



## 2012 Heli Presenters



**Alex Adams, MD, PhD**, is an Associate Professor in the UW Department of Family Medicine and Director of the Collaborative Center for Health Equity (CCHE), part of the Institute for Clinical and Translational Research in the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. CCHE is funded as a P-60 Research Center of Excellence on Minority Health Disparities, funded by the NIH-NIMHD. Under the direction of Dr. Adams, the Center is working to build and maintain strong long-lasting community partnerships with multiple underserved WI communities in both urban and rural areas statewide. CCHE research projects focus on chronic disease prevention and treatment, as well as enhanced participation in research planning, implementation, analysis and dissemination of findings. Dr. Adams is also Director of the UW Carbone Cancer Center's Cancer Health Disparities

Initiative, which currently focuses on American Indian and rural cancer health disparities.

As a researcher, Dr. Adams has been working in partnership with 4 Wisconsin Tribes and the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council (GLITC) Epi-Center for the past 11 years. A variety of projects aim to reduce the prevalence of pediatric obesity and the risk of future cardiovascular disease and diabetes. Currently, she devotes most of her time on an NIH funded family based intervention project to reduce obesity and cardiac risk factors in American Indian children: Healthy Children, Strong Families. A participatory research process is being used throughout all phases so that community and academic researchers work together on data collection, analysis and dissemination. Her research has been funded via an NIH K-23 career-development award from NHLBI; awards from NCI, NIH GLITC-Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) funding, U-01 funding from NIH-NHLBI, and a recent R-01 to expand her work to tribes nationally. ([www.healthychildrenstrongfamilies.org](http://www.healthychildrenstrongfamilies.org))

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



**Sharon Adams** is a change agent. When she and her husband Larry found an old Milwaukee neighborhood unsightly, they did not move away, they moved to make the changes.

In fourteen years, she has been the stimulus behind the changes witnessed in the Walnut Street, North Avenue, Fond du Lac Avenue corridor. Housing revitalization resulted in \$26 million invested for over 200 new home constructions and restored vintage houses.

Walnut Way Conservation Corp. continued to grow since those early 1998-1999 days. Sharon fostered initiatives to engaged neighbors; document the oral traditions of elders; reduce crime; expand rain gardens to manage storm water; demonstrate healthy food production, and offer educational and recreational opportunities for youth.

Leading efforts for environmental health, over the years with the help of children and neighbors, gardens produce enough food to take to two local markets. Walnut Way gardens produce herbs, vegetables, and fruit. Last year an urban research lab launched to study such concerns as heavy metals in soil and to find ways to apply “grey water” irrigation. Walnut Way has grown into a neighborhood campus where neighbors, school children and growers interested in nutrition come to learn and share. Adams facilitates the Lindsay Heights Neighborhood Health Alliance, involving 20 medical, academic, and resident partners. She is leading a campaign to build an Innovation and Wellness Commons on 16th and North Avenue. The 26,000 sq. ft. Commons will be a gathering place for education and training and businesses providing integrative health services. Sharon and her daughter JoAnne Sabir were the 2011 keynote speakers for the Women of the World seminar. Their message invites people to come together to act for healthy minds, spirits and bodies.



**Janet Branchaw, PhD**, is an Interim Director at the University of Wisconsin - Madison Institute for Biology Education. Dr. Branchaw has worked in research mentor and mentee training since 2001. She directs two NSF-funded programs for undergraduate research, the Integrated Biological Sciences Summer Research Program and the Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Research and Mentoring (URM) Program, and partners with the NSF-funded Delta Program in Research, Teaching and Learning to train research mentors in these programs. Her undergraduate programs primarily serve students from underrepresented groups and she is a member of the UW-Madison Alliance for Minority Participation (WiscAMP) team, which aims to increase diversity in STEM disciplines. She has published a curriculum that guides students through their first research experience (Entering Research, 2010) and studies the impact of undergraduate research experiences, particularly the impact of mentor training on these experiences. In addition, she is studying student learning gains

of the five overarching biological sciences concepts outlined in the 2010 “Vision and Change” report released by Advancing Science, Serving Society in her summer research program and is leading a Howard Hughes Medical Institute funded project to develop programs and courses that support first-year, first-generation biological sciences students at UW-Madison as they transition to college.



**James Butler III, DrPH, MEd**, is an Assistant Professor of Behavioral and Community Health in the School of Public Health at the University of Maryland, College Park. Dr. Butler also holds a leadership position as an Associate Director in the University of Maryland Center for Health Equity. As a researcher, Dr. Butler anchors his research in an ecological framework that incorporates individual, social structure and environmental influences in eliminating tobacco-related health disparities to achieve health equity. Specifically, Dr. Butler utilizes a community-based participatory research (CBPR) approach to develop and implement culturally relevant smoking cessation interventions for African American residents of low income housing. To this end, Dr. Butler received a 5-year (2009-2014) Mentored Career Development Award to Promote Diversity titled, Smoking Cessation among Residents of Public Housing. Dr. Butler has published

in numerous professional journals including, but not limited to the Annual Review of Public Health, Public Health Reports, Health Promotion Practice, Ethnicity and Disease, and the Journal of Mixed Methods Research. He serves as a reviewer for the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, Health Promotion Practice, Family Medicine, and the Journal of General Internal Medicine. After completing his undergraduate degree in clinical laboratory sciences at Gwynedd Mercy College, Dr. Butler went on to earn his master’s degree in community health education at Temple University and later earned a doctorate in public health from the University of Pittsburgh’s Graduate School of Public Health. He then completed a postdoctoral fellowship in preventative medicine and public health at the University of Kansas School of Medicine.



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

Excellence in Minority Health Disparities, also funded by NIMHD, in which she jointly manages budget and administration with Dr. Thomas. Dr. Quinn also served as co-investigator and co-Director of the Pilot Projects and Feasibility Studies Core

of EXPORT Health funded by NIMHD. She is also the Principal Investigator on the School of Public Health's sub-contract for the Mid-Atlantic Public Health Training Center.

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

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

She is also actively engaged in training programs that encourage individuals, particularly scholars from underrepresented groups, to pursue careers in health care and research. She was a leader in the establishment of a Summer Research Career Development Institute (Berget et al, 2010). Dr. Quinn initiated, and co-chaired with Dr. Thomas, the Sullivan Commission Task Force on Racial and Ethnic Diversity within the Schools of the Health Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh. These efforts produced the Task Force report, The Urgency of Now: Recruiting and Retaining Racially and Ethnically Diverse Professionals in the Health Professions, which directly led to the creation of a new position, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Diversity in the Health Sciences, and the formation of the Office of Diversity for the Health Sciences with multiple professional staff.



**Sarah Esmond, MS**, provides extensive administrative oversight and project management to CCHE's many community-academic partnerships, academic institutional collaborations and education and training initiatives. She brings significant background in qualitative research methodologies and urban community-academic partnership building, serving as a key liaison to colleagues with the Lindsay Heights Neighborhood Health Alliance and the United Community Center in Milwaukee. She also serves as a member of the Milwaukee Hmong Health Consortium and the Urban Indian Wellness Consortium, representing academic interests and brings attention to university resources in Madison and Milwaukee that might be utilized to advance health equity focused initiatives. She has lent significant leadership to initiatives in the UW ICTR Clinical Research Infrastructure System core, including advancing community engaged research technical

assistance for investigators applying to the Health Sciences IRB and accessing the Office of Clinical Trials. She previously served as Project Manager for the School of Medicine and Public Health's Center for the Study of Cultural Diversity in Healthcare and before that was the administrative project manager for the Center of Excellence in Aging at the UW School of Nursing.



**René Farías, MPA**, is the Associate Director - Special Projects for the United Community Center (UCC) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In this position, Mr. Farías is responsible for the management of the Human Services Department, Community Health and Research as well as Building Construction Management. He provides significant leadership and oversight to the Healthy Activities Partnership Program for Youth (or HAPPY) initiative.

Mr. Farías has expertise in the development and operations management of a wide range of community service programs, from education and treatment for troubled youth and adults, to behavioral health, services for elderly, home buying and home rehabilitation programs for low-income families and child development.



Prior to his current position, Mr. Farías served as Vice President –Child Development for La Causa, Inc. in charge of child care and educational services for children and youth, services for parents, and training and development of staff. He holds a BA degree in Administration from the National Autonomous University of México (UNAM) and a diploma in Public Administration from Victoria University of Manchester, England.



**Dorothy Farrar-Edwards, PhD**, is Professor of Kinesiology-Occupational Therapy at the University of Wisconsin Madison. She is also the Chair of the Department of Kinesiology. Dr. Farrar-Edwards received her PhD in Experimental Psychology with an emphasis on aging at Washington University in St. Louis. She joined the faculties of the Program in Occupational Therapy and the Department of Neurology at Washington University School of Medicine. Her research focused on the contributions of cognition to complex life activities in persons with stroke and Alzheimer’s disease. She has worked in the field of health disparities for more than 20 years. While at Washington University she developed the Memory and Aging Project Satellite which was first funded in 1993. This program provides multidisciplinary home-based diagnosis and care management for minority and medically underserved elders in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

This program was among the first successful service-based research recruitment models in the US.

Dr. Farrar-Edwards was recruited to the University of Wisconsin in 2006. Since that time she has been active in the development of community based service programs to address the needs of African American elders and their families coping with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias. At the present time Dr. Farrar-Edwards is the PI of an R-01, “Increasing Participation of Underrepresented Minorities in Biomarker Research” which is one of the projects supported by the CCHE. She is also the Minority Outreach Core Leader for the Wisconsin Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center. Dr. Farrar-Edwards is also an Co-Principal Investigator of the Georgetown University Stroke Disparities Project funded by the National Institute of Neurologic Disease and Stroke. As a researcher, Dr. Farrar-Edwards goal is to insure full inclusion of underrepresented communities in research to insure that the advances in the diagnosis and treatment of neurologic diseases are available to all individuals .



**David Frazer, MPH**, leads the expansion and sustainment of community partnerships and coordinates community-based research and initiatives for the Center for Urban Population Health in Milwaukee. 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.

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

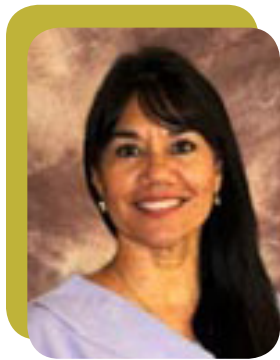


**Craig S. Fryer, DrPH, MPH**, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health at the University of Maryland, School of Public Health and holds a leadership position as an Associate Director of the Maryland Center for Health Equity. Dr. Fryer has worked in the field of health disparities research for the past fifteen years.

Trained as behavioral scientist, Dr. Fryer utilizes mixed methods research to examine the sociocultural context of health and health disparities, with a concentration in community engaged research. His work focuses on racial and ethnic health disparities in substance use and dependence, specifically tobacco and marijuana use among urban youth and young adult populations. Collateral research endeavors include: behavioral intervention research; HIV/AIDS and STI prevention; qualitative methods; the recruitment and retention of underrepresented communities into research; and the role of bioethics in health disparities research.

As an Associate Director of the M-CHE, he assists in the development and implementation of the Center's research initiatives to improve the health and well being of racial and ethnic minority populations. His current research addresses tobacco-related health disparities. Dr. Fryer is the Principal Investigator of a five-year, National Cancer Institute, Mentored Research Scientist Development Award to Promote Diversity (K01) grant that examines correlates of nicotine dependence and symptoms of withdrawal among urban, African American youth. Moreover, he is co-investigator on several projects funded by the National Institute of Health, including NIAAA, NIDA, and the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD). Dr. Fryer has published in several peer-reviewed journals such as Addictive Behaviors, Annual Review of Public Health, Journal of School Health, Nicotine and Tobacco Research, and Qualitative Health Research and has served on several scientific grant review committees for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), NIH, and the National Science Foundation (NSF).

After completing his undergraduate degree in Clinical Nutrition at Case Western Reserve University, Dr. Fryer earned his master's degree in Health Services Administration at the University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public Health. He later earned his doctorate in Sociomedical Sciences at Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health under the tutelage of Drs. Robert E. Fullilove and Mindy Thompson Fullilove, founders of the Community Research Group.



**Mary Garza, PhD, MPH**, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health at the University of Maryland, School of Public Health and holds a leadership position as Associate Director in the Maryland Center for Health Equity.

Dr. Garza received her MPH from the School of Public Health at San Diego State University with an emphasis in health education and health promotion. Post MPH degree, Dr. Garza worked as health coordinator for a federally qualified health center in Coachella Valley, CA where she gained valuable community-level experience working with low-income migrant farm workers (primarily Latinos and African Americans). She coordinated local, state, and federal community education and medical treatment programs with a focus on diabetes, cancer screening, hypertension, STDs, and HIV/AIDS. Dr. Garza returned to graduate school, and received her PhD in Health Policy and

Management with a focus in Social and Behavioral Sciences from the Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University where she also completed a post-doctoral fellowship in Cancer Epidemiology.

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



**Robert Golden, MD**, received his BA cum laude with honors in psychology from Yale in 1975, and his MD from Boston University School of Medicine in 1979. He completed an internship, residency, and chief residency in psychiatry at the University of North Carolina (UNC). From 1983 to 1985, he was a Medical Staff Fellow in the Clinical Pharmacology Section of the National Institute of Mental Health Intramural Research Program. He returned to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in 1985, where he served as the founding Director of both the Clinical Psychobiology/Pharmacology Research Training Program and the ECT Service, and as Associate Director of both the General Clinical Research Center and the Mental Health Clinical Research Center. From 1994 through 2005, he served as Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at UNC School of Medicine. In 2004, Dr. Golden assumed the additional role of Vice Dean for the School

of Medicine, with responsibilities for the school's research and educational programs, faculty development and academic affairs, and Area Health Education Centers.

In July 2006, Dr. Golden became the 9th Dean of the School of Medicine and Public Health and the Vice Chancellor for

Medical Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He also serves as Chair of the Board of the UW Medical Foundation, an academic group practice comprised of more than 1200 physicians, and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Authority Board of UW Hospital and Clinics.

Dr. Golden's research and clinical interests are focused on psychobiological and psychopharmacologic aspects of mood and anxiety disorders. He has published more than 200 papers, chapters, and books, and more than 190 research abstracts. He has served on several editorial boards, review panels, and advisory committees; was Field Editor for Clinical Psychobiology for *Neuropsychopharmacology*; is currently Associate Editor for *Psychosomatic Medicine*; and is a Director of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. His honors include selection as a Ginsburg Fellow of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry, a Laughlin Fellow of the American College of Psychiatrists, a Jefferson Pilot Fellow in Academic Medicine, the 1993 recipient of the Eugene Hargrove Mental Health Research Award, a listing in *The Best Doctors in America*, designation as "Teacher of the Year" by the UNC psychiatry residents on four occasions, recipient of the 2003 Mood Disorders Research Award from the American College of Psychiatrists, appointment as the inaugural Stuart Bondurant Distinguished Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and recipient of the 2010 Distinguished Medical Alumnus Award from the UNC School of Medicine.

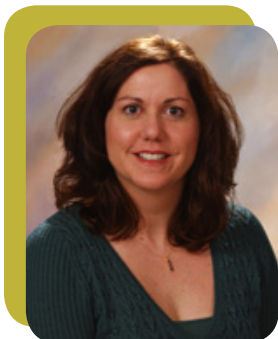
Dr. Golden resides in Madison Wisconsin with his wife, Shannon Kenney MD, who is the Wattawa Bascom Professor of Cancer Research in the Departments of Oncology and Medicine. They have four children.



**Magdalisse González**, CCHE Research Ambassador at the United Community Center (UCC) in Milwaukee, has been a member of the UCC Research Department for three years, working on community-academic research projects with partners from UW-Madison and Milwaukee and the Medical College of Wisconsin. Ms. González has significantly contributed to the CCHE/MERC-sponsored Healthy Activities Partnership Program for Your or HAPPY, a nutrition/obesity focused research project under Dr. Aaron Carrel's (UW SMPH/Periatrics) leadership. Ms. González has more than a dozen years of experience working in community service agencies that serve Latino families in Milwaukee.



**Tristan Gross**, Milwaukee native, developed at an early age a desire to serve others. Over the past few years he has worked in the community as an advocate and rising champion for social justice, community health and healing for all, with a particular focus on youth and African American males. Currently, Tristan's core work is centered around comprehensive reproductive health and access for both women and men, infant mortality, and sexual violence and domestic violence prevention. Using his personal and professional experiences and trainings, Tristan facilitates workshops throughout the state sharing best practices and gains knowledge to improve and strengthen prevention outreach, delivery of services and outcomes for underserved populations.



**Amy Harley, PhD, MPH, RD**, Assistant Professor, Joseph. J Zilber School of Public Health, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Center Scientist, Center for Urban Population Health.

Dr. Harley's research is focused on reducing racial/ethnic and socioeconomic disparities in chronic disease prevalence and outcomes through long-term participation in healthy lifestyle behaviors including physical activity and healthy eating. She is particularly interested in examining effective techniques for addressing multiple behaviors concurrently, examining health behaviors within the socio-cultural context which they occur and utilizing what can be learned from 'success cases' or asset-based methodologies. Her current project examine multi-level factors related to healthy lifestyle among African American men, Latino communities, older adults, and Milwaukee Public

School middle school students. Past projects include studying health disparities among urban, African American women, residents of low-income housing developments and blue-collar workers. Dr. Harley teaches numerous public health courses at the undergraduate and graduate level at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Dr. Harley completed her doctoral training at The Ohio State University College of Public Health. She also spent three years at the Harvard School of Public Health as a postdoctoral fellow in their Cancer Prevention and Control education program.





**Janice Harrell** was born and raised in Milwaukee, WI. She is married with 4 kids. Her mother currently resides in the Lindsay Heights area to which the Lindsay Heights Community Research Council serves. Her interest in community wellness began when she began attending the House of Peace Women's Wellness group. She has now been volunteering with the group for over 20 years. She says "I am always lending a hand wherever a hand is needed." Now, after retiring from her job of 20 years, she likes to community organize. She has been NIH certified for community research. Currently, she is the co-chair of the Research & Design Committee for the Community Health Improvement for Milwaukee's Children. She also sits on their Community Forward Team. She is on the African-American Taskforce for Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families. This will be the 4th year that she has organized the Community and Resource Health Fair at a local church.

She has the compassion to want to help change one family at a time in health and education. She believes that education will lead to changed lifestyle behaviors.



**Samuel Holland**, affectionately known by colleagues and friends simply as "HOLLAND," began his community involvement in 1996 when he was approached by Neighborhood Housing Services to create a pilot home repair course for homeowners; 17 months later he became program manager and expanded his consultation to training Habitat for Humanity's clients. Currently he is an Outreach Coordinator for the Me2 Energy Efficiency Program, a partnership of Walnut Way Conservation Corporation and the City Of Milwaukee, whose goal is to aid homeowners and local

businesses to achieve at least 15% savings on their energy costs. Mr. Holland is also very involved in his neighborhood. He is an active member of the Community Planning Council (CPC), and is a standby member of The Community Emergency Response Team. In addition, Mr. Holland holds seats on two Lindsay Heights Neighborhood Health Alliance committees: the Program Integration Committee (PIC), which is creating the program plan for the developing Innovation and Wellness Commons and the Community Research Council. Mr. Holland served as a Community Researcher for the Lindsay Heights SHOW pilot in the summer of 2011.



**Jared Jobe, PhD, FABMR**, is retired from Federal service and is now acting, under contract, as research scientist in the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences at the National Cancer Institute (May, 2009—present), working with minority communities to develop new projects for health disparities, and also works on the Centers for Population Health and Health Disparities.

He received his Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma in 1976 in memory and cognitive processes. Dr. Jobe is a peer reviewer for 26 scientific journals and for 12 government and private funding agencies. He has over 250 publications and conference presentations. He is a Fellow of the

American Psychological Association, a Fellow of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, and a Fellow of the Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research.

During Dr. Jobe's military career, he was Director, Health and Performance Division, US Army Research Institute for Environmental Medicine, in Natick, Massachusetts, and was principal investigator on a series of small-scale randomized controlled trials on treatments for Raynaud's Disease. After 8 years at CDC, he spent 5 years at NIA as a branch chief, where led a national clinical trial on cognitive interventions for older adults and a mentorship program for junior faculty at 4-year colleges. He then spent 10 years at NHLBI as a program director, where he led 5 clinical trials on CVD prevention in Native communities. Dr. Jobe was also involved in a number of training and mentorship programs, including the Summer Institute Program to Increase Diversity in Health-Related Research (SIPID), now called PRIDE, which he began.

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



**Judith Salmon Kaur, MD**, is the medical director for the Native American Programs of the Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center.

- Native C.I.R.C.L.E. provides and develops culturally appropriate cancer education materials for lay persons, allied health and clinicians working in Native communities
- “Spirit of Eagles” is a Community Networks Program with outreach nationally to American Indians and Alaska Natives. (we are the only national program working with AIAN populations)

Dr. Kaur’s research also includes a special interest in women’s cancers, particularly breast and cervical cancer. Dr. Kaur is a Professor of Oncology at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. She is also the Director of the Mayo Clinic Hospice Program and Palliative Care Task Force. Dr. Kaur is Choctaw/Cherokee and one of only 2 American Indian medical oncologists in the country.

In 2007, Dr. Kaur was awarded “Physician of the Year” by the Association of American Indian Physicians. In the following year, 2008, she was appointed to the National Cancer Advisory Board by President George W. Bush (4 year appointment) and also became a Fellow of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Care. Dr. Kaur is one of the Medical Directors for Mayo Clinic’s Hospice program and the Research Director for the Palliative Care Program and Course Director for an “Intensive Case-based Training in Palliative Care” for the Indian Health Service.



**Joyce King** was born and raised in Milwaukee, WI and is currently engaged. Her mother currently resides in the Lindsay Heights area to which the Lindsay Heights Community Research Council serves. After retiring from nursing, after 20 years, seeing improvement in community health has become a passion of hers. She has volunteered for the House of Peace for 15 years. Joyce is certified with National Institute of Health for Community Research. She currently serves as the co-chair of the African-American Taskforce for the Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families. She is also the Chair of the Community Health Improvement for Milwaukee’s Children Community Forward Team. She sings in her church’s choir. She says “I always have an ear for listening.”



**Kristen Malecki, PhD, MPH**, 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 Associate 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 is lead co-investigator for the Network for Health Equity in Wisconsin, a program using SHOW as a tool for evaluating the impact of multi-level “natural experiments “ such as the

economic downturn, health care reform and community driven prevention efforts on population health and health disparities. 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 also serves as the Principal Investigator for a number of SHOW ancillary studies involving community-academic partnerships.

Before coming to the UW she served as the lead epidemiologist for the state Environmental Public Health Tracking Program. In these roles she has gained extensive experience in leading and managing multi-disciplinary teams of researchers, practitioners and policy makers in development of environmental health surveillance and epidemiologic data for addressing chronic diseases and disparities in the state of Wisconsin and the nation. Dr. Malecki’s areas of research interest include community based participatory research; population-based survey research; systems-science approaches to addressing health disparities; health impact assessment; environmental epidemiology - cumulative risk assessment and environmental decision-making; and methodological issues in survey research. Her teaching interests and experience spans from environmental health to survey research methods and applied public health practice. Dr. Malecki is a 2010 HELI Scholar.





**Cacy Odom-Williams, MBA**, a CCHE Research Ambassador (RA) stationed in the Center for Urban Population Health, Milwaukee, brings extensive experience and knowledge about diverse communities in the city. In 2010, Ms. Odom-Williams completed an Americorps-Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA)/program at Milwaukee's Safe and Sound (<http://www.safesound.org/>) where she served as a Community Leadership Coordinator, lending technical assistance to safe housing and community health and wellness initiatives. Since 2010, in her RA role with CCHE, she has assisted UW-Madison and UW Milwaukee health equity researchers collaborate with Milwaukee community organizations. Currently, she co-facilitates the Lindsay Heights Neighborhood Health Alliance's Community Research Council. The Council is giving guidance

and a community voice to potential research initiatives in the Lindsay Heights community. Ms. Odom Williams also lends support to various research initiatives ranging from men's wellness to mental health, substance use and stigma.



**Magda G. Peck, SeD**, is Professor and Founding Dean of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Joseph J. Zilber School of Public Health, a leadership post she began on March 1, 2012. Previously she was Associate Dean for Community Engagement and Public Health Practice, College of Public Health, University of Nebraska Medical Center, where she retains an appointment as Adjunct Professor of Public Health and Pediatrics. Dr. Peck also is a recognized national expert in maternal and child health.

She recently served on the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Preventive Service for Women, and is a member of the CDC National Select Panel on Preconception Health and Health Care. Dr. Peck bridges academe and practice to improve the health and well-being of women, children, families, and communities. She is the founder of CityMatCH, a national organization dedicated to improving urban maternal and child health, and served as CEO from 1990-2004. A champion of leadership and workforce development, she builds individual, organizational and community capacity to translate data and research into strategic actions for measurable results. She co-leads the National Alliance for Leadership Development for the Public's Health and is immediate past Chair of the National Public Health Leadership Development Network. Clinically trained as one of the nation's first physician's assistants (PAs), Dr. Peck is a life-long learner, with masters (1983) and doctoral (1986) degrees in maternal and child health from the Harvard School of Public Health. Her leadership has been recognized locally and nationally with a range of awards, including: APHA MCH Young Professional, Urban League Whitney Young, National Leadership in MCH Epidemiology, CityMatCH Ed Ehlinger, AMCHP MacQueen Lecture, and University of Nebraska Robert D. Sparks Award in Public Health and Preventive Medicine.



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

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

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

Dr. Remington earned a BS degree in molecular biology (1976) and an MD (1981) from the University of Wisconsin-Madison; completed an Internal Medicine Internship at the Virginia Mason in Seattle (1982); an Epidemiology Fellowship (1984) and Preventive Medicine Residency (1985) at the CDC; and an MPH degree (1986) from the University of Minnesota.



**JoAnne Sabir** believes in the intrinsic value of translation and development of best practices related to supporting community development. JoAnne most recently served as a member of the UW Community Health Connections unit, a statewide, regionally-based team advocating for the community in pursuit of connecting new academic partners with community organizations. In partnership ideas were nurtured from design to implementation. Her success with ICTR has led to the opportunity to further serve her community as the Associate Director of the Lindsay Heights Neighborhood Initiative for Walnut Way. Her primary role is to support the Innovations and Wellness Commons Development project. JoAnne holds a Masters in Social Work Direct Practice and Administration.



**Maanaan Sabir** is an African American man and a lifelong resident of Milwaukee. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee with a degree in Community Education and a minor in economics. He serves as the Health Alliance Program Liaison, helping to oversee the community outreach and engagement plan for the Lindsay Height Neighborhood Health Alliance (approximately 110 square blocks), as well as coordinating student services/research placements with Alliance partner agencies. Mr. Sabir is a 4th degree black belt and community advocate. His passion for self development and outreach led him to Walnut Way. His enthusiasm and love for our African American men has directed him into helping to spearhead the Lindsay Heights Neighborhood Health Alliance's African American Men's Wellness Council.



**Dale Schoeller, PhD**, Professor of Nutritional Sciences at the University of Wisconsin, is an internationally recognized expert in energy metabolism and body composition. He is best known as the first to use the doubly labeled water method for the measurement of energy expenditure in humans. He has performed extensive research in human obesity. This includes studies of the role of physical activity and energy intake in the etiology of obesity, comparison of obesity treatments to improve efficacy, and development of improved methods for measuring body composition. He has also been instrumental in identify systematic reporting errors in questionnaire based assessments of energy intake and physical activity and is currently investigating novel stable isotope biomarkers of dietary intake.

Dr. Schoeller completed his undergraduate work in Chemistry at the UW Milwaukee, followed by a PhD in Chemistry from Indiana University. He has received the Mead Johnson Award from the American Institute of Nutrition (1987) for his development of the doubly labeled water method for human use; the Herman Award (2000) from the American Society of Clinical Nutrition for his research in human obesity, and the Atwater Award from the USDA/ARS for his contributions to understanding human energy requirements. He is a former treasurer and former president of the American Society of Clinical Nutrition, and has served on the editorial boards of the American Journal of nutrition and the Journal of Physiology: Endocrinology and Metabolism, and was an Associate Editor for the International Journal of Obesity.



**Damon A. Shoates**, a resident of and home owner in the Lindsay Heights neighborhood, is a proud 43 year old married father to 3 sons (ages 22, 20 and 11). Mr. Shoates has 14 years experience as a Mentor/Monitor and Youth Worker and for 12 years he has also been a DJ and videographer. He is a veteran of the US army, serving for 2 years. Mr. Shoates graduated from Milwaukee Tech High School and has completed some college credits thru MATC and Cardinal Stritch University. Mr. Shoate's life motto is: Fix yourself...you fix the world. He is not a fan of anything fake.



**Karin Silet, MA**, is a Senior Instructional Specialist with the Research Education and Career Development Core of the UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR). Ms. Silet was the project director for ICTR's CTSA Strategic Goal grant examining "best practices" for mentoring junior faculty conducting clinical and translational research. As part of this project, Karin conducted focus group interviews with over 100 mentors and mentees across 4 medical centers. She is currently leveraging the data from this project to contribute to a mentor development website being built by ICTR's mentorship team. Karin is also the coordinator of ICTR's non-credit educational programming which provides instruction on the knowledge, skills and behaviors essential for success in clinical and translational research. Prior to joining ICTR, Karin worked as an Outreach Specialist in UW's School of Education and as the Continuing Education Specialist

at University of California-Berkeley. Karin holds a Masters in English from Bucknell University and has completed Doctoral coursework at the University of Toronto.



**Elizabeth "Liz" Snowden** has been a member of the original Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW) field staff since 2008. Liz played a key role in the Lindsay Height's SHOW research pilot project, working closely with community researchers, contributing to strong recruitment successes and supported the activities associated with blood draws. Liz has a way with people and is persistent when need be when out in the field recruiting.



**Christine Sorkness, RPh, PharmD**, is ICTR Senior Associate Executive Director and oversees the Community-Academic Partnerships core and the Pilot Grants program. She helps direct 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.



**Sally Steward-Townsend** is an original member of the Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW) field staff, working for the project since 2008. Sally played a lead role in the training, scheduling and working with the community researchers supporting the Lindsay Height's SHOW pilot project during the summer of 2011. Sally is also a phlebotomist for the program. Sally's quiet strength and ability to listen are her best assets out in the field.





**Stephen B. Thomas, PhD**, is a Professor in Health Services Administration in the School of Public Health and the Director of the Center for Health Equity at the University of Maryland-College Park. One of the nation's leading scholars in the effort to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities, Dr. Thomas has applied his expertise to address a variety of conditions from which minorities generally face far poorer outcomes, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, obesity and IV/AIDS. He served as director of the Center for Minority Health from 2000-2009. He is currently principal investigator of a Center of Excellence on Minority Health Disparities, funded by the NIH-NIMHD (\$10M). Under Dr. Thomas' direction, the Center for Health Equity has developed a number of scientifically sound, culturally relevant, community-based interventions designed to close the gap in health outcomes between whites and racial/ethnic minority populations. These initiatives are embodied in the highly successful Healthy Black Family Project that provides health

coaches for lifestyle behaviors such as physical activity, nutrition education, stress management, smoking cessation and social support. The program has offices in the heart of Pittsburgh's African American community. Since launching in 2004, the program has enrolled over 7,000 participants.

Dr. Thomas has been recognized at the national level for his professional accomplishments, receiving the 2004 Alonzo Smyth Yerby Award from the Harvard School of Public Health for his work with people suffering the health effects of poverty, and 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. A leading scholar on the legacy of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study (1932-1972), Dr. Thomas was an invited White House guest to witness the Presidential Apology to Survivors of the Syphilis Study at Tuskegee on May 16, 1997. In 1998, he received the K-01 NIH Mentored Research Science Award in Applied Research Ethics to explore strategies for overcoming the legacy on Tuskegee on willingness of African Americans to participate in medical and public health research.

Dr. Thomas has served on numerous national committees, including, but not limited to, the NIH State of the Science Committee on Tobacco Cessation, Prevention and Control, the National Research Council committee on Assessing Fitness for Military Enlistment: Physical, Medical and Mental Health Standards, the Institute of Medicine Committee on Reducing the Odds: Preventing Perinatal Transmission of HIV and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Agency Wide Research Agenda Collaborative. Dr. Thomas serves on the advisory board for the Mayo Clinic's Cancer Center and Center for Translational Science Activities. His work has been published in leading peer reviewed journals such as the American Journal of Public Health, Social Science and Medicine, Health Promotion Practice, and Archives of Internal Medicine.

After completing his undergraduate degree in school health education at The Ohio State University, Dr. Thomas went on to earn his master's degree in health education at Illinois State University and later earned his doctorate in community health education from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. He has held tenured faculty positions at the University of Pittsburgh and Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health. Dr. Thomas believes the successful elimination of racial and ethnic health disparities depends upon the ability to establish trusting community partnerships designed to increase the participation of minority populations in biomedical and public health research.



**Jessie Tobin** is the Program Manager for the Lindsay Heights Neighborhood Health Alliance, a Milwaukee neighborhood coalition dedicated to reducing health disparities and creating a deep and sustained culture of health. She holds an MPH from the University of Washington, Seattle and believes that strong neighborhoods are vital to our collective well-being. Jessie supported the development of the Lindsay Heights Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW) partnership and thoroughly enjoyed working with the SHOW staff and Mr. Holland, Ms. Louise Wilhite, and Danielle Washington as Community Researchers on this initiative. She also supports the Lindsay Heights Community Research Council and Men's Wellness Council, among other neighborhood health initiatives.



**Earlise Ward, PhD, LP**, conducts community-based clinical research focused on older African American women's mental health. Her research examines their beliefs about mental illness, whether these beliefs may serve as barriers to seeking mental health services, and coping behaviors in response to mental illness. This line of research is geared to develop more culturally appropriate and effective mental health interventions for older African American women. Professor Ward's current research projects have used a life-course perspective and the Common Sense theoretical framework. Dr. Ward is a 2010 HELI Scholar.



**Danielle Washington** is a new graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a B.A. in Biological Sciences and a Ronald E. McNair Scholar. A neighborhood resident and former youth leader for Walnut Way, last summer Danielle served as a Community Researcher for the Lindsay Heights Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW pilot). Her career goal is to become an epidemiologist and family physician, and she is passionate about understanding environmental factors associated with breast cancer, infant mortality, and HIV/AIDS. She recently accepted a position as an Outreach Coordinator for the Center for Urban Population Health in Milwaukee and is currently studying to take the MCAT.



**Tyler Weber, MPH**, received his Master of Public Health from the University of Minnesota in Maternal and Child Health with a Global Health Concentration. He is now a University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute Service Fellow placed with the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) and the Lindsay Heights Neighborhood Health Alliance at Walnut Way Conservation Corporation. Much of his work focuses on community-led research initiatives, asset-based community development, and program evaluation.