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2024 Research Summit

PUBLIC HEALTH IN AN ELECTION YEAR & BEYOND

Saturday, September, 28, 2024
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST

Registration

<https://tinyurl.com/BCPHSummit24>



Research Summit Overview

BCPH's inaugural **2024 Research Summit, "Public Health in an Election Year & Beyond,"** set for Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 1:00 PM-4:00 PM EST, will focus on the impacts of the U.S. Presidential Election and politics overall on public health through the lenses of social justice and equity. Expert panelists will address the relationship of political agendas and health issues, including:

- Sexual and reproductive health
- Individual rights for historically underserved populations, including immigrants, racial and ethnic groups, women, and LGBTQ+ persons
- Rising medication costs
- Medicaid lifetime caps
- Mental health
- Substance use treatment
- Vaccine accessibility.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the series, participants will be able to:

- Explain the potential impacts of political agendas on public health policies through the lens of social justice and equity.
- Evaluate the effects of U.S. Presidential Elections and broader political influences on individual rights and health access for historically underserved populations, including immigrants, racial and ethnic minorities, women, and LGBTQ+ persons, and the implications for public health equity.
- Discuss strategies to ensure ongoing development and implementation of evidence-based public health policies and interventions.

Agenda-at-a-Glance

1:00 PM - 1:10 PM EST

Welcome to the Inaugural 2024 BCPH Summit

BCPH Staff

1:10 PM - 2:05 PM EST

Public Health in an Election Year Panel

**Mallika Singh, Jennifer Mandelbaum, PhD, MPH, and
Dr. Mercedes Harris, PharmD, MPH**

2:05 PM - 2:15 PM EST

BREAK

2:15 PM - 3:05 PM EST

**Breaking Barriers: Pathways to Holistic Sexual and
Reproductive Wellness for Black Women**

Brenice Duroseau, MSN, FNP-C, RNC-OB, AAHIVS

3:05 PM - 3:15 PM EST

BREAK

3:15 PM - 4:00 PM EST

**Beyond the Ballot: How the 2024 Election Could Impact
Efforts to End the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Plan**

Dr. Circe Gray Le Compte, MS, ScD



Program Agenda

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST

Public Health in an Election Year Panel

**Mallika Singh, Jennifer Mandelbaum, PhD, MPH, and
Dr. Mercedes Harris, PharmD, MPH**

This panel promises to elicit engagement across another of hot button topics at stake in the current U.S. election cycle.

Learning objectives include:

- Delineate pressing public health issues being debated during the election, such as health equity, environmental health, and the opioid crisis, and understand their broader societal impacts.
- Discuss how public health policy proposals from the 2024 presidential candidates will impact access to clinical and behavioral health care, reproductive rights, and pandemic preparedness.
- Describe how public health issues are framed in political discourse and identify opportunities to promote evidence-based solutions through the lenses of social justice and equity.

Program Agenda

2:15 PM - 3:00 PM EST

Breaking Barriers: Pathways to Holistic Sexual and Reproductive Wellness for Black Women

Brenice Duroseau, MSN, FNP-C, RNC-OB, AAHIVS

Learning Objectives:

- Increase awareness of sexual and reproductive health inequities that impact Black women in the U.S. and promote strength-based approaches.
- Improve understanding of the social, political, and structural determinants impacting the sexual health and wellness of Black women.
- Detail a call to action for stakeholders to advocate for and work towards sexual and reproductive health justice and equity.

Program Agenda

3:15 PM - 4:00 PM EST

Beyond the Ballot: How the 2024 Election Could Impact Efforts to End the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Plan

Dr. Circe Gray Le Compte, MS, ScD

This session will explore the anticipated impact of the 2024 U.S. election on the future of key HIV initiatives, notably the "Ending the HIV Epidemic" (EHE) plan. Participants will hear how political priorities have shaped the funding, support, impact of the EHE on the HIV arena, and what the future may hold.

Learning Objectives

Participants will emerge from the session being able to:

- Assess how the outcomes of the 2024 election could influence future federal funding, legislative support, and policy decisions related to the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) initiative and other HIV priorities
- Discuss the impact of partisan politics on HIV prevention, diagnosis, and treatment efforts, and the advancement of EHE goals of reducing new HIV infections by 75% by 2025 and by 90% by 2030.
- Identify strategies to advocate for the continued support and sustainability of the EHE and other HIV initiatives, taking into account the potential shifts in political priorities following the 2024 election, and explore how advocacy can bridge partisan divides to address broader public health challenges beyond HIV.

Panelists and Presenters



Mallika Singh

Research Engineer
Boston Children's Hospital
Harvard Medical School

Summit Role: *Panelist*



Dr. Mercedes Harris

PharmD, MPH
Public Health Pharmacist Consultant

Summit Role: *Panelist*



Dr. Jennifer Mandelbaum, PhD, MPH

Mixed Methods Research Manager,
Athenahealth
State Representative, NH HR

Summit Role: *Panelist*



Brenice Duroseau, MSN, FNP-C, RNC-OB, AAHIVS

Nurse Practitioner, Behavioral Health
Leadership Institute
PhD Scholar, John Hopkins University

Summit Role: *Spotlight Presenter*

Panelists and Presenters: Bios and Session Descriptions



Mallika Singh

Research Engineer
Boston Children's Hospital
Harvard Medical School

Summit Role: *Panelist*

Mallika Singh is a seasoned professional in the biopharmaceutical industry with over 8 years of experience. She is pursuing a Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) degree at New York Medical College (NYMC). Mallika's research focuses on identifying systemic barriers to diverse representation in clinical trials and aims to leverage her expertise and research to contribute to increasing health equity and diversity in clinical trials.

Throughout her career, Mallika has held key roles in global biopharmaceutical companies such as Regeneron, Biogen, and Amgen, gaining experience in stem cell research, clinical operations, Pharmacovigilance (Drug Safety), and Pharmacokinetics and Drug Metabolism (PKDM).

Panelists and Presenters: Bios and Session Descriptions



Dr. Mercedes Harris

PharmD, MPH
Public Health Pharmacist Consultant

Summit Role: *Panelist*

Mercedes Harris, PharmD, MPH is a public health pharmacist consultant with over two decades of service within community pharmacy and public health. Dr. Harris a native New Yorker (Queens), is dedicated to creating culturally sensitive programs to her ancestral ties within the Caribbean and internationally.

Dr. Harris spearheaded a teaching kitchen organization with a focus on community health promotion, monitoring and literacy strategies to youth and adult populations. Dr. Harris has authored several publications highlighting approaches to improve the health of minority, underserved populations with a particular focal point on lifestyle related/non-communicable diseases.

Dr. Harris received her doctoral and public health degrees from St. John's University and The University of West Florida, respectively. Among other accomplishments, in 2022, Dr. Harris was awarded The Next Generation Pharmacist award that salutes pharmacy professionals who are defining the future of pharmacy. By pharmacy industry leading companies Parata Systems and Pharmacy Times; under the category- Patient Care Provider of the Year.

Panelists and Presenters: Bios and Session Descriptions



Dr. Jennifer Mandelbaum, PhD, MPH

Mixed Methods Research Manager,
Athenahealth

State Representative, NH HR

Summit Role: *Panelist*

Dr. Jennifer Mandelbaum is a social and behavioral scientist whose work highlights the use of data to tell stories that can improve public health and patient care. She has experience working across sectors (e.g., academia, government, industry) to understand and address root causes affecting issues of health care access and equity.

As the Mixed Methods Research Manager at athenahealth, Dr. Mandelbaum leads survey and qualitative research to examine unique insights and emerging trends within the healthcare landscape. Cultivating the next generation of public health professionals is also important to her, and she is part-time faculty in Tufts University's Department of Community Health.

Driven by a dedication to public service, Dr. Mandelbaum recently assumed office in the New Hampshire House of Representatives, where she represents the Rockingham 21 communities of Portsmouth Ward 1 and Newington.

Panelists and Presenters: Bios and Session Descriptions



Brenice Duroseau, MSN, FNP-C, RNC-OB, AAHIVS

Nurse Practitioner, Behavioral Health
Leadership Institute

PhD Scholar, John Hopkins University

Summit Role: *Spotlight Presenter*

Brenice Duroseau, MSN, FNP-C, RNC-OB, AAHIVS, a Haitian-American board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), boasts an impressive career spanning well over a decade in healthcare. She specializes in infectious diseases, such as HIV/AIDS and STIs, and has a strong background in addiction medicine and women's reproductive health. Brenice played a pivotal role in establishing a Ryan White clinic site in Stamford, CT, where she also served as the primary healthcare provider for underinsured and low-income individuals living with HIV.

Her dedication and patient-centered approach not only improved health outcomes but also led to her appointment as the chairperson for ending the HIV epidemic in lower Fairfield County. In this role, she championed community-centered approaches to enhance HIV prevention, awareness, and treatment engagement.

Faculty Planning Committee



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Dr. Candice Carpenter serves as Co-Editor-in-Chief of *The Boston Congress of Public Health Review*, and is Founder and Co-CEO of The Boston Public Congress of Public Health. She is also Executive Producer of the Great Health Debates. She is a physician-entrepreneur, inventor, and social justice activist.

She is Adjunct Professor of Business at the Martin V. Smith School of Business and Economics in Southern California.

She 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.

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Dr. Circe Gray Le Compte **ScD, MS**

Co-CEO and CTO
Boston Congress of Public Health
Co-Editor in Chief, BCPHR

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 Executive Producer of Great Health Debates; co-Producer of The Humor Scientist with Matt Kazam; and creator of the forthcoming Public Health History Mysteries.

Dr. Le Compte is a social epidemiologist who holds MS and ScD degrees from Harvard University, where she majored in social and behavioral sciences theory/research methods, and racial and sexual/gender minority health. Her doctoral dissertation examined the conceptualization of health and sexual harm reduction practices of Black/African-American gay and bisexual men and transwomen.

Dr. Le Compte has decades of communications experience, serving as a communications director at several national nonprofits. In addition to her work with BCPH, she holds a postdoctoral fellowship with the Division of Gender, Sexuality, and Health in the Department of Psychiatry at Columbia University and works as a senior director at Impact Marketing + Communications.

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Seher Hakiki

BCPH Fellow,
Boston Congress of Public Health
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Seher Hakiki is an intern with BCPH. The 23-year-old senior medical student from Turkey has completed summer internships to enhance her clinical skills and has presented research posters at medical conferences.

She has a particular interest in infectious diseases and global pandemics. Additionally, she has demonstrated leadership through her involvement with a nongovernmental organization. During her work with BCPH, she aims to learn more about research and project management.

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Carly Sullivan

BCPH Fellow,
Boston Congress of Public Health
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Carly Sullivan is a graduate student currently working towards an MPH degree at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, expected to graduate in the Summer of 2025. With strong interests in community health and reproductive healthcare access, Carly is hoping to engage with communities to improve their access to healthcare and health education.

Expanding public health education in local communities is one passion that Carly hopes to pursue in her career in public health after graduating, as she believes that health education is vital to ensuring everyone can achieve their health goals.