

Health Equity Learning Series Speaker Bios

June 6th

Brian Smedley, PhD – Dr. Smedley is the Vice President and Director of the Health Policy Institute of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington, D.C. Dr. Smedley oversees all operations at the Institute, which was started in 2002 with funding from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The Institute has a dual focus: to explore disparities in health and to generate policy recommendations on longstanding health equity concerns. Dr. Smedley also co-founded and was Research Director of The Opportunity Agenda, a communications, research and policy organization, where he led efforts to center equity in state and national health reform discussions and build public will to expand opportunity for all. Dr. Smedley also has worked as a Senior Program Officer in the Division of Health Sciences Policy of the Institute of Medicine (IOM), where he was Study Director for the IOM reports, *In the Nation's Compelling Interest: Ensuring Diversity in the Health Care Workforce* and *Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care (2004)*, among other reports on diversity in the health professions and minority health research policy.

July 25th

Adewale Troutman, MD – Dr. Troutman is president of the American Public Health Association. He has been dedicated for more than 40 years to principles of universal freedoms and the elimination of racism, injustice and oppression. His unique educational background has been a major factor in this quest. Dr. Troutman has an MD from New Jersey Medical School, a Masters in Public Health from Columbia University, Masters in Black Studies from the State University of New York in Albany, and, as of October 2009, board certification from the National Board of Public Health Examiners. His commitment to social justice has evolved into nationally recognized efforts to foster health equity through recognizing the supremacy of social determinants of health. Dr. Troutman founded the first Center for Health Equity at a local health department in Louisville, KY, and is the creator of the Mayors Healthy Hometown Movement there.

September 12th

Elizabeth Krause – Ms Krause is the Vice President of Policy & Communications for the Connecticut Health Foundation. On staff since 2005 and previously holding the positions of Program Officer and Senior Program Officer/Health Leadership Fellows Program Director, Elizabeth plays a leading role in integrating the work of CT Health's program, policy, and communications departments. A recognized health equity expert, Elizabeth represents the foundation on a number of state and national advisory bodies and multi-partner initiatives. The Smith College and Harvard School of Public Health alumna previously served as a Prevention Specialist with the Public Health Prevention Service of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Elizabeth is a Grantmakers in Health's Terrance Keenan Institute for Emerging Leaders in Health Philanthropy fellow.

Nichole Maher – Ms. Maher is the President of the Northwest Health Foundation in Portland, Oregon. Previously, she served as the Executive Director of the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA) in Portland, Oregon for over 11 years. Under her leadership, the NAYA Family Center grew from a staff of five and a budget of \$200,000 to over 100 employees and a \$10 million annual budget. Nichole holds a Masters in Public Health from the Mark Hatfield School of Government at Portland State University and two Bachelors of Science, one in Public Health and one in American Indian Studies from Oregon State University. In 1999, she completed a fellowship at Harvard Medical School, as well as the Robert Wood Johnson Minority Medical Education

program at Yale Medical School in 1998. Born in Ketchikan, Alaska, Nichole attended school on the Siletz Indian Reservation in Oregon and is a member of the Tlingit Tribe of Southeast Alaska. She serves on the governing boards of the National Urban Indian Family Coalition, the National Comcast/NBC Joint Council Board, the Oregon Education Investment Board, JustPortland, and the Oregon Historical Society Levy Oversight committee, where she serves as co-chair. Her previous board service includes Portland Parks and Recreation and Planned Parenthood of the Columbia-Willamette. She has received numerous leadership and industry honors, including Oregon's 50 most powerful people, Oregon's top 40 under 40, Portland's 50 most influential people, as well as an Oregon Women of Distinction award.

Yanique Redwood, PhD – Dr. Redwood is the President and CEO of the Consumer Health Foundation in Washington D.C. Yanique has overall responsibility for the strategic, programmatic, financial, and administrative operations of the Foundation. She joined the CHF team in 2012 as its second President and CEO. Prior to joining CHF, Yanique worked for the Annie E. Casey Foundation where she managed the health and mental health portfolio of grants and led the evaluation of Evidence2Success. She also provided leadership for the Race, Class, and Culture Committee of the Evidence-Based Practice Team. Prior to joining the Casey Foundation in 2010, Yanique worked in the National Center for Environmental Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Prior to that, she directed a community-based participatory research initiative in Atlanta that was funded by the National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities at the National Institutes of Health. Yanique has expertise in a qualitative research methodology called Photovoice which provides community people with cameras to 1) document their own health and social realities, 2) analyze the root causes of both strengths and weaknesses in their communities, and 3) advocate locally for healthy public policy. Yanique has delivered numerous presentations and trainings on the method for community, academic, and philanthropic audiences and significantly contributed to the TB Photovoice Project and the Dirty Truth Campaign, a built environment policy advocacy campaign resulting from a Photovoice project with residents in five Atlanta neighborhoods. Yanique has degrees from Georgia Institute of Technology (BS) and University of Michigan School of Public Health (PhD, MPH). Throughout her training and career, she has focused on addressing the social determinants of health including racial/ethnic equity. In her spare time,

November 15th

Anthony Iton, MD, JD – Dr. Iton is the Senior Vice President of Healthy Communities, for The California Endowment. Prior to his appointment at The Endowment, Iton served since 2003 as both the director and County Health Officer for the Alameda County Public Health Department. In that role, he oversaw the creation of an innovative public health practice designed to eliminate health disparities by tackling the root causes of poor health that limit quality of life and lifespan in many of California's low-income communities. Iton also served for three years as director of Health and Human Services and School Medical Advisor for the City of Stamford, Connecticut. Concurrent to that, he also served as a physician in internal medicine for Stamford Hospital's HIV Clinic. In addition, Iton served for five years as a primary care physician for the San Francisco Department of Public Health. Iton's varied career also includes past service as a staff attorney and Health Policy analyst for the West Coast regional office of Consumer's Union, the publisher of Consumer Reports magazine. Iton, who has been published in numerous public health and medical publications, is a regular public health lecturer and keynote speaker at conferences across the nation. He earned his B.S. in Neurophysiology, with honors, from McGill University, in Montreal, Quebec, his J.D. at the

University of California, Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law, and his medical degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Winston Wong, MD – Dr. Wong serves as Medical Director, Community Benefit, Kaiser Permanente. Kaiser Permanente is the nation's largest prepaid, multi-disciplinary health care provider, with 8.7 million members, a physician group of 12,000, and 134,000 employees. Dr. Wong is responsible for developing partnerships with communities and agencies in advancing population management and evidence based medicine, with a particular emphasis on safety net providers and the elimination of health disparities. A previous Captain of the Commissioned Corp of the U.S. Public Health Service, Dr. Wong was awarded the Outstanding Service Medal while serving as both the Chief Medical Officer for the Health Resources and Services Administration, Region IX, and its Director of California Operations. Dr. Wong currently serves on a number of national advisory committees, including those sponsored by the National Quality Forum and Institute of Medicine addressing issues of access and quality for diverse populations. Bilingual in Cantonese and Toisan dialects, Dr. Wong continues a small practice in Family Medicine at Asian Health Services in Oakland, where he previously served as Medical Director