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## **Speaker Biographies**

**Robert Harrington, M.D.**

**Director**

**Duke Clinical Research Institute**

Robert A. Harrington, M.D., is the director of the Duke Clinical Research Institute (DCRI). His research interests include evaluating antithrombotic therapies to treat acute ischemic heart disease and to minimize the acute complications of percutaneous coronary procedures; studying the mechanism of disease of the acute coronary syndromes; understanding the issues of risk stratification in the care of patients with acute ischemic coronary syndromes; and trying to better understand and improve upon the methodology of clinical trials. He is the recipient of a NIH Roadmap contract to investigate "best practices" among clinical trial networks.

He has authored multiple peer-reviewed manuscripts, reviews, book chapters and editorials. He is one of the senior co-editors for the eighth edition of the American College of Chest Physicians' consensus panel on antithrombotic and thrombolytic drugs and co-edited the textbook *Antiplatelet Therapy in Clinical Practice*. He is an associate editor of the *American Heart Journal* and an editorial board member for the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*. He is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology, the American Heart Association, the Society of Cardiovascular Angiography and Intervention and the American College of Chest Physicians. He is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of the American College of Cardiology and chairs the American College of Cardiology Clinical Expert Consensus Document Task Force and the Education Strategy Committee. He chaired the 2006 Annual Scientific Sessions for the American College of Cardiology. He currently serves as a member of the Food and Drug Administration Cardiovascular and Renal Drugs Advisory Committee, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute's (NHLBI) study section for clinical trials and the NHLBI Working Group on Clinical Trials Methodology.

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**Nancy Sung, Ph.D.**  
**Senior Program Officer**  
**Burroughs Wellcome Fund**

Nancy Sung, Ph.D., is a senior program officer of the Burroughs Wellcome Fund, an independent foundation which supports biomedical research. In her position, she is responsible for overseeing grants for translational research; interfaces between physical, computational and biological sciences; and functional genomics using animal models and computational methods. She is founding board chair of the Health Research Alliance, a national consortium of 50 private foundations and voluntary health agencies. She serves on advisory boards at the University of North Carolina (UNC) and University of Pittsburgh and has served on several Institute of Medicine panels. Sung conducted postdoctoral research in tumor virology at the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center at UNC Chapel Hill and was a visiting fellow at the Chinese Academy of Preventive Medicine's Institute of Virology in Beijing.

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**Philip Porter, J.D.**  
**Partner**  
**Hogan Lovells**

Philip Porter, J.D., is a partner in the Hogan Lovells US LLP global life sciences working group. His practice focuses on structuring domestic and international transactions for acquisition and commercialization of products, information technology and intellectual property for companies in the life sciences marketplace. These transactions include strategic alliances, outsourcing, licensing and co-marketing transactions, manufacturing and supply arrangements, material transfers, sponsored research, including clinical trials, and many types of consulting relationships. Through his representation of clients on different sides of these transactions for more than twenty-five years, Porter has learned the way these business relationships are customarily structured and has developed effective strategies for helping the parties through the impasses that inevitably arise.

Porter assisted the CEO Roundtable on Cancer with its joint START Clauses project with the National Cancer Institute, which resulted in the publication of contract provisions that reduce the time required to negotiate clinical trial agreements. Porter was an adjunct professor for a graduate course titled "Commercialization of Biotechnology" at Johns Hopkins University. He has been recognized by both *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* and *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business* as one of the leading lawyers in the United States in intellectual property (IP) transactions.

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**Sandra Silberman, M.D., Ph.D.**  
**Vice President of Oncology Innovation**  
**Quintiles**

Sandra Silberman, M.D., Ph.D., is a world-renowned oncologist who received her doctorate from the John Hopkins University and a medical degree from Cornell University Medical School, followed by a residency at the New York University Medical Center. Silberman did further post-graduate training as a research fellow at Harvard Medical School's Dana Farber Cancer Institute and as a clinical fellow at Harvard Medical School's Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Silberman began her illustrious pharmaceutical career at Pfizer, where she was a senior associate director in oncology and was involved in bringing Tarceva[R] into clinical development. She then went on to work at Novartis as a senior director in oncology and was the international clinical leader for Gleevec[R], one of the most successful and famous drugs approved in the recent past, with current sales of more than \$400 million dollars per year.

Silberman then joined Esai Medical Research as an associate vice president and global therapeutic head of oncology. She was responsible for organizing their oncology program and initiating multiple drugs into clinical development. Recently, as chief medical officer of Tapestry Pharmaceuticals, she helped develop a new taxane in multiple clinical trials.

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**Troy Livingston, Ph.D.**  
**Vice President for Innovation and Learning**  
**Museum of Life + Science**

As a representative of a medium-sized science center, Troy likes to think that his center represents the voice of all small to medium-sized science centers within the Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network administration as part of the PI+ group.

As vice president for innovation and learning at the Museum of Life + Science, he is charged broadly with fostering a culture of innovation across the Museum and, therefore, across divisions and departments where people set out to create, to experiment, to inspire and to build on new ideas. In order to do this, he worked to form innovation networks inside and outside the Museum.

His more specific charges are to lead the Museum's efforts in creating and nurturing partnerships with industry, academia and the ISI world that cultivate resources and extend the Museum's capability to fulfill its mission. He also leads the Museum's effort to win and deliver successful federal grant-funded projects, and he leads projects identified by the chief executive officer to be of strategic importance to the Museum. This year, for example, he re-engineered the membership program to assist in fulfilling a new mission that focuses on the life-long learner.

**Shelley Earp, M.D.**  
**Director**  
**UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center**

Shelley Earp, M.D. has worn many hats—student, resident, physician, teacher, scientist and administrator. Since arriving in Chapel Hill in 1966 to attend medical school at the University of North Carolina (UNC), he has literally grown up with UNC’s School of Medicine, Hospital and Cancer Center.

He is now the Lineberger Professor of Cancer Research and a professor in the Departments of Medicine and Pharmacology. His laboratory has discovered and studied genes important to the studies of breast and prostate cancer and childhood leukemia. His NIH and breast and prostate cancer foundation grants have funded this work, and his publications try to explain the root causes of these diseases so that they can be treated with more effective and less toxic agents.

Earp is director of the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, where he works with others across the University to enhance basic, clinical and public health cancer research and care. In this role, he collaborated with UNC deans, university officials and the North Carolina legislature to make the North Carolina Cancer Hospital and the University Cancer Research Fund a reality.

He is a leader on campus and at the national level, having received UNC School of Medicine teaching awards and chaired national review committees for the American Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute. He has served as President of the American Association of Cancer Institutes on the National Cancer Institute’s Board of Scientific advisors and on the advisory boards of ten cancer centers.

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**Laura Linnan, Sc.D.**  
**Associate Professor**  
**UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health**

Laura Linnan, Sc.D., is focused on addressing disparities in health by conducting applied intervention research to prevent and control chronic diseases, especially cancer, cardiovascular disease/stroke and diabetes. Her work involves interdisciplinary teams that utilize community-based participatory research principles to plan, deliver and evaluate interventions in collaboration with individuals from worksites, colleges/universities, beauty/barber shops, public libraries and other settings. She enjoys designing and developing innovative process and outcome evaluations benefitting from both quantitative and qualitative methodological approaches. She is a member of the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center and Center for Urban and Regional Planning, a Fellow of the Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention and has

collaborated with colleagues at the Institute on Aging. She is the director of the Carolina Collaborative for Research on Work and Health, a new initiative which is bringing together faculty from many disciplines and partners from state and local government, health care organizations and nonprofits to discuss common interests and stimulate new research on topics which intersect issues of work, health and life in the larger context of health care reform.

Linnan holds a Doctorate of Science in health and social behaviour from Harvard University and a Master of Education from the University of Toledo.

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**Anissa Vines, Ph.D.**  
**Research Assistant Professor**  
**UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health**

Anissa Vines, Ph.D., has research interests that include community-based epidemiology, psychosocial determinants of racial/ethnic health disparities and psychosocial factors that contribute to improved cancer care giving and survivorship in women. Her research focuses on the examination of perceived racism as a chronic stressor and other psychosocial stressors in the lives of women and their affect on chronic health conditions such as obesity, cancer and uterine fibroids.

Vines received her doctorate in epidemiology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She completed her doctoral research in the Epidemiology Branch at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences as an intramural research fellow where she developed the Telephone-administered Perceived Racism Scale (TPRS) and conducted an ancillary study to the Uterine Fibroid Study.

Vines is currently a research assistant professor in the NIH K12 Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She also co-directs the Ethnicity, Culture and Health Outcomes (ECHO) program.

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**Paul Godley, M.D.**  
**Associate Professor**  
**UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center**

Paul Godley, M.D., is an associate professor of hematology and oncology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is also an adjunct associate professor of epidemiology and biostatistics and is a member of the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center. Since 2001, he has been the director of the Program on Ethnicity, Culture, and Health Outcomes (ECHO), and he directs the Carolina-Shaw Partnership for the Elimination of Health Disparities, based at the Sheps Center for Health Services Research.

Godley's research involves evaluating the efficacy of cancer prevention interventions and cancer treatments in preventing death and increasing quality of life. He is also interested in investigating why some populations, particularly racial minorities and other underserved groups, have much poorer results from their cancer treatments when compared to the majority population. Much of his clinical and prevention research has focused on prostate cancer.

Godley holds a master's in public policy from Harvard and a doctorate in epidemiology from the University of North Carolina.

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**Cathy Melvin, Ph.D., M.P.H.**  
**Faculty Director of the Dissemination Core**  
**UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center**

Cathy Melvin, Ph.D., M.P.H., has recently focused her research on improving dissemination of evidence-based health and health care interventions and policies, particularly those related to tobacco and cancer prevention and control. Other research interests include the translation of research into practice, mechanisms for achieving health systems change, the application of quality improvement approaches to systems change, the determination of factors likely to increase the adoption and use of evidence-based interventions and tools for compiling and communicating evidence. Melvin serves as principal investigator of the Comprehensive Cancer Control Collaborative of North Carolina (4CNC) at the Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention.

In addition to her other appointments, Melvin serves as faculty director of the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center Dissemination Core, and director of the NC TraCS Institute Clinical and Community Translation Core.

Melvin holds a master's degree in public health and a doctorate in geography from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Jennifer Leeman, Dr.PH., M.Div., M.P.H.**  
**Research Associate Professor**  
**UNC School of Nursing**

Jennifer Leeman, Dr.PH., strives to more effectively translate and disseminate evidence to inform policy and practice, with a focus on diabetes and obesity. She co-directed the dissemination core of a National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)/NIH P30-funded Center and through her postdoctoral research, explored the extent to which researchers generate publications and interventions that are conducive for use in practice. In her present role as co-investigator of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-funded Center of Excellence for Training and Research Translation, she is developing processes to identify and disseminate the best evidence on how to change practice, policy and environments to prevent obesity and other chronic illnesses. As co-investigator of an NINR-NIH funded study, she is exploring methods to inform policy and practice via translation and dissemination of the findings from qualitative/quantitative meta-syntheses. She also serves as a site visitor for the CDC/Robert Wood Johnson Early Assessment of Programs and Policies to Prevent Childhood Obesity Project.

Leeman received a Master of Public Health from Columbia University, a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in New York and a doctorate in public health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She teaches health policy and writing and serves as assistant director of the School of Nursing's Research Support Center.

Leeman is the author and co-author of numerous peer-reviewed publications and book chapters and has served as co-editor of *Key Aspects of Preventing and Managing Chronic Illness*.

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**Nadine Barrett, Ph.D.**  
**Director of Community Health Programs**  
**Susan G. Komen for the Cure, NC Triangle Affiliate**

Nadine Barrett, Ph.D., has served for three years as the director of community programs for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, NC Triangle Affiliate. She holds her master's and doctorate degrees in community/health education and medical sociology, respectively, from Texas Woman's University. She completed her postdoctoral work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in disparities in health services. She examined race disparities in access and utilization of health services among persons with mental illness and substance abuse disorders and the incarcerated.

**Monair Hamilton McGregor, Ph.D., M.P.H., CHES**  
**Director of Community Programs**  
**Susan G. Komen for the Cure, NC Triangle Affiliate**

Monair Hamilton McGregor, Ph.D., is currently the director of community programs for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, NC Triangle Affiliate. McGregor has worked as the director of training and technical assistance (Dissemination Core/Comprehensive Cancer Control Collaborative of North Carolina) at the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center and has also spent some time as the assistant professor of health promotion at Coastal Carolina University. Monair holds a Master of Public Health and doctorate degree from Hunter College and York College. McGregor completed her postdoctoral work at Kent State University.

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**Marlyn Allicock, Ph.D.**  
**Research Assistant Professor**  
**UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health**

Marlyn Allicock, Ph.D., is a research assistant professor in the Department of Nutrition at the Gillings School of Global Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Allicock's research focuses on cancer prevention and control with an emphasis on cancer-related health disparities in African American and underserved populations. Allicock has extensive expertise in the direction of health promotion research with faith-based organizations, the study of behaviors related to cancer risk reduction and the development of culturally sensitive, tailored communications. Her work includes developing and assessing peer support strategies to impact weight management for veterans. An emerging area of research interest is evaluating the dissemination of evidence-based research. She is currently leading several efforts to evaluate Body & Soul, a faith-based health initiative for African American churches and is the co-principal investigator for the e-WATCH project, a church-based cancer prevention study.

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**Kurt Ribisl, Ph.D.**  
**Associate Professor**  
**UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health**

Kurt Ribisl, Ph.D., has primary research interests in the areas of tobacco control policy and information technology (e.g., the Internet, Geographic Information Systems). Specifically, he has studied tobacco industry marketing strategies in retail outlets, interventions to reduce youth access to tobacco and portrayals of smoking on the World Wide Web. He has also examined whether Internet cigarette vendors are complying with tax reporting laws and whether they are

taking adequate precautions to prevent illegal tobacco sales to minors. He teaches a course at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill entitled eHealth. Ribisl has a joint appointment at the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Ribisl's holds a doctorate and a master's degree in ecological community psychology from Michigan State University. Ribisl also completed his postdoctoral work at Stanford Center for Research in Disease Prevention in cardiovascular disease epidemiology and prevention.

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**John Czajkowski, M.P.A.**  
**Deputy Director for Management**  
**National Cancer Institute**

John Czajkowski, M.P.A., holds the post of deputy director for management at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Czajkowski came to NCI from the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of the Inspector General, where he served as director of the Office of Management, a position that included responsibilities as chief financial officer and chief information officer, as well as manager of personnel, acquisitions, space and security.

Prior to his time at the Department of the Treasury, Czajkowski held senior positions in the U.S. Office of Personnel Management from 2003 to 2008. He also served for eight years at NIH, including senior management positions in the Office of the Director, Center for Scientific Review and Center for Information Technology. Since 2007, Czajkowski has held an adjunct faculty position at American University's School of Public Affairs. Czajkowski has a degree in economics from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and a Master of Public Administration from American University.