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Bringing together leading experts in public policy, law, economics, medicine, public health, law enforcement, emergency response, and more to reimagine policies and laws related to community prevention, access to pain treatment, access to treatment for substance use disorders, harm reduction, and the civil and criminal justice systems in response to the opioid crisis.

SPEAKER BIOS

8:30-8:50 WELCOMING REMARKS

Vicky Wilkins, PhD Dean, American University School of Public Affairs



Vicky M. Wilkins is the Interim Dean of the School of Public Affairs and Professor of Public Administration and Policy at American University. Her primary research interests include representative bureaucracy; bureaucratic discretion; gender and race issues; deservingness; political institutions and human resource management. Dean Wilkins earned her BS in Political Science and History from Northern Michigan University, her MS in Human Resource Management from Chapman University, and her PhD in political science from the University of Missouri.

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Camille A. Nelson, LLB, LLM Dean, American University Washington College of Law



Camille Nelson has long been an outstanding member of the law community before her recent appointment as Dean of the Washington College of Law. She has previously served as the Dean of Suffolk University's School of Law in Boston and was a Professor of Law at Hofstra Law School. Dean Nelson was also a Dean's Scholar in Residence and visiting Professor of Law at the Washington University in St. Louis School of Law. Dean Nelson was the first Black woman to clerk for the Supreme Court of Canada,

the first woman and person of color to have been appointed dean at Suffolk University Law School, and the first Black person to be appointed dean at American University Washington College of Law. She is a member of the Governing Council of the American Bar Association Center for Innovation and the Executive Committee of the Association of American Law Schools.

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David S. Cade, JD

CEO, American Health Lawyers Association, former Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



David S. Cade is the Executive Vice President/CEO of the American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA), the nation's largest nonpartisan educational organization devoted to legal issues in the health care field. The Association's more than 13,500 members practice in a variety of settings in the health care community. He joined AHLA in March 2015. Mr. Cade's broad leadership experience in the health law profession includes a 14-year role as Deputy General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), where he supported program policy and developed legal positions to expand health insurance and coverage options for Medicare beneficiaries, as well as established creative solutions to support Medicaid program expansions. During his 28 year

career at HHS, he also served as the Acting General Counsel and he was the Director of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Family and Children's Health Programs Group and Acting Deputy Director of the Medicaid Bureau. Mr. Cade also served as a working group member of the Clinton White House Task Force on Health Care Reform.

8:50-9:50 RETHINKING ACCESS TO PAIN TREATMENT

Keith A. Wailoo, PhD

Henry Putnam University Professor of History and Public Affairs, Princeton University



Keith Andrew Wailoo is Henry Putnam University Professor of History and Public Affairs at Princeton University where he teaches in the Department of History and in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He is currently chair of History, and former Vice Dean in the Woodrow Wilson School. His many books include: Pain: A Political History (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2014); How Cancer Crossed the Color Line (Oxford University Press, 2011); The Troubled Dream of Genetic Medicine (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006); Dying in the City of the Blues: Sickle Cell Anemia and the Politics of Race and Health (University of North Carolina Press, 2001); and Drawing Blood: Technology and Disease Identity in Twentieth Century America (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1997). Wailoo has lectured widely, and written for

publications such as the Lancet, the New York Times, The New England Journal of Medicine, the Journal of the American Medical Association, The Daily Beast, American Prospect, Perspectives in Biology and Medicine, the Bulletin for the History of Medicine, the Journal for the History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences, and the Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law. He was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2007.

Andrew Kolodny, MD

Co-Director, Opioid Policy Research, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University; Executive Director, Physicians for Responsible Opioid Prescribing



Dr. Andrew Kolodny is one of the nation's leading experts on the opioid crisis. He is Co-Director of the Opioid Policy Research Collaborative at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University. He is also the executive director of Physicians for Responsible Opioid Prescribing, an organization with a mission to reduce morbidity and mortality caused by overprescribing of opioid analgesics.

Dr. Kolodny previously served as Chief Medical Officer for Phoenix House, a national nonprofit addiction treatment

agency and Chair of Psychiatry at Maimonides Medical Center in New York City. Dr. Kolodny has a long-standing interest in public health. He began his career working for the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in the Office of the Executive Deputy Commissioner. For New York City, he helped develop and implement multiple programs to improve the health of New Yorkers and save lives, including city-wide buprenorphine programs, naloxone overdose

prevention programs and emergency room-based screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment (SBIRT) programs for drug and alcohol misuse.

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Kelly K. Dineen, RN, JD, PhD

Assistant Professor and Director, Health Law Program, Creighton University School of Law



Kelly K. Dineen is the director of the health law program at Creighton University School of Law and an Assistant Professor of Law. She holds a PhD, with distinction, in health care ethics from Saint Louis University, as well as a JD, with a concentration in health care law. Dr. Dineen practiced nursing for over a decade before attending law school, first in a neurosurgical and abdominal transplant intensive care unit and then in a functional neurosurgery practice primarily caring for patients with movement disorders and high impact chronic pain. In legal practice, Dr. Dineen represented

providers and organizations in matters ranging from administrative appeals to licensure issues to fraud and abuse concerns. After law practice, she entered academia at Saint Louis University. In addition to teaching at Saint Louis University, she served in various administrative positions—including Assistant Director for the nation's top health law program as well as for the Center for Health Care Ethics and served as Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs at the law school. Professor Dineen is active in service and leadership and serves on the national planning committee for the American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities. Dr. Dineen joined Creighton University in 2017.

Her research is highly interdisciplinary and focuses on the impact of decision making by law makers, policy makers, and providers on health care quality. An expert on opioid policy, Dr. Dineen is currently researching the impact of provider decisions and opioid policy on patients with highly stigmatized conditions; especially pain, substance use disorder (addiction), and serious mental illness. She is active in national leadership activities on opioid policy, including serving as an invited planner and facilitator for the American Health Law Association's national convenor on opioid policy and an invited member of the ABA's Senior Lawyer Division's opioid summit. She is a co-editor and chapter author of the recently published book, Prescription Drug Diversion and Pain: History, Policy and Treatment (Oxford University Press 2018). Her work has been published in leading health law and bioethics journals, such as the American Journal of Law & Medicine, the Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics, Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics, the Hastings Center Report, and the Houston Journal of Health Law & Policy. Dr. Dineen has been quoted by media outlets, including the Washington Post, the Associated Press, Vice.com, and NPR.

Carmen R. Green, MD

Professor, Department of Anesthesiology (School of Medicine); Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology (School of Medicine); Professor, Department of Health Management and Policy (School of Public Health); Attending Pain Medicine Physician (Michigan Medicine), University of Michigan



Carmen R. Green received her MD from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine (MSU CHM) where she was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) National Honor Medical Society, received the 7th annual distinguished alumnus award, and gave the 2015 commencement address. She completed an Anesthesiology residency, subspecialty training in Ambulatory and Obstetrical Anesthesia, and a Pain Medicine fellowship at the University of Michigan Health System (UMHS) as well as the National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Institute on Aging Butler-Williams Scholar program, von Hedwig Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) fellowship, and Mayday Pain & Society fellowship. Dr. Green was a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy fellow at the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) of the National Academies.

Working in the Health Education Labor and Pensions Committee and the Children and Families Subcommittee she helped draft the National Pain Care Policy Act, incorporated in the Affordable Care Act and Senator Ted Kennedy thanked her in the Congressional Record for contributing to the FDA reauthorization, i.e. including gender and race variables to assess outcomes.

Dr. Green is a tenured Professor of Anesthesiology, Obstetrics & Gynecology, and Health Management & Policy at the University of Michigan's (U-M) Schools of Medicine and Public Health, an attending physician in the Back and Pain Center, holds faculty appointments at the Institute for Social Research and Institute for Health Policy & Innovation, and is a faculty associate in the Program for Research on Black Americans, Depression Center, and Cancer Center. Green is an elected fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, Gerontological Society of America, and Association of University Anesthesiologists, and elected to Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. She is a faculty associate in the Cancer Center, Center for Research Ethnicity Culture & Health, Depression Center, and Program for Research on Black Americans. The inaugural Associate Vice President and Associate Dean for Health Equity & Inclusion at UMHS, she is the Executive Director of the Healthier Black Elders Center and Co-Director of the Community Core for the Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research. Dr. Green was the founding chair for the American Pain Society's Special Interest Group on Pain and Disparities and chair of the Public Policy Committee.

At the nexus of public health and healthcare quality, equity, and policy, her health policy relevant and health services research agenda focuses on pain and the social determinants of health. She is the author of germinal and seminal papers that poignantly reveal unequal treatment, disparities, variability in decision-making, and diminished healthcare quality; revealing suboptimal access to health and pain care across the life course for women,

minorities, and low-income people. Dr. Green published a selective review focusing on the unequal burden of pain in Pain Medicine which remains the most cited article in the journal's history and was the guest editor for the its special issue on disparities. She was the first to identify (and write the foundational paper) racial disparities in hospital security standby requests on patients and visitors while also introducing security errors to the health inequities lexicon. An innovator, she often uses narrative medicine and photo voice techniques to promote empathy and healing.

Dr. Green received several honors including UMHS Employee of the Year, U-M Woman of Color of the Year for Human Relations, Consumer Checkbook's Top 100 Doctors, Top 1% of Pain Doctors by US News and World Reports, Who's Who in America, U-M Harold R. Johnson Diversity Service Award, John Liebeskind Pain Management Research Award, Elizabeth Narcessian Award for Outstanding Educational Achievements, and MSU CHM Distinguished Alumni Award. Her federal and state board service includes NAM's Health Care Services Board, Michigan Governor's Pain and Symptom Advisory Committee, US Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee and HHS Oversight Committee for the National Pain Strategy (Disparities Committee Co-Chair) as well as NIH's Advisory Committee for the Eunice Shriver National Institute of Child and Human Development, Advisory Committee for Research on Women's Health, and National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research. Dr. Green has made invited presentations across the globe e.g. US Congress, Rockefeller Bellagio Center (Italy). She has worked across the health professional pipeline to achieve a critical mass of minorities and women in academic medicine, biomedical sciences, and higher education. Her former students lead, teach, and inspire others.

Lewis Grossman, JD, PhD Professor of Law, American University Washington College of Law



Lewis Grossman is Professor of Law at the Washington College of Law, where he has taught since 1997 and where he served as Associate Dean for Scholarship from 2008 to 2011. During academic year 2017-18, Professor Grossman served as a Law and Public Affairs (LAPA) Fellow at Princeton University. He teaches and writes in the areas of American legal history, food and drug law, health law, and civil procedure. He has also been a Visiting Professor of Law at Cornell Law School. Professor Grossman's scholarship has appeared in the Cornell Law Review, Law and History Review, Yale Journal of Health Policy,

Law & Ethics, and Administrative Law Review, among others. He has made recent contributions to volumes published by Oxford University Press and Columbia University Press. He is the coauthor of Food and Drug Law: Cases and Materials (with Peter Barton Hutt and Richard A. Merrill) and of a widely used supplement to the first-year civil procedure course titled A Documentary Companion to A Civil Action (with Robert G. Vaughn). Professor Grossman is currently at work on a book titled Choose Your Medicine: Freedom of Therapeutic Choice in American Law and History, which will be published by Oxford University Press. He has served as a member or legal consultant on three committees of the Health and Medicine Division of the

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine).

10:00-11:00 RETHINKING THE ROLE OF CIVIL LITIGATION IN RESPONSE TO THE OPIOID CRISIS

Wendy Parmet, JD

Matthews Distinguished University Professor of Law and Director, Center for Health Policy and Law, Northeastern University School of Law; Professor of Public Policy and Urban Affairs, Northeastern University School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs



Wendy E. Parmet is the George J. and Kathleen Waters Matthews Distinguished Professor of Law and Professor of Public Policy and Urban Affairs at Northeastern University, where she is also the faculty director of the Center on Health Policy and Law. Her books include *The Health of Newcomers: Immigration, Health Policy and the Case for Global Solidarity*, co-authored with Patricia Illingworth, and *Populations, Public Health and the Law*.

Micah Berman, JD
Associate Professor, Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law and College of Public Health



Micah Berman is an associate professor of public health and law at The Ohio State University's College of Public Health and Moritz College of Law. His research explores the intersection between public health research and legal doctrine, with a focus on tobacco policy. He is a co-author of The New Public Health Law: A Transdisciplinary Approach to Practice and Advocacy (Oxford University Press, 2018).

Prior to joining Ohio State, Professor Berman established and directed the Public Health and Tobacco Policy Center, which is now

affiliated with Northeastern University School of Law. Under his leadership, the Center developed innovative model ordinances and provided policy support to state and local public health programs. Professor Berman also served as a senior advisor to the FDA's Center for Tobacco Products.

He received a JD with distinction from Stanford Law School and a BA with highest honors in Public Policy from Brandeis University.

Elizabeth Weeks, JD

Associate Dean for Faculty Development and J. Alton Hosch Professor of Law, University of Georgia School of Law



Elizabeth Weeks joined the University of Georgia School of Law faculty in 2011. She presently serves as the school's associate dean for faculty development and holds a J. Alton Hosch Professorship. Her teaching and research interests include torts, health law, health care financing and regulation, and public health law.

Prior to coming to UGA, Weeks served on the faculty at the University of Kansas School of Law. During her time there, she was honored with the Howard M. and Susan Immel Award for Teaching Excellence and with the Meredith Docking Faculty Scholar Award, a university-wide honor for faculty who have distinguished themselves early in their careers. Additionally, she served as a visiting professor at the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law and the UGA

School of Law.

Her scholarship includes the book Healthism: Health Status Discrimination and the Law (with J. Roberts) (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming September 2018) and a health law casebook The Law of American Health Care (with N. Huberfield and K. Outterson), now in its second edition. She has also published numerous articles, including pieces in the Georgia Law Review, the Boston University Law Review, the Hofstra Law Review, the University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law, the Washington University Law Review and the North Carolina Law Review. She was recognized as one of four emerging health law scholars nationwide by the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics with its Health Law Scholars Award in 2005. Weeks has also served as chair of the Association of American Law Schools Section on Law, Medicine, and Health Care and serves as co-editor of the Health Law Section of the online journal Jotwell.

Before entering academe, Weeks worked as an associate in the Health Industry Group at Vinson & Elkins in Houston. She also served as a judicial clerk for Judge Jacques L. Wiener Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit and for Chief Justice Thomas R. Phillips of the Supreme Court of Texas.

Weeks earned her bachelor's degree from Columbia University and her law degree summa cum laude from UGA, where she was on the Jessup Moot Court Team, was editor-inchief of the Georgia Law Review and was inducted into the Order of the Coif. Before returning to her hometown of Athens for law school, Weeks was a psychiatric social worker in Chicago.

Lance Gable, JD Associate Professor of Law, Wayne State University Law School



Lance Gable is an Associate Professor of Law at Wayne State University Law School. Gable, an internationally known expert on public health law and bioethics, served as interim dean of Wayne Law from September 2016 to August 2017.

His research addresses the overlap among law, policy, ethics, health and science. He has published journal articles on a diverse array of topics, including public health law, ethics and policy; international human rights; bioterrorism and emergency preparedness; mental health; research ethics; and information privacy. He is also co-editor and co-author respectively of two books: Research with High Risk Populations: Balancing Science, Ethics and the Law and Legal Aspects of

HIV/AIDS: A Guide for Policy and Law Reform.

Gable holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Johns Hopkins University and master of public health degree from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He earned his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

Andrew Popper, JD

Ann Loeb Bronfman Distinguished Professor of Law and Government, American University

Washington College of Law



Andrew F. Popper is the Bronfman Professor Law and Government and teaches torts, administrative law, government litigation, and advanced administrative law. In 2016 he was elected law faculty member of the year. He is the recipient of American Bar Association awards for excellence in both tort and administrative law and has received American University's highest faculty award, Scholar/Teacher of the Year. He has served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and for nearly two decades has chaired the law school admissions committee. He is the director of the law school's Integrated Curriculum Program and faculty advisor to the Administrative Law Review. He has served as chair of the

Administrative Law Section of the Federal Bar Association and has been a site visitor for the ABA and AALS, at twelve law schools.

He is the recipient of the Maryland Writer's Association Firs Place Award for mainstream fiction. His two most recent novels, Rediscovering Lone Pine and Sunrise at the American Market. were recently produced as audiobooks for audible.com. He is the author of more than 100 published books, law review articles, papers, and public documents. He is lead author of the West casebook (now in its 3rd edition), Administrative Law: A Contemporary Approach (2016) and West's Materials on Tort Reform (2017). His recent articles are in journals at William and Mary, Boston College, Harvard, Northwestern, Marquette, DePaul, and many other schools.

He has served as a consumer rights advocate and pro bono counsel for the Consumers Union of America, testified before more than 50 state and federal congressional committees, and authored amicus curiae briefs before the United States Supreme Court. Prior to coming to the Washington College of Law, he held an endowed chair at the University of Denver, School of Law, and before that practiced law in Washington, DC. He is Vietnam era veteran and last year lectured at Marine Corp Base Quantico in a JAG program.

11:10-12:10 RETHINKING ACCESS TO TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

Lipi Roy, MD, MPH

Clinical Assistant Professor, NYU School of Medicine; former Chief of Addiction Medicine, New York City jails including Rikers Island



Dr. Lipi Roy is an internal medicine physician board certified in addiction medicine as well as clinical assistant professor at the NYU Department of Population Health. As the former Chief of Addiction Medicine for NYC jails including Rikers Island, Dr. Roy oversaw substance use treatment and recovery services for the nation's second-largest jail. Previously, she was a primary care doctor to Boston's vulnerable homeless population, among whom the leading cause of death was drug overdose. She currently treats patients at a NYC-based addiction treatment center. Dr. Roy also served as an attending physician at Massachusetts General

Hospital and an Instructor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Roy completed her medical and master's in public health degrees at Tulane University, followed by internal medicine training at Duke University Medical Center. She is a strong advocate for public service. In addition to caring for incarcerated and homeless men and women, she has served the underserved in Nicaragua and India, as well as New Orleans residents affected by Hurricane Katrina during medical school. Dr. Roy has also provided medical relief to earthquake victims in Haiti, and volunteered in the medical tent at the Boston Marathon. She currently volunteers with the New York City Medical Reserve Corps.

Dr. Roy is a sought-after speaker whose mission is to educate and empower the public to make healthy decisions through nutrition, mindfulness and addiction education. She is currently a Forbes contributor and has appeared on CNN, Charlie Rose and Dr. Oz; she has also published in the Huffington Post and STAT and has been featured in the Boston Globe, Wall Street Journal, Cooking Light and Oprah.com. Dr. Roy shares her expertise about healthy living through her website, Spices for Life MD, and her YouTube Channel. She can be followed on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Brendan Saloner, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health



Brendan Saloner, PhD, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management and the Institute for Health and Social Policy. One strand of his research focuses on access and quality of care for people with behavioral health disorders, with a special focus on substance use disorders. Professor Saloner has investigated the impact of federal and state policies regarding insurance coverage and benefit design related to substance use disorders on access to care and outcomes related to treatment. He holds an early career award from the National Institute on Drug Abuse to study the effects of Medicaid program design on treatment for opioid use disorder. Another strand of his research focuses broadly on insurance expansions and safety net programs for low-income, vulnerable populations. He has published

widely on access to primary care services in relation to the Affordable Care Act Medicaid expansion. He has also published on Medicaid redesign related to premiums and cost-sharing and on public insurance programs for children and adolescents. Finally, Professor Saloner has studied the ethics of resource allocation and normative issues related to health insurance policy. He holds a doctorate in Health Policy from Harvard University and completed the Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholars Program at the University of Pennsylvania.

Scott Burris, JD

Professor of Law, Temple University Beasley School of Law; Professor of Public Health, Department of Public Health, Temple University College of Health Professions and Social Work; Director, National Program Office, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Public Health Law Research Program



Scott Burris is Professor of Law and Public Health at Temple University, where he directs the Center for Public Health Law Research. His work focuses on how law influences public health, and what interventions can make laws and law enforcement practices healthier in their effects. He is the author of over 200 books, book chapters, articles and reports on issues including urban health, HIV/AIDS, research ethics, and the health effects of criminal law. His work has been supported by organizations including the Open Society Institute, the National Institutes of Health, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the UK Department for International Development, and the CDC. He has served as a consultant to numerous U.S. and international organizations including WHO, UNODC and UNDP. He is a founder of Legal Science, LLC, a private company dedicated to the

social mission of improving access to legal information and the supporting the practice of policy

surveillance. He has been a visiting scholar at RegNet at the Australian National University, and a Fulbright Fellow at the University of Cape Town Law School. In 2014, he was the recipient of the American Public Health Law Association Health Law Section Lifetime Achievement Award. Professor Burris is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis (A.B.) and Yale Law School (J.D.). Burris has done extensive public health law development work for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. He founded and directed the foundation's Public Health Law Research Program, a \$20 million program that funded over 70 empirical research grants between 2009 and 2016. He was the founding director of the Policies for Action research program, and directed a research hub on housing for the program. He also leads the Foundation's Policy Surveillance Program, which maintains LawAtlas.org, a hub for publishing legal data and training researchers in policy surveillance techniques. His team works closely with the CDC's Public Health Law Program to expand the field of legal epidemiology. Burris is the premier methodologist in the emerging field of legal epidemiology. With Alex Wagenaar, he is the editor of Public Health Law Research: Theory and Methods (Wiley 2013). His most recent book is The New Public Health Law: A Transdisciplinary Approach to Practice and Advocacy, published by Oxford University Press.

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Matthew B. Lawrence, JD Assistant Professor of Law, Dickinson Law, Pennsylvania State University



Matthew B. Lawrence teaches Health Law and Administrative Law at Dickinson Law, Pennsylvania State University, where he is an Assistant Professor of Law and holds a secondary appointment in the Department of Surgery at Penn State College of Medicine. He is affiliate faculty and an academic fellow alumnus at Harvard Law School's Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Bioethics and Biotechnology, where he previously taught a course on "Law and Medicine: The Affordable Care Act." Lawrence also has deep federal experience, having worked on health care legal issues during the Obama and Trump administrations as attorney advisor in the Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, Office of General Counsel and as a trial attorney in the

Federal Programs Branch of the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice. In 2016 he received an individual special commendation award for his defense of Affordable Care Act programs. Lawrence's scholarship has been published or is forthcoming in the NYU Law Review; Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics; Fordham Law Review; Harvard Law & Policy Review; and Indiana Law Journal. He began his legal career as a law clerk to the Honorable Douglas H. Ginsburg on the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

Anthony Riley, PhD Professor, Department of Psychology, American University



Dr. Riley received his undergraduate training at the University of North Carolina and obtained his PhD from the University of Washington. He did a post-doctoral fellowship in pharmacology at Dalhousie University in Canada. He joined the faculty at American University in 1976. Dr. Riley is a member of a number of organizations, including Society for Neurosciences, Behavioral Pharmacology Society, College on the Problems of Drug Dependence, Behavioral Toxicology Society and the Society for the Stimulus Properties of Drugs and has been on the editorial board

of a number of toxicology and neuroscience journals. Dr. Riley's research interests include animal models of drug abuse, drug interactions, opioid receptor pharmacology, behavioral toxicology, immunology, chronic drug administration and the effects of prenatal cocaine exposure.

12:40-1:50 KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY TOM FARLEY, MD, MPH

Thomas Farley, MD, MPH Philadelphia Commissioner of Health



Thomas Farley has been Commissioner of Health for Philadelphia since 2016, where he is working to reduce tobacco and alcohol outlets in low-income neighborhoods, improve child health, and address the opioid crisis. From 2009 to 2014, Dr. Farley was Commissioner of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. There, Dr. Farley advocated for innovative public health policies, including prohibiting price discounting of cigarettes, raising the legal sales age of tobacco to 21, and restricting the burning of air-polluting dirty fuels to heat buildings. Earlier, Dr. Farley was chair of the Department of Community Health Sciences at Tulane University. Dr. Farley is coauthor of over 100 scientific publications on topics such as HIV, legionnaires' disease, gun violence, infant mortality, and obesity. He is coauthor of *Prescription for a Healthy Nation* (Beacon

Press) with RAND Senior Scientist Deborah Cohen, and author of *Saving Gotham: A billionaire mayor, activist doctors, and the fight for 8 million lives* (W.W. Norton).

Sylvia Mathews BurwellPresident of American University and former Secretary of Health and Human Services



Sylvia M. Burwell is American University's 15th president and the first woman to serve as president. A visionary leader with experience in the public and private sectors, President Burwell brings to American University a commitment to education and research, the ability to manage large and complex organizations, and experience helping to advance solutions to some of the world's most pressing challenges. Burwell joined AU on June 1, 2017, succeeding Neil Kerwin.

Burwell has held two cabinet positions in the United States government. She served as the 22nd secretary of the US

Department of Health and Human Services from 2014 to 2017. During her tenure, she managed a trillion-dollar department that includes the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Food and Drug Administration, and the Medicaid and Medicare programs; oversaw the successful implementation of the Affordable Care Act; and led the department's responses to the Ebola and Zika outbreaks. Before that, she served as the director of the Office of Management and Budget, working with Congress to negotiate a two-year budget deal following the 2013 government shutdown. In both roles she was known as a leader who worked successfully across the aisle and focused on delivering results for the American people.

Her additional government experience is extensive and includes roles as deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget, deputy chief of staff to the president, chief of staff to the secretary of the Treasury, and special assistant to the director of the National Economic Council.

Burwell has held leadership positions at two of the largest foundations in the world. She served 11 years at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, including roles as the chief operating officer and president of the Global Development Program. She then served as president of the Walmart Foundation and ran its global Women's Economic Empowerment efforts. Her private sector experience includes service on the Board of Directors of MetLife.

She earned a bachelor's degree in Government from Harvard University and a BA in Philosophy, Policy and Economics from the University of Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar.

A second-generation Greek American, Burwell is a native of Hinton, West Virginia. She and her husband Stephen Burwell are the parents of two young children.

Lindsay F. Wiley, JD, MPH

Professor of Law and Director, Health Law and Policy Program, American University Washington College of Law



Lindsay F. Wiley teaches torts, health law, and public health law at American University Washington College of Law. Her research focuses on access to health care and healthy living conditions in the U.S. and globally. She is the author of *Public Health Law: Power, Duty, Restraint* and *Public Health Law and Ethics: A Reader* (with Lawrence O. Gostin) and the forthcoming *Feminist Judgments: Rewritten Health Law Opinions* (with Seema Mohapatra). She is President of the American Society of Law, Medicine, and Ethics and a former member of the National Conference of Lawyers and Scientists. She received her AB and JD, *magna cum laude*, from Harvard, where she served on

the Harvard Law Review, and her MPH from Johns Hopkins.

2:10-3:10 RETHINKING THE ROLE OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IN THE OPIOID CRISIS

Carmen Best

Chief of Police, Seattle Police Department



Chief Carmen Best assumed the role of Chief of Police of the Seattle Police Department on August 13, 2018.

Chief Best has served with the Seattle Police Department for 26 years. Most recently, she served as Deputy Chief, overseeing the Patrol Operations, Investigations, and Special Operations Bureaus, as well as the Community Outreach section.

Chief Best has completed the Senior Management Institute for Police, the FBI National Academy, and the Criminal Justice Executive Leadership Academy. In 2015, she received the "Newsmaker of the Year" award from the Seattle Black Press. In 2016, Chief Best completed the Major Cities Chiefs Association Police

Executive Leadership Institute. She will receive her Master's in Criminal Justice Leadership from Northeastern University later this year.

Chief Best is a member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), the National Latino Police Officers Association (NLPOA), the Law Enforcement Immigration Task Force (LEITF) and serves as the Chair of the Human and Civil Rights Committee (HCRC) for the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). She is also on the Trustee Board for Lakeside School, the Visit Seattle Advisory Board and the National Law Enforcement Exploring Committee. Additionally, Chief Best serves on the IACP Board of Directors, as well as the Leadership Council Chair for the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Seattle, and is also on the St. Jude Advisory Council for Seattle. In 2019, Chief Best was the recipient of the Vision from the Mountaintop Award from Urban Impact for her commitment to justice and community.

Chief Best is married and has two adult daughters.

Lindsay LaSalle, JD

Director of Public Health Law and Policy, Drug Policy Alliance



Lindsay LaSalle is Director of Public Health Law and Policy with the Drug Policy Alliance's Office of Legal Affairs and an expert and strategist in the areas of harm reduction and treatment as it relates to drug policy. LaSalle has advocated for a public health approach to problematic drug use that is grounded in science and compassion and for alternative solutions to supply-side tactics, criminalization, and incarceration.

She drafts harm reduction, treatment, criminal justice, and health-related legislation across the country, including bills that provide legal protections for people who seek medical assistance in

the event of an overdose, improve access to the overdose antidote naloxone, permit syringe exchange programs, remove barriers to treatment medications such as methadone and buprenorphine, authorize new interventions such as supervised consumption sites and drug checking services, and advance novel drug research. LaSalle pushes back on attempts to criminalize overdose through, for instance, drug-induced homicide, involuntary commitment, or fentanyl mandatory minimum laws. She also works to repair the harms of racialized drug policies that have devastated communities of color and exacerbated health and other disparities.

LaSalle has been published in peer-reviewed journals and also regularly drafts reports for the Drug Policy Alliance. She has testified before numerous legislative and government bodies in the United States, including the United States Sentencing Commission. She received both her B.A. and J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. Prior to joining DPA, LaSalle worked at Morrison & Foerster LLP for three years on commercial litigation matters, while maintaining an active pro bono practice.

Kim Ball, JD
Research Professor and Director of the Justice Programs Office, American University School of Public Affairs



Kim Ball is the director of the Justice Programs Office, a center in the School of Public Affairs at American University, which has advanced evidence-based policies and practices and provided expertise, training, technical assistance, and research to the justice community for more than 25 years. Kim is a nationally-recognized and accomplished criminal justice strategist known for her cross-disciplinary approach to program development and coalition building. Kim provides expert advice and services on civil and criminal legal matters, with an emphasis on collaborative justice, judicial leadership, and reducing mass incarceration. Kim has an

extensive record of establishing collaborative partnerships that leverage resources and

expertise from across and outside of criminal justice disciplines to effect social change. She has developed successful reform efforts in pretrial justice, problem-solving courts, prosecutor diversion, early appointment of defense counsel, and procedural fairness training, which have led to fairer and more effective state and local courts that have been models for national replication. Kim is a frequent presenter on these and other topics at summits and policy forums and is a guest contributor on broadcast and online media outlets. Under Kim's leadership, JPO staff and AU faculty with a deep experience working for and with local, state, and federal justice agencies are developing policies and practices for state and local policy makers, developing and disseminating criminal justice research, leading a public awareness campaign to ensure the Sixth Amendment right to counsel, providing training and technical assistance to juvenile drug treatment courts, directing the National Drug Court Resource, Policy and Evidence-Based Practice Center, and supporting Prosecutors Against Gun Violence. Kim came to JPO from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) in the U.S. Department of Justice, where she served as the Senior Policy Advisor for Adjudication. During her tenure there, Kim developed cross-disciplinary strategies and programs to help disparate disciplines—law enforcement, courts, corrections, and information technology—work together to improve the administration of justice. While there, she grew the adjudication portfolio of U.S. Department of Justice by 80 percent. Kim is originally from Arkansas and served as a Special Assistant District Attorney in Little Rock before moving to Washington, DC. She worked on select cases in district, municipal, and juvenile courts and represented the state in probate court on mental health and substance use commitment cases. She also worked on juvenile law reform in the aftermath of the Jonesboro, Arkansas, school shooting, taught criminal procedure to law enforcement officers, and contributed articles to The Arkansas Prosecutor, a statewide monthly newsletter. She holds a JD from the Fayetteville School of Law at University of Arkansas. She is an avid Arkansas Razorback fan, loves Memphis-style barbecue, and enjoys traveling to new countries and hiking mountains.

Jonathan Giftos, MD

Clinical Director of Substance Use Treatment for Correctional Health Services at Rikers Island and Clinical Instructor, Albert Einstein College of Medicine



Dr. Jonathan Giftos is the Clinical Director of Substance Use Treatment for the Division of Correctional Health Services at Rikers Island, where he oversees diversion, harm reduction, treatment and reentry services for incarcerated patients with substance use disorders. He is also the medical director of the opioid treatment program (OTP) for the NYC jail system, in which he also provides clinical care -- including the provision of methadone and buprenorphine maintenance treatment -- to incarcerated patients with opioid use disorders. Prior to this role, he served as the Director of Clinical Education for CHS,

where he developed curriculum, provided clinical supervision and supported the educational goals of medical students, residents and attendings caring for patients affected by the criminal

justice system. He remains closely affiliated with Montefiore and the Primary Care & Social Medicine residency program, and currently serves as a voluntary attending in the Bronx Transitions Clinic at Montefiore's Comprehensive Health Care Center (CHCC) in the South Bronx.

His professional interests lie at the intersection of addiction, incarceration and public health. Situated in the jail system, he collaborates with community health centers, academic health centers, and the New York City and State departments of health to advocate for justice-involved patients with opioid use disorders. He advises cities and states around the country on the provision of substance use treatment -- including methadone and buprenorphine -- in correctional settings, and he has partnered with Physicians for Human Rights to advocate for evidence-based treatment for patients with cases before drug courts. In 2016 he partnered with VOCAL-NY and SIF-NYC to organize healthcare workers in support of Safe Consumption Spaces (SCSs) and continues to partner with community based organizations to advocate for humane drug policy. He sits on the board of directors for St. Ann's Corner of Harm Reduction in the Bronx, and in 2017 was honored by VOCAL at their annual gala for his ongoing contribution to the harm reduction community. A proud member of Montefiore's Coalition Against Racism, Dr. Giftos is committed to dismantling structural racism in the healthcare system and was a proud co-author of A Letter to Our Patients on Racism, a call to action that has been cosigned by over 3000 medical students and physicians.

Dr. Giftos completed medical school at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in 2012. While there he was elected to the Gold Humanism Honor Society and the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society, of which he also served as President. He completed residency and chief residency in the Primary Care & Social Internal Medicine Residency Program at Montefiore Medical Center. During his training, he also completed the Harvard Macy Program for Postgraduate Trainees where he developed his skills as a clinician educator. In 2016 he became credentialed as an HIV specialist through the American Academy of HIV Medicine.

Richard Bennett, PhD
Professor, American University School of Public Affairs



Richard R. Bennett, PhD, is a Professor of Justice in the Department of Justice, Law and Criminology at American University in Washington, DC. He has served as its chair three times and as an Associate Dean of the School of Public Affairs. His areas of expertise are comparative crime and criminal justice. He has conducted research and published over 65 articles in the areas of cross-national correlates of crime and police attitudes, behaviors and procedures including a book, Police at Work. He is currently researching crime and police issues in post-colonial societies. Earlier he served as a police officer, a police trainer, criminal investigator, and is currently a criminal justice consultant to both national and international governmental commissions, universities, and contract research organizations. He has been both a Senior Fulbright

Scholar and president of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (2002-3). For the ASC, he has

served as a Trustee for the Division of International Criminology from 2005 to 2007, ASC's. Representative, Consortium of Social Science Associations (2005-7), chair of their Ethics Committee (1996 -7) and as a member of many committees over the years. He is the recipient of the ACJS's Founder's Award which is a life time achievement award and the Mueller Award, for outstanding contributions to the field of comparative criminal justice. He received his Ph.D. in Sociology from Washington State University.

3:20-4:20 RETHINKING COMMUNITY PREVENTION FOR OPIOID USE DISORDERS

Christopher J. Ruhm, PhD

Professor of Public Policy and Economics, University of Virginia Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy



Christopher J. Ruhm (@christopherruhm) is a Professor of Public Policy & Economics at the University of Virginia. He received his doctorate in economics from the University of California at Berkeley in 1984. Prior to joining UVA, in 2010, he held faculty positions at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Boston University, and was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Brandeis University. During the 1996-97 academic year he served as Senior Economist on President Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers, where his main responsibilities were in the areas of health policy, aging and labor market issues. He is currently a Research Associate in the Health Economics, Health Care Policy, and Children's Programs of the National Bureau of Economic Research and a Research Fellow at the Institute for the Study of Labor

(IZA) in Germany.

Professor Ruhm's recent research has focused on the role of government policies in helping parents with young children balance the competing needs of work and family life, and on examining how various aspects of health are produced – including the growth and sources of drug poisoning deaths in the United States, the rise in obesity and relationship between macroeconomic conditions and health. His earlier research includes study of the determinants of health and risky behaviors, effects of job displacements and mandated employment benefits, transition into retirement, and the causes and consequences of alcohol and illegal drug policies. He is co-author of *Time Out With Baby: The Case for Paid Parental Leave* (published by Zero to Three) *Turbulence in the American Workplace* (published by Oxford University Press) and has more than 110 pieces published as book chapters and articles in economics, public policy and health journals. His research has been cited in local, national, and international media outlets such as the *New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Money Magazine, USA Today, Business Week, CNN, ABC, CBS, BBC,* and *NPR*.

Ruhm has received external research funding from a diverse set of organizations including the U.S. Department of Labor, National Science Foundation, several of the National Institutes of Health, the Alfred P Sloan Foundation, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Pivotal Ventures, Russell Sage Foundation and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. He is currently associate editor of the *Journal of Health Economics* and *Southern Economic Journal*, on the editorial board of the *American Journal of Health Economics, Economics Letters* and the *Journal of Labor Research*, President of the Southern Economic Association, on the Board of Directors of the American Society of Health Economists and a steering committee member of the Southeastern Health Economics Study

Yael Zakai Cannon, JD

Visiting Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Health Justice Alliance Clinic, Georgetown University Law Center



Yael Cannon is a Visiting Associate Professor at Georgetown University Law Center and a founding co-director of the Georgetown University Health Justice Alliance, a cross-campus medical-legal partnership engaging in research, service, and academic efforts to train the next generation of attorneys, doctors, and healthcare professionals to advocate to improve social determinants of health for low-income families. Professor Cannon also established in 2017 and directs the Health Justice Alliance's law clinic, which brings law and health students and professionals together to provide holistic legal services in a range of civil poverty law practice areas to secure housing, education, public benefits, and family stability for patients living in poverty in

Washington D.C. Professor Cannon previously taught clinical poverty law courses and doctrinal courses at the University of New Mexico School of Law, where she was an Associate Professor. She began her law teaching career as a Practitioner-in-Residence and Acting Director of the Disability Rights Law Clinic at the American University Washington College of Law. Prior to teaching, Professor Cannon was an attorney at the Children's Law Center's medical-legal partnership providing legal services at Washington, D.C. pediatric clinics and engaging in policy advocacy on behalf of low-income children and families. She is a co-author of the textbook Special Education Advocacy and the treatise AIDS and the Law, and has authored articles in law journals and other periodicals, including a study of trauma rates of youth in New Mexico's juvenile justice system. Her research focuses on the ways in which the law can protect the social and economic rights of children and families living in poverty to ensure their health and well-being. Professor Cannon graduated with distinction from Stanford Law School and summa cum laude from the University of Maryland with B.A. degrees in History and African American Studies.

Barbara DiPietro, PhD Senior Director of Policy, National Health Care for the Homeless Council



Barbara DiPietro has been working in public policy for 20 years, many of them specifically focused on health care and homelessness. She holds a Master's Degree in Policy Sciences and a Doctorate in Public Policy, both from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Her dissertation research focused on the impact of homelessness on emergency departments in Baltimore City, and she continues to work to ensure that health care systems can better serve vulnerable populations. For 10 years, she worked for the State of Maryland in

the Governor's Office as well as the Department of Health, helping coordinate health and human services policy and legislation, inter-agency children and family services, and the state's

10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. At this time, she is Senior Director of Policy for two organizations—the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, and Health Care for the Homeless of Maryland. In these dual roles, she is able to focus on national, state and local health policy, with the specific goals of advancing human rights and ending homelessness.

Jennifer Oliva, JD, MBA Associate Professor of Law and Public Health, West Virginia University



Jennifer D. Oliva is an Associate Professor at West Virginia University in the College of Law and School of Public Health. In the College of Law, she teaches torts, evidence, public health law, and veterans and military law. Professor Oliva's scholarship advances legislative, regulatory and evidentiary legal reforms aimed to improve access to justice and treatment for individuals frequently excluded by the American health care systems. Those excluded individuals include our neighbors suffering substance use disorders, behavioral and mental health-related conditions, and justice-involved veterans. Her work has

been published by or is forthcoming in the Northwestern University Law Review, the Ohio State Law Journal, the North Carolina Law Review, the George Mason Law Review, the West Virginia Law Review, The Conversation, and the Oxford Human Rights Hub. Professor Oliva, who was recently honored by the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation as its 2019 Skelton Public Service Award recipient, is currently pursuing her controlled substances law research as a Visiting Research Scholar at the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School. This summer, she will join the faculty at the Seton Hall University School of Law as Associate Professor of Law, where she will teach, among other things, health law and policy, food and drug law, and evidence.

Taryn Morrissey, PhDAssociate Professor, American University School of Public Affairs



Taryn Morrissey is Associate Professor of Public Policy in the School of Public Affairs at American University. Her work focuses on examining and improving public policies for vulnerable children, including early care and education, nutrition assistance, and public health policies. She is a non-resident fellow at the Urban Institute and co-author of Cradle to Kindergarten: A new plan to combat inequality (Russell Sage, 2017). From 2013 to 2015, Dr. Morrissey was Senior Advisor in Human Services Policy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She worked primarily on President Obama's Early Learning Initiative,

including Early Head Start and child care. From 2008 to 2010, Dr. Morrissey served as Health Policy Advisor on the staff of the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, first for Chairman Edward Kennedy and then Chairman Tom Harkin, where she

worked on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and other public health issues. She began her career in policy as a Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) / American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Congressional Fellow. She received her Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology from Cornell University, and her B.S. from Tufts University.

4:30-5:30 RETHINKING HARM REDUCTION FOR PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS

Daniel R. Gerard, MS, RN, NREMT-P

EMS Coordinator, Alameda Fire Department; Secretary, International Association of EMS Chiefs



Dan is the EMS Coordinator for the Alameda Fire Dept. one of 7 pilot projects in the State of California for Community Paramedicine. He is a recognized expert in EMS System delivery & design, EMS/health service integration, and service delivery models for out of hospital care. Dan has worked with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on EMS integration into accountable care organizations. Dan is a Nationally Registered Paramedic, he is also a licensed Registered Nurse. He holds an MS degree in Health Administration and

completed work at Harvard Kennedy School of Government

As the EMS Coordinator for the Oakland Fire Dept. he was in charge of operations for the 33rd largest city in the United States and was acting EMS Director during his 6 year tenure. Dan has held numerous positions such as EMT-A and paramedic in urban EMS systems (20 years Newark, NJ), as well as having worked in the ED as an RN. Dan was the COO of EMS for the Saint Barnabas Health Care System, and he was one of the primary consultants to the Pan American Health Organization/Bahamian Ministry of Health, as well as the lead consultant for the Ambulance Service Re-Design for the Hong Kong Fire Services Department. He was also an adjunct professor at George Washington University in the EMS Degree program. You can find him on Twitter @DanielRGerard.

Elizabeth Samuels, MD, MPH, MHS

Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, Brown Emergency Medicine; Levels of Care Implementation Lead, Rhode Island Department of Health



Elizabeth A. Samuels, MD, MPH, MHS is an emergency physician and public health researcher with expertise in the design and implementation of emergency department harm reduction interventions. She completed her emergency medicine training at Brown University where she served as chief resident and fellowship in health services research and health policy at the Yale National Clinician Scholars Program. Dr. Samuels is an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at Brown University and is the Consulting Assistant Medical Director in the Overdose Prevention Program at the Rhode Island Department of Public Health.

Corey Davis, JD, MSPH, EMT-B

Deputy Director, Network for Public Health Law Senior Attorney, National Health Law Program



Corey's work focuses on public health, particularly on identifying and leveraging legal and policy initiatives to address the opioid epidemic. He previously served as employment rights attorney at Equality Advocates Pennsylvania, where he represented lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals in local, state, and federal court. Before joining Equality Advocates, Corey oversaw a street-based legal clinic sited at Philadelphia's syringe services program, where he represented people who use drugs, people who trade sex for drugs or money, and transgender individuals. Corey began his legal career in health policy at the University of Pennsylvania as a legal and ethical advisor to a multi-year NIH-funded HIV prevention study in Thailand and China. Corey is the

recipient of the International AIDS Society's Young Investigator Award and has authored or coauthored dozens of peer-reviewed articles. He currently holds faculty appointments at the Brody School of Medicine and Occidental College.

Emma Beth McGinty, PhD, MS

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Beth McGinty, PhD, MS, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. At Johns Hopkins, she serves as the Associate Director of the ALACRITY Center for Health and Longevity in Mental Illness and the Deputy Director of the Center for Mental Health and Addiction Policy Research. She studies the implementation and outcomes of public policies affecting people with mental illness and substance use disorders. Dr. McGinty is currently a NIMH Implementation Research Institute Fellow. She completed her PhD in Health and Public Policy at Johns Hopkins in 2013.

Erdal Tekin, PhD Professor, American University School of Public Affairs



Erdal Tekin is a professor in the School of Public Affairs at American University. He is an economist with primary research interests in the fields of health economics and demographic economics. Within these fields, the main theme of his research is the economic analysis of risky behaviors and the consequences of prenatal and postnatal conditions and risk factors on the short and long-term outcomes of individuals on a multitude of domains including health, human capital, labor market, and crime. Aside from this main theme, he has also written and published numerous articles studying the impact of child care subsidy and other major welfare programs on

parental and child outcomes. His research has been funded by organizations such as the National Institutes of Health, Robert Wood Johnson Family Foundation, and the Danish Council for Independent Research, among others. He published in journals such as the Review of Economics and Statistics, the Economic Journal, the Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Urban Economics, Journal of Health Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, and Journal of Law and Economics. He is a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) in Cambridge, Massachusetts and a research fellow at the Institute of Labor Economics (IZA) in Bonn, Germany. In addition, he is also the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Policy Analysis and Management and an associate editor for the IZA Journal of Labor Policy.