

**2006 National Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit
Presenter and Moderator Biographies**

Angela A. Aidala

Dr. Angela Aidala is a Research Scientist at the Mailman School of Public Health in the Department of Sociomedical Sciences and the Center for Homelessness Prevention Studies. Dr. Aidala has directed a number of studies addressing housing, homelessness, and housing service issues. She directed the HUD funded Multiple Diagnoses Initiative (MDI), working with housing providers to better understand the reciprocal relationships between housing and health care among persons living with HIV/AIDS who also struggle with mental illness and/or chronic substance abuse problems. She is Co-PI of the Community Health Advisory & Information Network (CHAIN) Project, an ongoing study of persons living with HIV in New York City, a major source of service planning data for the City done in collaboration with the HIV Planning Council. Dr. Aidala is currently a researcher with the HUD-CDC Housing and Health Study, a collaboration between federal and local government agencies, community based service providers, and university researchers, to investigate the impact of providing housing on the health and mental health of formerly homeless persons living with HIV/AIDS and their risks of transmitting HIV. She also serves as Guest Editor for a Special Issue of *AIDS & Behavior* which focuses on housing (or lack of housing) as a risk factor for HIV infection and/or as it affects HIV treatment and care.

Arturo Bendixen

Arturo Valdivia Bendixen is Associate Director for the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, which advocates for sound AIDS policy and increased public support for AIDS services, and develops and implements strategies for coordinating AIDS care and prevention services throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. He also serves as a member of the Chicago Continuum of Care Governing Board and is director of the Chicago Housing and Health Partnership. Mr. Bendixen is former Executive Director of Interfaith House, a non-profit respite care organization that partners with medical care providers and various housing providers to offer residential support and health services to homeless adults. He is an adjunct faculty member at the Jane Addams College of Social Work in the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Nancy Bernstine

Nancy Bernstine has served as executive director of the National AIDS Housing Coalition since October 2003. From 1986-1993 she was a member of a Washington, DC law firm representing non-profit housing organizations and housing industry trade associations. From 1993 – 1999, she served as Director of Government Relations for the National Housing Law Project, providing back up services for legal services housing advocates. As Senior Policy Associate at the McAuley Institute from 1999-2003, she provided policy analysis on issues impacting community based organizations developing affordable housing. A member of the District of Columbia Bar and the American Bar Association Affordable Housing Forum and a graduate of Northwestern University School of Law and the LL.M. program at the University of Wisconsin Law School, Nancy serves on the board of the National Low Income Housing Coalition and is a trustee of the National Housing Conference.

Michael Blank

Michael B. Blank is an Assistant Professor of Psychology in Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Blank received his BA with distinction in psychology from the University of Rochester and his MA and Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Virginia. Dr. Blank's research and writing focus on integration of health and mental health services delivery systems including treatment for co-morbid illness such as HIV/AIDS. Other areas of interest include informal care and its impact on consumers and families, rural mental health, ethics in prevention, and applications of technology and computer-assisted care in mental health service delivery. Dr. Blank's primary affiliation is with the Center for Mental Health Policy and Services Research in the Psychiatry Department, and he also holds appointments as a senior fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute for Health Economics, and the Schools of Nursing at Penn and the University of Virginia. He also serves as co-director of the Behavioral and Social Sciences Core of the Penn Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) and has been a member of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of the Philadelphia Health Department since 2002. Dr. Blank was elected to the Governing Council of the American Public Health Association in 2006. He also is a member of the Executive Committee of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Network, which is intended to foster multi-site collaboration among the NIH-funded Centers for AIDS Research in the behavioral and social sciences. He is a standing member of the NIH study section for Behavioral and Social Science Approaches to the Prevention of HIV/AIDS and has served as an ad hoc member on a number of other study sections. Dr. Blank is the author of over 50 papers, book chapters and reports, and editor of a forthcoming book with Marlene Eisenberg, entitled *HIV: Issues with Mental Health and Illness*, to be published in the Spring of 2007.

Kim Blankenship

Kim M. Blankenship, Ph.D., is an Associate Research Scientist at Yale's School of Public Health. She is also the Associate Director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS at Yale, as well as the Associate Director for the Center's Law, Policy and Ethics Core. Dr. Blankenship is a sociologist, and her research and publications have focused on race, class, and gender analyses of law, public policy, and health. In particular, her health-related research examines the social context of risk-taking among women and drug users and its implications for HIV prevention policy, and analyzes the role of law and public policy in shaping HIV risk and transmission. She has also worked to develop a systematic approach to identifying and assessing structural interventions in public health generally and HIV in particular. She is the PI on a project funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation that involves research and evaluation of community led structural interventions (mobilizing at risk populations to challenge structures of power that put them at risk) to address HIV risk in sex workers. She is also the PI on a NIDA funded project to analyze the impact of the criminal justice system on HIV risk among drug users, and race and gender differences in these impacts. In all of this work, she is interested to understand policy factors associated with changes in health-related social structures, institutions, and processes and their subsequent impact on individual behavior change and disease patterns. Dr. Blankenship has served as the Chair of the Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, on the Editorial Board of *Gender & Society*, and as a member of the CDC's Concept Mapping Working Group studying structural interventions in HIV.

Hilary Botein

Hilary Botein is a principal of Shubert Botein Policy Associates, a public policy consulting group that supports the development and implementation of public policies and programs that impact low income people and communities, and is also Assistant Professor of Public Policy at the University of Connecticut. Dr. Botein has worked for more than fifteen years in not-for-profit and government settings as a lawyer, policy analyst, and manager, on issues involving low income housing, economic justice, and community-based economic development. She received her Ph.D. from the division of Urban Planning at Columbia University, her J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law, and her B.A. from Swarthmore College. She has co-authored articles and publications on issues relating to low-income housing and community development.

Karen Brudney

Karen Brudney, MD, is Outpatient Unit Director, HIV/AIDS Program, in the Division of Infectious Disease, Columbia University Medical Center, and director of TB service at New York–Presbyterian Hospital. She is also the program director for the Treatment Adherence Demonstration Project. In order to improve antiretroviral adherence in difficult populations, an interdisciplinary program called Jumpstart was initiated in 1998 in the Infectious Disease/AIDS Clinic at New York–Presbyterian Hospital. Results from this successful program are currently being analyzed. Dr Brudney is also the recipient of a Fogarty Award for AIDS International Training and Research to deliver HIV treatment and study the epidemiology of sexually transmitted diseases in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Dr. Brudney worked in the field of tuberculosis throughout the TB crisis in New York City in the late 1980s and 1990s, and called attention to the essential connection between non-adherence to anti-TB treatment and homelessness, including testifying against the head of the NYC Bureau of Tuberculosis who insisted that there was no tuberculosis in the homeless shelters.

Martha Burt

Dr. Burt is the Director of the Social Services Research Program at the Urban Institute. She received her Ph.D. in sociology in 1972, from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Since then she has been involved in research and evaluation pertaining to a wide variety of populations and issues. Reports of studies she directed for HUD, *Strategies for Reducing Chronic Street Homelessness* (2004) and *Evaluating Continuums of Care for Homeless People* (2002), has recently been followed (spring 2006) by a companion *Strategies for Preventing Homelessness*, also done for HUD. She is working now on the following: a study of life after transitional housing for families in five communities; an evaluation of efforts to reduce homelessness among seriously mentally ill people in Los Angeles; an evaluation of LA's HOPE, one of five HUD/DOL funded housing and employment demonstrations for long-term homeless people; an evaluation of Santa Monica's continuum of care and strategy to end homelessness; and an evaluation of the past 15 years of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health's Special Homeless Initiative. An evaluation of family permanent supportive housing in San Francisco was completed in 2004. Her third book on homelessness, *Helping America's Homeless: Emergency Shelter or Affordable Housing?* (2001), was based on analyses and interpretation of the National Survey of Homeless Assistance Providers and Clients. She is also the first author of the federal report of the same survey, *Homelessness: Programs and the People They Serve* (1999). She has also recently written guides for conducting cost avoidance analyses and

projecting from point-in-time to annual homeless counts for the Corporation for Supportive Housing. Her work on homelessness began in 1983, with an examination of the administrative structure of the first two waves of FEMA's Emergency Food and Shelter Program. In 1987 she directed the first national survey of homeless individuals. That study focused on soup kitchen and shelter users in cities over 100,000 population, and is reported in *America's Homeless: Numbers, Characteristics, and the Programs that Serve Them* (1989). In 1992 she published *Over the Edge: The Growth of Homelessness in the 1980s*, which analyzes why homelessness became a major social problem in that decade. Also in 1992 (and again in 1996) she compiled *Practical Methods for Counting Homeless People: A Manual for State and Local Jurisdictions*, which has been widely disseminated and used. She has presented papers at a number of European conferences on homelessness, and continues to be involved in research and policy work on homelessness and residential instability.

Mark Calabria

Mark A. Calabria, Ph.D. is a member of the Senior Professional Staff of the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs. Dr. Calabria handles issues related to housing, mortgage finance, economics, banking and insurance for Chairman Richard Shelby (R-AL). Most recently, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regulatory Affairs at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Dr. Calabria previously served as staff on the Senate Banking Committee under Chairman Phil Gramm (R-TX). Dr. Calabria has also held a variety of positions at Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies, the National Association of Home Builders and the National Association of Realtors. He has also been a Research Associate with the U.S. Census Bureau's Center for Economic Studies. He holds a doctorate in economics from George Mason University.

Joe Carleo

Joe Carleo is the Executive Director of the AIDS Housing Corporation (AHC) in Boston and is the President of the NAHC Board of Directors. Joe joined the NAHC Board in 2000, serving as vice-president for three years prior to being elected board president in January 2000. In his work with AHC Joe oversees the organization's mission to foster the creation and development of housing options for people living with HIV/AIDS throughout New England. His professional life includes a strong background in public policy and advocacy as well as in management. Prior to coming to AHC in early 2000, Joe served as the Associate Director of Public Policy and Legal Affairs for the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts for more than seven years and worked for many years for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health as the Assistant Director of Fiscal Services at a very large public psychiatric facility. Joe has also worked within the Massachusetts House of Representatives serving as staff director for a State Legislator. Joe's work is based in a commitment to addressing the housing and other needs of people living with HIV/AIDS as well as those from across the disability community. A life-long resident of the Boston area, Joe has also been very involved in advancing GLBT rights and comes from a family with deep roots in social justice causes.

Malcolm Coley

Malcolm Coley has been in the HIV/AIDS field for over 18 years in capacities including Housing, Healthcare, Outreach and Advocacy. He has lived and worked in many major cities along the East Coast. Mr. Coley himself lives with HIV. He currently works as a Realtor in the Baltimore area, and he continues to work with and advocate for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Robert Cordero

Robert Cordero is Vice President for Development and Government Relations for New York-based Housing Works, Inc., the nation's largest minority-controlled community-based AIDS service and advocacy organization. Previous to his current position, Mr. Cordero opened the Housing Works Washington, DC advocacy office in November 2004, which coordinates a national advocacy campaign that brings people living with HIV/AIDS to Capitol Hill for meetings with legislators and staff throughout every session of Congress, while expanding advocacy and coalition work on AIDS treatment, care, prevention and housing. Before joining Housing Works, Mr. Cordero was the director of the New York City Office of AIDS Policy Coordination and served as Governmental Co-chair of the HIV Health and Human Services Planning Council of New York. He advocates in Washington, DC and New York as a board member of the CAEAR Coalition and through the grassroots Campaign to End AIDS. He also serves on the board of Regional Addiction Prevention, Inc., a community-based substance abuse treatment agency that serves Northeast Washington, DC. Robert holds a Master's degree in Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago.

Sheila Crowley

Sheila Crowley is the president and CEO of the National Low Income Housing Coalition, a membership organization dedicated solely to ending the affordable housing crisis in America. NLIHC's annual flagship publication, *Out of Reach*, analyzes the mismatch between incomes and rents in every jurisdiction in the U.S. NLIHC's weekly review of federal housing policy is considered a must-read by all low income housing advocates. NLIHC leads the National Housing Trust Fund Campaign, which has been endorsed by over 5,500 organizations across the country. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Housing Trust, the Poverty and Race Research Action Council, Enterprise Community Partners, the Technical Assistance Collaborative, the National Housing Conference, and the Alliance for Healthy Homes. She joined NLIHC in December 1998, after two decades in Richmond, Virginia in organizational leadership, direct service, policy advocacy, and scholarship. She is a social worker with a bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. from the School of Social Work at Virginia Commonwealth University. She has worked in staff, board, and consulting roles with organizations that focus on family housing, AIDS housing, senior housing, housing for people with disabilities, and homeless services. She has served as an adjunct faculty member for the VCU School of Social Work teaching social policy, social justice, policy advocacy, and community and organizational practice. She was the 1996-97 Social Work Congressional Fellow, where she served on the Democratic staff of the Housing Subcommittee of the United States Senate Banking Committee. From 1984-1992, she was the Executive Director of The Daily Planet, a multipurpose homeless service and advocacy organization in Richmond. She was the founding director in 1979 of the YWCA Women's Advocacy Program in Richmond, the shelter and service program for battered women and their children. She is a founding member of Virginians Against Domestic Violence, the Greater Richmond Coalition for the Homeless, and the Richmond Better Housing Coalition.

Dennis Culhane

Dr. Dennis Culhane is Professor of Social Welfare Policy and Psychology, Senior Fellow for the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics and Co-Director of the Cartographic Modeling Lab at the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work. Dr. Culhane's primary areas of research are homelessness, housing policy, and policy analysis research methods. His primary area of research is the problem of homelessness and its intersection with social welfare systems, which he studies through the analysis of administrative records. He has been working with local officials in New York City and Philadelphia to merge AIDS surveillance databases with administrative data which track public shelter utilization. The resulting integrated data can be used to look at the co-occurrence of AIDS and homelessness, trends in the rate of co-occurrence over time, risk factors associated with having AIDS among the homeless, and risk factors associated with homelessness among people with AIDS. He has also collaborated with others in both cities to conduct consumer surveys of people with HIV/AIDS to assess their housing needs, preferences, cost burdens, and living arrangements. His current research includes: a study of institutional discharges (hospitals, correctional facilities, foster care) and their rates of public shelter admission in New York City; a typology of family homelessness in New York, Philadelphia and Columbus; and the prevalence of homeless program utilization in the U.S.

Honorable Elijah E. Cummings

The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings has been a member of the United States House of Representatives (MD – 7th) since April 1996, and is now in his sixth term in Congress. He serves on the House Government Reform Committee, is the Ranking Member of the Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources Subcommittee, and is a member of the Federal Workforce and Agency Organization Subcommittee. Congressman Cummings also serves on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the Subcommittee on Highways & Transit and the Subcommittee on Railroads. In addition to his standing committee assignments, Congressman Cummings is a member of the Joint Economic Committee, the co-chair of the House AIDS Working Group, and a member of the House Task Force on Health Care Reform. He is the immediate Past Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus. Prior to his service in the Congress, Mr. Cummings served in the Maryland House of Delegates for 16 years. In the Maryland General Assembly, he served as Chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus and was the first African American in Maryland history to be named Speaker Pro Tem, the second highest position in the House of Delegates. Congressman Cummings graduated with honors from Baltimore City College High School, and graduated from Howard University Phi Beta Kappa in with a degree in Political Science, and from the University of Maryland School of Law. He practiced law for nineteen years before entering Congress. Congressman Cummings serves on numerous boards and commissions including the United States Naval Academy Board of Visitors, the Maryland Zoo Board of Trustees, the Baltimore Aquarium Board of Trustees, the Baltimore Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America Board of Directors and the Yale-Howard Nursing Partnership Center to Reduce Health Disparities by Self and Family Management Advisory Committee. In addition to his many speaking engagements, he writes a bi-weekly column for the Baltimore Afro-American newspaper.

Julia Dickson-Gomez

Julia Dickson-Gomez, Ph.D., Associate Research Scientist and Principal Investigator at the Institute for Community Research, is a medical anthropologist with over seven years experience conducting HIV research with high-risk populations such as commercial sex workers, crack users, and injection drug users in the United States and Latin America. She has a particular interest in studying structural factors that increase HIV risk among these populations, and developing multi-level prevention interventions to address these.

Peter Gamache

Peter Gamache, M.B.A., M.L.A., M.P.H., is a University of South Florida Ph.D. student and the Director of Research for The AIDS Institute, working to apply continuous quality improvement methods to the advancement of personal and social outcomes. To that effect, he has published and presented research pertaining to disadvantaged and at-risk populations, social change theory, and implementation processes involved in establishing and maintaining transformation. His current interests include cultural competence, social marketing, and policy development.

Danielle German

Danielle German, M.P.H., is a doctoral student in the Department of Health, Behavior and Society at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She has a Masters degree in Public Health from Emory University. Her work has focused on the intersection of drug use and HIV risk behaviors, with a strong commitment to community interventions and the integration of qualitative and quantitative methods. Prior to starting her doctoral program, she coordinated HIV prevention interventions and worked as an ethnographer for domestic and international studies among drug users. Her dissertation research focuses on the relationship between social stability and HIV risk behaviors in urban settings.

Daliah Heller

Daliah Heller has worked in the field of harm reduction for the past ten years. While pursuing her Master's in Public Health at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, with a concentration in Population and Family Health, she worked with the Drug Policy Foundation as a grant administrator during 1996-97. After obtaining her MPH, she assumed directorship for a small syringe exchange program in the South Bronx, CitiWide Harm Reduction, in summer 1997. For nine years, until June 2006, Ms. Heller worked to build CitiWideHR into a multiservice harm reduction organization, developing housing, health care, mental health counseling and treatment, and related public health services for low-income substance users living with and at high risk for HIV/AIDS. CitiWideHR now serves over 2,000 individuals annually, providing comprehensive services in a harm reduction framework. Throughout her tenure at CitiWideHR, Ms. Heller led the organization's involvement in policy and advocacy work, with a particular focus on housing and harm reduction service gaps in New York City. She has published several articles on her policy and program development experiences at CitiWideHR. In July 2006, Ms. Heller began in a newly-created position at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as the Director of Harm Reduction. She is currently pursuing her doctorate in social welfare at CUNY.

Debra Hickman

Reverend Debra Hickman is Co-founder/President and CEO of Sisters Together And Reaching, Inc. (STAR) in Baltimore, Maryland, a Christian Women's Response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. STAR provides a wide range of services to men and women of the African American community, including financial, spiritual and group support, health resource information, in-house and outreach services, a mobile unit that provides HIV/STD testing in high risk communities and client centered risk reduction counseling, art and writing programs, substance abuse counseling, a prison ministry and HIV prevention programs for women, men and adolescents. Reverend Hickman serves as the Assistant to the Pastor of City Temple of Baltimore Baptist Church, and is a lifelong Baltimore City resident. Rev. Hickman works as an independent consultant /trainer in the area of Capacity Building for Grassroots organizations. She is a Commissioner for the Baltimore City HIV/AIDS Commission and was recently appointed by the Department of Health and Human Services to serve on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Health Resources Services Administration Advisory Group. She has served as a consultant to the CDC and was chosen to be one of the 40 Centers for Disease Leadership Scholars in 1999 and completed one-year training with them in September 2000. She holds an AA Degree from the Catonsville Community College in Business Administration, and has matriculated to the University of Maryland for completion of her B.S. in Health and Science Policy while completing classes at Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University for a Masters in Divinity.

David Holtgrave

Since August 2005, Dr. David Holtgrave has been Professor and Chair of the Department of Health, Behavior and Society at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Holtgrave has worked almost exclusively in the field of HIV prevention since 1991. His research has focused on the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of a variety of HIV prevention interventions, and the relation of the findings of these studies to HIV prevention policy making. Dr. Holtgrave has also investigated the relationship between social capital measures, infectious disease rates, and risk behavior prevalence. He has worked extensively on HIV prevention community planning, and has served as a member of the Wisconsin HIV Prevention Community Planning group. Dr. Holtgrave received his Ph.D. in quantitative psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign, and then completed a post-doctoral research fellowship in public health and public policy in the Interdisciplinary Programs in Health at the Harvard University School of Public Health. He has authored or co-authored over 140 professional publications, and has edited *The Handbook of Economic Evaluation for HIV Prevention Programs* (Plenum Press, 1998).

Dan Kidder

Daniel P. Kidder, Ph.D., is a behavioral scientist in the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). His research involves investigating HIV risk factors in at-risk populations (e.g., homeless, African American women) and developing and evaluating HIV prevention strategies. Prior to coming to CDC he was involved with federally funded HIV prevention intervention projects and also worked for a company conducting research, evaluation, and health communication projects for CDC and other federal agencies. He received his Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology from the Georgia Institute of Technology and his master's degree in Developmental Psychology from the University of Georgia.

Charles King

Charles King is one of the founders, and the President of Housing Works, Inc., the nation's largest community-based AIDS services organization and largest minority-controlled AIDS Service Organization. He has combined his background as a minister and lawyer to develop and articulate the vision of Housing Works as building a self-sustaining, healing community based on aggressive advocacy, mutual aid, and collective empowerment. This has included the development of entrepreneurial ventures that provide both income and quality employment opportunities for people with AIDS. Included in these entrepreneurial ventures are a chain of upscale thrift shops, a used book café, a food service business, a property management company, a lobbying and consulting firm, and a management services company. Mr. King is also the National Co-Chair of the Campaign to End AIDS, and the Chair of the National AIDS Housing Coalition's Visioning Taskforce. Prior to incorporating Housing Works in June 1990, Mr. King served as staff attorney to the New York Coalition for the Homeless; as Assistant Pastor to the Emmanuel Baptist Church in New Haven, CT; as Director of an emergency center for abused children in Roundrock, TX; and as Minister of Street Ministries at First Baptist Church in San Antonio, TX. Mr. King holds both a Law Degree and a Masters of Divinity from Yale University, and is an ordained Baptist Minister.

Amy Knowlton

Amy Knowlton, Sc.D., is on the faculty of Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Department of Health, Behavior and Society. She completed her doctoral studies in the school's Department of International Health. Her research focuses on social environmental factors affecting the well-being of socioeconomically marginalized populations living with HIV/AIDS. She is the PI of a study on social networks and informal HIV caregiving dynamics influencing optimal service use and HAART outcomes among racial minority illicit drug users. A longtime collaborator with Dr. Carl Latkin, she has helped develop successful models of social network-oriented, outreach intervention for HIV prevention among inner city drug users.

J.J. Koornstra

J.J. (Jay) Koornstra is the Executive Director of Bruce House, a community-based supportive housing organization for people living with HIV/AIDS in Ottawa. As a person living with HIV/AIDS for over 23 years, Mr. Koornstra volunteers in areas with demonstrable linkages between the social determinants of health and HIV/AIDS. In addition to the Positive Spaces Healthy Places project, he serves on a research advisory committee investigating systems level policies affecting housing and supports for people living with HIV/AIDS. He chairs the advisory committee for the City of Ottawa's Needle Exchange Program, serves on the Ottawa's Gay Men's Wellness Initiative and participates in various other related municipal, provincial and national committees and boards. Last year, he was designated an Ontario AIDS Network Honour Roll of Excellence recipient.

Joyce Moon Howard

Joyce Moon Howard, Dr.PH., is on the faculty in the Department of Sociomedical Sciences at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University and an associate researcher in the Center for Applied Public Health (CAPH) at Columbia where she and her colleagues have conducted research on the design and evaluation of HIV/AIDS interventions and the relationship between housing and risk for HIV. Dr. Moon Howard's research interests include resolution of methodological challenges in conducting survey research in urban communities and contextual and situational factors associated with health behaviors and health outcomes. Keenly interested in strengthening partnerships between academic centers and community residents and the link between research and service delivery, she has conducted community based intervention studies with the CDC funded Columbia and Harlem community partnership, the Harlem Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. Her current research includes an NIH funded grant to study the influence of religious organizations on HIV/AIDS risk and prevention strategies among African Americans. Her research in academic community partnerships, tobacco, HIV and housing has been published in the *Journal of Public Health Practice Management*, *American Journal of Public Health* and *the Journal of Urban Health*. Dr Moon-Howard is a consultant to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and evaluates data from efficacy studies in tobacco, alcohol, and drug abuse, HIV transmission, violence, and co-occurring disorders to identify science-based programs that hold promise to inform practice and research.

Mai Thi Nguyen

Mai Thi Nguyen, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor in the Department of City and Regional Planning at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her research interests center on issues relating to housing and community development. Within this specialization area, the research has focused on housing policy and underserved populations. She has examined research topics which include: the relationship between affordable housing siting and property values, the mobility of Section 8 voucher recipients, residential preferences and segregation, ballot-box planning in California, urban sprawl, and the link between mixed-use development and travel behavior. Dr. Nguyen is currently working on several research projects. One project involves understanding whether the mobility of Section 8 Voucher Holders leads to a neighborhood upgrades. A second project explores the link between housing and health outcomes among people living with HIV/AIDS. Dr. Nguyen is also working on a project that looks at the barriers to integration among Latinos in North Carolina. Dr. Nguyen has held appointments as a dissertation fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California and a Senior Research Associate at the Solimar Research Group.

Scott Olson

Since January 2003, Scott Olson has been a professional staff member with the House Financial Services Committee, working for Rep. Barney Frank [D-MA] handling housing issues before the Committee. Previous experience on Capitol Hill includes 5 years with Rep. Bill Orton [D-UT], 2 years with Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II [D-MA], and 4 years with the House Banking/Financial Services Committee, working for Rep. John J. LaFalce. Previously, Mr. Olson worked for 6 years as an investment banker focused on public finance, and for 4 years is commercial real estate finance. Mr. Olson earned a B.A. in philosophy at Stanford University and an M.B.A. from the UCLA Graduate School of Management.

Regina R. Quattrochi

Regina Quattrochi is the Chief Executive Officer of Bailey House, Inc., an award winning community based organization that provides housing, services and national technical assistance to persons living with HIV/AIDS and the communities that serve them. Ms. Quattrochi received her law degree from Union University – Albany Law School in 1978. Prior to becoming the Executive Director of Bailey House in 1991, she served on its Board of Directors for five years and held several positions within the legal field. In 1993, Ms. Quattrochi helped establish the National AIDS Housing Coalition and served as its President from 1998 - 2001. She also served as a founder and the first chairperson of the NYC AIDS Housing Network. Ms. Quattrochi has served on numerous committees and board of directors of organizations that address HIV/AIDS services and homelessness, including the National AIDS Housing Coalition Board of Directors, the Supportive Housing Network of New York Board of Directors, the Advisory Committee for the NYC AIDS Housing Needs Assessment, the NYC Ryan White Health and Human Services Planning Council’s Integration of Care Committee and Housing Workgroup, the Advisory Panel for the HUD HOPWA National Evaluation, the Advisory Committee for the AIDS Housing Washington/Vanderbilt University National AIDS Housing Cost Study, and the Corporation for Supportive Housing’s Re-entry Roundtable. Ms Quattrochi was an adjunct professor at the New York University Wagner School of Public Service for ten years.

Naomi Seiler

Naomi Seiler has served as Counsel to the Minority Staff of the House Committee on Government Reform for three years, working primarily on reproductive health and HIV/AIDS. She attended Harvard College and Yale Law School, and completed a Greenwall Fellowship in Bioethics and Health Policy at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Joshua Sharfstein

Joshua M. Sharfstein, M.D., is the Commissioner of Health in Baltimore City. Dr. Sharfstein graduated summa cum laude from Harvard College in 1991. He spent a year working on public health projects in Central American from 1991-1992 before entering medical school. He graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1996. He then completed residency training in pediatrics at Boston Medical Center and Boston Children's Hospital in 1999, where he was a co-founder of a national initiative to call attention to the impact of housing conditions on child health. From July 1999 to June 2001, he completed a fellowship in general academic pediatrics at the Boston University School of Medicine. During this time, he worked at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the World Health Organization. In July 2001, Dr. Sharfstein joined the minority staff of the Government Reform Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, working for Congressman Henry A. Waxman. He conducted investigative oversight, drafted legislation, and helped set political strategy on public health and medical issues, including tobacco control, public health preparedness, HIV/AIDS, reproductive health, international health, substance abuse, food safety, prescription drug regulation and mental health. Dr. Sharfstein has co-authored research articles in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *Public Health Reports*, and *British Medical Journal*. He has also written articles for the *Boston Globe*, *New Republic*, *American Prospect*, and *Washington Monthly*.

Ginny Shubert

Ginny Shubert is a principal of Shubert Botein Policy Associates, a public policy consulting group that supports the development and implementation of public policies and programs that impact low income people and communities. Ms. Shubert has 25 years' experience as an advocate, service provider and consultant working on poverty and health issues including homelessness and access to housing, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and drug and alcohol dependence. A graduate of the Harvard Law School, she has been counsel in landmark lawsuits involving access to care and services for disabled persons, including *Mixon v. Grinker*, brought to establish the right of persons with HIV illness to safe, medically appropriate housing, and *Henrietta D. v. Giuliani*, a federal class action that has established the right of disabled persons to reasonable accommodations necessary to ensure access to public entitlements. In 1988, Ms. Shubert founded the AIDS Project of the Coalition for the Homeless, and in the early 1990s she was a founder and Co-Executive Director of Housing Works, where she established and headed its Advocacy and Public Policy Department. For the last twelve years Ms. Shubert has worked as a consultant on housing, health, and economic justice issues. She has written on a range of health and housing issues.

Michael Sobota

Michael Sobota is the Executive Director of AIDS Thunder Bay, where he was a co-founding member in 1985. He has a BA, HC in speech and communication. Mr. Sobota has served on the Boards of the Canadian AIDS Society and the Ontario AIDS Network. He has been an advisor on HIV/AIDS to nine different Ontario Ministers of Health, and currently sits on the Minister's expert Advisory Committee (OACHA). He has been elevated to the Ontario AIDS Network Honour Role of Excellence.

Richard Speiglmán

Dr. Richard Speiglmán studied sociology before completing doctoral work in criminology at UC Berkeley and a post-doc with the Alcohol Research Group at the School of Public Health, UC Berkeley. Currently he is managing partner of Speiglmán Norris Associates, an Oakland, CA firm engaged in social and behavioral research and evaluation. Speiglmán has lectured at the University of Lowell (now University of MA, Lowell) and at a number of Bay Area universities and served as principal investigator, senior research scientist, or research program director with the Alcohol Research Group, Prevention Research Center, Marin Institute, Western Consortium for Public Health, and Public Health Institute. His work has been in the areas of housing and homelessness, welfare reform, and substance abuse. Dr. Speiglmán led the design for Alameda County's 2003 shelter and services survey and analyzed survey data, providing a homeless count estimate for the county and reporting on needs of housed and homeless persons. He also conducted evaluations of three San Francisco Bay Area HUD-funded "shallow rent subsidy" programs for people living with HIV/AIDS. In the area of welfare reform, Speiglmán led longitudinal panel studies of TANF recipients in two California counties, surveyed the 58 California counties regarding cash assistance and child welfare linkages programs and practices, and currently is heading a study of the status of families in child-only TANF cases. Speiglmán also designed and led a four-county, longitudinal, panel study of the effects of the federal elimination of SSI benefits for alcoholics and addicts. Other work in the area of substance abuse includes an eight-county study of the implementation of California's Proposition 36 (drug treatment in lieu of jail or prison).

Sam Tsemberis

Dr. Sam Tsemberis founded Pathways to Housing, an organization based on the belief that housing is a basic right for all people, in 1992. He currently serves as the Executive Director. Pathways developed the *Housing First* approach that provides *immediate access* to permanent independent apartments to individuals who are homeless and who have psychiatric disabilities and substance use disorders. In 2005, the American Psychiatric Association Institute on Psychiatric Services awarded its prestigious Gold Award in the area of community mental health to Pathways to Housing. In 2006, the National Alliance to End Homelessness awarded Dr. Tsemberis its prestigious Macy Award for Individual Achievement in the battle to end homelessness. Dr. Tsemberis is on the faculty of the Department of Psychiatry of the New York University Medical Center, and has served as principal investigator for federally funded studies of homelessness, mental illness, and substance abuse. He has published numerous articles and book chapters on these topics. He provides training and technical assistance to agencies across the country on implementation the *Housing First* model.

David Vos

David Vos serves as the Director of the Office of HIV/AIDS Housing, in the Office of Community Planning and Development at the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Office administers the Department's Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program, a nation-wide federal resource for addressing the housing needs of a vulnerable special needs population. Mr. Vos joined HUD in 1992 and has helped to develop program policies and procedures used in operating HOPWA resources. He previously worked in the Executive Office of the Mayor for the District of Columbia on intergovernmental relations and economic development issues and in prior public service as legislative staff for the State of Michigan State Senate. He has a M.A.I.T. (international transactions) from George Mason University.

Carol Wilkins

Carol Wilkins is the Director of Intergovernmental Policy with the Corporation for Supportive Housing, where she works to develop and support the implementation of policy solutions to end long-term homelessness for people who have complex health needs and multiple barriers to employment. She has more than 25 years of experience in public finance, human services and policy work, including work with the California Legislature's office of the Legislative Analyst, the State Assembly Ways and Means Committee, as Deputy Mayor of Finance in San Francisco, and as Finance Director for the San Francisco Housing Authority. She joined CSH in 1994, where she was responsible for planning and directing the implementation of the Health, Housing and Integrated Services Network, an award-winning collaboration of non-profit and local government agencies which integrates the financing and delivery of affordable housing and an array of services to homeless and disabled adults in California. She is the author or co-author of numerous reports, white papers, and articles on supportive housing and special needs. She was a member of the expert panel convened in February 2000 by the US General Accounting Office on homelessness and barriers to using mainstream programs, served as a member of California's Co-Occurring Disorders Workgroup, and is a member of California's Joint Action Council on Co-Occurring Disorders, as well as a consultant to California's Department of Mental Health, supporting the implementation of the Mental Health Services Act. She has served as a member

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of the faculty for each of the HUD/HHS/VA/DOL Policy Academies on Improving Access to Mainstream Services for People Experiencing Chronic Homelessness, and for the Policy Academy on Family Homelessness, where she has served as an expert on Systems Change, Housing, and the Dynamics of Homelessness and the Impact of Supportive Housing on Services Use and Costs. She has been invited to deliver presentations and technical assistance to national and regional groups in more than 20 states to facilitate systems change and to increase the capacity of state and local governments and non-profit agencies to create integrated systems to expand supportive housing opportunities for people with disabilities and those who are homeless.