

COHORT 14 BIOSKETCHES

Joseph (Joe) Barker, MPH
Chief, Health Systems & Evaluation Branch
Division of Global HIV & TB, Center for Global Health
US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Nairobi, Kenya

Joe has more than 18 years as a global health practitioner, with most of his work centering on the epidemiology of HIV and its program response in sub-Saharan Africa. He currently serves as the Branch Chief for Health Systems & Evaluation within the Division of Global HIV & TB within the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in Nairobi, Kenya. Since assuming this role in 2015, he leads a large branch for CDC's health systems technical assistance in Kenya to the Government and other partners including monitoring & evaluation, quality management, and health informatics, especially in regards to the HIV pandemic. Joe also serves in the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) technical leadership within the US Government team in Kenya. Prior to work in Kenya, he was at the Office of the US Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC) where he led the quality improvement efforts globally for PEPFAR and established the Site Improvement through Monitoring System (SIMS), PEPFAR's global quality assurance system. Joe has worked in monitoring & evaluation of HIV programs, HIV program implementation and HIV surveillance among a variety of populations and at different policy and technical levels. His work has brought him on travels throughout the world, but based within the CDC in Atlanta; he has studied HIV transmission between serodiscordant couples in Kigali, Rwanda; and he established the first integrated biobehavioral surveillance system among key populations in Kampala, Uganda. He began his global health journey in the Peace Corps in Benin.

Joe is a Tennessee native, but received his Bachelor of Arts in psychology and French at Middlebury College in Vermont during which time he also studied at the Université de Paris III-Sorbonne Nouvelle. After Peace Corps, he pursued his Master of Public Health degree with a concentration in global health and epidemiology from the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University in Atlanta. Joe lives in Nairobi, Kenya, with two cats; he has a tight group of family and friends, and enjoys good food, beer and wine, hiking and weight lifting, beaches and mountains, and Iyengar yoga.

Chad J. Brown, FACHE, MBA / MHA
President
Wake Forest Baptist Health– Davie Medical Center
Bermuda Run, NC

Chad currently serves as the President of Wake Forest Baptist Health – Davie Medical Center in Bermuda Run, NC. In his role, he is responsible for the overall operations of this acute care community hospital including quality of care, strategic planning, financial stewardship, and service line growth. During his tenure at Davie Medical Center, Chad oversaw the completion of

a new 50 inpatient bed tower as well as overseeing growth in several key clinical service lines. In addition, patient satisfaction scores for his hospital continue to be in the top percentile rankings. Prior to joining Davie Medical Center, Chad served as CEO of Person Memorial Hospital in Roxboro, NC. There, he was instrumental in integrating the hospital into the newly created Duke LifePoint system. Chad has over 20 years of senior leadership experience in the healthcare setting, mostly in the community hospital environment. He has had experience in for-profit, non-profit and academic medical center settings. Chad started his career with HCA – Hospital Corporation of America and completed their highly competitive COO executive development program. From there, he held various hospital leadership positions in Virginia, Florida and Tennessee.

Chad is a native of Knoxville Tennessee, where he earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee. He completed a dual master's degree in healthcare and business administration from the University of Houston – Clear Lake. He is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Chad and his wife Jeannine, live in Advance, NC and have 3 children. Chad's key to a happy and prosperous life are faith, family and friends. In his spare time, Chad enjoys the outdoors. He loves to ride his mountain bike on local NC trails, hike the Appalachian Trail, participate in recreational sport shooting, or go fly fishing in a cold NC mountain stream.

Sepheen C. Byron, MHS
Assistant Vice President, Performance Measurement
National Committee for Quality Assurance
Arlington, VA

Sepheen is Assistant Vice President of Performance Measurement at the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and has over 15 years of experience in the evaluation of health care quality. At NCQA, Sepheen provides strategic direction on measures development and use, including measures for HEDIS® and other national evaluation programs. She also has responsibility for NCQA's portfolio of measures in the areas of pediatric care, preventive services, perinatal care and appropriateness/overuse. In addition to specific measures development projects, Sepheen is working to understand how to incorporate new and better electronic data for use in performance measurement. Prior to joining NCQA, Sepheen was a research analyst in the Center for Outcomes and Evidence at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Sepheen conducted research on the effectiveness and efficiency of health services. Projects included analytical work for the National Health Care Disparities Report and the Research Initiative in Clinical Economics.

Sepheen received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Virginia and her Master of Health Science from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. Sepheen enjoys traveling, backyard barbecues, happy hours and generally spending quality time with her husband, daughter and friends---taking in all the D.C. area has to offer.

Marc Caruana, MSN
Chief Nurse Anesthetist
UNC Health Care
Carrboro, NC

Marc has worked at UNC Health Care for 15 years. He first started as a staff Certified Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) for 7 years and then became the Chief Nurse Anesthetist in 2010, where he oversees a group of over 90 CRNAs. Previously, he worked at the University of Iowa Hospitals for 6 years, including 3 years in a Medical Intensive Care Unit, and at the Western General Hospital in Edinburgh, Scotland for 2 years. He trained as a nurse anesthetist at the Cleveland Clinic.

Marc was born in Malta (a small island in the Mediterranean) and lived there until he was 20. He studied nursing at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, where he obtained his BA in Nursing. He later obtained his Masters in Nursing from the University of Iowa, and his nurse anesthesia training from Case Western Reserve University. Marc is married to Kristin, and has 2 children. Marc still has family in Malta, and travels there every year. He is fluent in Maltese and can hold his own in Italian. In addition to traveling and trying new restaurants, Marc also enjoys running, gardening, and drinking a perfect cup of coffee in the morning or an afternoon espresso or cappuccino for a treat.

Kalina Duncan, MPH
Public Health Advisor and Lead for Data and Evaluation, Cancer Control, and sub-Saharan African Initiatives
National Cancer Institute Center for Global Health
Salt Lake City, Utah & Rockville, Maryland

Kalina Duncan is a Public Health Advisor and Lead for Data and Evaluation, Cancer Control, and sub-Saharan African initiatives at the US National Cancer Institute (NCI) Center for Global Health (CGH). Kalina leads a team of eight, responsible for monitoring and evaluating CGH programs, informing the development of new programs and research initiatives, and research strengthening around the globe. Prior to her time at CGH, Kalina spent time in the Tobacco Control Research Branch at the US NCI, the Office of International Health and Biodefense in the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, and the Fogarty International Center at the US National Institutes of Health. Kalina has extensive experience working with ministries of health in low- and middle-income countries to develop, cost, and implement national cancer control plans and strengthen cancer and risk factor surveillance and research.

Kalina received her Master of Public Health (MPH) with a concentration in health policy and a certificate in global health systems from the Yale School of Public Health. While completing her MPH, Kalina worked with the Yale Global Health Leadership Institute and the Ministry of Health of Rwanda to create the country's first Masters in Healthcare Administration. Prior to graduate school, Kalina spent six years at the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), a US-based civil rights non-

profit, in roles that included legislative advocacy for HIV/AIDS funding, grassroots field organizing, event management, and fundraising.

Hailing from Salt Lake City, Kalina earned dual Bachelor of Science degrees in Communications and Gender Studies from the University of Utah. She enjoys hiking the Wasatch mountains with her giant dogs, eating street food in new countries, supporting local breweries, and running any race that offers a free t-shirt.

Jessica Grignon, MPH

Director of Programs

International Training and Education Center for Health (I-TECH) South Africa

University of Washington, Department of Global Health

Pretoria, South Africa

Jessica is the Director of Programs at the International Training and Education Center for Health (I-TECH) South Africa, a program of the University of Washington's Department of Global Health. Jessica formerly served as Deputy Country Director of I-TECH Botswana and has worked for University of Washington/I-TECH in various global health positions since 2007. Jessica is responsible for technical leadership and management of I-TECH South Africa's portfolio of primary health care programs, which aim to strengthen community and facility linkages and improve access to health care services. Jessica leads implementation of public health programs encompassing community-based HIV counseling and testing, combination HIV prevention, engagement to HIV care, and health systems strengthening.

Jessica has over 15 years of professional experience in public health leadership, non-profit management and fundraising, and HIV/AIDS program development. Jessica received Bachelor of Arts degrees in Anthropology and Behavioral Biology from Beloit College, and a Master of Public Health degree from University of Washington. Jessica lives in Pretoria, South Africa with her husband, two daughters, and a son. She enjoys camping and experiencing adventures as a family in the beautiful South African wilderness.

Christi Hurt, MPA

Assistant Vice Chancellor

Chief of Staff for Student Affairs

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill, NC

Christi Hurt currently serves at the Assistant Vice Chancellor and Chief of Staff for Student Affairs at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In this role, she supports efforts across campus to support student success and promote safety. Prior to serving in this role, she was the Director of the Carolina Women's Center and the University's first full-time Title IX Coordinator. While in these roles, she led the Task Force that renovated the University's sexual assault and harassment policy and response system in the wake of new federal guidance for campus systems. Prior to coming to UNC, Christi worked for 20 years in nonprofit organizations

to eliminate violence against women and children. She has worked at the local, state, and national level to bring communities together to address child sexual abuse prevention, sex offender management, and services for marginalized communities. She loves bringing diverse groups together to accomplish seemingly impossible tasks and believes that most community-wide problems can be solved when communities have the opportunity to fully engage in the solution development process.

She is a double Tar Heel (and aspiring triple Tar Heel!) who holds a Master in Public Administration from UNC's School of Government. She is married to her college sweetheart, is the mother of two boys, is a marathoner, and can be usually found in the woods around Chapel Hill.

Theresa (Tracie) Lattimore, MSN, RN, NP-C
Director of United States Army Traumatic Brain Injury Program
Army Office of the Surgeon General
Falls Church, Virginia

Tracie currently serves as the Director of the Army TBI Program, assigned to the Office of the Surgeon General. In this capacity, she is responsible for delivering solutions across the Army's TBI portfolio with respect to population health, strategic guidance of the TBI research portfolios, and oversight of policy and healthcare delivery for traumatic brain injury. Prior to this role, Tracie worked in a series of positions at the interface of medicine, policy, and military operations. Most recently Tracie served as a senior health policy analyst, assigned to the Defense Health Agency, and supporting the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Readiness Policy and Oversight where she focused on TBI, Combat Casualty Care, deployment information systems, and the Joint Capabilities Integration Development System. Tracie also served on active duty within the Navy Nurse Corps, where she was assigned to the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda. She also completed deployments on the USNS Comfort in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Joint Task Force Katrina. She was twice recalled to active duty to serve as the Deputy Director of the Navy Traumatic Brain Injury Program at the US Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

Tracie holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Virginia and a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She is certified through the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners as an Adult Nurse Practitioner. Tracie and her husband, David, live in Vienna, VA, with their two boys Jack and Charlie.

Barbara Alvarez Martin, MPH
Director of Research and Development
UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center
Raleigh, NC

As both a public health researcher and seasoned "implementer," Barb Martin has been bridging the worlds of science and practice for the last 25 years. She began her career specializing in

public health advocacy and community organizing for policy change, leading state and local coalitions to address tobacco use and underage drinking. Barb then brought her experience to the world of research, when she directed an intervention for a large NIH community trial that succeeded in reducing alcohol-related consequences on college campuses. Since 2010, Barb has worked at the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, where her skills in bridge building and translation help UNC public health and clinical researchers improve cancer outcomes in North Carolina. Wanting to stay connected to her collective impact “roots,” Barb continues to train and advise others in strategic planning, coalition building, and best practices to optimize health at a community level.

Barb has an MPH in Health Behavior, Health Education from UNC-Chapel Hill and a BA from UC Berkeley. She and Jim, her husband of more than two decades, share a passion for public health, for their two teens, and for the fabulous state park that’s within walking distance of their Raleigh, NC home.

Kristie Mikus, MPA
Deputy Country Director, Zambia
Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention
Zambia

Kristie Mikus has been working in global public health for over 16 years. She is currently the Deputy Country Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Lusaka, Zambia. In her role as CDC Zambia Deputy Director, Kristie oversees an annual HIV and AIDS program budget of over \$120 million and an annual operational budget of \$14 million. Kristie works with nearly 80 staff to ensure maximum efficiency and impact of the annual HIV and AIDS program budget, which is part of the United States President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). Prior to joining the CDC, Kristie was the PEPFAR Zambia Country Coordinator from 2008 – 2015. Kristie represented the USG on the Global Fund Country Coordinating Mechanism for four years, and represented all bilateral and multilateral partners in Zambia for five years to the Government of the Republic of Zambia. Before moving to Zambia in 2008, Kristie helped stand up the State Department’s Bureau of Foreign Assistance (the F Bureau), the bureau charged with coordinating all USG foreign assistance. She was also one of the first staff in the newly created Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator in 2004.

Kristie graduated from the University of Delaware, summa cum laude, with a Master’s of Public Administration degree and received her Bachelor’s degree, magna cum laude, in Business Management from Washington College. She and her husband and three children have lived in Zambia since 2008. Originally from the Delaware/northeastern Maryland area, she loves spending time outdoors, especially hiking, and all things involving the ocean.

Elma (Racquel) Racadio, MPH, CCRA
Senior Project Manager, TransCelerate BioPharma Inc.
Principal Consultant, New Remedy Consulting
Dallas, TX

Racquel has over a decade of experience in clinical research, the life sciences and public health, focused on project management, clinical development and communications. She is currently Senior Project Manager for TransCelerate BioPharma, a non-profit organization with a mission to collaborate across the global biopharmaceutical research and development community to identify, prioritize, design and help implement solutions designed to drive the efficient, effective and high-quality delivery of new medicines. Racquel founded New Remedy Consulting to provide project management, communications and clinical operations expertise to non-profit and for-profit entities in the clinical research/pharmaceutical/biotechnology space. Prior to her consulting work, she worked directly for global biotechnology firms, contract research organizations and biotechnology start-ups, providing expertise in clinical research operations, feasibility and clinical trial design with a special interest in improving patient access and experience.

Racquel's public health research efforts have focused on racial and gender disparities in health care access and outcomes, including barriers to reproductive health care access in rural areas, barriers to pre-natal care access in the United States and racial disparities in infant mortality. She is a mentor for college-aged women of color interested in STEM fields to empower them to persist and succeed in their educational and career pursuits and is a member of the leadership board for The LISTEN Project, an initiative seeking to build bridges between young people in different cultures. She also serves as a panel speaker and subject matter expert in diversity and representation in clinical research.

She is a Wisconsin native living in Dallas, TX and enjoys painting, musical theater, travel, good wine and great friends. Racquel graduated from both the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Milwaukee with degrees in Journalism and Biological Sciences and received her Master's in Public Health from the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Mayra Serrano, MPH
Manager
Center of Community Alliance for Research & Education (CCARE)
City of Hope
Whittier, CA

Mayra Serrano is the Manager at the Center of Community Alliance for Research & Education (CCARE) at City of Hope. Her work at CCARE focuses on partnering with community advocates and multi-sectoral partners to develop and implement community participatory programs and interventions to reduce the risk and burden of chronic illnesses, including cancer, obesity and diabetes. She manages various research studies and community health programs, including the Eat, Move, Live program whose goal is to prevent cancer and chronic disease through nutrition and physical activity. She also develops health education materials and resources, including a

Spanish video promoting Latino participation in clinical trials and research. She has been recognized for her work by California Senator Ed Hernandez and received his Women of the Year in Health Award for 2012. She is active in several cancer and health related boards, organizations and committees and has presented her work and research at many national conferences. She has published peer-reviewed articles and a book chapter.

Mayra is fluent in both English and Spanish. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Whittier College and received her Master's in Public Health in Community Health Sciences from UCLA and is a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES). She is passionate about her work to improve health equity and working with underserved communities as well as mentoring the next generation of public health professionals. She loves to spend time with her husband Robert and their dog, Monkey, a 12-year old cockapoo. She comes from a large Mexican family, therefore *familia* is very important to her. She enjoys her mom's Mexican cooking and credits her mom as the best cook ever! She is the first in her family to attend college and to earn a college degree. She is also the first in her family to pursue a doctorate degree.

Amy Belflower Thomas, MHA, MSPH, CPH
Technical Assistance Manager
North Carolina Institute for Public Health
UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health
Raleigh, NC

Amy worked in multiple levels of governmental public health for fifteen years before coming to the NC Institute of Public Health (NCIPH) at UNC Gillings in 2015. As the Technical Assistance Manager for NCIPH, Amy serves as the Administrator for NC Local Health Department Accreditation -- a mandatory standards-based system for accrediting local public health departments throughout the state. She also works with a dynamic team to provide valuable technical assistance and consultation resources to both state and local health agencies and health initiatives and serves on the NCIPH Management Team. Amy is also passionate about connecting public health students to practice and service opportunities in North Carolina and serves as an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Public Health Leadership Program at UNC Gillings where she is currently developing a service-learning course. Amy started her career in infectious disease epidemiology at the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, but also ventured into public health preparedness, health education and community assessment, and business administration in two local health departments in eastern NC.

Amy is a proud alumna of the NC School of Science and Mathematics and received her BA in Anthropology from Wake Forest University. She has an MSPH in Epidemiology from the University of South Carolina and an MHA through the Executive Health Policy and Administration program at UNC Gillings. Amy lives outside of Raleigh with her husband Jeremy, two young children, and beloved 4-legged boxer child.

Yvette Williams, DNP, MBA
Senior Healthcare Consultant
Gulf Coast Health
Houston, TX

Yvette Williams is a seasoned healthcare consultant, who has had extensive professional experience in healthcare quality leadership. She strategically works with healthcare providers, commercial and government payors to build solutions to effectively improve healthcare outcomes, and subsequently mitigate cost and morbidity. She serves as a senior leader in clinical operations overseeing over 40 medical departments to achieve cost effective, high quality, evidenced-based clinical outcomes.

Yvette received her graduate degree and training as an advanced practice provider at the University of Texas Medical Branch, and also continues to serve as adjunct faculty teaching health systems and population health management to aspiring medical professionals. She holds an M.B.A. from Texas Woman's University and received her doctoral degree from Chatham University with a focus on health systems and outcomes. She has a keen interest in healthcare quality and population health management, specifically regarding impactful solutions to address health disparities in women and minorities, as well as the role of information technology in improving clinical outcomes across healthcare systems. She is a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ) and has a number of presentations and publications on quality improvement in the health care environment.

She currently lives in the Houston, Texas area with her husband. She serves on several boards and committees of various community organizations to fulfill her passion of increasing health literacy by educating the community on different health care topics. She is an avid foodie, who loves to travel and enjoy cuisine from all cultures.

Updated August 1, 2018