

**SOCIETAL EXPERTS ACTION NETWORK (SEAN)
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*Speaker and Facilitator Biographical Sketches***

Speakers

Anita Chandra is vice president and director of RAND Social and Economic Well-Being and a senior policy researcher at the RAND Corporation. The division also manages RAND's Center to Advance Racial Equity Policy. She leads studies on civic well-being and urban planning; community resilience and long-term disaster recovery; public health emergency preparedness; effects of military deployment; equity, health in all policies and advancing a culture of health; and child health and development. Throughout her career, Chandra has engaged government and nongovernmental partners to consider cross-sector solutions for improving community well-being and to build more robust systems, implementation and evaluation capacity. This work has taken many forms, including engaging with federal and local government agencies on building systems for emergency preparedness and resilience both in the U.S. and globally; partnering with private sector organizations to develop the science base around child systems; and collaborating with city governments and foundations to reform data systems and measure environmental sustainability, well-being, and civic transformation. Chandra has also partnered with community organizations to conduct broad-scale health and environmental needs assessments, to examine the integration of health and human service systems, and to determine how to integrate equity and address the needs of historically marginalized populations in human service systems. These projects have occurred in partnership with businesses, foundations, and other community organizations. Chandra earned a PhD in population and family health sciences from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. In terms of National Academies activities, Chandra is a member of the Resilient America Roundtable, was a contributing author for the consensus study on Measuring Community Resilience, and most recently served on a rapid strategic committee on COVID-19 response and housing evictions.

Terri Ferinde is a nationally recognized connector and catalyst who has spent her career helping young people—and the systems that serve them—unlock their full potential. A trusted strategist and compelling storyteller, Terri brings more than 30 years of cross-sector leadership to advancing equity in education and youth development. As a founding partner at Collaborative Communications, she leads initiatives that strengthen networks, elevate unheard voices, and move bold ideas into lasting action.

Terri's work spans philanthropy, government, nonprofits, and education, where she designs large-scale solutions that drive social impact. Known for her ability to translate vision into results, she has managed hundreds of convenings, produced award-winning media, and led national campaigns that build capacity, shape narratives, and shift policy. Her expertise lies in strategic communications, project management, network development, facilitation, and public engagement.

A leading voice in afterschool and out-of-school time learning, Terri has helped shape the field through her long-standing leadership of the 50 State Afterschool Network, funded by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. She also serves as a strategic consultant to the National Summer Learning Association, where she curates content for national conferences and supports systems-level strategy. In 2014, she was named one of the 25 Most Influential People in Afterschool by the National AfterSchool Association and

currently serves on the Board of Trustees for Camp Fire National, a national youth development organization.

Maria Flynn is president and CEO of Jobs for the Future (JFF), a national nonprofit that drives transformation in the American workforce and education systems. Maria is a national authority on the future of work, the role of technology in the labor market, career pathways for underserved individuals, and employer engagement. In 2018, Maria launched JFF Labs within JFF to bridge the traditional education and workforce systems with innovative approaches and technology-enabled solutions. Before becoming CEO in 2016, Maria was JFF's senior vice president and led the Building Economic Opportunity Group, helping entry-level workers advance to family-supporting careers while enabling employers to build and sustain a productive workforce. She also led JFF's federal policy and advocacy strategies, which focus on advancing the educational needs of underserved Americans and developing a skilled workforce.

Before joining JFF in 2007, Maria was a member of the federal government's Senior Executive Service in the U.S. Department of Labor, where she held several high-level positions involving employment, training, and research. At the DOL's Employment and Training Administration, she oversaw the development of policies for training programs serving both young people and adults, supervised the agency's research and evaluation strategy, and managed its \$12 billion annual budget. She was a key driver of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, the National School-to-Work initiative, and the Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills initiative. Maria received her BA from Saint Joseph's University and her Master's of Government Administration from the University of Pennsylvania.

Florence Hudson is Executive Director of the Northeast Big Data Innovation Hub in the Data Science Institute at Columbia University. Florence was trained as a Mechanical and Aerospace engineer at Princeton University, with executive business education from Harvard and Columbia Universities. She has been an engineer at Grumman Aerospace Corporation, NASA, and HP, a Vice President and Chief Technology Officer at IBM, a Senior VP and Chief Innovation Officer at Internet2, a Special Advisor at the NSF Cybersecurity Center of Excellence, and is CEO of the advanced technology consulting firm FDHint, LLC.

Dovev Levine is the Assistant Vice Provost for Outreach and Engagement at the University of New Hampshire, where his responsibilities include the administration of community-driven engaged research and science and research communications training. Dr. Levine also serves as the administrative director for the New England Municipal Sustainability Network, a consortium of 40 cities and towns that collaborate on climate and sustainability-based initiatives. Dr. Levine has authored numerous publications, with his work appearing in the Review of Policy Research, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars' Occasional Paper Series, PLOS ONE and the MIT Press.

Jenifer Maze is a researcher, clinical psychologist, and program director, and has dedicated her career to the fields of child traumatic stress and child and family mental health. Since 2002, she has served as Managing Director and now Co-Director of the UCLA – Duke University National Center for Child Traumatic Stress, which is the coordinating center for the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN).

Erin O'Malley is the Executive Director of the Coalition for Trust in Health & Science (CTHS). Before joining CTHS, she served for two decades in various health policy and advocacy roles, gaining deep expertise in strategic planning, public-private partnerships, and public health campaigns. O'Malley holds a master's

degree in legislative affairs from The George Washington University and a bachelor's degree in public communications from American University.

Anna Ricklin is a passionate advocate for healthy communities. As the first Health in All Policies Manager for Fairfax County, Virginia, she acts as a health ambassador across county agencies, promoting the integration of health objectives into county plans, policies, and building projects. She also oversees applied research and place-based initiatives to advance healthy planning practice, with a focus on cross-sector collaboration. Internally, Anna co-leads the Health Department's Health Equity Team, charged with centering health equity through the transformation of internal processes and external operations for the benefit of staff, clients, and the community at large.

Sacoby Wilson is the Founder and Director of the Center for Engagement, Environmental Justice and Health INpowering Communities (CEEJH INC). Dr. Wilson is a nationally renowned thought leader and scientist in the environmental justice sphere with experience spanning more than 25 years in the areas of exposure science; environmental justice; environmental health disparities; community-engaged research, including community-based participatory research (CBPR), community science, and community-owned and -managed research (COMR); and air quality studies, including building hyperlocal air quality monitoring networks; geographic information systems (GIS), including developing environmental justice screening and mapping (EJSM) tools, built environment, climate change, industrial animal production, climate change, community resilience, and sustainability. He is also a professor with the Department of Global Environmental and Occupational Health (GEOH) (formerly known as the Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health), School of Public Health, University of Maryland-College Park. He works primarily with community-based organizations to study and address environmental justice and health issues and translate research into action.

Facilitators

Sonia Angell is a Bloomberg Distinguished Professor of the Practice at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of Epidemiology and an Assistant Clinical Professor at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons. She is a practicing physician and an expert in public health, policy and systems change. Her research aims to build out public health department capacity in climate and health surveillance, policy, and communications. Additional areas of Dr. Angell's research focus on health care delivery resilience, including related to the impact of COVID-19. Previously, she served as Director of the California Department of Public Health and State Public Health Officer, as Deputy Commissioner at the New York City Health Department, as senior advisor on Global Noncommunicable Diseases at the CDC. She received the American Heart Association's Chairman's Award in 2020. She is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine. She is board certified in internal medicine. She received her medical degree from the University of California San Francisco and completed an Internal Medicine residency at Brigham Women's Hospital. She has a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Michigan.

Bridget Burke Kelly is Principal Consultant of Burke Kelly Consulting, based in Port Townsend, Washington. She specializes in integrating multiple information sources, analysis methods, and modes of engagement to grapple with complex questions for policy analysis, strategy development, and evaluation. She currently supports the work of the Societal Experts Action Network, the Washington State Academy of Sciences, and the Ruckelshaus Center, a joint initiative of Washington State University and the University of Washington. Previously she worked at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine leading a portfolio of multidisciplinary projects that included early childhood, mental health, chronic diseases, global HIV, and evaluation science, culminating in a term as the interim director of the Board on Children, Youth, and Families. More recently she co-founded the nonprofit Bridging Health & Community, with the mission of helping the health sector work more effectively with communities. Her formal education includes training in medicine and developmental neurobiology through an MD and PhD from Duke University, preceded by a BA from Williams College and followed by a Christine Mirzayan Science & Technology Policy Graduate Fellowship. She is also an experienced dancer, choreographer, and grassroots arts administrator.

Mike Hout is Professor of Sociology at New York University. In his research, he uses demographic methods to study social change in inequality, religion, and politics. In 2006, Dr. Hout and Claude Fischer published *Century of Difference*, a book on twentieth-century social and cultural trends in the United States, that exemplifies this approach. A few recent publications include "Part of the gender gap in voting for Democrats arises because a higher proportion of women than men voters are Black," *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (2022) and "Social mobility in the Tang Dynasty as the imperial examination rose and aristocratic family pedigree declined, 618-907 CE," *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (2024). Dr. Hout's honors include election to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, the National Academy of Sciences, and the American Philosophical Society. He taught at the University of Arizona from 1976 to 1984 and at the University of California, Berkeley from 1985 to 2013. While at Berkeley, Dr. Hout chaired the Sociology Department from 1988 to 1991 and the Demography Department from 2008 to 2013. He also directed the Survey Research Center from 1992 to 1998 and the Berkeley Population Center from 2007 to 2013. He chaired the National Academies' Division of Behavioral

and Social Sciences and Education Advisory Committee from 2018-2024. Dr. Hout received a Ph.D. in sociology from Indiana University.

Maria Carmen Lemos is Professor of Natural Resources and Environment at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and Senior Policy Scholar at the Udall Center for the Study of Public Policy at the University of Arizona. She has MSc and PhD degrees in Political Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MIT. During 2006-2007 she was a James Martin 21st Century School Fellow at the Environmental Change Institute at Oxford University. Her research focuses on environmental public policymaking in Latin America and the U.S., especially related to the human dimensions of climate change, the co-production of science and policy, and the role of technoscientific knowledge and environmental governance in building adaptive capacity to climate variability and change response. She is a co-founder of Icarus (Initiative on Climate Adaptation Research and Understanding through the Social Sciences), which seeks foster collaboration and exchange between scholars focusing on vulnerability and adaptation to climate change. She is a lead author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and a contributor to the US Climate Change Science Program Synthesis Reports. She has served in number of NRC/NAS committees including Restructuring Federal Climate Research to Meet the Challenges of Climate Change, America Climate Choice Science Panel and the Human Dimensions of Environmental Change Committee.

Adam Seth Levine is the SNF Agora Professor of Health Policy and Management in the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University. Many questions pique his interest and excitement, such as when ordinary citizens become engaged in civic life and with what impact and how people with diverse forms of expertise such as researchers, practitioners, and policymakers collaborate to tackle problems. He has published research findings addressing these questions in a variety of political science, public health, transportation planning, climate change, communication, law, and economics journals. In 2024 he published his second book, entitled *Collaborate Now! How Expertise Becomes Useful in Civic Life*. He is also President and co-founder of research4impact, a nonprofit that creates powerful new collaborative relationships among researchers, practitioners, and policymakers.