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## CAROLYN R. (“BO”) ALDIGÉ

*Ms. Carolyn Aldigé* is founder and chief executive officer of the Prevent Cancer Foundation®, a national nonprofit organization she started in 1985 in memory of her father. The Prevent Cancer Foundation® is one of the nation’s leading voluntary health organizations and the only US nonprofit organization focused solely on cancer prevention and early detection.



Ms. Aldigé has served on boards of directors/advisors of eight National Cancer Institute-designated Cancer Centers, including the top-ranked MD Anderson Cancer Center. She is a member of the boards of directors of the National Coalition for Cancer Research, Friends of Cancer Research and the Intercultural Cancer Council, the Council of Scientific Advisors of the American Association for Cancer Research, the Patient Advocate Advisory Board of Stand Up to Cancer and the Advisory Board of Project ECHO.

Her international work includes serving as chairman of the coalition Global Action for Cancer Patients, vice-chairman of the Global Lung Cancer Coalition, a member of the advisory board of the International Early Lung Cancer Action Program, a member of the executive committee of the International Digestive Cancer Alliance and a member of the board of directors of the International Society for Cancer Prevention.

A 1996 Washingtonian of the Year, Ms. Aldigé is the only individual to have won public service awards from the American Association for Cancer Research, the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the American Society of Preventive Oncology.

## CAROLYN ANGUS-HORNBUCKLE, JD

*Ms. Carolyn Angus-Hornbuckle* is the deputy director and director of Public Health Policy and Programs, National Indian Health Board (NIHB). In this dual role, she provides day-to day leadership for the work of the NIHB Public Health Policy and Programs Department, and support to the CEO in planning and implementation of all organization operations. Prior to this, Ms. Angus-Hornbuckle served as a senior project officer at the National Congress of American Indians. She was awarded her Juris Doctor degree from the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University in 2009. While there, she completed an internship at the US Attorney’s Office for the District of Arizona. After graduating, she worked as a law clerk for the Office of the General Counsel at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Ms. Hornbuckle holds a law license in Arizona.



## MICHELLE AUBERTINE, MBA

*Ms. Michelle Aubertine* is a project manager for KS&R, a professional market research firm. Ms. Aubertine has over 11 years of experience in market research, specializing in both quantitative and qualitative research methods across various business sectors including retail, telecom, and non-profit organizations. Her non-profit experience includes the design and management of numerous studies covering topics such as brand tracking, donor experience, segmentation, donor profiling, and patient, caregiver, and physician research on cancer-related topics.



## EMILY BUTLER BELL, MPH

*Ms. Emily Butler Bell* serves as director of the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (NCCRT) - Colorectal Cancer Interventions. She also co-leads the NCCRT, a national coalition co-founded by the American Cancer Society and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In this role she conducts strategic planning and activities that support the 80% in Every Community campaign, a movement in which more than 1,700 organizations are working toward the shared goal of reaching colorectal cancer screening rates of 80% and higher nationwide. She also leads several activities, including NCCRT’s National Achievement Awards program, NCCRT member and partner communications, and works with members and partners to develop new NCCRT resources and tools. Prior to joining the NCCRT, Ms. Butler Bell led the Washington State Department of Health’s CDC-funded strategies to increase colorectal cancer screening. She holds a master’s degree in public health from Boston University and a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of California, Santa Cruz. She lives in Salem, Massachusetts, with her husband and daughter Sabine.



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## **JENNIFER BOEHM, MPH**

**Ms. Jennifer Boehm** serves as a public health advisor to states and tribes funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Colorectal Cancer Control and National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Programs. She began her CDC career in 2006 as part of the team managing the Colorectal Cancer Screening Demonstration Program. Since then, she has continued to work in the development, management, implementation and evaluation of breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screening programs at the CDC. Ms. Boehm earned a bachelor's degree in Anthropology from James Madison University and holds a master of public health degree in health behavior and promotion from Georgia State University.



## **ABENAA BREWSTER, MD, MHS**

**Dr. Abenaa Brewster** is a tenured professor in the Department of Clinical Cancer Prevention at MD Anderson Cancer Center (MDACC) and has an adjunct appointment in the Department of Epidemiology. She is a breast medical oncologist and serves as the medical director of the MD Anderson Nellie B. Connally Breast Center. Her research involves using the tools of molecular epidemiology to investigate clinical, epidemiological, and biological factors that determine breast cancer risk and survival. She is the principal investigator and director of a longitudinal cohort study of women at high risk of developing breast cancer. Dr. Brewster is a Susan G. Komen Scholar and her research has received funding from the National Institute of Health, the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute, Susan G. Komen Foundation, and the American Society of Clinical Oncology.



## **DURADO BROOKS, MD, MPH**

**Dr. Durado Brooks** has worked for the American Cancer Society's national headquarters since 2000. He oversees the design, implementation, and evaluation of cancer prevention and early detection programs at the national, state, and local levels to increase access to high quality prevention screening, and to decrease cancer-related disparities. He also serves as deputy editor of the Society's peer-reviewed journal, *CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians*.

A graduate of the Ohio State University and the Wright State University School of Medicine, Dr. Brooks completed his internal medicine residency and chief residency at Wright State's Affiliated Hospitals in Dayton, Ohio, and practiced primary care medicine at safety net facilities in Dayton and in Dallas, Texas, for fifteen years. He completed the Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy (now the Commonwealth Fund Mongan Fellowship) in 1999 and holds a master's degree from the Harvard School of Public Health. He subsequently worked in the US Department of Health and Human Service's Dallas Regional Office before joining the American Cancer Society.

In 2015, Dr. Brooks was honored with the Prevent Cancer Foundation's Laurels Award for National Leadership in cancer prevention and early detection.



## **PHILIP E. CASTLE, PhD, MPH**

**Dr. Philip Castle** is a professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Population Health at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, New York. In 2011, Dr. Castle was the chief scientific officer of the American Society for Clinical Pathology. Prior to this, he was a senior, tenured investigator and tenure-track investigator in the Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics at the US National Cancer Institute. He received his doctoral degree in biophysics in 1995 and holds a master of public health in epidemiology from the Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Castle regularly participates in the development of national and international guidelines for cervical cancer prevention. He was recently a member of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection and Prevention (NBCCEDP) Advisory Committee. Dr. Castle is a member of the board of directors of the American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology.

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## **ANIL CHATURVEDI, PhD, MPH**

*Dr. Anil Chaturvedi* joined the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Clinical Epidemiology Unit of the Clinical Genetics Branch in 2017. He earned a degree in veterinary medicine from the Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University, India, and a master's degree in public health and doctorate in epidemiology from Tulane University. Dr. Chaturvedi joined the NCI's Infections and Immunoepidemiology Branch (IIB) as a postdoctoral fellow in 2005, became a research fellow in 2007, was appointed as a tenure-track investigator in 2009, and was awarded scientific tenure and promoted to senior investigator in November 2016.



## **DAVID P. CHELMOW, MD**

*Dr. David Chelmow* is professor and chair of obstetrics and gynecology at Virginia Commonwealth University. He received his medical degree at Yale and completed residency at University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). He is also a director for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Other positions include president-elect of the Council of University Chairs in Obstetrics and Gynecology, treasurer of the American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology, and a past president of the Society for Academic Specialists in General OB/GYN (SASGOG). He is a member of the OB/GYN Residency Review Committee and editor in chief of the Medscape Reference OB/GYN textbook. Dr. Chelmow was an American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) representative to consensus panels to update recommendations for cervical cancer screening, management of abnormal cervical screening tests, the Breast Cancer Screening Consensus Conference, and the Women's Preventive Services Initiative. He also represented SASGOG on ACOG's Well Woman Task Force. Dr. Chelmow's academic interests are guideline development, well woman care, and breast and cervical cancer screening.



## **ANEESH CHOPRA, MPP**

*Mr. Aneesh Chopra* is the president of CareJourney, a Hunch Analytics company that provides actionable, clinically-relevant analytics services to population health organizations. He served as the first US Chief Technology Officer under President Obama from 2009 to 2012 and, in 2014, authored, "Innovative State: How New Technologies can Transform Government." Mr. Chopra joined the Board of the Health Care Cost Institute in 2017, earned his master's degree in public policy from Harvard Kennedy School and bachelor's degree from The Johns Hopkins University.



## **CLAUDIA CHRISTENSEN, ANP**

*Ms. Claudia Christensen* is an advanced nurse practitioner who has dedicated most of the last 20 years of her nursing career working to increase rates of colorectal screening among high risk Alaska Natives. She graduated with a nursing degree from Montana State University in 1976, and a master's degree from the University of Alaska in 1999. Notable achievements include developing and implementing a screening program at a large primary care clinic, educating providers and patients in the importance of screening, becoming the first nurse practitioner in the state to perform screening and surveillance colonoscopy, and helping to dramatically increase screening rates for Alaska Natives throughout the state. Ms. Christensen is a recipient of a Laurel Award from the Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation (2007) and a State Award for Excellence from the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (2016). Ms. Christensen continues to travel periodically to the northernmost community in the US, Barrow, Alaska, to perform colonoscopy screening clinics for remote Alaska Native villages.

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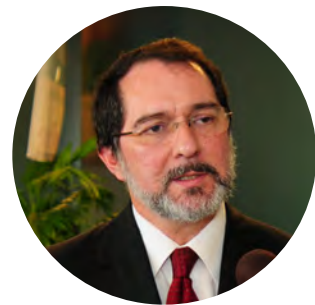
## **KATHERINE L. COOK, PhD**

*Dr. Katherine Cook* received her bachelor's degree in biochemistry from the State University of New York at Oswego and her doctorate in molecular medicine and translational science from Wake Forest School of Medicine. She completed a postdoctoral research fellowship with Dr. Robert Clarke at Georgetown University. Dr. Cook's entire career has been devoted to breast cancer research. Her graduate thesis, supported by the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program (DOD BCRP) Pre-doctoral Fellowship, investigated the role of angiotensin-(1-7) as a potential chemotherapeutic agent for breast cancer treatment. During her postdoctoral fellowship, she was awarded a DOD BCRP Postdoctoral Fellowship for her work investigating the role of GRP78 in mediating antiestrogen therapy resistance. In 2015, Dr. Cook accepted an assistant professor position in the Department of Surgery at Wake Forest School of Medicine. Dr. Cook's current research program investigates molecular mechanisms of obesity-mediated breast cancer and dietary interactions influencing therapeutic responsiveness. She is focused on the impact of the microbiome on modulating inflammation and breast cancer risk. Dr. Cook is currently funded by the American Cancer Society, the Susan G. Komen foundation, and the METAvivor foundation.



## **ANDREW J. DANNENBERG, MD**

*Dr. Andrew Dannenberg* is the Henry R. Erle, MD-Roberts Family professor of medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine and associate director of cancer prevention at the Meyer Cancer Center. Dr. Dannenberg received his medical degree from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, and served as a medical resident and gastroenterology fellow at The New York Hospital. His laboratory has focused on elucidating the mechanisms underlying the inflammation-cancer connection. Currently, a bench to bedside effort is being made to understand the link between obesity and cancer with an emphasis on adipose inflammation and related biomarkers. The long-term goal of this research is to develop evidence-based approaches to reduce the risk of cancer or inhibit its progression. Dr. Dannenberg has authored more than 200 scientific articles. In 2011, he was awarded the American Association for Cancer Research-Prevent Cancer Foundation award for excellence in cancer prevention research. He is an elected member of the Association of American Physicians and the American Society for Clinical Investigation.



## **ROY J. DUHÉ, PhD**

*Dr. Roy Duhé* earned a doctoral degree in biochemistry from University of Wisconsin – Madison and is currently professor of pharmacology, professor of radiation oncology and associate director for cancer education at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC). Previously, he worked at the National Cancer Institute in Frederick, Maryland. As the UMMC Cancer Institute's representative to the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable, he attended the 2015 *Dialogue for Action*<sup>®</sup> where he met two amazing South Carolinians, resulting in the birth of the Southeastern Colorectal Cancer Consortium. In the time since Dr. Duhé and other Mississippians formally launched the 70x2020 Colorectal Cancer Screening Initiative in 2014, this partnership has grown to over 525 members. Thanks in part to the 70x2020 Initiative, Mississippi no longer holds its former rank as the state with the highest colorectal cancer (CRC) incidence and mortality rates in the nation, and Mississippi's racial disparity in CRC screening rates has finally dropped below 10 percent to 7.1 percent.



## **RUTH ETZIONI, PhD**

*Dr. Ruth Etzioni* is a biostatistician with a mission – to get the numbers right when it comes to cancer screening and treatment decisions. She has been an investigator in the Division of Public Health Sciences at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center for 25 years. Her research uses statistical models to fill in the evidence gaps that arise when developing guidelines for cancer screening and treatment. She has served on three national panels on prostate cancer screening and is a member of the Early Detection Guidelines Panel of the American Cancer Society.

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## **LEAH FRERICHS, PhD, MS**

*Dr. Leah Frerichs* is a public health researcher and practitioner with expertise in community-based participatory and systems science research. Her research involves community-based program planning, evaluation, and research with diverse communities including American Indian, Latino, and African American populations. She integrates engaged and participatory research approaches with systems science methods in order to address health issues in underserved communities. Dr. Frerichs uses visual diagramming and facilitated interactions with computer models to 1) improve our understanding of complex dynamics influencing health problems of interest and 2) improve the implementation and dissemination of optimal combinations of interventions and policies. Specific projects include community-based research, an evaluation of cancer prevention and screening strategies with tribal communities, youth advocacy for obesity prevention with Latino communities, and a healthy eating architectural intervention of an elementary school in a rural community.



## **PATTI E. GRAVITT, PhD, MS**

*Dr. Patti Gravitt* is a professor of epidemiology and public health at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. She is a molecular epidemiologist whose research in human papillomavirus and cervical cancer spans the translational spectrum from the natural history of genital infection across the lifespan to the translation of evidence-based prevention tools to low- and middle-income countries. She has contributed significantly to the evidence base regarding the efficacy of alternative cervical cancer screening strategies, being among the first to show an increase in screening coverage afforded by self-collected sampling and HPV testing and the relatively poor performance of visual inspection methods where intensive international technical assistance and training are not available (e.g., the majority of LMIC settings). Currently, Dr. Gravitt is leading a team of interdisciplinary research scientists and screening implementers to use a systems thinking approach to the design, implementation, and evaluation of World Health Organization-recommended, HPV-based screening algorithms.



## **CARMEN E. GUERRA, MD, MSCE, FACP**

*Dr. Carmen Guerra* is associate professor of medicine and the vice chair for diversity and inclusion for the Department of Medicine at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. She is also the associate director of diversity and outreach for the Abramson Cancer Center and an advisory dean for medical students. Dr. Guerra received a bachelor's degree in psychobiology from New York University in 1989, a medical degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in 1993, and a master's degree in clinical epidemiology from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in 2006.

Dr. Guerra is a general internist and cancer control researcher. Her research is focused on better understanding and overcoming the barriers to accessing cancer screening tests and increasing access to cancer clinical trials in vulnerable populations. Dr. Guerra has numerous awards including being a fellow of the American College of Physicians and the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, an alumnus of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundations Harold Amos Faculty Development Program, and a Penn Fellow. She has received the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Patient Advocacy Award and the American Cancer Society St. George National Award. Dr. Guerra serves as the board scientific officer of the American Cancer Society Board of Directors, the chair of the American Cancer Society Mission Outcomes committee and a member of the Clinical Guidelines Development and Health Equity National Advisory Committees for the American Cancer Society.

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## **DONALD HAVERKAMP, MPH**

*Mr. Donald Haverkamp* received a master of public health degree from the Graduate School of Public Health at San Diego State University. He is also a graduate of the Public Health Prevention Service, a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) post-graduate fellowship. Mr. Haverkamp currently works as an epidemiologist with the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control at the CDC. As a field assignee in New Mexico, he collaborates with the Indian Health Service Division of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention and various Tribal organizations, implementing strategies and projects to increase colorectal cancer screening among American Indian and Alaska Native people.



## **JAMES A. HOTZ, MD, MACP**

*Dr. James Hotz* is clinical services director of Albany Area Primary Health Care (AAPHC), a community health center with 13 clinical sites that serve 40,000 citizens in rural Southwest Georgia. Dr. Hotz is a graduate of Cornell University and the Ohio State University School of Medicine. He joined the US Public Health Service after completing an Internal Medicine Residency at Emory University and helped to found AAPHC in 1978. Since then, this community health center has seen over 2.5 million patients, the majority of whom are rural, African-American and live in poverty.

In addition to being a practicing internist, Dr. Hotz continues to be involved in health policy around issues of access and health disparity. He was a board member of the Georgia Association of Primary Health Care and was the first physician to be president of the Association. Dr. Hotz served two terms on the board of the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) and is a member of the Clinical Services Committee and the Legislative Affairs Committee. He worked on the Program Expectation Task Force that developed Community Health Center quality and reporting standards. Currently, he represents NACHC on the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (NCCRT). Dr. Hotz also co-chairs the NCCRT Community Health Center Task Group and serves on the NCCRT Steering Committee.



## **DJENABA JOSEPH, MD, MPH, CDR**

*Dr. Djenaba Joseph* is board certified in internal medicine and is a commander in the Commissioned Corps of the US Public Health Service. She joined the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as an epidemic intelligence service officer in the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control (DCPC) and is currently the medical director of CDC's Colorectal Cancer Control Program (CRCCP). Dr. Joseph completed her undergraduate education at the University of Michigan, earned her medical degree from the University of Michigan's Medical School, and a master's degree in public health from the University of Michigan, School of Public Health. She completed her residency in general internal medicine at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan.



## **HORMUZD KATKI, PhD**

*Dr. Hormuzd Katki* is a senior investigator at the National Cancer Institute. Dr. Katki's research focuses on understanding how epidemiologic findings could be used to prevent cancer in individuals and in populations. He is particularly interested in developing risk-based approaches to cancer screening. He helped develop the risk calculations behind the Official Risk-Based Cervical Cancer Screening Guidelines and App. He is active in developing risk-based approaches for selecting and managing ever-smokers for lung cancer screening. Dr. Katki is also active in developing new metrics to evaluate the ability of biomarkers and risk models to improve screening and prevention.



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## DEBORAH KINNARD



*Ms. Deborah Kinnard* has served for 15 years on interdisciplinary research teams to develop, implement, and evaluate community-based interventions for communities at increased chronic disease risk. She has been engaged in research with the faith-based sector since 2007 and has extensive experience managing outreach and engagement efforts with predominantly African American rural communities. Ms. Kinnard is currently involved on the University of South Carolina Prevention Research Center's core research project – Faith, Activity, and Nutrition (FAN) – which examines the dissemination and implementation of a faith-based program that targets policy, systems, and environmental changes to support physical activity and healthy eating. In a previous grant funded by the National Institutes of Health, FAN was shown to increase leisure-time physical activity and fruit and vegetable intake in church members. Ms. Kinnard holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and has completed doctoral coursework in Clinical-Community Psychology at the University of South Carolina.

## MELANIE KORNIDES, ScD, MPH, APRN



*Dr. Melanie Kornides* is an assistant professor and Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) scholar at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. Prior to joining the Penn faculty, Dr. Kornides completed a postdoctoral research fellowship in the Department of Population Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Kornides received her doctoral degree from Harvard University and holds a master's degree in public health from George Mason University, both in epidemiology. She also received her bachelor's degree from Ohio State University and her master's degree in community health nursing from University of Michigan. She has over ten years of clinical practice experience as a family nurse practitioner in primary care. Overall, Dr. Kornides' research focuses on sex disparities in HPV vaccination uptake. Through a mix of epidemiological and intervention work, she aims to form a comprehensive picture of the modifiable influences contributing to differences in on-time HPV vaccination by sex in the United States.

## JANICE L. KRIEGER, PhD



*Dr. Janice Krieger* is professor of advertising and health outcomes and biomedical informatics at the University of Florida (UF). She is a communication scientist by training, with nearly twenty years of experience using precision messaging to improve communication and informed decision-making in cancer prevention and treatment contexts. Dr. Krieger is passionate about strengthening the connections between health communication research and practice. In 2014, she became the founding director of the STEM Translational Communication Center (STCC). The STCC brings together communication scientists and professionals to develop, disseminate, and evaluate health communication interventions. She serves in a number of other leadership roles, including co-program leader for Cancer Population Sciences at the UF Cancer Center and co-director of the Recruitment Center at the UF Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute. In these roles, she has helped spearhead a number of efforts that cross-cut research and practice, such as using the patient portal to deliver health education.

## HARRY A. LEHMAN, III, MD



*Dr. Harry Lehman* is a primary care pediatrician from Seaford, Delaware. He was a 2019 Awardee for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's "HPV Vaccine is Cancer Prevention—Champions Program." Dr. Lehman has been providing primary pediatric care with a focus on preventive medicine for the past 32 years in his small rural community located in southern Delaware. When he is not in his office seeing 30 to 35 patients each day, he is enjoying the sun and sandy beaches of Fenwick Island, Delaware, or trying not to be an embarrassment to his friends on the golf course. His current project within the Nemours Children's Health System is to move his entire practice 30 minutes south in Delaware to an underserved rural community. He can be reached at his old fashion, but secure email account HL0015.Nemours.org.

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## **BERNARD LEVIN, MD, FACP**

*Dr. Bernard Levin* earned his medical degree in South Africa. He held academic appointments at the University of Chicago and then served as chair of the Department of Gastrointestinal Medical Oncology and Digestive Diseases at University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center until his appointment in 1994 as vice president for cancer prevention and population sciences. He retired from MD Anderson Cancer Center in 2007 and was appointed as professor emeritus. He has served as chair of the American Cancer Society's National Advisory Task Force on Colorectal Cancer, founding co-chair of the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable, president of the International Society of Gastrointestinal Carcinogenesis and founding chair of the World Gastroenterology Organization Foundation. He serves on the Editorial Board of the Journal of the National Cancer Institute. He is co-chair of the Scientific Review Panel of the Prevent Cancer Foundation. Dr. Levin's research interests include molecular markers for early detection of colorectal cancer and methods for enhancing public awareness of colorectal cancer prevention.



## **PETER L. LEVIN, PhD**

*Dr. Peter Levin* is the co-founder and chief executive officer of Amida Technology Solutions, an open source software company that focuses on data interoperability and data security. Dr. Levin is also an adjunct senior fellow at the Center for a New American Security, an independent director of Conversa Health, and a strategic advisor to Government Executives (SAGE) with the Partnership for Public Service. Immediately prior to co-founding Amida, he was senior advisor to the Secretary and Chief Technology Officer of the Department of Veterans Affairs, where he led their health record modernization initiative. His background is in applied math and high-performance computing. He has published dozens of articles in peer-reviewed journals as well as distinguished outlets in the popular press. Dr. Levin was a director of the network security company Astaro (acquired by Sophos), and co-founder of the GPS-based cybersecurity company Zanio (acquired by Boeing). He was also a White House Fellow in the Office of Management and Budget, a Humboldt Fellow in the Department Mathematical Physics at the Technical University of Darmstadt, and a winner of a National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Advanced Technology Program award.



## **MELISSA LEYPOLDT, RN**

*Ms. Melissa Leypoldt* is currently the program director for Nebraska's Women's and Men's Health Programs within the Division of Public Health. She manages Nebraska's Early Detection of Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program, Nebraska's Colorectal Cancer Screening Program and WISEWOMAN. For the past 27 years Ms. Leypoldt has been working with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the area of Cancer Prevention and Preventive Screenings.

She currently serves on the Federal Advisory Committee for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection. Ms. Leypoldt's most recent projects for DHHS center around evidence-based strategies in communities to increase cancer screenings, utilization of technology to increase awareness, linkages to community resources and capacity building in Federally Qualified Health Centers to implement systems changes.



## **BRIAN MATTINGLY**

*Mr. Brian Mattingly* is the director of the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (MCCCP) at the Maryland Department of Health (MDH). In this capacity, he provides management and oversight of program development, implementation, and evaluation. Before joining MDH, Mr. Mattingly helped to implement the Affordable Care Act Connector Program in Maryland as a connector entity director. As director of MCCCP, he manages and supports the Maryland Cancer Collaborative; a statewide coalition of volunteers who implement the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan. Mr. Mattingly also provides management leadership to the Maryland Patient Navigation Network, the Maryland Cancer Fund, and the Maryland State Council on Cancer Control. In addition, he provides leadership direction for planning, implementing, and evaluating a multicomponent approach to increasing HPV vaccination rates in Maryland which includes health system Quality Improvement projects, provider and parent education, college and university "catch-up" projects, and stakeholder engagement efforts.

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## **JACQUELINE MILLER, RN, BSN, OCN**

**Ms. Jacqueline Miller** has been an oncology nurse for 30 years and is currently the manager of the New Jersey Cancer Education and Early Detection (NJCEED) program at Virtua. The program provides comprehensive community outreach, education and free cancer screenings for uninsured residents of Burlington and Camden Counties in New Jersey. She coordinates care for all patients with abnormal results and educates over 2,000 county residents annually on the importance of preventative health care and screenings. Ms. Miller also provides cancer screening information via social media to thousands of residents annually. Prior to her management role, Ms. Miller was an oncology nurse navigator for seven years for patients diagnosed with GYN, GI, lung, and head and neck cancers. She has also administered chemotherapy and worked as a hospice nurse. Ms. Miller is an active member of the Oncology Nursing Society and has been an oncology certified nurse for 20 years.



## **JAMES L. MULSHINE, MD**

**Dr. James Mulshine** is a professor at Rush University where he has served as associate provost and vice president for research as well as acting dean of the Graduate College. Prior to joining Rush University in 2005, Dr. Mulshine was at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) for 25 years, where he was on the research faculty. Internationally recognized as an expert on lung cancer, Dr. Mulshine's research concentrates on application of quantitative CT to enable robust, efficient early lung cancer detection. He has been awarded 12 patents and has more than 330 scientific and medical publications. Dr. Mulshine is on numerous editorial boards, as well as national and international scientific and foundation advisory boards, including serving as vice chairman and scientific director of the Prevent Cancer Foundation®. He has received numerous national and international recognition awards related to the impact of his research efforts on early cancer management most recently including the Aeschylus Award from the Bonnie J. Addario Foundation.



## **BRIDGET A. OPPONG, MD, FACS**

**Dr. Bridget Oppong** is an attending physician in the Division of Breast Surgery at Reston Hospital Center in Virginia, where she serves as director of the breast program. She received her medical degree in 2004 from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and continued in Rochester to complete a general surgery residency in 2010. From 2010 to 2011, she obtained additional training as a Breast Surgical Oncology Fellow at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. She joined Georgetown University Hospital from 2011 to 2017 and became medical director of the Georgetown Lombardi Capital Breast Care Center. Her expertise is in the management of both benign and malignant breast disease, with a focus on oncologic care. Dr. Oppong has an academic interest in disparities in breast cancer outcomes as well as an interest in international breast health and improving cancer care in developing countries.



## **MARY PASQUINELLI, DNP, MS, FNP-BC**

**Ms. Mary Pasquinelli** is doctor of nursing at the Practice Hospital and Health Science System in Chicago (UI Health). She holds a master's degree in science with a family nurse practitioner specialty and has over 30 years of oncology nursing experience. The majority of her career has been focused on socioeconomically disadvantaged populations in Chicago. In addition to developing UI Health's Lung Cancer Screening Program, she clinically sees patients with pulmonary nodules who are high risk for lung cancer and she has a busy lung cancer clinic. Essentially, Ms. Pasquinelli sees patients throughout the care continuum from lung cancer screening through diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship. Her research interest is in health disparities in thoracic oncology and lung cancer screening.

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## **ANJANA PILLAI, MD**

*Dr. Anjana Pillai* returned to Chicago to join the faculty of the University of Chicago Medicine's Section of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition in 2016. She has a strong clinical and research interest in hepatocellular carcinoma, a passion that she continues to foster at the University of Chicago Medicine. Dr. Pillai is the medical director of the Liver Tumor Program, which brings the disciplines of hepatology, hepatobiliary surgery, oncology, diagnostic and interventional radiology together to offer patients a multidisciplinary and highly innovative approach to the management of liver tumors, whether primary or metastatic, malignant or benign. She conducts clinical research that investigates the utility of biomarkers in assessing tumor response and early detection of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) as well as novel therapeutic options for HCC and cholangiocarcinoma. Dr. Pillai is also the medical director of the Adult Living Donor Liver Transplant Program and the associate program director of the Gastroenterology Fellowship.



## **HEATHER NICOLE PLATTER, MS**

*Ms. Heather Platter* is a doctoral candidate in the School of Public Health at the University of Maryland, College Park. In 2018, she was awarded the prestigious Rima E. Rudd Fellowship in Health Literacy from the Horowitz Center for Health Literacy. Her dissertation is a grounded theory study which explores health literacy factors that affect informed decision making for lung cancer screening among older adult long-term smokers. She recently published a best practice manuscript in "Health Literacy Research and Practice" on a new systematic framework to assess community health literacy. Following her graduation in May, she will start a post-doctoral fellowship in the Cancer Prevention Fellowship Program at the National Cancer Institute where she will continue to pursue cancer and tobacco control and prevention research with a focus on health communication and health literacy.



## **KIMBERLY REED, RN, CPN**

*Ms. Kimberly Reed* is a registered nurse and a certified pediatric nurse. She has been a registered nurse since 2003 and worked in pediatrics since 2007. Her current role is as a lead nurse for Nemours duPont Pediatrics where she also serves as the practice's vaccine coordinator. Ms. Reed is also an active member of Shared Governance at Nemours and is currently serving as a co-chair on the research and education committee. She is a member of the Society of Pediatric Nurses as well as the American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing. When Ms. Reed is away from work, she enjoys spending time with her husband and daughter and finds her escape in reading.



## **KRIS RHODES, MPH**

*Ms. Kris Rhodes* (enrolled Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and descendent of Fond du Lac Chippewa) earned both a master of public health degree in public health administration and policy and a bachelor's degree in community health education from the University of Minnesota. Her professional work has focused on improving the health of American Indian health communities always with a community-led focus. She has developed tribal and urban health programs, resources with a strong focus on evaluation and research in order to develop an evidence base for what works in Native communities. She is the chief executive officer of the American Indian Cancer Foundation, a national organization dedicated to eliminating cancer burdens for American Indians. In this role, she has developed this organization from the ground up to develop the necessary capacity to address a broad spectrum of cancer issues among tribal and urban communities.

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## **ANNE F. ROSITCH, PhD, MSPH**



*Dr. Anne Rositch* is an applied epidemiologist, concentrating on cancer in women and global cancer disparities, with a background in basic science and experience conducting international field-based research. She received her doctorate in epidemiology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and completed a post-doctoral fellowship in cancer epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins University. Currently, Dr. Rositch is an assistant professor in the Department of Epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, where she is the co-director of doctoral programs.

For over ten years, her research has focused on cervical cancer in HIV-positive individuals, aging women, and in low-resource settings. It has spanned the translational spectrum from epidemiological studies to understand the natural history of the disease, to studying the effectiveness and implementation of cervical cancer prevention in low-resource settings. Dr. Rositch has ongoing research in the United States, South America, and across sub-Saharan Africa. Her recent work is focused on leveraging her training in Implementation Science and experience in cervical cancer prevention to identify novel multidisciplinary and multilevel approaches for cervical and breast cancer control in low-resource settings.

## **ROBERT A. SMITH, PhD**



*Dr. Robert Smith* is a cancer epidemiologist and vice president of cancer screening at the National Office of the American Cancer Society (ACS) in Atlanta, Georgia. His primary research interests are cancer epidemiology, evaluation of cancer prevention and early detection programs, quality assurance in the delivery of health services, and cancer rehabilitation and survivorship. At the ACS he leads the development of cancer screening guidelines, and special research and policy projects focused on cancer prevention and control. He is the author of over 300 peer-reviewed scientific articles, reports, and book chapters, and a frequent lecturer on cancer screening issues. Dr. Smith was one of the founding members of the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable and has served as its co-director for 20 years. He also is a founding member of the National Lung Cancer Roundtable and the Principle Investigator of the first three-year supporting grant. Among his honors, Dr. Smith is an Honorary Fellow of the Society of Breast Imaging, and, in 2011, he received the Medal of Honor from the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).

## **KATHRYN L. TAYLOR, PhD**



*Dr. Kathryn Taylor* is a tenured professor in the Department of Oncology and a member of the Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center's Cancer Prevention and Control Program at Georgetown University. Dr. Taylor's research focuses on three broad areas: 1) the clinical and public health translation of lung cancer screening and cancer diagnoses as potential teachable moments for smoking cessation and relapse prevention; 2) assessment of the impact of prostate cancer treatment on psychosocial, behavioral and clinical outcomes; and 3) developing and evaluating decision-making interventions designed to improve the outcomes of men undergoing prostate cancer screening and treatment. Dr. Taylor is currently leading two National Cancer Institute-funded projects on smoking cessation. The goal of both projects is to develop cost-effective methods to assist long-term smokers, many of whom are not actively seeking cessation assistance or ready to stop smoking in the near future.

Dr. Taylor has been continuously federally funded since 1997, has served on multiple National Institutes of Health study sections, is a fellow in the Society of Behavioral Medicine, received the GUMC Research Recognition Award, and has won the American Public Health Association Award for Public Health and Health Education Materials Contest. Dr. Taylor earned her doctoral degree in clinical psychology from State University of New York at Stony Brook and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

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## **ERIN M. THOMAS, MS, HSAS**

*Ms. Erin Thomas* is a goal-oriented and client-focused public health professional with a proven track record of meeting business objectives and deliverables in the health care industry. Ms. Thomas has been with the District of Columbia's (DC) Tobacco Control Program within the Bureau of Cancer and Chronic Disease for over six years and oversees all aspects of the DC Tobacco Quitline. Prior to joining the Department of Health's Tobacco Control Program, Ms. Thomas served as project manager for Fairfax County Health Department's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-funded Pandemic Influenza grant project. Ms. Thomas possesses a Health Services Administration Specialist Degree from The George Washington University.



## **NICOLE UNGER**

*Ms. Nicole Unger* is a senior consultant with 19 years of experience specializing in meeting facilitation, corporate communications, strategic planning, and stakeholder outreach to help clients collaborate and focus on agency priorities. She has helped local, state and federal agencies like the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Homeland Security work to improve emergency communications, interoperability, and 911. Ms. Unger has also helped coordinate stakeholders across diverse geography and disciplines to build consensus around initiatives that strengthen public safety.



## **ERICA CHILDS WARNER, MPH**

*Ms. Erica Warner* is senior director of evaluation and outreach at the Prevent Cancer Foundation®. Her current portfolio includes administering community grants in the US and other countries and developing and expanding an educational product line of breast health education for young women. She is also the project lead for program evaluation at the Foundation. She has a master of public health degree in health behavior and education from the University of North Carolina, and a bachelor's degree in psychology from University of Pennsylvania. After college, Ms. Warner volunteered for the Peace Corps in the Kingdom of Tonga.



## **ELIZABETH A. WESTBROOK, MPH, MCHES**

*Ms. Elizabeth Westbrook* is a cancer control specialist with the University of Louisville Kentucky Cancer Program. Ms. Westbrook has over 30 years of experience in cancer control. In addition to being responsible for planning, developing and implementing cancer control initiatives for a ten-county area, Ms. Westbrook has also been involved in leadership at the state level with Comprehensive Cancer Control and coordination of Kentucky's state *Dialogue for Action*® on Colorectal Cancer. Ms. Westbrook has co-authored several posters presented at state and national conferences. She is a Master Certified Health Education Specialist. Ms. Westbrook received a bachelor's degree in community health and health education from Western Kentucky University and has served on numerous health committees and coalitions at the local, state, and regional level.

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## **BILL WILLARD**

*Mr. Bill Willard* is the director of marketing research for the American Cancer Society (ACS), concentrating primarily on brand and custom research projects. Since joining ACS in 2016, he has been the primary steward of the ACS Brand Tracker, and ongoing study of consumer perceptions of the organization and its competitors. He has also worked on numerous custom projects of both a qualitative and quantitative nature, focused mainly on providing context to ACS marketing efforts. Prior to joining ACS, he spent over 10 years on the Insights & Analytics team at CNN, helping to arm senior executives with the information required to make key strategic business decisions in the competitive world of cable news.



## **FAYE L. WONG, MPH**

*Ms. Faye Wong* is chief of the program services branch in the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). She provides leadership and manages the Colorectal Cancer Control Program (CRCCP) and the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. Previously, Ms. Wong was director of the CDC's VERB™ Campaign, a mass media campaign aimed at getting tweens to be physically active, and she was CDC's first co-director of the jointly sponsored National Diabetes Education Program with the National Institutes of Health. Ms. Wong began her CDC career developing nutrition surveillance and chronic disease nutrition programs. She has had a long career in public health at the federal, state (Oregon), and local levels (Arizona, Michigan), specifically in the creation, growth, transformation, and management of public health and communication programs. Ms. Wong was recognized with the CDC National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion's Jeffrey P. Koplan Award in 2015 and the US Department of Health and Human Services Department Award for Career Achievement in 2011. In addition, she is a past president of the American Public Health Association



## **MITCH ZELLER, JD**

*Mr. Mitch Zeller* is the director of the US Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Center for Tobacco Products (CTP). A graduate of Dartmouth College and the American University Washington College of Law, he has been working on FDA issues for more than 30 years. He began his career as a public interest attorney in 1982 at the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI). In 1988, Mr. Zeller left CSPI to become counsel to the Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee of the House of Representatives Government Operations Committee where he conducted oversight of enforcement of federal health and safety laws. Mr. Zeller joined the staff of then FDA Commissioner David Kessler, MD, in 1993. What began as a two-week assignment with Dr. Kessler to examine the practices of the tobacco industry led to his serving as associate commissioner and director of FDA's first Office of Tobacco Programs. Instrumental in crafting the agency's 1996 tobacco regulations, Mr. Zeller also represented FDA before Congress, federal, and state agencies. Mr. Zeller also served as an official US delegate to the World Health Organization (WHO) Working Group for the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. In 2000, Mr. Zeller left the FDA to continue his work for tobacco control as executive vice president of the American Legacy Foundation. His responsibilities there included marketing, communications, strategic partnerships, and, in 2002, creating the foundation's first Office of Policy and Government Relations. That year, Mr. Zeller joined Pinney Associates where, as senior vice president, he provided strategic planning and communications advice on domestic and global public health policy issues involving the treatment of tobacco dependence and the regulation of tobacco products and pharmaceuticals. Mr. Zeller, who is also a professorial lecturer at American University School of Law, lives with his family in Maryland.

