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*Panel and Facilitator Biographical Sketches*

**Jessica Baggett**, MPH is the COVID-19 Response Director for the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO). In this role, Jessica leads ASTHO's pandemic response and recovery efforts and provides technical assistance to public health officials across the country. Prior to joining ASTHO, Jessica worked for the Washington State Department of Health and a local health department in Arizona. She has served in roles focusing on emergency preparedness and response, communications, and external affairs. Jessica received her MPH with a concentration in health services from the University of Washington, and as of this fall, is a DrPH student at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health.

**Juliane Baron** is the executive director of the Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences. In this role she supports the FABBS mission to advance the sciences of mind, brain, and behavior by promoting scientific research and training in these fields; educating the public and policymakers about the contributions to the health and well-being of individuals and society; supporting communication and public scholarship; and recognizing scientists who have made significant contributions to building knowledge. Previously Baron served as the director of government relations at the American Educational Research Association, leading AERA's education and advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill and with federal agencies. She played a strategic role with committees and coalitions that addressed research funding, research policy, and education. Baron served as deputy director of government and public affairs for the Population Association of America. She did a two-year stint as associate research scientist and project manager of Welfare, Children, & Families: A Three City Study, a multi-investigator study housed at Johns Hopkins University, following several years as a legislative staffer and committee clerk in the Texas House of Representatives.

**Ron Carlee** teaches graduate courses in public administration in the Strome College of Business, School of Public Service at Old Dominion University (ODU). His teaching and research are informed by his previous professional work as the City Manager of Charlotte, North Carolina, County Manager of Arlington, Virginia, Director of Health and Human Services in Arlington, Virginia, and Chief Operating Officer of the International City/County Management Associations (ICMA). Dr. Carlee's courses include Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, the History of Race in Government Institutions, ethics, local government, human resources, and budgeting. Dr. Carlee conducts workshops on equity for government officials, non-profit organizations, and professional associations. His culture change program on agile government is in its fifth year at the City of Norfolk. Dr. Carlee is a Fellow in the National Academy of Public Administration, serves on the SEAN Advisory Group, and is a member of the DEI committee for the Hampton Roads Chamber. He holds a B.A. from the University of Montevallo, Alabama, an M.A. in Urban Studies from the University of Alabama-Birmingham, and a D.P.A. from George Mason University. He previously taught in the George Washington University Trachtenberg School of Public Administration and Public Policy.

**Kellina M. Craig-Henderson** is a former professor of psychology who currently serves as the assistant director for the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Directorate of the National Science Foundation (NSF). She previously served as the acting assistant director and prior to that as the deputy assistant director of SBE. She joined NSF in 2005 as a program director before transitioning into the role of deputy division director of the Social and Economic Sciences Division and then serving as director for NSF's Tokyo Regional Office. Before undertaking full-time federal service at NSF, she was promoted to the rank of full professor in the department of psychology at Howard University. Dr. Craig-Henderson graduated from Wesleyan University in Connecticut before attending the Master's Program in the Social Sciences at the University of Chicago where she earned a M.A. Immediately following that she attended Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana and earned an M.S. and a Ph.D. in Psychology. She served on the faculty in the Department of Psychology as well as the Afro-American Studies and Research program at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. This was followed by an appointment in the Psychology Department of California State University in Long Beach. Dr. Craig-Henderson is passionate about broadening the participation of underrepresented groups, and has been involved in a number of national and international activities that share this focus. She has taken on a leadership role at the National Science Foundation to promote the establishment of a new social science funding mechanism that supports evidence-based research on the Science of Broadening Participation. Her efforts have resulted in federal support for research examining issues related to gender parity in STEM, minority participation in work settings as well as a number of other areas. She has published reports detailing her own empirical research in peer-reviewed journals as well as two books on interracial relationships. Her research program includes studies of groups, cross-cultural, gender and race issues, as well as aggression, and expatriation processes. Her work has been supported by a variety of public and private sources including NSF, the Ford Foundation and the American Psychological Association, and she has presented findings from her research activities at a variety of regional, national and international research and pedagogical meetings.

**Max Crowley** is a prevention scientist investigating how to optimize investments in healthy development—with a focus on preventive strategies to reduce substance misuse and delinquent behavior. Dr. Crowley directs the Evidence-to-Impact Collaborative (EIC), a center of the Social Science Research Institute, focused on the “science of scientific impact.” The EIC supports the translation of scientific knowledge to public policy and budgets. The EIC’s Social Investment Optimizer supports research on the costs, benefits and return-on-investment of social and health interventions. The Optimizer provides infrastructure support to the Prevention Economics Planning and Research Network that supports methods development, demonstration and dissemination. The Optimizer also provides partnership and consultation on programs, policies and practices in a wide array of settings. Dr. Crowley's research is funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institute of Nursing Research, National Institute of Child Health & Human Development, National Institute on Aging and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration as well as the WT Grant, Robert Wood Johnson, Laura & John Arnold, Annie E. Casey, Michael and Susan Dell and Doris Duke Charitable Foundations.

**Kristine Goodwin** directs the National Conference of State Legislatures' (NCSL) Center for Results-Driven Governing, which aims to strengthen the use of evidence to inform state budget and policy decisions. Prior to taking on this role, she contracted with national and state policy organizations to research and write about evidence-based state policy approaches for improving maternal and child health, addressing substance use disorders, strengthening Medicaid, and promoting employment opportunities. She has researched and authored numerous publications, including ABCs of Evidence-Informed Policymaking (NCSL, 2020); State Policy Options for Promoting Early Brain Development (ASTHO, 2018), 10 State Strategies for Improving Medicaid (NCSL, 2018), and The Evolving State of Occupational Licensing (NCSL, 2019). Previously, she managed NCSL's maternal and child health program, where she researched and wrote numerous best practice reports and policy frameworks, including State Policy Options for Improving Rural Health and Smart Investments in Children's Health. She has a master's degree in public and international affairs from the University of Pittsburgh and an undergraduate degree in English and International Studies from Iowa State University.

**Deana Holiday Ingraham**, the 34th Mayor of East Point, Georgia, a champion public servant, is a wife, mother, and advocate who is dedicated personally and professionally to public service. East Point has been busy and as development interests increase, Mayor Holiday Ingraham is committed to being people-focused and clear about her desire to attract responsible developers who are interested in building community as well as building buildings and attract socially responsible enterprises who are interested in partnering to ensure economic mobility and opportunity. Despite popular belief, she knows that revitalization/redevelopment is not synonymous with gentrification and believes that East Point can and will revitalize and redevelop while minimizing, if not eliminating, the negative impacts of gentrification through infusing and requiring equity. She is a former Co-Chair of the National League of Cities' (NLC) Youth Education and Families Council who currently serves on the Board of Directors of NLC and the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA). Additionally, she is the founding Chair of GMA's Children and Youth Advisory Council and serves as Chair of the Environmental Justice Working Group for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Local Government Advisory Committee. Mayor Holiday Ingraham is committed to collaboratively working with city leaders and national partners to advance equity and opportunity for all, ensure housing affordability and dismantle environmental injustice in East Point and pollution-burdened cities across the country.

**Elizabeth Kellar** is Director of Public Policy and Disaster Recovery programs for the International City/County Management Association (ICMA); she also has served as Deputy Executive Director overseeing all of ICMA's operations, programs, and business strategies. She was ICMA's Ethics Advisor for 25 years. She speaks and writes about workforce, retirement, ethics, and intergovernmental issues for a variety of audiences. She is a Fellow in the National Academy of Public Administration and has served as chair for NAPA's Standing Panel on the Federal System. She served as the President/CEO of the Center for State and Local Government Excellence from inception in 2006 through 2016. She currently is Senior Fellow for the Mission Square Research Institute. She served two terms on the Montgomery County Maryland Ethics Commission and presently serves on the Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board. Prior to joining ICMA, Ms. Kellar was responsible for community relations for the city of

Sunnyvale, California. She has a master's degree in journalism and political science from Ohio State University.

**Linda Langston**, is the former Director of Strategic Relations for the National Association of Counties (NACo) in Washington DC and presently leads a small business, Langston Strategies Group assisting small not for profit organizations with leadership and resilience building. Langston was an elected official on the Linn County, Iowa Board of Supervisors from 2003-2016. She served on the NACo Executive Committee (2011-2015) and was President of NACo (2013-2014). Her presidential initiative was Ready and Resilient Counties which led to the founding of the Resilient Counties Advisory Board at NACo. She was named Iowa Public Health Official of the Year and to the Hall of Fame for International Women in Emergency Management. Langston is the former chair of the Resilient America Roundtable for the National Academy of Sciences (member 2011-2020) and serves on the Societal Experts Advisory Network. She served six years on the National Advisory Council for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) where she chaired the committee on Flood Insurance and Mitigation. Langston now serves as Vice Chair of the Linn County Public Art Commission, the City of Cedar Rapids City Planning Commission and on the Linn Area Partners Active in Disaster (LAPAID). She continues to teach at the US War College and for FEMA as an adjunct instructor.

**Katherine (Katy) Milkman** is the James G. Dinan Professor at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Her research explores ways that insights from economics and psychology can be harnessed to improve consequential behaviors, such as savings, exercise, student achievement, vaccination and discrimination. Katy is the former president of the international Society for Judgment and Decision Making and the co-founder and co-director of the Behavior Change for Good Initiative, a research center with the mission of advancing the science of lasting behavior change. Over the course of her career, Katy has published more a multitude of peer-reviewed articles in leading academic journals such as Nature, PNAS, and Management Science. She is also the host of Charles Schwab's popular behavioral economics podcast, Choiceology and the author of the best-selling book, How to Change, which was named one of the eight best books for healthy living of 2021 by the New York Times. Katy earned her undergraduate degree from Princeton (summa cum laude), where she studied Operations Research and American Studies, and her PhD from Harvard where she studied Computer Science and Business.

**Wendy Naus** became the fourth Executive Director of the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) in 2014 following a decade of lobbying for the federal research and policy interests of scientific societies and U.S. universities. Over her career, she has worked to shape legislation, programs, and regulations important to the research community and has advocated for increased research funding across federal agencies. In her role at COSSA, Wendy serves as the lead advocate for federal funding and policy that positively impact social and behavioral science research across the federal government, representing the breadth of the social science research enterprise. She is also responsible for the day-to-day operations of COSSA and member engagement. A native of Buffalo, New York, Wendy holds a B.A. in political science and

urban studies from Canisius College, graduating magna cum laude from the All-College Honors Program.

**LaQuandra S. Nesbitt** is a board-certified family physician with over a decade of experience leading population health initiatives in governmental public health agencies. Dr. Nesbitt most recently served as the Director of the District of Columbia Department of Health in Washington, DC, from January 2015 to July 2022 where she led with a focus on health equity and improving the quality of health programs and healthcare services for all DC residents, working to address the District's most pressing health challenges. As a physician leader, Dr. Nesbitt mobilizes organizations and communities to implement innovative solutions that promote health and wellness, and achieve health equity. Throughout her career she has led multi-sector collaborations to address innovation in healthcare delivery and its impact on high cost, high need and other special populations; the integration of public health and healthcare; and the impact of emerging infectious diseases on population health. Prior to her role in DC, Dr. Nesbitt served as the Director of the Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness where she led initiatives focused on Affordable Care Act implementation and violence prevention.

**Erica Pan**, MD, MPH, FAAP, the Deputy Director of the Center for Infectious Diseases and State Epidemiologist, was sworn in July 13, 2020. She was the Acting State Public Health Officer from August 10, 2020 to January 3, 2021. Prior to joining CDPH, Pan served as the Alameda County Health Officer since July 2018, and the Director of the Division of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention, and Deputy Health Officer at the Alameda County Public Health Department since 2011. Pan served in several positions, at the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) from 2004 - 2011, including Director of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Section, Deputy Health Officer, and Director of the Bioterrorism and Infectious Disease Emergencies Unit in the Communicable Disease Control and Prevention Section. She is also a Clinical Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at the University of California, San Francisco. She maintained her clinical work at San Francisco General Hospital and at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals in San Francisco and Oakland in Infectious Diseases until 2019.