
USAID'S HEALTH EVALUATION AND APPLIED RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT (HEARD) PROJECT

PANELIST BIOS: CREATING INCENTIVES FOR GREATER UNIVERSITY ENGAGEMENT IN GLOBAL HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE

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PANEL 1: AN ACADEMIC PERSPECTIVE ON THE CHALLENGES WITH UNIVERSITY ENGAGEMENT IN GLOBAL HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE

Asri Adisasmita, Professor, Department of Epidemiology, Vice Dean for Administration, Faculty of Public Health, University of Indonesia: Over the past decade, Dr. Adisasmita has been working with the Ministry of Health (MoH) of Indonesia in establishing, piloting and implementing maternal and child health-related programs, such as the development of the National Program of Maternal Audit, Birth Defect Surveillance, and Confidential Enquiry into Maternal Death. Currently, she is assisting the MoH in establishing the Maternal Death Surveillance and Response program in Indonesia, with support from United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). She earned her Master's and doctorate degree from the School of Medicine, Yale University. She leads the University of Indonesia's engagement in Health Evaluation and Applied Research Development (HEARD) as a Sub-Regional Anchor Partner.

Dilys Walker, Professor at the Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health and the Institute for Global Health Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF): Dr. Walker leads the Global Maternal Newborn Health Research Cooperative at UCSF and is the Principal Investigator for the Gates funded East African Preterm Birth Initiative, which implements intervention packages to decrease the burden of preterm birth. She is co-founder of PRONTO International (www.prontointernational.org), an emergency obstetric and neonatal training program grounded in low-tech, high-fidelity simulation and team training. She is involved in implementation trials in East Africa and India. Her research has focused on maternal and newborn morbidity and mortality, quality of care during childbirth, and prevention of unplanned pregnancy.

Denis Nash, Professor of Epidemiology and Executive Director of the City University of New York's (CUNY) Institute for Implementation Science in Population Health: Dr. Nash has over 20 years of expertise in implementation science, bringing seasoned expertise in study design and methodological approaches to large-scale, 'real-world', research projects. Prior to joining CUNY, Dr. Nash was an EIS Officer at CDC and subsequently the Director of HIV/AIDS Surveillance where he pioneered named reporting for HIV. He also worked at ICAP at Columbia University as the Director of Monitoring, Evaluation and Research, spearheading a multi-country initiative collecting routine medical records electronically. Dr. Nash holds secondary faculty appointments in the Department of Epidemiology at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health and in the Department of Epidemiology and Population Health at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Rajesh Vedanthan, Associate Professor in Medicine/Cardiology at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai: Dr. Vedanthan's primary area of interest is global cardiology, global health delivery, implementation research, capacity-building, and the intersection of health and development. He is the Principal Investigator or co-investigator of multiple NIH grants, including a Fogarty International Research Scientist Development Award (K01) focused on nurse management of hypertension; a U01 evaluation of strategies to optimize linkage and retention to a hypertension management program in rural western Kenya; an R01 evaluation of effectiveness of group medical visits and microfinance groups for cardiovascular risk reduction in rural western Kenya; a U01 grant to strengthen referral networks for hypertension control in western Kenya; and an R21 project that aims to identify spatial risk factors associated with cardiovascular disease and use to generate a spatial model that predicts CVD events in the Golestan Cohort Study.

David H. Peters, Professor and Chair of the Department of International Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health: Dr. Peters is an international health systems specialist working as a researcher, policy advisor, educator, bureaucrat, manager, and clinician in dozens of developing countries. He previously worked as a Senior Public Health Specialist at the World Bank, and as Director of the Health Systems Program at Johns Hopkins. He is Research Director for the Future Health Systems research consortium, which is working to improve access, affordability and quality of health services for the poor, with five field sites in Africa and Asia. He pioneered the development of Sector Wide Approaches (SWAp) in health, and created the first national Balanced Scorecard to assess and manage health services (in Afghanistan). He currently leads a program to strengthen public health systems in Liberia in the wake of the Ebola epidemic. He has written seven books and over 100 scientific articles. His teaching and research focus on the performance of health systems, implementation research methods, poverty and health systems, innovations in organization, and financing of health systems.

PANEL 2: BEST PRACTICES IN PARTNERING WITH UNIVERSITIES ON IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE FROM THE CLIENT PERSPECTIVE

Laura Reichenbach, Project Director, Breakthrough-RESEARCH, Population Council: Dr. Reichenbach leads the USAID-funded Breakthrough-RESEARCH Project, which uses implementation science to improve healthy behaviors and norms across key global health areas, including family planning and reproductive health; HIV/AIDS; maternal, newborn and child health; emerging infectious diseases; and malaria. She previously served as deputy director of research for the Evidence Project, a USAID-funded Council initiative to improve family planning policies, programs, and practices worldwide. Before joining Population Council she was social scientist and director of the Center for Reproductive Health at icddr, in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Dr. Reichenbach has experience in a variety of geographic settings, with more than 10 years working in Pakistan and Bangladesh. Dr. Reichenbach received her Master's in public administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and her PhD from the Harvard School of Public Health.

Shang-Lu Li, Director, Monitoring and Evaluation, AmeriCares: Dr. Li oversees the monitoring and impact assessment of AmeriCares programmatic initiatives domestically and abroad. Each year, the health-focused relief and development organization reaches an average of 90 countries and all 50 U.S. states with innovative health programs and quality medical aid. Prior to joining AmeriCares, Dr. Li founded the nonprofit Helping Overcome Obstacles Peru, aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty in the community through free education and medical outreach, social work, community development and microfinance. Dr. Li earned a Master's degree in global health from the University of Washington and a doctorate degree at the China Medical University in Taiwan. He has published on the Iraqi mortality rate and post-disaster research, and reviewed articles for BMJ Global Health and the American Journal of Public Health.

Joe Thomas, Executive Director, Partners in Population and Development: Over the last two decades Dr. Thomas has served as diplomat, researcher, administrator and professor. He is a global strategy and coordination team member of the UN Secretary General's initiative on Every Woman, Every Child and Every Adolescent, and co-author of the global strategy for women's, children's and adolescents' health (2016–2030). His multinational experience includes work among vulnerable refugee and indigenous populations, including as Advisor to the Ministry of Health in East Timor and Regional Manager of Northern Territory AIDS and Hepatitis Council in Australia. As Professor of Public Health, he established a school of Public Health, and developing MPH and PhD curricula. Dr. Thomas was the Secretary General of the 12th International Congress of AIDS in Asia and the Pacific in 2016. He has worked extensively in the areas of child survival, HIV/AIDS and health equity including as Regional Advisor for Child Survival at Save the Children-UK and Regional Director of UNAIDS-Technical Support Facility for South Asia.

Montasser Kamal, Program Leader, Maternal and Child Health Team, International Development Research Centre: Dr. Kamal is the Program Leader for the Maternal and Child Health Team at Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC). Before joining IDRC, Dr. Kamal was the Deputy Director for Global Health Policy and Research at Global Affairs Canada. He also worked at the former Canadian International Development Agency, CIDA, and the Regional Office of the Ford Foundation in Cairo, all along with a strong interest in issues related to implementation research, sexual and reproductive health and rights, HIV/AIDS, promoting greater government accountability, and knowledge generation and dissemination.

Scott C. Ratzan, President, AB InBev Foundation: Dr. Ratzan serves as founding President of the AB InBev Foundation (2017) following roles as VP, Global Health and Social Impact, and VP Global Corporate Affairs at Anheuser-Busch InBev. Dr. Ratzan has established the AB InBev Foundation as a 501(c)3 to focus on reduction of the harmful use of alcohol and to address other global issues. The Foundation is governed by a majority of independent Board Directors with initial financial support of a ten-year \$150 Million pledge from AB InBev. Dr. Ratzan has served as principal architect of signature activities including the Global Smart Drinking Goals & the Together for Safer Roads coalition. He is Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Health Communication: International Perspectives, a peer reviewed journal he founded in 1994. He also serves as Vice Chair of the Business Industry Advisory Council's Health committee to the OECD and on the Advisory Board for the Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Global Health, RAND Health Board of Advisors, and World Information Transfer Board.

Stefan Peterson, Chief of Health, UNICEF: Dr. Peterson was appointed UNICEF's Associate Director, Programme Division, and Chief of Health in April 2016. Prior to his appointment Dr. Peterson was a Professor of Global Health at Uppsala University, Sweden, and, prior to that, at the Global Health Division of Karolinska Institutet, Sweden. He has also been a visiting professor at Makerere University in Uganda. As a health systems researcher and medical doctor, Dr. Peterson did extensive field work in Tanzania and Uganda, and worked with different ministries of health, and organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO). He implemented projects supported by Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), the Gates Foundation, and the European Union. He was a co-founder of Médecins Sans Frontières Sweden and the CCM Task Force Operations Research Group. Dr. Peterson is a medical doctor with degrees in Medicine, Public Health and a PhD in International Pediatrics. He is a national of Sweden.

PANEL 3: DEANS' ROUNDTABLE ON OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO UNIVERSITY ENGAGEMENT

Stefano Bertozzi, Dean, School of Public Health University of California, Berkeley: Dr. Bertozzi is Dean and Professor of health policy and management at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health and serves as co-chair of the Health Working Group for the UC–Mexico Initiative and co-editor of the Disease Control Priorities (DCP3) volume on HIV/AIDS, Malaria & Tuberculosis. Previously, he directed the HIV and tuberculosis programs at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Dr. Bertozzi worked at the Mexican National Institute of Public Health as director of its Center for Evaluation Research and Surveys. He was the last director of the WHO Global Programme on AIDS and has also held positions with UNAIDS, the World Bank, and the government of the DRC. He is a member of the National Academy of Medicine. He holds a bachelor's degree in biology and a PhD in health policy and management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He earned his medical degree at UC San Diego, and trained in internal medicine at UC San Francisco.

Ayman El-Mohandes, Dean, School of Public Health, City University of New York: Dr. El-Mohandes is a pediatrician and Public Health Academic with a deep commitment to public service. He is an established researcher in the field of infant mortality reduction in minority populations. Dr. El-Mohandes' funded research focused on population-based interventions in underserved communities locally and globally. His publication record includes innovative approaches towards improving perinatal and neonatal outcomes in high risk populations. Dr. El-Mohandes has served as a senior consultant on multiple global health services and public health interventions, funded by USAID, the Asia Development Bank and the Government of South Africa. These projects included the "Healthy Mother Healthy Child" program in Egypt, to upgrade obstetric and neonatal services, as well as a "Health Services Program" in Indonesia, as well as establishing the first school of public health for black students in South Africa.

Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean, James P. Grant School of Public Health BRAC University: Dr. Rashid has worked since 1993 in national and international organizations including BRAC (the largest NGO in the world), Grameen Trust (a sister organization of Grameen Bank) and UNICEF Bangladesh. She joined BRAC in 2004 and was appointed as Dean in 2013. In addition to the overall leadership and management of the School, Dr. Rashid has been integral to the founding and growth of the international Master of Public Health program, which now has 450 alumni from 27 countries. She was a Visiting Professor at Charité Berlin School of Public Health, Germany from 2007-2012 where she taught gender, SRHR, and qualitative research methods. Dr. Rashid has a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Social Anthropology, and a PhD in Medical Anthropology and Public Health from The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia.

Agustin Kusumayati, Dean, Faculty of Public Health, Universitas Indonesia: Dr. Kusumayati was appointed Dean in 2013 following serving as Chair of its Center for Reproductive Health Studies from 2009-2013. Since 2012 she has been involved in developing systems for certification and registration of Public Health Professionals. She was a focal point in developing the Academic Paper for the Development of Public Health Education in Indonesia and Academic Paper for the Development of Public Health Expert National Certification Exam. In 2013 she was appointed by the Indonesian Public Health Association and Indonesian Public Health Schools Association to chair the National Committee for Public Health Expert Certification Exam. She became Chairperson of the Indonesian Public Health Schools Association in 2016. She is now in a strategic position to steer the development of Public Health Education in Indonesia as well as to encourage improvement of the capacity and quality of Public Health Schools in Indonesia.

Iman Nuwayhid, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut: Dr. Nuwayhid is a co-editor of the book “Public Health in the Arab World” published by Cambridge University Press in March 2012. His professional career and research interests have mostly focused on the impact of work and the work environment on the health of workers, especially working children and marginalized populations. He co-chairs “The Lancet-AUB Commission on Syria: Health in Conflict.” In his capacity as Dean, he oversees and is engaged in the substantial research, practice, and policy work of FHS faculty members on multiple health priorities in Lebanon and the region with a focus on conflict and health. These projects are mostly led and facilitated by FHS’s Center for Public Health Practice, Center for Research on Population and Health, and Knowledge to Policy (K2P) Center. Iman Nuwayhid received his MD from AUB and his MPH and DrPH in Occupational Health from The Johns Hopkins University. He is American Board Certified in Occupational Medicine. He is an elected fellow to the Collegium Ramazzini since 2004, and was inducted into the Johns Hopkins University Society of Scholars in 2012

Jimmy Volmink, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University: Dean Volmink’s previous appointments include: Deputy Dean (Research) at Stellenbosch University, GlaxoWellcome Chair of Primary Health Care at the University of Cape Town and Director of Research and Analysis at the Global Health Council in Washington, DC. After obtaining his BSc and MBChB degrees from the University of Cape Town and a DCH from the South Africa College of Medicine he worked as a family doctor and district surgeon in a township near Cape Town for 12 years. He later obtained a MPH degree from Harvard University followed by a DPhil in Epidemiology from the University of Oxford. He was elected to membership of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) in 2000 and has served two consecutive terms as a Council member of that body. Prof Volmink’s research has focused primarily on the evaluation of health care interventions for TB, HIV and cardiovascular disease. He has been chairperson of the Western Cape Provincial Health Research Committee and is currently a member of the Provincial Health Council. He has also served as Honorary President of the Pharmaceutical Care Management Association of South Africa.