



## 2021 Population and Community Health Studies *Merit Review Panel*

The review panel consists of Wisconsin-based individuals with a broad range of expertise related to population health research, community engagement, community health promotion, and grant review experience.



**David Frazer, MPH**

*Associate Director*

University of Wisconsin School of  
Medicine and Public Health

Mr. Frazer serves as the Associate Director at the Center for Urban Population Health where he supports overall management, administrative, communication and engagement of the Center. He provides day-to-day support for Center academic and administrative staff, across the three institutions. David also continues to do program work with community and governmental partners, ranging from population health to collaborations to address policy and systems. David received an MPH from Tulane University's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, with a focus of study that included program management and evaluation. He has worked in public health for 24 years and has experience ranging from forging grassroots community-based organization collaborations to providing technical assistance to the World Health Organization. He has served on dozens of community and regional health work groups and coalitions throughout Wisconsin.



**Jackie Hartley**

*Founder/Managing Partner*  
Go Partner, LLC

Ms. Hartley is the Founder and managing member of Go Partner LLC, which provides consultation services for nonprofits and other community-based groups looking to create change. Jackie has a degree in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and has more than 18 years of experience with direct service, program development, grant writing, project management and facilitation. Jackie is a collaborative leader helping to create lasting, meaningful changes for systems, communities and individuals. Her energetic, positive and inclusive approach with community partners has led to several successful community efforts. Jackie's creativity and passion for helping others drive her desire to develop solutions strengthening and transforming organizations and communities.



**Sailaja Kamaraju, MD**

*Associate Professor – Department  
of Medicine*  
Medical College of Wisconsin

Dr. Kamaraju is Assistant Professor in the Clinical Educator Track in the Division of Hematology-Oncology. From the time of clinical appointment in February 2012, a significant portion of her time has been dedicated to educating and developing the Moorland Reserve Health Center's cancer clinic (MRHC), cancer disparities research, and community outreach programs at Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Kamaraju has engaged in community-engaged participatory research in cancer disparities, community outreach, and program development, including a recently completed community breast health project "Promoting Breast Education and Screening Mammography among Refugees, Immigrants and other Minorities in the City of Milwaukee." She is involved with the American Society of Oncology (ASCO) health equity committee, taskforce and disparities projects. Dr. Kamaraju is board certified in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology and has reviewed grants for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.



**Sara Kohlbeck, MPH**  
*Assistant Director, Comprehensive Injury Center*  
 Medical College of Wisconsin

Ms. Kohlbeck is the Assistant Director of the Comprehensive Injury Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin. In her role, she conducts research on suicide and suicide prevention. She also serves as the primary academic partner on a number of AHW-funded projects that are implementing suicide prevention programming or are conducting research in this space.



**Catherine Kolkmeier, MS**  
*Executive Director*  
 La Crosse Medical Health Science Consortium

Ms. Kolkmeier is the Executive Director of the La Crosse Medical Health Science Consortium, a partnership of education, healthcare, and public health organizations focused on fostering collaborations for better community health in La Crosse, WI. She has held this role since 2007 and has led and served on multiple coalitions and collaborative projects to improve public health. Previously, she was an independent scientific and technical writer specializing in plain language, working with small businesses and startups in biotech and the sciences. Catherine holds a BA and MS in the sciences (biology and ethology) and a BA in history. Later, she obtained a certificate in technical communication. She has successfully obtained more than \$3.3 million in grant funding for collaborative community work in preventing alcohol misuse, addressing youth mental health, and preventing student mobility through MCW's HWPP community-academic partnerships and strategic component programs, the WI Dept of Health Services Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundations Action Awards. She has built and managed multiple cross-sector teams, coalitions, and partnerships and guided them through strategic planning, grant management, training development, and legislative advocacy. Catherine has also developed and managed complex, multi-source budgets and program plans. As a spokesperson for numerous collective efforts, she has developed media campaigns, managed communications and outreach plans, and developed messaging frameworks for public health.



**Katherine Quinn, PhD**  
*Assistant Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine*  
 Medical College of Wisconsin

Dr. Quinn serves as Assistant Professor in Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at the Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR). She holds a PhD in public and community health and her research focuses on the social and structural factors that contribute to racial disparities in health outcomes. In her current research, she is studying how racism and homophobia influence HIV risk and prevention among young Black gay and bisexual men in Milwaukee and Cleveland. Additionally, Katherine is studying how exposure to police, community, and family violence influence engagement in HIV care and HIV treatment adherence among Black men living with HIV in Chicago. In addition to her HIV research program, she is involved in several other community-engaged studies including the AHW Behavioral Health Initiative, a study examining early childhood developmental screenings, the involvement of the faith community in addressing health disparities, and the role of supportive housing in improving health outcomes for chronically homeless individuals.



**Amy E. Schlotthauer, MPH**  
AES Consulting

Ms. Schlotthauer has a master’s degree in public health from the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University and a bachelor’s degree in anthropology from UW-Madison. She began her career at the University of Chicago evaluating the Health Disparities Collaboratives, a national quality improvement initiative, and helping to launch the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funded Finding Answers program which focused on reducing racial and ethnic disparities in cardiovascular disease, diabetes and depression. She then moved to the Injury Research Center at MCW where she worked on a variety of projects within injury and violence prevention including WI Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act Youth Suicide Prevention activities, Wisconsin Child Death Review team initiatives, and a number of epidemiologic data analyses for research and surveillance purposes. She joined the Population Health and Payment Innovation team at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin in 2015. Her team was charged with co-creating innovative models of care for pediatric populations. She started her consulting firm in 2018. Some of the projects she has worked on in this capacity include developing a Roadmap for public health and business partnerships with the Safe States Alliance, partnering with Gromoske Consulting to design and facilitate a state-wide advisory group to develop core components of a comprehensive mental health consultation program for Wisconsin, and working with an AHW-funded team to conduct system mapping for caregiver populations.



**Tony Thrasher, D.O., DFAPA**  
*Medical Director – Crisis Services*  
Milwaukee County Behavioral  
Health Division

Dr. Thrasher is a board-certified psychiatrist employed as the medical director for the Crisis Services branch of the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division (including oversight of the psychiatric emergency room, observation unit, and associated mobile crisis teams). He received his psychiatric training from Washington University in St. Louis / Barnes Jewish Hospital. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association (APA), and he currently serves as the Milwaukee Chapter President for the Wisconsin Psychiatric Association (WPA). Additionally, he enjoys teaching as a Clinical Associate Professor with the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) and serving as the President Elect for the National American Association for Emergency Psychiatry (AAEP). His professional interests include medical leadership, physician development, chronic psychotic illnesses, medical education, and underserved medicine. He is proud to be a past National Health Service Corps Scholar, and he currently serves as the chair of a statewide task force focusing on the collaborations between psychiatrists (WPA) and emergency physicians (WACEP). Additionally, he is the editor for the pending Oxford Press Primer on Emergency Psychiatry, and he was accepted to the American College of Psychiatrists.



**Shelton Watkins**  
Retired  
*Board of Directors - Koinonia*  
Family Development Center

Mr. Watkins graduated from Lane College in Jackson, TN in 1970 obtaining a BS Degree in Biology. He moved to Milwaukee WI where he accepted a position with MPS as a Biology and Science teacher at Rufus King High School. Among his accomplishments while at King, he established the first Color Guard Unit and Biology Club. In 1975, Shelton accepted a position with Miller Brewing Company where he held several positions in the Corporate Quality Services Department. He was an active member of Christ Presbyterian Church since 1975, where he immediately became involved with the Boy Scouts of America, taught Sunday school for junior/senior high & adult members. Shelton was an ordained Elder, a member of the Men’s Association, Senior Choir and Male Chorus. Shelton recently joined St Matthew CME Church in Milwaukee, where he continues his passion for teaching along with providing support for other ministries in the church. He recently accepted the position of Ministry Administration Facilitator (MAF). He was also appointed to serve on the Board of Directors for the Koinonia Family Development Center a 501 c3 community outreach ministry of St Matthew. Koinonia was created solely to combat the negative effects of poverty through the establishment of strong and open community relations. The organization strives to strengthen the self-sufficiency of low-income families and create a stable and viable community through education, employment assistance, health and nutritional support, and mentoring programs.



**Jada Woodley, MS**  
*Project Strategist*

UBUNTI Research and Evaluation

Ms. Woodley received a bachelor's degree in Sociology, minor in Civic Engagement & Responsibility, from Illinois State University; and recently received a master's degree in Sustainable Peacebuilding from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Jada identifies as an interdisciplinary practitioner and health enthusiast who strives to embody transdisciplinary practice in racial & health equity focused work. Her expertise ranges from community health work/health promotion and systems thinking, to culturally responsive evaluation and research. Jada is currently a Project Strategist at UBUNTI Research & Evaluation passionate about utilizing evaluation as a responsive tool in her praxis, to support programs, initiatives, and policies that advance racial and health equity for black and brown intersecting people. Additionally, she is a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (Ukraine 16'-18'), an alum of the American Evaluation Association's Graduate Education Diversity Initiative, and was a participant in the University of Oxford's "Map the System" Challenge.



**Kaija Zusevics, PhD**

*Center for Urban Population  
Health*  
University of Wisconsin-  
Milwaukee

Dr. Zusevics is an Associate Researcher at the Center for Urban Population Health (CUPH) where her work includes conducting community-engaged research and evaluation projects in southeastern Wisconsin, participating in coalitions and community initiatives to improve health outcomes among diverse populations, and teaching public health students. Kaija has several areas of focus currently, including improving maternal and child health, preventing gun violence, and researching implementation science in educational contexts. Kaija uses a community engagement as she works with community, non-profit, and governmental agencies to understand and seek to solve complex social and health challenges. She has presented at local and national conferences and has published numerous reports and papers in peer-reviewed journals. Kaija received a BS in Elementary Education and a minor in Health Education from UW-Madison in 2006, followed by an MPH in Community Health Education from UW-La Crosse in 2008, and a PhD in Public and Community Health from MCW in 2012.