



## **SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

### **MICHAEL R. COUSINEAU**

Michael R. Cousineau is currently Associate Professor of Research and Director of the Division of Community Health Department of Family Medicine at the USC Keck School of Medicine where he teaches in the Masters in Public Health program and in the Professionalism and the Practice of Medicine. His work focuses on health policy and health services and evaluation research, access to care for the low income uninsured, governance and operation of safety-net providers including public hospitals, community-based clinics and health centers; and health needs of vulnerable populations including homeless people.

Currently he is currently principal investigator for the evaluation of the Covering California Kids Program, and the California Express lane Eligibility Project. He is co investigator for the Healthy Kids LA project with the Urban Institute. His past projects include the San Diego Business Healthcare Connection, the VIDA Project and the Health Consumer Alliance. He also completed a study of community perceptions of alternative governance of the LA County Department of Health Services. Last year, he completed a study of the health needs of the homeless in central Los Angeles and has recently released part 2 focusing on mental health. He has a masters and a doctorate from the UCLA School of Public Health.

He currently serves as a consultant to The California Endowment and the Weingart Foundation. Previously he served as a consultant to the Los Angeles Department of Health Services in the area of ambulatory care planning and evaluation, and public health.

### **KAREN SYMMS GALLAGHER**

Karen Symms Gallagher, an expert on the dynamics of teacher education reform, was appointed the Emery Stoops and Joyce King-Stoops Dean's Chair in Education and dean of the Rossier School of Education in 2000. She previously served six years as dean and professor of educational policy and leadership in the School of Education at the University of Kansas.

Gallagher has made numerous presentations on teacher training and development from Boston to Beijing and believes that schools, families and communities must work closely together to achieve genuine education reform. She wrote "Shaping School Policy: A Guide to Choices, Politics and Community Relations" (1992) and edited "The Politics of Education Yearbook: The Politics of Teacher Preparation Reform" (2000). She has written dozens of scholarly articles in various publications.

In the 1970s, Gallagher taught language arts, social studies and speech and served as principal in public schools in Washington State. During the 1980s and early 1990s, she taught educational administration at Loyola University of Chicago and the University of Cincinnati. From 1990 to 1991 she was staff director and senior policy consultant to the Ohio Commission for Education Improvement, an agency of the Ohio General Assembly. She was associate dean for academic affairs in Cincinnati's College of Education until she was appointed dean at the University of Kansas in 1994.

Gallagher is a board member of the Holmes Partnership, president of the USC chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, chair of the USC Urban Initiative and is the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities representative to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. She is a member of the American Association for School Administrators, the American Educational Research Association, the Association for the Study of Higher Education and the Los Angeles NAACP.

## **MICHELE D. KIPKE**

Michele Kipke, Ph.D. is Professor of Pediatrics and Preventive Medicine, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California. She is also Associate Director of the Saban Research Institute and Director of Community, Health Outcomes, and Intervention Research (CHOIR) Program at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles. She is responsible for developing, overseeing, and coordinating prevention, health promotion, and children's health services research at Childrens Hospital. Her research interests include health promotion and prevention of childhood disorders, reduction of disparities in children's health, and delivery of culturally sensitive care.

Dr. Kipke is currently the Principal Investigator for four research projects, including a study on pediatric medical errors; a study of maternal predictors of birth outcomes and child health indicators; an NIH-funded longitudinal study on HIV risk among young gay men; and research to identify community risk/protective factors associated with childhood obesity and the onset of type-2 diabetes among adolescents.

Dr. Kipke received her Ph.D. in Experimental/Health Psychology in 1990 from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine at Yeshiva University. Dr. Kipke is widely published on topics that examine influences on youths' involvement in risky behaviors (e.g., alcohol and other drug use, unintended pregnancies, HIV infection and other sexually transmitted diseases, violence). She has conducted research on the causes and consequences of homelessness among youth in Los Angeles, and the factors that drive young people in Los Angeles to own and carry weapons.

Dr. Kipke served as the Director of the Board on Children, Youth, and Families at the Institute of Medicine (IOM) and National Research Council, of the National Academy of Sciences in 1997. With a desire to better link research to policy and practice, she oversaw a rich portfolio of activities that addressed topics such as the science of early childhood development, child care performance measures, community programs for children and adolescents, children's health insurance, and family violence. While at the National Academy of Sciences, she also established and directed the Board's Forum on Adolescence, an initiative that brings the collective knowledge and analytic tools of the social, behavioral, and health sciences to bear on the assessment of policies and programs for youth.

Dr Kipke also serves as an advisor to numerous federal and international agencies and non-profit organizations, including the National Institutes of Health and the World Health Organization, and she is on the Editorial Board for the Journal of Adolescent Health.

## **DUSHANKA V. KLEINMAN**

Dr. Dushanka V. Kleinman is the Deputy Director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) at the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, a position she has held since 1991. She recently completed her term (from 7/2001 to 4/2006) as the Chief Dental Officer of the United States Public Health Service.

Dr. Kleinman has a Bachelor's in Science from the University of Wisconsin and a Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Illinois, College of Dentistry. After dental school Dr. Kleinman completed a Rotating Internship at the University of Chicago Hospitals and Clinics, and then went on to receive a Masters in the Science of Dentistry in Dental Public Health from the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine.

Before being commissioned by the US Public Health Service (USPHS) in 1978, Dr. Kleinman served as an Assistant Professor for two years at the University of Maryland at Baltimore School of Dentistry where she directed an extramural community-based training program for dental and dental hygiene students. Her first USPHS assignment was with the Division of Dentistry of the then Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Health Resources Administration as a Dental Surgeon participating in preventive dentistry and expanded duty dental auxiliary activities. In 1980 Dr. Kleinman joined the National Institute of Dental Research as the Evaluation Officer in the Office of the Director. In 1982, she became Chief of the Planning and Evaluation Section. From 1985 to 1990 Dr. Kleinman first managed the Institute's Epidemiology and Oral Disease Prevention Program during a time of transition and then headed the Oral Mucosa, Injuries and Pain Epidemiology Section within that Program. In 1990, Dr. Kleinman was detailed to the Office of the Surgeon

General, PHS to serve as the Special Assistant for Special Projects. In this capacity she oversaw an initiative focused on promoting healthy children ready to learn. In 1991 she returned to the Institute to serve as the Deputy Director, a position she currently still holds. From June 1994 to June 1995, Admiral Kleinman served as the Acting Director of the National Institute of Dental Research. She also served as the Assistant Director for Roadmap Coordination in the Office of the Director, NIH overseeing the implementation of NIH Roadmap for Medical Research from 12/03 to 10/05.

Dr. Kleinman has been recognized by numerous awards and has served as President of the American Association of Women Dentists, American Association of Public Health Dentistry and the American Board of Dental Public Health.

### **JACQUELYN McCROSKEY**

Jacquelyn McCroskey, DSW, is the John Milner Professor of Child Welfare at the USC School of Social Work. She works actively with county, city and school district policy makers in Los Angeles County, using data and scholarship to inform policy and guide improvements to service delivery systems for children and families. Her research includes analysis of service financing, organization and performance, and studies of the impact of family-centered services. She serves on the Los Angeles County Children's Planning Council, First 5 LA Commission and Child Care Policy Roundtable. She is the Research Director for the newly formed Children and Families Research Consortium, a partnership between the County Department of Children and Family Services and the five universities in LA County with graduate schools of social work (USC, UCLA and Cal States LA, LB and Northridge).

### **ROBERTA G. WILLIAMS**

Dr. Williams is the Chair of Pediatrics at USC Keck School of Medicine and the Vice President of Children's Hospital in Los Angeles.

Dr. Williams received a B.S. (Zoology) from Duke University and MD from the University of North Carolina. As an undergraduate, she was research assistant to Dr. Ernest Craige in early studies utilizing phonocardiography and worked with Dr. William Thornton on a prototype telemetry method. Following residency training at UNC (Med-Peds) and Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital (Pediatrics), she pursued fellowship in pediatric cardiology at Boston Children's Hospital, concentrating on adult cardiovascular medicine (at Massachusetts General Hospital), postoperative care and the developing field of echocardiography.

With AHA funding, she bought her first echo machine (\$7,500) in 1972. She directed the non-invasive laboratory and the cardiothoracic intensive care service at Boston Children's Hospital for 9 years. The combination of an exciting diagnostic tool and a large clinical population provided opportunity for exciting discovery and attracted outstanding fellows who have become leaders in the field.

In 1982, she became Chief of Pediatric Cardiology at UCLA, where she pursued interests in health policy and workforce. During that time, she served as President of the AHA, Greater Los Angeles Affiliate and ACC Governor of Southern California. In 1995, she became Chair of Pediatrics at the UNC (Chapel Hill) where she continued her interests in workforce and adult congenital heart disease. She was on the steering committee of the Future of Pediatric Education Taskforce II. She served as Co-Director of Bethesda Conference # 32, *The Adult with Congenital Heart Disease* in 2000 and as a member of the Advisory Council of NHLBI from 1999-2003.

In 2000, she was named Chair, Department of Pediatrics at the Keck School of Medicine, at the University of Southern California and Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. She has continued her interests in all aspects of health care for emerging adults with chronic childhood disorders. She chaired the NHLBI Workgroup of Research in Adult Congenital Heart Disease and, with Carole Warnes, M.D., co-chairs the ACC/AHA Guidelines for Adult Congenital Heart Disease Writing Group.

Doctor Williams is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award of the AHA Greater Los Angeles Affiliate (1993-94), Lifetime Achievement Award of the ASE (1997), Gifted Teacher Award of ACC (2002), and the Women in Cardiology Mentor Award of the AHA (2004).