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Speaker Biographies

Teni Adewumi, MS

Teni Adewumi is the Environmental Justice Research and Policy Analyst for Black Women for Wellness, where she uses her industrial hygiene skill set to engage community members to influence local, state, and national level policies that regulate the safety of chemical use in cosmetics and personal care products. She is currently a Women's Policy Institute Fellow; Student Section National Chair of the American Industrial Hygiene Association; and serves on the board of UCLA Students of Color for Public Health. Her work has been featured in HuffPost Live, Cosmopolitan, Essence Online, Atlantic CityLab, Think Progress and more. She completed her Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health Sciences at California State University, San Bernardino and her Masters of Science in Environmental Health Sciences at University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). She is currently a doctoral student in the Environmental Health Sciences department at UCLA.

Martha Dina Arguello

Martha has spent 35 years working on social justice and health issues. From her early experience as a youth organizer, coordinating one of the first gang truces in Los Angeles, to her current work as Executive Director of Physicians for Social Responsibility-Los Angeles (PSR-LA), she has remained committed to promoting healthy and engaged communities through organizing, media and policy advocacy. Martha is a major leader in California's environmental health movement. She works on a wide range of local, state, and national policy issues related to air quality, climate change, and toxic chemicals. Martha organized the first Precautionary Principle Conference in Los Angeles in 2001 and helped craft the precautionary and cumulative impacts language for Cal EPA environmental Justice Guidelines. Under her leadership, PSR-LA has been a leader in passing legislation to protect human health and the environment including a ban on BPA in baby products, changing the California flammability standard that is driving the use of toxic flame-retardants, and numerous other environmental health bills over the last 15 years. She is one of the founders and current chair of the steering committee for Californians for a Green and Healthy Economy and Chair of the steering committee for Californians for Pesticide Reform.

Ellen Eidem, M.S.

A longtime proponent of women's health, Ms. Eidem serves as the Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Office of Women's Health (OWH). The OWH works at the individual, community, and systems level to decrease health disparities and improve the health status of women in LA County through education, advocacy, program planning and promotion, data analysis and reporting, facilitating and building collaborations, policy recommendations, and increasing access to services for low income and underserved women. She is responsible for the Women's Health Policy Council, the advisory body to the OWH. Previously, Ms. Eidem served as the Director of Programs and Administration for the Los Angeles Free Clinic (dba: The Saban Community Clinic) and as the Director of Quality Improvement for the California and Los Angeles Regional Family Planning Councils, (dba: California Family Health Council), and an administrator and instructor at Planned Parenthood Alameda/San Francisco and the Berkeley Women's Health Collective.

Nourbese Flint, M.A.

Nourbese Flint serves as a program manager with Black Women for Wellness (BWW). Here, she directs environmental and reproductive health work, organize community advocacy and works on policy. In addition, Nourbese serves as the head of civic engagement with Californians for a Healthy and Green Economy (CHANGE), where she strategically looks at the political landscape and helps design efforts to build power and address toxic chemicals as it relates to reproductive health through elections, legislative efforts and community politics. Before joining BWW, Nourbese studied women's health in both Spain and Cuba and journalism in Scotland. Nourbese communication's background includes serving as communication director for the Center of Women's Health and Human Rights, as well as reporting for KPFFK evening news in Los Angeles. Nourbese has a Masters of Arts in Women's Health from Suffolk University, where she specialized in health disparities as it relates to media influence. Nourbese is a founding member of Trust Black Women; a national coalition dedicated to increasing respect and support of Black Women and is an active member of the Women's Intercultural Network. Nourbese is a proud alumnus of San Jose State University, where she majored in Broadcast Journalism and African American Studies.

Lisa Fu

Lisa Fu is the Program and Outreach Director for the CA Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative. In this capacity she oversees the leadership development and organizing of nail salon worker and owners, and manages various other programs. For nearly 15 years Lisa has been providing capacity building, community research, policy and community organizing support to various grassroots and social service organizations serving low income Asian and Pacific Islander communities. Lisa is continually inspired by the passion that moves communities to build power and improve their lives.

Loretta Jones, M.A., Th.D

Loretta Jones M.A., Th.D, is the founder and CEO of Healthy African American Families, Phase II (HAAF). Her career as a civil rights activist, health policy advocate, and social architect has spanned more than 40 years, and she continues to push towards the hope and healing of community and society-at-large. Dr. Jones is an Associate Professor at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine & Science (CDU) in the Community Faculty Prefix Series. Dr. Jones is the first African American non-medical woman to be a lead author in JAMA. She is also a published author and a co-author of more than 50 articles. She is a current and past co-investigator of numerous NIH and CDC research projects, including Community Partners in Care and Witness4Wellness. Dr. Jones received the 2016 African Focus Incorporated Lifetime Achievement award for her humanitarian efforts and fight against health disparities in the African American Communities. Dr. Jones also serves on the University of California Los Angeles Institutional Review Board (IRB) and more recently on the National Precision Medicine IRB, for protection of human subjects. Dr. Jones is the recipient of many prestigious awards and honors such as the inaugural Ruth Roemer Social Justice Leader Award by the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and the 2014 Team Science Award from the Association for Clinical and Translational Science and the American Federation for Medical Research, among many others.

Giovanna Lipow

Giovanna Lipow is a public health professional with over 15 years of domestic and international experience in both, public and private sectors. Currently, she is a health educator for Choose Health LA Kids, an initiative of the Department of Public Health and Children's Bureau to reduce obesity in children ages 0-5. She received a B.S in Public Health from California State University of Northridge (CSUN) and is schedule to complete her Master's at CSUN in 2016. She also serves in the advisory committee of CAMINO, an initiative from CSUN that targets academic attainment and increase Hispanic participation in allied health professions. Giovanna's international experience includes strategy, marketing, and development of leading immunization campaigns in public and private markets in Latin America. Giovanna likes to work in the area of interface between science and practice with a focus on cultural competency, motivational health education techniques, and community- based participatory approaches.

Meagan Ortiz

Maegan E. Ortiz is Executive Director of el Instituto fde Educacion Popular del Sur de California. IDEPSCA works with low-wage immigrant workers, specifically predominantly Day laborers and household workers in Los Angeles through a holistic workers' rights framework including the impact on toxics. She was a freelance journalist for 10 years writing about media, women and immigration and grew her organizing wings in NYC working with mothers who had lost their children to police brutality and other forms of racialized state violence.

Janet Pregler, M.D.

Janet P. Pregler, M.D. is Professor of Clinical Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. She is the Director of the Iris Cantor-UCLA Women's Health Center, which promotes comprehensive women's healthcare through model clinical care, research, professional education, and community partnerships. She is also director of the UCLA National Center of Excellence in Women's Health, established by a contract awarded by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Women's Health in 1997. Dr. Pregler is co-editor of the textbook "Women's Health: Principles and Clinical Practice". She has developed educational programs on women's health for the American College of Physicians, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, and the Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Women's Health.

Cyrus Rangan, MD, FAAP, FACMT

Cyrus Rangan MD, FAAP, FACMT, graduated from Medical College of Pennsylvania in 1995. Dr. Rangan is Director of the Bureau of Toxicology and Environmental Assessment at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. He investigates community reports of environmentally related illnesses or disease clusters and provides expert consultation and education to hospitals and other impacted professionals about medical issues in toxicology, HazMat, epidemiology and environmental health. Dr. Rangan serves as Director of the Los Angeles Area Medical Toxicology Education Program for the California Poison Control System. He provides lectures and media support for hospitals, healthcare groups, health agencies and schools. Dr. Rangan is also an attending physician and consulting Toxicologist at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, providing bedside consultations and clinical education.

Radhika Rible, MD, MS

Radhika Rible MD MSc is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of California Los Angeles. Her training includes medical school at Columbia University, Ob/GYN residency at Duke University, and Fellowship in Family Planning the University of Southern California. She joined the UCLA faculty in 2008 and since 2013 has served as the co-director of the Family Planning Fellowship at UCLA. Dr. Rible's academic interests span the range of reproductive health topics and include improving medical student and resident training in contraception and abortion, contraception for women with medical conditions, and impacts of environmental exposures on reproductive health outcomes.

Karen Singh

Karen is a UCLA graduate who was involved in the planning, implementation, and research study for the Planning for a Healthy Home Body and Baby program. She received the “Student Intern of the Year” award in 2016 for her work with the center for the past 3 years. Karen majored in Human Biology & Society and interested in women’s reproductive health. She is particularly interested in investigating disparities in reproductive health outcomes among minority women, especially with respect to those women’s physical and social environments and their access to healthcare during their reproductive years. Karen plans on attending medical school in the future in the hope of pursuing a MD/MPH degree, as she also wants to contribute to creating a change in the medical framework of how people are viewed with respect to their differences, deviation from norms, and disabilities.

Ondine S. von Ehrenstein, PhD, MPH

Dr. von Ehrenstein specializes in global reproductive, perinatal and child health, including birth outcomes, neurodevelopment, autism, cognition, and asthma. Her work emphasizes the life-course approach, focusing on the early life period as it sets the stage for life long health. Her research involves large population studies to examine linkages between prenatal and early life environmental, lifestyle and community factors, and reproductive, childhood and population health. Her current research takes place internationally and in California. The overarching aim of Dr. von Ehrenstein’s work is creating population based evidence that can impact policies and translate into community based prevention.

Lynn Yonekura, M.D.

Dr. Yonekura received her BA from Pomona College and her MD from USC School of Medicine. She completed her internship and residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at LA County/USC Medical Center and a fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at George Washington University Medical Center. She was on the Ob/Gyn faculty at LAC+USC medical Center from 1980-86 and Chief of the division of Obstetrics/Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center from 1986-1992. She is currently an Associate Professor of Clinical OB/GYN at UCLA School of Medicine and USC School of Medicine. Dr. Yonekura is also the Director of Community Benefits at California Hospital Medical Center in Los Angeles and Executive Director of Los Angeles Best Babies Network and Options for Recovery: Harbor/South Bay. She is a member of the Women’s Health Policy Council of L.A. County’s Office of Women’s Health, LA County Preconception Health Collaborative, LA County Prenatal and Early Childhood Home Visitation Consortium Advisory Committee, L.A. County Substance Abuse Access Project Steering Committee, LA County Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Project Steering Committee, YMCA Diabetes Prevention Program Community Advisory Board, and Preconception Health Council of CA. Dr. Yonekura also serves on the Board of Trustees of Pomona College and the Good Hope Medical Foundation.

Marya G Zlatnik, MD, MMS

Dr. Marya Zlatnik, MD, MMS, is Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, & Reproductive Sciences at University of California San Francisco, and a maternal fetal medicine (MFM) specialist, with clinical expertise in the diagnosis of fetal anomalies. She is the associate director of UCSF’s fellowship in MFM. Dr. Zlatnik has a long-standing interest in environmental toxins in pregnancy. She is the Associate Director for Maternal Fetal Health & the Environment Program of the UCSF Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (UCSF PEHSU) and a member of UCSF’s Program in Reproductive Health & the Environment (PRHE). Dr. Zlatnik earned her medical degree at the University of Iowa. She completed a residency in OB/GYN, a fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine and a master's in medical science at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.