



SPEAKER BIOS

SESSION I

Elizabeth Engel is a Managing Director at The Glover Park Group in the Health and Wellness practice. Engel joined GPG after a two-year appointment at the Department of Health and Human Services as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation-Mandatory Health Programs. She brings to GPG extensive health policy experience spanning government, corporate, and non-profit organizations. In her role at HHS, Engel served as the liaison between HHS and Members of Congress and their staff regarding Medicare, Medicaid and other critical issues related to health reform. Prior to joining the Administration, Engel was a member of the Obama-Biden Transition team, conducting outreach on behalf of the health care policy working group to outside organizations, including trade associations, businesses, unions and advocacy organizations. Engel also brings substantial Hill experience, most recently serving as the Health Policy Advisor for the U.S. Senate Democratic Policy Committee in the 110th Congress. Engel is also an accomplished attorney. She practiced in New York with Proskauer Rose, LLP in the firm's health care department, and was then the Director of Legal and Regulatory Affairs for iScribe, Inc., an electronic prescribing company in California. Engel also spent several years at Stanford University in the Office of the General Counsel as legal counsel to Stanford Medical Center, where she advised her clients in structuring hospital operations and transactions consistent with health care laws and regulations. Engel received her bachelor's degree with college honors from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), and her law degree from the UCLA School of Law. She currently resides in Washington, DC with her husband and two children.

Owen Ryan is Deputy Director for Public Policy at amfAR, the Foundation for AIDS Research where he is responsible for policy and advocacy related to global health financing, new HIV technologies, and key populations. He is an Alternate Board Member to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria and the Vice Chair of the Board for Funders Concerned about AIDS. Owen serves as a global health advisor for both the Global Health Corps and FSG – Social Impact Consultants. Prior to amfAR, Owen spent four years as a Program Officer for HIV/AIDS policy and advocacy at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. He has previously worked on HIV/AIDS programs in Malawi, South Africa and Zimbabwe. He earned his Masters of Public Health from Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health and his Masters of International Affairs from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs.

Beth Tritter is a Managing Director at The Glover Park Group and specializes in government relations and strategic communications. Tritter joined GPG after nearly a decade on Capitol Hill, serving most recently as Legislative Director for Congresswoman Nita Lowey of New York, Chairwoman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations. In this capacity, Ms. Tritter led the strategic planning for and oversaw the implementation of Lowey's domestic and foreign policy agendas, including navigating the legislative process on the



Appropriations and Homeland Security Committees. While on Capitol Hill, Tritter focused primarily on foreign policy, defense, trade, and homeland security, with special attention to foreign aid, international development, and international women's rights issues. As Congresswoman Nita Lowey's lead representative in setting Democratic priorities for and negotiating the yearly, \$20 billion-plus foreign aid bill, she conducted oversight over programs at USAID and the Departments of State and Treasury, with specific focus on U.S. policy toward and aid for the Middle East, South Asia, and Latin America, poverty-focused development assistance, counter-narcotics and law enforcement assistance, and anti-terrorism aid. Tritter received Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from the University of Pennsylvania in Modern Middle Eastern Studies, and studied at the American University in Cairo, Egypt. She is on the board of the Society for International Development-Washington, the Democracy Council, and the Washington Chapter of the American Jewish Committee.

SESSION II

Grant Colfax, MD is the Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy. In this role, he is the President's lead advisor on domestic HIV/AIDS policy and he is responsible for coordinating HIV/AIDS policy issues for the Domestic Policy Council. Dr. Colfax was most recently Director of the HIV Prevention Section in the San Francisco Department of Public Health. Dr. Colfax is a graduate of Harvard Medical School and completed his medical residency at the University of California, San Francisco. His work focuses on collaborating with community stakeholders to implement sustainable, evidence-based HIV prevention and treatment interventions and policies in public health settings and measuring their effectiveness. Under his leadership, San Francisco greatly expanded HIV testing and treatment support efforts. Until assuming his ONAP role, Dr. Colfax was also an NIH and CDC supported scientist studying HIV testing strategies, clinical trials of medications to treat substance dependence, and biomedical HIV prevention interventions. Dr. Colfax was a practicing clinician at the Positive Health Program, San Francisco's premier public HIV clinic.

Kevin Cranston is the Director of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) Bureau of Infectious Disease and was the former Director of the MDPH HIV/AIDS Bureau. Other roles in the HIV/AIDS Bureau included Deputy Director for Policy and Programs and Director of AIDS Prevention and Education. Kevin previously served as the AIDS/HIV Program Director at the Massachusetts Department of Education. Prior to government work, Kevin was an adolescent HIV prevention specialist at The Children's Hospital, Boston. He is past Chair of the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) and served as a technical assistant through NASTAD's Global Program to the national and state/provincial AIDS control programs of Nigeria, Brazil, and South Africa. Kevin earned his Master of Divinity degree at Harvard University. He currently serves on the Board of the National Coalition for LGBT Health.

Jeffrey Crowley is the Program Director of the National HIV/AIDS Initiative at the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law and Distinguished Scholar. Mr. Crowley is a widely recognized expert on HIV/AIDS and disability policy. From February 2009 through December 2011, he served as the Director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy and Senior Advisor on Disability Policy for President Barack Obama. In this capacity, he led the development of our country's first domestic National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the United States, a five-year plan for aligning the efforts of all stakeholders to reduce the number of new HIV



infections, increase access to care, and reduce HIV-related health disparities. The Strategy continues to guide the Administration's efforts in this area. He also coordinated disability policy development for the Domestic Policy Council and worked on the policy team that spearheaded the development and implementation of the Affordable Care Act. From 2000 through 2009, Mr. Crowley was a Senior Research Scholar at the Georgetown University Health Policy Institute and he received a concurrent appointment as Senior Scholar at the O'Neill Institute shortly after the institute was established. From 1994 through 2000, he served in various leadership roles at the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA), most recently as Deputy Executive Director for Programs. Mr. Crowley received his Master of Public Health from the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, and his Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry from Kalamazoo College. He is an alumnus of the United States Peace Corps where he served as a Volunteer/High School Science Teacher in Swaziland.

Ramon Gardenhire serves as the Director of Government Relations for the AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC). Ramon oversees AFC's advocacy and policy work at the state level. His areas of focus include the implementation of the Affordable Care Act at the state level and ensuring that new federal and state health care systems meet the health care needs of people with HIV; Medicaid policy; state budget and appropriations; HIV related legislation, harm reduction policy; and the Illinois AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP). Ramon has significant political and advocacy experience. Before coming to AFC, he served as the Advocacy Project Director for the Federation for Community Schools, where he worked on national and state legislative and political strategy for an education reform campaign. He also brings to AFC a long history of work in progressive and health care organizations on national and state-level projects including the Young Democrats of America, American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, American Academy of Physician Assistants, and Democratic National Committee.

Jennifer Kates is Vice President and Director of Global Health & HIV Policy at the Kaiser Family Foundation. She oversees the Foundation's policy analysis and research focused on the U.S. government's role in global health and on the global and domestic HIV epidemics. Widely regarded as an expert in the field, she regularly publishes and presents on global health issues and is particularly known for her work analyzing donor government investments in global health; assessing and mapping the U.S. government's global health architecture, programs, and funding; and tracking key trends in the HIV epidemic, an area she has been working in for more than twenty years. Prior to joining the Foundation in 1998, Dr. Kates was a Senior Associate with The Lewin Group, a health care consulting firm, where she focused on HIV policy, strategic planning/health systems analysis, and health care for vulnerable populations. Prior to that, she directed the Office of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns at Princeton University. Dr. Kates serves on numerous federal and private sector advisory committees on global health and HIV/AIDS issues. Currently, she serves on the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) Congressionally-mandated evaluation of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and on an IOM committee commissioned by the White House to identify core indicators for assessing the impact of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on HIV/AIDS care in the United States. Dr. Kates received her Ph.D. in Health Policy from George Washington University, where she is also a lecturer. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College, a Master's degree in Public Affairs from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts.



Session III

Dr. Vignetta Charles is currently serving as Senior Vice President at AIDS United— where she is responsible for overseeing AIDS United’s strategic grant making programs, spearheading efforts to measure and document program outcomes, and developing an expanded portfolio on the translation of science to community. She is an alumna of the University of California at Berkeley, the Harvard School of Public Health, and the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Her work experience is diverse and has led to the acquisition of a broad range of skills: conducting scholarly inquiry at academic institutions, evaluating national teen pregnancy prevention programs, assessing the effectiveness of black women’s health interventions in Boston, serving as the national health educator for the Commonwealth of Dominica, West Indies, initiating a teen pregnancy prevention portfolio for the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, and coordinating prevention and youth development programs in both San Francisco and Oakland, California.

John Edmiston has been with Kaiser Permanente since 1997 and is currently the National Manager, Community Engagement in Oakland, California. He develops and maintains national partnerships with volunteer health organizations to promote a broad, comprehensive definition of community health. He works with regional community relations leaders to align community benefit investments around Kaiser Permanente’s focus on eliminating racial and ethnic disparities in health and four work streams: Care & Coverage for Vulnerable Populations, Community Health Initiatives, Partnering with Safety Net organizations, and Developing and Disseminating Health Knowledge. In 2011, John lead the development of Kaiser Permanente’s Program-wide HIV/AIDS Strategy, including \$2 million in grants over three years, focused on reducing incidences of new HIV infections, increased testing, and linkage to and maintenance in care. Over the last five years, John has led over 350 Kaiser Permanente physicians and employees on week-long volunteer projects in Louisiana and Mississippi following hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the Gulf Coast.

Kacy Hutchison, Senior Director, Government Affairs at Gilead, directs U.S. state government relations with a strong emphasis on HIV/AIDS and healthcare policy. A key objective is to modernize state laws to support routine opt-out HIV testing as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control. She also leads HIV on the Frontlines of Communities in the United States (HIV FOCUS). This cross-departmental initiative develops strategic partnerships in 10 highly impacted U.S. cities to integrate and normalize HIV screening through implementing and expanding innovative, sustainable testing and linkage to care programs that increase the number of people who know their HIV status at an earlier stage of the disease. Ms. Hutchison has a strong background in healthcare policy having joined Gilead in 2007 from the Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger where she served as Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary and managed the Health and Human Services, Department of Managed Health Care and Veteran Affairs portfolios. Kacy is on the Board of the National Kidney Foundation of Northern California and Nevada and the Board of AIDS Project Los Angeles. She earned her undergraduate degree at the University of California, Berkeley and her JD at American University, Washington College of Law. She is a retired member of the New York bar.



Michael Kaplan assumed the position of AIDS United’s President and CEO in November 2012. As a self-described “mission-driven” professional, Kaplan has dedicated his career to working for or heading up organizations serving people living with HIV/AIDS, and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and queer (LGBTQ) community. Prior to coming to AIDS United, Kaplan was the Executive Director of Cascade AIDS Project (CAP), the largest and oldest AIDS service organization serving Oregon and South West Washington. During his tenure at CAP, Kaplan led the organization through a re-organization that resulted in reduced operating costs, expanded programming and increased revenue through fundraising and development efforts. Under his leadership, CAP was rated for the first time by over 1,000 CEOs as one of the ten most admired non-profits in Oregon in 2009, and was selected as one of the best 100 non-profits to work for in Oregon in 2010, 2011 & 2012. From 1999-2008, Kaplan held several senior management positions at the Academy for Educational Development (AED) including Vice President for International HIV/AIDS Programs. His work included technical and managerial leadership for both domestic and international HIV/AIDS programs as part of AED’s Center on AIDS & Community Health (COACH). Kaplan’s work with the LGBTQ community includes Directorship tenures at the National Youth Advocacy Coalition in Washington, D.C., and District 202 in Minneapolis, MN, an organization that he helped create. He has served on the Board of Directors of several HIV/AIDS and LGBTQ organizations. Kaplan holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Child Psychology and a Master’s Degree in Family, Vocational and Community Education, both from University of Minnesota.

Dr. Michael J. Mugavero is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) and Co-Director of the UAB Center for AIDS Research (CFAR). His research focuses on the influence of socio-behavioral and contextual factors across the HIV care continuum including HIV testing, engagement and retention in medical care, antiretroviral medication adherence, and ultimately, clinical outcomes. He has numerous on-going grants supporting work in these areas and has published on conceptual frameworks, intervention evaluation, measurement and methodological considerations, and implications of care engagement for health outcomes. As Project Director of the UAB 1917 Clinic Cohort, Dr. Mugavero leads a productive interdisciplinary research team in conducting behavioral, clinical, epidemiological and health policy studies. Dr. Mugavero served as Interventions Section Chair for recently published “Guidelines for Improving Entry into and Retention in Care and Antiretroviral Adherence for Persons with HIV: Evidence-Based Recommendations from an IAPAC Expert Panel.” He plays an active role in mentoring undergraduate and graduate students, post-doctoral fellows and junior faculty, and was recognized with the 2010 UAB Dean’s Award for Excellence in Mentorship.

SESSION IV

Neil G. Giuliano was appointed CEO of San Francisco AIDS Foundation in December, 2010, bringing over three decades of executive leadership experience to the foundation. Established in 1982, San Francisco AIDS Foundation is one of the oldest and largest AIDS organizations in the world. Through education, advocacy and direct services for prevention and care, everyday the foundation confronts HIV in communities most vulnerable to the disease. Before joining the foundation, Giuliano served as president of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) and executive producer of GLAAD Media Awards. At GLAAD, he expanded the organization’s media advocacy and anti-defamation work to include religious and faith-based



communities, sports and advertising media. Under his leadership, the GLAAD Media Awards appeared for the first time on BRAVO, VH-1 and Logo television networks. In 1994, Giuliano became the youngest person ever elected mayor of Tempe, Arizona, a post he held for a decade. For six of those years, Tempe (pop 175,000) was the largest city in America with an openly gay mayor. He served on the board of directors of the National League of Cities, and in 2003, Tempe earned the “All-American City” award, a coveted honor bestowed on local governments demonstrating exceptional success in problem solving. Concurrent to his work as a public official, he held numerous senior roles at Arizona State University, including director of federal relations and co-chair of the final presidential debate of the 2004 election. Giuliano has received numerous awards and honors for his work in public policy and community activism. He was named to the “Out 100” by Out Magazine in 2005 and was invited as a distinguished lecturer to the William J. Clinton School of Public Service at the Clinton Presidential Library in 2009. He recently completed a memoir, “The Campaign Within,” to be published in 2012. Giuliano received a bachelor’s degree in communication and a master’s in higher education from Arizona State University, where he served as student body president in the early 1980’s. He has also completed the Harvard Kennedy School of Government Advanced Program for State and Local Officials.

Kent Klindera has over 20 years of experience working on health and human rights issues globally. His efforts have focused on various issues including HIV/AIDS, LGBT rights, gender, community participation, youth leadership, and behavior change communication. Currently, he directs the GMT Initiative at amfAR, the Foundation for AIDS Research, providing financial and technical support to over 50 community-led organizations throughout the world working to reduce the spread and impact of HIV among gay men, other men who have sex with men, and transgender individuals (collectively referred to as “GMT”). Prior to amfAR, Kent was based Johannesburg, South Africa, working on male gender norm transformation programs with EngenderHealth. Currently based in New York City, Kent holds a Masters in Public Health from the University of Minnesota.

Gregorio Millett is a Senior Behavioral Scientist in the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP) at CDC. From 2009 through 2011, Mr. Millett was a detailee in the White House Office of National AIDS Policy, where he served as a Senior Policy Advisor. In this role, he coordinated the Office’s policy and research activities, including HIV prevention policy. In particular, Mr. Millett worked on various HIV policy issues, including the elimination of the U.S. travel ban policy that prohibited openly HIV-positive persons to travel to or to seek residency in the United States. Mr. Millett is one of the principal writers of the President’s National HIV/AIDS Strategy and was one of two Federal officials who sat on the organizing committee for the 2012 International AIDS Conference held in Washington, DC. Currently, Mr. Millett serves as the HHS/CDC Liaison to the White House Office of National AIDS Policy. Mr. Millett has authored several papers that explore racial and ethnic disparities in HIV infection among men who have sex with men (MSM), correlates of HIV risk behavior among bisexual men of color, and the relationship between circumcision and HIV acquisition among MSM. Mr. Millett’s work has been published in *The Lancet*, *JAMA*, *AIDS*, *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes*, *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *American Psychology*, as well as other medical and public health journals. Mr. Millett has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dartmouth College and a Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Dr. Jonathan Mermin is the Director of the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP), leading CDC's domestic HIV activities. Prior to starting as the DHAP Director in July 2009, Mermin served for ten years in Africa as the Director of CDC-Kenya and the Director of CDC-Uganda. Prior to this, he worked at the California Department of Health Services, and was an internal medicine resident at San Francisco General Hospital. He is a graduate of Harvard College and of Stanford University School of Medicine, and received his MPH from Emory University.

Jaevion Nelson is a youth development, human rights and HIV/AIDS practitioner. Currently, he is the Executive Director at the Jamaica Youth Advocacy Network (JYAN), Programme & Advocacy Coordinator of the Jamaica Forum for Lesbians, All-Sexuals & Gays (J-FLAG) and Chair, of the HIV Young Leaders Fund (HYLF). He is also a member of the Developing Country NGO Delegation to the Global Fund Board. He has 10 years of experience in governance, advocacy and programme development on issues relating sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR), violence prevention, human rights, children's rights and youth participation and development and media and communication. Jaevion has experience campaigning, advocating and lobbying at the national international levels on sexual and reproductive health and rights, HIV and AIDS, human rights and youth development. He has also spoken on panels addressing human rights activists, policymakers and technocrats at the World Bank, Capitol Hill and the UN High level Meeting on HIV, among others. Additionally, Jaevion is the 1st Vice Chair of the Jamaica Country Coordinating Mechanism (of the Global Fund) and member of the Board of Directors of the Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition.

SESSION V

Ria Pugeda is a Program Officer at the Consumer Health Foundation. She is responsible for CHF's grantmaking and capacity building programs. She has years of grantmaking experience at the Public Welfare Foundation that focused on advocacy work on health care reform and reproductive and sexual health issues. Ria also worked at the Eastern Office of the Tides Foundation and the Tides Center and provided services to funder collaboratives and projects.

Christine Reeves is a field associate at the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP), the nation's only watchdog organization for grantmaking foundations. While giving presentations for funders across the country, Christine shares high-impact quantitative and qualitative research, emphasizes results-based funding strategies, and engages funders in interactive exercises. Beyond NCRP, she serves as a grantmaker for the Funding Exchange Network, vice chair of Emerging Practitioners In Philanthropy (EPIP)'s Steering Committee for the DC Chapter, and a participant in the Neighborhood Funders Group's Social Justice Institute and Working Group on Labor and Community Partnerships. Christine contributes to the *Keeping A Close Eye* philanthropy blog. She also published the article "Generalist or Specialist: A False Dichotomy," in the Fall 2012 edition of *Responsive Philanthropy*. Christine earned a Master of Public Policy degree from Duke University's Terry Sanford School of Public Policy, where she wrote her Master's Project, "Major Trends of International Grant-Making Foundations," for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Previously, Christine graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Emory University, where she earned majors in Political Science and History and a minor in Environmental Studies. She received a magna cum laude distinction for her senior honors thesis, "Sweatshops of the Soil: Varying Protections for Migrant Farm Workers in the United States."



Jeff Richardson is Vice President of Abbott Fund (the philanthropic arm of Abbott), where he oversees its Global Health Access program primarily in the developing world. Jeff helped create, develop and grow the Abbott Fund's international giving programs starting in 2000. The initial focus of the Global Health Access program was on HIV/AIDS, and since 2007 the program's portfolio has added programs on health systems building, maternal and child health, nutrition, non-communicable and neglected tropical diseases. Prior to joining the Abbott Fund, Richardson was the Executive Director of the Gay Men's Health Crisis, then the largest US AIDS service organization. He served under Governor Evan Bayh as Secretary of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration and Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Human Services. He also was a managing director of Burson Marsteller's Global Healthcare Practice. Jeff has been an adjunct professor at Indiana University and the City University of New York, and currently teaches as a guest lecturer at Northwestern University on global health issues. Jeff started his professional career at Eli Lilly & Company. He received all three of his degrees -- Law, Master's in public administration and Bachelor's -- from Indiana University.

Shari Turitz became director of programs in the Public Health Program at the Open Society Foundations in January 2008. From 1997-2007 she worked at the Synergos Institute, where she ran a global program to build philanthropy and foundations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Prior to that she was deputy director of the Guatemala Human Rights Commission/USA, consulted to the Covenant House Latin America programs, and worked for the UNICEF NGO Committee on Exploited Children, where she researched and wrote a report on global NGO initiatives on child labor. Turitz holds a BA in political science and Latin American studies from Tufts University. Turitz currently serves on the FCAA Board of Directors.

