

Symposium Speakers

Ifrac Biyoow, AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer with the Backyard Initiative at Allina Hospitals & Clinics.

Ifrac holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Carleton College. Ifrac is currently the Project Coordinator for the Backyard Initiative. She also worked as an intern at the Minnesota Institute of Public Health in Mounds View, Minnesota. She aspires to work in the public health field and pursue a Master's of Public Health in Epidemiology

Huda Farah, Executive Director, HEAL Institute



Huda is the executive director of HEAL Institute; she has a Masters degree in Molecular Biology of Infectious Diseases. She is a researcher, public health educator, cultural competency trainer, mentor, coach and a leader in public health and early childhood.

She has worked on issues of maternal child health and health disparities, and has conducted research on infectious diseases, comprehensive health screening and school readiness, child development, and children with special needs and autism. She has also produced many educational videos and TV and radio shows on health promotion and early childhood development. She played a leadership role in rebuilding schools and Universities in Somalia as well as health education programs and training young Somalis to build human capacity.

Huda is a graduate of the Emerging Leaders Network, sponsored by MDH, LPHA and the U of MM. And She serves on many boards to provide leadership and advice.

Paula Fynboh, Manager of Community Program for Allina Hospitals & Clinics and Project Director for the Backyard Initiative.

The goal of the Backyard Initiative is to improve the health and health care within the community surrounding ANW, PEI, and the Allina Commons through community engagement and strategic partnerships. Prior to joining Allina in November of 2009, Paula worked as a Project Manager for Grassroots Solutions, a national consulting firm specializing in strategy development, grassroots organizing and engagement, and training. Paula also worked for the Phillips West Neighborhood Organization and the American Cancer Society and holds a B.S. in Family Social Science from the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Vanessa Northington Gamble, Professor, The George Washington University



Vanessa Northington Gamble, MD, PhD is University Professor of Medical Humanities at the George Washington University. She is the first woman and African American to hold this prestigious, endowed faculty position. She is also Professor of Health Policy in the School of Public Health and Health Sciences and Professor of American Studies in the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences. Throughout her career Dr. Gamble has worked to promote equity and justice in American medicine and public health. A physician, scholar, and activist, she is an internationally

recognized expert on the history of American medicine, racial and ethnic disparities in health and health care, cultural competence, and bioethics. She is the author of several widely acclaimed publications on the history of race and racism in American medicine, including the award-winning *Making a Place for Ourselves: The Black Hospital Movement: 1920-1945*. Public service has been a hallmark of Dr. Gamble's career. She chaired the committee that took the lead role in the successful campaign to obtain an apology in 1997 from President Clinton for the infamous United States Public Health Syphilis Study at Tuskegee. She has served on the boards of numerous organizations including, the Human Subjects Review Board of the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Advisory Council of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the National Advisory Council for Human Genome Research, Ibis Reproductive Health, the Alan Guttmacher Institute, and the Reproductive Health Technologies Project. Dr. Gamble is a member of the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences.

A native of West Philadelphia, Dr. Gamble received her B.A. from Hampshire College and her MD and PhD in the history and sociology of science from the University of Pennsylvania.

Jose L. Gonzalez, Director, Office of Minority and Multicultural Health, Minnesota Department of Health



José was born in Durango, México and immigrated to Aurora, IL, 30 miles west of Chicago and remains bilingual and bicultural. He came to Minnesota in 1975 to attend St. John's University and eventually graduated from the University of Minnesota with a bachelors degree in psychology and a masters degree in social work. José has a variety of health and human service work experience, including county economic assistance and child protection programs, migrant farmworker support, child/adolescent in-patient psych units, public health clinics (school-based, family planning, & prenatal care), and spoken-language interpreter programs. His most recent position before coming to OMMH was as a program officer with the Bush Foundation in Saint Paul. José also has served on numerous community boards, including as a trustee with the Minneapolis Foundation, Tubman Family Alliance, Centro, Inc., Minnesota Council on Foundations, and Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees. He continues to serve on Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's National Advisory Committee for the Local Funding Partnership.

Melissa Hutchison, Manager of Community Benefit for Allina Hospitals & Clinics.

Melissa's primary role is overseeing the reporting and evaluation of community benefit activities within the organization through the development of structures, processes and tools. Melissa oversaw the development of the comprehensive community health assessment process, as well as the data collection for the **Backyard Initiative**. Prior to her work at Allina, Melissa worked at the Minnesota Institute of Public Health as a Program Evaluator and Prevention Specialist. This work involved developing and carrying out evaluations related to prevention programs as well as providing technical assistance to local, state and federal stakeholders conducting work in the area of substance abuse prevention. Melissa also worked in North Dakota as a Regional Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator and at the Minnesota Department of Health in the Community Health Services area. Melissa holds a Master's of Public Health in Maternal and Child Health from the University of Minnesota.

Lisa C. Ikemoto, Professor, University of California – Davis School of Law



Lisa C. Ikemoto is on the faculty at University of California – Davis School of Law. She teaches bioethics, health care law, public health law, reproductive rights, law & policy, marital property and property. Her research areas include bioethics, reproductive justice, health care law, and public health law. More specifically, she focuses on the ways that race and gender mediate access to and impacts of technology use, health care, and law. She has written about race and gender disparities in health care, genetic and reproductive technology use, the regulation of fertility and pregnancy. Professor Ikemoto serves on the Executive Committee for the University of California, Multi-Campus Research Project on Asian American Pacific Islander Issues and the Board of Directors for the Reproductive Health Technologies Project. In the past, she has also served as an advisor to the Asian Communities for Reproductive Justice EMERJ Project and on the Board of Trustees for the Law School Admissions Council, Minority Affairs. She received her B.A. from the University of California – Los Angeles, J.D. from the University of California – Davis School of Law, and L.L.M. from Columbia University School of Law.

Dr. Margaret P. Moss, Associate Professor, School of Nurshin, University of Minnesota; 2008-2009 Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow; Senate Special Committee on Aging for Senator Corker



Dr. Moss is an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes of North Dakota with equal lineage in the Fort Peck Sioux Tribe. An Associate Professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Minnesota, Moss is currently in Washington DC as a 2008-2009 Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow. She staffs the Senate Special Committee on Aging for Senator Corker. Dr. Moss received her PhD in Nursing from the University of Texas at Houston, HSC where she received a distinguished alumni award in 2002. She is one of only 14 doctorally-prepared American Indian nurses in the country, and was inducted as a Fellow into the American Academy of Nursing in 2008. Dr. Moss also completed a 2-year post-doctorate fellowship at the University of Colorado's Native Elder Research Center, a RCMAR. Concurrently, she entered and completed law school and received her Juris Doctorate from Hamline University School of Law. She is the first and only American Indian to hold both Nursing and Juris doctorates. In 2004, Governor Pawlenty appointed her to the Minnesota Board on Aging, where she held membership on the Diversity and Public Policy committees. She was a delegate for the National Congress of American Indians at the 2005 White House Conference on Aging and a secretary for the National Interfaith Council on Aging, an Interest group of the National Council on Aging. Dr. Moss has researched, presented extensively, and written on the subject of American Indians, aging, and policy.

Camille A. Nelson, Professor, Hofstra University School of Law



Camille A. Nelson is on the faculty at Hofstra University School of Law

where she teaches criminal law, criminal procedure, comparative criminal law, transnational law, contracts and Critical Race Theory. She has written on racism in the legal profession and in criminal law, mental illness, women's rights and cultural diversity. She has served as a Board Member for the AALS Section on Disability Rights, a member on the planning committee for 20th Anniversary Critical Race Theory Symposium and Speaker Series at the University of Iowa, College of Law in April 2009, and as a board member on the Steering Committee and secretary for Latina & Latino Critical Legal Theory (LatCrit), Inc. Professor Nelson was featured in *Seeking Freedom* on HEC-TV, which was an Emmy-winning documentary exploring the impact of approximately 300 slave freedom suits which pre-dated *Dred Scott v. Sandford*. She also received the 2005 Derrick A. Bell Jr. Faculty Award from the Association of American Law Schools, Section on Minority Groups. The Derrick A. Bell, Jr. Award, named in honor of the first tenured African-American on the Harvard Law School faculty, honors a junior faculty member who, through activism, mentoring, collegueship, teaching and scholarship, has made an extraordinary contribution to legal education, the legal system or social justice.

Dr. Stephen Craig Nelson, Director, Hemoglobinopathy Program: Co-Director, Vascular Anomalies Center, Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota



Stephen C. Nelson, M.D. is the Director of the Hemoglobinopathy Program and Co-Director of the Vascular Anomalies Center at Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota in Minneapolis, MN. He holds an M.D. from Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, VA and a B.S. from Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA. Dr. Nelson was the recipient of the Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award from the University of Minnesota Medical School in 2003 and a Bush Medical Fellowship (an intensive study of pediatric thrombosis/vascular anomalies) from 2007 to 2009. He also serves as an advisor to Sickle Cell Disease Advocates of Minnesota and has served as a committee member on the Children's Hospitals and Clinics Institutional Review Board. Dr. Nelson has presented and published on sickle cell disease and the influence of race on the care of patients.

Dr. Rubens J. Pamies, Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dean for Graduate Studies and Professor of Internal Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC); Advisor Committee on Minority Health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health



Dr. Pamies has served as vice chancellor for academic affairs, dean for graduate studies and professor of internal medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) since September 2003. Prior to that, Dr. Pamies was chairman of the department of internal medicine and The Edward S. Harkness Professor of Medicine at Meharry Medical College School of Medicine. He also was chief of service in the department of internal medicine at the Metropolitan Nashville General Hospital. While in Nashville, he was a professor of medicine in the School of Medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Born in Haiti, Dr. Pamies' family moved to New York when he was six. Dr. Pamies

received his baccalaureate degree in 1981 from St. John's University and his medical degree in 1986 from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He completed his residency training at Cornell-North Shore University Hospital in the internal medicine primary care track.

Recognized widely for his expertise in health disparities, Dr. Pamies was recently selected as a new member and chair of the Advisory Committee on Minority Health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health. In 2005, he collaborated with former United States Surgeon General, Dr. David Satcher, to author and edit one of the first textbooks addressing inequalities in health care titled, "Multicultural Medicine and Health Disparities." Their collaboration began when Dr. Pamies was associate dean for student affairs at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. Because of their work, the Dr. David Satcher – Dr. Rubens J. Pamies Scholarship for Academic Excellence for Minority Students was established at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

Dr. Pamies served as principal or co-investigator on a number of grants including an NIH sponsored Center for Reducing Asthma Disparities, Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ) sponsored Center for Improving Patient Safety, REACH 2019 Project (Meharry component), the NIH planning grant for clinical research in minority institutions and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP), one of 12 sites in the U.S. His influence spans across the U.S. through his service on a number of national, regional and local boards and community groups. Dr. Pamies is a contributor to the Institute of Medicine report for research and reducing health disparities. He is a test committee representative for the National Board of Medical Examiners, chairman of the Building Bright Futures adolescent behavioral health task force and a former member of the Public Health Advisory Committee for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. In addition, he is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Medical School Honor Society and the recipient of numerous awards for his community work and contributions to the medical industry, including a lifetime achievement award from the Association of Haitian Physicians. Dedicating his academic medical career to minority health issues, Dr. Pamies created the first office of minority affairs at the University of South Florida College of Medicine in 1991. He served as director for two years before becoming chief of the general internal medicine division at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Cleveland. His achievements at UNMC include establishing the Virginia-Nebraska Alliance, a partnership with five Historically Black Colleges/Universities to address the shortage of minority health care professionals; and the successful advancement of a new College of Public Health which includes a Center for Reducing Health Disparities. Dr. Pamies has been featured in more than 100 articles in medical journals, newspapers and magazines including Essence; has presented at numerous national and international conferences on topics such as health disparities, health care, medical education and minority medical workforce trends; and has appeared on local and national news programs including CNN and C-SPAN. He is married to Michelle Austin Pamies, Esq. She is a senior attorney for Union Pacific Railroad.

Symposium Moderators:

Lucinda Jesson, Associate Professor, Director, Health Law Institute, Hamline University School of Law



Lucinda Jesson joined Hamline University School of Law in 2006 as an associate professor of law and director of the Health Law Institute. She teaches Health Law Organizations and Finance; Comparative Health Law; Food and Drug Law; Public Health Law Health Law Survey; Introduction to Health Care Compliance; and Health Law Through Literature. Currently Professor Jesson is of counsel for Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly LLP. In private practice, before joining Hamline University School of Law, Professor Jesson represented hospitals, clinics and health care professionals through her practice, Jesson & Pust, P.A. Professor Jesson also served as a frequent arbitrator and hearing officer in health care disputes. Prior to the start of Jesson & Pust, Jesson served as Chief Deputy Hennepin County Attorney (1999-2000), Minnesota Deputy Attorney General responsible for Health and Licensing (1993-1998) and as a partner with the national law firm of Oppenheimer Wolff and Donnelly LLP (1983-1993).

Selected as a "Super Lawyer", a "Top 40" Health Lawyer; and a "Top 40 ADR Super Lawyer" by Minnesota Law and Politics while in practice, Jesson is a frequent speaker to the Bench and Bar on health, employment and professional ethics. Her scholarship service and presentations, joining the faculty, focus on government regulatory policies and health care reform. Prior to joining Hamline, Jesson served as an adjunct professor of Health Law at William Mitchell College of Law and the University of St. Thomas Business School. She also has taught trial practice at Bahcesehir University in Istanbul, Turkey.

Her recent significant professional activities include serving on the Board of Directors of Stratis Health (2009-present); member of the United Way of Twin Cities Health and Independence Committee (2009-present); chairing the United States Attorney Advisory Committee to Senator Klobuchar (2009); chairing the MSBA Professional Rules Committee (2005-2008); serving as Secretary, Treasurer and Program Chair and Governing Council member of the MSBA Health Law Section (2003-2005, 2008, 2009); serving on the Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Judicial Rules (2008); and Child Support (1999-2000); and the Board of Directors of the Minnesota County Attorneys Association (1999-2000); and working as a volunteer mediator for the Minnesota Department of Human Rights (2001-2005) and a volunteer attorney for the Ramsey County Guardian Ad Litem program (2001-2005).

Jesson earned her B.A. from the University of Arkansas and a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1983. She was a Harry S. Truman Scholar and graduated Phi Beta Kappa

Dr. Jonathan Kahn, Professor, Hamline University School of Law



Holding a PhD in History from Cornell University and a JD from Boalt Hall School of Law, Dr. Jonathan Kahn writes on issues in history, politics, and

law and specializes in biotechnology's implications for our ideas of identity, rights, and citizenship. Emerging from new ways of thinking about individuals and their relation to society, "genetic citizenship" has become a critical category for assessing and assigning legal rights, forming important relationships among biotechnology, constitutional law, and intellectual property.

In 2007, he received a grant from National Human Genome Research Institute's (NHGRI) Ethical, Legal and Social Implications (ELSI) Research Program to support a two year project in which he is exploring the ethical and legal ramifications of the increasing use of racial and ethnic categories in the context of gene patenting and drug development.

Dr. Kahn is a nationally recognized expert on this topic. His scholarly research and writing related to the legal and ethical implications of how racial categories are produced and disseminated in the course of drug development are widely published, including the article "Race in a Bottle" in the August 2007 issue of Scientific American. The article pertains to BiDil, the first medication ever approved by the FDA to be targeted to a specific racial group. An exhibit quoting Dr. Kahn on this topic also is part of the nationally touring "RACE" exhibit, most recently on display at the Science Museum of Minnesota.

Kahn has published in a wide array of journals ranging from the Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law & Ethics, Seton Hall Law Review, and the Stanford Law & Policy Journal to the American Journal of Bioethics, the American Journal of Public Health, and Nature Genetics. He has also published a book titled Budgeting Democracy: State-Building and Citizenship in America, 1890-1928 (Cornell U. Press, 1997) His previous grants include a major grant from the National Institutes of Health to support a project titled: "Colliding Categories: Haplotypes, Race, and Ethnicity." Most recently, he published an article in the Iowa Law Review titled, "Race-ing Patents/Patenting Race: An Emerging Political Geography of Intellectual Property in Biotechnology." Dr. Kahn's comprehensive research can be viewed at <http://ssrn.com/author=180388>.

Before coming to Hamline, Kahn practiced with the firm of Hogan & Hartson after graduating from law school, and then went on to complete his PhD and teach at Bard College. Later a Visiting Associate Professor at Harvard University, he has also taught at the University of Minnesota, Cornell University School of Law and Western New England School of Law.

"Law is a powerful tool to shape society and serve the common good. In training new lawyers it is important to impart not only an understanding of what the legal system demands of them, but also a commitment to figure out what they should demand of the legal system."

Professor Kahn Appeared on Democracy Now on August 1, 2005 for a program entitled "The FDA Approves a Race-Specific Drug for the First Time in History. Will it Address the Real Health Issues Facing African-Americans?"

Katrina Angela Pagonis, Assistant Professor, Hamline University School of Law



Assistant Professor Pagonis comes to Hamline immediately following two clerkships for federal judges based in Nevada: U.S. Circuit Judge Procter

R. Hug., Jr. of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and U.S. District Judge Edward C. Reed, Jr. She was a teaching fellow at the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law in 2007-08 at Georgetown University Law Center, where she earned her JD in 2005. She also earned an LL.M. degree from Yale Law School, an MPH degree from John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and a BA from the University of California, Berkeley, where she majored in both political science, and molecular and cell biology.

While at Georgetown University Law Center, she served as a research assistant for Professor Lawrence O. Gostin in the Center for Law and Public Health. Professor Pagonis also did clinical work at the International Women's Human Rights Clinic at Georgetown and was a student researcher at the Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Law Project at Yale Law School.

Earlier, Professor Pagonis was a legal intern for the Equal Opportunities Commission in Manchester, England in 2002, where she conducted original research on pregnancy-related sex discrimination in employment. Her report, *Pregnancy-Related Discrimination in Employment: A Review of Employment Tribunal Decisions from November 1999 through April 2002* is used in formal investigations on the issue in Britain.

She has served as a guest lecturer at John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Georgetown University Law Center and American University. She has co-authored several professional papers, including *Ensuring Effective Pain Treatment: A National and Global Perspective* in JAMA (2008), with other works in progress.