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National Conference: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Networking Dinner: 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

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ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES: A PUBLIC HEALTH IMPERATIVE

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LETTER FROM CONFERENCE PROGRAM CHAIR

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We are a nonprofit organization bringing together and strengthening the impact of Muslim health professionals to improve the health and wellness of all Americans.

VISION

To be a leader in improving public health, through efforts inspired by the Islamic tradition

Dear AMHP Conference Attendees,

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the AMHP's Second Annual National Public Health Conference, being held at the world renowned Harvard Medical School campus in partnership with Harvard Medical School Office for Diversity Inclusion and Community Partnership and Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

This year's theme, "Eliminating Health Disparities: A Public Health Imperative," sets out to promote efforts that drive toward health equity by fostering dialogue and collaboration among various disciplines, providing a platform for health professionals to showcase innovative work, and promoting public health initiatives that impact our communities. With that in mind, we have assembled a dynamic roster of diverse speakers and thought leaders who will share their insights, knowledge, and expertise. But we also want you, the attendees, to not only learn new ideas and make new professional connections, but also to take back these ideas and strengthen the impact in your own communities with action. Through this conference, AMHP continues its goal of bringing awareness and collaboration to our main areas of focus: mental health, advocacy, and professional development.

In closing, I encourage you to join AMHP as an official member and support its mission to improve the health and wellness of all Americans. If there is anything I can personally do for you, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at secretary@amhp.us.

Sincerely,



Zaiba Malik, M.D.
Executive Secretary, American Muslim Health Professionals (AMHP)
Program Chair, AMHP National Public Health Conference

PROGRAM

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

9:00 AM - 9:10 AM

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

LOCATION: TMEC AMPHITHEATER

MODERATOR:

Zaiba Malik, MD, Executive Secretary, American Muslim Health Professionals & Conference Program Chair

9:10 AM - 9:45 AM

WELCOMING REMARKS

SPEAKERS:

The Honorable Martin J. Walsh, Mayor, City of Boston

George Q. Daley, MD, PhD, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Harvard Medical School (Video Remarks)

Joan Y. Reede, MD, MPH, MS, MBA, Dean, Diversity and Community Partnership; Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School; Professor of Society, Human Development and Health, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Wendy Jill McRae-Owoeye, JD, CDP, Dean for Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Serene Katranji, JD, LLM, President, American Muslim Health Professionals

9:45 AM - 10:30 AM

ADVOCACY FOR ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES

SPEAKER:

Frederick Isasi, JD, MPH, Executive Director, FamiliesUSA

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM

BREAK

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

PARALLEL SESSIONS

BRIDGING HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES AND MENTAL HEALTH

LOCATION: ROOM 104

MODERATOR:

Rukhsana Chaudhry, PsyD, AMHP Mental Health Program Director

SPEAKERS:

Rania Awaad, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University

Tahirah Abdullah, PhD, Assistant Professor of Psychology, University of Massachusetts Boston

Lara Jirmanus, MD, MPH, Family Physician, Cambridge Health Alliance & Clinical Instructor, Harvard Medical School

ADVANCING ACCESS THROUGH INNOVATIVE HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGY

LOCATION: ROOM 306

MODERATOR:

Sana Syed, MD, MPH AMHP Health Policy & Advocacy Board Director

SPEAKERS:

Jose Aguilar, MBA, Chief Strategy Officer, HoyHealth

Peter Bergethon, MD, Vice President, Quantitative Medicine & Clinical Technologies, Biogen

Jawad Shah, MD, President, Insight Institute of Neurosurgery & Neuroscience

NEGOTIATE WHILE SAVING THE WORLD

LOCATION: ROOM 328

MODERATOR:

Sana Jivraj MD, Attending Physician, OLE Health

SPEAKER:

Paul Levy, MA, Author, How to Negotiate Your First Job & Senior Advisor, Lax Sebenius LLC

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

NETWORKING LUNCH/ZUHR PRAYERS

PRAYER LOCATION: ROOM 209

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

PARALLEL SESSIONS

ADVOCATING FOR HEALTH EQUITY: ACQUIRING SKILLS TO MAKE AN IMPACT

LOCATION: ROOM 104

MODERATOR:

Nazmin Borna Bhuiya, Doctoral Candidate, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

SPEAKER:

Maria Gonzalez Albuixech, MS, Director of Strategy and Communication, Health Care For All

DESTIGMATIZING MENTAL HEALTH THROUGH STORYTELLING

LOCATION: ROOM 306

MODERATOR:

Nusheen Ameenuddin MD, MPH, Minority Health Policy Fellow, Harvard Medical School

SPEAKERS:

Nikki Webber Allen, MA, TED Speaker, Emmy Award Winning TV Producer, Filmmaker, Founder & President, i LIVE FOR... Foundation

Janae Sharp, BA, Founder, The Sharp Index

THE POWER OF ONE: HOW ORDINARY ACTIONS INFLUENCE EXTRAORDINARY CHANGE

LOCATION: ROOM 328

MODERATOR:

Louise Keogh Weed MS, Instructor, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

SPEAKER:

Natasha Bowman, JD, SPHR, Founder, Performance ReNEW

2:45 PM - 3:00 PM

BREAK

3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

WOMEN IN HEALTHCARE: SHATTERING GLASS CEILINGS

LOCATION: TMEC AMPHITHEATER

SPEAKERS:

Qaali Hussein, MD, FACS, Trauma/Acute Care Surgeon, HCA Physician Services Group

Zohray Talib, MD, FACP, Associate Dean for Medical Education & Global Health, California University of Science & Medicine

PROGRAM

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

FIRESIDE CHAT: HOW ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CAN ADDRESS HEALTH DISPARITIES

LOCATION: TMEC AMPHITHEATER

MODERATOR:

Shahid N. Shah, MSc, Internationally Recognized & Influential Healthcare IT Thought Leader

SPEAKERS:

Lama Al-Aswad, MD, MPH, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, Columbia University

Faisal Basar, BE, CEO/Co-Founder, Polyfins Technology Inc

Khan Siddiqui, MD, Founder, Chief Technology Officer & Chief Medical Officer, high

4:45 PM - 5:00 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

BREAK

AMHP'S 15-YEAR ANNIVERSARY DINNER
TOSTESON MEDICAL EDUCATION CENTER ATRIUM - 2ND FLOOR

6:30 PM

REGISTRATION & NETWORKING

7:00 PM

WELCOMING REMARKS

Emcee: Mohammad Dar, MD (MoDar), Former Medical Director for ACOs

7:10 PM

DINNER

7:30 PM

MAGHRIB

7:45 PM

AMHP: IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF ALL AMERICANS

Arshia Wajid, MPH, MBA, Founder & Board Director, American Muslim Health Professionals

8:00 PM

AMHP COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Bill Slaughter, MD, MA, Lecturer, Department of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School

8:10 PM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The Honorable Shereef Elnahal, MD, MBA, State of New Jersey

8:45 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

PARALLEL SESSION DESCRIPTION

ADVANCING ACCESS THROUGH INNOVATIVE HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGY

The issue of access to healthcare starts even before patients enter the hospital, it is in the resources that are created and the outreach to ensure appropriate care is provided to every individual. Then once in a hospital environment it is the provision of care appropriate to the person's needs. In this session, we will provide an industry perspective, discuss innovators in access programs and highlight a clinical perspective all of whom are using technology to revolutionize access to healthcare for patients.

NEGOTIATE WHILE SAVING THE WORLD

Many people who chose to devote themselves to serving the public good feel reluctant to ask for a higher salary and benefits when they receive a job offer from nonprofit organizations. And yet, your university didn't give you a break on tuition and fees while you were preparing for this career; and your landlord doesn't give you a break on your rent. What is an appropriate and respectful way to advocate for yourself in this situation? Also, how do we deal with gender issues in these discussions? Paul Levy, the co-author of How to Negotiate Your First Job, will conduct an interactive professional development workshop on these topics.

ADVOCATING FOR HEALTH EQUITY: ACQUIRING SKILLS TO MAKE AN IMPACT

An advocacy workshop that will focus on issues related to barriers to coverage and care for immigrant communities especially regarding the proposed changes to "public charge". It will also highlight resources and tools available to advocates, providers and community leaders to help address those barriers. Finally there will also be a focus on acquiring the skills to advocate effectively in favor of immigrant communities at the local, state and federal level.

DESTIGMATIZING MENTAL HEALTH THROUGH STORYTELLING

Nikki lost her 22-year old nephew, Paul, to suicide, while Janae's former husband, John Madsen, died by suicide before completing his medical training. This session will explore how both women have used their personal loss on ending mental health stigma. Nikki is directing a documentary film showcasing how millenials of color are living with and thriving despite their mental health diagnosis, while Janae's nonprofit aims to reduce physician suicide.

THE POWER OF ONE: HOW ORDINARY ACTIONS INFLUENCE EXTRAORDINARY

This workshop will explore how your actions, conduct, and words in the workplace can influence extraordinary change in others. It will explore what happens when we operate in default mode, and unconscious biases, micro-aggressions, and incivilities come into play. The audience will walk away with an understading of how their behavior can influene others.

SPEAKERS



Marty Walsh
Mayor of Boston

Martin J. Walsh, a lifelong champion of working people and a proud product of the City of Boston, is the City's 54th mayor. Mayor Walsh's vision is of a thriving, healthy, and innovative Boston — a City with equality and opportunity for all, where a revolutionary history inspires creative solutions to the challenges of the 21st century.

The Walsh Administration has addressed the tremendous need for housing in the City with an ambitious plan, setting records for new affordable and middle-class homes. In addition, it has built a state-of-the-art homeless shelter and gotten the City on a path to effectively ending chronic homelessness. Before taking office, Mayor Walsh served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, where he was a leader on job creation and worker protections; substance abuse, mental health, and homelessness; K-12 education; and civil rights.

Born and raised in the neighborhood of Dorchester by immigrant parents, Mayor Walsh is driven to make sure Boston is a City where anyone can overcome their challenges and fulfill their dreams. As a child, Mayor Walsh survived a serious bout of Burkitt lymphoma, thanks to the extraordinary care he received at Boston Children's Hospital and Dana Farber Cancer Institute. His recovery from alcoholism as a young adult led to his lifelong commitment to the prevention and treatment of addiction.



George Q. Daley, MD, PhD,
Dean of the Faculty of Medicine,
Harvard Medical School

George Q. Daley, MD, PhD, is the 22nd Dean of Harvard Medical School. A world-renowned physician-scientist, educator, and academic leader, Daley's work spans basic science, translational research and clinical medicine. Daley is at the forefront of stem cell science and cancer biology, on a quest to unravel the mechanisms that give rise to cancer and blood disorders.

His laboratory is working to define the mechanisms by which stem cells aid tissue regeneration and to improve drug development and transplantation therapies for patients with bone marrow diseases. Daley's research paved the way for the development of the drug Gleevec for chronic myeloid leukemia and generated stem cell models for more than a dozen human diseases. He played a pivotal role in the development of ethical guidelines for the conduct of stem cell research worldwide. Daley is a former Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator and a member of the National Academy of Medicine.



Joan Y. Reede, MD, MPH, MS, MBA,
Dean, Diversity and Community
Partnership; Professor of Medicine,
Harvard Medical School; Professor of
Society, Human Development and Health,
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Joan Y. Reede, MD, MPH, MS, MBA is the Dean for Diversity and Community Partnership and Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School (HMS). Dr. Reede also holds appointments as Professor in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the Harvard School of Public Health, and is an Assistant in Health Policy at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Reede is responsible for the development and management of a comprehensive program that provides leadership, guidance, and support to promote the increased recruitment, retention, and advancement of underrepresented minority, women, LGBT, and faculty with disabilities at HMS. This charge includes oversight of all diversity activities at HMS as they relate to faculty, trainees, students, and staff. Dr. Reede also serves as the director of the Minority Faculty Development Program, and program director of the Faculty Diversity Program of the Harvard Catalyst/The Harvard Clinical and Translational Science Center. Dr. Reede also chairs the HMS Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion.



Wendy Jill McRae Owoeye JD, CDP
Dean for Diversity, Inclusion, and
Belonging, Harvard T.H. Chan School
of Public Health

Wendy Jill McRae-Owoeye is Dean for Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Wendy joined the Harvard Chan School in October 2018, bringing a depth of expertise and experience in higher education, health care, human resources, and other service industries. Wendy leads the efforts of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI), including vision development, strategic planning, reporting, and policy and practice development; prioritization around recruitment, retention, and staff, faculty, and student development; and the expanding and deepening of discussions about diversity, inclusion, and related issues in the curriculum. She also oversees the Dean's Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion.

Wendy previously served in several roles at Brown University, most recently as its senior director of diversity and inclusion. Before joining Brown, Wendy served as regional human resources manager for Unilever BestFoods North America and divisional human resources manager for Coca Cola Enterprises. Wendy holds a BA from Rutgers University and a JD from Roger Williams University School of Law. She is certified in Diversity Management by Cornell University; as a mediator by the Community Dispute Settlement Center; and as a professional development trainer by Development Dimensions International.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Shereef Elnahal MD, MBA
Commissioner, New Jersey
Department of Health

Shereef Elnahal is New Jersey's 21st Health Commissioner. Dr. Elnahal joined the Department on January 25, 2018 and quickly established a new vision for the Department with specific goals: Eradicating the opioid epidemic; decreasing maternal mortality and improving access to women's health care; reducing disparities in public health outcomes, increasing access to health coverage and mental health care; expanding the medicinal marijuana program; and expanding telehealth and interoperability.

Women's health is a key priority for Dr. Elnahal. Early in the Murphy Administration, the Governor signed legislation and had the Department restore \$7.5 million for family planning. Dr. Elnahal also directed the re-alignment of funding for a new Healthy Women-Healthy Families Initiative, focused on increasing healthy births and decreasing black infant mortality in communities with the highest black infant mortality rates. He was appointed to the VA by former President Barack Obama as a White House Fellow in 2015. During his time there, he spearheaded unprecedented efforts around transparency in access and performance, as well as standardizing best practices that prevent opioid dependency, improve women's healthcare, and enhance access to care for veterans. He grew up in Atlantic County and is the son of Egyptian doctors who immigrated to New Jersey. He graduated summa cum laude from Johns Hopkins and earned both his medical degree and MBA with distinction from Harvard University.



**AMHP COMMUNITY
SERVICE AWARDEE:**
Bill Slaughter MD, MA
Lecturer, Department of Psychiatry,
Harvard School of Medicine

Dr. Bill Slaughter works with allies on wellness-inclusion opportunities, in the US primarily, particularly interested in root Palestine-Israel advancement. In the US, this is via diversity-respect development initiatives and presentations spanning civil sectors: cross-Abrahamic, community, government, and health/human service settings, with some clinical practice in Boston. In the Levant/Bilad alSham, this is primarily via the United States Gaza Mental Health Foundation, with some United Nations Refugee and Works Agency for Palestine, American University of Beirut, Palestine Children's Relief Fund, PsychoActive, and other training/support contributions. He's participated at Harvard variously since 2003 (Arab Weekend Avicenna Healthcare/Science Reception Featured Guest, Center for Government and International Studies, Center for Middle East Studies, Medical School, School of Public Health [Gaza 2010: Human Security Needs'; Boston post-Marathon bombing community evaluation, etc.]). Graduate education: cross-cultural/Buddhist psychology (Naropa University); Medicine (University of Washington); Seattle Indian Health Board); analytical psychology (Jung Institute-Boston); finishing with psychiatry, then international relations/security (Harvard University). Undergraduate: Reed College/Portland State University/University of Washington Comparative History of Ideas/Political Science and Arabic/Middle East studies.



Tahirah Abdullah PhD
Assistant Professor of Psychology,
University of Massachusetts Boston

Tahirah Abdullah received her B.A. in Psychology and Africana Studies from the University of Miami in 2006, and obtained her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology in 2013 from the University of Kentucky. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Massachusetts Boston. Dr. Abdullah's research focuses on mental health and mental health treatment among Black Americans. Specifically, she is interested in the impact of racism and discrimination on mental health, barriers to help-seeking for mental health problems, mental illness and mental health treatment stigma, and understanding Black Americans' mental health treatment experiences.

She aims to use the knowledge gained from her research to improve the quality and accessibility of mental health services for Black Americans, and reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and mental health treatment. In addition to her research, Dr. Abdullah teaches and mentors students at UMass Boston.



Jose Aguilar MBA
Chief Strategy Officer, HoyHealth

Jose Aguilar, a Mexican native, is a global marketing and commercial executive with extensive global experience conducting business in more than 60 countries, including ex-pat assignments. He started his professional work at The Gallup Organization conducting market research for multiple clients in Latin America and the United States.

After completing his MBA at Emory University, Jose has led on a global basis well-recognized brands both in the consumer and OTC markets for Fortune 500 companies such as General Mills, Bausch + Lomb, Abbott Labs and Nestle. In this capacity, he has drafted global strategies campaigns to support current and new product launches for the Medical, HCP market and Consumer markets.

SPEAKERS



Lama Al-Aswad MD, MPH
Associate Professor of Ophthalmology,
Columbia University

Lama A. Al-Aswad is an ophthalmologist with subspecialty in glaucoma and cataract with a strong interest in disease prevention and population health. She is an Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at Columbia University, Glaucoma fellowship director, Chair of quality assurance of the Eye Institute and the Director of the Tele-ophthalmology initiative. Dr. Al-Aswad received her MD from Damascus University Medical School and a Glaucoma research fellowship from MEEI Harvard Medical School, residency in ophthalmology at SUNY Downstate and her Glaucoma fellowship at UT Memphis. She is the past president of the NY Glaucoma Society and president for the WIO. In 2015, she conferred the degree MPH from Columbia University, Mailman School of Public.

Dr. Al-Aswad's dedication to science is evident from her list of scientific publications, book chapters, invited articles and a large number of scientific presentations at national and international meetings. Dr. Al-Aswad is a believer in blindness prevention as evident from her large-scale glaucoma screening in NYC where more than 8500 individuals screened for glaucoma. She recently launched the teleophthalmology screening project for the leading cause of blindness using a mobile tele-ophthalmology unit equipped with state of the art devices and linked in real-time to a reading center. She is currently working on validating artificial intelligence systems in eye disease as a tool in blindness prevention.



Maria Gonzalez Albuixech MS
Director of Strategy and
Communication, Health Care For All

Maria Gonzalez Albuixech was born and raised in Valencia, Spain. She earned degrees in Communications and German studies at the University of Valencia, Spain and Bremen University, Germany. Maria also completed a degree in Journalism at Carlos III University in Madrid and worked later on as the editor of several specialized publications in that region. In 2005, she graduated in Political Science and International Relations at Suffolk University in Boston, MA. Upon graduation, she worked as the Associate Editor for "El Mundo" newspaper and was later hired as a news reporter for Univision New England where she also became a news anchor and producer for the morning show "Despierta Boston".

In 2011, Maria transitioned to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, where she worked as the Community Education Manager in the Communications office. In 2012, Health Care For All (HCFA) recruited her to become their Director of Communications and Marketing where she supervised outreach and public education activities, community organizing and enrollment services offered through the HelpLine. Currently, she holds the positions of Director of Strategy and Communications and Director of the Immigrant Health Care Access Project.



Nikki Webber Allen MA
TED Speaker, Emmy Award Winning
TV Producer, Filmmaker, Founder &
President, i LIVE FOR... Foundation

Nikki Webber Allen is a 2-Time Emmy Award winner with over 15 years of experience producing content for media outlets including Warner Bros., HBO, ABC, 21st Century Fox, MTV and BET. In 2013, while working as the Vice President of Casting & Talent Relations for the cable network TV One, Nikki lost her 22-year old nephew, Paul, to suicide. In his honor, she launched the nonprofit i LIVE FOR... FOUNDATION, INC. to end mental health stigma in communities of color.

Her work with i LIVE FOR... has been featured in the Washington Post, Huffington Post, NPR and NBC News. She's the host of Slate Magazine's podcast "Life Effects" and she's currently producing and directing a documentary film that features inspiring stories about millennials of color living with, and thriving despite, their mental health diagnosis. In Spring 2017, she was chosen for the highly-coveted TED Residency program. She delivered an impassioned TED Talk entitled, "Don't suffer from your depression in silence," which has garnered more than 1.9M views. She has an M.A. in Media Studies from The New School University in New York, NY and a B.A. in Communications from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ. Currently, she's living in Washington DC with her husband musician Jeffrey Allen of the Grammy nominated R&B band Mint Condition.



Rania Awaad MD
Clinical Assistant Professor of
Psychiatry, Stanford University
School of Medicine

Rania Awaad, is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the Stanford University School of Medicine where she is the Director of the Muslim Mental Health Lab and Wellness Program and Co-Director of the Diversity Clinic. She pursued her psychiatric residency training at Stanford where she also completed a postdoctoral clinical research fellowship with the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). Her research and clinical work are focused on the mental health needs of Muslims. Her courses at Stanford range from instructing medical students and residents on implicit bias and integrating culture and religion into medical care to teaching undergraduate and graduate students the psychology of xenophobia. Her most recent academic publications include works on Islamic Psychology, Islamophobia, and the historical roots of mental health from the Islamic Golden Era.

Prior to studying medicine, she pursued classical Islamic studies in Damascus, Syria and holds certifications (ijaza) in Qur'an, Islamic Law and other branches of the Islamic Sciences. Dr. Awaad is also a Professor of Islamic Law at Zaytuna College, a Muslim Liberal Arts College in Berkeley, CA where she teaches courses on Shafi'i Fiqh and Women's Fiqh. In addition, she serves as the Director of The Rahmah Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to educating Muslim women and girls.



Faisal Basar
CEO & Co-Founder,
Polyfins Technology Inc

Faisal Basar is a successful technology entrepreneur with 20 years of experience in the industry. He has worked in various technical roles from startups, to large Fortune 500 companies. As an entrepreneur, he has expertise in building companies from the ground-up, putting together a highly motivated team, and expanding the company to have a global footprint.

Faisal is an expert in Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning and has led a team to build an AI chatbot to help people detect and manage their skin problems. He is a software engineer at heart and loves coding. Faisal's passion is to build enduring companies which has a direct, positive, social impact. He is also excited about applying latest technologies to solve healthcare challenges. He is a firm believer in making healthcare accessible to all, irrespective of the financial means of an individual. In his personal life, Faisal is a busy Dad, learning the parenting strategy to balance the needs of teenage boy and girl with a kindergartener.



Peter Bergethon MD
Vice President and Head of
Quantitative Medicine and
Clinical Technologies, Biogen

Peter R. Bergethon is Vice President and Head of Quantitative Medicine and Clinical Technologies (QMCT) at Biogen. He leads the identification of technologies and methodologies that transform drug development. QMCT creates value by leading the transition of clinical practice in Biogen's core and emerging growth areas from a qualitative to a quantitative discipline, and connecting the Clinical with the Research enterprise, to advance therapeutics and personalized medicine.

Peter came to Biogen in 2017 from Pfizer Worldwide Research and Development where he was Vice President and Head of the Pfizer Innovation Research Lab within the Early Clinical Development group. At Pfizer, Peter led both the Quantitative Medicine group and the Innovation Research Labs where he pioneered mobile and digital clinical assessment technology, human neurophenotyping, and multi-modal data analytics to accelerate clinical development in neuroscience, immunology, rare diseases, and cardiometabolic disease. He is an accomplished clinical neurologist and neuroscientist who, prior to joining Pfizer, was a Professor at Boston University and Tufts University in the Departments of Biochemistry, Neurology, Neurobiology & Anatomy, and Biomedical Engineering.



Natasha Bowman JD, SPHR
Founder, Performance ReNEW

Natasha Bowman has labored for nearly 20 years to transform the American workplace from the inside out. As a champion for employees, she's worked with a broad range of organizations as a c-suite Healthcare HR executive to create an engaging environment in which employees are respected, genuine leaders are cultivated, and top performance is achieved. Natasha is an award winning, modern day pioneer of workplace equality, inspiring organizations to not just pay lip service to workplace rights but craft highly-engaged cultures where every employee is truly dignified and valued for their contribution.

She is an international keynote speaker and has shared her passion for creating positive and engaging workplaces by speaking at the NYPD, The City of Detroit, Ford Motor Company, The Employers' Association, Temple University, and Microsoft, just to name a few. Her expertise is frequently quoted in national publications such as Forbes, Business Insider, U.S. News and World Reports, Bloomberg BNA and HR Magazine.



Qaali Hussein MD, FACS
Trauma/Acute Care Surgeon,
HCA Physician Services Group

Qaali Hussein is a double board certified trauma/acute care surgeon and surgical intensivist who practices in Florida. She graduated from the University of Texas with honors in human biology before attending medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas. Dr. Hussein then went on to Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas where she completed her residency in General Surgery and fellowship in Surgical Critical Care. After completion of her training, she relocated to Florida in 2015 to practice at a level 2 trauma center. She also provides trauma/acute care surgery/critical care coverage for understaffed hospitals throughout the country.

In addition to her busy professional schedule, Dr. Hussein is the mother of six children, all of which she had during her intense training years in general surgery and critical care fellowship. She writes and speaks about her experiences of overcoming numerous obstacles to inspire and motivate professional women to pursue their passions while staying true to their values.

SPEAKERS



Frederick Isasi JD, MPH
Executive Director, FamiliesUSA

Frederick Isasi was selected to be Families USA's second-ever Executive Director in January 2017 because of his life-long commitment to achieving high-quality, affordable health care for all. He also brings to his position deep expertise in Medicaid, Medicare, and private health insurance, health equity, and payment and delivery reform. In addition, he has a proven track record of working effectively in a bipartisan manner with policymakers at the national and state levels. Mr. Isasi's skills and experiences made him the ideal choice to lead Families USA into the future as the premier voice for all families and health care consumers in America. As Executive Director, Mr. Isasi leads the expert staff at Families USA as the organization focuses on four key challenges: Creating a value-based health system that ensures higher-quality, lower cost health care; Helping people overcome barriers to health and health care based on race, ethnicity, income, gender, demography, or sexual orientation; Making comprehensive and affordable health insurance available to all; and Empowering health care consumers to ensure that their voices are heard in their state and local communities as well as in Washington, D.C.



Lara Jirmanus MD
Family Physician, Cambridge Health Alliance and Clinical Instructor, Harvard Medical School

Lara Jirmanus is a family physician at the Cambridge Health Alliance, a Fellow at the FXB Center at the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health (HSPH) and a Clinical Instructor at Harvard Medical School. In February 2017, she founded the Health and Law Immigrant Solidarity Network (www.hlisn.org), a group of healthcare and legal professionals and community organizations supporting immigrants in Eastern Massachusetts. Jirmanus has been involved in grassroots organizing, advocacy and research for many years, addressing worker and immigrant rights in the US, infectious diseases in Brazil and the impacts of conflict and displacement in the Middle East. Her current research focuses on impact of immigration enforcement on immigrant health in the Massachusetts, and the health of Syrian refugees and host populations in Lebanon.

After graduating from University of Massachusetts Medical School, she completed family medicine residency at Boston University Medical Center, a fellowship in Global Women's Health at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and an MPH at HSPH. Dr. Jirmanus served as chief resident in Family Medicine at the American University of Beirut (AUB) in Lebanon. She taught a global health and social medicine course at AUB Medical School and an interdisciplinary seminar on the Syrian refugee crisis at Harvard University.



Paul F. Levy MA
Author, *How to Negotiate Your First Job*, Senior Advisor, Lax Sebenius LLC Senior Advisor, Lax Sebenius LLC

Paul F. Levy – author, speaker, and corporate advisor -- served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston from January 2002 to January 2011. BIDMC is one of the world's preeminent academic health centers, providing state-of-the-art clinical care, research, and teaching in affiliation with Harvard Medical School. Licensed for over 600 beds, BIDMC annual revenues were over \$1.4 billion. Before that position, he was the Executive Dean for Administration at Harvard Medical School, where he was responsible for administrative, budgetary, and facility issues, as well as community and governmental relations.

Mr. Levy has also served as Executive Director of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA), Chairman of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (MDPU), and Director of the Arkansas Department of Energy. At the MWRA, he had primary responsibility for the "Boston Harbor Cleanup," one of the largest pollution control projects in the world. In operating the water transmission system for 46 communities at the MWRA, Mr. Levy carried out an aggressive demand management program which decreased water consumption by 15% over a three-year period. At the MDPU, he regulated the electricity, telecommunications, natural gas, and water utilities in Massachusetts. In Arkansas, Mr. Levy directed energy programs, planning, policy and advocacy, including such areas as energy conservation, renewable and fossil energy resource development, and regulatory and legislative matters.



Jawad Shah MD
President, Insight Institute of Neurosurgery & Neuroscience

Jawad Shah is a board certified Neurosurgeon who is the President of Insight Institute of Neurosurgery & Neuroscience. He studied at McGill University in Montreal and the University of Manitoba prior to completing medical school at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada where he was also raised. He began Ph.D. work in Psychoneuroimmunology prior to embarking on specialty training in Neurosurgery. He completed a subspecialty fellowship training in skull base neurosurgery at the University of Arkansas. His areas of specialty include brainstem surgery, vascular neurosurgery, brain tumors, complex spine, and neuromodulation.

He is involved in extensive research projects including clinical, patent work, biological/mechanical and electrical product development, industry-sponsored studies, theoretical philosophy among other areas. He is a faculty member at the Michigan State University Medical School. He also is Co-Director of the Center for Cognition and Neuroethics jointly administered by the University of Michigan and IINN.



Janae Sharp BA
Founder, The Sharp Index

Janae Sharp has been involved in startups and healthcare innovation for several years. Janae is actively involved in Healthcare informatics media as a tool to bridge gaps in progress. She currently serves several startups and Utah HIMSS. She has advised early stage investors and taken early stage investments through their first round of funding. Her specialty is startups that want to work with health records and medicaid. It's a complex stakeholder process and she creates products that use technology to increase health equity.

In 2018 Janae founded a nonprofit that uses data analytics to reduce physician suicide and transform healthcare systems. This was founded in memory of her former husband, John Madsen, who died by suicide before completing his medical training.



Khan Siddiqui MD
Founder, Chief Technology Officer and Chief Medical Officer, higi

Khan M. Siddiqui is a serial Entrepreneur, Founder and Chief Medical/Chief Technology Officer of higi and brings over 22 years of experience as a practicing clinician and technology professional. Dr. Siddiqui leads the development of higi's products and technologies and is responsible for the strategic direction of the company. His primary goal is to improve patient engagement and positively impact health outcomes through artificial intelligence and behavior change principles. Dr. Siddiqui holds 12 patents for technology in areas of deep learning, AI, image processing, data visualization, as well as securing patient information handling and health records. His current research includes large scale population studies on the impact of ubiquitous access to health in combination with persuasive technologies to improve healthcare outcomes. Dr. Siddiqui particularly focuses on how to use social competition and social recognition to drive repeat engagement. Prior to founding higi in 2012, Dr. Siddiqui was a Physician Executive and Principal Program Manager at Microsoft where he was responsible for platform engineering and machine learning for the health solutions group.



Zohray Moolani Talib MD, FACP
Associate Dean for Medical Education and Global Health, California University of Science and Medicine

Zohray Moolani Talib is Associate Dean for Medical Education and Global Health at the California University of Science and Medicine. Dr. Talib is a member of the National Academy of Medicine's Global Forum for Innovations in Health Professions Education and also holds academic appointments at the Aga Khan University in Kenya as well as Mbarara University of Science and Technology in Uganda. Dr. Talib's work focuses on bringing best practice and innovation into medical education for under-served communities.

Dr. Talib has worked with medical schools and training programs throughout Africa and the United States. She brings to the field of global health and medical education the unique perspective of being a primary care clinician, educator and researcher. Dr. Talib is also an advocate for gender parity in global health leadership. She received her Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy from McGill University, Montreal, Canada, and her Doctor of Medicine from University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada. Dr. Talib completed her residency in Internal Medicine at the George Washington University Hospital. She is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

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Nazmin Borna Bhuiya is a 4th year Doctor of Public Health candidate concentrating on maternal and child health. Her doctoral work focuses on parent engagement in early childhood home visiting programs in Rhode Island. Prior to graduate school, she worked as a Research and Evaluation Project Manager at the Institute for Community Health, non-profit research and consulting organization. There, she worked on projects that ranged in content areas including teen pregnancy prevention, mental health, regionalization of public health services, and emergency preparedness. Nazmin is interested in child and adolescent development, and her long-term goal is to enhance policies that will enable all children to thrive and reach their full potential.



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Dr. Rukhsana M. Chaudhry is a graduate of the George Washington University (B.A. International Affairs). She received her Master's in Clinical Psychology from Pepperdine University and her Doctor of Psychology from the George Washington University. She is also a graduate of the Harvard University Global Mental Health Program specializing in Trauma and Recovery. She completed her residency at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington D.C. in 2010 where she provided care to a multicultural, urban, underserved population. She has completed training fellowships at the Washington Center for Psychoanalysis and the Baltimore-Washington Center for Psychoanalysis. She completed advanced training in Clinical Psychotherapy Practice at the Washington School of Psychiatry participating in the in-depth study of contemporary psychodynamic theory and application to multiple modalities of psychotherapy.



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Mohammad H. Dar MD
Former Medical Director for ACOs

Mohammad Dar, MD (MoDar) most recently served as the Medical Director for ACOs and MCOs at MassHealth, the combined program for Medicaid and CHIP in Massachusetts. In this role, he focused on delivery system reforms that are bringing MassHealth into an Accountable Care Framework.

In previous roles, Mohammad has worked on the implementation of the Affordable Care Act at the White House Office of Health Reform and volunteered with public health initiatives in rural Uganda. He was also the founder and first President of the Student Association of Michigan. Mohammad graduated from the University of Michigan where he served as Student Body President, and the University of Michigan Medical School where he graduated in the top of his class. He completed his residency training at Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital, from which he received the Resident Mentor and Golden Stethoscope awards. He has previously been a candidate for Congress and has been a practicing Internist at the Boston VA Healthcare System.



Sana Jivraj MD
Attending Physician, OLE Health

Dr. Jivraj is a graduate of the University of Toronto and St. George's University. She completed her residency at JFK Medical Center, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Jersey. She practices full spectrum Family Medicine and her clinical interests include preventive health care, women's health, and diabetes. She enjoys volunteering during her free time. Her volunteer initiatives include partnering with not-for-profit organizations to provide preventive health screenings across local populations. She also works closely with vulnerable populations as part of a social welfare team assisting with cases related to domestic abuse, mental health, and poverty alleviation. She continues to update her skills and is presently pursuing further education on the prevention and management of physician burnout at Stanford University's School of Medicine.



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Serene Katranji is a health care attorney and Chair of the Health Care Practice Group at a prominent Michigan firm—Seyburn Kahn, PC. In 2013, she earned a Masters of Law from Loyola University's Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy. Serene is currently a candidate for the 2020 Executive MBA Cohort at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. Serene has served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Michigan where she represented and advised health professional boards and prosecuted bad actors in the health professions. Currently, Serene practices in the private sector representing health care providers and organizations in every facet of health care. Serene's practice involves designing and implementing new initiatives to establish innovative internal programs, such as alignment of physician reimbursement with physician performance, and new reimbursement models, such as employer-provider direct contracting as a substitute for an employee health benefits program.



Zaiba Malik M.D.
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Zaiba Malik is a board certified Ophthalmologist in the Dayton area. She attended medical school at the University of Miami in Florida and then went on to do her Ophthalmology residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Michigan. She has been serving as Assistant Clinical Professor at Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine since 2008. She participates in the global health education, the scholarship in medicine, and the medical school admissions committees.

In addition to her clinical role, she is interested in curriculum development in post-secondary education, with extensive experience in student learning, curriculum design, and outcome assessment. She is passionate about global health and conducts yearly health camps partnering with NGOs to provide cataract surgery to economically underserved areas. Dr. Malik is also on faculty at the University of Dayton teaching global health and senior capstone courses for the department. She has conducted workshops and facilitated experiential learning experiences for undergraduate students including international immersions.



Shahid N. Shah MSc
IT Thought Leader

Shahid N. Shah is an internationally recognized and influential healthcare IT thought leader who is known as "The Healthcare IT Guy" across the Internet. He is a technology strategy consultant to many federal agencies and winner of Federal Computer Week's coveted "Fed 100" award given to IT experts that have made a big impact in the government. Shahid has architected and built multiple clinical solutions over his almost 23-year career. He helped design and deploy the American Red Cross's electronic health record solution across thousands of sites; he's built several web-based EMRs now in use by hundreds of physicians; he's designed large groupware and collaboration sites in use by thousands; and, as an ex-CTO for a division of CardinalHealth he helped design advanced clinical interfaces for medical devices and hospitals. Shahid also serves as a senior technology strategy advisor to NIH's and TATRC's SBIR/STTR program helping small businesses commercialize their healthcare applications.



Sana Syed MD, MPH
Health Policy & Advocacy Director
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Sana Syed joined AMHP as the Director of Government Relations in 2018 and is now appointed as a Health Policy & Advocacy Director. Sana is a neurologist and works as a Medical Director at EMD Serono in Boston. She completed her neurology residency training at Boston University Medical Center and her fellowship training in Demyelinating Disorders and Cognitive Neurology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. She also completed a Clinical Translational Research Fellowship with Pfizer while working at Tufts Medical Center as an Assistant Professor of Neurology. She graduated from King Edward Medical College and holds a Masters in Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health. During her training, Sana was actively engaged in lobbying for healthcare reform with the American Academy of Neurology and the Committee of Interns and Residents. Sana also writes for the Huffington Post, and her writings are inspired by her background in public health.



Arshia Wajid MBA, MPH
Founder and Board Member of
American Muslim Health Professionals

Arshia Wajid is the Founder and Board Member of American Muslim Health Professionals, a national non-profit organization focused on the empowerment of health professionals seeking to advance public health, social justice, and civic engagement within their communities. In February 2015, she was invited along with 13 other American-Muslim leaders to meet with President Obama at a private roundtable at the White House, to discuss contributions of Muslim health professionals.

Arshia received a bachelor's degree in History and a master's degree in Business Administration and Public Health from the University of Illinois and completed a fellowship in Hospital Administration at Stony Brook University Hospital in New York. She is an American Muslim Civic Leadership Institute (AMCLI) Fellow, Advisory Board Member at Illinois Muslim Civic Coalition, Ambassador for Women's Empowerment Campaign and member of Chicago Women and Girl's Working Group. Her personal interest in global health has led her to volunteer with medical relief missions in Haiti, Bangladesh, India, Jordan, and Ecuador.



Louise Keogh Weed MS

Louise Keogh Weed is an Instructor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (HSPH) and a Practice Transformation Coach at the Harvard Medical School Center for Primary Care. Louise has her M.S. in Health Policy and Management from HSPH. Louise has worked in quality improvement and patient safety in the Boston hospital systems. Most recently, she served as the Director of Medical Management and Improvement at Codman Square Health Center, a unique health center in Dorchester known for its leadership in innovation. In this role, Louise oversaw all Primary Care innovation work and created the infrastructure for organizational innovation, including building a program-based team and instituting unique biweekly team training for all primary care staff. Louise developed Provider management infrastructure and coached Physicians taking on projects and leadership roles. Louise is especially interested in mission-driven strategy and leadership. Louise has her BA in Women's Studies from Tufts University and is committed to equity, including racial and social justice, as part of all her work.

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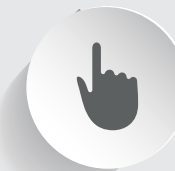
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