

ABOUT BCPH FACULTY

Here at the **Boston Congress of Public Health Leadership Summer Institute and Medical Academy**, we are proud to present the Faculty for the Summer of 2023. The qualifications of our team are truly remarkable: their diverse educational and professional backgrounds demonstrate their unwavering commitment to improving public health and equity. Exuding tremendous resilience, dedication, and innovation in their respective fields, the BCPH Faculty have been recognized and praised by experts in a variety of media and academic communities from around the world, completed prestigious fellowships, led healthcare organizations, devised national policies and pharmaceutical protocols, and launched biotechnological companies.

At first glance, you will note that our faculty is international and multidisciplinary, cultivating expertise and passion in a range of fields besides public health, health equity, and social justice – from nephrology to neurosurgery, from biotechnology to telerehabilitation, from health policies on pandemic responsiveness and maternal/child outcomes in developing countries, and from qualitative research to community-based and participatory research. While some of our faculty are using novel interventions to improve health outcomes for medically underserved populations – specifically Black/African-American gay and bisexual men and transwomen – others are conducting research on environmental and social determinants of health, delineating the nuances of sexuality, gender identity, and reproductive health in marginalized groups, promoting more diverse participation in clinical trials, or providing quality language and cultural services to underserved communities.

Overall, the kaleidoscopic expertise of our Faculty demonstrates their unwavering commitment to public health and equity. Undoubtedly and inexorably, their contributions to research, clinical practice, and community outreach have impacted the lives of countless individuals and will continue to do so in the future. We invite you to learn more about them and discover how they can help transform you into a powerful thought leader and activist within public health. Let's begin the journey together!

In solidarity,



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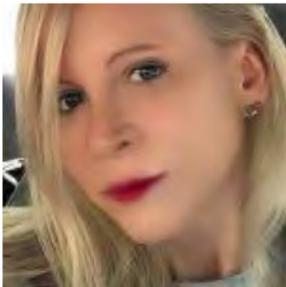


Dr. Candice Carpenter is Co-Chief Executive Officer and Chief Strategy Officer of The Boston Congress of Public Health (BCPH) and President of Infinity Ivy Consulting. She is also the Director of both the BCPH Public Health Leadership Summer Institute and Medical Academy. She co-founded BCPH in August 2021. Dr. Carpenter is a neurosurgeon-in-training, bio and social entrepreneur, educator, social justice advocate, and surgical bioethics enthusiast.

Dr. Carpenter additionally serves as the Co-Editor-in-Chief of Strategy and Innovation for The HPHR Journal. She is the Editor for the forthcoming publications, *The Best of HPHR Journal 2014-2021* and *PRISM: Mental Health Thru the Lens of Difference*. She is also Executive Producer of the *Great Health Debates* Season 1 through 3, Producer and Host of the BCPH 40 under 40 *Public Health Catalyst Awards* and *Health Innovators to Watch Award* Programs. Prolific and visionary, she has produced over 50 courses within the BCPH Academy, and trained over 50 graduates in the Public Health Thought Leadership Fellowship Program.

Dr. Carpenter has received numerous prestigious fellowships from around the world, including from the Congress of Neurological Surgeons Leadership Program, the Oxford's Women Leadership in Entrepreneurship Programme, Oxford's Social Impact Program, and Harvard Chan's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Fellowship. She will be joining the UCLA Biodesign and Clinical and Translational Institute as a Healthcare Technology Innovation Fellow in Fall 2023.

Dr. Carpenter holds an MPH in Public Health Leadership and Health & Social Behavior from the Harvard Chan School of Public Health, an M.B.A. from Oxford University Said Business School, an M.D. from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, an Ed.M. in Mind, Brain, Education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and a B.A. in Psychology from Yale University. She is a licensed physician and has done Neurosurgical Residency Training at The Ohio State University Wexner Academic Medical Center.



Dr. Circe J. Gray LeCompte (she/her/hers) has served as editor-in-chief/co-editor-in-chief of *HPHR* since 2015, and was part of the *Journal's* founding board, as Deputy Editor, in 2014. She also is co-CEO of The Boston Congress of Public Health, which publishes *HPHR*. In addition to these leadership roles, she also serves as Chief Technology Officer and heads BCPH Studio. She is Director of *Great Health Debates* and co-Producer of *The Humor Scientist with Matt Kazam*. She also is the creator of the forthcoming *Public Health History Mysteries*. She is also Senior Director for Impact Marketing and Communications as well as a

Research Fellow for the HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies at Columbia University and New York State Psychiatric Institute.

Dr. Le Compte holds Master of Science and Doctor of Science degrees from Harvard University, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, where she majored in social and behavioral sciences

theory/research methods, and racial and sexual/gender minority health. Her independent research inquiries have focused on the use of novel interventions, such as soap operas and PhotoVoice, to improve the health outcomes of medically-underserved populations.

For her doctoral dissertation, she used both qualitative and quantitative methods to understand how lived experience frames the conceptualization of health and sexual harm reduction practices of Black/African-American gay and bisexual men and Transwomen.



Dr. Rob Carpenter is a #1 best-selling author, novelist, social scientist, public speaker, and filmmaker who has dedicated his life to improving the lives of those around him after miraculously surviving a tragic accident. His works – described by critics as “profoundly empathetic” – have been featured in People Magazine, The New York Times, Business Insider, and a variety of other media. He and his sister are the first in his family to graduate from college.

Academically, Dr. Rob focuses on the field of entertainment education, a cross-disciplinary mass communications subject involving not only all forms of entertainment and education but also incorporating aspects of public policy, psychology, sociology, anthropology, and leadership studies. His main research interest is in investigating how mass media influences human perception, behavior, and social outcomes on cultural and political issues, especially issues involving race, public health, and mental and emotional health. His doctoral dissertation at the University of Southern California focused on historical portrayals of people of color in entertainment media and the real-world outcomes these portrayals heavily influenced.

Dr. Rob has studied media and change at the 2x Emmy Award Winning USC Media Institute for Social Change, received research fellowships with The New America Foundation and Jacob’s Foundation, has hosted or participated in panels for South by Southwest EDU and TEDx, and given lectures at Harvard University, among others.

Professionally, Dr. Rob has written scholarly publications for the Oxford Business Review and Harvard Public Health Review as well as mass market books, including a series of pro-social positive psychology books including *The 48 Laws of Happiness* and *Icons & Legends*, and is currently completing a historical thriller novel about the tragic, triumphant, and rocky behind-the-scenes relationship of Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. Rob has also written, directed, and produced documentary films, public service announcements, and worked on the Hollywood sets of *Ballers*, *Scandal*, *Lethal Weapon*, and others. He is the host of ‘The Great Health Debates,’ has an upcoming podcast called ‘Dear Underdog’ with Emmy winning screenwriter Kayona Ebony Brown, and has several television and theatrical films in development.

On the leadership front, Dr. Rob has been a Leadership LA fellow, California Connections Fellow, and Global Innovation fellow. He has served on the Board of Directors of Artist Year, Inner City Arts, Spread the Vote, and Intrinsic Insights. At 23 years old, was named the youngest public commissioner in the history of Los Angeles by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, where he oversaw a \$150 million annual budget and \$500 million in assets for LADOT.



Dr. Odama, MD, MPH, MBE, is a practicing nephrologist with training in Internal Medicine, Hypertension, and General and Transplant Nephrology. In addition, she is a global research scholar, public health practitioner, and bioethicist. She received her medical education from the University of Jos, Nigeria, and subsequently her specialization training from Michael Reese/University of Illinois at Chicago; RUSH Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago; Medical College of Virginia; Harvard Medical School, Boston, and Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University in Atlanta, GA.

During her medical training and career, Dr. Odama experienced the challenges of health disparities and inequities firsthand. These lived experiences and observation of poor health outcomes in inner cities and rural communities fueled her passion for equity in health, healthcare delivery, and resource allocation, particularly in Nephrology. Dr. Odama focuses on increasing awareness and prevention of the chronic diseases associated with kidney disease and providing equitable kidney disease management that includes all treatment options.

Dr. Odama previously worked as a District Health Director in Georgia's Department of Public Health. She understands the importance of accurate data collection and analysis, determinants of health, government policies, resource allocation, socio-economic, political, environmental, health behavior, ethical factors, and other constraints as crucial players in health disparities and health outcomes. As a VP of Medical Affairs with a Dialysis Kidney Care Organization, Dr. Odama uses her clinical knowledge and passion to provide safe, high-quality, equitable, and ethical care in infection prevention and control, health equity, and integrated kidney care.

Her priority is kidney health justice which ensures optimal kidney health outcomes for everyone by preventing co-morbid chronic diseases, addressing negative determinants of health, eliminating disparities in chronic diseases, providing equitable kidney health care, enhancing patient agency, and flourishing, and ensuring everyone has the opportunity to achieve optimal health outcomes.



Dr. Lindsay Tallon is an Assistant Professor of Public Health at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences where she teaches and conducts research with students on environmental and social determinants of health, climate change, emergency preparedness, and water quality. Before coming to MCPHS she worked at the MA Department of Public Health as an epidemiologist in the Medical Marijuana program and as a planner in the Emergency Preparedness Bureau where she led statewide volunteer programs and coordinated emergency services during disasters. Prior to that she worked

as a Research Associate developing trainings and conducting applied research in emergency preparedness and environmental virology at the Harvard School of Public Health and the University of North Carolina.

She received her PhD in Population Health from Northeastern where her dissertation focused on the impact of complex urban environments on the health of older adults. She also has a Master of

Science in Public Health in Environmental Sciences and Engineering from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Dr. Heather Tillewein is an Assistant Professor in Public Health at Austin Peay State University. She also serves on the Executive Committee as Communication's Chair for the LGBTQ Health Caucus for the American Public Health Association. She recently was appointed, by the President and Executive Director of APHA, to serve on the Committee on Women's Rights for APHA. She also serves as Master Editor for the HPHR Journal (formerly known as the Harvard Public Health Review). Dr. Tillewein serves on the Continuing Education Committee, Co-Chair for the Scientific Program, and is the SIG Leader for Queer Sexualities/ Trans* Experience/ Identity for the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. Recently, Dr. Tillewein was appointed to serve on as Co-Chair for the SSSS Scientific

Program. She collaborates on several research projects with the Kinsey Institute, SIU School of Medicine, the California Institute of Integral Studies, and others. Dr. Tillewein's research focuses on sexuality, gender identity, sexual health, LGBTQIA+ health, and reproductive health.



Dr. Jessica Liu is a recent graduate of the Population Health Sciences PhD program in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. She is continuing her academic career as a post-doctoral researcher at Stanford University in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Adolescent Health. Jessica's research focuses on adolescent health and school-based prevention interventions, specifically the adolescent vaping epidemic. Jessica has presented her research work to advocate for policy in state hearings, such as for the Connecticut state-wide flavored tobacco sales restriction. She is also very passionate about teaching and mentoring, and hopes to pursue a career in academia as a professor. Jessica has over eight years of experience teaching over 20 courses across three universities. Fun fact – Jessica's passion for teaching even extends to fitness, as she is a certified spin and group fitness instructor!



Seble Yigletu is an epidemiologist passionate about the intersection of health equity and clinical trials. As a proud advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion in science, Seble has served as a peer mentor for the Fostering Advancement & Careers through Enrichment Training in Science (FACETS) summer program at the Harvard T.H Chan School of Public Health. Seble is currently a Senior Associate in Clinical Operations and Clinical Trial Diversity at Merck. She received her Master's of Science in Epidemiology from the Harvard T.H Chan School of Public Health and her Bachelor's in Community Health from Tufts University, where her academic research interests were broadly in the fields of reproductive, perinatal, and pediatric epidemiology in Sub-Saharan Africa.



Dr. Thierry Lienou is an accomplished occupational therapist with a passion for healthcare delivery and technology. Originally from Cameroon, he immigrated to the United States in 2008 to further his education. He obtained his Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy from Howard University in 2015 and his Doctorate Degree with advanced competence in telerehabilitation from New York University in 2020. As an occupational therapist from a socio-economic minority background, Thierry has focused his practice on marginalized and underserved populations. He is particularly interested in healthcare delivery in less resource settings through telehealth and digital

technology. Thierry's goal is to apply his clinical and academic experience and expertise in telerehabilitation towards improving healthcare access in rural communities in sub-Saharan Africa, especially in Cameroon. Thierry is also committed to contributing to research on healthcare delivery in less resource settings. He has worked in academia to develop guidelines for practice and implementation of tele-rehabilitation and digital technology towards underrepresented populations in the US and around the world. Thierry's experience as an occupational therapist, researcher, and advocate for underserved communities will inspire students to think critically about the role of healthcare professionals in promoting health equity and social justice.



Antonio T. Williams is a native of Prentiss, Mississippi, working at Community Wellness Ventures as Director of Compliance. Williams has worked in public and mental health for nearly 15 years as a counselor by degree and training. Williams, a community-based participatory and interventionist researcher, has worked in several community-based organizations, state government, for-profit, and non-profit management. A highly motivated professional, Williams still finds time to play tennis and music in his spare time while providing adequate healthcare to marginalized communities. Williams earned his bachelor's degree from Alcorn State University and his master's for Jackson State University.



Joana Tudela was born in Portugal and grew up in Venezuela. At 18, without knowing English or anyone in the country, she moved to the United States. Joana has over twelve years of experience helping public health organizations provide quality language and cultural services while increasing access to services to the Latinx, immigrant, BIPOC, and Limited-English Proficient communities. Joana has a BS in Medical Laboratory Sciences from Rush University (IL). She has earned two master's degrees, one in Translation and Interpreting Studies from Wake Forest University (NC) and one in Public Health – Health Education and Promotion from Benedictine University (IL). Joa is a contracted consultant for several organizations, including the CDC, as an HIV Prevention

Trainer. In addition to consulting, Joana has been actively involved in diversity initiatives such as Building Integrated Communities in North Carolina, Newark Head Start's Health Services Advisory Committee, City of Winston-Salem Human Relations Committee, and YMCA's Latino Achievers. Joana is a Board Member of United Latinas and a member of the American College

of Healthcare Executives in the New Jersey Chapter. Joana was recently published as a co-author of *Hispanic Stars Rising*, Vol. III sharing her story. Joana founded Culturizing Access, a consulting and training business focused on helping health organizations implement and improve language services to improve patient safety and experience outcomes. She recently founded Immigrants Beyond Immigration. A non-profit organization focused on improving the lives of immigrants through a language-specific program focused on creating awareness, education, and capacity for immigrants so that they cannot only navigate US systems but start being part of the conversations and solutions to be more inclusive.



Dr. Shir Ginzburg (she/her/hers) is an assistant professor of public health at MCPHS in Boston, Massachusetts. She has a PhD in medical anthropology from the University of Connecticut and a Master's in Public Health (MPH) from the University of Connecticut Health Center. Dr. Ginzburg studies diabetes, depression, and food insecurity syndemics in Puerto Rico, and particularly the effect of Puerto Rico's political status as a United States territory on healthcare decision-making and health outcomes. She also studies environmental health and environmental justice among underserved communities, particularly the interactions of air pollution and health disparities on health outcomes. Dr. Ginzburg also coordinates the MPH Program's Practice Experience/Internship Program and has years of community health collaborations. Dr. Ginzburg has published in a variety of journals, such as *Transcultural Psychiatry*, *Research for All*, *Journal of Public Health*, and *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*. She utilizes qualitative and quantitative research, and practices Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR). She also has an interest in the intersections of religion and health.



Dr. Temitope Kayode has over 15 years of experience as a medical doctor and public health professional. She is currently studying for a doctoral degree (DrPH Health Policy and Management) at New York Medical College (NYMC). She holds a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree from the University of Wolverhampton, UK, and two diplomas - a diploma in Sexual and Reproductive Health (DRH) and a diploma in Humanitarian Assistance (DHA) from Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM), U.K.

Tope has worked on numerous public health programs funded by donors including UKAID, USAID, World Bank, and the Global Fund across different intervention areas. Her expertise and research focus are in health services research, financing, health policy, health disparities, health equity, maternal and child health, infectious diseases, and vulnerable populations. Tope has led the development of health policies, operational budgets, budgets, and other strategic documents for the health sector in Nigeria.

She is a Fellow, Women innovators and Leadership Development (WILD) network and a member of the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) and the American Public Health Association (APHA). Tope is a member of Letters against Isolation (LAI) where she sends inspirational letters to seniors across the US to help them cope with their mental and physical health.



Dr. Carlos Linares, MD, MPH, is a physician and public health practitioner. He is currently a Research Scientist 2 at the University of New Mexico Transdisciplinary Research, Equity and Engagement Center for Advancing Behavioral Health (TREE Center), working as a collaborator on a variety of projects related to equity including the Equity in Policy Institute, and the Wide Engagement for Access Vaccine Equity study (WEAVE NM), the NIH COVID-19 supplement for the National understanding of the effectiveness of pandemic mitigation policies; in where he developed a series of leadership skills coordinating the activities of a mixed method study, covering the regulatory–IRB requirements and engaging with community partners, in addition to writing, documenting and data analysis.

Originally from Mexico City, he completed a medical degree and graduate training in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease in his country. He holds a Master of Public Health degree from the University of New Mexico, completing a one-year fellowship in evaluation (UNM Dept of Economics) as well. His extracurricular certifications include Mixed Methods research (Harvard Catalyst, 2022), Geographic Information Systems (UNM CE, 2022), Grant Writing (UNM CE 2022), Project Management (UNM CE, 2022). Currently, he's pursuing the Certification in Public Health (CPH) by the National Board of Public Health Examiners in addition to his applications for doctoral studies.



Soon to be **Dr. Khulud Elnur Khudur** is a board certified public health epidemiologist. She is highly motivated, result-oriented, equity focused and strategic Program Manager with over 10 years of leadership experience in public health, bio-behavioral health, and academic industries focusing on health equity and social disparities. She has effective leadership capabilities to guide high performing teams to achieve organizational goals. Strong problem-solving skills provide solutions to complex challenges. In addition, she is result-oriented in technical evaluation skills and translating data into digestible action steps that advance equity. She is trained in epidemiological study design, infectious disease models, cohort study design and longitudinal analyses.

She worked as an epidemiologist with the CDC Foundation supporting Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment where she lead the epidemiological and control methods for over 100 facilities across the state of Colorado managing the COVID-19 response in long-term care facilities, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, etc with a focus on drawing lessons learned for practice, policy, and program changes.

Soon to be Dr. Khudur is finishing her Doctorate in Public Health (DrPH) in the coming months, with a concentration in COVID-19. She earned a Master of Public Health (MPH) with a concentration in Community Health and Development from Marshall University and a Master of Science in Library and Information Science (MSLIS) from The Catholic University of American. In addition, she earned her Bachelor in Bio-Behavioral Health (BBH) from The Penn State University.

Furthermore, she has completed a Harvard University Fellowship titled Project Zero in 2018. Her educational training, nearly decade of experience in this field, and passion for advancing equity and inclusion makes her uniquely qualified to be successful in this role. She is a passionate, driven, and research-oriented person dedicated to helping individuals most in need through my research and practice.



Dr. Ukamaka Gladys Okafor is an experienced medicine regulator, local medicines production advocate and public health professional, with expertise in health policy and health systems strengthening. She is passionate about mentoring young public health professionals and seeing how evidence from research could be used in effecting policy development and reviews for public interest.

Presently, Ukamaka is the Director, Lagos Zonal Office of the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria. On completion of her pharmacy degree in 1988, from the prestigious University of Nigeria, Nsukka (Second Class, Upper Division), she obtained MSc and PhD degrees in Public Health from University of Lagos and University of Central Nicaragua, respectively. She holds MSc in Biotechnology Innovation and Regulatory Sciences from Purdue University, USA, Fellowship of the West African Postgraduate College of Pharmacists, Postgraduate Diploma in Industrial Pharmacy Advanced Training and Postgraduate Diploma in Health System Management, Galilee College, Israel. She has academic and experiential exposure in public health, health policy development and reviews, medicines regulation and production, health products logistics and supply chain management, and strategic planning. She is an Associate Editor with the Pharmacy Education Journal of the International Pharmaceutical Federation. Apart from her peer-reviewed publications, She coordinated and edited a 928-page Textbook of Public Health Pharmacy, authored by 32 subject matter experts, including herself; published by the University of Lagos Press. This is the first textbook of Public Health Pharmacy in Sub-Saharan Africa. She is focused on public health research, advocacy and implementation.



Edima Ottoho is a Fellow – Individual, Community, and Population Health (ICPH) at the Boston University of Public Health. She is currently studying for a doctoral degree (DrPH Leadership, Management, and Policy). Edima is a licensed Project Manager (PMP®). She holds a Master of Public Health (MPH) - Health Services Management, a Master of Business Administration (MBA), and a Bachelor's degree in Genetics and Biotechnology. Edima is originally from Nigeria. Prior to her doctoral studies, she worked for over 10 years on donor-funded public health projects. Her research areas are in addressing social determinants of health and promoting social justice especially at policy level. Her expertise is in program design, integration, planning, budgeting, coordination, and evaluation.



Edima loves to volunteer for causes that she is passionate about. She is a Frederic Bastiat Fellow at the Mercatus Center, George Mason University, and a Fellow, Women Innovators and Leaders Development (WILD) Network. She is also a board member, SmileTrain Young Leadership Circle (YLC) where she advocates and mobilizes resources for children affected by cleft across the world. She aspires to become a public health leader who leads with compassion, conscience, and commitment to influence equitable policies/programs. She is investing significantly in personal development and is open to building connections beyond the global health community.