

Speaker, Moderator, and Planning Committee Biographical Sketches

Defining Progress in Obesity Solutions through Structural Changes: A Third Workshop in the Series



Ihuoma Eneli, M.D., M.S., FAAP

Planning Committee Co-Chair and Roundtable Vice-Chair

Ihuoma Eneli is an Associate Director for the American Academy of Pediatrics Institute for Healthy Childhood Weight. She is a board certified general pediatrician and Professor of Pediatrics at The Ohio State University and Director, Nationwide Children's Hospital Center for Healthy Weight and Nutrition, Columbus, Ohio. She is co-Director of the Childhood Obesity and Bariatric Surgery Fellowship, the only pediatric fellowship which trains both bariatric surgeons and pediatricians. Dr. Eneli also directs the Primary Care Obesity Network which provides

Project-ECHO-based obesity training, resources, and community integration for primary care practices. Dr. Eneli's research interest is on interventions for pediatric obesity, for which she has received funding from several sources including National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). Dr. Eneli has developed an internationally-recognized tertiary care pediatric obesity center with activities that include advocacy, prevention, medical weight management, bariatric surgery, and research. In 2021, she was awarded the prestigious National Academic Pediatric Association Healthcare Delivery Award in recognition of her work on childhood obesity. Dr. Eneli is a leader in pediatric obesity, serving in leadership and advisory roles for several organizations including the American Academy of Pediatrics, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM), Children's Hospital Association, The Obesity Society, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Academic Pediatric Association, and Local Matters. Dr. Eneli is Vice Chair of the NASEM Roundtable on Obesity Solutions and has more than 80 peer-reviewed publications. Dr. Eneli received a M.S. from Michigan State University in epidemiology and her M.D. from University of Nigeria. She completed her pediatric residency at University of Michigan where she also earned an NIH-K30 institutional clinical research fellowship.



Bruce Y. Lee, M.D., M.B.A.

Planning Committee Co-Chair

Bruce Y. Lee is a Professor of Health Policy and Management at the City University of New York (CUNY) Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy where he is the Executive Director of the Center for Advanced Technology and Communication in Health (CATCH). Dr. Lee is also the Executive Director of PHICOR (Public Health Informatics, Computational and Operations Research), which he founded in 2007, and the founder and CEO of Symbilico, which develops and uses computational methods, models, and tools to help decision-making. Dr. Lee is

a systems modeler, computational and digital health expert, writer, and health journalist. He has over two decades of experience in industry and academia developing mathematical and computational models to assist a wide range of decision makers in health and public health. His previous positions include serving as Professor by Courtesy at the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School, Associate Professor of International Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Executive Director of the Global Obesity Prevention Center, Director of Operations Research at the International Vaccine Access Center, Associate Professor at the University of Pittsburgh, Senior Manager at Quintiles Transnational, working in biotechnology equity research at Montgomery Securities, and co-founding IntegriGen. He has been the Principal Investigator for projects supported by a variety of organizations and agencies and has served as a systems science and modeling expert for numerous advisory boards and committees for the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, World Health Organization, National Institutes of Health, and other organizations. Dr. Lee has written extensively for the general media. He is a Senior Contributor for *Forbes*, covering a wide range of health-related topics including medicine, wellness, digital health and the business of health and having written over 1,590 articles. His writing has also appeared in a number of other media outlets including *The New York Times*, *Time*, *The Guardian*, the *HuffPost*, and the *MIT Technology Review*. Dr. Lee received his B.A. from Harvard University, M.D. from Harvard Medical School, and M.B.A. from the Stanford Graduate School of Business. He completed his internal medicine residency training at the University of California, San Diego.

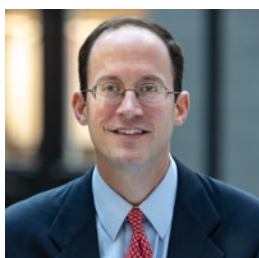


Kierra Barnett Ph.D., M.P.H.

Speaker

Kierra Barnett is a Research Scientist in the Center for Child Health Equity and Outcomes Research at the Abigail Wexner Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital. She is actively engaged in research and advocacy focused on improving health inequities experienced by historically marginalized populations. She has conducted empirical research as a member of interdisciplinary teams that document associations between social determinants of health and health outcomes among socially diverse communities. She has

collaborated with government, community, and academic partners on health equity research, with an eye toward informing and developing future intervention studies, institutional practices and public policies. Her work specifically aims to understand the lived experiences of those most deeply impacted by health disparities and include their voices in the solutions we generate. Her research expertise includes the use of both quantitative and quantitative methodologies. Dr. Barnett has worked with large state-level (e.g., birth certificate data) and national (i.e. ADD-Health) datasets to quantitatively assess health disparities among racial and ethnic populations. She has also led qualitative research funded by the Ohio Commission on Minority Health to assess policies at the state level to address social determinants of health and develop policy recommendations. Currently, she serves as a co-investigator for a grant funded mixed-methods re-search project aimed at understanding the impact of evictions on the health and wellbeing of Black womxn and families. As co-investigator, she leads and oversees the qualitative aims for the project including the development of our interview guides, facilitating interviews and/or focus groups, training research staff in qualitative methods, and leading the data analysis. Dr. Barnett received her B.S. in community health from the University of Illinois, and her Ph.D. and M.P.H. in public health/health behavior and health promotion from The Ohio State University.



Jason Block, M.D., M.P.H.

Speaker

Jason Block is an Associate Professor and the Director of Research of the Department of Population Medicine at Harvard Medical School and the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute. His primary research interests are the evaluation of governmental and institutional policies intended to change dietary behaviors and use of large data systems for population health surveillance and to explore the clinical epidemiology of chronic disease. He is a practicing primary care physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital, where he sees

his own panel of patients in a hospital-based clinic and supervises residents in their continuity clinic practice. Further, he co-directs a clinical epidemiology course at Harvard Medical School and was awarded the Young Mentor award in 2017. Dr. Block served as a Senior Advisor to the Acting Assistant Secretary for Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from 2016 to 2017. He attended Princeton University as an undergraduate and the Tulane University School of Medicine and School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine for his M.D. and M.P.H. training. He completed a primary care internal medicine residency and chief residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital and was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholar at the Harvard School of Public Health.



Tongtan Chantararat, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Speaker

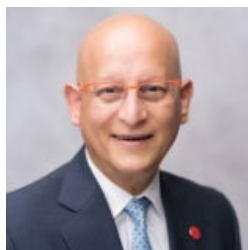
Tongtan "Bert" Chantararat is a Research Scientist at the Center for Antiracism Research for Health Equity at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. His scholarship focuses broadly on identifying the mechanisms that produce and reinforce racial health inequities – particularly between Black and white people – and evaluating the potential impacts of policy interventions to disrupt these mechanisms. He is nationally recognized as an emerging leader in the fields of structural racism, work

and workplace inequities, and quantitative methods for antiracism research. Dr. Chantararat earned an M.P.H. in epidemiology from Columbia University and a Ph.D. in health services research, policy, and administration from the University of Minnesota.



Jamie F. Chriqui, Ph.D., M.H.S.
Speaker

Jamie F. Chriqui is the Senior Associate Dean and professor of health policy and administration in the School of Public Health at the University of Illinois Chicago and Director of Health Policy Research for the UIC Institute for Health Research and Policy. She has over 32 years' experience conducting public health policy research, evaluation, and analysis, with an emphasis on chronic disease issues including physical activity, nutrition, and obesity. She has served on numerous federal, foundation, and non-profit panels and committees including the Institute of Medicine Committees on Accelerating Progress in Obesity Prevention and Evaluating Progress in Obesity Prevention. She recently completed a 6-year term on the Community Preventive Services Task Force and co-leads the CDC's Physical Activity Policy Research and Evaluation Network. She holds a B.A. in political science from Barnard College at Columbia University in New York, an M.H.S in health policy from Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, and a Ph.D. in policy sciences with a health policy concentration from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.



Carlos Crespo, Dr.P.H., M.S.
Speaker

Carlos Crespo is Dean of the College of Applied Health Sciences and Professor of Kinesiology and Nutrition at the University of Illinois Chicago. Dr. Crespo's main area of research involves the epidemiology of physical activity in the prevention of chronic diseases, and research on minority health issues. He lists more than 100 publications and has been a contributing author to five textbooks on minority health and sports medicine, and more than 30 government reports, including the Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health. He received the 1997 U.S. Secretary of Health Award for Distinguished Service as part of the Salud para su Corazon campaign, and in 2003 became a Health Disparities and Minority Health Scholar from the National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities at NIH. He has served in the Board of Trustees for the American College of Sports Medicine, Oregon Health Policy Board, and the Executive Leadership Team of the NIH Diversity Program Consortium. He currently serves in a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee for the Community Guide for Physical Activity, and the Physical Activity Alliance Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee. He is a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine and a member of the Editorial Board of the journal *Cities and Health*. Dr. Crespo received his B.S. in chemistry from Inter American University of Puerto Rico—San German, M.S. in sports health from Texas Tech University, and his Dr.P.H. from Loma Linda University.



Sara J. Czaja, Ph.D., M.S.

Planning Committee Member and Moderator

Sara J. Czaja is currently a Professor of Gerontology and the Director of the Center on Aging and Behavioral Research in the Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine. She is also an Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine (UMMSM). Dr. Czaja is also the Director of the National Institutes of Health multi-site Center for Research and Education on Aging and Technology Enhancement and Co-Director of the Center for Enhancing Neurocognitive Health, Abilities, Networks, & Community Engagement, funded by National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research. Prior to joining the faculty at Weill Cornell, she was the Director of the Center on Aging at the UMMSM. She served as the Past President of Division 20 (Adult Development and Aging) of the American Psychological Association (APA). Dr. Czaja also served as a member of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Board on Human Systems Integration, as a member of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Committee on the Public Health Dimensions of Cognitive Aging and as a member of the IOM Committee on Family Caring for Older Adults. Her research interests include: aging and cognition, caregiving, aging and technology, aging and work, training, and functional assessment. She has received continuous funding from the National Institutes of Health and other funding agencies to support her research, and has published extensively on these topics. She is a fellow of the APA, the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society, and the Gerontological Society of America. Dr. Czaja is the recipient of the 2020 M. Powell Lawton Award of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA), 2015 M. Powell Lawton Distinguished Contribution Award for Applied Gerontology from the APA; the 2013 Social Impact Award for the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) and the Franklin V. Taylor Award from Division 21 of APA. She is also the recipient of the Jack A. Kraft Award for Innovation from HFES, the APA Interdisciplinary Team, and the 2019 Richard Kalish Innovative Book Publication Award (GSA) with CREATE. Dr. Czaja holds an M.S. and Ph.D. in industrial engineering from the State University of New York (SUNY) University at Buffalo.



Heather D'Angelo, Ph.D., M.H.S.

Planning Committee Member and Moderator

Heather D'Angelo is a Program Director at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) in the Health Communication and Informatics Research Branch within the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Dr. D'Angelo's research expertise focuses on reducing cancer health disparities by understanding the role of the social, built, communication, and policy environments in influencing health behaviors related to cancer risk, especially diet, physical activity, and tobacco use. Her research interests also include using multilevel communication interventions, health behavior theory, and implementation science strategies to improve the delivery of cancer preventive interventions in healthcare settings. Prior to joining NCI, Dr. D'Angelo was an Assistant Scientist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. D'Angelo received her B.S. in biochemistry from Northeastern University and holds an M.H.S. in international health with a concentration in human nutrition from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She earned her doctorate in health behavior from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Global Public Health. Dr. D'Angelo completed her post-doctoral training as an NCI Cancer Prevention Fellow.



William H. Dietz, M.D., Ph.D.

Roundtable Consultant and Speaker

William H. Dietz is a consultant to the Roundtable on Obesity Solutions and Chair of the Sumner M. Redstone Global Center on Prevention and Wellness at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at The George Washington University. He was director of the Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity in the Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) from 1997-2012. Prior to his appointment to the CDC, he was a professor of pediatrics at the Tuft's University School of Medicine, and director of clinical nutrition at the Floating Hospital of New England Medical Center

Hospitals. Dr. Dietz has been a counselor and past president of the American Society for Clinical Nutrition, and past president of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity. From 2001-2003 he served as a member of the Advisory Board to the Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism, and Diabetes of the Canadian Institutes for Health Research. In 2000, Dr. Dietz received the William G. Anderson Award from the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, and was recognized for excellence in his work and advocacy by the Association of State and Territorial Public Health Nutrition Directors. In 2002, he was made an honorary member of the American Dietetic Association, and received the Holroyd-Sherry award for his outstanding contributions to the field of children, adolescents and the media. In 2005, Dr. Dietz received the George Bray Founders Award from the North American Association for the Study of Obesity. In 2006, he received the Nutrition Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics for outstanding research related to nutrition of infants and children. In 2008 Dr. Dietz received the Oded Bar-Or award from the Obesity Society for excellence in pediatric obesity research. In 2012, he received a Special Recognition Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics Provisional Section on Obesity, and the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Dietz is the author of over 200 publications in the scientific literature, and the editor of five books, including *Clinical Obesity in Adults and Children*, and *Nutrition: What Every Parent Needs to Know*. He is a member of the NAM. Dr. Dietz received his B.A. from Wesleyan University in 1966 and his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1970. After the completion of his residency at Upstate Medical Center, he received a Ph.D. in nutritional biochemistry from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



Said Ibrahim, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A.

Speaker

Said Ibrahim is Senior Vice President of the Medicine Service Line for Northwell Health and is also Chair of the Department of Medicine and David J. Greene Professor of Medicine in the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. Prior to joining Northwell, Dr. Ibrahim was Professor of Population Health Sciences and the founding chief of the Division of Healthcare Delivery Science and Innovation at the Department of Population Health Sciences at Weill Cornell Medicine. He was also Weill Cornell's inaugural Senior Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion. Before that Dr. Ibrahim was

Professor of Medicine at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and served as chief of Medicine at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center, and the Director of the VA National Center of Innovation for Health Equity Research and Promotion. Dr. Ibrahim is a National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded physician-scientist. His research on racial/ethnic variation in the use of knee/hip replacement in the management of end-stage osteoarthritis has been continuously federally-funded for over 20 years. He is the past recipient of an NIH K24 award to mentor future generations of investigators on patient-centered research in health care disparities. He has served as Associate Editor of the American Journal of Public Health and a member of the Journal for General Internal Medicine's editorial board. He is currently Associate Editor for the JAMA Health Forum. He was a member of council for the National Institute for Minority Health and Health Care Disparities of the NIH and is currently member of council for the NIH National Institute for Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Disorders. Dr. Ibrahim received B.A. in biology from Oberlin College, M.P.H and M.B.A. from the Harvard School of Public Health, and his M.D. from Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Ibrahim completed his internship and residency training in internal medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital.



Jim Krieger, M.D., M.P.H.
Speaker

Jim Krieger is Executive Director of Healthy Food America and Clinical Professor at the University of Washington Schools of Public Health and Medicine. He previously worked for 25 years at Public Health – Seattle & King County as Chief of Chronic Disease Prevention. He supports policy change to promote healthy eating and health equity through research, provision of technical assistance to policy makers and advocates, and direct advocacy. His work has led to improvements in school nutrition, implementation of the nation's second menu labeling regulation, adoption of sugary drink taxes, sugary drink counter-marketing campaigns, and increased access to healthy foods for people with low incomes. His work has been funded by the National

Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and private foundations. He was a member of the Institute of Medicine Committee on Local Government Action to Prevent Childhood Obesity and its Committee on Evaluating Progress in Obesity Prevention. He has received numerous awards for his work, including the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Innovation in Prevention Award. He has authored more than 80 peer-reviewed publications. He received his undergraduate degree at Harvard, M.D. at the University of California, San Francisco, and M.P.H. at University of Washington.



Rodney Lyn, Ph.D., M.S.
Planning Committee Member

Rodney Lyn serves as Dean of the School of Public Health at Georgia State University. He is also Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Behavioral Sciences. His research is focused on childhood obesity prevention, school and community health, and the reduction of health disparities. He has special interest in identifying effective policy and system approaches to increasing physical activity and healthy eating in children and has published numerous peer-reviewed articles on these topics. He currently co-directs the Georgia State University Prevention Research Center in Clarkston, Georgia. Supported by funding from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), the Center works in partnership with community leaders and organizations to identify

pressing community health needs and to intervene through applied research. Other recent projects include the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health, a CDC-supported partnership with Morehouse School of Medicine to address food deserts; the Georgia Childhood Obesity Prevention Program, a multi-county initiative to support and accelerate local policy and environmental interventions for obesity prevention through funding from Healthcare Georgia Foundation; Partnerships to Improve Community Health, a CDC-supported partnership with Fulton County Health Department focused on tobacco prevention; and a study examining mortality disparities and resilience in low-income minority communities in the South, funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Dr. Lyn previously served as Deputy Director for GSU's NIH-funded Center of Excellence on Health Disparities Research. Dr. Lyn has advised and worked closely with state and federal agencies, professional associations, not-for-profits, and the philanthropic community on a variety of public health topics. He teaches graduate courses including Public Health Policy, Analysis, and Advocacy; Public Health Leadership and Policy; and Childhood Obesity Prevention. Dr. Lyn has led or contributed to funded grants totaling over \$16M from federal and state agencies, foundations, and not-for-profit organizations. He is an active member of the American Public Health Association. Dr. Lyn received his B.A. from St. Andrews Presbyterian College in biology and physical education. He completed his M.S. in exercise science from Georgia State University where he also earned his Ph.D. in educational policy studies/higher education.



Kristine Madsen, M.D., M.P.H.
Speaker

Kristine Madsen is a professor at University of California, Berkeley's School of Public Health. She is a pediatrician and research scientist with expertise in the design and evaluation of interventions related to cardiovascular risk in youth and health inequities. Her research is focused on identifying policies and programs that will improve the nutrition and physical-activity environments for youth and their families, and reduce health inequities. Dr. Madsen received her B.A. in math and English from UC Berkeley, M.P.H. in epidemiology from Indiana University, and M.D. from Indiana University School of Medicine.



Ijeoma Opara, Ph.D., M.S.W., M.P.H.

Speaker

Ijeoma Opara is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Yale School of Public Health and the director of The Substances and Sexual Health (SASH). Dr. Opara defines herself as a community-based participatory researcher with experience in working with youth and community organizations dedicated to reducing youth substance use and improving mental health outcomes for youth in urban communities. Dr. Opara's research focuses on strengths-based approaches for urban youth substance use and HIV prevention. Her second line of research involves highlighting racial and gender specific strategies in prevention research for Black girls. Dr. Opara is also involved in other studies that focus on using multiple sources of data and methodologies to inform and develop strengths-based substance use prevention interventions that involve community support, promote racial-ethnic identity and pride, strengthen social support and youth empowerment for Black and Hispanic youth and their families. Dr. Opara is an award-winning scientist and has received awards not only for her research but for her dedication to mentoring the next generation of public health practitioners. She has also received an award from the City of Paterson due to her role as a community-based participatory researcher in youth substance use prevention. Dr. Opara is also a licensed social worker and has worked primarily with youth and women of color living with co-occurring disorders. Dr. Opara received her B.A. in psychology from New Jersey City University, M.S.W. from New York University (with a specialization in primary and behavioral health integrated care), M.P.H. in epidemiology from New York Medical College, and Ph.D. in family science and human development at Montclair State University. During her doctoral studies, Dr. Opara received an external pre-doctoral fellowship from the Behavioral Sciences Training on Drug Abuse Research housed at New York University funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse which funded her dissertation research and doctoral training.



Sean Phelan, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Planning Committee Member and Moderator

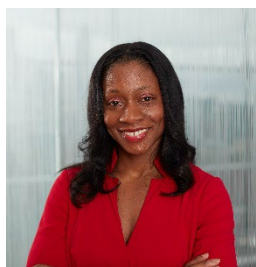
Sean Phelan is an Associate Professor and Head of Social & Behavioral Sciences in the Division of Health Care Delivery Research and the Robert D. and Patricia E. Kern Center for the Science of Health Care Delivery at Mayo Clinic. He holds a joint appointment in the Department of Family Medicine at Mayo Clinic. Dr. Phelan's expertise is stigma and its impact on care quality and outcomes for people with stigmatized or marginalized identities. His research has focused on factors contributing to negative attitudes about people with larger body sizes, people with disabilities, and people from minoritized race, ethnic, sexual orientation, and gender identity groups. Dr. Phelan received his A.B. in psychology from the University of Chicago and his M.P.H. and Ph.D. in epidemiology from the University of Minnesota.



Stephanie A. Navarro Silvera, Ph.D., M.S.

Planning Committee Member, Roundtable Member, and Moderator

Stephanie A. Navarro Silvera is a Professor of Public Health at Montclair State University. During her professorship her work has focused on racial/ethnic disparities in health outcomes and she was awarded the prestigious National Cancer Institute's K01 Career Development Award in 2009 to pursue this work. She has also served on the boards of the American Public Health Association Cancer Caucus, on the American Society for Preventive Oncology Junior Member and Membership Committees, and is a current member of the New Jersey Society for Public Health Education Academic Advisory Board. She has, more recently, been called upon by the New York/New Jersey media to serve as an expert to interpret and explain the epidemiology of the COVID-19 pandemic. Previously, Dr. Silvera worked as a Nutrition Educator at the Women, Infants, and Children Supplemental Food Program (WIC) at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Paterson, New Jersey, as well as an epidemiologist at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the department of Epidemiology and Population Health. Dr. Silvera earned her B.S. in biology and M.S. in nutritional sciences from Rutgers University. She earned her doctorate in epidemiology from Yale School of Medicine, where she focused on nutritional epidemiology and cancer outcomes.



Fatima Cody Stanford, M.D., M.P.H., M.P.A., M.B.A., FAAP, FACP, FAHA, FAMWA, FTOS

Speaker

Fatima Cody Stanford is an Associate Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics who practices and teaches at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH)/Harvard Medical School (HMS) as one of the first fellowship-trained obesity medicine physicians worldwide. Dr. Stanford is one of the most highly cited obesity medicine physician-scientists with over 150 peer-reviewed publications. She has served as a health communications fellow at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and as a behavioral sciences intern at the American Cancer Society. Upon completing her M.P.H., she received the Gold Congressional Award, the highest honor that Congress bestows upon America's youth. Dr. Stanford has completed a medicine and media internship at the Discovery Channel. An American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation Leadership Award recipient in 2005, an AMA Paul Ambrose Award for national leadership among resident physicians in 2009, she was selected for the AMA Inspirational Physician Award in 2015. The American College of Physicians (ACP) selected her as the 2013 recipient of the Joseph E. Johnson Leadership Award, and the Massachusetts ACP selected her for the Young Leadership Award in 2015. She is the 2017 recipient of the HMS Amos Diversity Award and Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS) Award for Women's Health. In 2019, she was selected as the Suffolk District Community Clinician of the Year for the Reducing Health Disparities Award for MMS. She was chosen for The Obesity Society Clinician of the Year in 2020. In 2021, she was awarded the MMS Grant Rodkey Award for her dedication to medical students and the AMA *Dr. Edmond and Rima Cabbabe Dedication to the Profession Award*, which recognizes a physician who demonstrates active and productive improvement to the profession of medicine through community service, advocacy, leadership, teaching, or philanthropy. She is the 2021 Recipient of the Emory Rollins School of Public Health Distinguished Alumni Award. In 2022, the National Academy of Medicine selected her as a Scholar in Diagnostic Excellence. Dr. Stanford received her B.S. and M.P.H. from Emory University as an MLK Scholar, her M.D. from the Medical College of Georgia School of Medicine as a Stoney Scholar, her M.P.A. from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government as a Zuckerman Fellow in the Harvard Center for Public Leadership, and her executive M.B.A. as a merit-based scholarship recipient from the Quantic School of Business and Technology. She completed her Obesity Medicine & Nutrition Fellowship at MGH/HMS after completing her internal medicine and pediatrics residency at the University of South Carolina.



Leah Whigham, Ph.D., FTOS

Planning Committee Member

Leah Whigham is the founding Director of the Center for Community Health Impact (CCHI) and Associate Professor with The University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston (UTHealth) School of Public Health in the Department of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences in El Paso, Texas. Dr. Whigham has over 20 years of experience in basic, clinical, and community sciences. Her research has increased our understanding of metabolism as it relates to obesity, the influence of nutrients and immune function on body composition, and the impact of the environment on nutrition and physical activity. Driven by the needs of the community and informed by the best science, the CCHI provides a bridge between research and application to effectively mobilize individuals, families, organizations, and communities to build a culture of health. Dr. Whigham also serves on the Executive Committee as Secretary/Treasurer of The Obesity Society, the leading professional society dedicated to better understanding, preventing, and treating obesity, and Editor-in-Chief of *Nutrition & Diabetes*. Dr. Whigham received her B.A. from Iowa State University and her Ph.D. from University of Wisconsin- Madison.