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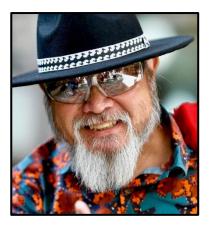
Exploring Strategies and Outcomes of Admissions Processes in Health Professions Education: A Workshop

Speaker Biographical Sketches



George Haddad founded Liaison International in 1990 and currently holds the position of Chief Executive Officer. Under his leadership, Liaison has emerged as a trailblazer in Higher Education technologies and services. Renowned for its innovative recruitment solutions, admissions management software, and Centralized Application Services (CAS) for Health Professions Associations, State Systems, and educational institutions, Liaison has revolutionized the enrollment process. George's strategic guidance has propelled Liaison to the forefront of the industry, empowering educational institutions to enhance their recruitment strategies and streamline enrollment procedures. By facilitating better access to education and fostering collaboration within the global education community, Liaison has become an indispensable partner in advancing academic excellence.

Beyond his role at Liaison, George is actively involved as a board member in both for-profit and nonprofit institutions dedicated to promoting scholastic achievement and personal excellence in K-12 and higher education. Through his multifaceted contributions, George continues to shape the future of education, driving positive change and fostering a culture of excellence in learning.



Ricardo Custodio, MD, MPH also known as "Dr. Ric" was born in Micronesia on the island of Kwajalein (Marshall Islands). In his Filipino family, his dad was a chief in the Navy and his mom was a cashier. He went to public school in Hawaii (Radford HS). Over his 45-year career, he has provided health care and health career opportunities for poor and underserved children. He has been the CMO of three community health centers in Hawaii, built many clinics, helped start a healthcare plan (AlohaCare), a medical school (ATSU-SOMA), a nurse practitioner residency program, and a health professions training program (UH West O'ahu), all in underserved communities. Dr. Ric is now training the healthcare workforce of the future. A workforce founded upon integrity, values,

communication, teamwork, and compassion. His loves include his family, pets, students, music, farming and trying to golf again (after 30 years). He attended Stanford (BA), University of Hawaii / John A. Burns School of Medicine (MD) and Harvard (MPH).

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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.

Dr. Larkins has over 160 published peer-reviewed journal articles and several book chapters, more than 3750 citations and 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. Her 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.



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, he has given over 500 invited named, plenary, and symposium lectures, and has been honored with multiple

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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.



Mark Henderson, MD, MACP, is Professor of Internal Medicine and Associate Dean for Admissions at the UC Davis School of Medicine. Dr. Henderson is the community of practice lead for UC Davis's HRSA-funded national Center for a Diverse Healthcare Workforce and an expert in reforming medical school admissions practices to enhance racial-ethnic and economic diversity. Over the past 17 years, he led UC Davis's efforts to become one of the most diverse medical schools in the US. He is co-principal investigator of the Accelerated Competency-based Education in Primary Care (ACE-PC) program, a 3-year medical school track for students committed to primary care careers, and the California Oregon Medical Partnership to Address Disparities in Rural Education and Health (COMPADRE), both funded by the American Medical Association. COMPADRE is a cross-state

partnership between UC Davis and OHSU that aims to transform the physician workforce by admitting and training students from rural and tribal communities for future practice in these underserved communities. Dr. Henderson holds the Dean's Endowed Chair in Teaching Excellence and teaches a UC Davis Study Abroad course in Spain.



Nur Rajwany, M.S., a technology strategist, and innovator, currently serves as the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), whose U.S. members include the nursing regulatory bodies in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, four U.S. territories, seven international exam user members and 23 international associate members. With a strong background in information technology, he plays a pivotal role in shaping the digital landscape of nursing regulation for the NCSBN membership. In his operational work he is responsible for management oversight of the Information Resource (IR) Division, including cybersecurity initiatives, privacy of data, incident response and disaster recovery plans.