

Roundtable on Population Health Improvement

Creating and Communicating Trustworthy Population Health Science--A Workshop

September 17, 2026 | 10:00am – 2:30pm EDT

AGENDA

Workshop Objectives:

- (1) Discuss the types of evidence needed for population health, including how to maximize rigor and trustworthiness, who should be involved in generating it, and how it should be supported.
 - (2) Examine effective approaches to evidence translation and communication with end users such as practitioners, communities, and policymakers.
 - (3) Explore how trust and trustworthiness are integral to both conducting research and translating, communicating, and engaging with users of the research.
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10:00am

Welcome and introductory remarks

Ana Diez Roux, Distinguished University Professor of Epidemiology, director, Drexel Urban Health Collaborative, dean emerita Dornsife School of Public Health, Drexel University (*Roundtable co-chair and workshop planning committee co-chair*)

Jennifer Karas Montez, University Professor of Sociology and Gerald B. Cramer Faculty Scholar in Aging Studies, Syracuse University (*workshop planning committee member*)

10:10am

Opening talks and discussion

Sudip Parikh, chief executive officer, American Association for the Advancement of Science

Merlin Chowkwanyun, Donald H. Gemson Associate Professor of Sociomedical Sciences, Columbia University

Q&A/Discussion

10:45am

Panel 1: Conducting rigorous, impactful, and trustworthy science (researchers, infrastructure, funding, and more)

Moderator: **Bettina Beech**, chief of population health and translational science, Department of Health Systems and Population Health, University of Houston, *workshop planning committee member*

Carley Riley, associate professor, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

Rita Hamad, professor of social epidemiology and public policy, Center for Population Studies, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Vedette Gavin, principal consultant, Verge Impact Partners

Elizabeth Stuart, Chair and Professor, Department of Biostatistics, Professor,
Department of Mental Health and Department of Health Policy and
Management, Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health

Q&A/Discussion

12:00pm

Break

12:30pm

Panel 2: Communicating about, and building and retaining trust in population health science

Moderator: **Thomas Dobbs**, dean, John D. Bower School of Population Health
University of Mississippi, Roundtable and workshop planning committee
member

Philip Alberti, founding director, Center for Health Justice, senior director of
health equity research and policy, AAMC, Roundtable member and workshop
planning committee co-chair

Sarah Gollust, Blue Cross Professor, division of health policy & management,
University of Minnesota School of Public Health

Anil Oza, science journalist, STAT

Matt Willis, public health physician and author, Your Local Epidemiologist

Q&A/Discussion

2:00pm

Closing and audience reflections

Mary Pittman, independent consultant, *Roundtable co-chair*

2:30pm

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