

Exploring Relevant Policy Domains — Tax Policy and Population Health: A Workshop

Committee

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Chair

Philip Alberti, PhD, is the Director of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Center for Health Justice and is also the Senior Director, Health Equity Research & Policy at AAMC. Alberti sparks, supports, and contributes to community-driven, multi-sector efforts that build evidence for programs, policies, practices, and partnerships that eliminate unfair and unjust group differences in health.

Alberti is a population health scientist whose singular professional commitment to health equity research and action spans nearly 25 years. He is widely published, a frequent public speaker, and has served on advisory boards and expert panels for numerous organizations and federal agencies including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. He is also the current President of the Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science. In 2021, he founded the AAMC Center for Health Justice as the natural next step in a career focused on building evidence in support of the structural changes needed to ensure all communities have a genuine opportunity to thrive.

Prior to joining AAMC in 2012, Dr. Alberti led research, evaluation, and planning efforts for a Bureau within the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene that worked to promote community health and health equity across NYC neighborhoods. He holds a PhD degree in Sociomedical Sciences from Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health and was a Fellow in the National Institute of Mental Health's Psychiatric Epidemiology Training program.

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Ana V. Diez Roux, MD, PhD, MPH, is Distinguished University Professor of Epidemiology at the Dornsife School of Public Health and Director of the Drexel Urban Health Collaborative. Originally trained as a pediatrician in her native Buenos Aires, she completed public health training at the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health. Before joining Drexel University, she served on the faculties of Columbia University and the University of Michigan, where she was Chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Director of the Center for Social Epidemiology and Population Health. Dr. Diez Roux is internationally known for her research on the social determinants of population health and the study of how neighborhoods affect health. Her work on neighborhood health effects has been highly influential in the policy debate on population health and its determinants.

Dr. Diez Roux has served on numerous editorial boards, review panels and advisory committees including most recently the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee of the Environmental Protection Agency (as Chair), the Board of Scientific Counselors of the National Center for Health Statistics, the Committee on Health and Wellbeing in the Changing Urban Environment of the International Council for Science, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Community Preventive Services Taskforce. She has received the Wade Hampton Frost Award for her contributions to public health from the American Public Health Association and the Award for Outstanding Contributions to Epidemiology from the American College of Epidemiology. She is also an elected member of the American Epidemiological Society and the Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research. She was elected to the National Academy of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in 2009.

Jason Fichtner

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Jason Fichtner, MPP, is Executive Director of the Retirement Income Institute, Alliance for Lifetime Income. His research focuses on Social Security, federal tax policy, federal budget policy, retirement security, and policy proposals to increase saving and investment.

Fichtner served in several positions at the Social Security Administration, including Deputy Commissioner of Social Security (acting), Chief Economist, and Associate Commissioner for Retirement Policy. He previously served as Chief Economist at the Bipartisan Policy Center, a Senior Research Fellow with the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Senior Economist with the Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. Congress, Economist with the Internal Revenue Service, and as a Senior Consultant with the Office of Federal Tax Services at Arthur Andersen, LLP. Fichtner was also Senior Lecturer of International Economics and Associate Director of the International Economics and Finance (MIEF) program at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). Fichtner earned his BA from the University of Michigan, his MPP from Georgetown University, and his PhD from Virginia Tech.

Samantha Jacoby

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Samantha Jacoby, MPP, JD, is the Deputy Director of Federal Tax Policy with the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Samantha focuses on U.S. federal income tax issues, including corporate and business taxation, individual income taxation, and climate tax policy.

Prior to joining the Center in 2018, she practiced tax law at two international law firms in New York and Washington, D.C. Previously, she worked as a policy and research analyst at the Solar Energy Industries Association, where she focused on the impact of tax incentives on the energy industry. She earned a JD from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. She holds an MPP in public finance from American University and a B.A. in political science from the University of the Incarnate Word.

Bobby Milstein

Member

Bobby Milstein, PhD, MPH, serves as Director of System Strategy for ReThink Health and the Rippel Foundation, as well as a Visiting Scientist at the MIT Sloan School of Management. He works with innovators who see themselves -- and others -- as shared stewards in a movement for well-being and justice.

With an educational background that combines cultural anthropology, behavioral science, and systems science, he helps organize efforts to spark large-scale institutional and cultural change. Milstein combined input from countless contributors to craft the vital conditions framework and was lead editor of the “Thriving Together Springboard”. He is a member of the National Academies Roundtable on Population Health Improvement, co-founder of the Well Being in the Nation Network, and an invited contributor to the National Academies’ consensus study on health equity as well as the Surgeon General’s Report on Community Health and Economic Prosperity.

Dr. Milstein is a frequent design consultant for new endeavors that advance the dynamic and democratic frontiers of shared stewardship. Previously, he spent 20 years planning and evaluating system-oriented initiatives at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), where he was the principal architect of CDC’s framework for program evaluation. He received CDC’s Honor Award for Excellence in Innovation, the Applications Award from the System Dynamics Society, the President's Prize from the American Evaluation Association, as well as Article of the Year awards for papers published in Health Affairs and Health Promotion Practice.

Diane Schanzenbach

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Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach, PhD, is McCourt Chair in the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University. Whitmore Schanzenbach is an economist who studies policies aimed at improving the lives of children in poverty and their families, including education, health, labor market, and income support policies. Her work traces the impact of major public policies such as the Food Stamp Program, school finance reform, and early childhood education on children's long-term outcomes.

Dr. Whitmore Schanzenbach is a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research, a nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, and a research associate at the Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is an elected member of the National Academy of Education and the National Academy of Social Insurance and serves on the boards of directors of the Greater Chicago Food Depository and Start Early. Whitmore Schanzenbach has testified to the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives on her research. She graduated magna cum laude from Wellesley College with a BA in economics and religion and received a PhD in economics from Princeton University.