

Stigma of Addiction Summit

June 10, 2021 | 12:00pm - 5:30pm ET

12:00pm ET | Welcome, Summit Importance, and Intended Attendee Takeaways

Learning objectives: Summarize the importance of addressing stigmatization of people who use drugs to improve health outcomes and care, and provide orientation to how the meeting will proceed and the topics that will be covered

- Victor J. Dzau, MD
- S. Claiborne Johnston, MD, PhD
- Gary Mendell, MBA

12:05pm ET | The Personal Impact of Stigma

Learning objectives: Illustrate the importance of including people with lived experience in discussions and initiatives designed to reduce stigma; and summarize how stigmatization of people who use drugs reduces access to healthcare.

- **Moderator:** Kathryn Burgum
- Melissa Anderson
- Laurie Johnson Wade

12:50pm ET | Agenda and Logistics Overview, Dismissal to Concurrent Sessions

- Richard Bottner, DHA, PA-C

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1:00pm ET | CONCURRENT SESSIONS, PART 1 (choose one to attend)

Session 1.1 – Stigma of Drug Use, Treatment, and Harm Reduction

Why recovery is seemingly less stigmatized than harm reduction practices and safe drug use. How those in recovery, those involved in harm reduction, and health care providers can reduce stigma and treat all patients accessing health care (which includes harm reduction) with dignity and respect.

Learning objectives: Distinguish between stigma associated with drug use, substance use disorder treatment, and harm reduction; and examine structural barriers that promote traditional recovery pathways over principles of harm reduction

- **Moderator:** Kimberly Sue, MD, PhD
- Monique Tula, MA
- Michael Pond, RPN, MSW, RSW
- Yngvild Olsen, MD, MPH
- John Giftos, MD

Session 1.2 – Stigma in the Healthcare Setting

How different types of providers stigmatize patients in different ways across various healthcare settings and the impact of that stigma. Will include specific call-outs of stigmatizing behavior in various settings to provide context / deeper understanding for health care providers and address the bi-directional issues that providers and patients experience when personal and professional values/expectations are disconnected.

Learning objectives: Discuss how stigma of substance use disorders permeates into healthcare settings; and identify stigmatizing actions and behaviors that exist within healthcare settings.

- **Moderator:** Alister Martin, MD
- Scott Hadland, MD
- Hector Colon-Rivera, MD, CMRO
- Bill Kinkle, RN, EMT-P, CRS
- Pooja Lagisetty, MD

Session 1.3 – Structural Stigma and How Systems Discriminate and Intersect

How stigma manifests in policies and practices and creates barriers for treatment, recovery, and safe use. Will include various intersections of stigma drivers and policy outcomes including legislative expertise.

Learning objectives: Discuss legislative and regulatory policies that promote stigma of people with substance use disorders; and identify policy at the institutional, state, and federal level which may contribute to stigmatization of people who use drugs.

- **Moderator:** Helena Hansen, MD, PhD
- Sheila Vakharia, PhD, LMSW
- Shelly Weizman, JD
- Myra Mathis, MD
- Morgan Godvin

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2:00pm ET | Break

2:15pm ET | CONCURRENT SESSIONS, PART 2 (choose one to attend)

Session 2.1 – The Role of Advocates and Families

Learning objectives: Discuss the role of family and close personal contacts in addressing the stigma of substance use disorders; and list strategies to engage family and close personal contacts of people with substance use disorders.

- **Moderator:** Jennifer Potter, PhD, MPH
- Leslie McBain
- Dinah Ortiz
- Ryan Hampton

Session 2.2 – How to Intervene or Change Behavior in Real-Time

How to own up to your own fumbles and to course-correct in real-time with suggested actions to eliminate stigma when you see it in practice and strategies to balance quality care with challenging requirements/regulations.

Learning objectives: Identify knowledge, attitude, and behaviors through self-reflection that may be amplifying stigmatization of people with substance use disorders; and implement approaches to reduce stigma of people with substance use disorders within one's self and share such approaches with others.

- **Moderator:** Elizabeth Salisbury-Afshar, MD, MPH
- Guy Felicella
- Gilberto Perez, MPH
- Laura Guzman, JD

Session 2.3 – Research, Evidence, and Mechanisms for Action

Learning objectives: Describe the current literature of how stigmatization of substance use disorders contributes to morbidity and mortality for people with substance use disorders; and formulate areas of further research specifically related to stigma of substance use disorders.

- **Moderator:** Brea Perry, PhD
- Jessie Gaeta, MD
- Tom Hill, MSW
- Beth McGinty, PhD

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3:10pm ET | BREAK

3:40pm ET | Innovation Session Video Presentation

Learning objectives: Describe and demonstrate stigma research or reduction efforts that are being or have been deployed in the practice setting or in the general public; present and discuss the efficacy and results of implemented stigma research and reduction efforts; and discuss the implications of implemented stigma research and reduction efforts including wider applicability to the practice setting, knowledge development, and remaining gaps in research and practical application.

- **Moderator:** Aisha Salman, MPH

4:15pm ET | BREAK

4:30pm ET | Closing Keynote

Learning objectives: Describe the national policy landscape as it relates to substance use disorders and drug use; and describe historical context of drug use policy and its connection to stigma and ability for people who use drugs to access healthcare.

- **Moderator:** Margot Savoy, MD, MPH, FAAFP
- Regina LaBelle, JD
- Keith Wailoo, PhD

5:30pm ET | Thank you and Adjourn

- Richard Bottner, DHA, PA-C
- Aisha Salman, MPH
- Matthew Stefanko

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Speaker and Panelist Biographies

Victor J. Dzau, MD

Victor J. Dzau, MD, is the President of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM), formerly the Institute of Medicine (IOM). In addition, he serves as Vice Chair of the National Research Council. Dr. Dzau is Chancellor Emeritus and James B. Duke Professor of Medicine at Duke University and the past President and CEO of the Duke University Health System. Previously, Dr. Dzau was the Hershey Professor of Theory and Practice of Medicine and Chairman of Medicine at Harvard Medical School's Brigham and Women's Hospital, as well as Chairman of the Department of Medicine at Stanford University.

He is an internationally acclaimed leader and scientist whose work has improved health care in the United States and globally. His seminal work in cardiovascular medicine and genetics laid the foundation for the development of the class of lifesaving drugs known as ACE inhibitors, used globally to treat hypertension and heart failure. Dr. Dzau pioneered gene therapy for vascular disease and was the first to introduce DNA decoy molecules to block transcriptions in humans in vivo. His pioneering research in cardiac regeneration led to the Paracrine Hypothesis of stem cell action and his recent strategy of direct cardiac reprogramming using microRNA. He maintains an active NIH-funded research laboratory.

Among his many honors and recognitions are the Max Delbreck Medal from Charite, Humboldt and Max Planck, Germany, the Distinguished Scientist Award from the American Heart Association, Ellis Island Medal of Honor, and the Henry Freisen International Prize. In 2014, he received the Public Service Medal from the President of Singapore. He has been elected to the National Academy of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, and Academia Sinica. He has received 16 honorary doctorates.


S. Claiborne "Clay" Johnston, MD, PhD

Since March 2014, Clay Johnston has served as the inaugural dean of Dell Medical School and as vice president for medical affairs at The University of Texas at Austin. His vision is to create a new model for academic medicine that accelerates innovation to improve health and reduce inefficiencies in health care. That includes building a vital, inclusive health ecosystem to support new and innovative approaches to education, care, research and community impact—all with a focus on measurably improving health in Austin as a model for the nation. He is also a neurologist, specializing in stroke care and research.

In 2019, Johnston was elected to the National Academy of Medicine which recognizes leaders for extraordinary professional achievement and commitment to serving others. In 2016, he was named Austinite of the Year by the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce for his leadership in transforming health and health care in Austin.

Previously, Johnston was associate vice chancellor for research at the University of California, San Francisco. He also directed the Clinical and Translational Science Institute and founded the UCSF Center for Healthcare Value to engage faculty and trainees in improving the quality of care while also lowering costs.

He is a graduate of Amherst College and Harvard Medical School. He later received a Ph.D. in epidemiology from the University of California, Berkeley, and was a resident in Neurology at UCSF, where he later trained in Vascular Neurology. During his 20 years at UCSF, he rose the academic ranks to professor of Neurology and Epidemiology, and directed the stroke service.



Johnston has authored more than 300 publications in scientific journals and has won several national awards for his research and teaching. In particular, he has published extensively in the prevention and treatment of stroke and transient ischemic attack. He is perhaps best known for his studies describing the short-term risk of stroke in patients with transient ischemic attack and identifying patients at greatest risk, and also for his work related to measuring the impact of research. He has led several large cohort studies of cerebrovascular disease and three international multi-center randomized trials, two of which are ongoing.

Gary Mendell, MBA

Gary Mendell is the founder and CEO of Shatterproof, a national nonprofit focused on reversing the course of the addiction crisis in America. After losing his son Brian to addiction in 2011, Gary founded Shatterproof to spare other families the tragedy his had suffered.

Since founding Shatterproof in 2012, Mr. Mendell has been a national leader in the addiction space creating solutions that will create more access to treatment for Opioid and Substance Use Disorders including the creation of the Shatterproof National Principles of Care to guide providers, payers, and patients to quality treatment. He advocates for state and federal policy changes, and most recently launched a national strategy and call to action to address stigma related to Opioid and Substance Use Disorders.

He is a frequent speaker on how our society can end the stigma unjustly associated with addiction, has been honored numerous times for his leadership related to reversing the course of the opioid epidemic, testified in front of the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis, has been a guest several times on CNBC and MSNBC to provide his perspective on commonsense solutions to the opioid epidemic, and his opinions are frequently reflected in The Wall Street Journal, Forbes, and The Washington Post. Mr. Mendell also serves on the Executive Advisory Board of the University of Pennsylvania's Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics (LDI), is a member of the National Quality Forum's Technical Expert Panel for Opioid and Opioid Use Disorder and is an advisory member of The Opioid Policy Research Collaborative at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University.

Mr. Mendell spent decades as an entrepreneur. He founded HEI Hotels & Resorts, a multi-billion-dollar company that oversees a portfolio of approximately 70 first-class hotels. He raised and managed \$1.2 billion in discretionary capital from some of the most prestigious universities in the United States and managed more than \$2 billion in assets. He is also a former trustee and president of Starwood Lodging Trust. That business-world experience gives him a unique perspective in running a nonprofit organization like Shatterproof.


Mr. Mendell received his BS from Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration and his MBA with distinction from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

First Lady Kathryn Burgum

Kathryn Burgum became First Lady on December 15, 2016, when her husband Governor Doug Burgum was sworn in as the 33rd Governor of North Dakota.

As First Lady, Kathryn's priority is supporting and developing initiatives to eliminate the shame and stigma of the chronic disease of addiction in North Dakota's communities.

In long-term recovery for 19 years, she shares her personal experience and encourages others to do the same to normalize the conversation around the disease of addiction. She is spreading the word that addiction is a chronic disease and not a character flaw. Kathryn plays an active role in supporting the Office of Recovery Reinvented as the chair of the Advisory Council.



Her advocacy work has enabled her to partner with advocates, experts in the field, and stakeholders nationwide including the White House, Faces and Voices of Recovery, the Addiction Policy Forum, and Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation where she serves on the board of trustees.

Laurie Johnson Wade, CBC, CRS, CRC, FPS, RSS

Laurie Johnson-Wade is the Co-Founder of Lost Dreams Awakening (LDA) Recovery Community Organization (RCO), New Kensington, PA. Together she and her husband, Dr. VonZell Wade, co-founded the LDA RCO in 2014. LDA currently serves nearly 10,000 visits per year, and is a proud member of ARCO.

Laurie is a graduate of Newport Business Institute with a degree in Health Administration. Laurie is a trained Certified Behavioral Consultant (CBC), a Pennsylvania Certification Board (PCB) Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS); a Recovery Support Supervisor (RSS); and a PA Forensic Peer Specialist (FPS); Laurie is also a trainer of the CCAR Recovery Coach Academy and Ethical Considerations for Recovery Coaches; a trained facilitator of the Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance (PFSA) Recovering Families Program and PRO-ACTS Family Education Series; and completed Arise™ Invitational Interventions & Continuing Care for Families.

Laurie is the Founder of the LDA GaP (Grandparent's as Parents) Program and served on the Governors' Opioid Task Force for Grandparents raising Grandchildren due to SUD. Laurie helped co-develop a strength-based Peer Recovery Support Workforce (PRSW) Specialized Training and Supervision Program to assist the PRSW in navigating the delivery of Recovery Support Services during COVID-19 and other crises. Laurie was chosen as one of five representatives, invited by Faces and Voices of Recovery, to meet with the acting Drug Czar at the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), Washington, DC, to discuss the importance of Recovery Support Services.


Laurie's passion is Advocacy! She is a staunch representative of the Recovery Community locally, statewide, and nationally. Laurie has been featured on various local, state, and national platforms and enjoys mentoring communities in establishing their own Recovery Community Organizations. Laurie serves on the ARCO Membership Committee and brings over 30 years of active lived recovery experience (established May 30, 1991), to the rewarding and revolutionary work of Recovery Support Services and Recovery Coaching.

Laurie was named the 2020 Advocate of the Year by the Pittsburgh Recovery Walk. The Recovery Award is bestowed upon an individual who has worked to change policy or public opinion about addiction and recovery. Laurie received the Award and Proclamation from the Pittsburgh City Council. Most recently, Laurie has developed and presents trainings on Race and Recovery and has translated the African American Behavioral Health Center of Excellence publication by Pamela Woll, Healing History: Where History Meets Behavioral Health Equity for African Americans to a deliverable training.

Laurie is a founding member of the African American Federation of Recovery Organizations (AAFRO) and a proud member of Black Faces Black Voices (BFBV). Laurie is dedicated to integrating DEI in all systems.

Kimberly Sue, MD, PhD

Kimberly Sue, MD, PhD, is the Medical Director of the National Harm Reduction Coalition where she provides national training and technical assistance to improve the health and well-being of people who use drugs. She is a physician-anthropologist and instructor in the Program in Addiction Medicine at the Yale School of Medicine. Dr. Sue is a graduate of the Harvard Medical School's Social Science MD-PhD program and completed her medical training at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, in Internal Medicine-Primary Care. Her new book, Getting Wrecked: Women, Incarceration, and the American Opioid Crisis



(UC Press, 2019), uses a medical anthropology lens to examine the intersection of US prison systems, addiction policy, mental health and treatment with women in Massachusetts. She has worked in diverse clinical environments, including syringe service programs, methadone clinics, and at the Rikers Island jail system in New York City.

Monique Tula, MA

Monique Tula is the Executive Director of National Harm Reduction Coalition, a national advocacy and capacity-building organization that promotes the health and dignity of people affected by drug use. Previously, she was the Vice President of Programs with AIDS United where she oversaw the grantmaking and technical assistance portfolios. With more than 20 years of experience in the nonprofit sector, Ms. Tula has devoted her career to harm reduction advocacy and infrastructure development of community-based organizations.

Ms. Tula is a skilled trainer, having taught program evaluation courses at the University of Massachusetts in Boston and facilitated numerous organizational development training for community-based organizations throughout the U.S. An alum of the Centers for Disease Control's Institute for HIV Prevention Leadership, Ms. Tula holds a degree in Community Planning with a concentration in Nonprofit Management from the University of Massachusetts and a Masters Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership and Management from Boston University's School of Management.

Ms. Tula has been nominated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for the prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership award and presently serves as Board Chair for BEAM, a collective of mental and emotional health advocates dedicated to dismantling systems that cause egregious harms to Black people in America.


Michael Pond, RPN, MSW, RSW

As a registered psychotherapist, Mike Pond *thought* he knew all there was to know about treating addiction. But through his own life-threatening battle with alcohol, he learned he knew *next to nothing*. Worse, a lot of what he knew was just plain wrong. After two decades of a thriving private practice in Penticton, British Columbia, booze destroyed his life. He lost his practice, home and family and ended up penniless in two unlicensed, rundown recovery homes rife with systemic abuse. For two years, Mike floated through recovery homes and homelessness, dumpster diving, emergency wards and finally intensive care and prison. Along the way Mike found himself shamed and stigmatized by the very system in which he had once thrived. That's why he's committed to new evidence-based treatment approaches built on kindness and compassion. His motto: *any positive change*. Mike has rebuilt a thriving practice in Vancouver, (MichaelPond.ca) where he specializes in addiction, healing and recovery and has become a passionate advocate for those battling substance use disorders.

Mike Pond's memoir is *Wasted: An Alcoholic Therapist's Fight for Recovery in a Flawed Treatment System*. His search for compassionate evidence-based treatment was captured in the film *Wasted*, which aired on CBC's *The Nature of Things*.

Yngvild Olsen, MD, MPH

Yngvild Olsen, MD, MPH, is the Medical Director for the Institutes for Behavior Resources Inc/ REACH Health Services, a comprehensive outpatient addiction treatment center in Baltimore City. A graduate of Harvard Medical School, Dr. Olsen completed a residency in internal medicine at the Boston Medical Center, including a year as Primary Care Chief Resident. She holds a Master's in Public Health degree from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health completed as part of a fellowship in General Internal Medicine at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. She has previously served as the Vice President of Clinical Affairs for the Baltimore Substance Abuse Systems, as the Deputy Health Officer for the Harford County Health Department, and as the Medical Director for the Johns Hopkins Hospital's outpatient



substance use treatment services. A noted writer and speaker, Dr. Olsen provides addiction medicine consultation to several local, state, and national public entities, is active with the American Society of Addiction Medicine, and serves on the board of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Maryland. She is co-author of the book, "The Opioid Epidemic: What Everyone Needs to Know."

Jonathan Giftos, MD


Dr. Jonathan Giftos is the Medical Director of Addiction Medicine & Drug User Health at Project Renewal, a non-profit organization that provides health, housing and jobs to people experiencing homelessness. In this role, Dr. Giftos oversees the clinical care for people who use drugs and/or struggle with addiction at Project Renewal's OASAS-licensed programs, which include a medically supervised withdrawal/stabilization unit, as well as outpatient and residential treatment programs, while also providing clinical support to the primary care doctors and psychiatrists in Project Renewal's Article 28 clinics and mobile medical van. He also provides clinical care at Project Renewal's Support & Connection Center in East Harlem, as well as at their 3rd Street Medical Clinic in the East Village.

Dr. Giftos's work is broadly focused on improving health care delivery for people who use drugs. This work includes improving care "accessibility" and "acceptability" for people who use drugs, including enhancing low-threshold treatment options; defining and developing a continuum of care that reflects the fluctuating nature of many patient's drug use and recovery; reducing barriers to methadone and buprenorphine for justice-involved patients; and partnering with impacted communities to identify challenges, set priorities and develop strategic plans for meaningful systems change.

Previously, Dr. Giftos served as the Clinical Director of Substance Use Treatment for NYC Health + Hospitals, Division of Correctional Health Services at Rikers Island, where he oversaw diversion, harm reduction, treatment and reentry services for incarcerated patients with substance use disorders. In this role, he also served as the medical director of the Key Extended Entry Program (KEEP), the nation's oldest and largest jail-based opioid treatment program that provides methadone and buprenorphine to incarcerated patients with opioid use disorders. Dr. Giftos's most important accomplishment while at CHS was leading the effort to remove non-clinical barriers to OTP enrollment in 2017, which dramatically expanded treatment access from 25% to over 80%, while also reducing post-release mortality for people with opioid use disorder.

Dr. Giftos has worked locally and nationally to advocate for expanded access to methadone and buprenorphine for incarcerated patients, and he has partnered with the ACLU and Physicians for Human Rights to advocate for evidence-based treatment for patients with cases before drug courts. In 2016 he partnered with VOCAL-NY and SIF-NYC to organize healthcare workers in support of Safe Consumption Spaces (SCSs) and continues to partner with community-based organizations to advocate for humane drug policy. He is a prior board member for St. Ann's Corner of Harm Reduction in the Bronx, and has been honored by VOCAL NY and Corner Project/NYHRE for his ongoing contribution to the harm reduction community. A proud member of Montefiore's Coalition Against Racism, Dr. Giftos is committed to dismantling structural racism in the healthcare system and was a proud co-author of A Letter to Our Patients on Racism, a call to action that has been cosigned by over 3000 medical students and physicians.

Dr. Giftos completed medical school at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in 2012. While there he was elected to the Gold Humanism Honor Society and the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society, of which he also served as President. He completed residency and chief residency in the Primary Care & Social Internal Medicine Residency Program at Montefiore Medical Center. During his training, he also completed the Harvard Macy Program for Postgraduate Trainees where he developed his skills as a clinician-educator. In 2016 he became credentialed as an



HIV specialist through the American Academy of HIV Medicine. He remains closely affiliated with Montefiore and the Primary Care & Social Medicine residency program, and previously served as a voluntary attending in the Bronx Transitions Clinic at Montefiore's Comprehensive Health Care Center (CHCC) in the South Bronx. He is board-certified in internal medicine (ABIM 2015) and addiction medicine (ABPM 2020).

Alister Martin, MD

Alister Martin is a practicing emergency physician and former Chief Resident at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He served as a former Health Policy Aide to Governor Peter Shumlin of Vermont and Congressman Raul Ruiz of California and blends state and federal policy knowledge with hands-on patient experience. He now serves as faculty at Harvard Medical School in the Center for Social Justice and Health Equity working at the intersection of public policy and medicine. He leverages his background in politics, healthcare policy, and the field of behavioral economics to use the ER as a place to build programs that serve the needs of vulnerable patients. He is the founder and Executive Director of Vot-ER (<https://vot-er.org/>) and the founder and National Organizing Director of Get Waivered (<https://getwaivered.com/>).

Scott Hadland, MD


Scott Hadland is a pediatrician and addiction specialist at Boston Medical Center and Boston University School of Medicine. He holds triple board certification in General Pediatrics, Adolescent Medicine, and Addiction Medicine. Dr. Hadland's clinical and research interests focus on adolescent and young adult substance use disorder prevention and treatment, and on improving care for youth and families affected by substance use. As part of these efforts, he seeks to improve education on addiction to pediatricians in the US and beyond. Dr. Hadland has also studied the potential influence of the pharmaceutical industry in physician prescribing of opioids and stimulants. His work has been published in leading journals, including *The Lancet*, *BMJ*, *Pediatrics*, and *JAMA Pediatrics*, and he has been featured in *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *NBC News*, *National Public Radio*, and other leading news outlets. He was the recipient of the New Investigator Award from the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine and has a K23 Career Development Award from the National Institute on Drug Abuse. He is also a Co-Investigator on two R01 projects and the \$89 million Healing Communities Study, and has received additional funding from the Thrasher Pediatric Fund and the Academic Pediatric Association. Dr. Hadland received his MD degree from Washington University in St. Louis, an MPH in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and an MS in Health Policy and Management from the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health. Dr. Hadland completed his pediatrics residency and chief residency at the Boston Combined Residency Program before pursuing fellowship training in Adolescent Medicine at Boston Children's Hospital and completing the Pediatric Health Services Research Fellowship at Harvard Medical School.

Hector Colón-Rivera, MD, CMRO

Dr. Colón-Rivera is a distinguished quadruple board-certified adolescent, adult, and addiction psychiatrist of the Pennsylvania medical community. He has broad experience in community-based programs, emphasizing those that help increase access to severe mental illness and substance use disorders treatments in minorities.

He is the Medical Director of the Asociación Puertorriqueños en Marcha, Inc Behavioral Health Program (APM), a non-profit organization dedicated to improving Hispanic communities' quality of life through direct behavior and substance use disorder services in the Philadelphia region. APM has functions related to education, health, human services, and community, foster homes, & economic development.

Dr. Colon Rivera is also an attending physician at the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic and UPMC through their telemedicine services.



He is a co-founder, volunteer, and member of CrearConSalud.org, a non-profit with the goals of supporting and conducting educational, research, and advocacy activities to increase public awareness and action regarding mental health in Puerto Rico and Latinx communities in the United States.

Dr. Colon-Rivera serves as a clinical advisor for the Advisory on Alcohol and Other Drugs Committee for Pennsylvania under the Governor Wolf administration and the Opioid State Targeted Response Technical Assistance senior advisor Puerto Rico.

He is currently a faculty member at the University of Pittsburgh Medical and the Einstein Medical Center.

He is the President of the Hispanic Caucus, a member of the Assembly, and the Council on Communication at the American Psychiatric Association.

He has participated in over 65 national and international presentations/workshops/ writings on substance use and related disorders, social determinants, the technology used to expand mental health treatments, and mental health in adolescents.

Bill Kinkle, RN, EMT-P, CRS

Bill is a paramedic, registered nurse, and a certified recovery specialist who has lived experience with an opioid use disorder. Bill worked for decades in the pre-hospital arena as well as an academic urban emergency department and intensive care unit. He has a particular interest in consolidating the plethora of research on substance use disorder into an easily digestible format for health care practitioners in an effort to decrease and abolish the stigma associated with the disorder.

Bill is the co-host of the Health Professionals in Recovery Podcast and organization. HPIR offers peer support to health professionals struggling with problematic substance use. Bill is a firm believer that stigma largely exists in the minds of healthcare professionals due to our culture of silence when one of our own suffers and our punitive system for “helping those who suffer”.

Bill can be found often tweeting about substance use, stigma, drug policy, and pretty much anything relating to addiction at @billkinkle.

Pooja Lagisetty, MD

Dr. Lagisetty is an Assistant Professor at the University of Michigan Medical School and a Research Investigator in the Center for Clinical Management Research at the Ann Arbor VA. She is also the clinical lead for the Addiction Consultation Team at Michigan Medicine and has led the development of an innovative addiction curriculum at the University of Michigan Medical School. Dr. Lagisetty received her MD from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and completed her internal medicine/primary care residency at Massachusetts General Hospital. She is board certified in both Internal Medicine and Addiction Medicine. Her research focuses on understanding how stigma and bias affect access to care for patients with chronic pain and substance use disorders, and she has received funded from various agencies, including NIDA, SAMSHA, the Veterans Health Administration, and the Michigan Health Endowment Fund. Her research findings have been published in high-impact journals such as JAMA Psychiatry, Annals of Internal Medicine, and PAIN and cited by news media sources including NPR, USA Today, and ABC News. Ultimately, she hopes that her clinical and research work inform the development of policies and interventions that ensure equitable access to addiction and pain-related treatment for all individuals.



Helena Hansen, MD, PhD

Helena Hansen, an MD, PhD psychiatrist-anthropologist, is Professor and Chair of Research Theme in Translational Social Science and Health Equity, as well as Associate Director of the Center for Social Medicine at UCLA's David Geffen School of Medicine. She has published widely in clinical and social science journals ranging from JAMA and NEJM to Social Science and Medicine and Medical Anthropology, on faith healing of addiction in Puerto Rico, psychiatric disability under welfare reform, opioids and race, ethnic marketing of pharmaceuticals, and structural competency.

Sheila Vakharia, PhD, LMSW

Sheila P. Vakharia is Deputy Director of the Department of Research and Academic Engagement for the Drug Policy Alliance. In that role, she helps DPA staff and others understand a range of drug policy issues while also responding to new studies with critiques and analysis. She plans conferences and convenings on cutting-edge issues in the area of drugs, drug research, and harm reduction. Additionally, she is responsible for cultivating relationships with researchers from a wide range of disciplines aligned with DPA's policy interests and working to mobilize academics in service of DPA policy campaigns.

Prior to joining DPA, Dr. Vakharia was an Assistant Professor of Social Work at Long Island University, and had also worked as a clinical social worker in both abstinence-only and harm reduction settings. Her research interests include harm reduction therapy, drug policy reform, drug user stigma, overdose prevention, and social work education. Dr. Vakharia earned her doctorate at Florida International University's School of Social Work. She received her Master's in Social Work from Binghamton University and a Post-Master's Certificate in the Addictions from New York University.

Shelly Weizman, JD


Shelly Weizman, JD is the Acting Director of the Addiction and Public Policy Initiative at the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University Law Center where she works on a project portfolio focused on the overdose epidemic and how the law can promote access to treatment and support recovery. Ms. Weizman serves as Interim Director of Georgetown University's new Master of Science in Addiction Policy & Practice and is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown Law. She also facilitates the Recovery Policy Collaborative, a network of experts in health, human rights, and policy who have lived experience with addiction and serves on the Board of Directors of Faces and Voices of Recovery. Ms. Weizman previously served as the Assistant Secretary for Mental Hygiene in the Office of the Governor of New York where she oversaw policy and operations related to addiction, mental health and disabilities. She began her legal career as a civil rights attorney at MFY Legal Services, a not-for-profit legal services organization in New York City. She is also a person in long-term recovery from a substance use disorder, celebrating more than 23 years of recovery.

Myra Mathis, MD

Dr. Myra Mathis is a Senior Instructor of Psychiatry and Addiction Psychiatrist at the University of Rochester Medical Center. An undergraduate and medical school alum of the University of Rochester, Dr. Mathis trained in General Adult and Addiction Psychiatry at Yale University Department of Psychiatry. She currently sees patients clinically at Strong Recovery – an outpatient dual diagnosis clinic which houses an Opioid Treatment Program and provides a full complement of addiction and psychiatric services. In addition to patient care, Dr. Mathis continues to pursue academic interests in health equity and racial justice, through scholarship and the development of collaborative community partnerships.

Morgan Godvin

Morgan Godvin is a freelance writer, advocate, harm reductionist, and Commissioner on the Oregon Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission. She is formerly incarcerated, having spent



4.5 years in federal custody for a drug conviction. Her advocacy centers around reducing the harms associated with drug use, reducing stigma, preventing overdose death, improving jail and prison conditions, and increasing access to higher education in prison. She is a student at the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health in Portland, Oregon.

Most recently, she campaigned in favor of Measure 110 which was passed by Oregon voters this past November. Small quantities of drug possession have been decriminalized and cannabis tax revenue has been diverted into a fund to build out a substance use disorder treatment infrastructure in the state. She was appointed by the Oregon Health Authority because of her lived experience to serve as one of 21 voting members of the Oversight and Accountability Council, tasked with distributing the grants to achieve said aim.

During her years of active addiction, she was jailed many times and has written about her experiences with stigma, being criminalized for possession, drug court, jail, prison and recovery. She now works as a research associate at the Health in Justice Action Lab at Northeastern University School of Law and aspires to a career in public health law.

Jennifer Potter, PhD, MPH

Jennifer Sharpe Potter, PhD, MPH, is Professor (with tenure) of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Vice Dean for Research at the Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long School of Medicine, and Associate Vice President for South Texas Public Health Initiatives at UT Health San Antonio. Dr. Potter joined UT Health San Antonio from Harvard Medical School and McLean Hospital in Belmont, Massachusetts. She received her doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Georgia and her Master of Public Health from Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University. Dr. Potter is a Principal Investigator with the Big Southwest Node of the NIDA National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network. Dr. Potter's programmatic work includes leadership of multiple state and federally-funded SUD programs to expanding access to evidence-based treatment and recovery support services in Texas including the Texas Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (TxMOUD) training, technical assistance and treatment network, a statewide SUD telehealth program (TxSUD), the Texas COVID-19 Substance Use and Behavioral Health 24 hour telehealth and telerecovery program, TxSUD telementoring institute, and Recovery Texas peer support network among others.


Leslie McBain

Leslie McBain lost her only child, her son Jordan Miller, to a prescription opioid drug overdose in 2014 when he was only 25 years old. A year later Leslie began advocating for evidence-based, compassionate drug policies that support the lives of people with substance use disorder. Leslie co-founded the Canadian advocacy and support organization Moms Stop the Harm (MSTH) in 2016. From the three founders MSTH has grown to over 2100 members across Canada.

Leslie is the Family and Caregiver Lead at the British Columbia Center on Substance Use in Vancouver BC. She sits on several Provincial government committees dedicated to improving drug policies and speaks on the subject in the media, in classrooms and to people in the grocery store line!

Dinah Ortiz

Dinah is an independent consultant who works specifically with Mothers Who Use Drugs. After spending almost a decade at The Bronx Defenders, she decided to move on to work as a consultant because she realized there was something missing in representing parents who use drugs. That's the fact that they do not have to be abstinent to parent their children despite what the courts say and the many systems of oppression dictate. For over 9 years, she has been advocating for vulnerable women, specifically women of color in a variety of contexts from substance use to incarceration. Dinah has appeared on dozens of panels nationwide to



discuss harm reduction strategies and the unique challenges facing parents involved with the child welfare system who happen to use illicit substances. Served as a member of several not-for-profit organizations focusing on educating doctors, lawyers, and social workers — specifically those in the child welfare arena known as PWSUD (people with substance use disorder) with the necessary tools to better serve women and mothers battling addiction. Dinah, currently the vice chair of the North Carolina Urban Survivors Union has spoken on “Families and Social Workers: What are we not doing?” at Columbia University, “Prejudice and Punishment, the Child Welfare Response to Mothers who Use Drugs” at Fordham University, “What About the Children?” at Drug Policy Reform conference, and “Police Violence Against Black Women/ Women of Color” at Invisible No More. Giving many keynotes on these specific topics have helped others understand that Mothers are to be seen as whole human beings and are not the sum of their worst acts in life. Dedicated to her clients and community, Dinah prides herself in ensuring the most marginalized voices in her community are always heard.

Ryan Hampton

A prominent speaker, author, media commentator and panel participant, Ryan Hampton travels coast to coast to add solutions to our current addiction epidemic. In recovery from a decade-long opioid addiction, Ryan Hampton has rocketed to the center of America’s rising addiction recovery advocacy movement. A former staffer in the Clinton/Gore administration, he has worked with multiple non-profits and national recovery advocacy campaigns. He is now a prominent, leading face and voice of addiction recovery and is changing the national conversation about addiction.

With content that reaches over 1 million people a week, Ryan is breaking down cultural barriers that have kept people suffering in silence and is inspiring a new generation of people recovering out loud through his Voices Project.

He was part of the core team that released the first-ever U.S. Surgeon General’s report on addiction in 2016 and was singled out by Forbes as a top social entrepreneur in the recovery movement. Ryan connects a vast network of people who are passionate about ending the drug epidemic in America. He has been featured by—and is a contributor to—media outlets such as USA Today, MSNBC, Fox and Friends, the New York Times, NPR, HLN, Vice, Forbes, Slate, Huff-Post, The Hill, the WallStreet Journal, and others.


Ryan has received praise from Democrats and Republicans alike for addressing addiction as a trans-political issue—crossing the political spectrum to build an inclusive coalition focused on solutions. He worked closely with the White House, Senate Democrats, Republicans and U.S. House leadership, helping craft portions of the historic H.R. 6, SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, signed into law by the President in October 2018.

In 2016, he created the web series Addiction Across America, documenting his 30-day, 28 state, 8,000-mile cross-country trip visiting areas hit hardest by the addiction crisis. His first book, “American Fix —Inside the Opioid Addiction Crisis and How to End It” has received critical acclaim.

Recently, Ryan was named by Facebook as an inaugural leadership fellow and was appointed to a nine-member committee by the U.S. Department of Justice overseeing the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy representing victims and people impacted by the opioid crisis. He speaks nationally and internationally as a respected advocate on these topics.

Elizabeth Salisbury-Afshar, MD, MPH

Elizabeth Salisbury-Afshar, MD, MPH is an Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health and is faculty in the Addiction Medicine Fellowship at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health in Madison Wisconsin. Dr. Salis-



bury-Afshar is board certified in family medicine, preventive medicine/public health and addiction medicine and her expertise lies at the intersection of these fields. Much of her work focuses on expanding access to evidence-based responses to the opioid overdose crisis. Past roles include serving as the Medical Director of Behavioral Health Systems Baltimore (a quasi-public entity that oversees all publicly funded addiction and mental health treatment), as the Medical Director of Behavioral Health at the Chicago Department of Public Health, the Director of the Center for Addiction Research and Effective Solutions at the American Institutes for Research, and Medical Director of Heartland Alliance Health (Chicago-based healthcare for the homeless provider). She has over ten years of experience working clinically in federally qualified health centers-providing direct patient care in both primary care and addiction medicine treatment. Dr. Salisbury-Afshar received her Medical Degree from Rush University Medical College and her Master's in Public Health from John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Guy Felicella


Guy Felicella spent years in the grips of addiction and now dedicates his career and personal passion to advocating for harm reduction and removing the stigma against addiction and substance users. In addition to his career with the BCCSU, Guy commits his time to public speaking at conferences, seminars, summits, in schools, podcasts, documentaries and written articles. He educates the public and students on safer supply of drugs, decriminalization, harm reduction and treatment options. Guy is pushing barriers to address the current overdose crisis and addressing the truth behind the toxic drug supply.

Gilberto Perez, MPH

Gilberto is a queer, chicanx native of El Paso, TX who is also in recovery. Since 2012, Gilberto has worked with people who use drugs (PWUD), primarily along the U.S. – Mexico Border Region; intersecting social equitable prevention and intervention strategies for substance use disorder, infectious diseases, and mental health. He has a background in psychology and public health, earning his Masters in Public Health from the University of Texas at El Paso in 2020. Gilberto began his career as an intern with the only HIV prevention program in El Paso that served PWUD, where he encouraged people to get tested for HIV and seek substance use disorder and medicated assisted treatment. Realizing that abstinence/treatment-based models do not align with everyone's needs, Gilberto began a harm reduction movement in El Paso. As a result, Gilberto formed the first binational syringe service program and naloxone dispensary for PWUD. Furthermore, he has developed and led different community-based participatory research programs that have shaped the way community organizations deliver harm reduction services. Gilberto represents and empowers gender, sexual, racial, and ethnic minorities by disrupting the status quo and influencing systems change.

Laura Guzman, JD

Laura Guzman is a human rights activist with over 25 years of experience serving, teaching and organizing in the San Francisco Bay Area's harm reduction, immigrant, and homeless and housing justice movements. She is Senior Director of Capacity Building and Community Mobilization for the Harm Reduction Coalition in California since February of 2020. Laura is passionate about community-participatory processes that include and elevate the voices of people impacted by poverty, racism, the drug war, and homelessness, as a path to redirect and develop resources and services relevant to the communities she serves. She is also deeply committed to build collective and powerful, cross-systems, grassroots coalitions to attain transformative systems' change and the liberation of all people. Laura became involved with the Harm Reduction Coalition's work when she joined the San Francisco Harm Reduction Working Group in 1995 as an outreach worker and learned directly from people who used drugs and were impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic and the pioneers of harm reduction practice in San Francisco, which included people living with HIV, the LGBTQ+ community, nurses and social workers caregiving for people dying of AIDS. In 1999, Laura joined the Harm Reduction Coalition's West Coast Institute first Trainers' cohort and continued to serve as a harm reduction



trainer and consultant for over two decades. From 2017 to present, Laura was the Continuum of Care Director for Every One Home, a county-wide, multi-sector collective impact initiative, and the Continuum of Care Lead organization whose mission is to end homelessness in Alameda County. As the lead staff for the Continuum of Care Board, Laura directed the development of the Continuum of Care local competition and federal homeless funding application, planned and conducted the Alameda County 2019 homeless point in time count, and assisted the development of the Alameda County Youth Action Board. Laura also founded the Mission Neighborhood Resource Center in the Mission district of San Francisco in 2001 and directed for 16 years a harm reduction center that targeted Spanish-speaking Latino immigrants and provided drop in space and survival services, community programs, case management, housing, and integrated health care services to homeless single adults living in the streets and SRO (single residential occupancy) hotels. During her tenure, Laura pioneered and joined local organizing efforts to stop the displacement of the Latino community and advocated and developed housing and services for immigrant communities, including Casa Quezada, one of the few supportive housing projects in the country dedicated to unhoused Latino immigrants, and the first San Francisco Navigation Center. Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Laura was a young student organizer that worked against the 1976-1982 military dictatorship in the University and on the streets and migrated to the United States in 1985. Laura holds a Juris Doctor degree from New College of California School of Law (1995) and a Bachelors in Linguistics from University of California at Berkeley (1992). She currently serves as Chair of the Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless Commission and is a Member of the Board of Directors for Causa Justa/Just Cause.

Brea Perry, PhD


Brea Perry is a Professor in the Department of Sociology and Associate Vice Provost for Social Science Research at Indiana University. Her research investigates the interrelated roles of social networks, biomarkers, social psychology, and social inequality as cause and consequence of health and illness. Her current funded projects examine public stigma toward nonmedical opioid use, the social dynamics of the opioid epidemic, social network dynamics and health in the context of immigration, and the role of social networks in cognitive resilience in the aging brain. She is a current National Academy of Medicine Emerging Leaders in Health and Medicine Scholar (2019-2022).

Jessie Gaeta, MD

Jessie M. Gaeta, MD, is the Chief Medical Officer of Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program, where she has practiced Internal Medicine since 2002. She oversees the clinical practice of this unique community health center that serves 11,000 people annually across dozens of clinical sites, including homeless shelters, the street, and one of the first medical respite programs in the country. Dr. Gaeta has dedicated herself to advocacy for and with people living with substance use disorders, particularly when they are disconnected from traditional pathways to care. She is always learning more from people with lived experience about homelessness, opioid use disorder, and harm reduction. Over the past two decades, she has spearheaded numerous innovative initiatives to rethink how we approach care for individuals with substance use disorder and complex health conditions, particularly when these conditions are exacerbated by severe poverty, racism, trauma, and social stigma.

Tom Hill, MSW

Tom is currently serving as a political appointee in the Biden-Harris Administration, as Senior Policy Advisor at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. Prior to his appointment, he worked at the National Council for Behavioral Health as both Vice President of Practice Improvement and Senior Advisor on Addiction and Recovery. Tom also served as a political appointee in the Obama Administration, both as Acting Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment and Senior Advisor at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services



Administration. Tom has also held senior positions at Altarum Institute and Faces & Voices of Recovery.

Tom identifies as a gay man in long-term recovery from addiction. As a pioneer of the recovery advocacy movement, Tom's commitment to helping individuals, families, and communities get better has been demonstrated through his efforts to advance recovery-oriented systems of care that include a full continuum of prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and peer recovery services. Tom earned his bachelor's degree from the University of New Mexico and his Masters in Social Work in community organizing from Hunter College at the City University of New York.

Tom has served on numerous boards of directors, advisory boards, committees, and task forces – both on grassroots and national levels. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including a Robert Wood Johnson Fellowship in Developing Leadership in Reducing Substance Abuse and the America Honors Recovery 2020 William L. White Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award.

Beth McGinty, PhD

Dr. Beth McGinty is an Associate Professor of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. At Johns Hopkins, she serves as Co-Director of the Center for Mental Health and Addiction Policy Research and is a leader of Center's Stigma Lab. Dr. McGinty conducts mental health and substance use policy research, with a strong focus on understanding how implementation influences policy outcomes. She also leads communication research focused on rigorously evaluating how communication strategies can reduce stigma toward people with mental illness or substance use disorders and increase support for policies benefiting these groups. Dr. McGinty received her MS from Columbia University in 2006 and her PhD from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in 2013.

Margot Savoy, MD, MPH, FAAFP

Margot L. Savoy, MD, MPH, FAAFP, is Chair, Family and Community Medicine and Associate Professor, Family and Community Medicine at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University. Savoy previously was medical director of family medicine at ChristianaCare, where she also was an attending physician. She also served as medical director for the Delaware Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services and as attending physician at the Pennsylvania Department of Health's STD clinic. She was also medical director and assistant program director at the Crozer Keystone Family Medicine Residency Program.


Savoy earned her Bachelor of Science degree in neurobiology and physiology from the University of Maryland in College Park. She earned her medical degree from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore. She completed her Master of Public Health at the University of North Carolina Gillings School of Public Health in Chapel Hill. She completed her residency at the Crozer Keystone Family Medicine Residency in Chester, Pennsylvania.

Savoy completed postdoctoral fellowships in vaccine science with the American Academy of Family Physicians, geriatric interdisciplinary care at Thomas Jefferson University and in health information technology with the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT.

She is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine and has the AAFP Degree of Fellow, an earned degree awarded to family physicians for distinguished service and continuing medical education.

Regina LaBelle, JD

Regina LaBelle is Deputy Director for the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), currently serving as Acting Director of National Drug Control Policy. As Acting Director, Ms. LaBelle leads a component of the Executive Office of the President whose mission is to reduce



substance use and its consequences by leading and coordinating the nation's national drug control strategy. Acting Director LaBelle was sworn in on the evening of Inauguration Day and is regarded as an expert in drug policy. Prior to joining ONDCP, Ms. LaBelle served as a Distinguished Scholar and Program Director of the Addiction and Public Policy Initiative at Georgetown University Law Center's O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law. At The O'Neill Institute, Ms. LaBelle's work focused on the addiction epidemic, public health approaches to drug policy, and using the law to promote access to treatment and support recovery. Ms. LaBelle also founded and directed the Master of Science in Addiction Policy and Practice program at Georgetown University. During the Obama Administration, Ms. LaBelle served as ONDCP Chief of Staff, where she oversaw the Agency's efforts to address the opioid epidemic and other drug policy issues, including the implementation of the National Drug Control Strategy. Ms. LaBelle also served as legal counsel to Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels, providing legal and policy advice to the Mayor on high-profile city initiatives. From 1998 –2005, Ms. LaBelle was an adjunct professor of policy and ethics at Seattle University's Institute for Policy Studies. Ms. LaBelle received her JD from Georgetown University Law Center and has an undergraduate degree from Boston College. She is an active member of the Washington State Bar.

Keith Wailoo, PhD


Keith Andrew Wailoo is Henry Putnam University Professor of History and Public Affairs at Princeton University where he teaches in the Department of History and the School of Public and International Affairs. He is former Chair of the Department of History, the former Vice Dean of the School of Public and International Affairs, and current President (2020-2021) of the American Association for the History of Medicine.

Wailoo is an award-winning author on drugs and drug policy; race, science, and health; and genetics and society; and he is known also for insightful public writing and media commentaries on history of medicine, pandemics and society, and medical affairs in the U.S. His books include, *Pushing Cool: Big Tobacco, Racial Marketing, and the Untold Story of the Menthol Cigarette* (University of Chicago Press, 2021); *Pain: A Political History* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2014); *How Cancer Crossed the Color Line* (Oxford University Press, 2011); *The Troubled Dream of Genetic Medicine* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006); *Dying in the City of the Blues: Sickle Cell Anemia and the Politics of Race and Health* (University of North Carolina Press, 2001); and *Drawing Blood: Technology and Disease Identity in Twentieth Century America* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1997).

Wailoo's co-edited volumes include *Medicare and Medicaid at 50: America's Entitlement Programs in the Age of Affordable Care* (Oxford University Press, 2015); *Genetics and the Unsettled Past: The Collision of DNA, Race, and History* (Rutgers University Press, 2012); *Katrina's Imprint: Race and Vulnerability in America* (Rutgers University Press, 2010); *Three Shots at Prevention: The HPV Vaccine and the Politics of Medicine's Simple Solutions* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2010). He has also lectured widely and published on medical history and health affairs in the *Lancet*, the *New York Times*, *The New England Journal of Medicine*, *The Daily Beast*, *American Prospect*, *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine*, the *Bulletin for the History of Medicine*, the *Journal for the History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences*, and the *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*.

The recipient of numerous honors, in 2007 Wailoo was elected to the National Academy of Medicine. In 2021, he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2021, Wailoo received the Dan David Prize for his "influential body of historical scholarship focused on race, science, and health equity; on the social implications of medical innovation; and on the politics of disease."

Before joining the Princeton faculty, Wailoo taught at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the Department of Social Medicine (School of Medicine) and in History, and at Rutgers University in History and in the Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research. At



Rutgers, he was Martin Luther King Jr. Professor of History and founding director of the Center for Race and Ethnicity. Wailoo graduated from Yale University with a Bachelors degree in Chemical Engineering, and worked as a science writer for several years, before earning a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in the History and Sociology of Science.

Richard Bottner, DHA, PA-C

Richard Bottner, DHA, PA-C is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin. Bottner is also a physician assistant in the Division of Hospital Medicine at Dell Seton Medical Center.

Bottner is the Director of the Buprenorphine Team (B-Team), a full-service consultation team that provides patients who are hospitalized and have opioid use disorder access to treatment and linkage to appropriate outpatient care. The program also works to reduce stigma of patients with substance use disorders. Bottner is also the Director of Support Hospital Opioid Use Treatment (SHOUT) Texas, a program seeking to increase access to opioid use disorder treatment in hospitals across the state. Bottner was the first PA in the country certified to teach the buprenorphine x-waiver curriculum through the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry.

Bottner is currently co-Principal Investigator on a grant from the Texas Targeted Opioid Response program investigating best practices for the hospital-based management of opioid use disorder, and on a grant from the Association of American Medical Colleges to develop and disseminate the Reducing Stigma Education Tools (ReSET) modules, a robust and interactive online learning environment. He has been invited to speak at numerous regional and national meetings about the important role of hospitals in addressing substance use disorders and has worked closely with several state hospital associations to elevate this work.

In addition to his clinical and research interests in hospital medicine, substance use disorders, palliative care, and systems-based practice, Bottner represents Dell Medical School as a cohort leader in the University of Texas' Foundations of Interprofessional Collaborative Practice course. He has also led quality and process improvement projects around medication safety, medical error reporting, and readmission prevention.

Aisha Salman, MPH

Aisha Salman is a Program Officer at the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) and works on the Action Collaborative on Countering the U.S. Opioid Epidemic. Prior to joining the NAM in 2019, she served as a Program Implementation Manager with the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Community and Population Health, where she helped translate clinical research into pilot programs. She also has experience as a Strategy and Operations Consultant for the Federal Healthcare Practice at Deloitte. Aisha has a Masters of Public Health from the George Washington University with a concentration in global health program design, monitoring, and evaluation.

Matthew Stefanko

Matthew Stefanko is the Director, National Stigma Initiative for Shatterproof. Before joining Shatterproof, Matthew was the Associate Director for Strategy and Programs at Planned Parenthood Federation of America. There, he worked across functions to develop strategic initiatives aimed at increasing patient access and reducing the impact of health epidemics. Prior to PPFA, Matthew worked in management consulting where he primarily was involved with their public and social sector practices. Matthew also previously worked in local government at the Baltimore City Health Department. Matthew has a dual degree in Economics & Government from Cornell University. He is based in Washington D.C.