

PARTICIPANT BIOGRAPHIES

Jesse Bump

Executive Director, Takemi Program in International Health, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

As of 1 July 2015 Jesse Bump became Executive Director of the Takemi Program in International Health with a Faculty Lecturer appointment at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. He holds a PhD in History of Science, Medicine & Technology from Johns Hopkins and an MPH in Global Health from Harvard University. Previously he was Assistant Professor in the Department of International Health, Georgetown University. His research focuses on the political economy of current and historical public health problems in developing countries, community-directed programs, health system design, and health reform. His projects examine the influence of competition in international aid, agenda setting and universal health coverage, the political economy of health reform, the politics of defining objectives in global health policymaking, and the methodological and theoretical tools required for analyzing the policy significance of historical evidence.

Cheryl Cashin

Senior Program Director, Results for Development Institute & Joint Learning Network

Cheryl Cashin is a health economist specializing in the design, implementation and evaluation of health financing policy in low- and middle-income countries, with a particular focus on health purchasing and provider payment for universal health coverage. She has worked in more than 20 countries on health financing policy development and implementation. Cheryl is currently a Senior Program Director at Results for Development Institute (R4D) where as part of her portfolio she leads the Provider Payment Mechanisms technical initiative of the Joint Learning Network for Universal Health Coverage (JLN). Cheryl has served as a health financing adviser and consultant for the World Bank, WHO, USAID-funded projects, OECD and other international technical partners. She has held academic positions at Boston University's School of Public Health and University of California, Berkeley's Nicholas C. Petris Center on Health Care Markets and Consumer Welfare.

Kalipso Chalkidou

Founding Director, NICE International

Kalipso Chalkidou is the founding director of NICE's international programme, helping governments build technical and institutional capacity for using evidence to inform health policy. She has been involved in the Chinese rural health reform and also in national health reform projects in Colombia, Turkey and the Middle East, working with the World Bank, PAHO, DFID and the Inter-American Development Bank as well as national governments. She holds a doctorate on the molecular biology of prostate cancer from the University of Newcastle, an MD (Hons) from the University of Athens and is a visiting Professor at King's College London, a senior advisor on international policy at the Center for Medical Technology Policy and visiting faculty at the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute for Bioethics.

David B. Evans

Scientific Project Leader, Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute

David Evans, who holds a PhD in economics from the Australian National University, previously served as the Director of the Department of Health Systems Governance and Financing and the Director of WHO's Global Program on Evidence for Health Policy at the World Health Organization. An expert in the economics of household decision-making, cost-effectiveness analysis and health financing in developing countries, Evans joined WHO in 1990 to help develop research into the social and economic factors relating to tropical diseases. He joined the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health at the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute in March 2015.

Eduardo González-Pier

Deputy Minister of Health, Mexico

Dr. González-Pier currently serves as the Vice-Minister for Integration and Development of the Health Sector in the Ministry of Health in Mexico. He previously served as Executive Chairman of Funsalud. He was the Chief Financial Officer of the Mexican Institute of Social Security (IMSS). Prior to this, Dr. González-Pier served as Chief Economist and as General Coordinator of Strategic Planning at Mexico's Ministry of Health, where he was responsible for drafting the National Health Program 2001–2006 and participating in the formulation

and implementation of health financing reform initiatives, including the introduction of the System of Social Protection in Health (Seguro Popular de Salud). Dr. González-Pier holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Chicago.

Yan Guo

Professor, Peking University School of Public Health

Yan Guo is a Professor of Public Health at Peking University School of Public Health, Vice Director of the China Academy of Health Policy and Board Member of the Community Health Branch of the Chinese Hospital Management Association. She is a former Vice President of the Peking University Health Science Center. Yan has served as a consultant for a range of internationally sponsored projects carried out in China such as DFID's China Urban Health and Poverty Project, the World Bank-sponsored Final Assessment of TB Control project, and the UNICEF-funded Comprehensive Primary Health Care Project.

Jeanna Holtz

Principal Associate, Health Finance and Governance Project, Abt Associates, USA

Jeanna Holtz is a health financing specialist with more than 25 years of experience. Since joining Abt Associates in July 2014, Ms. Holtz has provided technical assistance on private sector, health finance and health systems strengthening projects, with emphasis on insurance and universal health coverage, public private partnerships and contracting approaches. Previously, Ms. Holtz served as Chief Project Manager of the International Labour Organization's Impact Insurance Facility. In that position she launched an innovation program that awarded grants of more than \$15 million to 60 implementing partners to test approaches to make quality insurance products accessible to poor households in developing countries. She oversaw project initiatives in knowledge management, capacity building, and research. Earlier in her career, Ms. Holtz held positions with global financial services provider Allianz, and worked for more than a decade for the US health insurer Aetna.

Daw Thein Thein Htay

Deputy Minister of Health, Myanmar

Dr. Thein Thein Htay is Deputy Minister for Health and currently is responsible for medical education as well as health services delivery in Myanmar. Dr. Thein is also an adjunct faculty member, as well as an honorary Professor, to the University of Public Health in Myanmar. She obtained her Masters of Health Science in population development and reproductive health from the Hopkins Bloomberg University of Public Health and her Masters of

Public Health from the University of Medicine (1), Yangon. She also holds a medical degree from the University of Medicine (2), Yangon. Dr. Thein leads the public health division of the Department of Health, with a main thrust on meeting MDGs 4 & 5. She also served as a member of the Gender Advisory Panel, WHO-HQ from 1999 to 2004, and as a regional steering committee member for the *Lancet* series on South East Asia Region's health issues and also a country lead for the *Lancet* Myanmar Series 2014. Currently, she is a member of International Steering Committee of 8th Asia Pacific Conference on Sexual & Reproductive Health and Rights.

Carol Levin

Senior Health Economist, Disease Control Priorities Network

Carol Levin is an expert in conducting economic evaluations of health technologies and clinical/programmatic interventions for public health programs in developing countries. Prior to joining the Disease Control Priorities project (DCP3), Dr. Levin worked as a Senior Economist at PATH where she conducted economic evaluations including cost or cost-effectiveness analyses related to the introduction of new vaccines, supply chain logistics, reproductive health interventions, and diagnostic tests. Dr. Levin is a recognized technical expert in designing and implementing primary cost analyses, and has served as an advisor to the WHO, GAVI-the Vaccine Alliance, the World Bank, PAHO, CDC, CIDA, and DFID on economic evaluation. She holds a PhD in agricultural economics from Cornell University.

Robert Marten

Senior Program Associate, The Rockefeller Foundation

Robert Marten is a Senior Associate for the Transforming Health Systems Initiative, where he coordinates Foundation work with partners and leads research in support of the strategic development and execution of Foundation initiatives. He is also currently managing the Foundation's response to the Ebola crisis. Prior to joining the Foundation, Mr. Marten served as a consultant to the World Bank, WHO, and the German Technical Cooperation in Zambia and South Africa. He also worked at the Global Public Policy Institute in Germany and served as a UN Volunteer on HIV/AIDS in Vietnam. He is on the Board of Directors of the Global Health Council, and is a member of the Advisory Council of the Young Professionals Chronic Disease Network, and of the editorial board of *Global Health Governance*. Mr. Marten received a bachelor's degree from McGill University, a master's degree in public policy from the Hertie School of Governance, and a master's degree in public health from Johns Hopkins University. He is currently pursuing a doctoral degree from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Sylvester Mensah

Former Chief Executive of the National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA); currently in charge of Special Duties, Office of the President, Ghana

Mr. Mensah has recently been appointed to be in charge of special duties in the Office of the President in Ghana. He previously served as the Chief Executive of the NHIA. In this capacity, he has initiated organizational restructuring, charting out a new strategic direction, and instituting reform initiatives such as clinical auditing, which are driving cost-efficiency and other improvements in the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS). Under his leadership, the NHIS was awarded a UN award for Excellence, Leadership, and Innovation. He has over 25 years of experience working in various sectors including public services, banking, politics, and academia. Mr. Mensah served as a Member of Parliament for the Dadekotopon constituency in the Greater Accra Region between 1997 and 2001. He holds an MBA in Finance from the University of Leicester and a diploma in public health from the University of California.

Ariel Pablos-Méndez

Assistant Administrator for Global Health, USAID

Dr. Pablos-Méndez is the Assistant Administrator for Global Health at USAID, a position he assumed in 2011. Prior to serving in this role, Dr. Pablos-Méndez served as Professor of Clinical Medicine and Epidemiology at Columbia University, and as Managing Director at The Rockefeller Foundation where he led its global strategy on the transformation of health systems towards Universal Health Coverage and Public-Private Partnerships for technologies against diseases of poverty. He was previously Director of Knowledge Management at the World Health Organization. Dr. Pablos-Méndez received his MD from the University of Guadalajara's School of Medicine and his MPH from Columbia University.

Ravindra Rannan-Eliya

Executive Director, Institute for Health Policy, Sri Lanka

Dr. Rannan-Eliya is the Executive Director and Fellow of the Institute for Health Policy. He has expertise in a number of areas relating to health systems equity, health financing and policy, social protection and public expenditure analysis, with research, consulting and field experience throughout Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America. He is a leading international expert in health expenditure estimation and projection methods and health accounts systems, and has collaborated extensively with WHO, World Bank, OECD, and Eurostat. He is the coordinator of the Equitap health equity research network in Asia, and co-PI for the Global Network on Health Equity. He holds a doctoral degree in health economics from Harvard University, and qualified as a physician from Cambridge University.

Martín Sabignoso

National Coordinator, Plan Nacer & Plan Sumar, Argentina

Martín Sabignoso is a lawyer and the National Coordinator of Plan Nacer/Programa SUMAR, a federal policy of the National Ministry of Health of Argentina, that aims to gradually transform public health coverage into “effective coverage” for more than 14 million people through the implementation of an innovative results-based financing strategy. During his mandate, he led the design and implementation of a rigorous external evaluation of the program, receiving international recognition for being the first health insurance program in Latin America to demonstrate positive results through quantitative impact assessment. In 2014, Plan Nacer was awarded at the Geneva Forum for Health organized by McKinsey and Company as an innovative and transformative health policy. During 2014, he provided advisory services to the Health Ministry in Colombia (as an IADB consultant) and also to the Health Ministry in Perú (as an IPA consultant) on the design of health plans and results-based financing mechanisms. He currently is a consultant for the Global Health Solutions Department of Washington University, Seattle.

Helen Saxenian

Independent Consultant

Dr. Saxenian works as an independent consultant to various organizations. She is a senior consultant to the Results for Development Institute. She led the Institute's support to GAVI-the Vaccine Alliance on the revision of several of its policies, including its eligibility policy, co-financing policy, and introduction grants and support to campaigns. Prior to this, Dr. Saxenian worked at the World Bank for 20 years in technical and managerial positions in the health area. Dr. Saxenian holds a PhD in applied economics from Stanford and a BA in economics from UC Berkeley.

Neelam Sekhri Feachem

Associate Professor, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, UCSF School of Medicine

Neelam Sekhri Feachem has over 30 years of experience in health policy, financing, and management of health care systems. She is course director for Comparative Health Systems and Health Financing in the MS in Global Health program at UCSF. She also teaches in other UCSF programs, and serves as faculty for the UC Berkeley Global Health Leadership Forum. From 2003–2007, Ms. Sekhri Feachem served as health financing and policy advisor at the World Health Organization. More recently she was Senior Vice President for Global Access and Alliances at a San Francisco-based biotechnology firm. As founder and CEO of The Healthcare Redesign Group Inc. since 1994, Ms. Sekhri Feachem advises governments and international organizations on health reform, financing, and policy.

Previously, she spent fourteen years with Kaiser Permanente where she held executive positions in hospital and medical group management. She is an Associate Professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in the School of Medicine at UCSF.

Agnes Soucat

Director, Department of Health Systems Governance and Financing, Cluster on Health Systems and Services, World Health Organization

Before joining WHO, Dr. Soucat was the Global Lead: Health, Nutrition and Population for the World Bank. She previously held the position of Director for Human Development for the African Development Bank, where she was responsible for health, education, and social protection for 53 African countries. She previously worked for the World Bank in various capacities, including as Lead Economist and Advisor for Human Development for Africa; she additionally worked for UNAIDS, UNICEF and the European Commission. Soucat has many publications to her name, notably as co-author of the World Development Report 2004 'Making Services Work for Poor People.' A French national, Soucat holds an MD and Masters in Nutrition from the University of Nance, and a Master of Public Health and PhD in Health Economics from Johns Hopkins University.

Viroj Tangcharoensathien

Senior Expert, Health Economics, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand

Dr. Tangcharoensathien is a senior expert in health economics at the Ministry of Public Health, Thailand, and senior advisor to its International Health Policy Program, where he also heads the research hub for the Asia Pacific Observatory. In his role at the Ministry, Dr. Tangcharoensathien was involved in the design of the 1991 Social Health Insurance and 2002 Universal Health Coverage Scheme. Dr. Tangcharoensathien chaired the negotiations of the WHO Global Code of International Migration of Health Personnel, adopted by the Sixty-third World Health Assembly. He holds a medical degree from Mahidol University, and a PhD in health planning and finance from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Hong Wang

Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Dr. Hong Wang has over 29 years of experience in health policy globally, with a focus on health economics, financing and systems in developing countries. Currently a Senior Program Officer in the Integrated Delivery team at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Dr. Wang's responsibilities include leading formulation of the Foundation's position

on critical issues in health economics, financing and systems, particularly related to primary healthcare (PHC) development. In addition he serves as an internal advisor and expert on the effects of health economics, financing, and systems on portfolio and program performance and on technical and data questions related to financing for health, health systems and PHC measurement. Dr Wang also manages a grant portfolio focused on improving primary healthcare globally. He received his MD from Beijing Medical University and PhD in Health Economics from University of Wisconsin at Madison. Dr. Wang is also an affiliate professor at the Department of Global Health, University of Washington.

Addis Tamire Woldemariam

Director General (Chief of Staff), Office of the Minister, Ministry of Health, Ethiopia

Dr. Addis Tamire Woldemariam is currently serving as the Director General of the Office of the Minister (Chief-of-Staff) in the Ministry of Health of Ethiopia. Before joining the Ministry he worked as a public health researcher for local and international organizations. For a good number of years after graduation Dr. Addis served as a physician in different public and private institutions. He has authored and co-authored a number of articles in prestigious journals including *The Lancet*. Dr. Addis is a medical doctor by profession with Masters Degree in Public Health from University of South Africa.

Gavin Yamey

Professor of the Practice of Global Health and Public Policy, Duke University

Gavin Yamey is a Professor of the Practice of Global Health at the Duke Global Health Institute (DGHI), Associate Director of Policy at DGHI, and a Professor of the Practice of Public Policy in the Duke Sanford School of Public Policy. He is also Director of Duke's Center for Policy Impact in Global Health. He was previously the Lead of the Evidence to Policy Initiative in the Global Health Group at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Yamey previously served as the Deputy Editor of the *Western Journal of Medicine*, Assistant Editor of the *BMJ*, and founding Senior Editor of *PLOS Medicine*. Awarded a Kaiser Mini-Media Fellowship in Global Health Reporting, Yamey developed a series on scaling up low cost health tools in Sudan, Uganda, and Kenya that was discussed in the UK Parliament. He has been external advisor to the WHO and to TDR, the Special Program for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases. Dr. Yamey holds a medical degree from Oxford University and University College London. He serves on two international commissions, The Commission on Investing in Health and The Commission on Global Surgery.