

Transforming Health Care to Create Whole Health: Strategies to Assess, Scale, and Spread the Whole Person Approach to Health

Committee

Alex H. Krist

Co-Chair

Alex H. Krist, M.D., M.P.H., is a professor of family medicine and population health at Virginia Commonwealth University and an active clinician and teacher at the Fairfax Family Practice Residency. He is the director of the Virginia Ambulatory Care Outcomes Research Network, director of community-engaged research at the Center for Clinical and Translational Research, and is immediate past chairperson for the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. Dr. Krist's areas of interest include implementation of preventive recommendations, patient-centered care, shared decision making, cancer screening, and health information technology. He is the primary author of numerous peer-reviewed publications and has presented to a wide range of audiences at national and international conferences. Dr. Krist was elected to NAM in 2018 and served on the Committee on Implementing High-Quality Primary Care.

Jeannette E. South-Paul

Co-Chair

Jeannette South-Paul, M.D., joined Meharry Medical College as the Senior Vice President and Chief Academic Officer in December 2021. Prior to this appointment, she was the Andrew W. Mathieson UPMC Professor and Chair of the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine from 2001 – 2020 retiring from Pitt in 2020. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and UPMC, she served as a Medical Corps officer in the U.S. Army, retiring in 2001 while serving as Chair of Family Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and previously as Vice President for Minority Affairs at the same institution. Dr. South-Paul was responsible for the educational, research and clinical activities of the undergraduate and graduate medical education, faculty practice, and community arms of 3 family medicine residencies and seven ambulatory clinical sites in Allegheny County (Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania and responsible for the academic missions of 5 additional UPMC Family Medicine residencies in Pennsylvania. She is a family physician with specific interests in the areas of cultural competence, maternity care, and health disparities in the community. She designed an investigator-initiated project to evaluate cultural aspects of contraceptive choice (Merck funded) that has been active since 2017. Dr. South-Paul has served in leadership positions in the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM), the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), and the Association of Departments of Family Medicine (ADFM) to include serving as President of the Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians (USAFP) and the STFM. After more than 10 years of service as a member of the Meharry Medical College Board of Trustees, Dr. South-Paul stepped off the Board to begin a new role as Senior Vice President and Chief Academic Officer for Meharry assuming this position in December of 2021. She is excited to collaborate with the academic leaders of the four schools of this historic institution as she continues to serve in academe. Dr. South-Paul was elected to the Institute of Medicine (now National Academy of Medicine) in 2011, received the University of Pittsburgh 225th Anniversary Chancellor's Medallion and was elected to the Gold Humanism Honor Society in 2015 and received the Allegheny County Medical Society Dietrich Humanitarian Award in February 2018.

Andrew W. Bazemore

Member

Andrew Bazemore, M.D., M.P.H., serves as the Senior Vice President of Research and Policy for the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM), where he oversees the ABFM research enterprise, co-directs the Center for Professionalism and Value in Health Care in Washington DC and coordinates and develops ABFM career development activities, including ABFM Visiting Scholars, Pisacano Scholars and Puffer Fellows. Dr. Bazemore previously served as the Director of the Robert Graham Center for Policy Studies in Family Medicine in Washington, DC, helping to cultivate the growth and evolution of the Graham Center into an internationally-known primary care research center with diverse funding sources. He has special interests in access to care for underserved populations, health workforce and training, measurement science, and geospatial analytic applications for primary health care. Dr. Bazemore led the Graham Center's emphasis on developing tools that empower primary care providers, leaders, and policymakers and co-developed HealthLandscape, an innovative data engagement platform entirely funded by grants and contracts, including the development of the Uniform Data System (UDS) Mapper contract that guides funding for all the nation's Federally Qualified Centers. He has served in national policy roles including the Family Medicine for America's Health Research Tactic Team, and Board of Directors and committee leadership for the North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG), Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM), National Research Network, Rural Training Track Consortium, Council on Graduate Medical Education, and the National Academy of Medicine, to which he was elected as a member in 2016 and for which he leads the Primary Care Interest Group.

Dr. Bazemore serves on the faculties of the Departments of Family Medicine at Georgetown University and Virginia Commonwealth University and serves a continuity panel of patients at in the VCU-Fairfax Family Medicine Residency Program.

Tammy Chang

Member

Tammy Chang, M.D., M.P.H., MS is an assistant professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Michigan and a practicing family physician. She is a health services researcher and practicing family physician with a focus on adolescent health, specifically, breaking the cycle of poverty and poor health among adolescent mothers and their children. Her NIH-sponsored research is focused on improving access to reproductive health care and promoting healthy pregnancy weight gain among at-risk adolescents using text messaging, social media mining, and natural language processing (NLP). She is also the founding director of MyVoice, a national text-message poll of youth age 14-24 that uses mixed methods and NLP with the goal of informing local and national policies in real-time. She has published in several academic journals and received numerous awards including the James C. Puffer, MD/American Board of Family Medicine Fellowship at the National Academy of Medicine. Dr. Chang received her MD from the University of Michigan.

Margaret A. Chesney

Member

Margaret Chesney, Ph.D., is a Professor of Medicine at the UCSF Osher Center for Integrative Medicine. From 2010 to 2015, she served as the director of the UCSF Osher Center, with its three core programs in integrative medicine research, education and patient care. These programs emphasize the integration of modern medicine with complementary approaches and established healing practices to promote health, wellness and healing. In addition, she develops partnerships within UCSF, and with the local and national community to advance the field of integrative medicine. Dr. Chesney's distinguished career in integrative medicine includes her recent work as professor of medicine and associate director of the Center for Integrative Medicine at the University of Maryland, School of Medicine. Before that, Dr. Chesney served for five years as the deputy director of the National Institutes of Health's Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH, formerly NCCAM). During her time at NCCIH, she also served as the director of the Division of Extramural Research and Training and was the senior advisor to the director of the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research at National Institutes of Health. Dr. Chesney has conducted research on the relationship between behavior and chronic disease, particularly in identifying the behavioral factors, such as stress, associated with increased risk of cardiovascular disease and developing psychosocial interventions to address those factors. The focus of her work has been on the role the individual can play in the promotion of personal health, prevention of disease, and the maintenance of optimal well-being across the lifespan, even in the face of serious health challenges, such as cardiovascular disease and HIV/AIDS. In her research and as an NIH advisor, she has often emphasized the health challenges faced by women, seniors, and the underserved. She was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2001.

Deborah J. Cohen

Member

Deborah Cohen, Ph.D., is a recently elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and proudly serves the Oregon Health & Science University Department of Family Medicine as the Research Vice Chair. Dr. Cohen uses her qualitative expertise on mixed methods teams to look at how improvements are implemented in primary care practices, to identify what changes are made, and to compare the effectiveness of observed practice change on process and outcome measures. She has led mixed methods teams to understand and tackle the complicated problems related to implementing and disseminating new innovations and important quality improvements in primary care practice related to prevention and health behavior change, behavioral, mental health and chronic care. She has a Ph.D. in communication, where she studied interpersonal and organizational communication. She was trained in a range of qualitative data collection methods, and was trained to analyze qualitative and quantitative data, but her emphasis was on using a range of approaches to analyze qualitative data, with an emphasis in ethnomethodology and conversation analysis. She was the Principal Investigator of the national evaluation of EvidenceNOW, funded by AHRQ. Dr. Cohen participates in a number of other studies and state-evaluation efforts, including the evaluation of the Medicaid Transformation Project in Washington state.

A. Seiji Hayashi

Member

Seiji Hayashi, M.D., M.P.H., FAAFP, is the Chief Transformation Officer and Medical Director for Mary's Center, an FQHC that serves nearly 60,000 medically vulnerable individuals in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. He is a board-certified family physician and continues to care for patients. Dr. Hayashi is an experienced leader in primary care, quality improvement, and health policy at the local and national levels. Prior to Mary's Center, he led the Human Diagnosis Project nonprofit, an effort to enable more accurate, affordable, and accessible care using machine learning. Dr. Hayashi's national health policy experience comes from his role as the Chief Medical Officer for the Bureau of Primary Health Care at the Health Resources and Services Administration where he led its clinical quality strategy.

Felicia Hill-Briggs

Member

Felicia Hill-Briggs, Ph.D., ABPP is Vice President for Prevention at Northwell Health, New York's largest health system, and Professor and the Simons Foundation Distinguished Chair in Clinical Research at the Institute of Health System Science, Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research, the research arm of Northwell Health. A clinical psychologist and behavioral scientist, she conducts clinical trials of individual- and system-level interventions to improve the prevention and management of diabetes, cardiovascular disease, chronic kidney disease, and related conditions, with an emphasis on intervention effectiveness in high-risk populations. Dr. Hill-Briggs' work extends to statewide and international public and private sector partnerships for dissemination and implementation of evidence-based interventions to improve diabetes and cardiovascular disease population outcomes in regions with high disease burden. Dr. Hill-Briggs served as 2018 President of the American Diabetes Association for Health Care and Education, leading national diabetes population health improvement strategy development. She was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2017.

Shawna Hudson

Member

Shawna Hudson, Ph.D, is a Professor and Research Division Chief in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health and founding director of the Center Advancing Research and Evaluation for Patient-Centered Care (CARE-PC) at the Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. She is a medical sociologist and has a joint faculty appointment in the Rutgers School of Public Health in the Department of Health Behavior, Society and Policy. Dr. Hudson holds research memberships in the Rutgers Institute for Translational Medicine and Science, the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey and the Institute for Health, Healthcare Policy and Aging Research. She serves as Director for the Community Engagement Core of the NJ Alliance for Clinical and Translational Science (NJ ACTS) which is a Clinical and Translational Science Award consortium where she leads its NIH-funded Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics for Underserved Populations initiative to improve outreach and access to COVID-19 testing within New Jersey vulnerable and underserved communities. Dr. Hudson is a community engaged, primary care researcher working with vulnerable populations at the intersections of community health, primary care and specialty care. She is a mixed methods researcher and has published extensively using both qualitative and quantitative research approaches. She is an internationally recognized leader in research that examines the role of primary care in long-term follow-up care for cancer survivors. Her work has been funded by the National Institutes of Health and various private foundations. Dr. Hudson served as a member of the NASEM Committee on Implementing High-Quality Primary Care (2021) and as a reviewer for the NASEM Report on Childhood Cancer and Functional Impacts Across the Care Continuum (2020).

Carlos R. Jaen

Member

Carlos Roberto Jaén, M.D., Ph.D., M.S., FAAFP, is a professor and the Dr. & Mrs. James L. Holly Distinguished Chair in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long School of Medicine in San Antonio, Texas.

Dr. Jaén's special interests include improving preventive care for individuals of all ages, preventing complications from chronic diseases like diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease. He is passionate about building and studying high-performance primary care offices. He has been selected to the Best Doctors in America yearly since 2002. He is dedicated to building a healthier San Antonio through efforts in community wellness.

Dr. Jaén was elected member of the National Academy of Medicine (formerly known as the Institute of Medicine) of the National Academies in 2013. He was also co-director of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Center for Research in Family Medicine and Primary Care. Over 20 years, the Center studied almost 500 mostly independent, community-based primary care practices and completed the evaluation of the AAFPs national demonstration project of the patient-centered medical home. He served on the panels that published the U.S. Public Health Service smoking cessation guidelines in 1996 & 2000 and was co-chair of the panel that published an update in May 2008. In 2005, he was appointed to the National Advisory Council to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). He received a Generalist Physician Faculty Scholar Award from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and a Cancer Control Career Development Award for Primary Care Physicians from the American Cancer Society. He is the immediate past-Chair of the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine of NIH and former Chair of the American Board of Family Medicine.

Christopher F. Koller

Member

Christopher Koller, MA, is president of the Milbank Memorial Fund, a 116-year operating foundation that improves population health by connecting leaders with the best information and experience. Before joining the Fund, he served the State of Rhode Island as the country's first health insurance commissioner, an appointment he held between 2005 and 2013. Under Mr. Koller's leadership, the Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner was nationally recognized for its rate review process and its efforts to use insurance regulation to promote payment reform, primary care revitalization, and delivery system transformation. The office was also one of the lead agencies in implementing the Affordable Care Act in Rhode Island. Prior to serving as health insurance commissioner, Mr. Koller was the CEO of Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island for nine years. In this role, he was the founding chair of the Association of Community Affiliated Plans. Mr. Koller has a bachelor's degree (summa cum laude) from Dartmouth College and master's degrees in social ethics and public/private management from Yale University. He was a member of the National Academy of Medicine's (NAM) Health Care Services Board from 2014 to 2019 and has served on NAM Committees on Essential Health Benefits, Integrating Social Needs Care and Implementing High Quality Primary Care. He has also served in numerous national and state health policy advisory capacities. Mr. Koller is a Professor of the Practice in the Department of Health Services, Policy and Practice in the School of Public Health at Brown University. He serves on the board of directors at the Commonwealth Care Alliance, Fair Health, and the Primary Care Development Corporation.

Harold Kudler

Member

Harold Kudler, M.D., received his doctorate from Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, trained in psychiatry at Yale and is an associate consulting professor at Duke. He has received teaching awards from the Duke Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, the American Psychiatric Association, and the American Psychoanalytic Association. From 2002 to 2010, Dr. Kudler coordinated mental health services for a three-state region of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and, from 2000 through 2005, co-chaired VA's Special Committee on PTSD which reports to Congress. He founded the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies™ (ISTSS) PTSD Practice Guidelines taskforce and has served on the ISTSS Board of Directors. He co-led development of the joint VA/Department of Defense Guideline for the Management of Posttraumatic Stress and served as advisor to Sesame Street's Talk Listen Connect series for military families. From 2006 to 2014, he co-led the North Carolina Governor Working Group on Veterans, Service Members, and Their Families. In 2012, he was appointed to the North Carolina Institute of Medicine. From 2004 to 2014, Dr. Kudler was associate director of the VA's Mid-Atlantic Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center (MIRECC) which focuses on Deployment Mental Health. From 2010 to 2014, Dr. Kudler was also medical lead for the VISN 6 Rural Health Initiative. In July, 2014, he joined VA Central Office in Washington, DC, where he served as Chief Consultant for Mental Health Services and, from 2017-2018, was detailed to serve as Acting Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Patient Care Services. Dr. Kudler plays an active leadership role in several professional organizations and as a without compensation employee in the VA Physician Ambassador Champion Program.

Sandy C. Leake

Member

Sandy Leake, DNP, RN, NEA-BC has held progressively responsible nursing and healthcare executive roles for over 35 years. A critical care nurse by background, Dr. Leake devoted 29 years of her career caring for Veterans; served 22 years as the chief nursing officer (CNO) in one of the largest, most complex health care systems in the Department of Veterans Affairs; held numerous national leadership roles and responsibilities including two interim assignments leading national program offices in the VA Office of Nursing Services; and twice led the Atlanta VA Health Care System to Magnet designation by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Her areas of expertise include workforce planning, leadership development, coaching/mentoring and succession planning, developing innovative academic-practice partnerships, and driving organizational excellence. Additionally, she has been a longtime advocate for integrative approaches to whole person care to improve outcomes. She currently serves the Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at The University of Tennessee Health System, which includes a 685-bed hospital representing East Tennessee's only academic medical center, Magnet designated hospital, and Level I Trauma Center.

Dr. Leake obtained a BSN from Memphis State University in 1987, a MSN (Nursing Administration focus) from Vanderbilt University in 1989, and a DNP (Nurse Executive Leadership focus) in 2017, and she holds national certification (Nurse Executive Advanced) by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. She also holds faculty appointments in the colleges of nursing at Emory University, Augusta University, and The University of Tennessee.

Patricia K. Lillis

Member

Patricia Lillis, M.D., MHA is an oncologist in Stevens Point, Wisconsin with more than 40 years of experience in the medical field. She is affiliated with Marshfield Clinic Health System. Her medical training includes working in VA hospitals and professionally she has extensive experience serving on committees to produce consensus documents on both the national and international level. Dr. Lillis also worked with the uniformed services and the VA in producing the Army Pain Management Task Force document in 2010. A veteran herself, she co-founded in 2011 Warriors at Ease, a 501c3 organization whose mission is to increase awareness of the power of yoga and meditation and educate a network of professionals qualified to share evidenced-based practices through programs that support the health and healing of service members, veterans and their families. She is a Life Member of The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and a member of both the Wisconsin and National Women's Veteran Committee.

Ajus K. Ninan

Member

Ajus K. Ninan, is an active-duty Army Clinical Social Work Officer, where he combines clinical practice and organizational development principles to guide and lead behavioral health services for service members. He is also the vice president of, American Board of Clinical Social Work. Prior to the Army, most of his work centered on veteran-focused rehabilitation services, including service coordination, case management, consultation services, individual and group counseling, addiction treatment, homelessness, and helping veterans navigate the VA health system. Ajus previously served in the US Marine Corps and was discharged in 2004 with a VA-rated service-connected disability, which fueled his passion for serving the veteran population and making healthcare better.

Ajus is a board-certified psychotherapist specializing in marriage and family therapy, group treatments, addiction medicine, and advanced mental health practice with adults and children. Ajus earned a Master's of Social Work from The State University of New York at Binghamton and a Master's of Public Administration from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York. In addition, he completed a post-graduate fellowship in child and family behavioral medicine from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Ajus is currently a PhD candidate in organizational leadership at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, District of Columbia campus. Ajus has research emphasis in the area of access to care, care transitions, patient flow, organizational culture, and leadership.

Pamela Schweitzer, RADM (Ret)

Member

Rear Admiral (RADM) (ret) Pamela Schweitzer, Pharm.D., retired in September 2018 from a four year term as the Assistant Surgeon General and 10th Chief Pharmacist Officer of the United States Public Health Service (PHS). Of her 29 year career in federal service, she most recently served at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) as technical director in the Medicaid division that provides oversight, guidance, and funding for information technology systems. Previously, she served in varied assignments in the Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Veterans Health Administration (VHA). Since retiring, RADM (ret) Schweitzer continues helping with a number of public health related projects related to improving health and access to healthcare in rural and underserved communities, interoperability and reimbursement for clinical services. RADM (ret) Schweitzer received her Bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences from California State University Fullerton (CSUF), earned her Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) from the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) School of Pharmacy and completed an Ambulatory Care/Administrative Residency at University of California Irvine Medical Center. She has received numerous awards including, IHS Senior Pharmacist of the Year Award (2013), the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) School of Pharmacy 2015 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, Surgeon General Exemplary Service Medal (2018), ASHP 2019 Distinguished Leadership Award (2019), Distinguished Person of the Year, 2020, Pharmacists Public Health Initiatives (PPHI). RADM Schweitzer currently serves on the board of directors at Tabula Rasa, a health technology company that develops medication management products and solutions for systems and clinicians. Additionally, she is on the board of trustees at several non-profit organizations including the Public Health Service Commissioned Officers Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health, the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP), the NCPDP Foundation, the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and the National Community Pharmacy Association Foundation. She also is on the advisory board at the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, Pharmacists Public Health Initiatives, FDA and Medimergent Advisory Board on Medication Adherence and Persistence, and ScriptDrop.

Sara J. Singer

Member

Sara J. Singer, M.B.A., Ph.D., is a Professor of Medicine at Stanford University School of Medicine and Professor of Organizational Behavior, by courtesy, at Stanford Graduate School of Business. She is Associate Director of the Clinical Excellence Research Center, Faculty Director of the Health Leadership, Organization, and Innovation Labs in the Division of Primary Care and Population Health, and affiliate faculty with Stanford Health Policy and Center for Innovation in Global Health. She directs the AHRQ-funded Engineering High Reliability Learning Lab, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-sponsored programs to promote a Culture of Health as a Business Imperative, and a National Science Foundation program enabling the “Future of Work” in healthcare; and serves on the Board of the Harvard Medical Faculty Physicians. She studies health care teams and organizations to understand how leaders and policymakers can improve the safety and quality of health care delivery through changes in institutional culture, leadership, organization design, and team dynamics. Her research addresses central challenges in health delivery (ensuring patient safety; integrating fragmented services; implementing health delivery innovations; and promoting a culture of health. Previously, Dr. Singer was Professor, Health Care Management and Policy, at Harvard Chan School of Public Health and Department of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. She co-founded and served as Executive Director for Stanford’s Center for Health Policy (now Stanford Health Policy). Dr. Singer has conducted numerous studies for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Veterans Administration Health Services Research & Development, National Science Foundation, and private foundations. She served as Panel Consultant and co-author of “State Race and Ethnicity Data Collection” for the Institute of Medicine Committee on National Statistics DHHS Collection of Race and Ethnicity Data. She also presented by invitation to the National Academies of Sciences Committee on Establishing and Promoting a Culture of Safety in Academic Laboratory Research.

Zirui Song

Member

Zirui Song, M.D., Ph.D. is an assistant professor of health care policy and medicine at Harvard Medical School and a general internist at Massachusetts General Hospital, where he practices primary care and attends on the inpatient medicine teaching service. Dr. Song's research focuses on efforts to improve the value of health care spending through provider payment reform, pricing of medical services, financing of health insurance, and measurement of provider quality. Related work aims to understand other policies and factors that may affect spending and health outcomes, including employer efforts, peer influences, and individual- or population-level interventions. Dr. Song co-directs health policy courses at Harvard Medical School and Mass General Brigham, and he lectures in additional courses at Harvard College, School of Public Health, and Kennedy School. He also advises postdoctoral fellows, Ph.D. candidates, and medical trainees in their research. Dr. Song has worked on Medicare payment policy at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and was a guest at the Brookings Institution. He is a recipient of the AcademyHealth Article-of-the-Year award, NIHCM Foundation Health Care Research Award, Society of General Internal Medicine Outstanding Junior Investigator of the Year Award, and the Morton N. Swartz, M.D. Humanism in Medicine Award at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Song trained in internal medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. He received his M.D. from Harvard Medical School, magna cum laude, and Ph.D. in Health Policy (Economics track) from Harvard University, where he was a fellow in Aging and Health Economics at the National Bureau of Economic Research. He received his B.A. in Public Health Studies with honors from Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Song was compensated for lectures to the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans (2019) and Google Ventures (2021) relating to clinical practice and health policy.

Marc Meisnere

Staff Officer

Marc Meisnere, M.H.S., is a senior program officer on the NASEM Board on Health Care Services. Since 2010, Mr. Meisnere has worked on a variety of NASEM consensus studies and other activities that have focused on mental health services for service members and veterans, suicide prevention, primary care, and clinician well-being. Most recently, he was the study director for the 2021 NASEM report Implementing High-Quality Primary Care: Rebuilding the Foundation of Health Care. Before joining NASEM, Mr. Meisnere worked on a family planning media project in northern Nigeria with the Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs and on a variety of international health policy issues at the Population Reference Bureau. He is a graduate of Colorado College and the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.