COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Response, Lessons Learned and Recovery

INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH
13TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thursday, October 29, 2020 | 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
AGENDA

8:30 a.m.  Welcome  William G. Powderly, MD
           Larry J. Shapiro Director Institute for Public Health

           Kurt Dirks, PhD
           Director of McDonnell International Scholars Academy

University Remarks  Chancellor Andrew Martin, PhD
           Washington University in St. Louis

Institute for Public Health Update  William G. Powderly, MD

9 a.m.     Keynote Presentation and Discussion  Alexander Garza, MD, MPH

9:45 a.m.  Panel Discussion and Q&A
           Preparedness of the Public Health System and Infrastructure: Perspectives from University & Hospital System and Local Public Health Departments and Community Health Centers Response

           Moderator: Robert Hughes, PhD

           Panelists:
           Steven Lawrence, MD
           Katie Henderson, MD
           Spring Schmidt, PhD
           Fred Echols, MD

10:25-10:40 a.m.  Break (panel to conclude after break)

           Kelley Vollmar, MS
           Karen Bradshaw, MSW

           Pre-recorded Presentation: Stephen Liang, MD, MPHS

11:20 a.m.  Panel Discussion and Q&A
           Role of Data and Modeling

           Moderator: Randi Foraker, PhD

           Panelists:
           Paul Sorenson, MSW
           Douglas Briggs
           Laura Kloos, PhD, MPH

           Pre-recorded Presentation: Abigail Barker, PhD
           Pre-recorded Presentation: Christy Hoehner, PhD, MSPH
12:10 p.m.  Lunch Break

12:40 p.m.  Keynote Presentation and Discussion
Sean Whelan, PhD

1:20 p.m.  Panel Discussion and Q&A
*Panel Discussion: Hidden Costs of the Pandemic — Local and Global Perspectives*

Moderators: Rhonda BeLue, PhD and Edward Lawlor, PhD

Panelists:
Timothy McBride, PhD, MS
Karen Joynt-Maddox, MD, MPH
Jessica Gold, MD, MS
Jason Newland, MD, MEd

2:20 p.m.  Break (panel to conclude after break)

Maria Laura Costa do Nascimento, MD, PhD
Hilary Reno, MD, PhD
George Kyei, MD, PhD, MS
Kim Thuy Seelinger, JD

Pre-recorded Presentation: Tessa Madden, MD, MPH

3:15 p.m.  Panel Discussion and Q&A
*Important Role of Community Engagement and Communication*

Moderator: Angela Brown, MD

Panelists:
Bethany Johnson-Javois, MSW
Christopher Prater, MD, MPH
Serena Muhammad, MPPA
Nancy Morrow-Howell, PhD, MSW

Pre-recorded Presentation: Brian Carpenter, PhD and Beth Prusaczyk, PhD, MSW

4:25 p.m.  Closing Remarks
William G. Powderly, MD

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As Chief Community Health Officer for SSM Health, Dr. Garza’s work is “upstream” from the delivery of healthcare, focusing on the social determinants of health, equity and social justice. In this position, Dr. Garza works with local, regional and national organizations advocating to improve the lives of the community, leading to healthier outcomes overall. He is also currently serving as the Task Force Commander for the St. Louis Metropolitan Pandemic Task Force. The Task Force is comprised of the major healthcare providers in the St. Louis Metropolitan area that joined together to combat COVID-19.

Prior to these positions, Dr. Garza served as the Chief Medical Officer for SSM Health. In this position, Dr. Garza oversaw the delivery of quality medical care across the entire SSM Health system including ambulatory, acute and post-acute care. During his tenure as CMO, he built the safety and quality system, and established an analytics team for SSM. Dr. Garza has also served as the Chief Quality Officer for SSM, and as the Chief Medical Officer for the St. Louis Regional of SSM.

Prior to moving back home to St. Louis, Dr. Garza was appointed by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, where he served from 2009 – 2013. Dr. Garza led the health and security efforts for DHS, including the health aspects of terrorism and natural disasters including the H1N1 Pandemic, the Haitian Earthquake and Fukushima Nuclear Disaster.

Dr. Garza has received numerous awards for his military service and civilian career including the Bronze Star and Combat Action Badge. He was awarded the Young Investigator Award by the American Heart Association for his research on cardiac arrest.
Dr. Whelan received his B.Sc. degree in Microbiology and Biochemistry, from the University of Birmingham, and a Ph.D. in Molecular Virology from the University of Reading. Following post-doctoral training at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Dr. Whelan started his own laboratory at Harvard Medical School where he was promoted to Professor in 2011. At Harvard, Whelan was Head of the Program in Virology, and Director of an NIH funded Center on emerging virus entry mechanisms.

In 2020, he joined Washington University in Saint Louis. He is a member of the American Academy of Microbiology, an Editor of Fields Virology, Virology, PLoS Pathogens and serves on the editorial board of Journal of Virology.

Dr. Whelan studies how deadly viruses such as Ebola and rabies enter cells and multiply, a key step to finding targets for new antiviral drugs. He pioneered reverse genetic approaches to manipulate the genome of vesicular stomatitis virus, which led to technology used to develop a licensed human vaccine against Ebola.

The work of the Whelan laboratory is divided between two major areas of focus: studies of viral gene expression and studies on viral-host cell interactions. Most recently the laboratory has made progress with a vector vaccine for SARS-CoV-2, which has demonstrated efficacy in mouse models of disease with the Diamond laboratory, and advanced testing of this vaccine in non-human primates.
Abigail Barker, PhD
Research Assistant Professor, Brown School; Faculty Lead for Data and Methods, Center for Health Economics and Policy, Institute for Public Health, Washington University in St. Louis

Dr. Barker provides economic analysis in the area of rural health policy for the Rural Policy Research Institute. Her role in the Center for Health Economics and Policy includes helping social science and clinical researchers add cost and cost-effectiveness analyses to their work to help increase policy relevance, and providing data visualization assistance to allow stakeholder interaction with policy data. Dr. Barker’s current work focuses on understanding how markets can be successfully integrated into the healthcare sector, using the ACA and Health Insurance Marketplace data, and Medicare Advantage data to inform this question. Further, analyses of rising healthcare spending have prompted a new interest in food policy, as she works to understand how tax-and-subsidize policies can influence food choices and ultimately, nutrition and health at the population level.

Karen Bradshaw, MSW
Director of Care Transitions Initiative, St. Louis Integrated Health Network

Ms. Bradshaw has been with the St. Louis Integrated Health Network (IHN) since October 2010. IHN is a nonprofit, intermediary health-focused organization comprised of the local Federally Qualified Health Centers, city and county health departments, two medical schools and three health systems, which provide healthcare to more than 90% of St. Louis area residents. The IHN is focused on accessible, quality and affordable healthcare for all, with a specific focus on the medically underserved, and strives to conduct its work through an equity lens. Karen has the privilege of supervising a talented team of 16 Community Referral Coordinators and supervisors at nine different hospitals throughout the region. Together, the CRC team encounters more than 18,000 patients each year working to ensure access and smooth transitions from acute to outpatient care.

Douglas Briggs
Principal Consultant, Daugherty Business Solutions

Mr. Briggs has been active in the field of Information Management for more than 25 years. He consults with Daugherty Business Solutions’ clients primarily regarding data strategy and data governance. Chief among his specialties are innovations in data classification and organizational development for effective information management practices. He holds a Master’s Degree in Computer Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a Bachelor of Arts from Williams College (MA).
Brian Carpenter, PhD

Professor, Psychological and Brain Sciences; Arts & Sciences Professor of Medicine, Division of Medicine, Washington University School of Medicine; Faculty Lead for Educational Initiatives, Harvey A. Friedman Center for Aging, Institute for Public Health, Washington University in St. Louis

Dr. Carpenter is interested in public knowledge about Alzheimer’s disease and dementia, and has been involved in research to examine what people know about dementia and how best to educate them. He is interested in similar research questions regarding palliative care and end-of-life care, and also examines family relationships later in life. His teaching focuses on aging, mental health later in life and interdisciplinary teams in geriatrics.

Maria Laura Costa do Nascimento, MD, PhD

Associate Professor, Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics, State University of Campinas, Brazil

Dr. Costa has a broad research portfolio on different aspects of obstetrics care, including maternal morbidity and nearmiss, and translational science of pre-eclampsia, Zika virus and COVID-19. She received post-doctoral training at Washington University in St. Louis on placental biology. She currently coordinates a multi-center study of 16 maternities in Brazil on COVID-19 during pregnancy and postpartum.

Frederick Echols, MD

Director of Health, City of St. Louis

Dr. Echols earned his medical degree from Boston University School of Medicine in Boston, MA. He completed post-graduate training with the U.S. Navy in Portsmouth, VA. During his military career, Dr. Echols served as the primary medical officer for Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 16 in Miramar, CA; lead medical provider for Camp Bastion during Operation Enduring Freedom; and was a member of the Aeromedical Advisory Board. Following military service, Dr. Echols served as the Chief of Communicable Disease for the Illinois Department of Public Health, and as Director of Communicable Disease Control Services, Vector and Veterinary Programs for the Saint Louis County Department of Public Health.

Jessi Gold, MD, MS

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Washington University in St. Louis

Since her masters work in anthropology focused on pre-medical education as a culture, Dr. Gold has been interested in physician mental health and wellness. This interest has evolved throughout her training and during COVID-19, during which healthcare worker mental health became a primary focus. She is also interested in issues of gender disparity, harassment and trauma in the workplace. Her work includes media literacy and advocacy. Dr. Gold has written for multiple popular press outlets, including TIME, The New York Times, The Washington Post and Self, and is a contributor to Forbes. Through those experiences, she has become interested in the role of the media (and social media) in mental health and mental health stigma. Dr. Gold believes that portrayals of mental illness in the press, in movies and on television affect disease models, understanding of illness, and care-seeking.
Katie Henderson, MD  
_Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, Barnes-Jewish Hospital_

In her chief medical officer role, Dr. Henderson oversees Patient Safety & Quality, Outcomes & Quality Analytics, Graduate Medical Education and Medical Staff Services, Operational Excellence, Clinical Effectiveness, Pharmacy, Transplant Services and IT Operations. She is also an attending physician in the Barnes-Jewish Primary Care Medicine Clinic. More recently, Dr. Henderson has co-led a BJC task force working to eliminate health disparities in the population it serves. Dr. Henderson received her medical degree from the University of Minnesota. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine at Barnes-Jewish and joined the faculty of the Washington University Department of Medicine.

Christine Hoehner, PhD, MSPH  
_Manager, Research & Analysis, BJC Healthcare_

Dr. Hoehner has an MSPH in epidemiology from Emory University and a PhD in public health studies from Saint Louis University. After serving as faculty at Saint Louis University and Washington University in St. Louis, she joined the BJC Center for Clinical Excellence in 2014 as Manager of Research and Analysis. She currently leads a team of epidemiologists, statisticians and evaluation experts who support clinical analytics for the BJC Healthcare system. Most recently, her team has partnered with analytics teams from St. Louis area health systems and Washington University on COVID-19 reporting and analyses for the St. Louis Metropolitan Pandemic Task Force.

Bethany Johnson-Javois, MSW  
_CEO, St. Louis Integrated Health Network_

Ms. Johnson-Javois has received several recognitions, including a 2016 Silver Bell Award by Mental Health America of Eastern Missouri, and the Access to Equal Justice Award from Washington University School of Law Clinical Education Program. She possesses more than 15 years of experience serving in the non-profit sector for organizations that positively impact the quality of life for disadvantaged populations. She is on the board for Missouri Foundation for Health and chairs the board of Alive and Well Communities. Notably, Johnson-Javois was named the managing director for the Ferguson Commission.

Karen Joynt Maddox, MD, MPH  
_Assistant Professor, Washington University School of Medicine; Co-director, Center for Health Economics and Policy, Institute for Public Health, Washington University in St. Louis_

In addition to her roles at Washington University, Dr. Joynt Maddox is a cardiologist at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and a health policy advisor for BJC Healthcare, a 15-hospital system in Missouri and Illinois. She served from 2014-2016 as Senior Advisor in the Office of Health Policy in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She is a health services and health policy researcher with expertise in quality measurement, value-based and alternative payment models, and disparities in care. She is the associate editor for health policy at the Journal of the American Medical Association, and serves on committees related to quality measurement and payment reform with the National Quality Forum, American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association.
Laura Kloos, PhD, MPH
Senior Performance Research Analyst, Center for Clinical Excellence, BJC Healthcare

Dr. Kloos was founder and executive in two firms, Transtria, LLC and Inneval, LLC (1999-2019), and an associate professor and staff at Saint Louis University College for Public Health and Social Justice (1997-2016). She has more than 24 years of experience in public health; 15 years of executive management experience; spent 15 years serving as a lead investigator or contractor on intervention, evaluation or research projects; 11 years of graduate teaching experience; and two years of non-profit executive management experience.

George Kyei, MD, PhD
Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, Washington University School of Medicine; Senior Research Fellow, Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research, University of Ghana

Dr. Kyei’s research interests are in HIV latency and reservoir maintenance. More specifically, he is interested in how the virus is able to survive in patients in the face of strong immune pressure and potent anti-retroviral therapy. He is also interested in HIV eradication toward therapy-free remission in patients. Dr. Kyei’s research focuses on characterization of factors that control HIV replication in macrophages, dendritic and resting T cells, and identification of cellular factors and small molecules required for HIV reactivation in latently infected cells.

Steve Lawrence, MD, MSc
Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, Washington University School of Medicine

Dr. Lawrence has a long-standing interest in bridging the medical and public health worlds regarding infectious diseases. His research interest is to better understand the natural history, impact and mitigation of potentially large-scale infectious disease outbreaks. Dr. Lawrence’s research projects have included analyses of unusual influenza epidemiological patterns, assessing the performance of triage tools as part of altered standards of care protocols during an influenza pandemic, and clinical trials to assess the safety and efficacy of viral treatments and vaccines. He serves as a frequent advisor to local and state public health agencies regarding preparedness for bioterrorism and emerging infections.

Stephen Liang, MD, MPHs
Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases and Emergency Medicine, Washington University School of Medicine

Dr. Liang’s academic interests include trauma-related infections, orthopedic infections, clinical infectious diseases in the context of emergency care, and infection prevention and patient safety in the setting of the emergency department. His current work involves the use of large administrative databases to study the epidemiology of infections related to open fractures and cardiac devices. He is also conducting a qualitative study to better understand emergency department healthcare provider attitudes towards infection prevention and is engaged in other studies to better understand the transmission dynamics of multidrug-resistant organisms in healthcare. Dr. Liang is involved in several studies examining the epidemiology and medical management in the emergency department of sexually-transmitted infections, urinary tract infections, and skin and soft tissue infections.
Tessa Madden, MD, MPH

Associate Professor, Division of Gynecology, Washington University School of Medicine

Dr. Madden is an obstetrician-gynecologist with subspecialty training in family planning and a background in public health with concentration in epidemiology and biostatistics. Her research interests include contraception, with an emphasis on contraceptive decision making and increasing the uptake of intrauterine devices and implants. Dr. Madden has been a co-investigator for the Contraceptive Choice Project, a prospective cohort study which recruited 9,256 women in the St. Louis region and evaluated contraceptive effectiveness, satisfaction and continuation.

Tim McBride, PhD, MS

Bernard Becker Professor, Brown School; Co-director, Center for Health Economics and Policy, Institute for Public Health, Washington University in St. Louis

Dr. McBride is an influential health policy analyst and leading health economist shaping the national agenda in rural health care, health insurance, health reform, Medicare and Medicaid policy, health economics, and access to health care. He is currently studying Medicaid policy, access for the uninsured, the implementation of health reform at the state and national levels, Medicare Advantage, and long-term entitlement reform.

Nancy Morrow-Howell, PhD, MSW

Bettie Bofinger Brown Distinguished Professor of Social Policy, Brown School; Director, Harvey A. Friedman Center for Aging, Institute for Public Health, Washington University in St. Louis

Dr. Morrow-Howell’s area of scholarship is the productive engagement of older adults. In the face of population aging, she finds ways that we shape social policies and programs to optimally engage the growing human capital of the older population, for the sake of society and older adults themselves. Dr. Morrow-Howell’s research, advocacy and educational efforts have centered around changing work environments and employment policies to enable people to work longer; restructuring educational institutions so that individuals can educate themselves across the life course; enabling older adults to engage in volunteer and service work; and supporting caregiving to facilitate involvement and reduce negative effects.

Serena Muhammad, MPPA

Director of Strategic Initiatives, St. Louis Mental Health Board; Managing Director, COVID-19 Regional Response Team

Ms. Muhammad leads initiatives that focus on alleviating the social, educational and health inequities that keep people and places from reaching their full potential. As managing director of the COVID-19 Regional Response Team, she uses her expertise in system building to strengthen the crisis response infrastructure in the St. Louis region. Serena provides support to numerous collective impact initiatives and provides technical assistance on building backbone infrastructure, using disaggregated data to support racial equity, authentic community engagement and cross-sector collaboration. Serena also serves as the founding board chair of Build Missouri Health, an affiliated nonprofit of Missouri Foundation for Health.
Jason Newland, MD, MEd
Professor, Pediatrics, Washington University School of Medicine; Medical Director, Antimicrobial Stewardship Program, St. Louis Children’s Hospital

Dr. Newland focuses on the appropriate use of antimicrobials in all settings, including in both human and animal health. His primary research focus has been in the dissemination and implementation of Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs for hospitalized children. He is the founder and leader of the Sharing Antimicrobial Reports for Pediatric Stewardship (SHARPS), a national collaborative of more than 50 U.S. children’s hospitals. Additionally, he is involved with implementing strategies to improve antibiotic use in the ambulatory setting. His advocacy work has been in promoting appropriate antibiotic use in the agriculture industry.

Chris Prater, MD, MPH
Assistant Professor, Medicine and Pediatrics, Washington University School of Medicine

Dr. Prater is a primary care physician with a focus on refugee and immigrant health, and currently sees patients at Affinia Healthcare. He completed his residency in internal medicine and pediatrics at Christiana Care Health System in Delaware in 2014, and later earned a Master’s Degree in Public Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Since completing his training, he has worked in community health centers, delivering primary care to a largely foreign-born population. In addition to his clinical interest in community health, he serves as the tuberculosis physician for the City of St. Louis Department of Health. His research interests include community-engaged research and health disparities.

Beth Prusaczyk, PhD, MSW
Instructor of Medicine, Division of General Medical Sciences, Washington University School of Medicine

Dr. Prusaczyk’s research focuses on improving the health and healthcare of older adults, particularly vulnerable older adults such as those with dementia or who live in rural areas, through the use of implementation science and data and technology. Specifically, her research focuses on the implementation of evidence-based practices and policies that improve care at the intersection of the health and social service settings. She is also interested in using social network analysis to understand care coordination and communication among health and social service providers.

Hilary Reno, MD, PhD
Associate Professor, Divisions of Infectious Diseases and Hospitalist Medicine, Washington University School of Medicine

In order to reduce rates of infection, Dr. Reno’s research focuses on factors that lead to sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in at-risk individuals. She is also the medical director of the St. Louis County STD Clinic. Her ongoing research includes examining the use of extra-genital testing for Neisseria gonorrhoeae and Chlamydia trachomatis in patients living with HIV, as well as patients that present to a local STI clinic. She is also interested in the access, care and follow-up for patients seeking care in local emergency departments, and in prevention services such as better testing, counseling, STI education and partner treatment.
Spring Schmidt
Acting Co-director, St. Louis County Department of Public Health

Along with Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Emily Doucette, Spring Schmidt is Acting Co-director of the St. Louis County Department of Public Health. She directly oversees Environmental Services, Fiscal, Personnel, Administration, Animal Care and Control, and the division of Health Promotion and Public Health Research. She has been responsible for policy development, large scale strategic planning, the Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan, the department-wide Performance Management system, and community outreach and communication. She is also currently the Unified Commander for Public Health in the COVID-19 pandemic emergency. Spring has been with the Department for over 10 years and in her current role for the last two years. Her educational background is in educational psychology and research and evaluation methods.

Paul Sorenson, MSW
Interim Co-director, Community Innovation and Action Center, University of Missouri – St. Louis

Mr. Sorenson leads the Community Innovation and Action Center’s regional data strategies, including the formation of the Regional Data Alliance to promote a powerful agenda for how governments, funders, universities and nonprofits can better use data for community change. Mr. Sorenson previously founded and ran GoodMap, an online organizational tool for nonprofits. He also served as Director of Strategic Planning at Grace Hill Settlement House from 2012 to 2017. Paul is a 2012 graduate of the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis and is currently pursuing a PhD in Political Science from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He was named one of the St. Louis Business Journal’s 30 Under 30 in 2014 and was a FOCUS St. Louis Impact Fellow as part of its 2016 inaugural cohort.

Kim Thuy Seelinger, JD
Research Associate Professor, Brown School; Visiting Professor, School of Law; Director, Center for Human Rights, Gender and Migration, Institute for Public Health, Washington University in St. Louis

Professor Seelinger focuses on sexual violence related to armed conflict and forced displacement, specifically on systems of legal accountability in conflict-affected settings, as well as sexual violence survivors’ access to support and protection in humanitarian crises. After representing refugees and survivors of sexual violence as a lawyer for many years, she has for the past decade focused on their challenges as a researcher and advisor to global policymakers. As these issues are cross-disciplinary, Seelinger’s research looks across health and justice sectors to better understand the experience of survivors moving through them, and also to improve the services and support they receive across institutional systems. She regularly contributes to global guidance regarding the gender-sensitive investigation of atrocity crimes, legal protection for refugees, and holistic care of survivors of sexual and gender-based violence.

Kelley Vollmar, MS
Director, Jefferson County Health Department

During the past decade, Ms. Vollmar has built and maintained key relationships with community stakeholders through her personal and professional work with local and state governments; public and behavioral health; faith; education; public safety and community health agencies. She is the chair of the Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies and serves as a member of #HealthierMO - Transforming the Future of Public Health in Missouri Advisory Council. She sits on the Hillsboro Rotary, and the boards of the Missouri Institute for Community Health, Missouri Center for Public Health Excellence, Jefferson County Health Network, Jefferson County Public Safety Commission, Jefferson County Community Partnership, and Get Healthy DeSoto. Public health leadership requires the ability to see the potential within a community, the passion to pursue that change and the patience to achieve community transformation. Ms. Vollmar is honored to serve alongside her public health peers to help improve the lives of current and future generations of Missouri residents.
Rhonda BeLue, PhD

Professor, College for Public Health and Social Justice; Department Chair, Health Management and Policy, Saint Louis University

Rhonda BeLue earned a PhD in Policy Analysis and Management from Cornell University, and has taught Master-level courses in Public Health Capstone. Her research interests include global health care, health care disparities, health care safety net and population health management. Dr. BeLue is a member of AcademyHealth and the American Public Health Association.

Angela Brown, MD

Professor of Medicine, Cardiovascular Division; Co-director, Center for Community Health Partnership and Research, Institute of Clinical and Translational Sciences and Institute for Public Health, Washington University in St. Louis

Dr. Brown joined the medical faculty in 1995 and has participated on the School of Medicine’s Admissions Committee since 1996. She has also served on the school’s Executive Committee of the Faculty Council and the Human Subjects Committee. Dr. Brown directs the Outpatient Hypertension Clinic and has been recognized for her work to reduce health disparities by the International Society on Hypertension in Blacks and the Metro St. Louis Division of the American Heart Association. She is actively involved in teaching at the medical center and through other community and continuing education activities.

Randi Foraker, PhD

Associate Professor, General Medical Sciences; Director, Center for Population Health Informatics, Institute for Informatics; Director, Public Health Data and Training Center, Institute for Public Health, Washington University in St. Louis

As director of the Data Center at the Institute for Public Health, Dr. Foraker aims to amplify public health knowledge through data sharing, strategic partnerships with the community, and the training of future public health leaders. Dr. Foraker’s most recent research focuses on the application of clinical decision support to complement risk scoring in primary care, cardiology and oncology. Dr. Foraker chairs the Epidemiology Strike Force and convenes members of the St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Jefferson County, Franklin County, and St. Charles County Departments of Public Health on a weekly basis, along with academic, health system and business partners to assist with their data architecture, management and analytic needs during the pandemic and beyond. Dr. Foraker leverages the expertise of these centers to serve the needs of the St. Louis area in two important ways: by harmonizing and analyzing data from three large health care providers, and by working with local health departments to create a regional data alliance.
Bob Hughes, PhD  
*President and CEO, Missouri Foundation for Health*

Mr. Hughes joined Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH) as the president and chief executive officer in 2012, after working as a visiting research professor in the Center for State Health Policy at Rutgers University. Prior to his time at Rutgers, Bob served in various leadership positions at The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in New Jersey. Since joining MFH, he has enhanced the strategic direction of the organization and positioned it to be a catalyst for change throughout the region. Under his leadership, MFH focuses on fostering a culture of learning, exploration and collaboration that promotes improvements in health for all Missourians.

Edward Lawlor, PhD  
*William E. Gordon Distinguished Professor and Dean Emeritus, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis*

Professor Lawlor served as dean of the Brown School from 2004 to 2016. His teaching and research focus is on public policy and aging, health policy and social services. Lawlor’s book, “Redesigning the Medicare Contract: Politics, Markets, and Agency” treats Medicare reform as an exercise in writing a good social contract. He is currently writing a book on the social services industry, and a blog on social policy. Lawlor is the founding editor of the Public Policy and Aging Report and a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance. He is a former director and faculty scholar of the Institute for Public Health.

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