



**Diane Arneth**, a lifelong Staten Islander, has been a tireless worker for community health and social justice. She helped found the Staten Island Teen Pregnancy Network in 1981 and the Staten Island AIDS Task Force in 1988. She is Board Chair of the Staten Island Partnership for Community Wellness and chaired the Steering Committee for the first three years of the Tackling Youth Substance Abuse initiative. She is one of the original members and sits on the Board of the Staten Island Not-for-Profit Association, a trade association for 150 nonprofit agencies and completed two years as Board President in June 2014. Ms. Arneth has been the director of

Community Health Action of Staten Island for 23 years. Under her guidance, Community Health Action became a recognized leader in community health and won the 2008 New York Times Nonprofit Excellence Award for Overall Management Excellence. She served four years as an appointee on the Mayor's NYC HIV Planning Council setting funding priorities for \$110 million dollars annually. She now serves as a gubernatorial appointee on the NY State AIDS Advisory Council and is a member of the Community Advisory Council of the New York State Health Foundation. Ms. Arneth received a BSN in nursing from Hunter College and an Executive MPA from Baruch College. She is an active North Shore Rotary Club member and served as Club President 2006-2007 and currently lives in West Brighton with her husband, Robert Brown.





**Benjamin Bashein** joined ACRIA in 2007, and was appointed Executive Director in 2014. He provides overall programmatic management as well as organization-wide direction and strategic vision to advance the mission of this 23 year old New York City-based international AIDS research and education organization.



**Jack Beck** is the Director of the Prison Visiting Project at the Correctional Association of NY (CA) – since 2004. The CA has statutory authority to inspect prisons in NY State and to report its findings to the legislature and public. At the CA, he has focused on monitoring conditions within NY prisons, including special housing; safety and violence in the prisons; prison medical and mental health care; and treatment of persons in prison with substance abuse histories. Prior to the CA, he was a Senior Supervising Attorney at the Prisoners’ Right Project (PRP) of the Legal Aid Society, where he worked for 23 years. At PRP, he pursued federal class action litigation on behalf of people in state prisons and New York City jails. He specialized in medical care issues, with particular focus on HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C. He is a member of several statewide coalitions concerned with incarcerated persons placed in isolated

confinement, medical and mental health care in prisons that advocates for legislation to improve care of persons in prison, particularly those infected with HIV and/or hepatitis C and those who suffer from mental illness and have been placed in isolated confinement.



**Dr. Guthrie Birkhead** is the Deputy Commissioner responsible for all public health programs at the New York State Department of Health (Department). He is the chief public health physician in the Department and directs the Office of Public Health. He's responsible for over 2000 staff, an annual budget of over \$2 billion, and over 100 discrete public health program areas.

In 2007 and again in 2012, Dr. Birkhead led the development of the State's public health improvement plan, the Prevention Agenda towards the Healthiest State. He's also leading the Department's efforts at performance management/quality improvement, introducing quality improvement approaches to public health programs.

Dr. Birkhead earned his medical degree at Yale University and master's degree in public health from Johns Hopkins University. He's the author or co-author of over 100 peer-reviewed publications and book chapters. He is also a Professor of Epidemiology at the School of Public Health, University at Albany.





**Dr. Gale R. Burstein** is the Erie County Commissioner of Health and a Clinical Professor at the SUNY at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences Department of Pediatrics. Dr. Burstein attended SUNY at Buffalo School of Medicine; completed a pediatric residency at Case Western Reserve University-Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland, OH; received Adolescent Medicine fellowship training at the University of Maryland; completed an STD Prevention fellowship and a Masters in Public Health at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD; and worked as a Medical Officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Burstein is currently working on strategies to improve sexual health care services in primary care. Dr.

Burstein, a board certified in Adolescent Medicine physician, is a member of a number of professional organizations and has been published in various scientific journals, including JAMA, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Clinical Infectious Diseases, MMWR, Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Sexually Transmitted Infections.



**Eli Camhi, MSSW, LMSW** is the Executive Director of VNSNY CHOICE SelectHealth a New York State Licensed Medicaid HIV Special Needs Plan. Since 1989 he has been actively engaged and employed in the development and financing of the HIV Healthcare Delivery System in New York City. Mr. Camhi received his Masters of Science in Social Work from the University of Texas at Austin in 1988. He is a long-standing member of the National Association of Social Workers. Mr. Camhi is also a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine. He has served as fiscal and technical consultant to the HIV/AIDS Bureau of the Health Resources and Services Administration. Mr. Camhi is also a published author.



**Alex Carballo-Diéguez, Ph.D.**, is a Professor of Medical Psychology (in Psychiatry) at the Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC). He is also Co-Director of the HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies at New York State Psychiatric Institute, and Director of the HIV Center New Media Core. His research focuses on primary prevention of HIV transmission: Acceptability of and adherence to vaginal and rectal microbicide use among women and men, use of rapid HIV home tests to screen sexual partners, and determinants of sexual risk behavior among men who have sex with men. He is particularly interested in exploring the application of Information Technology tools to social and behavioral research. His studies are being conducted both in the US, Puerto Rico, Thailand, South Africa, Perú and Argentina.



**Guillermo Chacón** is President of the Latino Commission on AIDS and founder of the Hispanic Health Network. Guillermo Chacón serves on the Advisory Committee on HIV, Viral Hepatitis and STD Prevention and Treatment for the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources & Service Administration (HRSA) until November 30, 2016. On January 19, 2013, Guillermo Chacon was appointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo to serve on the New York State AIDS Advisory Council. On June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Guillermo Chacón was confirmed by the New York State Health Committee of the Senate to serve on the New York State Minority Health Council until May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. In November 2010, Guillermo Chacon was appointed by Governor Elect Andrew Cuomo to serve on his transition team in the area of Education & Health. Guillermo Chacon serves as the Chair of the board of Directors for the New York Immigration Coalition, Chair of the Community Advisory Board to the Center for Elimination of Cancer Disparities at the NYU Laura & Isaac Perlmutter Cancer Center and as a board/advisory member the New York City AIDS Memorial, POZ Magazine national advisory board and AIDSvu.org. Guillermo Chacon was born and raised in El Salvador, Central America. He has studied education at the National University of El Salvador and is an undergraduate student at Fordham University in the Organizational & Leadership Program.







**Allan Clear** is the Executive Director of the Harm Reduction Coalition since 1996. Mr. Clear oversees all of HRC's organizational, programmatic, and policy developments. Mr. Clear is well known as a tireless advocate for minority communities, drug users, at-risk populations, and people living with HIV/AIDS. Over the years, Mr. Clear has served on numerous committees and advisory boards.



**Robert Cordero, MSW**, serves as President and Chief Program Officer of BOOM!Health, a merged and rebranded Bronx-based \$12.4 million nonprofit agency previously comprised of CitiWide Harm Reduction and Bronx AIDS Services. BOOM!Health delivers a full range of prevention, outreach, syringe access, harm reduction, health care, pharmacy behavioral health, housing placement, legal, advocacy and wellness services to over 10,000 individuals in the hardest to reach communities in the Bronx, New York. BOOM!Health strengthens efforts to remove barriers to accessing medical care, with particular emphasis on HIV and viral hepatitis prevention and care services, as reflected in a vision of *health, wellness and safety for all*.





**Demetre C. Daskalakis, MD, MPH** is the Assistant Commissioner of the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control. After completing his medical education at NYU School of Medicine, he completed post graduate training in Medicine, Infectious Diseases, and Public Health at Harvard University. With experience in implementing field based HIV testing and preventive interventions, he also served as the Medical Director of a large HIV program in NYC. He joined the NYC DOHMH in September 2014 to lead NYC's ongoing work to improve the lives of people with HIV and prevent HIV among those at risk.





**Sherry Deren, Ph.D.** is the Director of the NIDA-funded P30 Center for Drug Use and HIV Research (CDUHR), located at the New York University (NYU) College of Nursing. Dr. Deren is a social psychologist, and has been Principal Investigator for many NIDA-funded research projects related to drug use and HIV. Her recent research interests have focused on multi-level influences on HIV risk behaviors among Puerto Rican drug users in Puerto Rico and NYC. CDUHR, focused on the socio-behavioral study of drug use-HIV/AIDS, has been funded since 1998, and provides a research infrastructure to support over 60 research projects, at NYU and affiliated institutions, related to the Center's theme: "Discovery to Implementation & Back: Research Translation for the HIV/Substance Use Epidemic." She is a co-founder and steering committee member of the New York HIV Research Centers Consortium, comprised of over 25 HIV Research Centers in the New York tri-State area. She has served on numerous NIH research review committees, and is the author of many articles on HIV/AIDS prevention among high-risk substance users.



**Don C. Des Jarlais**

Don C. Des Jarlais, Ph.D. is Director of Research for the Baron Edmond de Rothschild Chemical Dependency Institute at Mt. Sinai Beth Israel, Professor at Columbia University Medical Center and Guest Investigator at Rockefeller University in New York. Dr. Des Jarlais is a leader in the fields of AIDS and injecting drug use, and has published extensively on these topics including: New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA, Science and Nature. He is active in international research, having collaborated on studies in many different countries. He serves as consultant to various institutions, including the CDC, NIDA, the National Academy of Sciences and WHO. He has formerly served as a Commissioner for

the National Commission on AIDS, as a Core Group Member of UNAIDS Reference Group on HIV and Injecting Drug Use and as a former member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Scientific Advisory Board.



**Erin Drinkwater**, throughout her career, has dedicated herself to public service as a strategist, activist, advocate, and community organizer. Drinkwater has worked for over a decade in government and non-profits. As the Executive Director of the Brooklyn Community Pride Center, Erin has grown both the staff and operational budget directly impacting the organization's program offering. The Brooklyn Community Pride Center hosts unique programming in direct response to the needs of

Brooklyn's LGBTQ community as well as partners with existing organizations to produce special events on topics relevant to the community. BCPC is also a member of a number of coalitions including No Condoms As Evidence and Communities United for Police Reform. In 2012, Erin served on the Democratic National Committee's Policy Platform, serving as a delegate to the DNC Convention in Charlotte, NC. Before joining the Brooklyn Community Pride Center she was a Policy Consultant working on various social justice issues and with countless candidates seeking elected office. Drinkwater's campaign work ranges from District Leader races to National races, including the 2008 and 2012 Obama for America campaigns. She also served as co-President of the Lambda Independent Democrats of Brooklyn. Erin served as the Downstate Director of Pride in Action at the Empire State Pride Agenda; as Congressman Jerrold L. Nadler's Manhattan Community Representative and LGBT Liaison and as Sean Patrick Maloney's Policy Director, in his 2006 Attorney General bid. Drinkwater has a Bachelor's degree in Sociology: Social and Political Policy, and Master's Certificate in Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA. Additionally, she holds a Master of Science in Urban Policy Analysis and Management from Milano School of International Affairs, Management, and Urban Policy at the New School. She lives in Greenpoint, Brooklyn.



**Sharen I. Duke**, Executive Director/CEO of ASCNYC (AIDS Service Center / Allied Service Center) has over 20 years of experience in the field of public health. Under her leadership since 1990, ASCNYC has evolved from a three-person agency into a multiservice, multisite, multilingual, multimillion dollar community organization helping more than 14,000 NYC residents make positive changes toward health, housing, recovery and self-sufficiency each year. As the daughter of a Holocaust survivor, Sharen has translated her father's legacy of survival and hope into ASCNYC's mission to help New Yorkers living with HIV and other chronic illnesses get a second chance to reclaim their lives. ASCNYC programs promote self-respect, personal responsibility and connection to community. Sharen has advocated on behalf of low-income New Yorkers through vigorous involvement in community planning processes in partnership with many government

agencies. Currently she serves on the NYC HIV Health and Human Services Planning Council, the Member Advisory Council of the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies, and the Boards of Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS Resources Coalition and iHealth, a citywide collaborative of community-based organizations united to advocate and negotiate on behalf of chronically ill Medicaid recipients and the programs that serve them within the Medicaid Health Home system.





**Ken Dunning** is an enrolled member of the Onondaga Nation, Beaver Clan. He is Director of the American Indian Community House HIV/AIDS Program, headquartered in Syracuse, New York. He oversees targeted prevention and community mobilization services for HIV/STD/HCV prevention at four program sites across New York State (New York, Akwesasne, Syracuse, Buffalo), serving ten different urban and Nation based Native American communities. Ken has more than 25 years' experience in prevention. He has designed, developed, implemented and/or supervised a wide range of prevention and human service programs for Native Americans, including the areas of HIV/STDs, substance use, Indian Child Welfare, family preservation, youth development, youth crisis intervention, youth technology and educational support, truancy and dropout prevention, elders services,

developmental disabilities, crime victims assistance, food pantry and emergency assistance services.





**Jim Eigo** has written on theater, dance, art, literature and the design of clinical trials. He helped design two reforms of AIDS drug regulation, accelerated approval and expanded access, that facilitated the delivery of many treatments to people across the world, work that is profiled in the documentary *How to Survive a Plague*. His short fiction has appeared in such volumes as *Likely Stories*, in such periodicals as *The Chicago Review* and at such online venues as *Clever Magazine*. His first published art work appears in *The Poetics of Space* from Intima Press. You can read the first chapter of his novel-in-progress at *ink&coda*.

Recently his concrete poetry has appeared in *Otoliths*, *Phantom Kangaroo* and on the *Visual Poetry* tumblr blog. He works on HIV prevention issues with ACT UP / NY and has written on prevention issues for *Huffington Post*, *thebody.com*, *Taglines* and *Achieve*.





**Lawrence Eisenstein, M.D., FACP** is Commissioner of Health for the Nassau County Department of Health, Uniondale, New York, a county of 1.3 million people. Dr. Eisenstein is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, and Infectious Diseases through the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Eisenstein also serves as President of the New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO.) Prior to becoming Commissioner, Dr. Eisenstein joined the Nassau County Department of Health as Deputy Commissioner in 2009.

During his career Dr. Eisenstein has contributed to numerous peer reviewed articles, and poster presentations. He has made many Keynote speeches, Grand Rounds presentations, and has spoken at many professional conferences, and round table and panel discussions.

Dr. Eisenstein completed residency in Internal Medicine at Winthrop-University Hospital in Mineola, New York. He then served as Chief Resident in Internal Medicine at Winthrop-University Hospital. This was followed by Fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Winthrop. Dr. Eisenstein began studying medicine at the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara and completed his schooling at New York Medical College. Prior, he received a BA from Binghamton University.

Dr. Eisenstein is Clinical Assistant Professor of Population Health at the Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine, and adjunct professor at the Hofstra University School of Health Professions and Kinesiology. He is Clinical Assistant Professor of Preventive Health at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Prior to joining the Nassau County Department of Health, Dr. Eisenstein worked in a private practice in Infectious Diseases, and had attending physician privileges at Southside Hospital, Bay Shore, NY, as well as Good Samaritan Hospital in West Islip, New York. Dr. Eisenstein served as a teaching attending physician at Winthrop-University Hospital from 2007 to early 2009. During this time he maintained an academic affiliation with SUNY-Stony Brook Medical School of Medicine.



**Dr. Stephen Ferrara, DNP, FNP-BC, FAANP**, is a practicing Nurse Practitioner with over 14 years of clinical experience. He serves as Executive Director of the Nurse Practitioner Association New York State and is the associate dean of clinical affairs and assistant professor at Columbia University's School of Nursing. He has extensive experience in college, correctional, retail, men's, occupational health, and health policy development. Dr. Ferrara holds a passion for health care technology and integrating evidence-based practice into daily practice. He was awarded the American Association of Nurse Practitioners' NY State Award for Clinical Excellence in June 2012 for work he did on group medical visits for patients with diabetes and was inducted as a fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners in June 2013 for his health policy and clinical leadership.





**C. Virginia Fields, MSW** has been the President and CEO of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc. (NBLCA) since February 2008. She brings to the position over eighteen years of experience as an elected official in New York City, where she won widespread praise as a consensus builder around important city, state and national policy issues. Mrs. Fields was in the forefront of community battles in the early 1980s to secure housing for people living with AIDS. As Manhattan Borough President, she was instrumental in the allocation of millions of dollars for programmatic support to community-based organizations and educational institutions, borough-wide. In 2005, Mrs. Fields was a Democratic candidate for Mayor of New York City, becoming the first African American woman to seek that office.

In 2008, she was appointed to the New York State AIDS Advisory Council by then Gov. David A. Paterson. In 2011, Mrs. Fields was appointed to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Region II Health Equity Council, one of ten across the nation addressing health disparities and social determinants of health.

A graduate of Indiana University's School of Social Work, Mrs. Fields served as an adjunct lecturer at New York University's Silver School of Social Work. She is a recipient of numerous awards, citations and honors of distinction for her leadership on education, health, community and economic issues.





**Douglas G. Fish, M.D.**, completed his undergraduate medical education at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, graduating summa cum laude. He completed medical school at The Ohio State University College of Medicine in Columbus, Ohio. After a family practice internship at St. Joseph's Medical Center in South Bend, Indiana, he transferred to an internal medicine residency at the University of Arizona Health Sciences and Tucson Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Tucson. His Infectious Disease Fellowship was also completed at the University of Arizona. He completed his Internal Medicine residency at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville.

Dr. Fish is currently an Associate Professor of Medicine at Albany Medical College, the Medical Director of the AIDS Treatment Center at Albany Medical Center, and Division Chief for the Division of HIV Medicine. He has cared for patients and been active in the HIV field for 25 years. He previously served a 3-year term on the Antiviral Advisory Committee of the Food and Drug Administration in Washington, DC. He currently serves on the adult HIV Medical Care Criteria Committee of the NY State Department of Health's AIDS Institute, which publishes treatment guidelines for practitioners caring for HIV-infected New Yorkers, and the NY State HIV Quality of Care Committee. He is an active HIV educator in both correctional and non-correctional settings and is the principal investigator for the Upstate New York and Regional Correctional Resource Center of the New York/New Jersey AIDS Education & Training Center of Columbia University.



**Ingrid Floyd, M.B.A.** is responsible for administrative and fiscal oversight of Iris House, its programs and its staff. Since joining the Iris House team a decade ago she has introduced new programs to the agency such as the HIV testing and counseling, harm reduction, substance abuse counseling and condom distribution initiatives along with programs to engage gay and heterosexual men. In the last year, she has led agency efforts to encompass Hepatitis C, diabetes, hypertension and other health disparities challenging the neighborhoods and populations that we serve with broader education programs and a care coordination initiative. In 2013, Iris House served nearly 5,800 people with direct services and built awareness surrounding these health issues through outreach and prevention education to thousands more. Ms. Floyd also oversaw the development and implementation of a social marketing campaign launched in Harlem and New Jersey in 2012 entitled "Love Your Life/Keep it 100," which was reprised again in 2014. Under Ms. Floyd's direction the

agency improved its visibility in the community with the introduction of the nationally recognized Women as the Face of AIDS Summit, held for the past nine years to bring increased awareness to policymakers, funders and providers on the needs of women living with HIV/AIDS. She has overseen the agency's expansion into Central New Jersey, with programs serving high risk urban areas in Plainfield and Irvington. Ms. Floyd serves on the NJ HIV Planning Group, is a board member of the National Women and AIDS Collective (NWAC), is a member of Black Agency Executives and serves as a consultant for Health HIV providing fiscal sustainability training around the country to other non-profit executives. Ms. Floyd's areas of expertise include women living with HIV/AIDS, prevention strategies, linkage to care, community engagement, social media and fiscal oversight for community based organizations.





**Jennifer Flynn** became the Executive Director of VOCAL-NY on September 1, 2014, returning to a role she held for nine years after co-founding the organization (formerly known as the NYC AIDS Housing Network) in 1998 and leading highly successful community organizing and grassroots campaigns to win affordable housing, welfare rights, harm reduction services and criminal justice reform. Most recently she was the Managing Director of Health GAP (Global Access Project). Jennifer also sits on the Board of Directors for the North Star Fund, Met Council on Housing Education and Research Fund, QUEEROCRACY, and Health GAP, and she co-chairs the North Star Fund Community Funding Committee. She is a past recipient of the Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Award, Union Square Award and New York City Council Hero Award, and was named one of the country's 25 leading LGBT AIDS activists by HIV Plus Magazine in 2009. She holds a MS from the New School for Social Research and was the first US-based activist selected for Columbia University's Human Rights Advocates Training Fellowship.

**Robert Fullilove**







**Tracie M. Gardner** joined the Legal Action Center in October of 2000 as Director of New York State Policy and leads the Center's lobbying, grass roots organizing and budget and legislative advocacy work on the Center's core mission issues: HIV/AIDS, criminal justice and addiction. Her recent work has focused on promoting Medicaid enrollment and health care access for the justice-involved population. Tracie is a nationally recognized spokesperson and consultant on these issues and is also the founder and Coordinator of the Women's Initiative to Stop HIV (WISH-NY). Since 1987, Tracie has worked at agencies as diverse as Gay Men's Health Crisis, the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies and Funders Concerned about AIDS. She has personally trained hundreds of people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS, addiction or involved in the criminal

justice system on how to bring their lived experience into the realm of advocacy and to engage in the fight for social justice.





**Vito F. Grasso, MPA, CAE**, is executive vice president of the NYS Academy of Family Physicians which represents more than 5,500 family physicians and medical students throughout NYS. He has been in his current position for more than 20 years and serves on the Commission on Governmental Advocacy of the American Academy of Family Physicians. He received the AAFP Award of Merit in 2009 for his leadership and contributions to the Academy. Mr. Grasso's previous experience includes: executive director of the Capital District Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; executive director of the NY Public Welfare Association; director of Government Affairs and Public Relations for the Professional Insurance Agents of NY, NJ & CT; and program director of the NYS Assembly Committee on Corporations,

Authorities & Commissions. Mr. Grasso has a bachelor's degree in political science from Utica College and a master's in public administration from Rockefeller College of the SUNY at Albany. He also holds the certified association executive professional designation conferred by the American Society of Association Executives. Mr. Grasso serves on the board of the Neural Stem Cell Institute in Rensselaer, NY and is president of the University Club of Albany Foundation. He is the author of *John Emmett Connors – Artist From Troy*, published by SUNY Press. Mr. Grasso and his wife, Susan, live in Brunswick, NY.



**Perry N Halkitis, Ph.D., M.S., MPH** is Professor of Applied Psychology, Global Public Health, and Medicine, Director of the Center for Health, Identity, Behavior & Prevention Studies (CHIBPS), and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at the Global Institute of Public Health at New York University. Dr. Halkitis' program of research examines the intersection between the HIV epidemic, drug abuse, and mental health burden, primarily in LGBT populations. CHIBPS, the research center he directs, conducts cutting-edge bio-behavioral studies, serves as a training site for the next generation of scholars, and partners with community agencies to conduct studies for and with the LGBT population. Dr. Halkitis is lead editor of two volumes: *HIV + Sex: The Psychological and Interpersonal Dynamics of HIV-seropositive Gay and Bisexual Men's Relationships*.

(American Psychological Association, 2005), and *Barebacking: Psychosocial and Public Health Perspectives* (2006, Haworth Press). His book, *Methamphetamine Addiction: Biological Foundations, Psychological Factors, and Social Consequences* was published in 2009, and his newest book, *The AIDS Generation: Stories of Survival and Resilience*, is a 2014 Lambda Literary award nominee, and recipient of the American Psychological Association Distinguished Book Award in LGBT Psychology. Author of over 160 peer-reviewed academic manuscripts, Dr. Halkitis is also often cited in the press. His research program has been funded by various private and public entities including the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, New York Community Trust, and American Psychological Foundation, among others, at approximately a total of \$20 million. He is Editor in Chief of the journal *Behavioral Medicine*, and serves on numerous other editorial boards. Dr. Halkitis is an elected member of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and Health Services Research Administration Advisory Committee on HIV and STD Prevention. He is the recipient of numerous awards from both professional and community-based organizations, and is an elected a fellow of The New York Academy of Medicine, The Society of Behavioral Medicine, and in four divisions of the American Psychological Association. Dr. Halkitis holds degrees in psychology, education, and public health.

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**Terry Hamilton, M.A.**, as Assistant Vice-President for Corporate Planning Services for the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, the municipal healthcare system for the City of New York, Terry Hamilton is directly responsible for strategically managing and setting policy for the HIV-related activities of 11 acute care hospitals (each a New York State Department of Health certified Designated AIDS Center) and 6 diagnostic and treatment centers. This program is second largest to the Veteran's Administration and provides HIV care to 19,000 persons living with HIV/AIDS. Beyond leading the nationally Groundbreaking, CDC recognized, HHC HIV Testing Expansion Initiative since 2006 which has tested over 1 million New York City residents, Ms. Hamilton established and coordinates the innovative corporate-wide HIV Quality Improvement Learning Network with the NYS Department of

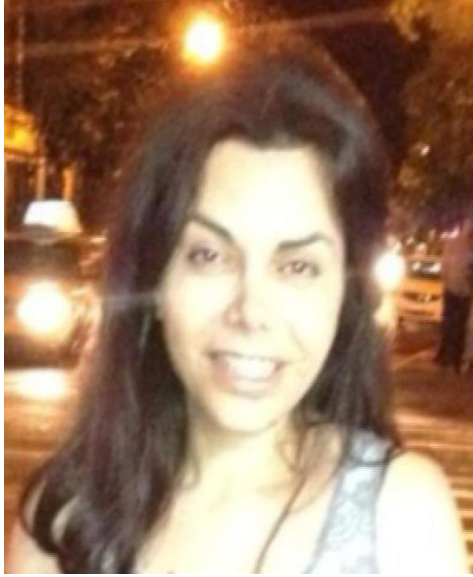
Health (NYS DOH). The New York State Department of Health and the National Quality Center and Health Resources Services Administration have recognized her for leadership in Quality Improvement. She was the first non-clinician in NYS Department of Health AIDS's Institute history to be recognized for leadership in Quality Improvement. Ms. Hamilton has worked in the HIV/AIDS community nationally since 1989. She was instrumental in creating the East Harlem HIV Care Network, crafted the first HIV prevention program for children in daycare and preschool in New York, organized the National Ryan White Title III Association and has served locally on the Executive Committee and as Policy Chair of the NYC Health and Human Services, Ryan White HIV Planning Council. Ms. Hamilton has supervised HIV primary care and HIV counseling and testing programs. She has served as a consultant for the Office of Minority Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and for the Health Resources Services Administration on issues relating to HIV/AIDS and the delivery of HIV primary care and supportive services. Within the religious community, Ms. Hamilton was the first Roman Catholic Director of Ecumenical Development for Church Women United, the first African American President of the National Assembly of Religious Women and former Associate Member of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious. She also served for many years as a Commissioner for the Office of Black Ministry for the Archdiocese of New York and edited **The Griot**. A peace activist, she coordinated the International Interreligious Events for the UN Special Session on Peace and Disarmament and created with sister doctor Judy Vaughan a series of national, social justice workshops for women (A Bi-Cultural Look at Racism and Creating Community, Creating Change). She worked with the Catholic Health Association of the U.S. on diversity in the workplace and is the author of a chapter on Ellen Tarry in the book, **Wise Women Bearing Gifts**, an audio presentation on God and prayer in **Womansharing** from St. Anthony Messenger Press and is a narrator of Marjorie Tuite Presente! and author of Inclusive Language Resource Papers for the Uniting Church in Australia.



**Mark Harrington** is Executive Director of Treatment Action Group (TAG). He joined ACT UP/New York in 1988 and worked in its Treatment + Data (T+D) Committee on key activist research actions such as "Seize Control of the FDA" (11 October 1988) and "Storm the NIH" (21 May 1990) and cowrote many key ACT UP publications such as "A National AIDS Research Treatment Agenda" (1989) and "A Critique of the AIDS Clinical Trials Group" (1990). In 1992 he cofounded TAG and, with Gregg Gonsalves, cowrote "A Critique of the

NIH AIDS Research Program," which led to reforms authorized by the Congress and signed by President Clinton in the NIH Revitalization Act of 1993 which strengthened the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of AIDS Research (OAR). He has written and edited many other reports for TAG, served on the US DHHS Adult & Adolescent HIV Treatment Guidelines Panel (1998-2010), the World Health Organization HIV treatment guidelines writing group (2003-2010), and the Global TB/HIV Working Group. In 1997 he received a MacArthur Foundation fellowship.

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**Cristina Herrera** coordinates Gender Identity Project at the Lesbian, Gay Bisexual & Transgender Community Center (The Center). She has been working in the field of HIV prevention, advocacy and community organizing for 14 years. Her work includes individual, group counseling sessions for the LGBT community. Some of her focus is providing counseling services around identity, mental health, substance use, and immigration concerns to transgender & gender non-conforming communities. Cristina oversees the TransLatina Initiative that takes place in Western Queens. She recently completed her tenure as board member for the Lorena Borjas Community Fund- The LBCF serves LGBT immigrant community members with collateral consequences associated with criminal convictions, jail time and court appearances. She is also the founder/president of the Translatina Network which is an

organized leadership group that works to raise awareness on the vast array of needs of the transgender Latina community. Cristina is also a trainer- consultant when it comes to working with LGBT communities.



**Marjorie J. Hill, Ph.D.** is Chair of the New York State AIDS Advisory Council and has served on AAC since 2007. A licensed clinical psychologist, Marjorie is a consultant specializing in non-profit management, organizational development, and cultural competence. With over twenty years of executive leadership in the non-profit and government sectors, Marjorie served as GMHC's longest tenured Chief Executive Officer. A longstanding public health advocate, Marjorie has held leadership positions at Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, Health and Hospitals Corporation, and in the NYC Mayor's Office. Committed to public service and community empowerment, Marjorie has served on numerous boards and advisory bodies and is currently a member of the CDC/HRSA Advisory Committee on HIV, Viral Hepatitis and STD Prevention and Treatment. Marjorie is a frequent presenter at national conferences and has several publications on HIV/AIDS, mental health issues and cultural diversity.





**Bishop Jones** is currently serving as a member of the Pastor's board of Unity Fellowship of Christ, NYC. Bishop Jones is the Jurisdiction Bishop for Jurisdiction 2 of the Unity Fellowship Church Movement. He is the founder of the Unity Fellowship of Christ, NYC. Bishop Jones is currently serving as the Chairman of the Board of Gay Men of African Descent, New York City.

Bishop Jones is a graduate of Palos Verdes Bible Training Center, Los Angeles Cal. and holds a Master Degree in Systematic Theology. Bishop Jones has been in the ministry since 1978, where he was licensed in pulpit ministry by the Mount Moriah Baptist church. Bishop Jones served under the founder

of the Unity Fellowship Church Movement, Archbishop Carl Bean, as the first Assistant of the denomination and later appointed as the Dean of Theological Studies.

Bishop Jones is a proud father of one son Parris, dog, BizzButton and grandfather of Sole'. Bishop Jones is currently a dedicated student of Jazz piano under the ten year tutelage of Dr. James Porter in Brooklyn New York. Bishop Jones has served as a member of his family reunion organizing committee for four years. He enjoys being at home, studying music, playing with BizzButton and having tea with friends.





**Perry James Junjulas** is the Executive Director of the Albany Damien Center, a HIV+ peer-led agency in Albany NY that provides prevention and care services in a comfortable, supportive environment for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Since his diagnosis in 1995, Perry has worked to ensure a better quality of life for those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS by providing advocacy, leadership, and programming that is preventing new HIV infections while helping individuals and families access the treatment and care they deserve. He has served as the Damien Center's Director since 1998, creating the Treasure Chest Thrift Store, Smart Meals, PAWS, and Foundations for Living programs. Perry is a graduate of Siena College

and a 2010 graduate of the UCLA/Johnson & Johnson Health Care Executive Program. He completed the MBA program at The College of Saint Rose in 2014. Perry is a Statewide AIDS Delivery Consortium (SASDC) representative for and is a board member of the National Working Positive Coalition (NWPC) and the Community AIDS Partnership for the Capital Region. He resides in Albany, New York with his husband, Anthony Green, who is the Director of Pastoral Care and Volunteers at Ellis Medicine.





**David Kilmnick, PhD, MSW** has more than 23 years of experience working on behalf of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) communities to end homophobia and transphobia, provide a home and a safe space for the community and advocate for equality under the law.

David founded Long Island Gay and Lesbian Youth (LIGALY) in 1993 and has led the organization through growing and developing substantially in its 21-year history including the purchase of the first GLBT community center on Long Island. The most significant growth was in 2005 when David established the Long Island GLBT Services Network (The Network) to expand services for Long Island's GLBT community throughout the lifespan. The Network included two

other new organizations – the Long Island GLBT Community Center (The Center) for adults and families, and Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders – Long Island (SAGE-LI) for seniors so that GLBT Long Islanders of all ages have access to needed programs and services.

Today, David is the Chief Executive Officer of The Network that serves tens of thousands annually, reaches an additional 80,000 through education and outreach and employs 30 full-time staff members in four Community Centers located in Woodbury, Bay Shore, Patchogue and Sag Harbor. The Network in the fall of 2014 announced the first ever affordable housing in the New York tri-state area for LGBT and LGBT friendly seniors in Bay Shore and expanded its service region to include Queens County. With an annual budget of over \$3 million, The Network service region includes over 6 million people that spans the entire length of the Long Island Expressway from the Midtown Tunnel to Montauk.

David has been widely recognized for his work on Long Island, throughout New York State and across the country. He has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the New York Civil Liberties Union Equality Award and the Lawrence Timpa Humanitarian Award for Professional Service from the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission. He is past co-chair of the Board of Directors for Centerlink, the national organization that represents nearly 200 GLBT Centers, was appointed to the Suffolk County Hate Crimes Taskforce in 2009, and was named to the 10th Annual Long Island Press Power List in 2012 and 2013 as one of the 50 most influential Long Islanders.

In addition to his innovative work in the GLBT community, David is a professor at several colleges and universities, including University of Maryland-University College in Nonprofit Management, Capella University in Public Administration and Nonprofit Management and at Walden University in the School of Public Policy and Administration. Kilmnick received his Ph.D. from the Graduate Center at the City University of New York in Social Welfare, where his dissertation focused on heterosexist attitudes and changes following contact with an openly gay instructor. David and his husband, Robert Vitelli, live in Centereach with their two Yorkshire Terrier children, Sparky and Petey.





**Charles King** is one of the founders and the President/CEO of Housing Works, Inc. a community-based, not-for-profit organization that provides a full range of services including housing, health care, mental health, chemical dependency services, legal, advocacy, and job training and employment for homeless men, women, and children living with HIV/AIDS and other chronic conditions.

Charles serves on the governing body of UNAIDS as a member of the NGO Delegation to the PCB and is Co-chair of the NYS End of AIDS Task Force.

Charles holds both a Law Degree and a Master of Divinity from Yale University, and is an ordained Baptist Minister.





**Linda Lambert** is a graduate of the State University of New York, Empire State College with a BS in Business, Management and Economics with a concentration in Health Policy and Management. She has been in Medical Society Management for more than 35 years, and is a Certified Association Executive (CAE) and in 2013 was awarded the American Medical Association Lifetime Achievement Award for “contributing substantially to the goals and ideals of the medical profession”. She has served on numerous national and state health care organizations' Board of Directors and as President of the American Association of Medical Society Executives. She currently serves as Executive Director of the New York Chapter of the American College of Physicians (an organization representing 12,000 New York Internists), Executive Director of NYACP Services, Inc. and as President of its subsidiary, IM Research and Service Corp. Linda is a registered lobbyist and has worked for more than 25 years with members of the New York State Legislature, the Governors’ office and the New

York State Education and Health Departments to monitor, draft and modify various legislative and regulatory proposals in the area of health care delivery.





**Jay Laudato** serves as the Executive Director of the Callen-Lorde Community Health Center. Callen-Lorde provides quality and sensitive care targeted to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities, including people living with HIV, regardless of ability to pay. Previously, Jay held two positions at the New York State Department of Health: Director of Managed Care, in which he oversaw the licensing and delivery of care through health maintenance organizations serving Medicaid and Medicare beneficiaries; and Assistant Director in the Division of Financial Planning and Policy, in which he oversaw the Medicaid Policy Bureau and bureaus overseeing care to persons with chronic diseases, alcohol and substance use treatment needs, mental illness and development disabilities. In this role he also oversaw the pharmacy benefit program for Medicaid. Jay also worked as the Assistant Director in the division of Corporate Planning at the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation providing support and oversight for HIV programs through the public hospital system.



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**Calvin Leveille**, after two years as the Director of HIV Prevention Services for the Long Island GLBT Services Network, Calvin Leveille joined the Wilson Team SPHERE Lab at Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health as the Community Outreach Coordinator in May 2012. Calvin works on many Wilson Team behavioral research studies such as the You & Me Study, the PATH study, and Daily Proactive Planning study. He also sits as a community representative/health community consultant for Region II's US Department of Health and Human Services Sounding Board. Since 2010, he serves as the Co-Chair for the AIDS Institute Statewide AIDS Services Delivery Consortium. Since 2008, Calvin is also Health Educator and Public Speaker for the Love Heals, Alison Gertz Foundation. Since 2007, he continues to be on the front lines of the HIV testing efforts as an HIV Testing Counselor for SUNY Downstate's





**Kelsey Louie** is the Chief Executive Officer of Gay Men’s Health Crisis (GMHC), the nation's leading provider of HIV/AIDS care, prevention services and advocacy. GMHC serves nearly 9,000 people living with HIV/AIDS in New York City, which is the epidemic's largest U.S. epicenter. As the world's first HIV and AIDS service organization, GMHC brings expertise and experience to people who are both HIV negative and positive, offering services which include HIV testing, nutrition counseling and hot meals, legal support, mental health services, education and workforce development. GMHC also advocates for stronger public policies at the local, state and federal level with the goal of ending AIDS as an epidemic in New York State by 2020.

Before joining GMHC, Kelsey served as the Chief Operating Officer of Harlem United Community AIDS Center, Inc., a community-based healthcare organization that began in Harlem and now serves clients throughout New York City. He oversaw the agency’s 42 million dollar budget and also managed agency operations, administration, finance, development and programs to bring Harlem United’s services to thousands of clients annually.

His rigorous, data-driven management style, sophisticated evaluation processes and commitment to staff development have brought concrete, measurable results to the lives of both clients and staff through his fourteen-year career in social services. In his progressive roles at Harlem United, first as Vice President of Housing, then Senior Vice President of HIV/AIDS Treatment and Support Services, next as Chief Program Officer and ultimately as Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Louie led a strong team of 375 professionals in the integration and coordination of services in Healthcare (Federally Qualified Healthcare Center), Prevention, Supportive Housing and Adult Day Healthcare Centers. This service integration brought Harlem United’s clients together into a more seamless system than before, offering multiple access points to meet their holistic needs. At GMHC, Kelsey is creating a similar service delivery model, integrating robust outcomes evaluation processes and continuous quality improvement programs with existing practices to build stronger programs, measurable outcomes and greater quality of service to GMHC clients.

Kelsey’s previous employers include respected organizations such as New York Foundling, Veritas Therapeutic Community Inc. and the Jewish Board of Family and Children’s Services. He received an MSW from New York University in 2001 and an MBA from Columbia University in 2008. He has served as an adjunct faculty member at the NYU Silver School of Social Work, and he currently serves as an Adjunct Associate Professor at NYU, where he has taught for eight years. He is a Board member of Big Apple Performing Arts, the umbrella organization for both the Gay Men’s Chorus and the Youth Pride Chorus.





**Gal Mayer, MD** is a board-certified internist and HIV specialist. Currently he works for Gilead Sciences as the Community Medical Scientist for NYC. In this role, he provides data, assistance and trainings for healthcare professionals and other staff members of community-based organizations, focusing on HIV disease state, treatment of HIV, HIV prevention, and co-infection with HIV and Hepatitis C. Prior to working at Gilead, Gal was the Medical Director of the Callen-Lorde Community Health Center in New York City, a federally-qualified health center focused on the healthcare needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities. As Medical Director, he oversaw the delivery of all clinical care at the health center and also managing his own diverse panel of primary care, HIV-infected, and/or transgender patients. Throughout the 13 years he worked at Callen-Lorde, Gal lectured frequently and extensively on several clinical topics related to LGBT health on which he has developed expertise, including HIV treatment, HIV testing and prevention, transgender hormone care, and anal cancer screening and prevention.





**Wilfredo Morel** is the Director of Hispanic Health at HRHCare, an organization comprised of sites throughout the Hudson Valley and Long Island that is dedicated to providing the highest quality of comprehensive primary, preventive and behavioral health services to all who seek it, regardless of their ability to pay. Mr. Morel has been with the organization for more than twenty years and is dedicated to providing services to the most underserved populations. As Director of Hispanic Health, Mr. Morel has been instrumental in the development and implementation of a bi-national health alliance with the government of Mexico to ensure a continuum of care for Mexican migrant farm workers; Latino

community groups, Comité Latino and Comité Mi Gente, that address the needs of and provide advocacy for the immigrant communities in Peekskill, Beacon and Poughkeepsie, NY; a Latino Youth Program, Vida Latina, in which at-risk youth work with the arts to explore their experiences of acculturation, social isolation, and family life; and has developed educational health programs for migrant farm workers. He has facilitated the development of a multi-cultural performance addressing issues of diversity.

Prior to his present position, Mr. Morel was Director of Genesis HIV Services at HRHCare. In this role he provided overall team leadership for case management services, community health education and outreach, HIV counseling and testing, peer leadership and support services. Mr. Morel was responsible for the development and implementation of a Health Promotion Program that included both peer and staff-directed educational presentations for the Peekskill community and migrant populations in the Northern Hudson Valley. During his tenure Mr. Morel worked directly with at-risk youth, adults and HIV positive persons on the development and implementation of a peer education program involving direct training and outreach.

As a facilitator for support group counseling regarding HIV issues, Mr. Morel has developed numerous community partnerships. Such partnerships were the foundation for the tri-county conference Mr. Morel developed to address health issues for men who have sex with men (MSM).

Mr. Morel majored in Sociology at Herbert Lehman College/CUNY and is licensed by New York State Department of Health as a Clinical Case Manager, HIV/AIDS Pre/Post Counselor and HIV/AIDS Counselor Training Program for Training or Trainers (TOT).



**William Murphy**, Executive Director, Ryan/Chelsea-Clinton Community Health Center

William Murphy has been actively involved in HIV advocacy and program planning for over 30 years. In 1992, he joined the William F. Ryan Community Health Center to head the Center's HIV prevention program. Soon thereafter, he became the department head overseeing all outreach programs and in 2007, became the senior administrator overseeing programs for special populations at all of the Ryan Network's 15 sites. In 2010 he became Chief Administrative Officer and led the management team that launched the Ryan Women & Children's Center. Mr. Murphy was appointed the Executive Director of the Ryan/Chelsea-Clinton Community Health Center in November 2013, in recognition of his leadership skills

and more than twenty years of dedicated service to Ryan's patients and communities.

Mr. Murphy is currently the Vice Chair of the LGBT Task Force as well as the Health Care for the Homeless Committee of the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) and is a founding member of the HIV/Substance Abuse and Behavioral Health Committee of NACHC. He also serves on the Clinical Subcommittee on HIV for the Community Health Centers Association of New York State. He has represented NACHC on the CDC Partnership Council and has represented the Ryan Center on the New York City Health and Human Services HIV Planning Council. Mr. Murphy has also provided technical assistance to other agencies and grantees at the request of funding agencies such as the CDC, New York State AIDS Institute, SAMHSA and HRSA.





**Dr. Denis Nash** is Professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the City University of New York's (CUNY) School of Public Health (SPH) and Hunter College. After training in public health and epidemiology at Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland, Dr. Nash served in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Epidemic Intelligence Service, based at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), where he ultimately became Director of HIV/AIDS Surveillance. Since then, Dr. Nash has conducted international and domestic research on HIV/AIDS with a focus on implementation research and the use of surveillance data to assess programmatic effectiveness and impact. In 2004, he joined the epidemiology faculty at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, and then joined the Hunter faculty

in 2010. Dr. Nash brings research expertise in infectious disease epidemiology, epidemiologic methods, public health surveillance, comparative effectiveness research and global health, with a focus on research in large-scale service-delivery programs. He is the Co-chair of the Site Assessment Working Group of the NIH-funded International Epidemiologic Databases to Evaluate AIDS (IeDEA) network, and a member of the trans-NIH Planning Committee on the Epidemiology and Natural History of HIV Infection. Dr. Nash has taught courses on Public Health Surveillance and Infectious Disease Epidemiology for over 15 years and is the Executive Officer of the CUNY SPH's Public Health Doctoral Programs.





**Regina R. Quattrochi** is the Chief Executive Officer of Bailey House, the first supportive housing agency in the country for people living with HIV/AIDS. Her work and advocacy have helped establish the link between homelessness and HIV incidence and the need for stable housing for access to healthcare and improved health outcomes. In shifting the way policy makers view HIV incidence and prevention, she has created a new paradigm in the public discourse around addressing these epidemics. Ms. Quattrochi has been involved in the creation of a number of advocacy organizations committed to the establishment of a continuum of housing options for homeless people living with HIV/AIDS. She is a former President and current board member of the National AIDS Housing Coalition and was an adjunct professor at New

York University's School of Public Administration for a decade. She is also a founding member of the 30 for 30 Campaign, an advocacy group dedicated to ensuring that the unique needs of women living with and affected by HIV, including transgender women, are addressed in the national HIV response. She was appointed to the Harlem Hospital Community Advisory Board by the Manhattan Borough President, Gale A. Brewer. She recently received the *2014 UCLA/Johnson & Johnson Health Care Executive Program Community Health Improvement Project (CHIP) Award*, which honors leaders in health care who have improved the well-being of people living in their community through a specific initiative. The project scope: opening a licensed Behavioral Health Center (BHC) at the agency's multi-service Rand Harlan Center in East Harlem. The BHC opened its doors in the grip of the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, which devastated Bailey House's landmark West Village residence Bailey-Holt House. Despite the massive effort necessary to recover from the storm, Ms. Quattrochi and Bailey House staff cut the ribbon for the BHC one month after Superstorm Sandy hit New York. The BHC is the only one of its kind in East Harlem, an area with some of the highest rates of mental illness, poverty, homelessness, HIV incidence, incarceration and injection drug use in New York City. The Center attracts individuals most mental health clinics refused to treat – active substance users, the homeless, and sex workers; as well as people living with HIV/AIDS and other chronic illnesses, with compassionate, culturally competent behavioral health care and bilingual services, the CHIP award showcases Bailey House's efforts to address health disparities and improve access to health care for the most vulnerable New Yorkers.



**Robert H. Remien, Ph.D.**, is Professor of Clinical Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at Columbia University Medical Center and Director of the HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies, and Associate Director of the Division of Gender, Sexuality, and Health at the NY State Psychiatric Institute and Columbia University. The HIV Center comprises over 150 researchers and staff who represent a broad range of disciplines including developmental, community, and social psychology; biostatistics; ethics and public policy; epidemiology; anthropology; psychiatry; pediatric and adolescent medicine; and community outreach. Dr. Remien is also the Co-Clinical Director of the New York and New Jersey AIDS Education and Training Center, Faculty Mentor for HIV Center Postdoctoral Fellows, and Clinical

Supervisor to psychiatric residents in training. Dr. Remien's research is focused on HIV prevention, mental health and sexual risk behavior, and adherence to treatment and care, and he has developed and tested several behavioral interventions in these domains in both domestic and international settings. Dr. Remien serves on numerous national and local advisory groups, steering committees, review panels, and journal editorial boards. He also provides direct clinical services in New York City.





**Stanley Richards**

Senior Vice President, The Fortune Society, Inc. Stanley Richards has worked in the Criminal Justice field for over 25 years. His work with inmates started while incarcerated in a New York State prison, where he worked as the inmate Director of Pre-Release. Stanley's professional experience began in 1991 at The Fortune Society, where he initially worked as a Counselor. He is a graduate of Medaille College, and also a Robert Wood Johnson Fellow, having

completed the Developing Leadership To Reduce Substance Abuse program. Additionally, Stanley has completed Columbia University's Institute for Non-Profit, School of Business Management, Executive Management Program.



**Teresita R. Rodriguez**, also known as Therese, has led Apicha CHC since 1997. She is a long-time advocate of addressing the needs of Asian and Pacific Islanders (A&PI), especially those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Under her leadership Apicha CHC has had many accomplishments, including the successful development of a culturally competent HIV Care Model that addressed the needs of New York City's Asian and

Pacific Islander communities.

In 2009, Apicha CHC expanded to establish an LGBT wellness and mentorship program and general primary care services. With this expansion, Apicha CHC affirms its affinity to the LGBT community by establishing a Gay, Bisexual and Lesbian Clinic. Furthermore, in November 2011, with a 3-year grant from the Paul Rapoport Foundation, Apicha CHC inaugurated its Trans Health Clinic which offers comprehensive medical services targeting individuals from communities of color. In 2012, APICHA CHC was designated a Federally Qualified Health Center-Look Alike.

Therese is recognized nationally for her leadership role in HIV prevention. On October 6, 2014, she was appointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo to the Ending AIDS Epidemic in New York State Task Force. The task force is composed of experts and community advocates that is charged to develop and issue recommendations as well as draft New York's blueprint to end the epidemic by 2020. She currently serves on the Board of the National Minority AIDS Council and is a member of the New York State Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS. She was also elected to be a steering committee member of iHealth, a consortium of COBRA Case Management agencies. iHealth is working to ensure that lead Health Homes have HIV providers in their network, and lead Health Homes will fairly assign patients to HIV providers with extensive care management experience. She was a member of NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg's Commission for Runaway and Homeless LGBT Youth, which was charged with devising strategies to address unique needs of LGBT youth before they run away. In December 2009, the Commission conducted its first Public hearing to call attention to the serious issue facing this high-risk population.

For her leadership in AIDS work and her selfless service to A&PI communities, Therese has received numerous awards and citations. On June 2012, Therese was honored by the Borough President of Queens, Helen Marshall, and NYC Council Member Daniel Dromm for her outstanding advocacy and dedication to ensuring that Asian and Pacific Islander members of the LGBT community and those living with HIV/AIDS have equal access to quality mental and physical healthcare. On October 5, 2011 she accepted an award from the Young Women of Color



HIV/AIDS Coalition WE SPEAK AWARDS honoring Apicha CHC's long history of providing HIV and sexual health education to A&PI women.

There is among the 100 outstanding Filipinas in Joy Lumawig-Buensalido's celebrated *100 Women of the Philippines, Celebrating Filipina Womanhood in the New Millennium*, which include, among others, former Presidents of the Philippines Corazon C. Aquino and Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. In the book, There is cited as an achiever rising above peculiar difficulties and circumstances of her time by championing the civil rights of Filipinos in the U.S. There is was born and raised in the Philippines where she earned her Bachelor of Arts and Business Administration degree from St. Theresa's College.







**Nathan Schaefer** is the Executive Director of the Empire State Pride Agenda and the Empire State Pride Agenda Foundation.

Nathan has ushered the Pride Agenda through to several accomplishments during his tenure, including the rollout of a new brand and online presence, unprecedented support to secure civil rights for transgender New Yorkers and a leadership role on two new initiatives, protections for families with advocacy for the passage of the Child-Parent Security Act and a bill to protect LGBT youth from “therapy” practices that attempt to change who they are.

Prior to his tenure at the Pride Agenda, he served as the Director of Public Policy for GMHC, as well as Government Relations Associate at AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families in Washington, D.C., and the Director of Education and Public Policy at the AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland, OH.

Nathan graduated with a Bachelor’s degree from Miami University in Oxford, OH and earned his Masters of Social Work in the Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH. He serves as an adjunct faculty member at Columbia University’s School of Social Work.



**Travis Sherer, PA-C, AAHIVS**, is the Program Manager of the Lenox Hill Retroviral Disease Center in New York City. Travis was recently on the board of directors of GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBT Equality since 2008 and is a past president of the LBGT PA Caucus of the AAPA.

As a clinician and longtime volunteer in LGBT and HIV/AIDS services, Travis is a passionate believer in service to underserved and marginalized populations. In 2004, he founded the Health Equity Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving health and access to health care in developing countries. Travis was a contributing author to the book *Breaking Free: Sexual Diversity and Change in Emerging Nations* and is adjunct faculty at Pace University's PA

program. Travis is a NYSSPA delegate in the AAPA House of Delegates, a member of the Committee on Diversity of NYSSPA. He received his BA in Psychology from NYU and his training as a PA at Pace University in New York. He is currently pursuing an MBA at Colorado State University.



**Ron Silverio** served as a Catholic priest for ten years; was the Executive Director of three Planned Parenthood reproductive health centers for eight years; and has been in his current position as President of the Evergreen Association for the last 25 years.

The Evergreen Association encompasses EHS, Inc. dba Evergreen Health Services (formerly AIDS Community Services); Pride Center of Western New York, Inc.; Community Access Services of WNY, Inc.; Benedict House of Western New York, Inc. and the Evergreen Foundation of Western New York, Inc.





**Bruce E. Smail, M.A.**, is the Executive Director of the MOCHA Center, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization focused on improving the health and wellness of LGBT Communities of Color. Social justice and diversity are central throughout Smail’s career. Smail has an eclectic 26-year career in higher education, non-profit, federal government, business, and secondary education with 13 years at the senior leadership level and 18 years of advocacy for people of color, LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender), youth, and people living with HIV/AIDS. Throughout his advocacy experience, Smail learned the importance of building strong coalitions, creating safe spaces for silent voices to emerge, and valuing the multiple dimensions of individual and community identities. This type of

advocacy is complex, crosses every demographic, and requires “thinking outside the box” to deliver effective programs, services, and policies that address the multiple and often conflicting needs of diverse communities.



**Kimberleigh Joy Smith, MPA** is the **Vice President for Policy & Advocacy** at **Harlem United**, where she develops and promotes Harlem United's HIV and public health and policy agenda, with an emphasis integrating public health, supportive housing and primary care to improve the lives of the clients and communities Harlem United serves. Kimberleigh has been with Harlem United since January 2010, but has dedicated a diverse, 23-year career to improving health and promoting social justice for communities of color. She brings a background as a journalist and is a graduate of New York University's Robert F. Wagner

Graduate School of Public Service. Kimberleigh is active in the HIV and gay and lesbian communities in New York City. Currently, she serves as the **President of the Board of Directors of the Paul Rapoport Foundation**, an independent private foundation established in 1987 to serve the lesbian, gay, transgender and bisexual ("LGTB") communities of the metropolitan New York area, and has served as a (volunteer) board member since 2005. Kimberleigh is proud to serve on the Governor's Ending the Epidemic Task Force.





**Rev. Moonhawk River Stone, M.S., LMHC** is an Interfaith Minister, psychotherapist, consultant, educator, writer and keynote speaker in private practice in the Schenectady NY area. In December 2014, Rev. Stone was appointed to the Schenectady Human Rights Commission and is the first transgender person in the state to hold such appointment. Rev. Stone is an advocate and active for transgender civil and human rights and works to develop transgender health care policy and transgender workplace policy. His involvement with HIV/AIDS began in 1986 with through his work on The Men's Project in Albany, NY, part of the very first CDC study of HIV in the country. He went on to cofound The Fulton Montgomery AIDS Task Force in 1988 and to work in HIV testing and counseling (1986-87) and served on the Board of Directors of The AIDS Council of Northeastern New York, chairing the Client Services Committee and as Treasurer (1990-93) to share a few highlights. He continues his HIV advocacy work today through primarily focusing on the needs of transgender women with HIV.





**Peter Staley** has been a long-term AIDS and gay rights activist, first as a member of ACT UP New York, then as the founding director of TAG, the Treatment Action Group. He served on the board of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR) for 13 years and then founded AIDSmeds.com, an educational website for people living with HIV. Staley is a leading subject in the Oscar-nominated documentary *How to Survive a Plague*

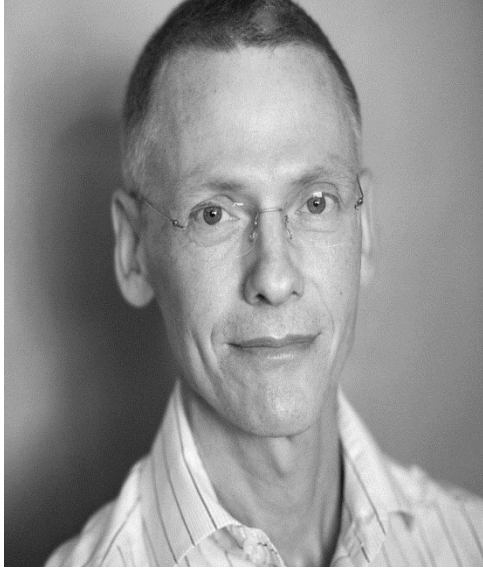


**Glenda Testone** joined The Center as its first female Executive Director in 2009. Since then, she has strengthened The Center's programs for adults, youth and families, ensuring all LGBT New Yorkers have an opportunity to live happy, healthy lives. Testone recently helped launch a new Center brand, celebrated 30 years of service by the organization and embarked on a \$9M capital building renovation to transform the LGBT community's home on W 13 Street. Testone came to The Center from The Women's Media Center (WMC) where she served as the Vice President for three years. Prior to the WMC, Testone was the Senior Director of Media Programs for the national Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). Testone has appeared on CNN, FOX News and MSNBC, and has been quoted in outlets including The Boston Globe, The New York Times, The Chicago Tribune, Time Out and W Magazine. She currently sits on the Executive Board of the City

University of New York Institute for Health Equality and is a member of the Bronx Borough President's LGBT Policy Task Force. In 2005, Testone won Syracuse University's LGBT Foundation Award for Outstanding Alumni. In addition, she has served on the NYC Commission on LGBTQ Runaway and Homeless Youth and was a Tenenbaum Leadership Institute Fellow at Milano, the New School for Management & Urban Policy. Originally from Syracuse, New York, Testone has a Bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism and Philosophy from Syracuse University and a Master's degree in Women's Studies from The Ohio State University. She lives in Brooklyn, New York with her partner.







**Daniel Tietz**, the former executive director ACRIA, Daniel Tietz was named in May 2014 as the Chief Special Services Officer of New York City’s Human Resources Administration (Department of Social Services). Mr. Tietz oversees programs that focus on the most vulnerable New Yorkers, including the HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA), Customized Assistance Services, Adult Protective Services, and Emergency and Intervention Services, including domestic violence shelters and services, as well as Crisis and Disaster Management. With a \$9.7 billion budget and more than 14,000 employees, HRA assists 3.5 million New Yorkers each year with an extensive range of programs, which also include food and income support, such as cash assistance, rental assistance, food stamps, Medicaid, and child support. During his tenure at

ACRIA, Tietz more than doubled the organization’s budget and vastly expanded its research activities, as well as its training, capacity building and evaluation consulting services. He also ensured that ACRIA is committed to furthering sensible, science-based public policy, and actively advocates for the resources necessary to bring an end to the AIDS epidemic in the U.S. and around the world. Following the 2006 release of its groundbreaking Research on Older Adults with HIV (ROAH) study, ACRIA actively collaborated with researchers around the world and delivered much-needed HIV prevention, education, and related services to people over age 50, including training and capacity building to HIV and senior services providers across the U.S. and beyond. A registered nurse and lawyer, Tietz previously served as the Deputy Executive Director for Operations at the Coalition for the Homeless, the Deputy Executive Director for Day Treatment and Residential Services at Housing Works, and the Director of Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) at the Postgraduate Center for Mental Health. Earlier in his career, he worked for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health in a senior staff position for the Deputy Commissioner. Tietz has also long-advocated on behalf of LGBT rights and social justice concerns.



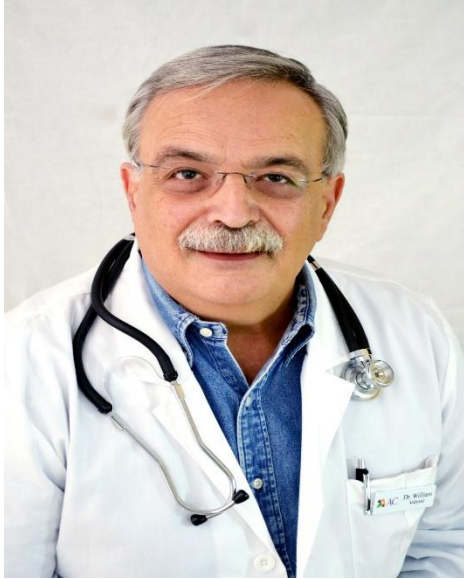


**Antonio E. Urbina, M.D.** Antonio E. Urbina received his MD from the University of Florida and completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Center in Manhattan. Currently, he serves as a Medical Director for the Institute for Advanced Medicine and for the HIV/AIDS Education and Training Program at Mount Sinai Hospital. Dr. Urbina served on the Presidential Advisory Council (PACHA) on HIV/AIDS, from 2007 to 2009 and has been involved in clinic care for HIV+ patients since 1996.

Dr. Urbina has pioneered innovative educational programming for community based clinics, hospitals and public health departments. He also serves as the Principal Investigator for the Clinical Education Initiative (CEI) of the New York State DOH AIDS Institute and the New York/New Jersey AIDS Education and Treatment Center (AETC).

Dr. Urbina is actively involved in HIV research and has directed more than ten HIV clinical research protocols. He has published in the journal *Clinical Infectious Diseases* on methamphetamine and HIV, a book chapter on the clinical management of the HIV infected substance user, and in the *New York Times* on the public health benefit of conducting pooled, HIV viral load testing. Dr. Urbina has co-produced three widely acclaimed educational videos on *Acute HIV Infection, Immigration and HIV in NYC* and *non-occupational post exposure prophylaxis* ([www.pep411.com](http://www.pep411.com)).





**William M. Valenti, M.D.** Dr. Valenti is Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Rochester (Infectious Diseases), and a native of Rochester, NY. He has done HIV medicine since the early 1980s and is the co-founder of Community Health Network (1989), now Trillium Health, a comprehensive medical and service program for HIV care in Rochester. He serves on several AIDS Institute standing committees, is chair of the Infectious Diseases Committee of the Medical Society of the State of NY, and is a recipient of DOH's Linda Laubenstein Award for HIV Clinical Excellence (2013).



**Linda M. Wagner, MPA** has been the Executive Director of the New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) since November 2008. At NYSACHO, she oversees advocacy, communications, education and training activities that serve the needs of local health departments throughout New York State. She has overall responsibility for the leadership and management of the association under the direction of NYSACHO's Board of Directors. Ms. Wagner has had extensive management and leadership experience in a range of nonprofits, where her responsibilities have included Board interaction, communications, budget development and management, personnel supervision, development of policies

and procedures, and fundraising. Just prior to joining NYSACHO, she served within the Bronx, New York-based Beth Abraham Family of Health Services as Associate Executive Director of its internationally recognized affiliate, the Institute for Music and Neurologic Function. The Institute provides music therapy services for chronically ill and disabled people and conducts research and training in music therapy. Within 17 months, she initiated and oversaw a turnaround in the organization's finances and operations that helped to ensure its survival and set the stage for future growth. Previously, Ms. Wagner was a communications leader within the headquarters of the Associated Press and a Senior Leader at Consumers Union (CU), the nonprofit, nonpartisan publisher of Consumer Reports. At CU, she worked on a campaign for national health care reform, which won an award from the American Public Health Association, and led communications efforts for CU's health information, among numerous other responsibilities. At CU, Ms. Wagner often played a consumer advocacy role within the context of communications leadership. At both AP and CU, she had central responsibilities for crisis communications and served on emergency response teams. Passionate about the need for stronger public health programs and good government, Ms. Wagner has a history of building strong working relationships, engaging in effective communications and strategic planning, collaborating and building consensus, and managing people with understanding while providing clear direction and firmness. Ms. Wagner earned her MPA from Columbia University's School of International Public Affairs and her BA from the University at Buffalo (State University of New York).



**Dennis Whalen** was appointed President of the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYs) in July 2013. Mr. Whalen most recently served as Executive Vice President at HANYs, playing a key role in shaping HANYs' overall policies and helping the membership navigate health care reform. In nearly 35 years of public service to New York State in both Democratic and Republican administrations, Mr. Whalen has established a reputation for his knowledge, credibility, and capacity to reconcile conflict and achieve consensus on contentious health policy issues. Most recently, he served as Director of State Operations. In that position, he was responsible for overseeing the operation of all 78 executive branch agencies, directing the Governor's policymaking staff of deputy secretaries, and advising the Governor on all state operational matters. Prior to this appointment, he served both Governor Eliot Spitzer and

Governor David Paterson as Deputy Secretary for Health and Human Services. In this position, he oversaw the operation of 12 state agencies: Health, Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, Aging, Temporary and Disability Assistance, Children and Family Services, Medicaid Inspector General, Welfare Inspector General, Veteran's Affairs, Commission on Quality Care, and Council on Children and Families. For a decade (1996-2006), he served as the Executive Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Health (DOH). He previously served as Director of the Office of Health Systems Management and Director of the New York State AIDS Institute at DOH. Prior to DOH, he served in policymaking positions at the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, including as Deputy Commissioner for Program Services. He began his career in state government in 1974 as a public health educator at DOH. He is a graduate of Marist College and the National Preparedness Leadership Institute at the Kennedy School of Government.



**Terri L. Wilder, MSW** is the Director of HIV/AIDS Education with the Mt. Sinai Institute for Advanced Medicine/Spencer Cox Center for Health. She has worked in HIV services since 1989 providing HIV social services, coordinating health education for clients and medical providers, and advocating for policy change. She has presented information on HIV both locally and nationally, having presented at the United States Conference on AIDS, the National Social Worker and AIDS Conference, and the National HIV Prevention Conference, to name a few. Many of her articles on HIV can be found in AIDS Survival Project's *Survival News*, The Body's Web site, POZ Web site, as well as Project Inform's Web site. She is currently a doctoral student at Georgia State University Department of Sociology and a member of ACT UP/NY.



**Doug Wirth**, since 2006 has served as President and CEO of *Amida Care*, a Medicaid/Medicare Special Needs health Plan (SNP) in New York City. He was previously Executive Director of *Community Care Partners* health plan. Doug has served as a Health Policy Advisor to Mayors David Dinkins and Rudy Giuliani, where he oversaw the community planning process that led to binding recommendations for over \$100 million in Ryan White Funding to New York City and New York State. Doug is the former Board Chair of the *New York AIDS Coalition* and Senior Faculty Member of the *APA's HOPE Project*. His other consulting

work has focused on creating innovative programs and services to address overlapping issues of poverty, physical and behavioral health, human sexuality, cultural competency, as well as holistic/integrative approaches to fostering individual and community wellness.





**Rodney L. Wright, MD, MS, FACOG** has been actively involved in research, treatment, and education aimed at combating HIV/AIDS since the 1980's. Dr. Wright is currently the Director of HIV Programs in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Women's Health at the Montefiore Medical Center and an Associate Professor of Clinical Obstetrics & Gynecology and Women's Health at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, NY. Dr. Wright received his undergraduate degree from Emory University and his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He also completed a fellowship in Maternal Fetal Medicine and received a Master of Science Degree in Clinical Research Methods from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He is an investigator for the International Maternal Pediatric and Adolescent AIDS Clinical Trials Group (IMPAACT), the Adult AIDS Clinical Trials Group (AACTG), and the Women's Interagency HIV Study (WIHS).