

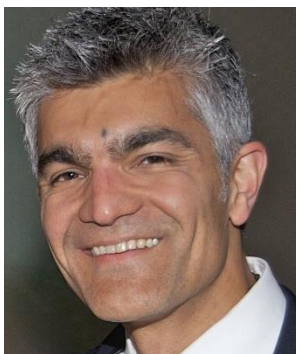
Speaker Biosketches



Gary Ferguson serves as Research Associate Professor and Director of Outreach & Engagement at Washington State University's Institute for Research and Education to Advance Community Health (IREACH). He is Unanga̋ (Aleut), enrolled in the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe and is originally from the Shumagin Islands community of Sand Point, Alaska. His past positions include providing clinical services to his home region at Eastern Aleutian Tribes, serving at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium as Wellness & Prevention Director and Senior Director of Community Health Services and as Chief Executive Officer at the Rural Alaska Community Action Program.



Julie E. Lucero PhD MPH is an Associate Professor, Department of Health and Kinesiology, and inaugural Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, College of Health, University of Utah. Using a community engaged research orientation, Dr. Lucero strives to achieve health equity by means of education, research, and policy development. Through the identification of social, commercial, and political determinants of health, community-academic partnerships can reduce the burden of health inequities experienced by underrepresented and disregarded populations.



Rajul "Raj" Pandya is Vice President of Community Science at the American Geophysical Union and member of the National Academies Standing Committee on Advancing Science Communication. He focuses on how the sciences can be more participatory, how inclusivity contributes to innovation and relevance, and how the sciences can be allies in advancing justice. Dr. Pandya chaired the National Academies committee on "Designing Citizen Science to Support Science Learning," and has served or is serving on advisory boards for the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Public Lab, the College and Community Partners Program, the Citizen Science Association, the Anthropocene

Alliance, the Denver Institute for Science and Policy, ISET International, and the science and research subcommittee for the City of Denver's Sustainability Advisory Council. Dr. Pandya earned a Ph.D. from University of Washington.



Holley Wilkin is an Associate Professor of Communication and Public Health at Georgia State University in Atlanta, GA. Her applied health communication research program aims to reduce health inequities in diverse urban environments. Since 2006, Dr. Wilkin has been using a community-engaged approach, forming interdisciplinary research teams and collaborating with community members and numerous partner organizations on projects aimed at increasing access to and use of health resources. This work uses an ecological framework—exploring individual, community, and societal level factors influencing health knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors. In 2018, she was awarded the K. Everett M. Rogers Award, Public Health Education and Health Promotion Section, American Public Health Association, for advancing health communication theory and practice.



Bobby L. Wilson is co-founder and owner of Metro Atlanta Urban Farm (MAUF), which shares a mission and a vision that focuses on agricultural education and recruitment, access to locally grown fresh food for marginalized and underserved communities, youth socio-emotional development, increasing representation in the sciences of those who historically have been underrepresented, and providing a program for seniors which includes community and therapeutic gardening. Mr. Wilson is a member of the Urban Agriculture Innovative Production Federal Advisory Committee. He recently served as a first-time Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI) on a national research project, the NOISE Project (www.noiseproject.org), in collaboration with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology Celebrate Urban Birds, and the National Science Foundation (NSF). He is co-author of several publications, including *Understanding the Impact of Equitable Collaborations between Science Institutions and Community-Based Organizations: Improving Science through Community-Led Research* and is a 2022 Featured CNN Hero.