

Participant Bios

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Debbie Barrington, Ph.D., is Assistant Professor of Epidemiology at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. From 2005 to 2007, she was a Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar at Columbia University. Her primary research interests include the social epidemiology of racial/ethnic disparities in perinatal outcomes and the effects of nativity status and intergenerational factors on the health of African-Americans.

She earned her AB in Cellular and Molecular Biology from Princeton University, her MPH in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from Boston University and her Ph.D. in Epidemiological Science from the University of Michigan.

Jamila Bookwala, Ph.D., is a member of the Department of Psychology at Lafayette College. The primary focus of her research is on the link between social relationships and health during the middle and late adulthood years. Some recently completed studies have examined age-related differences in the role of marital quality in depressed affect, the direct links of marital status and marital quality to physical and psychological health, and the extent to which a good marriage buffers the stresses related to growing older. Ms. Bookwala is currently also examining, via a prospective study, the long-term impact of caring for a parent or parent-in-law on the adult-child caregiver's marital quality and well-being. Moving forward, she plans to examine the extent to which marital quality of the adult-child caregiver regulates the link between parent-care and well-being. Another ongoing research study is a collaborative project (with Dr. Rachel Pruchno, the principal investigator on this project) that involves examining the role of marital quality in older spouses' wellbeing within the context of end-stage renal disease (where one member of the marital dyad has been diagnosed with the illness).

Jennifer Burnszynski is a Senior Social Science Analyst in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She works on child support, marriage/family strengthening, and fatherhood policy, research, and evaluation. Her prior experience includes working for the Minnesota Legislative Commission on the Economic Status of Women, the Minnesota House of Representatives Research Department, and the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. She holds a B.A. from Gettysburg College and a M.A. from the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.

Thomas L. Campbell, M.D., is the William Rocktaschel Professor and Chair of Family Medicine at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry and Associate Director of the University's Center for Primary Care. He has written extensively on the role of the family in medical practice and on the influence of the family on health. His NIMH monograph, *Family's Impact on Health*, has been an influential review of the research in this area. Other books he has co-authored include: *Families and Health* with William Doherty, Ph.D., and *Family-oriented Primary Care* (second edition) with Susan McDaniel, Ph.D., Alan Lorenz MD and Jeri Hepworth, PhD. He co-edits, with Susan McDaniel, *Families, Systems & Health: The Journal of Collaborative Family Healthcare*.

Deborah Carr, Ph.D., is an associate professor of sociology at Rutgers University. She is a life course sociologist whose research explores the ways macrosocial changes affect individual-level health and

well-being. Her recent studies focus on the consequences of marital transitions (especially late-life spousal bereavement) for psychological and physical well-being. Ms. Carr also investigates the ways that work and family roles affect mental health over the life course, and the ways that family roles and relationships affect older adults' preparations for end-of-life health care. Her research has appeared in journals including *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, and *Sociological Methodology*. Her books include *Spousal Bereavement in Late Life* (Springer, 2007), *Making up with Mom: Why Mothers and Daughters Disagree about Kids, Careers, and Casseroles (and What to Do About it)* (St. Martin's Press/Thomas Dunne Books, 2008), and *Encyclopedia of the Life Course and Human Development* (Cengage, 2008). She serves as trends editor of *Contexts* (an American Sociological Association publication), is on the editorial boards of *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, and *Psychology of Women Quarterly*. Ms. Carr is a fellow of the Behavioral and Social Sciences section of the Gerontological Society of America, and a member of the honorary Sociological Research Association. She is also the acting co-associate director of the National Institute for Mental Health postdoctoral training program at the Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research at Rutgers University.

Catherine Chesla is a Professor and Vice Chair for Academic Personnel at the Department of Family Health Care Nursing at the University of California, San Francisco. During her 20-year career at San Francisco, Chesla has published 41 articles on topics including Latino and Chinese families in pediatric palliative care, family process in chronic illness in Latin American families, diabetes in African-American and Chinese-American families, clinical expertise in intensive care nursing, family caregiving relationships, and parents caring for schizophrenic children. Chesla received her bachelor's degree in nursing, magna cum laude, from the College of St. Teresa in Winona, Minn., her master's degree in psychosocial nursing from the University of Washington, and her doctorate and post-doctoral fellowship in nursing from the University of California, San Francisco.

James Coyne, Ph.D., is Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry, and Professor of Family and Community Medicine, Director, Behavioral Oncology Research of the Abramson Cancer Center, and a Senior Fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute for Health Economics, all at the University of Pennsylvania. Additionally, he is Adjunct Professor of Health Psychology, University of Groningen, the Netherlands. He is the author of over 275 publications including numerous citation classics, and he has been identified by the Institute for Scientific Information Web of Science as one of the 225 most cited psychologists and psychiatrists in the world.

Diann Dawson serves as the Director of the Office of Regional Operations within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. A senior level director and principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary regarding field operations, she provides leadership and direction to ACF's ten regional offices responsible for federal oversight and implementation of more than 60 human service programs to promote the well-being of children and families. Those programs include Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Child Care, Child Support Enforcement, Head Start, Foster Care and Adoption, Child Abuse and Neglect, Child Welfare, and Runaway and Homeless Youth.

Ms. Dawson has been instrumental in helping ACF work to strengthen and rebuild families through the Healthy Marriage Initiative. As part of her present role, Ms. Dawson effectively guides regional support of Healthy Marriage Initiative goals across the country. Ms. Dawson also provided the leadership to create the African American Healthy Marriage Initiative (AAHMI) along with her executive staff in 2003, laying the foundation of a national family strengthening movement for African Americans. Through culturally competent strategies and collaborations with partners spanning various sectors, she champions efforts to improve child well-being through strengthening healthy marriage and responsible

fatherhood to help ensure that all children have access to vital life components needed from their parents.

Ms. Dawson received her J.D. degree from the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. and is admitted to practice law in the District of Columbia and Maryland. She holds a M.S.W. degree with a concentration in community organization and social planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a B.A. from Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Frank Verloin deGruy III, MD, MSFM, has been the Woodward-Chisholm Professor and Chair of the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine since 1999. Dr. deGruy served as University Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Family Practice and Community Medicine at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine for three years prior to this.

Dr. deGruy has had academic appointments at the Department of Family Medicine at Case Western Reserve University, Duke University, the University of South Alabama College of Medicine and currently the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

Dr. deGruy received the Most Outstanding Teacher award for three consecutive years while at Duke University and was named as Distinguished Faculty at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine 1990, 1998, and 1999. He served for four years as a member of the NIMH Services Research Initial Review Group and as an ad hoc reviewer for the AHRQ Services Research Program, the NIMH Small Business Innovation Research, and the HRSA Interdisciplinary Training for Health Care for Rural Areas Grant Program. He serves or has served on the editorial board of Families, Systems and Health, General Hospital Psychiatry, the Southern Medical Journal, and the Annals of Family Medicine. He has authored over 150 papers, chapters, books, editorials, and reviews. He has won five million dollars in grant funding. He was the founding Director of the Alabama AHEC Program, and was recently the PI for the University of Colorado's Primary Care Research Unit. He chaired the National Advisory Committee for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Depression in Primary Care Program.

Dr. deGruy's research interests include somatization, depression, other mental disorders in the primary care setting, and family factors in health and illness.

Dr. deGruy received his undergraduate degree at Princeton University and his medical degree from the University of South Alabama in Mobile, Alabama. He completed his family medicine residency at The Medical Center in Columbus, Georgia and his family medicine fellowship as a Robert Wood Johnson Fellow in Family Medicine at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

William J. Doherty, Ph.D., is Professor of Family Social Science and Director of the Citizen Professional Center at the University of Minnesota. He is a scholar, researcher, educator, and therapist. Dr. Doherty is past president of the National Council on Family Relations and author of *Take Back Your Marriage: Sticking Together in a World That Pulls Us Apart*. He has conducted research on low-income couples who aspire to marriage. Dr. Doherty also co-founded The First Dance, a service that helps engaged couples manage the people stress of wedding planning (www.TheFirstDance.com), and The National Registry of Marriage Friendly Therapists (www.marriagefriendlytherapists.com), a web resource for couples seeking competent marriage therapists.

Jeffery Evans, Ph.D., is Director of Intergenerational Research with the Demographic and Behavioral Sciences Branch of NICHD. He received a Ph.D. in Economics from Duke University, where he



also was cross-trained in Demography. He received a law degree from the University of Maryland. He is responsible for supervising a portfolio of research dealing with issues regarding families and children, intergenerational behavior and transactions, and socio-economic status and health. Dr. Evans has been involved with the creation of large-scale projects that are targeted at specific research problems and yield public use data sets for secondary data analysis. He also has been instrumental in the support and co-ordination of a number of large-scale projects that relate to the topic of welfare reform and its impact on families and children. He has held leadership positions in the planning and implementation of several large initiatives that include 1) the creation of the Federal Interagency Forum for Child and Family Statistics, 2) the Fatherhood Initiative, 3) The NICHD Health Disparities Strategic Plan, and 4) the NICHD intergenerational research program. Currently, he is the staff coordinator for the NICHD Community Child Health Network and is the vice chair of the NIH Community Based Participatory Research Scientific Interest Group.

Lynette Feder is a professor in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Portland State University. Her earlier work was in evaluating a wide array of interventions set within a variety of settings including the police, courts, corrections and social service agencies. This work led to her belief that preventive efforts are more effective than intervention programs. Her recent focus has been on conducting applied research on specific interventions that are methodologically rigorous so as to address both policy questions (“evidence-based policy”) as well as underlying theoretical issues. In this way, her research attempts to build the knowledge base to aid in the development of future programs and policies while simultaneously answering to specific questions about the effectiveness of a particular program.

Dr. Feder has engaged in community-based experimental research using random assignment to test the effectiveness of court-mandated counseling for men convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence (*The Broward Experiment*). She is presently working on a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant that implements and experimentally tests an intimate partner violence (IPV) prevention program for pregnant women at high risk of domestic violence. She has also served as a guest editor for a special issue on domestic violence (*Women and Criminal Justice*) and co-guest editor (with Robert Boruch) for a special issue on the need for experimental research to guide evidence-based decision-making in criminal justice (*Crime & Delinquency*). Her work has also appeared in the *Justice Quarterly*, *Violence & Victims*, *Law and Human Behavior*, *Experimental Criminology*, *Journal of Family Violence*, *Criminal Justice & Behavior*, *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, *Professional Ethics Report*, *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice* and *Journal of Psychiatry & the Law*.

Carolyn Tucker Halpern is associate professor of maternal and child health at the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Halpern has had 44 articles published in peer-reviewed journals on topics of adolescent health and sexuality. She received her bachelors degree in psychology, her master’s in developmental psychology and her doctorate in developmental psychology, all from the University of Houston.

Courtney Harrison is the Director of Policy and Program Development at Public Strategies, where she provides project management and technical assistance (TA) on the creation of healthy marriage programs. Ms. Harrison manages a technical assistance contract with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, which supports the development of healthy marriage programs throughout Texas. Ms. Harrison is part of a leadership team responsible for the National Healthy Marriage Resource Center, where she writes research briefs and develops TA tools. Ms. Harrison also works with the Hispanic Healthy Marriage Initiative, Supporting Healthy Marriage research and demonstration project, and the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative. She joined Public Strategies after serving as a Policy Specialist with the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). She received a Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs and a Master of Public Affairs, Policy Analysis and Comparative & International Affairs from Indiana University.



Kathi Heffner, Ph.D., received her doctoral degree in Social Psychology in 2001 at the University of Nevada, Reno, where she examined cardiovascular reactivity to social and psychological stressors in older adults. She then went on to a postdoctoral fellowship in Psychoneuroimmunology at the Ohio State University where she worked with Janice K. Kiecolt-Glaser examining the role of stress in endocrine and immune function. It was there that she began investigating how various psychosocial factors modulated endocrine and immunological responses to marital conflict interactions. Importantly, our studies demonstrated that factors such as social support and communication in marriage have differing physiological effects on older, long-married couples compared to younger, newlywed couples. This research highlights the need for explicit attention to marital processes across the lifespan, including the evolving nature of the social context within which couples exist. Following her postdoctoral fellowship, Kathi spent time on the Psychology faculty at Ohio University continuing her examination of stress and physiological function in older adulthood with an emphasis on individuals' perceptions of their own aging, and physiological and health consequences of these aging self-perceptions. Kathi recently joined the Rochester Center for Mind-Body Research in the Psychiatry department at the University of Rochester to continue her research on stress, physiological function and health in older adulthood.

Patty Howell is Vice President of Operations and Media Relations for the California Healthy Marriages Coalition. She is also a marriage educator, program director, and author. She has taught relationship skills to more than 4,000 couples, parents, psychologist, physicians, teachers, and managers on three continents, handling cultural, intellectual, and motivational diversity. Ms. Howell helped create the California Healthy Marriages Coalition, the country's first statewide Healthy Marriages Coalition, which provides training, technical assistance, and subcontracts to local Healthy Marriages Coalitions. She also authored the largest grant ever awarded for healthy marriages work by the U.S. Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families. Ms. Howell is the founder and executive director of the nonprofit Marriage Education Institute, which established the first online marriage education curriculum for couples and professionals. She has managed training and technical assistance for more than 6,000 independent relationship skills trainers nationwide, building local coalitions and achieving enrollment of more than 30,000 participants annually. Ms. Howell received her bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology from Drew University, a Masters of Education in Counseling and Guidance from Boston University and her doctorate in counseling psychology from Washington University.

Mary Hyde, Ph.D., is a Senior Manager at ICF International and a community psychologist with over 15 years of evaluation, technical assistance, and training experience in human services. With ICF International, Dr. Hyde manages two projects related to a Federal Healthy Marriage Initiative. She is the Project Manager for the National Healthy Marriage Resource Center project for which ICF provides state-of-the-art resource center and clearinghouse services, research and evaluation support, information technology expertise and services, and training/technical assistance. Dr. Hyde is also the Project Manager for the Healthy Marriage Technical Assistance project for which ICF is developing Promising Practices, performance measures, conference reports, as well as providing expert technical assistance to grantees. Prior to joining ICF, Dr. Hyde developed her unique skill set by directing and managing both national and local program evaluations. The primary focus of Dr. Hyde's evaluation practice has been community- and school-based programs designed to prevent delinquency and school drop-out and promote social and academic success among urban youth. Dr. Hyde's evaluation practice has focused on building organizational capacity through evaluation technical assistance and training. Dr. Hyde has worked with the program staff of numerous organizations to increase their understanding of evaluation research, data collection and management processes, and how to maximize the utility of information gathered for improving program quality. Dr. Hyde has also conducted research in the areas of welfare reform policy and sense of community.



Pamela Jordan, Ph.D., RN, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Family and Child Nursing at the University of Washington. She received her BSN from the University of Michigan, her MS from Rush University in Chicago, and her PhD in Clinical Nursing Research from the University of Michigan. Dr. Jordan is an expert on the transition to parenthood and has authored research articles on first-time parents. She has developed the Becoming Parents Program, a couple-focused preventive educational program for couples adding a baby to their family through birth, adoption, or foster parenting. She regularly contributes to media presentations on expectant and new parenthood and maintaining the marital relationship as couples become parents for the first time. She consults regularly with health professionals on how to incorporate fathers into services for pregnant and parenting women. Dr. Jordan is lead author of the book, *Becoming Parents: How to Strengthen Your Marriage as Your Family Grows* with Scott Stanley and Howard Markman (1999) Jossey-Bass. Dr. Jordan is also the Principal Investigator for the \$2.5 million grant from the National Institute of Nursing Research of the National Institutes of Health, “Becoming Parents Program,” a six-year randomized controlled clinical trial of the Becoming Parents Program which involves 470 married couples making the transition to parenthood. Dr. Jordan is also President of Becoming Parents Program, Inc., a corporation dedicated to disseminating the Becoming Parents Program locally, nationally, and internationally. Becoming Parents Program, Inc. is one of eight sites, nationally, for the Supporting Healthy Marriage Project, a clinical trial of couples education with low-income married couples who are adding a baby to the family or parenting at least one child 14 or under.

Heather Koball, Ph.D., is a Senior Researcher at Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. She is directing the Advancing Research on Marriage and Health project, for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In this role, she is coordinating the selection and review of 10 research papers that use new analyses to examine the link between marriage and health in the African-American community. She is the co-author of a recent ASPE research brief entitled *Marriage and Health Care Coverage Among Families with Children*. Additionally, Dr. Koball has published multiple reports and peer-reviewed journal articles that assess the effects of policies such as welfare reform and child support on marriage and living arrangements. She has received awards for her research from the American Sociological Association, the Henry A. Murray Research Center, and the Population Association of America.

Jane Koppelman is project manager for the federally funded Center for Research and Evaluation on Abstinence Education, which helps program providers and evaluators design scientifically sound evaluations. She is also part of the team providing technical assistance to Office of Family Assistance Healthy Marriage grantees, where she advises program leaders on strategic planning, recruitment, and service delivery issues. Ms. Koppelman has been reporting on, analyzing, administering, and evaluating health, social services, and income maintenance programs serving at-risk families for 20 years.

Ms. Koppelman joined The Lewin Group as a Senior Manager in October, 2005. Ms. Koppelman provided similar assistance to 11 Community Healthy Marriage Initiative grantees in 2005 and 2006, as part of a TA contract with the Administration for Children and Families. Prior to joining The Lewin Group, Ms. Koppelman was deputy director of The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Making the Grade program, an initiative designed to increase the number of school-based health centers nationwide. Previously, she was a senior researcher at The George Washington University’s National Health Policy Forum, a research and information exchange program serving policymakers in Congress and the federal agencies. There, she wrote over 40 issue briefs on a range of issues concerning disadvantaged children and families as well as the effectiveness of government programs designed to serve them. Ms. Koppelman received a Bachelor’s degree in Journalism from The American University and a Masters in Public Administration from The George Washington University.

Thomas A. LaVeist, Ph.D., is a William C. and Nancy F. Richardson Professor in Health Policy



and Director of the Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He also holds a joint appointment in the Department of Sociology and the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Department of Oncology and is a faculty associate in the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Hopkins Population Center. He has served on various boards, and currently sits on the External Advisory Committees for University of North Carolina, School of Public Health, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholars National Advisory Committee, and National Urban League National Health Advisory Board. He is Chairman of the Board of Directors for DayStar Educational Research.

Dr. LaVeist joined the Johns Hopkins faculty in 1990, where he teaches courses in minority health and public health policy. He is a frequent visiting lecturer on minority health issues at other universities. He is also a frequent speaker at professional conferences and workshops sponsored by leading public health professional associations. Dr. LaVeist consults often with federal agencies and healthcare organizations on minority health and cultural competency issues and racial disparities in health. He has conducted several important studies of minority health. His research on minority health has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, Center for Disease Control, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Brookdale Foundation, Commonwealth Fund, and the Russell Sage Foundation.

Dr. LaVeist has published numerous articles in scientific journals, including the *American Journal of Public Health*, *American Journal of Epidemiology*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, *Milbank Quarterly*, *Medical Care*, *Ethnicity and Disease*, *Health Services Research*, and *Social Science & Medicine*. He has also written articles for *Newsweek Magazine*, *Black Enterprise Magazine*, and the *Baltimore Sun*. His edited volume, *Race, Ethnicity and Health* (Jossey-Bass Publishers) was published fall 2002. His latest book, *Minority Populations and Health: An Introduction to Race, Ethnicity and Health in the United States*, was published April 2005 by Jossey-Bass Publishers.

He received his bachelor degree from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Ph.D. in medical sociology from the University of Michigan and postdoctoral fellowship in public health at the University of Michigan, School of Public Health. His dissertation was awarded the 1989 Outstanding Dissertation in Medical Sociology Award from the American Sociological Association. And he was appointed as a fellow at the Brookdale Foundation in 1992. And, is the inaugural recipient of the U.S. Department of Health and Health Services, Office of Minority Health “Knowledge Award” for contributing “substantial research that advances knowledge about minority health and the elimination of health disparities.

Irene Luckey, Ph.D., is a Research Associate Professor at the University of South Carolina’s Institute for Families in Society. Over the past 10 years, she has worked with the Sisters of Charity Foundation and with the South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families as a consultant and evaluator with their statewide fatherhood initiative, which seeks to strengthen families by nurturing and supporting active involvement of fathers in the lives of their children. She has worked directly with the 13 fatherhood program sites on programming, capacity building, program monitoring, data collection, and evaluation.

Susan McDaniel, Ph.D., is Professor of Psychiatry and Family Medicine, Associate Chair of the Department of Family Medicine, and Director of Family Programs & the Wynne Center for Family Research in the Department of Psychiatry, at the University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry. She is well-known for her publications on families and health. Her special areas of interest are behavioral health in primary care and family dynamics and genetic conditions. She is a frequent speaker at meetings of both health and mental health professionals.

Dr. McDaniel has been recognized by the American Psychological Association as the 1995 Family Psy-



chologist of the Year; she received the award for Innovative Contributions to Family Therapy from the American Family Therapy Academy in 2000, the Award for Distinguished Contribution to Education from the Association of Medical School Psychologists in 2004, and the American Psychological Foundation/Cummings PSYCHE Prize in 2007. Dr. McDaniel was Chair of the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education in 1998, President of the Division of Family Psychology of the American Psychological Association in 2000, and Chair of the APA Publications and Communications Board in 2003. Dr. McDaniel was the first psychologist, representing APA, to complete the Bureau of Health Professions Primary Care Policy Fellowship in 1998. She is currently on the Board of the American Family Therapy Academy and active in the governance of the American Psychological Association.

Dr. McDaniel is the author of many peer-reviewed journal articles and is co-editor with Thomas Campbell, M.D., of the multidisciplinary journal, *Families, Systems & Health*. She co-authored or co-edited the following books: *Systems Consultation* (1986), *Family-Oriented Primary Care* (1990 and 2005), *Medical Family Therapy* (1992), *Integrating Family Therapy* (1995), *Counseling Families with Chronic Illness* (1995), *The Shared Experience of Illness* (1997), *the Casebook for Integrating Family Therapy* (2001), *Primary Care Psychology* (2004), *The Biopsychosocial Approach: Past, Present, and Future* (2004), *Individuals, Families, and the New Era of Genetics* (2007), and *Family Therapy* (2009). Her books have been translated into German, Hebrew, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Romanian, Spanish, and Turkish.

Kristin Anderson Moore, Ph.D., Senior Scholar at Child Trends, received her Ph.D. in Social Psychology from the University of Michigan. She has been with Child Trends since 1982, heading the organization from 1992 through 2006, studying trends in child and family well-being, the effects of family structure and social change on children, the determinants and consequences of adolescent parenthood, the effects of welfare reform on children, and positive development. She has authored more than 150 articles and books, as well as numerous Child Trends research briefs and reports. In 1999, she received the Foundation for Child Development Centennial Award for linking research on children's development to policies that serve the public interest, and she was chosen to receive the 2005 Distinguished Contribution Award from the American Sociological Association's section on Children and Youth. From 1998 to 2003, Moore served as a member of the National Advisory Council of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

Mary Myrick is the Program Director for the National Healthy Marriage Resource Center. As an Accredited Public Relations Professional (APR), Ms. Myrick is the Founder and President of Public Strategies (PSI), an Oklahoma-based project management and social marketing firm (with offices in the D.C. area, Colorado and Texas). PSI has national, state and local clients from the public, private and non-profit sectors. She and her team of over 100 employees provide a variety of services, including strategic planning, project management, advocacy, program development, technical assistance, event planning and public relations. Under Ms. Myrick's leadership, PSI has worked closely with senior policy officials to develop the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative, a program nationally recognized as the first statewide, comprehensive effort to deliver information and education services designed to strengthen relationships and marriage, with a focus on low-income families. Its latest program, Family Expectations, is a large federal demonstration project designed to provide marriage education for low-income couples during and immediately following pregnancy, with the goal of developing a model for statewide replication. Ms. Myrick also leads efforts to provide technical assistance to other agencies and organizations conducting marriage-related projects, including the ACF's National Healthy Marriage Resource Center, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, MDRC (Supporting Healthy Marriage), Mathematica Policy Research (Building Strong Families) and Pal-Tech (Hispanic Healthy Marriage Initiative).



Lisbeth Nielsen, Ph.D., joined the Individual Behavioral Processes Branch of NIA's Behavioral and Social Research (BSR) Program on March 20, 2005. Dr. Nielsen earned her M.A. in Psychology from Copenhagen University and her Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology and Cognitive Science from the University of Arizona. Her research has focused on the conscious experience of emotion, its physiological and neural correlates, its relationship to well-being, and its functional role in decision making and social cognition. She held an NIA-supported Postdoctoral Fellowship at Stanford University, where, in collaboration with Drs. Laura Carstensen and Brian Knutson, she studied age-related changes in affective forecasting and in emotional responses to monetary incentives. Her research also involves exploring how such age-related changes might impact choice and well-being in domains of social exchange, health care, and finance. Her experience with interdisciplinary collaboration with economists, psychologists, neuroscientists, neurologists, and psychiatrists will serve her well in her new role managing BSR's Psychological Development and Integrative Science portfolio. This portfolio encompasses research on the biological, social, and psychological determinants of well-being and health across the lifespan.

Martha Okafor, Ph.D., joined the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health in January of 2007. As the Deputy Director for Health Information, Policy, Strategy & Accountability (HIPSA), the programs she oversees include: Office of Policy & Legislative Management, Office of Epidemiology, Evaluation & Health Information (Epidemiology Section, Vital Records Section, Evaluation & Reporting Section, Health Information Systems Section (Infomatics)), Office of Strategy & Systems Development (Strategy & Innovation Section, Integration & Best Practice Section), and Internal Communication & Project Management.

Dr. Okafor has spent most of her management career in government in Connecticut and Georgia. She brings broad experience from 90 health and human services programs and budget management in Medicaid, Managed Care, Early Care, Economic Support programs, and Child Welfare. She has directed the operations of 33 public health programs, covering priority populations, office of women health, oral health, primary care office, minority health, Newborn Screening, Title V Children with Special Health Care Needs, Adolescent Health, community health centers including FQHCs, School Based Health Centers, Early intervention – Part C program, Injury Prevention, and Maternal and Child Health programs, among others. She introduced the use of performance management practices as integral part of programs' management and quality assurance.

In Connecticut, she was instrumental in emergency preparedness, especially with the special population planning and community engagement activities. She managed Connecticut's Medicaid and SCHIP managed care and Fee-For-Service programs. She led the Medicaid and SCHIP continuous quality improvement and managed the external quality review process, including monthly public accountability engagement to improve the CMO performance.

In Georgia, she served initially as the Deputy Director for Programs and Policy in the Division of Family and Children Services. Later, she transferred to the director's office of the Division of Public Health in her current position as the Deputy Director.

Dr. Okafor brings expertise in clarifying, improving and implementing responsive public policy, communication technologies, strategic planning, training, partnership and systems, continuous quality improvements, participatory infrastructure development and performance management in health and human services.

Dr. Okafor received a Ph.D. multi-disciplinary degree in Medical Anthropology, Healthcare Management and Social Science, and a Master's degree in Anthropology from the University of Connecticut. She also has a MPA in Organization Management and Public Policy from Ahmadu Bello University in Nigeria, and a Bachelor of Arts in Education and English language from the University of



Nigeria. She is a board member of the Graduate Nursing Program at Yale University.

Theodora Ooms works as a consultant to Public Strategies, Inc. on the National Healthy Marriage Resource Center team. From 1999 to 2006, she was a senior policy analyst at the Center for Law and Social Policy, leading the center's work on couples and marriage, with a special focus on low-income families. Between 1981 and 1999, she was the Executive Director of the Family Impact Seminar (FIS), a nonpartisan policy research institute based in Washington, D.C. In that role she conducted numerous seminars on Capitol Hill for policy officials and analysts on a wide range of family issues. Prior to 1976, Ms. Ooms worked as a clinical social worker, family therapist and program administrator in New Haven and Philadelphia. Ms. Ooms has testified twice before Congress, edited two books and authored numerous publications. Her primary research interests have been couples and marriage policy, teen pregnancy, unwed fathers and family involvement in schools. As an independent consultant, Ms. Ooms provides technical assistance to states and communities on couples and marriage policy and programs. She is a senior adviser to the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative, an advisor to the Texas Healthy Marriage Research Advisory Group and a board member for the American Public Human Services Administration (APHSA).

Gilbert Parks, Ph.D., has served as a psychiatrist in Topeka, Kansas for 35 years. He has concentrated his practice on the delivery of services to individuals, groups, families, and siblings, including the treatment of substance abuse. He is particularly interested in mental health services to veterans and the under-served. He has worked to reduce the stigma of people of African descent receiving good mental care. He has focused much of his work on encouraging African-American males to be healthy, while helping the healthy maximize their potential.

He has developed the theory of Siblingization (sister and brother relationships) as the basis for personality development and relationships. He has seen the benefits of the theory's practical applications, both in his private practice and as he has consulted with individuals, groups, organizations, and government.

Dr. Parks is Board Certified in Psychiatry and Neurology and has served as a Board Examiner of the American Psychiatric Association for Psychiatry and Neurology, is a distinguished fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, served in the house of delegates of the American Psychiatric Association and several committees, was chairman for the Black Caucus of the American Psychiatric Association for 10 years, was the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Student National Medical Association (1973) and was chairman of the Board of Trustees of the National Medical Association in 2000. Dr. Parks is the only physician to have served as the chairman of the Boards on both the Student National Medical Association and National Medical Association.

Dr. Parks graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Chemistry, and minors in Mathematics and Biology. He obtained a Medical Degree from Thomas Jefferson Medical School and performed a residency and internship at Menninger's School of Psychiatry.

Lara Rezzarday started with the National MS Society in 2005 as an Information Referral Specialist in the Information Resource Center, joining the Relationship Matters Program Team in January, 2007 as the Program Manager. Her professional experience includes program development and implementation, counseling and care management, and experience in nonprofit management, including grant writing, strategic planning, and volunteer recruitment/management. Ms. Rezzarday received her undergraduate degree in English from the University of Florida, and a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Colorado.

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is best characterized as “cultural psychology,” at the intersection of culture and mental health. He has studied the cultural values underlying Dominican and Puerto Rican parenting beliefs. With colleagues in the Center for Latino Family Research, Dr. Zayas is preparing two studies: one on the beliefs and teaching behaviors of immigrant Mexican fathers with their preschool children and another on the mental health outcomes of U.S.-citizen children of undocumented immigrant Mexican parents who have been deported.

Presently, he is completing a five-year study that examining the familial, psychological, cultural, and social issues that explain the high rates of suicide attempts by adolescent Latinas. Dr. Zayas also directs a conference series on adapting interventions for Hispanic and other diverse ethnocultural families, with emphasis on parenting interventions. He has conducted intervention research to reduce perinatal depression among minority women in urban primary care. He is now at work on a series of studies that explore the influence of clinician and patient ethnicity in the psychiatric assessment process.

