

Exploring Strategies and Outcomes of Admissions Processes in Health Professions Education: A Workshop BIOSKETCHES

Planning Committee Co-Chairs:



Halaevalu Vakalahi, PhD, MSW, Med is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Previously, Halaevalu was professor and dean of the College of Health and Society at Hawai'i Pacific University (HPU). She has contributed to the existing literature on Pacific communities and women of color in academia. In essence, her deepest commitment is to the advancement of women in academia. Her education and experiences with a B.S. in Business Management (BYU-Hawaii), MSW (University of Hawai'i-Manoa), and M.Ed. and PhD in Social Work (University of Utah), have informed her leadership, scholarship, teaching, and service to forward social and economic justice in some small way.

Speaking to her passion for and commitment to mentorship, Halaevalu is currently the Principal Investigator on an NIH grant to create the HUI Student Research Center to support undergraduate research, preparation for graduate

school, and entrance into a career in the biomedical and health sciences. Additionally, she has co-founded Urban Social Work, a new peer-reviewed journal, a partnership between Morgan State University, Lehman College, Hawai'i Pacific University, New York Community Trust, and Springer Publishing. Halaevalu was honored to receive the CSWE Women's Council Feminist Scholar Award and Morgan State University Iva G Jones Award which she hopes is an acknowledgement of her deep commitment to diversity, inclusion and equity as women's issues that ultimately impact family and community well-being.



Christopher Feddock MD, MS, FAAP, FACP, serves as the Associate Vice President for Competency-Based Assessment at NBME. In that role, he is leading collaborative efforts to develop and deliver assessments and services that promote and measure important healthcare professional skills and behaviors. Dr. Feddock first joined NBME in April 2020 as the Executive Director of the Clinical Skills Evaluation Collaboration (CSEC), and was responsible for the administration and strategic development of the United States Medical Licensure Examination (USMLE) Step 2 Clinical Skills exam. Prior to joining NBME, he served as the senior associate dean for medical student education at the University of Kentucky, overseeing admissions, student affairs, educational faculty development, curriculum and assessment across four campuses. Dr. Feddock is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Kentucky College of

Medicine. He completed an internal medicine-pediatrics residency and internal medicine chief residency at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Feddock is a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Pediatrics.



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Eman Alefishat, PhD, currently serves as the Assistant Dean for Medical Education at the College of Medicine and Health Sciences (CMHS)-Khalifa University. Dr. Alefishat earned her Ph.D. from the University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom. In addition to her doctoral studies, she undertook medical education training courses at the Harvard Medical School-Harvard Macy Institute and Mayo Clinic. Dr. Alefishat currently serve). Prior joining Khalifa University in 2019, she served as the Assistant Dean for Hospital Affairs and PharmD Program Director at the University of Jordan. In both roles, Dr. Alefishat served as a dedicated member of the admission committees, contributing her expertise for seven years at the University of Jordan for pharmacy students and for four years at Khalifa University for medical students. Dr. Alefishat is a dedicated researcher and currently serves as the Deputy Director of the Centre for Biotechnology at the CMHS-KU. Her

scholarly contributions extend to numerous peer-reviewed international journals. Additionally, she holds editorial roles as an Associate Editor of BMC Health Services Research and a Review Editor on the Editorial Board of Integrative Physiology-Frontiers in Physiology. Dr. Alefishat has received several awards, including the Khalifa University Faculty Teaching Excellence Award in 2021, the Faculty Service Excellence Award in 2022, and the CMHS Excellence in Research Award.



Anthony Breitbach, Ph.D., ATC, FASAHP, FNAP is Professor, Certified Athletic Trainer and Vice Dean in the Doisy College of Health Sciences at Saint Louis University after serving as Director of the Athletic Training Program for 15 years. He is highly engaged in marketing and recruitment of health professions programs at SLU as well as scholarship, teaching and service around Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice. He has served on the Executive Committee of the American Interprofessional Health Collaborative (AIHC); Associate Editor for the Journal of Interprofessional Care; Review Editor on the Editorial Board of Public Health Education and Promotion; Peer Reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission; and served on the Scientific Committee for All Together Better Health XI in Doha, Qatar. In 2023, he was honored with the Sayers "Bud" Miller Distinguished Educator Award by the National Athletic Trainers' Association. He is a Distinguished

Fellow and serves as President-Elect of the National Academies of Practice (NAP) after serving as the inaugural Chair of the NAP Athletic Training Academy. He is an Association of Schools Advancing Health Professions (ASAHP) Fellow and chairs their Interprofessional Committee as well as representing them on Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC) Core Competencies Revision Work Group.



Helene A. Cameron, PhD, MBA, serves as the Vice President of Undergraduate Medical Education Services at the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine. In this capacity, she develops comprehensive programs that support student affairs, from application to graduation. She also functions as AACOM's primary student advocate, identifying and providing resources to assist students during medical school, while also overseeing medical school recruitment and other activities supporting student success. This includes the administration of the AACOMAS centralized application service, used by all osteopathic medical school applicants in the U. S. Prior to joining AACOM in 2021 she worked at both public and private institutions of higher education in leadership roles in both academic and student affairs. She received the PhD in Leadership Studies with an emphasis in Higher Education Administration from North Carolina A & T State University, MBA, and Bachelor of Science in Marketing both from Hampton University.



Mark Colip, OD has been serving as President of Illinois College of Optometry for the past 5 years. Colip previously served as Dean for Student Affairs and Chair of the Admissions Committee for 25 years. Also serving as President of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO). For the past 5 years, ASCO has been leading a national campaign to increase the number of qualified and diverse applicants; the experiences learned may benefit other professions. Member of American Optometric Association (AOA) and served on committees on Workforce, Research and Information. Distinguished Scholar and Fellow of National Academy of Practice. Doctor of Optometry (Illinois College of Optometry) and BA in Zoology (DePauw University).



Patricia Francis-Johnson, DNP, RN, CDP, is the Assistant Dean of Culture and Climate at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) in Lubbock, Texas. She received her DNP with a concentration in Executive Leadership from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in 2011. She is skilled in clinical teaching, quality improvement, patient safety, and interprofessional teamwork. She is a TeamSTEPPS Master Trainer conducting training classes for students, faculty, and staff. She served as the inaugural Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the School of Nursing to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion among faculty, staff, and students. Dr. Francis-Johnson is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership Network (DEILN). She participated in developing the AACN Diversity Toolkit. She represents the School of Nursing on the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center



Institutional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. Dr. Francis-Johnson was a member of the search committee for the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion (VPDEI) position at TTUHSC. She has attended numerous webinars and symposiums on inclusive excellence and diversity and collaborates with the SON DEI Steering Committee to provide unconscious bias training to faculty, staff, and students. She is involved in DEI research through grant writing. Dr. Francis-Johnson leads the organization and development of the newly formed TTUHSC Black Faculty Staff Association and is Co-chair of the TTUHSC Black History Month Committee. She is recognized as a National Diversity Council Certified Diversity Professional (CDP).



Sarah Larkins, MBBS, BMedSci, MPH&TM, PhD, FRACGP, FARGP, GAICD is an experienced research leader, general practitioner and Professor of Health Systems Strengthening in the College of Medicine and Dentistry, James Cook University. Dr. Larkins spent the past 12 months seconded as Dean, College of Medicine and Dentistry. As a clinician researcher, Sarah has particular skills and experience in health systems and workforce research and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research and is an internationally recognized expert in social accountability in health professional education. Sarah is also Co-Director of the Anton Breinl Research Centre for Health Systems Strengthening, a center of the Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine.

To date, Sarah has over 160 published peer-reviewed journal articles and several book chapters, with an h-index of 33, more than 3750 citations and well over \$95m in grant funding. This includes seven current NHMRC grants as a CI (3 as CI A). She currently supervises 10 HDR students with 20 PhD completions. Sarah's particular focus is on collaborating to improve equity in health care services for underserved populations, particularly rural, remote, Indigenous and tropical populations, and on training a health workforce with appropriate knowledge, attitudes and skills for this purpose. She currently serves as the Convenor, Clinical Leadership Group for the NHMRC-recognized Tropical Australian Academic Health Centre and a member of the National Health and Medical Research Council Research Committee for this triennium. Sarah has three young adult sons and loves travel, hiking and other outdoor activities.



Jan De Maeseneer M.D., Ph.D., FRCGP (Hon), earned his M.D. from Ghent University in Belgium in 1977. From 1978 to 2017, he worked as a family physician in the community health centre Botermarkt in Ledeberg, a deprived area in the city of Ghent. From 1978 to 1981, and a part-time research assistant in health promotion at the Department of Public Health. De Maeseneer became the chair of the Department of Family Medicine and primary health care in 1991 and worked there as a full-time professor until 2017. From 2008 to 2017, De Maeseneer served as vice dean for strategic planning at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. He is a board member of the Interuniversity Flemish Consortium for vocational training of family medicine, and he chairs the working party for family medicine of the Belgian



High Council for medical specialists and family physicians (1998). He is currently a volunteer in the Department of Public Health and Primary Care (prof. S. Willems) at Ghent University. De Maeseneer chaired the Educational Committee (1997-2016) and directed a fundamental reform of the undergraduate curriculum (from a discipline-based approach to an integrated patient-based approach).

In 2004, Professor De Maeseneer received the "WONCA award for excellence in health care: the Five-Star Doctor" at the 17th World Conference of Family Doctors in Orlando (USA). In 2008 he received a Doctor Honoris Causa degree at the Universidad Mayor de San Simon in Cochabamba (Bolivia), and in 2014, he received the Recognition for Excellence in Health Professional Education at the Prince Mahidol Award Conference in Thailand. He has written articles in several journals on health education, epidemiology, medical decision making, medical education, quality of care, community-oriented primary care, interprofessional teamwork, training in general practice, health and poverty, and health in developing countries. Professor De Maeseneer has authored over 300 scientific publications, 180 of which were published in international peer-reviewed journals.

Professor De Maeseneer has served as chair of the European Forum for Primary Care from 2005 to 2017. In 1990–1991, he became an advisor on primary health care for the federal Minister of Health in Belgium, and from 2010 to 2018 chaired the Strategic Advisory Board of the Flemish Minister for Welfare, Health, and Family. Since 2009, he has Chaired the Health Council of the City of Ghent. From 2006 to 2008, Professor De Maeseneer was a member of the Knowledge Network on "Health System" of the WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health. He is currently Head of the International Centre for Primary Health Care and Family Medicine- Ghent University, a WHO Collaborating Centre for primary health care. Since October 2013, he has been the chair of the Expert Panel on Effective Ways of Investing in Health, advising the European Commission. In October 2019, he became an International Member of the National Academy of Medicine.



Mark Merrick, PhD is Professor and Dean of the College of Health and Human Services at the University of Toledo where he oversees 37 diverse degree and certificate programs in disciplines from health care, behavioral health, public health, social work, and criminal justice. As a licensed Athletic Trainer, Dr. Merrick brings professional expertise in sports medicine/primary care. His research interests include health care education and policy as well as the pathophysiology of musculoskeletal injury. He serves as member of the NASEM's Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professions Education representing the Athletic Training Strategic Alliance. He is the former President of the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education and received their highest award, the Pete Koehneke Award, for his lifetime contributions. He is a Fellow of the National Athletic Trainers' Assoc and a recipient of their national Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer award as well as a 3-time winner of

outstanding manuscript awards from the Journal of Athletic Training.



André-Jacques Neusy, MD is the Senior Director and co-founder of the Training for Health Equity Network (THEnet). Dr. Neusy is a retired Associate Professor of Medicine at New York University School of Medicine where he founded and directed the Center for Global Health until 2007. He earned his medical degree at the Free Univ. of Brussels and a Doctorate in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene at the Institute of Tropical Medicine of Antwerp-Belgium. He completed his postdoctoral medical training at New York University Medical Center where he joined its faculty. Dr. Neusy is a recognized leader in health workforce education, global health and health system strengthening and has consulted in that capacity for academic institutions, governments, and international organizations. He has authored and co-authored numerous journal articles and book chapters. He is a visiting professor in several universities around the world and serves on

scientific and health committees of various organizations.



Zohray Talib, MD is Executive Vice Dean for Education and Professor of Medical Education and Medicine at the California University of Science and Medicine. Her experience spans the field of medical education and global health, with a particular focus on social accountability in health professions education. She has worked with undergraduate and graduate medical education programs in the US and across Sub-Saharan Africa to bring best practices into medical education, especially in low-resource settings. Her areas of interest include community-based education, decentralized training, and building a robust and diverse faculty workforce for underserved communities. Dr. Talib led a study across ten countries in Africa which shed light on the value of bringing learners into community-based health care settings. She has also partnered with faculty in Africa to

examine the burden of mental health and strategies to integrate mental health into primary care. Dr. Talib holds visiting faculty appointments at the Aga Khan University in East Africa as well as Mbarara University of Science and Technology in Uganda.

Dr. Talib brings to the field of academic medicine and global health the unique perspective of being a primary care clinician, educator, and researcher. She is a licensed and practicing internal medicine primary care physician. She teaches clinical medicine, health policy and health systems to undergraduate medical students. Dr. Talib holds an adjunct faculty appointment at the George Washington University where she was previously Associate Program Director for the Internal Medicine program and a researcher with the Health Workforce Institute. Dr. Talib has led global health initiatives in Central Asia and East Africa which include community-based cancer screening, management training and clinical research training for academic faculty. She currently chairs a national board that provides social safety net services including a crisis line, poverty case management and community-based care for the elderly.



Dr. Talib received her Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy from McGill University, Montreal, Canada, and her Doctor of Medicine from University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine at the George Washington University Hospital. She is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.



Tien Yin Wong, PhD, MMED is a practicing ophthalmologist/retinal specialist and physician-scientist-innovator-leader who completed medical school at National University of Singapore. He holds a MPH and PhD in epidemiology from Johns Hopkins University, USA. In 2022, he assumed the position of Founding Head of Tsinghua Medicine at Tsinghua University, China. Over the past two decades, Prof Wong has served in multiple leadership positions in Singapore and Australia. His last position was Professor and Medical Director of Singapore National Eye Center and concurrently Deputy Group CEO, SingHealth, and Vice-Dean, Duke-NUS Medical School. Prof Wong's clinical, professional, and research portfolio covers broad medical and public health problems, with a long-standing two-decade long interest and focus on the development and application of digital technology and Al. His research in Al

has resulted in landmark papers in New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA, Nature Medicine, Lancet Digital Health, and other journals. This work has led to the world's first clinical adoption of AI technology, now used in Singapore's national diabetic retinopathy screening program. With a publication record exceeding 1,500 papers and an h-index surpassing 200, Prof Wong is recognized as a multi-year highly cited researcher. He has given over 500 invited named, plenary, and symposium lectures, and has been honored with multiple international awards, including Arnall Patz Medal (Macula Society), Jose Rizal Medal (APAO), and Friedenwald Award (ARVO, USA), among others. He has also received Singapore's President's Science and the President's Science and Technology Award. Additionally, he is an elected international (foreign) member of the US National Academy of Medicine.

Planning Committee Consultants:



Amy Addams is the Director of student affairs alignment and holistic review at the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). In this role, she helps medical schools use holistic review to examine and revise admission processes to create a more equitable path to medicine. She also leads the AAMC's work in improving equity and access for medical students and patients with disabilities. The focus of Amy Addams's professional and academic career has been diversity, inclusion, and identity in higher education. Her work spans the medical education continuum from admissions through the transition to residency, with a focus on creating and sustaining equitable and inclusive systems, policies, and processes that are particularly mindful of applicants and learners from historically underrepresented and/or

marginalized backgrounds. She was the developmental editor of Accessibility, Inclusion, and Action in Medical



Education: Lived Experiences of Learners and Physicians with Disabilities and a co-author of Best Practices for Conducting Residency Program Interviews. Prior to this position, Amy was a principle architect and author of the Roadmap to Diversity: Integrating Holistic Review Practices into Medical School Admission Processes, the developmental editor for the Roadmap to Excellence: Key Concepts for Evaluating the Impact of Medical School Holistic Admissions, and a significant contributor to the Challenging Conventional Thinking and Practice: Holistic Review in Admissions workshop. Previously, she was responsible for developing and implementing a comprehensive outreach and pilot site strategy for the AAMC AspiringDocs.org campaign.

Before joining the AAMC, she worked at the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) on gender, diversity, student activism and leadership, and health initiatives. She began her career as a counselor for the University of Wisconsin-Madison McNair Scholars Program and assistant director of an NSF Summer Research Program in Biology. Amy earned her undergraduate degree in Russian Language and Literature from Boston University and pursued graduate work in Afro-American Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



Peter S. Cahn, PhD joined MGH Institute of Health Professions in 2012 as associate provost for academic affairs and professor of health professions education. In that role, he facilitates faculty recruitment and retention, curricular integration and assessment, and global health opportunities. Previously, he served as the inaugural director of faculty development and diversity at Boston University Department of Medicine, where he was a founding member of the New England Network on Faculty Affairs. Trained as a cultural anthropologist, his research has been supported by the National Science Foundation, the Wenner-Gren Foundation, and the Harvard Radcliffe Institute. His publications on faculty development, interprofessional education and practice, and antiracism have appeared in Academic Medicine, Journal of Continuing Education in the Health Professions, Journal of Nursing

Education, and Journal of Interprofessional Care, where he serves as an associate editor. He received an AB from Harvard University, MPhil from University of Cambridge, and PhD from University of California, Berkeley.



Daniel M. Elchert, PhD is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist based in Virginia, USA, in private practice specializing in the treatment of anxiety and mood disorders in children, youth, and young adult populations. Most recently, Dr. Elchert was Chief Executive Officer of the National Register of Health Service Psychologists, the largest 501c(3) nonprofit credentialing organization for licensed psychologists in the United States with over 15,000 members. Previously, he was the Health Policy Fellow in the United States Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, where he specialized in mental and behavioral health and substance use disorder policy, biomedical research, and the healthcare workforce. His research interests include the healthcare workforce, evidence-based treatment of mental and



behavioral health disorders, and measurement and statistics. Dr. Elchert earned a PhD in Counseling Psychology and an M.A. in Measurement and Statistics from the University of Iowa.



Marcus D. Henderson, MSN, RN is currently a Ph.D. student at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing and a SAMHSA/American Nurses Association Minority Fellow. His research interest focuses on adolescent mental health, mental health disparities, and the social determinants of health. Henderson's goal is to develop a program of research aimed toward improving mental health care and optimizing outcomes for marginalized youth. He has professional experience working in community-based, acute psychiatric, and educational settings. Previously, Henderson was a Lecturer in the Department of Family and Community Health at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. He taught in the undergraduate and accelerated BSN programs, primarily community health and psychiatric nursing. Prior, Henderson served as the Co-Founder and the Executive Director of Up and Running Healthcare Solutions, a Philadelphia-based

organization that provided case management by community health workers and other supportive services to homeless individuals in Philadelphia. His work on health for homeless individuals and community health workers was funded by the 2017 President's Engagement Prize from the University of Pennsylvania. For his work in the Philadelphia community, he was recognized as a Community Champion for Positive Change by the Independence Blue Cross Foundation in 2018. Henderson is an elected board member of the American Nurses Association (ANA) and served as a member of the Committee on the Future of Nursing 2020-2030 at the National Academy of Medicine. In 2021, Marcus was appointed to serve as a member of the National Commission to Address Racism in Nursing and trustee of the ANA-Political Action Committee. He received a BSN and MSN in Health Leadership from the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing and holds a certificate in Health Care Innovation from the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine.



Nancy Spector, PhD, RN, FAAN, is the Director of Nursing Education at the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) in Chicago, and she is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. Spector has worked on a number of nursing regulatory issues in nursing education, including determining the evidence-based quality indicators of nursing education programs. Spector was the PI on NCSBN's randomized controlled, multisite study of transition to practice, and currently she directs the Annual Report Program at NCSBN where she is developing the first national nursing education database. Before coming to NCSBN, Spector was on the faculty of Loyola University's Niehoff School of Nursing, where she taught graduate and undergraduate students and conducted clinical research. Spector presents and publishes nationally and internationally on regulatory issues in nursing education.





JoAnn Yánez, ND, MPH, CAE is the executive director of the Association of Accredited Naturopathic Medical Colleges (AANMC) and treasurer of the Academy of Integrative Health and Medicine (AIHM). Dr. Yánez also serves on the Integrative Health Policy Consortium Education Committee, the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians Board of Directors, and the National Association of Advisors for the Health Professions Advisory Board. Weaving a passion for illness prevention into her professional life, Dr. Yánez's career has spanned advocacy, academia, patient care and public health. As AANMC Executive Director, Dr. Yánez oversees research, advocacy efforts, and the joint academic endeavors of the accredited colleges of naturopathic medicine. Additionally, she helps spread awareness of naturopathic medicine as a viable and satisfying career path.

Prior to joining the AANMC, Dr. Yánez led government relations for the New York Association of Naturopathic Physicians (NYANP). She increased awareness of the importance of licensure in the state, and effectively garnered support from legislators and senior government officials. During her tenure with the NYANP, Dr. Yánez was invited to participate in a think-tank on childhood obesity sponsored by MIT, Harvard and Columbia Universities. During the summer of 2009 she found herself "on The Hill" working with congressional members and the National Foundation for Women Legislators to raise awareness for integrative medicine coverage in the Affordable Care Act.

Dr. Yánez was the youngest person to serve as a Director of the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education — the accrediting body for naturopathic medical colleges, and held a term of six years. She was awarded the 2006 Legacy Award from Sonoran University and 2007 NYANP Physician of the Year Award. Dr. Yánez has also been inducted into the Rho Lambda and Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership and Scholarship National Honor Societies and is a member of the Delta Omega Honor Society for graduates of schools of public health.



Sarah S. Walters, MMHC, MSN, RN, CPNP-AC joined HOSA-Future Health Professionals' Headquarters in August 2022, but her involvement in HOSA extends back to her time as a health science student. She has served HOSA as a state and national executive council member, conference staff member, active alumni and as a health industry representative on the HOSA Inc. Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Sarah is passionate about the role CTE and HOSA play in developing the future healthcare workforce and credits her professional success to the leadership foundation created through HOSA involvement. During a rewarding 16-year career in healthcare, Sarah advanced her career from nurse extern to becoming the Lead Advanced Practice Provider for Pediatric Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. In addition to her patient

responsibilities, she directed staff and patient/family education for clinical projects, including the development



of a clinical roadmap for patients undergoing airway reconstruction. Outside of HOSA, Sarah held association leadership and committee positions in multiple professional healthcare organizations.

Sarah holds Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Austin Peay State University, Master of Science in Nursing with a concentration in Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner from Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, and a Master of Management in Health Care from the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University.