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MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 5-8 P.M.
GRAHAM CHAPEL
DANFORTH CAMPUS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 8 A.M.-1:30 P.M.
ERIC P. NEWMAN EDUCATION CENTER
MEDICAL CAMPUS
Mary McKay, PhD  
Vice Provost for Interdisciplinary Initiatives, Washington University  

Mary McKay works across WashU to enhance interdisciplinary research and education and to build collaborations that ensure the successful implementation of the university’s strategic plan. McKay’s academic experience connects deeply to social work, public health and social policy. She has received substantial federal funding for research focused on meeting the mental health needs of youth and families affected by poverty and has significant experience in child mental health services and implementation research methods. Supported by the National Institutes of Health, McKay has more than 30 years of experience conducting HIV prevention and care-oriented studies in the United States and nine countries. She previously served as the Neidorff Family and Centene Corporation Dean of the Brown School.

David H. Perlmutter, MD  
Spencer T. and Ann W. Olin Distinguished Professor, Executive Vice Chancellor for Medical Affairs and George and Carol Bauer Endowed Dean of the School of Medicine, Washington University  

As dean of the School of Medicine, Perlmutter leads a $3.2 billion academic medical center. WashU is the third-largest research-intensive medical school in the U.S. and third in the nation for NIH funding. In his role as executive vice chancellor, Perlmutter is responsible for university wide commercialization efforts, focusing on developing strategic industry partnerships in order to shepherd more of the university’s world-class research through the drug development process. The goal is to translate as much laboratory research as possible into real treatments that will recognizably and concretely improve human health. As a physician-scientist, Perlmutter is internationally recognized for his research and he has authored more than 200 scientific publications and holds 10 U.S. patents or patent applications.

William G. Powderly, MD  
Larry J. Shapiro Director, Institute for Public Health; J. William Campbell Professor of Medicine; Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Sciences; co-Director of the Division of Infectious Diseases, School of Medicine; Director, Institute for Clinical & Translational Sciences, Washington University  

Bill Powderly has been actively involved in HIV-related clinical research for thirty years. He has been a member of numerous advisory groups on HIV and infectious diseases for the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and others. As director of the Institute for Public Health, Powderly has translated scientific advances to a wider population to improve public health. Powderly is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians In Ireland, the Royal College of Physicians (London) and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and is a former president of the Infectious Diseases Society of America.
5:30 p.m.  Welcome
William Powderly, MD
Larry J. Shapiro Director of the Institute for Public Health, Washington University
Mary McKay, PhD
Vice Provost for Interdisciplinary Initiatives, Washington University

5:45 p.m.  Keynote Presentation
Darrell Gaskin, PhD, MS
William C. and Nancy F. Richardson Professor in Health Policy and Director of the Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions, Department of Health Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

6:25 p.m. Discussion
Darrell Gaskin, PhD, MS | Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
Andwele Jolly, DPT, MBA, MHA | St. Louis Integrated Health Network
Heidi Miller, MD | Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
Moderated by Mary McKay, PhD

6:55 p.m. Closing Remarks

7:00 p.m. Reception
Please join us in Umrah Lounge, located in Umrah Hall

8:00 p.m. Close of Day One
Heidi B. Miller, MD
Chief Medical Officer, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

Heidi Miller previously served as the medical director of the St. Louis Regional Health Commission and the St. Louis Integrated Health Network, and she has been a population health strategy consultant for the Missouri Primary Care Association and the Missouri Medicaid Primary Care Health Home Initiative. Miller maintains a primary care practice at a Federally Qualified Health Center in St. Louis, Family Care Health Centers. She trained at Yale University and Harvard Medical School, and completed her residency at Harvard’s Brigham and Women’s Hospital. Miller has focused her career on promoting policies that foster integrated, team-based, equitable, and trauma-informed care for disenfranchised patients, while improving the public health of Missourians overall.

Andwele M. Jolly, DPT, MBA, MHA
President and Chief Executive Officer, St. Louis Integrated Health Network

Andwele Jolly helps build regional capacity across all sectors to advance health equity and improve wellbeing, with an emphasis on historically excluded communities. The network is comprised of the largest health care systems, public health departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and community partners in the St. Louis region. Jolly strives to co-create and advance strategies that improve equity, quality, access, and affordability of health care. He was named a 2018 Eisenhower Fellow—a global network of experts committed to producing transformative and sustained impact in their communities—during which he studied how interprofessional and interdisciplinary care models in Rwanda and Australia could translate into solutions for St. Louis health care organizations in historically excluded communities.

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Dr. Gaskin is an international leader in health policy. He is a member of the National Academy of Medicine. He is a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research. He serves on the Congressional Budget Office Panel of Health Advisors and the Board of Directors of the American Society of Health Economists. He has served in leadership roles in AcademyHealth, the American Public Health Association, the National Academy for State Health Policy, and the National Economics Association. He is a member of Maryland Department of Health’s Advisory Committee on Minority Health and the Maryland Health Equity Policy Committee. He is a 2019 recipient of the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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DAY TWO AGENDA

8:30 a.m.  Welcome  
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David H. Perlmutter, MD  
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William Powderly, MD  
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9:00 a.m.  Keynote Presentation
Sandro Galea, MD, MPH, DrPH  
Dean and Robert A. Knox Professor, Boston University School of Public Health

10:00 a.m.  Break

10:15 a.m.  Panel  [Leveraging Community Collaboration & Research to Achieve Equitable Public Health]
Rev. Derrick Perkins, Sr., M.Div. | Centennial Christian Church  
Susan Stark, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA | School of Medicine, Washington University  
Anneliese Stoever, MSW | St. Louis Area Agency on Aging  
Sean Joe, PhD | Brown School, Washington University  
Erise Williams, MPH | Williams and Associates, Inc.

Moderated by Angela Brown, MD, Professor of Medicine, School of Medicine, Washington University

Yusef Scoggin, MD | Covenant House-Missouri  
Liz House, MPH | Perry County Health Department  
Patty Cavazos-Rehg, PhD | School of Medicine, Washington University  
Matthew Bernstine, AICP, LEED® | Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts, Washington University

Moderated by Ross Brownson, PhD, Steven H. and Susan U. Lipstein Distinguished Professor, Brown School and School of Medicine, Washington University

12:15 p.m.  Closing Remarks

12:30 p.m.  Lunch, Exhibitors and Poster Session

1:30 p.m.  Close of Day Two
Sandro Galea, MD, MPH, DrPH
Dean and Robert A. Knox Professor, Boston University School of Public Health

Sandro Galea, a physician, epidemiologist, and author, is Dean and Robert A. Knox Professor at Boston University School of Public Health. He previously held academic and leadership positions at Columbia University, the University of Michigan, and the New York Academy of Medicine.

He has published extensively in the peer-reviewed literature, and is a regular contributor to a range of public media, about the social causes of health, mental health, and the consequences of trauma. He has been listed as one of the most widely cited scholars in the social sciences.

He is past chair of the board of the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health and past president of the Society for Epidemiologic Research and of the Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine. Galea has received several lifetime achievement awards and earned a medical degree from University of Toronto, graduate degrees from Harvard University and Columbia University, and an honorary doctorate from the University of Glasgow.

Angela Brown, MD
Professor of Medicine, Division of Cardiology; Vice Chair of Health Equity, Department of Medicine, School of Medicine; co-Director, Center for Community Health Partnership and Research, Washington University

As co-director of the Center for Community Health Partnership and Research, Brown manages the center as a joint effort between the Institute for Public Health and the Institute of Clinical and Translational Sciences. The center’s mission is to reduce disparities and improve health and wellness by fostering meaningful engagement between communities and researchers and by supporting community-academic partnerships and research. Brown’s research interests lie in the areas of hypertension and its relationship to other cardiovascular risk factors, and in community health and health disparities at the local and global levels. Her research also involves women’s cardiovascular health, particular the effects of lifestyle modifications.

Ross C. Brownson, PhD
Steven H. and Susan U. Lipstein Distinguished Professor, Brown School and School of Medicine, Washington University

Ross Brownson studies the translation of evidence to public health practice and policy, with a focus on environmental and policy determinants of chronic diseases. He directs the Prevention Research Center and co-directs the Washington University Implementation Science Center for Cancer Control. Brownson is author or editor of over 600 peer-reviewed articles and 15 books, including, Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health: Translating Science to Practice. He has received the American Public Health Association’s 2003 Abraham Lilienfeld Award for excellence in teaching and mentoring and APHA’s 2016 Award for Excellence. Brownson is a past-president of the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors and the American College of Epidemiology.
PANELISTS

In alphabetical order

Matthew Bernstine, AICP LEED\textsuperscript{AP}

*Associate Director, Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts, Washington University*

Matthew Bernstine is an award winning designer and educator. As associate director of the Sam Fox School’s Office for Socially Engaged Practice, he leads collaborative socially engaged initiatives and supports practices in art, architecture and design. He is a lecturer for graduate-level courses in urban sustainability, urban design research methods, informal urbanism, and community design and integrates community-led design with academic scholarship through applied practice. He engages in collaborative endeavors with non-profits and community organizations including Peace Park, Sumner StudioLab, the award-winning Misi-Ziibi Living Delta Design Competition, and the Mobility for All by All initiative.

Patricia A. Cavazos-Rehg, PhD

*Professor, Vice Chair for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Division Director, Addiction, Science, Treatment and Prevention, Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine, Washington University*

As a licensed psychologist, Patricia Cavazos-Rehg's expertise lies in health disparities and the application of technology to enhance mental health assessment and treatment. Her current research portfolio focuses on harnessing social media and technology to address challenges in addiction and mental health care. She has received NIH funding since 2004 and is currently principal investigator or multi-principal investigator for seven ongoing NIH grants. Cavazos-Rehg serves as the co-director for two institutional Career Development Award programs and in 2023, she assumed the role of co-director for PROUD-MED, a new initiative aimed at enhancing faculty development for underrepresented individuals in medicine.

Liz House, MPH

*Director, Perry County Health Department, Southeast Missouri*

Liz House has worked in non-profit, research and public health entities with half of her professional career spent in administration at a local public health agency. She frequently works with various multidisciplinary organizations including those in the government, health and social service sectors. She also works with area businesses to identify and address community needs. House is passionate about sharing the value of public health with others and empowering and strengthening the current and future public health workforce. She earned a Masters of Public Health from St. Louis University with a joint concentration in epidemiology and behavior science, and health education.
Sean Joe, PhD
Benjamin E. Youngdahl Professor of Social Development, Center for Social Development, Brown School, Washington University

Sean Joe is a nationally recognized authority on suicidal behavior among Black Americans, and is expanding the evidence base for effective practice among Black boys and young men. His research focuses on how Black adolescents use mental health services, the role of religion in Black suicidal behavior, salivary biomarkers for suicidal behavior, and father-focused, family-based interventions that prevent urban African American adolescent males from engaging in self-destructive behavior. Joe launched the Race and Opportunity Lab, which examines race, opportunity and social mobility while addressing inequality in adolescents’ transition to adulthood. His project, HomeGrown STL, a multi-systemic placed-based capacity building intervention helps enhance opportunities and health for Black males ages 12-29 years.

Rev. Derrick L. Perkins, Sr., M.Div.
Senior Pastor, Centennial Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), St. Louis, MO

Derrick Perkins is a native St. Louisan, shaped by a family of origin and ethos of strong African American communities within rural Mississippi. An ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Perkins has provided leadership for local and national non-profit organizations including the Children’s Defense Fund Freedom Schools Program in Washington, DC; the National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse, now called Prevent Ed; and Jamison Memorial Human Resource & Development Agency in St. Louis. His vocation includes developing community initiatives addressing systems of poverty, social justice, youth development, service-learning, educational and cultural enrichment programming opportunities for youth and families, social services and others.

Yusef Scoggin, MD
Chief Executive Officer, Covenant House-Missouri

Yusef Scoggin recently joined Covenant House Missouri as Chief Executive Officer after serving nearly two decades in leadership, human services and community advocacy. He was director for both the Department of Human Services for the City of St. Louis and the Office of Family & Community Services for the St. Louis County Department of Human Services. Scoggin has dedicated his career to serving vulnerable populations and advocating for social justice through a social determinants of health lens. Scoggin’s work focuses on the development of human capital through sustainable holistic systems and partnerships that result in collective impact for the region.
Susy Stark, PhD  
*Professor of Occupational Therapy and Neurology, School of Medicine, Washington University*

In addition to being a WashU professor, Susy Stark co-directs the Research Education Component of the Knight Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center and pre- and post-doctoral programs in the Institute of Clinical and Translational Sciences. Her lab conducts clinical trials and implementation studies of behavioral interventions to improve the function and reduce falls among community dwelling older adults. A national and international speaker, Stark is an inductee of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation’s Academy of Research, and a Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association and the Gerontological Society of America. She is an advisor to the St. Louis Area Agency on Aging and several other organizations serving older adults.

Anneliese Stoever, MSW  
*Director, St. Louis Area Agency on Aging, City of St. Louis Department of Human Services*

As director of the St. Louis Area Agency on Aging, Anneliese Stoever supervises staff, develops programs, writes grants, monitors services, and leads several community initiatives. The agency offers free services to more than 10,000 seniors and adults with disabilities each year including Meals on Wheels to 2,000+ homebound clients each week, completing thousands of benefits applications annually, and resident transportation on medical, grocery and social trips. Stoever serves on committees for the Missouri Master Plan on Aging Transportation and the Missouri Aging and Disabilities Research Network, led by Suzy Stark. She seeks to remove barriers to service access for all older adults and adults with disabilities.

Erise Williams, Jr., MPH  
*President and Chief Executive Officer, Williams & Associates, Inc.*

Erise Williams is the co-founder of Williams & Associates, Inc., a community based non-profit public health agency addressing minority health disparities and health equity issues that impact minority health. His public health experience consists of 20 years of working on the frontlines of addressing minority health disparities. He has served as the founding executive director of Blacks Assisting Blacks Against AIDS (BABAA- 1990-2002), which under his leadership, became one of the premier minority ASOs (AIDS Service Organizations) in the Midwest region. Mr. Williams served in this position for 12 years, before leaving and starting Williams & Associates Inc, to address minority health disparities and health equity.
Following in the 16-year tradition of the Institute for Public Health Annual Conference bringing together the existing strengths of public health in our university, community and region, the 2023 Public Health at WashU Annual Conference is a collaborative effort between the Office of the Provost, WashU’s strategic vision Here and Next, and the Institute for Public Health.