

Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Health Conference – Speaker Biographies **May 31, 2017**

Amy L. Cummings, M.D. grew up in Southern California and attended UCLA for an undergraduate degree in Communications Studies/English before going on to the Keck School of Medicine at USC where she graduated with honors. She since has completed an Internal Medicine residency at UCLA and now is a Hematology-Oncology fellow at UCLA. She is a longtime LGBT advocate and became involved in informatics during residency when she sponsored and lead an ongoing project for the functional inclusion of gender identity in UCLA's EHR CareConnect. She now serves as the Informatics Co-Chair for the UCLA Equitable Care Committee.

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Allison Diamant, M.D., M.S.H.S. is a professor of medicine in the Division of General Internal Medicine and Health Services Research, Department of Medicine, UCLA School of Medicine. Her research focuses on access and quality of care for underserved and vulnerable populations, including studying disparities based on race and ethnicity, health insurance, income, gender, and sexual orientation. Dr. Diamant was the lead researcher on the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) analyses focusing on diabetes in California and is using CHIS to study the impact of sexual orientation and discrimination among women on their access to health care, health risk behaviors, and health status through a grant from the Lesbian Health Fund. Dr. Diamant has been the Principal Investigator on a number of studies focusing on access to and receipt of care through the safety net in Los Angeles County, including a study of adults receiving general relief, and two large studies focusing on receipt of medical care among patients treated in ambulatory settings in the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. In addition, she is the recipient of a career development award from the American Cancer Society to study racial disparities in colorectal cancer diagnosis, and is a coinvestigator on a project focusing on the quality of breast cancer care among previously uninsured women.

Dr. Diamant received her training in health services research through the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program and the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, and received her Master of Science in Health Science. She attended Hahnemann University for her medical degree and UCLA for her residency training in Internal Medicine.

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Ellen Eidem, MS is a longtime proponent of women's health who 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.

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Tari Hanneman, MPA is the Director of the Health Equality Project at the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. In that capacity she oversees the annual LGBTQ Healthcare Equality Index and other projects related to LGBTQ health, HIV, and aging. Tari has over 20 years of experience in the nonprofit and philanthropic sector, primarily focused in the areas of health and women's issues. Prior to joining HRC, she served as the initial Director of The Women's Fund of Winston-Salem where she led all aspects of developing The Fund's programs and brand in the community.

Prior to her move to North Carolina, she served in a number of roles at The California Endowment, one of the nation's largest health foundations. She has also worked for elected officials and non-profits focused on the environment, reproductive rights and HIV. She has a Master's in Public Administration with an emphasis on Nonprofit Management from the University of Southern California, where she also did her undergraduate work.

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Bernard Katz, M.D. is a Medical Director for UCLA- Santa Monica Bay Physicians and Specialty Care Network, overseeing one of the primary care divisions within UCLA Health and also the Specialty Network which includes community based obgyn and neurology practices. Dr. Katz serves on the UCLA Health Epic Ambulatory Operations Group as well as the Health Affiliation and Partnership committee. Dr. Katz serves as the physician liaison between UCLA and CVS MinuteClinic which is part of UCLA Health's retail health initiative. Dr. Katz is also an assistant professor of Family Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Katz graduated from University of California, Berkeley with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics, a Doctor of Medicine from Baylor College of Medicine, and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of California, Los Angeles Anderson School of Business. He is board certified in Family Medicine and has held subspecialty certification in Geriatrics by the American Board of Family Practice. He has been providing the full scope of primary care services in a community setting since completing his residency training 1990.

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Gabriel Lopez brings a unique perspective to the implementation, development, support, and interoperability of health information systems as both a customer and vendor. Gabriel began his career in HIV and LGBT healthcare in 2006 as a psychosocial case manager. After witnessing the potential of newly emerging HIS technologies, he transitioned from patient care to administration and served as the director of information systems to improve health outcomes by leveraging these technologies. In 2012, he accepted a role as a product manager for an FQHC-specific electronic health records vendor. Today, he oversees all health IT/IS efforts as the Senior Health Information Systems Manager for the Los Angeles LGBT Center, the world's largest LGBT nonprofit.

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Janet P. Pregler, MD 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.

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Elizabeth Savage, MBA is Director of the Department of Human Services and Rent Stabilization for the City of West Hollywood. She has worked for the City for more than 18 years. With her background in rent stabilization, affordable housing development, risk management, finance, and administration of social service agency funding, Elizabeth brings strong leadership skills and an extensive knowledge of the community to her position. She leads four divisions: social services, housing and rent stabilization, recreation and events services. Ms. Savage's responsibilities include leading the development of the City's five-year strategic plan for Aging in Place/Aging in Community. Building on what the city already does to serve its community, the goal of this action-oriented plan is to identify needs that should be addressed, and address those needs through innovation, more community connectivity, or other government or non-profit agency help. The strategic plan has a West Hollywood "flavor" in how it includes serving the needs of long-term HIV/AIDS survivors, the Russian community, LGBT folks, and others, in culturally competent ways. Ms. Savage holds an Executive MBA from the Peter F. Drucker School at the Claremont Graduate University, with emphasis in strategy and leadership.

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Dany Seiler works with the mobile R&D team at Epic and also supports organizations around the country implementing Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) workflows in their EMR. Dany believes that normalizing collection of SOGI data in the EMR is a step towards reducing the health risks that face transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. They have presented at Epic's Users and Experts Group Meetings, and they regularly host Epic webinars on the topic of SOGI. Dany holds a BA in gender studies and LGBT studies from the University of Wisconsin.

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Robin Watson, RN, MN, CNS, CCRN-K is the Senior Nurse Informaticist with Los Angeles County Health Services Administration. Robin co-lead the Organizational Change Management activities for the rolling deployment of Los Angeles County Department of Health Services's (DHS) enterprise electronic health record "ORCHID". She is now a project manager for Empaneled Life Management (ELM), a population health solution that will integrate with ORCHID. Prior to joining the ORCHID team, Robin was a Clinical Nurse Specialist in neonatal and pediatric critical care at Harbor-UCLA for over 29 years. Robin has a passion for facilitating learning. She speaks to local as well as to national audiences. She has traveled to Romania, Latvia, Lithuania, and Vietnam to teach nurses and doctors how to care for critically ill neonates. She has authored journal articles, book chapters, and is the editor of the Certification and Core Review of Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing.

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Amy Weimer, M.D. completed her dual residency in internal medicine and pediatrics at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in 2003. She served as chief resident in internal medicine and then spent several years practicing general primary care before joining UCLA faculty in 2013. She became deeply interested in health care for transgender and gender-diverse patients during this time, and founded the UCLA Gender Health Program in 2016. She is committed to providing excellent care for transgender and gender-diverse patients of all ages, as well as improving the education of physicians and physicians-in-training on transgender health.

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