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**Keynote Speaker**

**Ellen Wright Clayton**  
Ellen Wright Clayton is an internationally respected leader in the field of law and genetics who holds appointments in both the law and medical schools at Vanderbilt University, where she also co-founded the Center for Biomedical Ethics and Society. She has published two books and more than 150 scholarly articles and chapters in medical journals, interdisciplinary journals, and law journals on the intersection of law, medicine, and public health.

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Dr. Clayton has worked on a number of projects for the Institute of Medicine, of which she is a member of its National Advisory Council and its report review committee. She is currently chair of its committee to define myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome. She also coordinated the Consent and Community Consultation working group of a five-institution consortium exploring the use of electronic medical records for genome-wide association studies. She is an elected Fellow of the American Academy for the Advancement of Science.

**Takes on Timely Public Health Issues**

**Carmen Fischer**  
Carmen Fischer is a dietitian and the director of child nutrition services/warehouse at Rockwood School District. She oversees thirty kitchen sites that, combined, serve over nine thousand meals per day. Her mission is to teach kids how to eat healthy by offering balanced meals at school. She has improved the nutritional quality of the school menus by implementing gradual changes. Fischer began her career working for the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as a School Food Services Program Specialist reviewing schools for compliance with the United States Department of Agriculture National School Lunch and Breakfast programs.

**Walton Sumner II**  
Walton Sumner is an associate professor in the School of Medicine. He was an early advocate of harm reduction using inhaled nicotine. His research activities have also involved integration of decision support with patient encounter documentation for trainees, and health care insurance reform. He is the co-developer of a virtual patient simulation program used by the American Board of Family Medicine for the continuing medical education of 70,000 family physicians. He is a member of the Missouri State Workers Union to improve staffing levels at the Missouri Department of Social Services; organizing opposition to cuts in the Missouri Medicaid program made in 2005; and helping industrial laundry workers get improved health benefits as part of a Service Employees International Union contract campaign.

**Timothy McBride**  
Timothy McBride is a professor in the Brown School. Trained as a health economist and health policy analyst, primarily on analyzing health reform, the Affordable Care Act, uninsured and health insurance markets, Medicare and Medicaid policy, rural health care, social security, and long-term care. Professor McBride actively works with the United States Congress and state policymakers, including his role as a member of the Rural Policy Research Institute Health Panel. He also serves as chair of the oversight committee for Missouri’s Medicaid program. He is the author of several dozen scholarly publications, policy briefs, and books, including the recently-published Transdisciplinary Public Health: Research, Education, and Practice.