

2023 ILLINOIS RURAL HEALTH SUMMIT: EXPLORING GENDER HEALTH EQUITY THROUGH POLICY



Memorial Learning Center 228 W Miller St. | Springfield, IL
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 8:00AM - 4:00PM

AGENDA

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| 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM | Continental Breakfast and Registration |
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| 9:15 AM – 10:00 AM | Keynote “THE IMPACT OF GENDER BIAS ON HEALTHCARE ACROSS THE LIFESPAN” |
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| 11:45 AM – 12:15 PM | “THE ADVERSE HEALTH IMPACTS OF STIGMA: LESSONS FROM OTHER POPULATIONS” |
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This event is supported, in part, by SIU Medicine Department of Population Science and Policy and SIU School of Law.

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast and Registration

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM Welcome

Jerry Kruse, MD, MSPH; Dean and Provost, SIU Medicine



Jerry Kruse, MD, MSPH (he/him) is Dean and Provost of Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and CEO of SIU Healthcare, the faculty practice plan of SIU School of Medicine. He is a tenured professor of Family and Community Medicine and Medical Education and served as Executive Associate Dean of SIU School of Medicine from 2013-15. Dr. Kruse is a member of the Board of Directors for the American Board of Family Medicine, and Family Medicine for America's Health.

Wiley Jenkins, PhD, MPH; Research Professor and Interim Chair, SIU Medicine Department of Population Science and Policy



Wiley Jenkins, PhD, (he/him) is a Research Professor and Interim Chair at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Department of Population Science and Policy and fellow in the American College of Epidemiology. Dr. Jenkins' research interests broadly address rural health disparities, with specific foci including harm and infectious disease risk reduction among people who use drugs, increasing cancer screening adherence, and LGBTQ+ health across the life course. Such important work cannot be accomplished in isolation, and Dr. Jenkins gratefully acknowledges the enthusiastic partnership of other academic and community-based team members.

Camille Davidson, JD; Dean and Professor of Law, SIU School of Law



Camille M. Davidson (she/her) is Dean and Professor of Law at Southern Illinois University School of Law. Prior to joining the law school in 2020, she was a tenured law professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Faculty Development in Charlotte, North Carolina. Davidson is licensed to practice in Illinois, North Carolina, Washington, D.C., Virginia (inactive), the Western District of North Carolina, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court of the United States. Dean Davidson focuses her scholarship on policy and practice issues, as well as legislative reform in the areas of health law and wills and estates.

Her other legal experience includes serving as a Judicial Hearing Officer for the State of North Carolina and working with members of Congress and their staff as an Assistant Counsel in the Office of the Legislative Counsel, United States House of Representatives where she drafted legislation in the areas of health law (including work on HIPAA), small business, and ERISA.

8:45 AM – 9:15 AM Setting the Stage “LANGUAGE MATTERS”

Camille Davidson, JD; Dean and Professor of Law, SIU School of Law



Camille M. Davidson (she/her). See previous for more information.

Justine Newman; Student, SIU School of Law



Justine Newman (she/her) is a 4th year MD/JD student, currently in her 2nd year of medical school. Her interests in law and medicine stem from an internship at the county coroner's office. The experience there demonstrated the impact that public health and health policy can have on the local community and beyond. She plans to use her law and medical degrees to practice as a forensic pathologist and advocate for the improvement of death investigation, certification, and reporting.

9:15 AM – 10:00 AM Keynote “THE IMPACT OF GENDER BIAS ON HEALTHCARE ACROSS THE LIFESPAN”

Paula Basta, MDiv; Director, IL Department on Aging



Paula Basta (she/her) was appointed Director of the Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) in March of 2019, becoming the 13th director, and seventh woman to lead the agency. As a lifelong advocate for the care and treatment of senior citizens, Paula brings her institutional knowledge of senior services, policy, and social justice to lead IDoA. Paula has dedicated much of her free time to serving on several not-for-profit boards: Test Positive Aware Network (TPAN); the Center for Law and Social Work; Windy City Performing Arts; and Equality Illinois. She has also served as chairperson for the American Society on Aging (ASA) and as chair person of the LGBT Aging Issues Network (LAIN). Paula received a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio, and a Master's of Divinity degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. Paula was inducted into the Chicago LGBT Hall of Fame in 2009 and named to the Illinois Women's Institute for Leadership Class of 2010.

Kim Hunt, MUP, MPP; Executive Director, Pride Action Tank, AIDS Foundation Chicago



Kim L. Hunt (she/her) has used her platforms in storytelling, public speaking and civic engagement to curate brave, inclusive spaces for social change for over 25 years. She is currently the Executive Director of Pride Action Tank (PAT), a project of AIDS Foundation Chicago, where she also serves as the Vice President of Special Projects and Innovation in the Policy & Advocacy department. Kim drives the innovation, collaboration and learning necessary to make PAT a leader in improving the health, safety and progress of individuals and groups within the LGBTQ+ community. She serves on the AMA Foundation

LGBTQ+ Health Fellowship Commission, was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Illinois Council on Aging and Illinois Commission on LGBTQ+ Aging Issues and is on the board of several organizations.

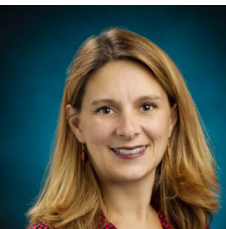
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM Panel “GENDER AFFIRMING CARE”

Moderated by: Kyle Miller, PhD; Research Assistant Professor, SIU Medicine Department of Population Science and Policy



Dr. Kyle Miller, PhD, LCSW (he/him) is a Research Assistant Professor within the Department of Population Science and Policy at SIU School of Medicine. Dr. Miller finished his PhD in Health Education at Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 2022 and joined his current department shortly after, first as a postdoctoral fellow and now in a faculty role. His work engages with rural LGBTQ+ individuals and people who use drugs through cultivating meaningful relationships with the communities and being active participants in their work. Dr. Miller currently leads the field efforts for the E-Resilience Study to increase cervical cancer screening among LGBTQ+ people with a cervix. He facilitates the ruralHarmony Community Advisory Board and co-facilitates the Community Action Place Advisory Board, which are both deeply involved with this work. By taking a strengths-based approach he aims to mobilize local communities of people who use drugs and LGBTQ+ individuals in achieving health equity.

Careyana Brenham, MD; Professor and Associate Chair for Graduate Medical Education, SIU Medicine



Dr. Careyana Brenham (she/her) is a Professor and Physician at SIU School of Medicine and the Associate Chair for Graduate Medical Education in Family Medicine. Dr. Brenham completed a Faculty Development Fellowship and her Family Medicine Residency at Southern Illinois University Family Medicine Residency Program in 2004 and 2003 respectively. She earned her medical degree from SIU School of Medicine in 2000 and has called SIU School of Medicine her home for more than 25 years now. Her special interests are in women's health, LGBTQAI+ care, and care of children who have been victims of abuse.

Dr. Brenham, in particular on the topic of the conference today, directs a Gender Equity/Transgender Clinic at SIU Family Medicine providing care to patients in the LGBTQAI+ community and importantly providing hormone-affirming care to patients who are transgender. She is excited about the rapid expansion of this clinic and the number of patients SIU Family Medicine with the Gender Equity Clinic has been able to serve.

Lauren Beach, JD, PhD; Assistant Professor, Feinberg School of Medicine, Director ADVOCATE SGM Health Program, Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing, Northwestern University



Lauren B. Beach, JD/PhD (they/them and she/her) is an Assistant Professor within the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University. They are also the Director of the ADVOCATE SGM Health Program within Northwestern's Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing. Scientifically, Dr. Beach investigates the epidemiology of chronic physical health conditions over the life course among diverse SGM populations and people with HIV. They also study how multilevel health and identity-related stigmas and resilience-promoting factors affect chronic condition management and health outcomes of minoritized populations. Finally, they study the measurement of sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Dr. Beach is active in community-led, evidence-informed advocacy efforts to promote LGBTQIA+ health equity. In particular, they are nationally active in bisexual health policy leadership circles and have spoken at the White House, CDC, and NIH to present recommendations for improving bisexual health.

Jamie Feldman, MD, PhD; Associate Professor, The Institute for Sexual and Gender Health, University of Minnesota Medical School



Dr. Jamie Feldman, MD, PhD (she/her) graduated from the University of Illinois' Medical Scholars Program at Urbana-Champaign. Now an academic family physician and anthropologist at the University of Minnesota, she specializes in transgender health, providing puberty suppression and gender-affirming hormone therapy at the Eli Coleman Institute for Sexual and Gender Health (ISGH). ISGH is one of the largest clinical, teaching, and research institutions in the world specializing in human sexuality and gender. Clinicians and patients in rural areas and small towns in the Upper Midwest reach out to ISGH for advocacy, education and clinical care. Dr. Feldman, a co-author of World Professional Association of Transgender Health's (WPATH) Standards of Care, Version 8, has published extensively on health and health care for transgender and gender-diverse people. She directs courses in sexual and gender medicine, including elective and required courses for family medicine.

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM Break

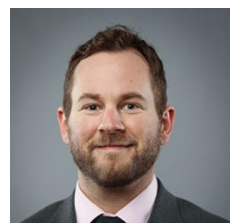
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM Keynote "BEYOND URBAN CENTERS: PROVIDING AFFIRMING CARE TO LGBTQ+ INDIVIDUALS IN RURAL SETTINGS"

Moderated by: Emma Hughes



Emma Hughes (she/her) is a 3rd year medical student here at SIU School of Medicine. She grew up in Springfield, then attended Butler University where she graduated with a B.S. in Biology. She hopes to specialize in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, as she is passionate about equitable healthcare and advocating for patients.

Anthony Carney, DNP, APRN, FNP-C; Assistant Professor, College of Nursing, University of Kentucky



Dr. Anthony Carney (he/him) is an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Kentucky College of Nursing. Dr. Carney is also a family nurse practitioner at the UK College of Nursing Phyllis D. Corbett Community Health Center and is a participating provider in UK HealthCare's Transform Health clinic. Through Transform Health, Dr. Carney provides affirming healthcare services for LGBTQIA2S+ patients and families. By currently serving as the Chair of the Equity, Outreach, and Social Justice Council, he is the Alternative DEI Officer at the College of Nursing.

11:45 AM – 12:15 PM “THE ADVERSE HEALTH IMPACTS OF STIGMA: LESSONS FROM OTHER POPULATIONS”

Yamilé Molina, MS, MPH, PhD; Associate Professor, UIC School of Public Health, Associate Director Community Engaged Research, UI Health- Mile Square Health Centers, Associate Director, Community Outreach, Engagement, and Health Equity, Cancer Center, Faculty Affiliate, UIC Center for Research on Women and Gender



Yamilé Molina, MS, MPH, PhD (they/them) is the Associate Director of Community Outreach and Engagement at the University of Illinois Cancer Center, the Associate Director of Community Engaged Research at Mile Square Health Center, an Associate Professor within the Division of Community Health Sciences at the School of Public Health and a Faculty Affiliate at the Center for Research on Women and Gender at the University of Illinois Chicago. Dr. Molina serves as a scholar-activist, focused on promoting the voices and agency of marginalized and resilient populations, including communities of color, LGBTQ communities, and communities

living with chronic conditions. An overarching theme in their work is recognizing and leveraging the assets of underserved individuals, social networks, and communities toward health equity, with a focus on breast cancer and HIV. Importantly, individuals do not represent only participants and “data points” in scientific studies but also have the potential to become messengers/interventionists that diffuse and act upon evidence. Dr. Molina further is committed to the next diverse generation of scholar-activists, having mentored >30 undergraduate, postbaccalaureate, graduate, and medical students who identify as ethnic, sexual, and gender minorities.

12:15 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch and Networking Break

1:00 PM – 1:45 PM Keynote “BARRIERS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO ACHIEVING FULL HEALTH EQUITY FOR LGBTQ+ ILLINOISANS”

Brian C. Johnson, JD, MBA; CEO, Equality Illinois

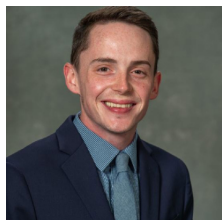


Brian C. Johnson (he/him) has served as the CEO of Equality Illinois, the statewide LGBTQ+ civil rights organization, since 2016. Under his leadership, Equality Illinois has achieved transformative wins including the adoption of mandatory teaching of LGBTQ+ history in public schools, the ban of the gay and trans panic defense in courts, and the adoption of a requirement for cultural competency training to renew medical licenses. Prior to his time at Equality Illinois, Brian was a first-grade teacher in Baton Rouge, a public school leader in Los Angeles, and a leader of community organizing efforts in a dozen cities across the country.

He is the author of *Our Fair Share: How One Small Change Can Create a More Equitable American Economy* (Broadleaf Books) which tackles economic inequality in America. Brian earned his AB from Princeton University, his JD from Stanford Law School, and his MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business.

1:45 PM – 2:30 PM Panel “STORIES FROM THOSE WHO LIVED IT”

Moderated by: Trevor Thompson, MPH; Research Project Coordinator, SIU Medicine Department of Population Science and Policy



Trevor Thompson, MPH (he/him) is a Research Project Coordinator in the Department of Population Science and Policy (PSP) at SIU Medicine. Prior to PSP, he worked at Student Health Services at SIU in the Wellness and Health Promotion Services department, specializing in sexual health and violence prevention efforts. During this time, he developed a behavioral, sexual health intervention to decrease incidence of sexually transmitted infections among students at SIU. In May of 2021 he graduated with a Master of Public Health degree, specializing in Community Health Education and started with Population Science and

Policy the next month.

Vidhya Prakash, MD, CMO; Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs and Population Health, SIU School of Medicine and Director of SIU Medicine's Alliance for Women in Medicine and Science (AWIMS)



Dr. Vidhya Prakash (she/her) is the Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs and Population Health and Chief Medical Officer at SIU Medicine in Springfield, Illinois. She is a Professor of Clinical Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases faculty. Dr. Prakash graduated from The Ohio State University with a BA in English. She received her MD degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. She completed her Internal Medicine residency followed by Infectious Diseases fellowship at the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium. After serving as an Infectious Diseases physician in the United States Air Force for ten years on active duty status, she retired from the military in 2014 and joined SIU School of Medicine. Dr. Prakash is the founder and director of SIU Medicine's Alliance for Women in Medicine and Science (AWIMS). She serves as Chair of the Health and Healthcare Committee, Illinois Council on Women and Girls and as Chair of the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Diversity in Health Care Task Force. She is a proud member and fellow of the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) and was recently elected to the AMWA Board of Directors for 2023-2025.

Sara Bowen, PhD, MPH; Assistant Director, Phoenix Center



Sara Bowen (she/her) is the Assistant Director of Phoenix Center in Springfield, Illinois. She has a Master's of Public Health and is working on a doctorate in Health Education and Promotion. Sara became familiar with the Phoenix Center when her transgender son was attending the weekly youth group there. However, it was an MPH internship that eventually opened her eyes to opportunities to work there. Sara's experience includes directing the Clinical Outreach program for Phoenix Center, which entails establishing rural HIV and HCV outreach testing events in partnership with public health departments, community task force groups, and similar organizations. She has served on advisory boards for the New York State Psychiatric Institute, the Columbia University Pleasure & Health Study, and SIU School of Medicine ruralHarmony Project.

Michael Maginn, HIV Prevention Director, IL Public Health Association



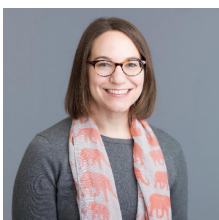
Michael Maginn (he/him) serves as HIV Prevention Director and HIV Prevention Lead Agent with the Illinois Public Health Association. The role of the HIV Prevention Lead Agent is to monitor provisions of HIV prevention services for highest-risk HIV clients in their respective regions, provide ongoing quality assurance guidance and organize service delivery to fill identified gaps in existing regional services so that the combined regional services will mirror recent regional HIV incidence proportionally by risk, by race, and ethnicity. He is actively involved with local, state and national organizations including the

Illinois Commission on LGBTQ+ Aging and those Aging with HIV; Chicago Pandemic Advisory Council; past Co-Chair of the Illinois HIV Integrated Providers Service Counsel and Co-Chair of the Epidemiology Committee, State of Illinois CAB Representative - Centers for Disease Control Medical Monitoring Project. Mike has been involved in the HIV health field for over twenty years.

2:30 PM – 2:45 PM Break

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM "ILLINOIS OBSTETRIC HOSPITAL CLOSURES"

Lisa Masinter, MD, MPH, Deputy Director Office of Women's Health and Family Services, IL Department of Public Health



Lisa Masinter, MD, MPH, MS (she/her) started as the Deputy Director for the Office of Women's Health and Family Services on September 1, 2022. She is still a practicing, board-certified general ob/gyn, though has been primarily in the non-clinical world for the past ten years, first at the Chicago Department of Public Health, where she was the first Medical Director for Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health, and then as Senior Director of Research at Alliance-Chicago, a support organization for a national network of federally qualified health centers..

Kelly Cunningham, Medicaid Administrator, Division of Medical Programs, IL Department of Healthcare and Family Services



Kelly Cunningham, MPA (she/her) currently serves as the Medicaid Administrator for the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS), Illinois' Medicaid agency, a position she has held since February 2020. The Illinois Medicaid Program provides comprehensive medical and behavioral health services to approximately 3.9 million Illinoisans, approximately 25% of the state's population. Ms. Cunningham holds a bachelor's degree from Blackburn College and a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She recently completed a year-long fellowship

through the Medicaid Leadership Institute (MLI), a program of the Centers for Healthcare Strategies and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. During her 35+ years of working in Illinois state government, she has held executive-level positions within the Bureau of the Budget, Office of the Governor, Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission, Illinois Department on Aging and the Illinois Department of Public Health prior to joining Healthcare and Family Services in 2005.

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM Open Discussion of next steps

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM Closing Remarks

Wiley Jenkins, PhD, MPH; Research Professor and Interim Chair, SIU Medicine Department of Population Science and Policy



Wiley Jenkins, PhD, (he/him). See page 2 for more information.

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