

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES (in alphabetical order)

Note: Breakout Session speaker bios are posted on line.



Rosalie Aguilar, M.S., is program coordinator for Salud America!, a national, on-line Latino childhood obesity prevention program funded by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and based at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA).

Aguilar has extensive experience working to promote better health among Latinos both at the local and national level. While pursuing her Master's degree in Health and Kinesiology, she participated in numerous community based research programs aimed at preventing diabetes and obesity among low income Latinos. More specifically, Aguilar has worked with faith based interventions as well as federally funded Headstart centers and community centers to deliver healthy lifestyle programs.



Katelin Anderson joined The Cooper Institute in the fall of 2012. As the Director of FitnessGram, she directs and supervises the operations and management of the FitnessGram and ActivityGram assessment.

Katelin received her Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Kinesiology from Iowa State University in Ames, IA. Her passion is to promote and encourage physical activity in youth through the development and implementation of health promotion programs.

She currently holds the Certified Health Educator Specialist (CHES) certification and earned the Exercise Physiologist certification through ACSM. She is also a member of Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) America, Texas Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (TAPHERD), American School Health Association (ASHA) and the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM).



Jill Birnbaum is the Vice President of State Advocacy & Public Health for the National Center of the American Heart Association, a national nonprofit organization with a mission of building healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke. She provides oversight and management of state government relations operations in all 50 states along with the development, alignment and support for the organization's state public policy priorities. She also leads the cultivation, management, and support for strategic alliances within the state advocacy and public health communities, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

In this role, Ms. Birnbaum serves as the Executive Director of Voices for Healthy Kids, which is the Association's collaboration with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to reverse the nation's childhood obesity that builds upon the American Heart Association's extensive advocacy capacity and experience. The initiative is focused on changing public policies to help children and adolescents eat healthier foods and become more active.



Melanie R. Bridgeforth, Executive Director VOICES for Alabama's Children With over seven years of experience in government and non-governmental social and health policy analysis and development, Melanie R. Bridgeforth joined VOICES for Alabama's Children as the Executive Director in 2013. In her role as Executive Director, Melanie presides as the organization's lead spokesperson and chief legislative liaison as well as serves on numerous statewide councils including the State Children's Policy Council, the state Early Childhood Advisory Council, Alabama Literacy Alliance and the Board of Directors for the Alabama School Readiness Alliance (ASRA). She was recently selected as the newest board member of the Partnership for America's Children representing Alabama at the national level.



Senator Terry Burton: District 31, has been in the MS Legislature since 1992. Representing Lauderdale, Newton and Scott counties. He is current Committee Chair of Energy, VC of Appropriations and Colleges as well as being a member of other committees which include, Congressional Redistricting, Education, Judiciary, Division A, Legislative Budget Committee, Legislative Reapportionment, Municipalities, Public Health and Welfare

Senator Burton is a York Rite Mason and a Shriner. He is a member of the MS Home Corporation Oversight, State Workforce Investment Board, Facilities Management Advisory Committee, Medical Care Advisory Committee, the Rotary, Newton Booster Club and the Newton Chamber of Commerce.



Jill Camber Davidson, RD/RDN, CD joined Action for Healthy Kids in September 2011 in the capacity of School Program Manager. She is a registered dietitian with over twenty years of diverse nutrition and public health experience. Prior to joining Action for Healthy Kids, Jill worked as a state nutrition education consultant and Team Nutrition Director, Nutrition and Food Services Director and in clinical nutrition. Jill has certificates in Adult and Pediatric and Adolescent Weight Management from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Jill also is an active volunteer and leader with local, state and national nutrition and wellness groups, and is passionate about child nutrition and wellness. She has been recognized by her peers as a Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year in 1994 and as the Wisconsin Medallion - Outstanding Dietitian of the Year in 2011.



Tameka Cannady, is the Director of Preventative Health and Program Manager for the Diabetes Wellness Center for the Choctaw Nation Health Authority.

Tammie has worked with Choctaw Nation for 15 years, initially overseeing 3 ambulatory clinics in Poteau, Stifled and McAlester Oklahoma. Tammie, along with a team, was instrumental in implementing the Choctaw Nations Prescription Refill Center. In March of 2011 Tammie accepted the position of director of Preventative Health and Program Manager of the Diabetes Wellness Center. At this time the Going Lean Task Force was initiated, an initiative charged with combating cardiovascular complications in Native Americans. Tammie has a master's in Healthcare administration and a Bachelor in accounting.



Jocelyn Chisholm Carter is the Chief Executive Officer for UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Mississippi. Jocelyn took on the role of CEO for the Health Plan in 2011, and manages the Mississippi Plan's CHIP and Mississippi CAN programs which serve more than 100,000 members.

Under her leadership, the popular Farm to Fork Program was created, providing farm fresh vegetables to Community Plan members free of charge to Mississippi CAN members. In 2014, The Mississippi Plan formed a partnership with Subway Restaurant and The Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi for the Just Have a Ball Program, which is a statewide initiative that aims to increase physical activity and reduce obesity amongst elementary school children in the state. Jocelyn also ensures that UnitedHealthcare's national partnerships with Sesame Street and 4-H remain active in local communities.



Scott Clements is the Director of the Office of Healthy Schools and Child Nutrition for the MS Department of Education. This office directs several school related health programs, such as Physical Education, Coordinated School Health, School Nurses, HIV/AIDS Prevention, Medicaid payments for schools, and eight different USDA nutrition programs.

Scott has served as Director of this Office for over five years and has been part of the MDE team for over 15 years. He also served as President of the MS School Nutrition Association, a member of the USDA Child Nutrition State Systems Workgroup, and provided expert testimony to the Senate Committee on Agriculture.



Major General Augustus L. (Leon) Collins is the Adjutant General of Mississippi and serves as the Commanding General of both the Mississippi Army and Air National Guard. He is responsible for providing the state of Mississippi and the United States of America with a ready force of more than 12,275 Citizen Soldiers and Airmen, equipped and trained to respond to any contingency, natural or manmade. General Collins directs the Mississippi Military Department and oversees the development and coordination of all policies, plans, and programs of the Mississippi National Guard in concert with the Governor and legislature of the State.

General Collins began his career when he enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard's Company B, 1st Battalion, 198th Armor Regiment in March 1977. General Collins served on active duty in Operation Desert Shield/Storm and as well as commanding the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team during combat operations in Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2004-2006. He also served as Director, Mobilization Forces, United States Army Forces Command from February 2006 to October 2007.



Brigadier General Robert Crear, US Army Retired Born in Vicksburg, Miss., he graduated in 1975 from Jackson State University, Jackson, Miss., with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a Regular Army commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers through the ROTC program. He holds a master's degree in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

General Robert Crear retired on 1 May 2008. He has served worldwide, commanded and led soldiers and civilians at every level, while serving in high level leadership positions with the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). At the Pentagon he served as the military assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; At the Corps Headquarters in Washington DC, he served as Assistant Director of Civil Works and as the Chief of Staff; In the field he commanded the Vicksburg District, the Southwest Division (SWD) and the Mississippi Valley Division (MVD); Additionally, he served as President of the Mississippi River Commission, having been appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.



Mary Currier, MD, MPH was appointed State Health Officer of the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) on January 13, 2010. Prior to accepting this position, she was the MSDH State Epidemiologist from 2007 through 2009 and from 1993 to 2004. From 2004 through 2007, she worked with the Health Policy Research Center at Mississippi State University and as the Director of Medical Education in the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, Department of Medicine.

She holds an MD degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine and an MPH and preventive medicine residency from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She is board certified in Public Health and General Preventive.





Amy DeLisio is currently the Deputy Director at the Public Health Institute Center for Wellness and Nutrition with over ten years of experience working on nutrition and obesity prevention programs serving vulnerable populations. Ms. DeLisio's work includes a broad variety of initiatives that reach low resource populations through federal, state and privately-funded interventions. Major focus areas of the Center include healthy retail initiatives, worksite wellness interventions, policy, system and environmental change strategies and partnership engagement and development. Amy is passionate about building the evidence base through effective educational, environmental and policy strategies that increase access to healthy food and safe spaces that advance health equity in low resource communities. Ms. DeLisio is a Registered Dietitian with a Master's degree in Public Health from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles.



Carrie Dooyema is a behavioral scientist in the Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, GA, where she focuses on supporting obesity prevention and control in multiple settings (such as child care centers). As a behavioral scientist Carrie provides guidance, support, and technical assistance to CDC grantees and partners on many areas including childhood obesity, population level obesity prevention strategies, and the evaluation of public health activities. She is a registered pediatric nurse by training and holds Master's degrees in Public Health and Nursing from Emory University. Most importantly, Carrie is a mom to two young daughters (Ellie 4 and Lauren 1) who keep her very busy!



Manola Erby is the 4-H Youth Specialist /1890 Program Leader for the Alcorn State University Extension Program, she has 32 years of experience with this Program. Her expertise and program interests include working with hard to reach and at-risk audiences, in program areas such as: Career & Workforce Development, Team building and Leadership Development and Health Living. Manola has a B.S., Home Economics Education, Alcorn State University and a M.S., Home Economics Education, Iowa State University.



Melissa Fahrenbruch BS, MEd is the Program and Professional Development Team Lead in the Division of Population Health's School Health Branch, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Melissa has over 12 years of experience in the education field, beginning her career at Charles Culler Middle School, continuing as a physical educator and coach in Omaha, NE. Upon completion of her MEd in Education Leadership from Doane College, Melissa was appointed Assistant Athletic Director/Dean of Students. Melissa was then presented with an opportunity to extend her knowledge beyond the school walls and return to her home state of Kansas to the State Department of Education as the Coordinated School Health Director. She was also the lead author of the Kansas Physical Education and Health Education Standards, and she worked collaboratively with the Governor's council on the "Healthy Kansas, Healthy Schools Initiative" with coordinated school health schools. Melissa currently oversees two school health cooperative agreements for states and national organizations and is the lead for internal and external professional development events for CDC staff and funded partners.



Allyson Frazier, Campaign Development and Research Manager, Voices for Healthy Kids*. Allyson has over decade of campaign experience on the state, local and federal level and is charged with leading the team that develops the tools used by advocates around the country in Voices for Healthy Kids funded campaigns.



Richard Hamburg is Deputy Director at Trust for America's Health (TFAH). He oversees public policy initiatives, advocacy campaigns, and internal operations, and has nearly 30 years of experience as a leading health policy advocate. He previously served as the organization's Director of Government Relations. He has helped lead TFAH's efforts to ensure disease prevention is a centerpiece of national health reform, and has been instrumental in TFAH's work on obesity prevention, building national public health emergency response capabilities, and increasing funding for public health programs. Prior to TFAH, Mr. Hamburg served as the American Heart Association's (AHA) national Director of Government Relations. At AHA, Mr. Hamburg managed the daily operations of an extensive federal legislative and regulatory program, represented AHA on health topics ranging from healthcare reform to tobacco control, directed targeted national advocacy campaigns, and developed a grassroots network of over 50,000 members. He was a recognized national leader in public access to defibrillation advocacy and tobacco control. He is also a past Director of Government Affairs at AHA's New York City affiliate. Earlier in his career, he served as staff director to New York State Assemblyman Denis J. Butler.



Debbie Hornor serves as the Mission Advancement Director for Advocacy for the American Heart Association, facilitating engagement and collaboration with funders and partners across the country focused on achieving public policy change to build a culture of health. Debbie supports the work of Voices for Healthy Kids, an initiative of the American Heart Association and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, through funding, direct technical assistance, and training to coalitions across the country focused on implementing public policy campaigns at the local and state level, as well as advancing AHA's broader policy work to address cardiovascular disease and stroke.

Prior to this role, Debbie provided technical assistance to communities focused on implementing policy, systems, and environmental change to address obesity through the Center for Disease Control's Communities Putting Prevention to Work initiative. Her experience includes development, public policy, and direct service in roles with the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, Smoke-Free NH Alliance, New Hampshire Citizens Alliance, and United Way.



Chip Johnson is serving his third term as Mayor of the City of Hernando, Mississippi and previously served a term as an alderman for the city. Chip is a Past President of the Mississippi Municipal League and previously served three years as the Legislative Chairman.

Chip returned to Desoto County in September of 1990 and purchased the franchise that he owned for 20 years. In 2004, Chip was awarded the Dwyer Group's North American Franchisee of the Year award. Chip is a Board Member of Mississippi Bike/Walk, America Walks, The Mississippi Main Street Association, and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Chip has become a spokesperson for community health and quality of life initiatives, especially those that can be undertaken by local governments. Chip served as a panelist at the CDC's Weight of the Nation Conference in D.C. and has since been to the White House to be with the First Lady as she announced her Childhood Obesity Initiative.



JoAnne Leatherman is the Program Director for Foundations and Healthy Living at National 4-H Council, celebrating three years in this position. Prior to that, she was a Grant Manager at National 4-H Council for 8 years and assisted the National 4-H Healthy Living Task Force, 2008 to 2011, in their work of establishing the framework for 4-H Healthy Living Programming. She also spent 15 years as a County 4-H Agent in Maryland, served 40+ years as a 4-H Volunteer Leader, and was a 4-H parent and 4-H member. JoAnne has a Masters' Degree in Public Health and an MBA (Master's in Business Administration).



Alice Kirk, MPH, Extension Health Specialist I, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, has been with Extension for almost 19 years. She provides leadership for the development, implementation and evaluation of Extension educational programs for all 254 Texas counties in the areas of childhood overweight and increasing physical activity.

Alice serves as a conduit between researched best practices and Extension County based educational programs. She provides oversight to the Statewide Walk Across Texas program and Balancing Food & Play programs. She also supports various grant initiatives including the Transforming Texas Grant in Starr Co. and Texas Grow Eat Go projects. Alice conducts workshops, delivers trainings and presentations at local, state and national levels on Extension health and wellness programs and physical activity. She also serves on various local, state and national committees; including Texas Action for Healthy Kids, HEB Health Advisory Task Force, National Rural Health Association and her son's local School PTA. Alice has a Bachelor's degree in Community Health and a Masters in Social and Behavioral Health, both from Texas A&M University.



Allen Mattison, Partner, Trister, Ross, Schadler, & Gold, PLLC. A lawyer for non-profit organizations, Allen draws on his background in political communications to help nonprofits maximize their policy advocacy. With his counsel, nonprofit leaders understand how the IRS distinguishes “lobbying” from “non-lobbying” activities, so they can use strategic messaging and organizing techniques to make their restricted foundation grants as effective as possible – saving nonprofits’ precious lobbying dollars for when they will have the greatest impact.



Kim Milbrath, Regional Campaign Manager, Voices for Healthy Kids. Kim is a seasoned policy and advocacy professional with over 19 years of supporting hundreds of public health issue advocacy campaigns across the nation. She currently supports Voices for Healthy Kids campaign efforts in the southern states and serves as the state advocacy consultant supporting food access policy.



Camille Miller has been the president and CEO of Texas Health Institute (THI) since 1996. After completing bachelor's and master's degrees in sociology and social work, Miller gained extensive experience in policy research and development, planning, researching and developing state policy to address health and human services issues.

Ms. Miller serves on numerous boards throughout the state of Texas. In 2009, Ms. Miller received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of Social Workers, Texas Chapter, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of Social Workers. In May 2010, she was granted the Honorary degree of Doctor of Public Service by the Board of Regents of the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth, Texas.



Dr. Michael O. Minor is a local, regional, and national champion of faith-based health and wellness mobilization. He is best known as the “Southern pastor who banned fried chicken in his church.” As a community organizer for over 20 years, Dr. Minor has worked on community empowerment, non-profit business development, and faith community issues. He currently serves as the under shepherd of the Oak Hill Baptist Church in Hernando, Mississippi, president of the Mid-South Churches Cooperative Conference State Convention, co-chair of the National Faith-Based Mobilization Network (Faith MoNet), and the National Director of the H.O.P.E. Health and Human Services Partnership of the National Baptist Convention, USA, (NBCUSA) Incorporated – the nation’s largest African American religious denomination. A published researcher, he provides advisory services for several local, regional, and national health related initiatives including the Multi-State Plan Program Advisory Board in the National Healthcare Operations - Healthcare and Insurance Division, U.S. Office of Personnel Management and the American Heart Association National Advocacy Committee.



Adrienne Mundorf, MPH is the policy and advocacy manager at the Tulane Prevention Research Center (PRC). Adrienne conducts research on and advocates for evidence-based strategies to improve the health through improvements to the built environment and the promotion of healthy behaviors. She is chair of the New Orleans Food Policy Advisory Committee (FPAC), a coalition of food, nutrition and agriculture-focused organizations and nonprofits with a common goal of equitable access to healthy food among New Orleans residents. Adrienne also leads the PRC’s evaluation of kitchen and garden programming at the Edible Schoolyard New Orleans. In addition to her work with the PRC, Adrienne is a Teaching Associate for the nutrition track at the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and manages internationally-focused food access and nutrition projects.



Catherine Oliveros has 20 years of experience working in public health across a variety of industries and on an international scale. Areas of expertise include strategic planning, operational management, global and community health, community based participatory research, grants management, and program evaluation.

In her role, Catherine focuses her time on community investment strategies that ensure dollars invested in Texas communities are informed, intentional and impactful while addressing key public health issues and supporting business growth and retention. She also oversees employee engagement and plays an integral role in ensuring an innovative and collaborative approach to community partnerships in order to strengthen brand recognition within priority populations.

Prior to joining BCBSTX, Catherine was the Regional Director, Latin America for Susan G. Komen. In her role, she established and led a Latin American investment strategy focused on increasing health system capacity, community based research opportunities and education initiatives.



Laurel O'Sullivan, J.D. is an experienced and passionate advocate and non-profit leader dedicated to helping organizations realize their full potential through advocacy. Laurel has over 15 years experience directing and engaging in complex multi-faceted public policy strategies for a wide array of nonprofits, including Donors Forum, the Natural Resource Defense Council, the Alliance for the Great Lakes, and Business and Professional People for the Public Interest.

In 2014, Laurel launched the Advocacy Collaborative, LLC to help nonprofits increase their impact and overcome barriers to engaging in effective advocacy. Her signature Advocacy Forward approach provides nonprofits with a clear pathway to achieving transformational leadership through advocacy. Laurel works more broadly to promote nonprofits as positive and essential community level change makers countering the misperceptions that surround nonprofit's ability to engage in advocacy.



Kathryn Parker, MPH PHD Executive Director—Market Umbrella was born and raised in the Boston area. She moved to New Orleans straight out of Suffolk University in 1997 to teach in the public schools of St. John the Baptist Parish. In 1999, she began teaching eighth-grade math at New Orleans Charter Middle School, the first charter school in New Orleans, and one of the few bright spots in what was at the time a deeply troubled school system. Realizing that lack of nutrition was one of the obstacles her students faced in realizing their potential, she began pursuing a master's degree in public health at Tulane University's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, receiving her degree in 2006. She also began working at Tulane's Prevention Research Center, where she focused on issues such as improving access to fresh foods and cultivating places to walk and bike within the city. Her work researching the city's bike lanes became the basis of several articles she published in medical journals and her dissertation; she received her doctorate from Tulane in the spring of 2013. She joined marketumbrella.org in December 2013.



Jasmine N. Hall Ratliff is a program officer at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Her programs include policy and environmental change impacting childhood obesity prevention in New Jersey, using program-related investments to impact the health of communities and focusing on improving disparities in community health. Prior to joining the foundation in 2008 she was a program officer at the Missouri Foundation for Health in St. Louis, MO where her responsibilities included the Healthy & Active Communities initiative. Jasmine received her Master's in Health Administration from the Saint Louis University School of Public Health and her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Virginia. She is Chair of the Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy Board of Advisors and a member of the Association of Black Foundation Executives. In her free time, Jasmine enjoys reading, watching movies and outdoor activities with her family. Jasmine is a Virginia native and is married with a young daughter.



Dr. Maya Rockeymoore is a respected policy analyst, researcher, and advocate with expertise in an array of public policy issues. She is the founder, President and CEO of Global Policy Solutions (GPS); a Washington D.C.-based consulting firm with a social change mission and GlobalPolicy.tv, a multi-media platform highlighting diverse voices with real solutions for a changing world. Global Policy Solutions works with non-profit organizations, foundations, governmental entities, and socially-responsible corporations.

Prior to launching GPS, Dr. Rockeymoore served as Vice President for Research and Programs at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation where she successfully led the implementation of the organization's five-year strategic plan. In addition to managing a portfolio of programs in the areas of economic development, education, public health and international affairs, one of her most important accomplishments in this position was the creation of the Foundation's think tank—the Center for Policy Analysis and Research (CPAR).

You can check out Dr. Rockeymoore's blog on Huffington Post — www.huffingtonpost.com/dr-maya-rockeymoore

Also read about her report from Leadership for Healthy Communities on combating obesity in rural areas.

<http://preventobesity.net/inside-track-october-9-a>



Sandra Shelson has been the Executive Director of The Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi since 2004. Prior to that, she was a Special Assistant Attorney General for eleven years. She is involved with many organizations and currently serves on the board of directors for Boys & Girls Club of the Mississippi Delta, Mississippi Chronic Illness Coalition, American Diabetes Association, Teen Pregnancy Prevention Task Force, Mississippi Diabetes Coalition, Mississippi Commission on the Status of Women, and has previously served on the boards of the YMCA of Metropolitan Jackson, Communities in Schools, Mississippi Children's Museum, Junior League of Jackson, Mississippi Women Lawyers Association, Leadership Jackson and Champions for Children. Sandra is a graduate of Millsaps College and the University of Illinois College of Law. She is a member of the Mississippi, Illinois and Pennsylvania Bar Associations. Sandra attends St. James Episcopal Church. She and her husband Jim have two children, Carlisle and Tucker.



Shelley Stewart is the Federal Government Affairs Director for Takeda Pharmaceuticals America, Inc. As Takeda's lead lobbyist in Washington, she represents the company's interests before Members of Congress, congressional staff, the executive branch, and federal agency officials. Internally, Shelley identifies risks and opportunities for Takeda's commercial and clinical teams, helping position Takeda as a world-class pharmaceutical company.

Previously, Shelley was director of corporate relations at the American Enterprise Institute where she oversaw AEI's corporate outreach and fundraising efforts. Prior to her service to AEI, she was a lobbyist in the health care arena for more than a dozen years, representing the interests of the pharmaceutical industry, psychiatrists, and ob-gyns, among others.

Shelley started her career as a Ways and Means Committee health policy advisor and legislative assistant to her home-town congressman. A Kentucky native, Shelley received her master of arts in international relations and international economics from the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce at the University of Kentucky.



Betsy Vetter is the Regional Vice President of Government Relations for the American Heart Association Mid-Atlantic Affiliate where she has been an employee since 2002. In her role she directs AHA advocacy efforts in North Carolina and oversees grassroots and local advocacy efforts for the Mid-Atlantic Affiliate. Under her leadership the AHA's You're the Cure NC network has become a strong force for policy change and has been instrumental in such major legislative victories as NC's smoke-free restaurant and bar law, requiring successful CPR instruction for High School Graduation, state designation of Primary Stroke Centers, and pulse oximetry screening for all newborns.

Betsy is a student of numerous advocacy and grassroots courses offered by the AHA, the Showalter Group and M&R Strategies. She has gained national attention as a presenter at such conferences as Innovate to Motivate and Women in Government Relations. Betsy has received national AHA honors including the 2010-2014 Award for Advocacy Excellence, 2013 Media Advocacy Campaign of the Year and the 2012 Campaign Manager/Lobbyist of the Year Award.



Executive Chef Nick Wallace was born and raised in Edwards, Mississippi, and has always given credit for his cooking abilities to his grandmothers Queen Morris and Lenell Donald. A leader in redefining the Southern food experience, Wallace blends his Mississippi family-farm origins with sophisticated French techniques to create exceptional dining experiences.

With a desire to take on any challenge the culinary world has to offer, Wallace possesses the creativity, innovation, and drive to deliver exceptional cuisine of the highest quality. His culinary philosophy and passion reflects the growing trend towards a healthier lifestyle, and working with local farmers, Wallace uses the finest local and regional organic produce in his dishes.





Judith L. Warren is a professor and special initiatives coordinator with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service at Texas A&M University System. She holds a B.S. from Virginia Tech in Home Economics and an M.S. and Ph.D. in Education from Syracuse University with a certificate in Gerontology. Dr. Warren has focused on lifespan health & wellness since 1981. She developed statewide educational training programs for Extension educators in health and gerontology. She has been PI on grants related to rural health, immunization, cancer risk-reduction, long term care, minority peer education, community capacity building and obesity prevention. She served in several agency administrative positions (1996-2008) before heading up an agency focus on child obesity prevention and evidence-based youth programs. She is currently PI on a \$5 million grant with the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA/USDA) to address child obesity through family-focused programming, collaborating with the UT Health Dell Center for Healthy Living. This research project, Texas GROW!EAT!GO, focuses on child, parent, and teacher behavior change, BMI and implementation, sustainability and economic outcomes.



Tonitrice Wicks, MPH, CHES, Community Resource Development Educator, Alcorn State University - Cooperative Extension Program. Tonitrice has a true passion for promoting nutrition and physical activity among children and their families. Ms. Wicks earned her Bachelor's of Science in Health Care Administration and Master's of Public Health in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from Jackson State University. She is currently a doctoral candidate completing a Ph.D. in Clinical Health Sciences from the University of Mississippi Medical Center. She has over eleven years of public health experience with a special interest in obesity prevention, health disparities, and food access. Ms. Wicks served as a Division Director of Community and School Health at the Mississippi State Department of Health for three years. Currently, she serves as the Cooperative Extension Program Community Resource Development Educator at Alcorn State University.



Dr. Corey Wiggins, a Mississippi native, is the Director of the Mississippi Economic Policy Center (MEPC) at Hope Enterprise Corporation. As director, Dr. Wiggins manages the strategic direction, sustainability, research training and advocacy agenda for MEPC.

Dr. Wiggins's diverse professional career has included working in government, non-profit, and private sectors as well as academia. Some of his state and federal governmental experiences include serving as a Barbara Jordan Health Policy Fellow in the United States Senate and serving as a policy analyst for the Mississippi Legislature Joint Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) Committee. Dr. Wiggins's nonprofit and academic experience includes providing technical assistance to community-focused healthcare organizations and serving as manager for a national stroke study aimed at understanding racial and geographical differences in stroke. He has also worked in the private sector with healthcare organizations and nonprofits on a variety of issues such as access to care, strategic management and health policy. Dr. Wiggins previously held the rank of Visiting Assistant Professor of Health Policy and Management at Jackson State University.



Terri Broussard Williams currently serves as the Vice President of Government Relations for the American Heart Association-SouthWest Affiliate. The South-West Affiliate covers Arkansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Wyoming. In her current role, she is responsible for managing thought-leadership, industry trends and fighting heart disease and stroke through public policy. Terri leads a team of 32 staff lobbyists, grassroots organizers and contract lobbyists in her region.

Prior to her current role, Broussard Williams served as the AHA's Senior Government Relations Director in Louisiana, Press Secretary for the Alex Sanders U.S. Senate Campaign and Capital Campaign Coordinator for EdVenture Children's Museum. She also had a long career in television news as a morning show news producer at WIS-TV and WBRZ-TV, as well as serving as the KLFY-TV 10 Teen Reporter for several years. Along with her work within the public health arena, Terri has been featured in various publications including Giving City Magazine, Influential Magazine and the Austin Business Journal.

Special thanks to all of our facilitators and moderators who helped lead discussions during the Summit. Many of them are on our advisory committee and all are leaders in prevention efforts across the south!

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