland, OTD, OTR/L**, is a clinical instructor and occupational therapy training coordinator for the Waisman Center Clinics. She is an occupational therapist in the Down Syndrome, Autism and Developmental Disabilities, Feeding, and Neuromotor Development Clinics. Dr. Gartland has more than thirty years of experience in pediatrics with an emphasis in developmental disabilities and has advanced training in sensory processing disorders, autism spectrum disorders, and disability studies. She is a senior lecturer in the Occupational Therapy Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Gartland is committed to family centered care and her practice is focused on supporting participation in daily life activities for both children and parents. She will serve as a Reviewer on one of the Mock sessions.

**Tyson Jackson** is the CCHE Community Engagement Program Manager. His position is a variation on the Research Ambassador role CCHE has at United Community Center in Milwaukee and he is based in Dane County. In this role, Mr. Jackson works on several Center initiatives focused on creating and maintaining community-academic partnerships to advance health equity and reduce health disparities. This includes working closely with *All of Us Wisconsin* to increase ability to introduce it to more local community organizations. Mr. Jackson comes to CCHE from the UW Health *Career Pathways* program where he contributed to several programs intended to diversify the healthcare workforce by encouraging youth to consider health careers.

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

**Nora Cate Schaeffer, PhD**, is Sewell Bascom Professor of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where she also serves as Faculty Director of the University of Wisconsin Survey Center, teaches courses in survey research methods, and conducts research on questionnaire design and interaction during survey interviews. She will serve as a Survey Consultant on one of the Mock Review sessions.