

2022

SEVENTH ANNUAL UTAH PRIMARY CARE SUMMIT

Keynote Speaker
Benjamin Crump

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BENJAMIN CRUMP, JD

Referred to as Black America's Attorney General Benjamin Crump, JD has established himself as one of the nation's foremost lawyers and advocates for social justice. Crump's tireless work has led to legislation preventing excessive police force and developing implicit bias training and policies. View his Netflix documentary, *Civil: Ben Crump*

Ivette Amelia López, PhD, MPH Director, Utah AHEC

Bienvenidos, primary care practitioners, health professions students, colleagues, supporters of health equity everywhere!

When I think of the past year, one word comes to mind (and for once, it is not COVID19). The word is growth. This past year has been one of growth for the Utah Area Health Education Centers. The UT AHEC State Program Office staff doubled in size. We added 2 full time amazing humans. They are Maria Isabel Gomez, who handles the state contract activities. The first program is to create a network of support for a leak in the pipeline to health professions: the empowerment of junior high school parents and guardians. Different remote activities are necessary for the development of this network, meeting people where they are. She also coordinates the UTAHEC Research Minigrants program. In addition, Maria Isabel, aka Maisa is also our administrator. The other addition to our Team is María José Velasco, MPH/MPA. Maria Jose is a program coordinator for the UT AHEC Scholars, the Parents Program, as well as the coordinator of the Summit conference. They joined the other two awesome staff members, Tatiana Allen Webb (La Capitana) and Sidnee Myers (The Regulator).

We also improved our website: <https://utahahec.org>. It now features all our programs at all our offices. We hope it is much more user friendly. Please let us know if there are updates or errors. We changed our logo.

What we have not changed is our commitment to increasing the health workforce for all Utahns that will address health disparities. Thank you for being a UT AHEC collaborator.



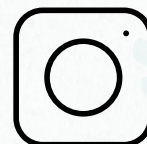
I wanted to use my Director's Message to acknowledge the persistent role of racism or discriminatory practices on health. We will always strive to promote anti-racism with all our programs. My anti-racism message this year follows:

We must remember that racism is not race; race is a description or variable. On the other hand, racism is a system of advantages and opportunities that are set up to favor some and to disregard others, in varying degrees of blatancy. When Mr. George Floyd was murdered by a knee on his neck from a person that is supposed to protect and serve, that was for some as unconcealed and well-documented as racism gets. But racism is not new, it was only new to the current generational mix who did not live any of the civil rights struggles and sacrifices. And, it is most often far less easy to identify as such. Racism is also a variable in research, it must be measured differently, with well researched metrics that have well established validity and reliability. While data tells its story, all that information has to be processed and unpacked for the benefit of the health of each population, family, and person. Dr. Camara Jones (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNhcY6fTyBM>) asks us to commit to asking one of the bravest questions you can ever ask: 'could racism be at play here?' And that question has to be answered every time, honestly and without defensiveness.

Examples are: Why is our patient mix so lacking in diversity? How come we do not have diverse patients coming to the mobile unit, when the need has been documented? How can we get a more diverse student body? Why are potential patients driving miles away to receive care I provide here in the nearby community clinic? These are all concerns that I have had been able to study and have answered the awkward, uncomfortable question ('could racism be at play here?') with a YES. Once racism is ascertained, and accounted for, solutions are not that difficult to develop. That is, providing there is a will, at institutional and policy levels. While that seems like it will take a trip to the Supreme Court, the legislative or policy changes required are often local, and can be developed in collaboration with legislature, advocates, and patients. Sometimes it is as easy as a rule change in a clinic, training, and/or change in institutional policy. The reason why policy and legislation are necessary is because we want beneficial changes to occur at the community and population levels, not just at the individual's. Any improvements aimed to improve health equity should reach as many families and individuals as possible. Racism can reverberates in innocuous concepts like merit, patient mix, necessary tests ordered, adequate sample, and many other parts of health care and education systems that can sustain discriminatory practices under the guise of objectivity, with or without intention. Join the ranks of humans who can see, point to, speak about, and stand up to racism. It's time, and you will not be alone.



Ahec website



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PROGRAM

2022 AHEC PRIMARY CARE SUMMIT

7:30 AM	<i>Breakfast/ Meet and Greet</i>	
8:15 AM	Welcome Land Acknowledgement Director Remarks	Sen. Steve Urquhart Carl Moore Dr. Ivette Lopez
8:35 AM	AHEC Center Updates	Frederick Henderson Rita Osborn Mindy Bateman
8:55 AM	Primary Care in Utah Panel Student Perspective Community Update Policy Perspective A highlight of APRN Workforce Study	NICHE AHEC Scholar Students Kamaile Harris Rep. Jennifer Dailey- Provost Clark Ruttinger
9:35 AM	<i>Morning Stretch</i>	Tatiana Allen
9:40 AM	Preceptor Awards CHW Awards	Dr. Ivette Lopez
10:05 AM	Poem	Menerva Yole-Lobe
10:15 AM	<i>Break</i>	
10:25 AM	Introduction to the Occasion Racism is a Public Health Issue Keynote Speaker intro	Dr. Steve Lacey Dr. Martell Teasley
10:35 AM	Keynote Speaker Benjamin Crump	
11:35 AM	Q&A with Benjamin Crump	
12:05 AM	<i>Lunch</i>	
12:50 PM	Breakout sessions (See next page for details)	
2:40 PM	Closing Remarks	Karen Mulitalo
2:45 PM	Dance Performance	Best of Africa

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

12:50 PM-1:35 PM

ROOM 1

Health Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Health Outcomes: What is the connection?

Dr. Jose Rodriguez, Dr. Olanrewaju Onigbogi

ROOM 2

Integration of Community Health Workers Into Health Care Systems: Is it Possible?

Oreta Tupola CHW, Ixchel Rangel, CHW

ROOM 3

Virtual Reality in Medical Education- Telehealth CHW perspective: Remote Solutions

Tile Fagatele, CHW, Stephen Holdmeyer, Ahmad Alsaleem, Roger Altizer- moderator

1:45 PM-2:30 PM

ROOM 1

Integration of Addiction Medicine in Primary Care: Challenges Facing Utah.

Dr. Elizabeth Howell, Dr. Steven Godin

ROOM 2

Day in the Life of a Rural Nurse-UUCON

Dr. Larry Garrett, Josie Moosman, RN

ROOM 3

Student Initiated Asylum clinic and Refugees Journey

Rachel Liesel Hess, Medical Student, Drs. Keen, Zane Randell, Medical student, Moroni Lopez, Medical student, Azraa Ayesha, Medical student, Valentine Mukundente CHW

12:50 PM-2:30 PM

MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM

**AHEC students mini grant presentation
Mentors Meet and Greet- AHEC Scholars Only**

MEET OUR PROGRAM PRESENTERS

Senator Stephen H. Urquhart, JD

Senator Stephen H. Urquhart, JD, is Global Ambassador for the University of Utah. Steve was a member of the Utah House of Representatives from 2001 to 2008, serving as Majority Whip and Rules Chair. Steve is a founder of the Partnering Institute of Africa and director for Red Butte Garden, Equality Utah, and the Salt Lake Area Restaurant Association. For successfully championing difficult causes, Steve has been honored by the ACLU (Torch of Freedom), Equality Utah (Abraham Lincoln Award), and the Utah Pride Festival (Pete Suazo Political Action Award). He is married to Sara Stanley, and together they have four children.



Carl Moore



Picture credit Kobbi Brandes

Carl Moore is an Indigenous activist and a defender of both political and sacred sovereignty of Indigenous people. He is a tribal member of the Colorado River Indian Tribes being both Hopi and Chemehuevi. He is the initiator and co-founder of 2 indigenous led nonprofits in SLC since 2016, PANDOS (Peaceful Advocates for Native Dialogue and Organizing Support) and SLC Air Protectors. He also advocates for the SLC unsheltered community by giving both material and emotional support and confounding OURs (Our Unsheltered Relatives).

Ivette Amelia López, PhD, MPH

Ivette Amelia López, PhD, MPH is a Professor of Public Health and Deputy Director of the Utah Area Health Education Centers. A native of Puerto Rico, her work centers on the pursuit of health equity for Latinos and other disadvantaged populations through community engagement, education and research. She concentrates on the improved education of all Latinos and the professionals who help them; as well as community-based research that combines the social ecological determinants of health, including community in the search for sustainable solutions. Dr. Lopez is the current Director of the Utah AHEC.



Rita Osborn, MBA



Rita Osborn, MBA, has been part of the Utah AHEC team for over 10 years. She served as the Center Director of Southern Utah AHEC (SUAHEC) and the Director of the Utah Center for Rural Health since 2015. In these roles, Ms. Osborn has developed a network of community partners by engaging local collaborators in SUAHEC programs and serving on local boards that complement the SUAHEC mission. She is passionate about addressing the health workforce challenges facing rural areas in Utah. She appreciates the opportunity to continue to work with students and community partners to achieve better health for Southern Utah communities.

Mindy Bateman

Mindy Bateman has worked with Utah AHEC for nearly 20 years and has served as the Crossroads Utah AHEC (CRAHEC) Center Director since 2009. Under her leadership, the CRAHEC works directly with individuals spanning the health professions pipeline – from future professionals to current professionals – in all five counties of the CRAHEC region: Salt Lake, Utah, Tooele, Wasatch and Summit. Ms. Bateman recognizes that the field of health care is filled with career pathways that offer both financial stability and rewarding opportunities for personal growth.



Frederick Henderson, MHA

Frederick Henderson, MHA, is honored to represent the Utah AHEC Program as the Center Director of the Northern Utah AHEC (NUAHEC). The relationships and knowledge he has developed through collaborative efforts with multiple State of Utah and local governmental agencies, the United Way of Northern Utah, the Salvation Army, Utah Departments of Health, and other church and community safety net organizations bring important value and perspective to his current and continued service to the Utah AHEC Program.



NICHE

NICHE stands for the Network for Integral Community Health Engagement.

NICHE is a new student-led organization that aims to bridge the divide between growing health care resources and the underserved communities of the Salt Lake area. We partner in education and resource development with community healthcare workers who actively serve in their community. NICHE hopes to transform how healthcare is provided so that healthcare professionals and each unique community they serve can discover and work with each other to achieve equity and better health!



Kamaile Harris, CHW



Kamaile Harris is a Native Hawaiian Activist and has served in Salt Lake City as a Community Health Worker for 6 years. She has a background working in mental and behavioral Healthcare as direct care staff for 12 years, in institutions and group homes. She has worked for the Pacific Heritage Academy as the Hawaiian Heritage Teacher, and is the Producer and Co-host of the Island Wave Podcast, a partner of the Salt Lake Pacific Island Business Alliance.

Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost



Jen Dailey-Provost is a current member of the Utah House of Representatives, elected in 2018 to serve the constituents of House District 22 in downtown Salt Lake City. Jen is pursuing her PhD in Public Health at the University of Utah. Jen's policy priorities and passions include universal access to healthcare, breaking down inequities that lead to disparities in outcomes for marginalized communities, criminal justice reform, women's health, better treatment for mental health and substance abuse disorder, including addressing the opioid crisis, alleviating homelessness, and addressing our current gun violence epidemic.

Clark Ruttinger MPA, MBA



Clark Ruttinger is the Health Workforce Consulting Director for GlobalData PLC. Mr. Ruttinger was the founding director of the Utah Health Workforce Information Center created from HB 176 The Utah Health Workforce Act in the 2022 legislative session. Clark holds masters degrees in both public administration and business administration from the University of Utah. In 2018, Clark and his team, in collaboration with Dr. Michael Magill, the former director of the Utah AHEC, received a grant from the IBM Healthcorps to build a model to calculate Primary Care workforce needs in comparison to workforce supply in the state of Utah.

Tatiana Allen-Webb, BS, CCRP, CHW



Ms. Tatiana Allen-Webb, BS, CCRP, is a Program Manager with the Utah AHEC. She facilitates collaborations between community stakeholders, students, and researchers across the translational science continuum. She is one of the founding members of the Community Faces of Utah. Her experience includes training clinical care managers in informed consent procedures and subject tracking; development of study materials; data collection and analysis, recruiting and moderation of focus groups; conducting staff and provider surveys and clinic observations.

Menerva Lobe, PA-C



Menerva Lobe, MPAS, PA-C is a board-certified physician assistant (PA) and Assistant Professor (Clinical) at The University of Utah School of Medicine, Division of Physician Assistant Studies. Her clinical interests include addressing health disparities and the burden of medical ailments in under-represented groups. She has a strong interest in improving health outcomes for medically underserved populations, educational equity for all PA students, and increasing justice, equity, diversity and inclusion in PA and medical education.

Steve Lacey, MS, PhD, CSP



Dr. Steven Lacey serves as Professor and Chief of the Division of Public Health at the University of Utah School of Medicine. Dr. Lacey earned an MS in Industrial Hygiene from Texas A&M University, a PhD in Industrial Hygiene from the University of Illinois at Chicago and was a postdoctoral fellow at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Prior to Utah, he was Chair of the Department of Environmental Health Science at the Indiana University Fairbanks School of Public Health in Indianapolis, and Director of the Product Stewardship program.



Martell Teasley, MSW, PhD

Martell L. Teasley is Interim Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost. Appointed dean of the College of Social Work in 2017, Martell is in his second terms as president of the National Association of Deans and Directors of Social Work As the lead investigator on the Social Work profession's Grand Challenge to Eliminate Racism, his major areas of research interests are African American adolescent development, school social work practice, and diversity in social work education. He received a Master of Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond and his doctorate in Social Work in Howard University.

Karen Mulitalo, PA



Karen Mulitalo is proud native of Utah. She graduated from the University of Utah with a BS and a Master of Physician Assistant Studies. She has over 23 years of experience in Physician Assistant Education and currently is the Department Chair and Program Director of the UVU Physician Assistant Studies. Her educational experience includes PA program development at the University of Utah, University of Texas Southwestern, University of Queensland and University of Florida. She currently works clinically one day per week providing family medicine services at Maliheh Free Clinic and urgent care at Brigham Young University Student Health Center

CONGRATULATIONS! PRECEPTORS AWARDS

Nadim Bikhaz, MD



Dr. Bikhazi is a board-certified Otolaryngologist with a keen interest in research and keeping his patients apprised of the latest technological advances. He's been an integral part of Ogden Clinic's growth and innovation since then. He and his wife, Karen, have two daughters, Lauren and Olivia, and one son, Noah. Outside of his practice, Dr. Bikhazi enjoys scuba diving, baseball, fishing, and racquetball. He is fluent in French and Spanish.

Alan Bybee, MPAS, PA-C



A Utah native, I grew up in Weber County graduating from Bonneville High School and Weber State University. For the last 27 years I have been fortunate enough to spend my time in Primary Care, most of it in the Morgan Health Center for Family Practice and Urgent Care. Since 1990, I have continued precepting students. I enjoy watching each of them grow in confidence and ready themselves to make a difference in the world; a reward of precepting that keeps me going.

Todd Flitton, DPM



Todd lives in Kaysville, UT. He graduated from California College of Podiatric Medicine and did his surgical residency at Westview Hospital, Indianapolis IN. He currently practices at Tanner Clinic/Kaysville. His main focus is foot & ankle surgery and Sports Medicine. He has been part of Davis High Sport Dr. for 15 years. Todd is married with 7 sons. He has ran 34 Marathons, including 6th place at Pikes Peak Marathon and enjoys to cycling. Todd loves his Sweetheart, sons, grandchildren, cycling and soccer.

Kurt Umbrell PA-C



Kurt Umbrell is a Physician Assistant at Sanpete Valley Hospital in Mount Pleasant. As a hospitalist and an emergency department provider, in a rural area, Kurt has the opportunity to do a little bit of everything primary care has to offer. He lives in Ephraim and has a small farm raising half a dozen cows and 3 head of children. Kurt has found his home with small town values and is grateful to be able to care for his friends and neighbors.

Steven Grover, MD



I graduated from BYU and then went on to obtain a medical degree at Northwestern University in Chicago. After practicing in Colorado for several years, I returned to Utah to practice in Utah County. I have a passion for communicating well and providing excellent medical and surgical care for my patients. I am honored to mentor medical students from Rocky Vista University and OB/GYN residents from the University of Utah. I am also grateful for the opportunity I have had to teach internationally during short-term medical missions in Guyana, Honduras, Nepal, Morocco, 3 times in the Republic of the Congo-Brazzaville, Timor-Leste, Madagascar, twice in Togo, and 4 times in the Democratic Republic of the Congo-Kinshasa.

Kelly Jensen, DO



Kelly D. Jensen is a General Orthopedic surgery specialist that currently practices in Price, Utah. He first trained and worked as a Certified Nursing assistant at Dixie Regional Medical Center in St. George, Utah. Kelly developed a passion for health care in general and specifically for caring for and helping the senior population. Following this he spent several years working as an orthopedic device specialist for Zimmer Inc. He subsequently moved and worked as a surgical technician while obtaining a degree in Business and Behavioral Science from Utah Valley University in pursuit of a Medical degree.

Donavan Smith, RPh



In 2005 he started his current position as the Director of Pharmacy at the Wayne Community Health Center in Bicknell, Utah. In 2007 Donovan received the Stephen D. Ratcliff award from the Association of Utah Community Health Centers in recognition of his efforts as being a positive visionary leader. In 2018, he was employed with the Bizzell group as a HRSA Office of Pharmacy Affairs 340B auditor and started consulting for Green River Medical Center where he help pioneer the first Class-A retail tele-pharmacy in Utah. During this same time he received from the University of Utah, College of Pharmacy, Core Preceptor of the Year award.

Hollie Stapely, MPAS, PA-C



I grew up in Helper, Utah and graduated from Carbon High. After graduation I worked as an EMT in the Emergency department at Primary Children's Medical Center. I then attended Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana and graduated with my Masters in Physician Assistant Studies. After graduating I moved back to Helper and have been practicing Women's Health with Dr. David C. Bradshaw for the last 9 years. I have an amazing husband and two beautiful daughters. In my free time I enjoy dancing, boating, hiking and spending time with my family.

CONGRATULATIONS! COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS AWARDS

Lori Gray, CHW



I have a social work background. I have worked for the Utah County Health Department in their wellness clinic and Covid Outreach teams for almost 7 years. I have loved to teach the CHW certification course with SUU for the last 3 years and have taught over 200 students! I am on the Utah County Pacific Islander Health Coalition committee. I love being in the communities I serve and organizing health/ Resource fairs and events to help better serve a healthier community! I helped organize and create the first Utah county CHW coalition under UCHWA.

Jeannette Villalta, CHW



Jeannette was born in Guatemala and has lived in Salt Lake City for 22 years now. She works as a Community Wellness Coach for the Hispanic Healthcare Task Force, as a Community Health Worker and Outreach Specialist for Alliance Community Services and as a Community Liaison for Multicultural Counseling Center. Graduated from Humanities course Westminster College, Humanities in Focus Filming and Westside Leadership. She is an active member of the Community working as a Promotora (Community Health Worker) for over 18 years and constantly learning new things in order to teach and train people around her.

SUMMIT BREAKOUT SESSION PRESENTERS

José E. Rodríguez, MD, FAAFP



José E. Rodríguez, MD, FAAFP currently serves as Associate Vice President for Health Equity and Inclusion, is a professor in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine, and a Family Medicine practitioner at the Redwood Health Center. Dr. Rodríguez has taken a strong role in advancing the institutional goals for health equity and inclusion. Within his department, he has served on the diversity committee, as well as various recruitment committees supporting focused recruitment of underrepresented ethnic and racial minority (URM) faculty and residents. Prior to his appointment at the University of Utah, Dr. Rodríguez served as the co-chair of the Council on Diversity and Inclusion and the co-director for the Center for Underrepresented Minorities in Academic Medicine at Florida State University College of Medicine.

Olanrewaju Onigbogi, MD, MPH



Olanrewaju Onigbogi, MD, MPH currently works as a Research Associate at the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine of the University of Utah. His general interest is in addressing health disparities among under-represented groups. Ola received his medical degree from the University of Ilorin, Nigeria and proceeded to obtain a Master of Public Health from the University of Kuopio in the year 2004 to obtain a Master of Public Health degree. He joined the University of Utah in June, 2022. Prior to joining the university, he practiced as an Epidemiologist at the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). He also has prior experience working as a Lecturer at the University of Lagos, Nigeria after obtaining the prestigious fellowship in Public Health of the Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria (NPMCN)-2008.

Oreta M. Tupola, MSW/CHW Specialist



Oreta M. Tupola was born and raised in Laie. She has over 25 years of experience in community outreach, advocacy and health working with underserved communities. Oreta obtained a bachelor's in social work at Brigham Young University Hawaii, a master's degree in Social Work with a Health Concentration at the University of Hawaii Manoa and began her EdD in Organizational Leadership with Argosy University. Oreta has been leading the Community Health Worker Movement in Utah since 2016 by building the infrastructure for workforce development, sustainable funding and certification in order to increase visibility and opportunity for Community Health Workers to be recognized as key influential partners in addressing social determinants of health as a part of multiprofessional and multilevel care teams.

Ixchel Rangel, CHW



Ixchel Rangel is the Community Health Services (CHS) Program Manager at the Association for Utah Community Health. She has been working for AUCH since 2016 and doing community health work and advocacy since she was 16 years old. She's continued to follow her passion and participated in different projects as a Community Health Worker (CHW) and leader and supported other community leaders in their efforts to create equality in Utah.

Tile Fagatele, CHW



Tile Fagatele grew up in West Valley City, Utah and is a proud Samoan-American. His community engagement as a community health worker has lead him to becoming the Director of Community Health Workers for Pacific Island Knowledge 2 Action Resources (PIK2AR) under the mentorship of Susi Feltch-Malohifo'ou. Tile is rooted in his Samoan heritage and with the intersection of his healthcare background he is able to bridge the gaps in health, income, and social disparities in the Pacific Islander Community.

Ahmad Alsaleem

Ahmad Alsaleem is a project manager at The Therapeutic Games & Apps Lab (GApp lab) and a software design engineer at the Craig H. Neilsen Rehabilitation Hospital. His work involves optimizing software and hardware for assistive technologies and managing multiple projects that aim to utilize the power games in the healthcare world. Currently, Ahmad is the project manager for a conversational training simulation to help better medical professionals identify needs for underserved populations within the scope of the HRSA umbrella. Ahmad earned his Ph.D. in Computing at Utah and specialized in Human-Computer Interaction with a focus on creating assistive collaborative experiences.



Stephen Holdmeyer, GA

I am Stephen Holdmeyer, a Grad Student at the University of Utah in the Master of Entertainment Arts & Engineering Program, Production Track. I started working at the GApp Lab this past May and have been on the HRSA Project since then.



Elizabeth Howell MD, MS, DLFAPA, DFASAM

Elizabeth F Howell, MD, MS is Professor of Psychiatry (Clinical) at the University of Utah School of Medicine in Salt Lake City, Utah. She has worked in the addictions field since 1983 in public, private and academic settings. She has an inpatient and outpatient clinical practice at the Huntsman Mental Health Institute (formerly University Neuropsychiatric Institute) and University of Utah Health. She developed and is training director for the Addiction Psychiatry and Addiction Medicine ACGME-accredited fellowship programs at the University of Utah School of Medicine.



Steven Godin, MS, Ph.D., MPH, PHII

Dr. Godin is a Professor in the Division of Public Health within the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine. With 39 years of experience in higher education, he is currently funded by four different HRSA initiatives at the University of Utah. Within Project ECHO, he has provided program evaluation services, and in 2022-2023 he will be conducting a statewide assessment of SUD training needs for primary care providers, with an emphasis on rural and medically underserved communities.



Larry Garrett, Ph.D., MPH, RN

Larry Garrett, is an Assistant Professor at the University of Utah, College of Nursing. He earned his doctorate in Interdisciplinary Health Science from Western Michigan University. He was the first Health Informatics Fellow with the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and a former Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Garrett was employed at Comagine Health, on a variety of health care quality improvement initiatives. He is currently working on a project to improve primary care by creating opportunities for registered nurses to work at the top of their licensure. He has twenty-seven years of experience in health care consulting and teaching.



Josie Moosman RN, BSN

Josie Moosman is a Clinical Manager and Registered Nurse at the Wayne Community Health Center in Bicknell Utah. After obtaining her associates degree in science from Snow College and became a Registered Nurse she took on the role of RN/Case Manager at WCHC. In this role she spent her time working with patients to manage their chronic illnesses. She also worked in quality improvement, infection control, emergency management, risk management, and is super user for the clinical EMR. In 2017 Josie move into the Clinical Manager role at WCHC. In 2022 she started working towards a program for nurses to work at the top of their licensure. She is currently continuing her education at the University of Utah working towards her FNP. Josie currently serves on an advisory board for tobacco cessation program with the Center for Hope.



Rachel Liesel Hess, Medical Student

Rachel Hess is a second-year medical student the University of Utah School of Medicine, where she serves as co-founder and coordinator of the UUSOM Asylum Clinic. Rachel holds a degree in Clinical Psychology and Global Mental Health from Columbia University, Teachers College. Her work focuses on the impact of forced migration on health outcomes in vulnerable populations. Her past work includes developing culturally relevant pathways for integrating mental health into primary care for Syrian refugees in Lebanon and an assessment of potential risk and protective factors affecting the mental health needs of humanitarian workers in the U.S.-Mexico border region. Her current work examines how barriers to access contribute to refugee health disparities in Northern Utah.



Annalise Keen, MD

Annalise Keen, MD received her medical degree from Harvard Medical School in 2007. She has volunteered with Physicians for Human Rights' Asylum Network since 2009 and the Mount Sinai Human Rights Program's Remote Evaluation Network since 2019. She has worked at the University of Utah's Kidstar and Teenscope day treatment programs since 2016. She is excited to be a part of the University of Utah's Asylum Clinic.



Zane Randell, Medical Student

Prior to starting medical school Zane gained experience working in diverse fields from international development to outdoor adventure to education. During those years Zane has held various positions including serving on the leadership committee of Puentes de Salud in Philadelphia helping to run a women's and children's health clinic in Nicaragua and working in development for several non-profits. Currently Zane is a second year Medical Student and The University of Utah and is a co-founder and co-president of the University of Utah SOM Asylum clinic.



Azraa Ayesha, Medical Student

Azraa Ayesha is a 2nd year medical student at the University of Utah. She is particularly passionate about Refugee and Immigrant Health, as well as the intersection of medicine and law.



Moroni Lopez, Medical student

Moroni Lopez is a second-year medical student at the University of Utah School of Medicine. He is co-founder of the UUSOM Student-run Asylum Clinic as well as co-president of the UUSOM Latino Medical Student Association. He has been involved in various regional projects whose focus is the Utah indigenous and immigrant populations. He is obtaining graduate certificates from the UUSOM in global health; tribal, rural, underserved education; and population health with the goal of working to serve the marginalized and underrepresented people in the region.



Valentine Mukundente, MPA, CHW

Originally from Rwanda, Africa, Valentine Mukundente and her parents were relocated to Salt Lake City as refugees. Before they came to America, however, Mukundente and her family were sent to a refugee camp in Zambia where she spent her high school years. In Zambia, Mukundente worked as a translator for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees while her family waited to be relocated to America. She had learned French and Swahili as a child in Rwanda and English while in high school. She is the founder of Best of Africa, and a founding member of Community Faces of Utah.



Karishma Shah and Jazmine Abril (MD-PhD students)

Karishma and Jazmine are MD-PhD students at the University of Utah and AHEC Scholars. Karishma is in her first year in the Neuroscience Graduate Program studying the plasticity of neural networks in chronic pain. Jazmine is a first-year graduate student in Population Health Sciences at the University of Utah. Her research background is in maternal and child health focusing on contraceptive access, and she currently studies rare uterine and ovarian cancers at the Huntsman Cancer Institute.



Best of Africa



Best of Africa serves African refugees/immigrants. BOA mission is advocacy and education of the refugee community.

MEET OUR UTAH AHEC MENTORS

David N. Sundwall, MD

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