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SPEAKERS

 ANDREW ANDERSON, Ph.D, studies the role of payment policies in shaping healthcare access and outcomes, particularly for groups facing disproportionate health risks. Before joining Johns Hopkins, Andrew was an assistant professor at Tulane University, research scientist and Phyllis Torda Health Care Quality Fellow at the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), and director of quality measurement at the National Quality Forum (NQF). Andrew earned a Ph.D. in health services research from the University of Maryland, College Park

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CLAIRE D. BRINDIS, DrPH, MPH, is a Distinguished Emerita Professor of Pediatrics and Health Policy, Department of Pediatrics and Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Health Sciences and Emerita Director of the Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). Dr. Brindis is also the Co-Director of the Adolescent and Young Adult Health National Resource Center. She is also a Founding Director of the Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences and IHPS, UCSF. Incorporating a variety of quantitative and qualitative methodologies, as well as community participatory research, Dr. Brindis' research focuses on program evaluation and the translation of research into policy at the local, state, and national level. As a bilingual, bi-cultural researcher, Dr. Brindis' research and personal commitment focus on ameliorating the impact of social, health, and economic disparities among ethnic/racial populations, with a particular focus on women, young adults, and adolescents and reproductive health. For example, in the area of reproductive health, Dr. Brindis led a multidisciplinary evaluation team evaluating California's Office of Family Planning's Family PACT program, a Federal 1115 Medicaid waiver. Evaluation findings indicate that this program has successfully served annually nearly 1.3 million women and men, helping to avert approximately 300,000 pregnancies per year annually. Dr. Brindis has served on many expert panels, including the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Committee on Pediatric Health and Health Care Quality Measures, the Committee on Preventive Services for Women, the Committee on the Health and Well-Being of Young Adults, and the Committee on Neurobiological and Social- Behavioral Research on Adolescent Health. At UCSF, she is past chair of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women. She currently serves as the Chair of the National Academies Standing Committee on Reproductive Health, Equity, and Society.

ALISON GEMMILL, PhD, MPH, Alison Gemmill is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She is a trained demographer with primary interests in fertility; maternal, perinatal, and reproductive health; and life course and aging. She received her PhD in Demography from UC Berkeley in 2017 and her MPH in Maternal and Child Health from UC Berkeley in 2011. Prior to graduate school, she worked as a research assistant for the Guttmacher Institute in New York. Her most recent work examines recent declines in U.S. fertility, how women's risk preferences and perceptions impact reproductive health behaviors and outcomes, and the relationship between macrosocial stressors and perinatal health. Dr. Gemmill is also involved in several projects aimed to improve measurement and monitoring of global population health indicators, including an ongoing collaboration with the UN Maternal Mortality Estimation Inter-Agency Group. She is a former NICHD and NIA predoctoral fellow in demography and has published lead- authored and collaborative work in journals such as Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Lancet, Lancet Global Health, Demography, Population and Development Review, and Health Affairs.

CAITLIN GERDTS, PhD, MHS, Leads the development and implementation of Ibis's research agenda, and serves on the Senior Management Team. Dr. Gerdts is an epidemiologist by training and has contributed to the field of global reproductive health, rights, and justice through collaborative work on novel research methods; working alongside activists to document the safety and effectiveness of feminist abortion-accompaniment models for self-managed medication abortion (SMA) throughout pregnancy; championing the next generation of activist-researchers; and collaborating across movements in the US to develop user-centered technology innovations that expand inclusive, private, and secure access to comprehensive reproductive health information and care. Dr. Gerdts contributed to the Studying Accompaniment Feasibility and Effectiveness (SAFE) study—the researcher-activist collaboration which demonstrated that SMA with support from non-clinically trained abortion-accompaniers is as effective as clinician-managed medication abortion. Caitlin also served as a member of the Guidelines Development Group for the 2022 World Health Organization Abortion Care Guideline, which, relying on evidence from abortion-accompaniment groups (among others) fully recommends SMA through 12 weeks gestation, and includes non-clinically trained community health-workers as recommended providers for medication abortion. Dr. Gerdts' collaborative efforts to ensure access to inclusive, person-centered abortion care across settings and models are especially critical in the US as attacks on abortion continue to push clinic-based care out of reach for so many; abortion seekers and those who support them face criminalization disproportionately among those with marginalized identities; and mounting attacks on medication abortion spur the need for broader incorporation of misoprostol-only regimens to expand abortion access for all people. Caitlin has authored/co-authored more than 100 peer reviewed publications, and is the recipient of the 2023 Society for Family Planning Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Gerdts received her undergraduate degree in Human Biology from Stanford University; a Masters in Health Sciences (MHS) in Population, Family, and Reproductive Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; and a PhD in Epidemiology from the University of California, Berkeley.

ANU MANCHIKANNTI GOMEZ, PhD, is a scholar of sexual and reproductive health equity who uses participatory and engaged approaches to produce knowledge that centers the communities most affected by reproductive oppression. As an Associate Professor at the University of California, Berkeley School of Social Welfare and the director of the Sexual Health and Reproductive Equity Program, she has a long track record of conducting innovative and rigorous research that puts reproductive justice into practice and that has affected programs, policy, and practice. Her ongoing projects focus on advancing birth equity and contraceptive access. Dr. Gómez is co-PI of the evaluation of the Abundant Birth Project (ABP), the first guaranteed income program for pregnant people in the United States. Initially a pilot program in San Francisco launched by Expecting Justice, ABP has now expanded to 5 California counties. The evaluation seeks to identify the impact of unconditional income supplementation on adverse pregnancy outcomes, maternal mental

health, and infant development among Black-identified program participants. Dr. Gómez is also currently leading a project focused on contraceptive misinformation—documenting its presence on TikTok, understanding how it affects young people, and developing strategies to disrupt it. Other recently completed projects include a national, stakeholder-engaged effort to advance person-centered metrics of contraceptive access and a participatory study of facilitators and barriers of implementing pharmacist-prescribed contraception in rural California.

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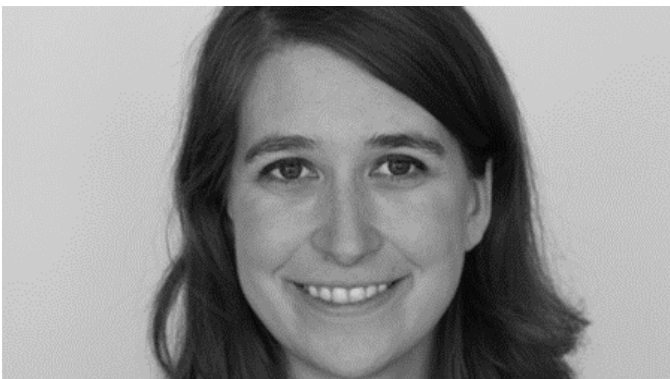

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of physicians to understand and practice medicine through the lenses of reproductive equity and justice. She developed "Race in American Obstetrics and Gynecology", one of the first US medical education courses to address the role of race in the development of American obstetrics and gynecology as well as "Abortion in Wisconsin and Beyond: Exploring Medical, Public Health, and Social Science Perspectives". Dr. Green is dedicated to making complex issues accessible to policymakers, the lay public, and the next generation of clinicians and researchers. She has used her expertise to promote evidence-based policy through legislative testimony and has provided interviews for numerous local and national media outlets on reproductive equity and the racial/ethnic inequities heightened by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. She also serves on the Wisconsin Maternal Mortality Review Team and as co-chair of the Wisconsin Maternal Health Innovation Task Force. Dr. Green's deepest wish is that her work can help bring about reproductive autonomy and freedom so that every human can reach their highest potential.

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