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Yewande Akinbami, M.D., M.P.H.

Yewande Akinbami, MD, MPH, is a Program Officer II for the Clinical Effectiveness & Decision Science program at the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI).

In this role, she oversees and contributes to the development of several broadband targeted funding opportunities within the topics of maternal morbidity and mortality, Health Aging, Delirium Prevention and treatment. In addition, she evaluates proposals for these topic areas and manages a diverse clinical comparative effectiveness research portfolio.

Prior to joining PCORI, Yewande had more than a decade of experience specializing in epidemiology, biostatistics, and clinical trial project management. She oversaw the design, coordination, and implementation of several multicenter research studies covering the spectrum of observational cohort studies to randomized clinical trials while working at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the School of Public Health. She also served at the Center for Clinical Trials, managing and coordinating several multicenter clinical trials at more than 25 research institutions that make up the Airways Clinical Research Centers supported by the American Lung Association and funded by several sponsors, including the National Institutes of Health.

In her spare time, she loves to read, travel, watch movies and spend time with family and friends.

Yewande holds a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) from the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, and an MPH from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.



Taha Alhazmi, M.D., M.P.H., C.P.H.

Taha is a public health physician working as a lecturer in Medical Research, Public Health, and Community Medicine at the Family and Community Medicine department, College of Medicine, King Saud University (KSU) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Beyond his academic role, he works at the University Medical City in Preventive Medicine & Public health services and Population Health Management of the KSU community and their dependents. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he joined the executive committee responsible for establishing and operating the University's COVID-19 vaccination centers for one year, including the second largest in the country. When a national TV show required a guest to explain COVID-19

epidemiology and vaccine science, it fell to him.

Working at the leading University in the region allowed Taha to be a part-time consultant with many Ministries and authorities during the National Transformation as a part of Saudi Vision 2030. For instance, he worked with the Ministry of Health Strategy Office to establish Health in All Policies (HiAP) in Saudi Arabia. Also, He worked as an advisor and Executive Committee member for HiAP at the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and Housing.

As a public health practitioner, Taha thinks there is an excellent opportunity to optimize health systems by addressing the most crucial social determinants of health at their roots – at home where people live and in their communities – by leveraging simple yet advanced technologies. For many years, family and community medicine have advocated moving healthcare from the hospitals to the community. His vision of community health is based on prevention rather than treatment, a system distributed in neighborhoods and streets rather than wards and corridors.

Taha is passionate about organizational youth activities, knowledge sharing, and global citizenship concepts. He has multiple participations in UN agencies' youth, volunteering, and health activities. Taha recently earned a diploma in Global Communication after graduating from the "Qualifying Young Leaders for Global Communication" program, provided by the SALAM project for Cultural Communication in Saudi Arabia.

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Rudainah Aloufan, D.D.S, M.P.H.

For the past 15 years, I have been serving in the field of health care in a variety of different roles. I received my dental degree from West Virginia University in 2007, after which I practiced dentistry in the US and Kuwait.

I worked as the head of the dental department at one of Kuwait's main primary health care centers, where I led the department to earn the national health accreditation. Subsequently, I served as the deputy chair for the "Policy Writing" and "Safety and Risk Management" committees within the Ministry of Health of Kuwait. In addition, I have also worked as a coordinator for the Training and Planning Department at the Dental Administration of Kuwait, a government administrative body for the dental field.

After working closely with the public, health care professionals, decision makers, and health care leaders, I recognized the need for public health professionals in the Gulf region – particularly as economies in the region develop and modernize their health systems. As a result, I dedicated myself to expanding my knowledge in public health, earning an MPH in Health Policies and Management from the Faculty of Public Health at Kuwait University in 2021. Looking forward, I am excited to continue my public health education at GW's Milken Institute School of Public Health, where I can work to bridge two regions of the world in science and research, and thereby improve the quality of life for as many people as possible.

I am an advocate for "Health in All Policies", in which the health-related aspects of policy decisions are considered in all policy fields. My research interests are health management, Casemix methodology for resources allocation, health economic methodologies and techniques.

On a personal level, I am married to Nasser Albarghash and I am a mother of Mariam (2 years old) and Hamad (5 weeks old). Our chocolate Labrador "Browny" is also an important part of our family! Nasser and I share the same love of food, travel and discovering different cultures – we hope to pass this passion on to our kids one day!



Margaret Anderson, M.A.

Margaret Anderson has almost 10 years of project management and implementation experience overseeing a myriad of global health programs in the US and abroad. She currently leads Yale University's COVID-19 Outreach program, on the frontline of the pandemic response she has translated new and emerging evidence into impactful intervention both domestically in Connecticut and Sub-Saharan Africa.

At Yale, she also led global health programs including facilitation of EPI LAMP (a Gavi-supported certificate-level educational program to build management and leadership capacity within national immunization teams for French and English speaking countries) and the management of IPA LEAD, a leadership and management program for

pediatricians from 14 countries.

She brings deep experience working in Francophone Africa in both traditional development and health programming. She served as Deputy Country Director with Heartland Alliance International (HAI). With HAI, she led a diverse portfolio of health and humanitarian interventions, providing operational management and leadership out of their country office in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC); primarily focusing on mental health and psychosocial services (MHPSS) provision and its integration at the district and provincial health system in coordination with the Ministry of Health.

Finally, she served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Togo, participating in the Master's International Program where she received her Master's in Political Science and Applied Community Development.



Imran Bari, B.D.S., M.P.S., M.P.H.

Imran Bari is currently a Research Program Associate and Manager of the Center on Commercial Determinants of Health at Milken Institute School of Public Health, The George Washington University. Imran holds a Master of Public Health in Global Public Health Epidemiology and disease control from The George Washington University. He is a dentist by training and also holds a master's degree in Demography.

Imran has over seven years of experience in community-based research, dental trauma research, understanding the impact of violent injuries especially on women, and project management. His research which has involved a variety of areas, including road safety, commercial determinants of health; non-communicable diseases; economic costs of communicable and non-communicable diseases; violence prevention among women in low-and middle-income countries; has given him a holistic and comprehensive understanding of all demographic and socio-economic factors that affect health.

In Pakistan, Imran was involved in the program that focused on the very first public-funded health insurance scheme; this scheme was initiated in 2010 as part of a graduation strategy/social assistance program to protect the most vulnerable segments of society from the economic consequences of potential health shocks. As a project manager for the program, Imran gained valuable experience both in the conceptualization and the implementation of this health insurance scheme.

Through his work as a Research Program Associate, Imran has explored the influence of violent injuries among women in low-and middle-income countries; impact of road safety laws and enforcement on injury burden; and the role of socio-cultural norms in road safety.

He has also supported the evaluation of the first Decade of Action for Road Safety, a collaborative effort of the Milken Institute School of Public Health, the George Institute for Global Health, and the World Health Organization. For the past three years, Imran has coordinated three NIH-funded training and capacity development programs in the Democratic Republic of Congo (Strengthening Ethical Review Capacity in Democratic Republic of Congo (G11)), Mali (United States-Mali Research Ethics Training Program (R25)) and Zambia (United States-Zambia Addressing Risk Factors for Non-Communicable Diseases (D43))

Adrian Bertrand, M.S., C.H.E.S.



I was born and raised in South America and moved to the United States in 2002. Before embarking on my college education journey I spent 20 years working blue-collar jobs.

In 2019, I earned a Bachelor of Science in Public Health and in 2020, a Master of Science in Health Promotion Management, both degrees from American University.

During my time as a student, I worked at American University's Department of Health Study as a research assistant. In this capacity, I gained extensive experience in data analysis, project design, and management. After earning a master's degree I worked at American University's Student Health Center planning, implementing, and evaluating Covid-19 testing protocols for students and staff.

At the end of 2020, I became a Research Associate at Truth Initiative Schroeder Institute in Washington, DC, where I currently work. At Truth Initiative I am an integral part of many published and soon-to-be-published peer-reviewed papers and participated in several presentations at national conferences. Currently, my research focuses on identifying new and emerging tobacco and nicotine products, monitoring tobacco and nicotine products sales, and evaluating the effectiveness of tobacco control policies aimed at preventing young people from using tobacco products.

I am excited to be a part of GWU's DrPH program. I believe that the DrPH leadership training combined with my work experience and my research skills will enable me to become a key public health leader.



Daria Faulkner, M.P.H., P.M.P.

I grew up in Moscow, Russia where I graduated with a Master's in Communications. Upon graduation, I was invited to join the partnership-based project with the World Bank and the Russian Government. The goal of the project was to develop an information literacy assessment for children in low-income countries. This opportunity made me interested in international development. While I stayed with the World Bank for over 10 years, my interests shifted over this time.

I moved to the U.S. in 2011 and began to redefine the path I was truly connected with. After relocating to the U.S. I faced a number of disturbing health-related issues such as an opioid crisis, obesity, and an overall low health literacy. I became interested in population health on different levels and ways to learn more about it. I volunteered at the nutrition centers and community recovery programs learning about community-based interventions.

Later on, I started the MPH program at Purdue University, but after a year I transferred to the Ohio State University where I also coordinated medical research work at that time. During the years at the graduate school, I was also involved in Covid-19 response work with CDC Foundation, Yale University, and state health departments. However, my true interest has been HIV-programming in a low-resource setting. Therefore, I focused most of my academic work on Global Health, and, specifically, -HIV prevention among vulnerable populations. For the past few months, I have been supporting the USAID HIV VMMC team as a part of the PEPFAR programming in sub-Saharan Africa, and I hope to continue my career in global health.



Michael Grier, M.P.H.

Michael J. E. Grier is a DrPH student with an interest in behavioral health and the intersection with healthcare payments, drug accessibility, and workforce development.

He holds an MPH in Health Policy and Management from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and a BS in Biology from Philander Smith College. He hails from Tulsa, Oklahoma, by way of Brooklyn, New York. Michael has experience working on the Federal, state, and local levels of public health, working in aging, behavioral health, disabilities, HIV/AIDS, immunizations, and infectious diseases.

He chose GW because “[He] felt that the faculty knew how to support students returning to school after being in their careers –[his] case after nearly ten years.” His mother inspired him to pursue public health after earning her MPH, and he discovered his passion after enrolling in a 4+1 program at Philander Smith.

Michael is active in the Washington, DC community and is a member of several community groups, including Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He is a resident of DC with his dog Bailey.



Natalia Houghton, M.S.

Natalia Houghton is the Specialist in Health Systems and Services Analysis, Monitoring, and Evaluation at the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in Washington DC.

Natalia brings over 15 years of experience in international public health policy with a focus on assessing and improving access to health interventions, health inequities, health systems performance, and infectious diseases. In her current role, Natalia supports Member States in assessing and identifying policy options to tackle access barriers experienced by vulnerable populations. She also provides technical cooperation to improve access to health, public health institutional capacities, and health systems resilience through monitoring,

evaluation, and policy analysis.

Natalia's work in public health started in Colombia, where she managed and conducted research projects on dengue seroprevalence, vector production, and risk factors undermining dengue prevention and control strategies in high-incidence neighborhoods in Barranquilla, Colombia. As a graduate student and consultant, Natalia worked with Pact Tanzania to improve economic livelihoods and empower families to meet essential needs for orphans and vulnerable children in five of Tanzania's poorest regions.

She has published several papers in academic journals, with the most recent focus on access barriers and impact on health service uptake and the essential public health functions. She holds a Master of Science in Global Health from Georgetown University.



Shakira Jarvis, M.P.H.

Shakira Jarvis, MPH (she/her) is the Director of the Interpersonal Violence Prevention Program (IVPP) at Howard University.

IVPP supports the quality of life of the Howard University community by providing support, advocacy and education that enhance knowledge and promote behavior change related to the prevention of sexual assault and harassment, stalking and domestic/intimate partner violence. Shakira also supports the Universities Behavioral Intervention Team, a team that surveys and coordinates supportive mediation measures for students in distress and also supports the campuses threat assessment team.

She has spent the last 10+ years in higher education student affairs, including experiences in residential life, student life, and University Counseling before her current work in Interpersonal violence prevention. She is passionate about college and University Health, especially at MSI's as these institutions represent the most consistent pipeline of diverse minority researchers, providers, and social change agents.

She is an alumnus of Howard University's College of Arts and Sciences (B.S. '14) and holds a Master's in Public Health in Community Oriented Primary-Care from The George Washington University. Her areas of interest are: Implementation Science, Health Behavior, adolescent, college & community health systems.



Phillip Jordan, M.A.

As a federal leader, Phillip E. Jordan thrives in driving innovation, leading change management, and overseeing large-scale initiatives and programs for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

He currently serves as a Senior Program Analyst in the Bureau of Primary Health Care at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and advises the Senior Leadership team on programmatic, fiscal, and policy issues related to the Bureau's \$9.3 billion dollar portfolio.

Prior to joining HRSA, Mr. Jordan worked as a Health Scientist Administrator at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and as a Social Science Analyst at both the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Through his various roles within HHS, he has a keen focus on delivering results, inspiring employees, and making an impact to public health programs. In 2020, Mr. Jordan became a Fellow in the Excellence in Government Fellows Program through the Public Health Leadership Institute at the Partnership for Public Service.

He completed degrees at Teachers College, Columbia University (Master of Arts in Developmental Psychology) and at The University of Alabama (Bachelor of Arts in Psychology) where he was a McNair Scholar. Mr. Jordan was a Gates Millennium Scholar as an undergraduate and graduate student.

As a first-generation college graduate, Phillip E. Jordan is excited to join the 2022 Cohort of the Doctor of Public Health Program (DrPH) at the George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health (GWSPH). Mr. Jordan is passionate about global health, health equity, and health disparities



**Viktoriya Karacheyeva, M.D., M.S., N.C.C., L.P.C.,
L.C.P.C.-S.P., L.C.A.D.A.S.**

Viktoriya Karacheyeva, MD, MS, NCC, LPC, LCPC-SP, LCADAS is serving as Behavioral Health director at GW Resiliency and Well-being Center. She is responsible for developing and coordinating the services and activities that support the mental health of SMHS, MFA and GW hospital residents, faculty, and staff.

Viktoriya Karacheyeva has been in clinical practice for over two decades with a mission of providing evidence-based therapeutic approaches to address complex life challenges and transitions, including addiction and trauma. She received her MD from Ukraine and training in Psychodynamic psychotherapy and psychoanalysis in Salzburg, Austria. She also holds a master's degree in counseling from Loyola University Maryland.

She was involved in research with Chernobyl catastrophe survivors and effects it had on their mental health and life expectancy. She extensively worked with medical students and healthcare professionals on assessing and developing tools to cope and prevent burnout syndrome. She has a number of publications in Eastern European journals on those subjects.

Throughout Karacheyeva's career she has been serving in various leadership and clinical roles in inpatient and outpatient settings, worked with wide range of populations and pathologies, was extensively involved in program development and supervision with the number of behavioral health and substance abuse treatment organizations helping them build programs, ensure quality of services, and guide them through accreditation efforts.

She has developed her private practice and consulting services that focus on trauma treatment through body-mind modalities including eye movement desensitization and reprocessing therapy (EMDR), biofeedback, antigravity yoga for trauma, and number of experiential therapies.



Geri Kemper Seeley, M.P.H.

Geri Kemper Seeley (she/her/hers) is the Program Manager, Applied Public Health at The George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health (GWSPH) and has over eight years of public health experience.

She currently oversees the Applied Public Health experiences for MPH students by coordinating with departmental staff to ensure the delivery of a unified practice mission across GWSPH, in addition to being an adjunct faculty for graduate level Public Health Leadership courses. Prior to taking on the Program Manager role, she managed the Applied Public Health and workforce development experiences for the school's Global Health students. She is passionate about educating and supporting the current and future public health

workforce and identifying innovative strategies for integrating practice into the public health field and education programs.

Before entering academic public health, Geri was engaged in global health projects spanning Sub-Saharan Africa, South America, and South Asia at a grassroots and INGO level that centered on health systems strengthening, capacity building, and health workforce development. In addition to her global health work, she has experience supporting domestic public health activities and research.

Geri received a Bachelor's of Science in Health Sciences from Portland State University and an MPH from the Colorado School of Public Health in Global Health and Maternal and Child Health. Between her Bachelor's and Master's programs, Geri was a Peace Corps Community Health Volunteer in Namibia supporting HIV prevention activities within the Kavango region.

She is currently a member of the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) Professional Education and Training Working Group, and committee member for the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) Subcommittee on Master's and Undergraduate Degrees in Global Health, in addition to the activities she supports with the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) Practice Section.



Rachel Lawrence, B.S., M.O.S., D.V.M.

Rachel has been an active-duty Veterinary Corps Officer in the United States Army for the last nine years.

In this role, she has provided comprehensive veterinary care to Military Working Dogs, served on zoonotic disease control boards, and led base-wide public health initiatives.

She has served at seven different duty assignments, including in Germany and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. During these overseas tours, Rachel developed a strong interest in multinational public health initiatives and partnerships.

Although she has moved frequently with her career, Rachel still calls Murfreesboro, Tennessee home. Rachel is most excited about the opportunity to improve the well-being of Servicemembers through innovative public health programs and to strengthen public health partnerships with U.S. allies.



Fairuz Mohammed, M.P.H.

Fairuz has over 10 years of experience working in public health with experiences ranging from global aid to clinical research.

Over the years, she has worked on research in areas such as equity in children's education, health promotion, and HIV clinical care.

Most recently, Fairuz spent the last five years working with the Minds Matter concussion research program at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Fairuz eventually became a project manager, where she oversaw an expansive portfolio of concussion research projects, along with administrative and data management activities. She also spearheaded a project investigating disparities in pediatric concussion care.

Fairuz completed her MPH at the George Washington University and is excited to be returning with the DrPH program. She hopes to expand her skill set and further support the growing efforts in working towards health equity, maternal and child health, childhood injury prevention, and translational science. Fairuz's long-term goals are focused on facilitating evidence-based program implementation through research-to-practice initiatives.

When Fairuz isn't working, you can find her park hopping with her triplets, rock climbing, and tending to her indoor jungle.



Pamela Muthuuri, M.P.H., M.I.S.

Pam Muthuuri received her MPH in Epidemiology from the Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center. She also has a Master of International Service degree from American University. Pam moved to Washington DC, where she has worked and continues to work in health services research, evaluating health policies and programs, developing quality measures, and remains actively involved in health disparities research, all while working for subcontractors of the Federal government agencies in the Department of Health and Human Services. Pam has extensive experience doing policy work supporting federal agencies, and states in public health policies.

Pam has experience in the areas of childhood obesity, HIV, and substance abuse. During her work evaluating policies associated with the Voices for Healthy Kids, a national initiative that works to create and improve equitable policies to prevent childhood obesity, Pam recognized a deep interest in the field of health policy. The evaluation provided independent and formative advice that enabled the leaders and collaborators of the program to make adjustments, enhancing the potential for successful policies. Voices for Healthy Kids successfully promoted the adoption of 200 legislative, regulatory, or administrative policies that impacted American families by improving access to affordable foods, safe drinking water, and family-friendly playgrounds.

Pam also has a passion in Global health, where she runs an organization that implements health and livelihoods projects in developing countries such as Kenya.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Pam acknowledged that access is key in achieving public health. The pandemic has shown disproportionate outcomes due to disparate levels of health access according to socioeconomic and minority status. Her goal is to create or promote policies that improve accessibility and affordability to healthcare for low-income and minority populations in priority health areas in the US. Pam chose the Milken Institute School of Public Health at the GW because of its unique proximity to the nation's capital, which gives students a platform on campus to engage with national leaders in health policy.

The DrPH program will augment Pam's experience with formal education in health policy and advanced skills in policy research. Her research interest is to examine the complex interplay between health disparities, financial literacy, and healthcare outcomes in the US. Pam is an adventurer who loves to travel. She also has a fascination with antique stores given that they are the gateways to our past.



Chanodom Piankusol, M.D., M.P.H.

Dr. Piankusol works as a medical doctor and a faculty member at the Faculty of Medicine, Chiang Mai University in Thailand. He also serves as an assistant hospital director of Sripat Medical Center, the fastest growing hospital and one of the best hospitals in the north of Thailand.

He also founded six private practices providing dermatology, wellness, sexual health, rehabilitation, and dentistry services in Thailand.

He received his Master of Public Health (MPH) degree in health policy from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. As a Prince Mahidol Award Youth Program (PMAC) scholar, he spent one year at Emory University working on improving outcomes for Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OHCA) patients in Thailand. His team started collecting standardized OHCA registry nationally, which is currently the country's largest standardized OHCA registry database. He holds a Medical Doctor degree with first-class honors from the Faculty of Medicine, Chiang Mai University.

During the Ukraine-Russia conflict, he founded the Meds for Ukraine initiative with international collaboration, a non-profit organization aiming to fundraise and provide medical supplies to Ukraine from Thailand.

He is also the CEO of the Local2Global venture with six Harvard MPH and DrPH candidates; they aim to help local Thai social entrepreneurs start and grow their solutions that take care of their communities by providing a platform with networking, funding, and mentorship.



Amanda Ri'Chard, M.S.L., M.P.A.

Amanda Ri'Chard is Chief of the Healthy Housing Branch in the Lead-Safe and Healthy Housing Division at the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE).

In this position, Amanda works closely with families who have been exposed to lead and with families experiencing unhealthy housing conditions. In addition to her duties as a branch chief, Amanda has also maintained an active role on the environmental emergency response team and safety committee at DOEE. Being a member of these two teams has afforded Amanda many leadership opportunities including deputy incident commander, and later, incident commander alongside the D.C. Department of Health. Due to her role as incident commander, running multiple Covid-19 testing sites, Amanda received the employee excellence award from DOEE as well as the certificate of appreciation from the District of

Columbia's Department of Human Services.

Amanda has more than 9 years' experience working in public health and emergency management, 7 of which, at DOEE. Ms. Ri'Chard holds a master's degree from Western Michigan University in Public Administration, a master's degree from the University of Maryland in Homeland Security and Crisis Management Law and a Bachelor's in Public Administration from Ferris State University.

Amanda is passionate about environmental health and safety, especially when it impacts children and other vulnerable populations. In the Doctor of Public Health program, she hopes to gain stronger knowledge and skills focused on environmental health policies and gain stronger leadership skills that will greatly impact children and families who have been exposed to lead as well as children and families who are experiencing environmental health and safety disparities.



Renee Rider, J.D., M.S.

Renee Rider is a certified genetic counselor with over 10 years of experience serving patients at the University of Utah and the Veterans' Administration (VA). As a genetic counselor, she enjoyed connecting with patients, advocating on their behalf, and helping them achieve their own goals. She sought to improve access to genetic services by implementing new genetic counseling programs and evaluating outcomes. As she moved into leadership roles at Genomic Medicine Service at the VA, she enjoyed managing clinics, expanding telehealth services, and streamlining patient logistics.

Wanting to help patients on a larger scale, she moved to the NIH, where she completed a fellowship in Genomic Medicine Program Management. She currently works at the National Human Genome Research Institute Home, where she co-manages programs such as the Implementing Genomics in Practice Pragmatic Clinical Trials Network. She is also working on initiatives to increase genomic knowledge in the workforce.

Renee received her master's in science in genetic counseling from the University of Utah and a juris doctor from Northeastern University School of Law. Her prior research includes the educational needs of genetic assistants, using group genetic counseling to improve efficiency in cancer care, and the association of birth defects and twinning.

Renee has four teenagers and two basset hounds. She enjoys cooking, sewing, gardening, and recently became a certified beekeeper.



Merwyn Rogers, B.S., M.P.H.

Merwyn Foster Rogers is a national of Anguilla, British West Indies. He obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Biology (Hons.) from the University of South Carolina-Aiken, and his Master of Public Health Degree at the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus in Kingston, Jamaica.

After completion of his studies, he was employed by the Government of Anguilla in the Medical & Health Department as the Deputy Coordinator of Primary Health Care, and charged with advising on the establishment of the Primary

Health Care (PHC) System of Anguilla. The PHC System was ultimately established through the rationalization of budgets, finances and programmes of numerous small and inefficient health units into a cohesive department for effective and efficient programme development and delivery.

Mr. Rogers advanced through the Ministry of Health and Social Development holding various positions such as Primary Health Care Coordinator, National Epidemiologist, Health Planner and ultimately Permanent Secretary.

He has indicated that his most important achievement in the Ministry of Health was the establishment of the Health Authority of Anguilla (HAA) in 2004. Mr. Rogers was the Project Manager and advised the government on the implementation of this autonomous health care delivery system regulated by the government.

He has been the Permanent Secretary of two others over the years: Chief Minister's Office/Ministry of Home Affairs and Chief Minister's Office/Ministry of Economic Development & Tourism.

Mr. Rogers is currently the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health, a role he assumed in January 2017. More specifically his duties relate to dealing with matters relating to Non Communicable Chronic diseases, Environmental Health/Health Protection/Water Laboratory, and the Health Authority of Anguilla as well as working closely with the Pan American Health Organisation, UK Health Security Agency, Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean State (OECS) on local and regional health matters. He has led the rebuilding of health infrastructure in Anguilla, which was destroyed by Hurricane Irma, in addition to leading Anguilla's national COVID-19 response.



Tracie Seward, B.A., M.A.

Tracie Seward is passionate about helping students find their path to a meaningful career in public health. As the Senior Director for Outreach and Recruitment for the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH), she oversees student pathways to public health, from awareness of the field to career entry, through the brands This Is Public Health (TIPH), SOPHAS and Public Health Jobs.

Prior to her role at ASPPH, Tracie worked in admissions, alumni relations, and legal recruiting, giving her a unique perspective of the student journey to career readiness, including the places where there are opportunities for enhancements.

Through her DrPH, Tracie is primarily interested in diversifying the public health workforce by targeting PK-16 students through innovative partnerships and popular culture. She is also interested in the impact of career path accessibility on educational attainment, and the intersection of meaningful work and health outcomes, both for the worker and the communities they serve.

Tracie received her Master of Arts in Education and Human Development – Higher Education Administration (MA) from The George Washington University and her Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Psychology from the University of Virginia.

When not at work or school, you can find Tracie with her husband and two boys, usually at an O's or travel baseball game. Or you might find her writing, dreaming up new businesses, planning adventures or renovating her home.



Soukeyna Sylla, M.P.H.

Soukeyna Sylla is Senior Program Officer in the Grant Management Division at The Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, which she joined in 2015.

Previously, she served as Program officer at the National HIV/AIDS program of the Ministry of Health of Senegal where she supported implementation of HIV policy and health system strengthening (HSS) interventions. She has also supported several country programs as a consultant for Grant Management Solutions (GMS), providing technical assistance in program planning and budgeting to Global Fund implementers of HSS, TB, HIV and malaria grants in Senegal, Guinea, Cameroon, and Nigeria.

Soukeyna Sylla is a public health practitioner with 12 years of combined experience in implementation of public health programs and management of large donor-funded grants, with a particular focus on health system strengthening, financing of health programs, capacity building and partnerships management. She holds a bachelor's degree from Macalester College and a master's degree in Public Health from Emory University.



Tamar Tchelidze, M.D., M.P.H.

Tamar Tchelidze, MD, MPH, has over 20 years of experience in global health managing change and transformation with demonstrated agility in academic, private, and government environments. She is a staunch advocate of international cooperation and partnership to further medical knowledge, combat diseases, and increase healthcare access and delivery.

Throughout her career, Dr. Tchelidze established an esteemed reputation for her ability to galvanize international and domestic partners to plan and implement public health initiatives recognized as efficient and effective healthcare models making original contributions of major significance. Some examples include initiating the Hepatitis C Elimination Program and leading the historical process of the Universal Healthcare Coverage Political Declaration at the United Nations. In addition, Tamar cared for patients with advanced AIDS and other opportunistic infections.

Before joining Roche Diagnostics as a Disease Area Partner at Medical and Scientific Affairs, Dr. Tchelidze worked as a Senior Policy Fellow at the Forum for Collaborative Research at UC Berkeley. She led the Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) project, designed to review, discuss, and recommend strategies that would allow less resource-intensive clinical trial options to approve new PrEP interventions while maintaining scientific rigor.

Tamar resides in Washington, DC, with her husband and 4.5 year old daughter. She also has three older children - a married son, a medical student daughter, and an undergraduate son.



Radhika Wikramanayake, M.S.

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Radhika brings a unique combination of field work and experience working closely on all aspects of the data life cycle. For example, while at the Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka, she provided HIV prevention and reproductive health services to stigmatized populations including sex workers and drug users in urban slum neighborhoods. She also has experience designing data collection instruments and conducting interviews and focus groups as part of her work in Sri Lanka with the Global Fund supported evaluation of malaria testing sites and implementing data quality audits in the National Size Estimation of most risk persons.

She believes in investing time and resources to build strong relationships, instill confidence in shared values and gain the trust of community leaders to help optimize the capacity of programs to quickly adapt during implementation in the field. Radhika is committed to making meaningful contributions to public health by ensuring population-based policy and programming that are supported by the latest evidence, are effective, and implemented consistently across all communities.