

Cancer Health Disparities Summit 2005
Community Networks Program
Speaker Biosketches

Richard Bragg, Ph.D.

Dr. Bragg is responsible for managing the Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Hispanic Serving Institutions health services research grant programs and initiatives of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). He provides technical and administrative guidance, leadership, and direction related to health services issues for African-American, Hispanic-American, underserved, and aging populations. His areas of responsibility include projects focusing on developing a research agenda and strategies to eliminate health disparities among minority populations. He has a broad range of experience in management, administration, teaching, minority health issues, health policy research, program development, and minority recruitment into the health professions. Dr. Bragg has served on a number of boards, commissions, committees, and task forces related to education, health, veterans affairs, and civil rights.

Dr. Bragg has served in numerous positions, including: (1) Public Health Advisor at the National Cancer Institute in the Office of Special Populations Research; (2) Coordinator, Special Programs, AIDS Administration in the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; (3) Assistant Director of the Johns Hopkins Hospital Health Careers Program; (4) Health Services Administrator in the Baltimore City Health Department; (5) Senior Research Associate for the Greater Baltimore Committee (Baltimore Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce); (6) Director of the Community College of Baltimore Division of Continuing Education Health Careers Program; and (7) Senior Program Developer in the Mayor's Office of Research and Development in Baltimore, Maryland. He has held adjunct faculty positions with the University of Maryland, College Park; Howard University; Coppin State College; Community College of Baltimore; Catonsville Community College; and Prince George's Community College.

Dr. Bragg received a Ph.D. in Political Science/Public Administration and an M.A. in Public Policy and Urban Administration from Howard University in Washington, DC. He also earned a B.S. in Secondary Education (Social Sciences) from Coppin State College in Baltimore. He has received a number of awards and honors, including: the CMS Administrator's Achievement Award; CMS Associate Administrator for Policy Special Citation; CMS Office of Research and Demonstrations Director's Citation; CMS Office of Research, Development, and Information Globe Award; Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Health's Special Recognition Award; Governor's Citation, State of Maryland, for distinguished service as a member of the Vietnam Leadership Program, Inc.; and Governor's Commission Citation, State of Maryland, as a member of the Vietnam and Disabled Veteran's Business Resource Council. He is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, and a recipient of the Ford Fellowship; Earl Warren Fellowship; and Urban Studies Fellowship. Dr. Bragg appeared in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* and was a Rhodes Scholar nominee in 1978. He was nominated by the National Cancer Institute for the 1994 National Institutes of Health Management Cadre Program.

Dr. Bragg is a United States Army veteran who served in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969 and was awarded numerous citations.

Mary Anne Bright, R.N., M.N.

Ms. Bright has been employed at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) since 1986. She is currently Director of the NCI's Cancer Information Service, a national information and education

network comprising 15 regional offices that serve the United States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and U.S.-associated Pacific Territories. The CIS operates an information service and a partnership program and collaborates on health communications research. In addition, she is Associate Director of the Office of Cancer Information Service, which provides oversight to and management of the regional CIS contracts and a large support contract. In addition to her role as Director of the CIS, Ms. Bright has served in a temporary role for the past 2 years as Acting Deputy Director of NCI's Office of Communications.

Ms. Bright is an oncology nurse with over a decade of cancer nursing experience. She was an Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist for 3 years in the Clinical Center at the National Institutes of Health prior to joining the CIS. Ms. Bright received her master's degree in Oncology Nursing from the University of California, Los Angeles, and her bachelor's degree in Nursing from Duquesne University.

Judith Brooks, R.N., M.S.

Judith Brooks is a Public Health Analyst in the Division of Education and Development located in the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) in the Office of the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Before joining the OHRP in 2001, Ms. Brooks served as a program official for NIH-sponsored AIDS multicenter clinical trials. Her other research positions include Clinical Research Associate in the Department of Clinical Investigations, as well as membership on the Investigational Review Board, at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Ms. Brooks holds a bachelor's degree in Nursing from Fitchburg State College and a master's degree in Health Services Administration from Central Michigan University. She serves as the Chair of the OHRP's Public Education Initiative Committee, which is responsible for the It's Your Decision public outreach campaign.

Doris Browne, M.D., M.P.H.

Dr. Doris Browne is President and CEO of Browne and Associates, Inc., a health consultancy company. She manages diversified health programs that address the health status of and disparities in national and international populations through the use of health information and communication technologies in order to enhance positive health outcomes. Browne and Associates' activities are primarily focused on the areas of breast and prostate cancers, women's health, and HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases, with an emphasis on health promotion and disease prevention.

Dr. Browne also currently manages the breast cancer portfolio for the Breast and Gynecologic Cancer Research program in the Division of Cancer Prevention at the National Cancer Institute. The focus of this program is the development of chemoprevention agents for breast cancer and the identification of surrogate endpoint biomarkers.

Dr. Browne is a retired Colonel in the U.S. Army Medical Corps and former Director of Medical Research and Development for the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, where she was responsible for biomedical research programs for the Army and Department of Defense (DoD). Previously, Colonel Browne was Director of Prevention and Standards in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, where she was responsible for analysis, review, and formulation of policies, guidelines, and programs on women's health issues; oversight of health promotion and disease prevention; and TRICARE preventive benefits. She served as Chair of the DoD Breast Cancer Prevention, Education, and Diagnosis Initiative and presided over DoD's representatives to the National Action Plan on Breast Cancer.

Dr. Browne graduated from Tougaloo College (B.S., *cum laude*); the University of California, Los Angeles (M.P.H.); and Georgetown University (M.D.) and completed an internship, residency, and fellowship at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. She achieved national and international recognition as an expert in the medical management of radiation casualties, women's health, and breast cancer and is well published as an author of textbooks, book chapters, and articles.

Dr. Browne is a former Chair of the Cancer Research Committee of the National Medical Association and is its representative to the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM) Board of Sponsors. She also served as Chair of the Government Liaison Committee for the American Medical Women's Association and is a member of the Governing Board of the Intercultural Cancer Council. She is Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of Tougaloo College, a former Board member of the National Capital Chapter of the American Red Cross and the A.R.E. Public Charter High School, and a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, Leadership Washington, Trinity Episcopal Church, AAWARE, and numerous other organizations.

Virginia S. Cain, Ph.D.

Virginia S. Cain, Ph.D., is currently Deputy Director of the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR). In addition, she has served as Acting Associate Director for Behavioral and Social Sciences Research at NIH and Acting Director of the OBSSR in 2003 and 2004.

Dr. Cain was appointed Deputy Director of OBSSR in 2000. She joined the Office in May 1995 and was instrumental in its establishment. During her tenure, she chaired the effort to reorganize the Behavioral and Social Science study sections of the Center for Scientific Research (CSR) as the final step in integrating the programs of NIMH, NIDA, and NIAAA into NIH.

Prior to joining OBSSR, Dr. Cain directed the research program at the Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) from 1993 to 1995. She joined NIH in 1979 in the Demographic and Behavioral Sciences Branch at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), where she managed a research portfolio focusing on sexual risk behaviors related to AIDS, STDs, and unwanted pregnancy. In conjunction with USAID and several NIH Institutes, she developed an international program of research on behavioral and social aspects of HIV/AIDS in developing countries. Another component of her program focused on the consequences for children of maternal employment, childcare, and various family structures

Dr. Cain's own research has been in the area of reproductive health, including behavioral aspects of menopause and sexually transmitted diseases. Earlier research addressed issues involved in childcare, fertility, and female labor-force participation.

Dr. Cain received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Maryland in 1986, specializing in demography. She has an M.A. from the Catholic University of America and a B.A. from the University of Minnesota in Developmental Psychology.

Philip E. Castle, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Philip E. Castle, Ph.D., M.P.H., is currently an Investigator in the Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics at the NCI. With an undergraduate degree from Carnegie-Mellon, Dr. Castle completed advanced academic training as a laboratory scientist (Ph.D. in Biophysics) and as an epidemiologist (M.P.H.) at The Johns Hopkins University. He received postdoctoral training from the NIH, first in the molecular biology of fertilization at the NIDDK and then as a Cancer Prevention Fellow in the Division of Cancer Prevention at the NCI.

Dr. Castle is the lead DCEG investigator on topics of clinical diagnostics, applications, and translational sciences for detection and prevention of human papillomavirus (HPV) and cervical cancer. His program is focused on development of community-based, viable, and self-sustaining cervical cancer screening programs for underserved populations, both nationally and internationally. He is the NCI Principal Investigator—in collaboration with the Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (CRCHD) and the University of Alabama at Birmingham—for the Mississippi Delta Project, a screening study designed to evaluate the utility of self-collection and HPV DNA testing for cervical cancer prevention. Dr. Castle and the CRCHD are now working with the Cancer Council of the Pacific Islands (CCPI) to design a cervical cancer prevention program for the U.S. jurisdictions and territories in the Pacific Rim.

Dr. Castle has published more than 50 peer-reviewed articles on the natural history, detection, and prevention of HPV and cervical cancer and has given numerous national and international talks on this topic. He currently serves as a technical advisor for START (Screening Technologies to Advance Rapid Testing for cervical cancer prevention), a program for the development of a low-cost HPV test launched by the Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH) in Seattle, WA.

Nelvis Castro

Ms. Nelvis Castro is the Acting Director of the Office of Communications (OC) at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). She is responsible for working with NCI Divisions, Centers, and Offices to identify communication strategies and oversee implementation of activities.

Ms. Castro works both independently and in concert with the NCI Director to plan, develop, and lead an integrated cancer communications program, from prevention through treatment to survivorship and end-of-life issues, including palliative care and pain management. She provides strategic vision, leadership, and oversight to the Office of the Director, the OC's Deputy Director for Programs, and the Deputy Director for Operations, as well as to four programs within the OC: Office of Content Management, Office of Cancer Information Service, Office of Technology Strategy and Applications, and Office of Media Relations and Public Affairs.

Ms. Castro coordinates and integrates program activities for maximum effectiveness in communicating cancer messages, research results, and important information to assist patients, health professionals, and the general public in their medical decisions. She strategically plans for optimal allocation of a \$60 million budget and provides leadership to approximately 150 OC staff members. She implements NCI-wide strategic communication plans to increase the public's understanding of NCI as a trusted, reliable source of health information and of NCI's role in supporting and conducting medical research. Ms. Castro also develops and applies the latest technologies to the design and development of publications, graphics, exhibits, and other visual and audiovisual material across a variety of media channels, using content provided by other groups in the OC and elsewhere in NCI. It is her responsibility to ensure that the NCI brand identity is successfully promoted through all communications.

Prior to becoming Acting Director of the OC in 2003, Ms. Castro was Associate Director of the OC's Office of Communications Coordination. She originally came to the NCI in 1991. Prior to joining NCI, Ms. Castro was the Director of Minority Health Communications for Prospect Associates, a health communications firm in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Shine Chang, Ph.D.

Dr. Shine Chang is an Associate Director in the NCI Division of Cancer Prevention's Office of Preventive Oncology. This Office oversees the Cancer Prevention Fellowship Program (CPFP) and the NCI Summer Curriculum in Cancer Prevention. Dr. Chang's goals are to promote programs and policies that improve public health through cancer prevention and to train future

scientific leaders. In addition to mentoring fellows, a role for which she was recognized in 2004 as an “NCI Mentor of Merit,” she has led several projects to enhance the CPFP. These include the New Cancer Prevention Fellows Orientation Week, expansion of the leadership and career development curriculum, and reorganization of the Program’s *Policies and Procedure*” Intranet Web site for fellows. Other projects she has spearheaded are the creation of a Web-based online application used by more than 100 applicants annually since its launch in 2003 and an annual promotional mailing of 14,000 packages. In 2005, she published a first-authored article on interdisciplinary postdoctoral training in *Academic Medicine*.

Before coming to the NCI, Dr. Chang had established a track record of innovation and leadership in faculty development. In 1998, at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, she established the ongoing *Scientific Excellence: Streamlining Your Career Path* career-development seminar series. For the American Society of Preventive Oncology (ASPO), Dr. Chang was appointed as the first member of the Board of Directors to represent junior members. Her appointment resulted from her efforts as the founding chair, in 1999, of the ASPO Junior Members group, which focuses on career development and organizes training activities at ASPO’s annual meetings. In 2004, she published a first-authored article describing the professional development needs of ASPO members and meeting participants in *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers and Prevention*. Currently, she chairs the ASPO Education Committee and serves on the Publication Committee for the North American Association for the Study of Obesity.

Dr. Chang earned her doctorate in Epidemiology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill after receiving her B.Sc. in Biology from Brown University. In 1995, she joined the Department of Epidemiology in the Division of Cancer Prevention at M. D. Anderson for postdoctoral training and was later invited to join the faculty. There, she was awarded a Clinical Research Training Grant for Junior Faculty from the American Cancer Society, remaining until 2001, when she was recruited by the NCI.

Dr. Chang’s research is focused on the biobehavioral aspects of obesity as a cancer risk factor, and she serves as a primary investigator coordinating activities for an ancillary study of the Women’s Health Initiative focusing on the genetic, hormonal, and behavioral aspects of obesity. At the 2004 Annual Meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research, Dr. Chang was recognized for her expertise in obesity with a “Meet the Expert” session that was featured in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. Her research has been published in peer-reviewed journals including the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, *Academic Medicine*, and *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers and Prevention*, where she recently served as an Associate Editor.

Kenneth C. Chu, Ph.D.

Dr. Chu is currently Chief of the Disparities Research Branch in the Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities at the NCI. The major programs of the Branch are the Special Populations Networks and Community Networks Program and the Patient Navigation Research Program.

Dr. Chu received his B.S. in Chemistry from the University of California and his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from UCLA. He then accepted a “temporary” position at the NIH and has remained there ever since. He began his NCI career conducting carcinogen bioassays as part of the “carcinogen a week” stories in the 1970s. In the early 1980s, he was involved in the study of occupational cancers, with a 2-year stay at the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) preparing the agency’s first quantitative risk assessment on arsenic after the Supreme Court overturned the benzene standard and required quantitative risk assessments.

In the late 1980s, Dr. Chu was involved in early cancer detection and screening. In the HIP trial, he demonstrated the benefits associated with screening women ages 40 to 49. In the mid-1990s, he began working with special populations.

Mark Clanton, M.D., M.P.H.

Dr. Mark Clanton is the Deputy Director for Cancer Care Delivery Systems at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). He is working with NCI Director Dr. Andrew von Eschenbach to increase the NCI's impact on the quality of, cost of, and reimbursement for cancer care and the reduction of cancer health disparities. Dr. Clanton also leads the strategic scientific planning and prioritization process for the Institute.

Dr. Clanton earned his B.S. at Howard University and his M.D. at Tulane University Medical School. He received pediatric training at the Texas Children's Hospital and public health training in Health Policy and Management at Harvard School of Public Health, where he received his M.P.H. He has also earned certification in Finance through the Southern Methodist University Cox School of Business.

Prior to joining the Federal Government, Dr. Clanton was Chief Medical Officer of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, the state's largest health plan. His executive responsibilities included leading the pharmacy drug program for more than a million members and supervising new medical technology evaluation and medical policy development for three million Texans. In conjunction with the Harvard School of Public Health, Dr. Clanton introduced the first federally funded health services research program to the health plan. In 1998, Dr. Clanton was Vice President of Managed Care, the first African American to become a vice president of the Texas Blue Cross organization.

As an 18-year volunteer with the American Cancer Society (ACS), Dr. Clanton has provided important national, statewide, and local strategic leadership through numerous positions, including the serving on the organization's National Board of Directors. His leadership has helped the ACS pursue its 2015 cancer-reduction goals. Dr. Clanton was President-Elect of the National ACS prior to accepting a Deputy Director position at the NCI.

Dr. Clanton is a member of the Trans-Health and Human Services Cancer Health Disparities Reduction Progress Review Group and was a contributor to the NCI's External Work Group for Cancer's 2004 Progress Report. At the Harvard School of Public Health, he served on the Leadership Council in 2003 and was Chair of the 2002–2003 Annual Fund Campaign.

Ralph J. Coates, Ph.D.

Since 2000, Dr. Coates has been the Associate Director for Science in the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, GA. With a staff of 125 public health practitioners and researchers and an annual budget of approximately \$300 million, the Division conducts national cancer prevention and control programs, surveillance, and research with all states, several territories and tribes, academic institutions, and other organizations.

Dr. Coates has a B.A. from Harvard University and trained in Epidemiology at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and the University of Washington, where he received his Ph.D. in 1986. Before joining CDC in 1996, he was an Associate Professor in the Epidemiology Department at Emory University, where he is now an Adjunct Professor. At Emory, he conducted extramurally funded research in cancer epidemiology and nutritional epidemiology, was Co-Director of the Nutrition and Health Sciences Program, and taught M.P.H. and doctoral students in the School of Public Health.

Dr. Coates currently helps direct and administer the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control and continues to conduct research and surveillance in cancer prevention and control. He is author or coauthor of more than 130 publications in cancer epidemiology and surveillance, nutritional epidemiology, disparities, and cancer prevention and control. He has served on

advisory panels and working groups for the Institute of Medicine, the President's Cancer Panel, the Canadian Breast Cancer Research Initiative, the National Cancer Institute, and the American Cancer Society.

Leslie Cooper, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Dr. Leslie Cooper is an applied epidemiologist with an undergraduate degree in Nursing and an active-duty member of the United States Public Health Service. She has over 22 years of experience as a scientist at the National Institutes of Health. Currently, she is serving as a Health Scientist Administrator in the Health Policy Branch in the Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (CRCHD) at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). She is responsible for conducting original policy analysis and research on the effect of current or proposed health policies on cancer health disparities. Dr. Cooper's duties also include identifying research opportunities for the integration of health policy as a critical tool in addressing the challenge in the reduction and elimination of cancer health disparities, performing analytical assignments on the role of health policies in reducing cancer health disparities; reviewing, conceptualizing, planning, developing, implementing, managing, and evaluating programs; and disseminating the results of information that will lead to the reduction of cancer health disparities.

Dr. Cooper provides technical and scientific expertise and guidance to scientists and policy makers in the use of community-based participatory research and translational research in relation to cancer prevention and control interventions in minority and medically underserved populations for planning, coordinating, and evaluating proposed research projects and studies of interest to the CRCHD. She works with CRCHD staff to develop, implement, and evaluate programs in order to inform policy makers of evidenced-based health programs and policy development. She engages in collaborative activities across the NCI; with others at the NIH; and through collaborations with other HHS agencies, state and local entities, and the community at large, partnering to reduce and eventually eliminate cancer health disparities.

Terri L. Cornelison, M.D., Ph.D.

Dr. Terri L. Cornelison is a Gynecologic Oncologist and a Program Director in the Breast and Gynecologic Cancer Research Group in the Division of Cancer Prevention at the National Cancer Institute (NCI), a position she has held since 1999. She has a background in molecular and cellular oncology and a focus on women's health care, evidence-based medicine, and cancer prevention and control. At the NCI, Dr. Cornelison is responsible for overseeing clinical trials dealing with the prevention or early detection of gynecologic malignancies.

Dr. Cornelison received her Bachelor of Arts from Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania in 1981; her medical degree from Yale University in 1985; and her Ph.D. from The George Washington University in 2000. She completed her internship and residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, and her clinical fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, New York. Dr. Cornelison has also completed three research fellowships: two at the National Cancer Institute and one at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, both in Bethesda, Maryland. She has held academic appointments as a Clinical Fellow at Harvard University School of Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts, and at the State University of New York in Buffalo, New York. Dr. Cornelison currently holds an Assistant Professor appointment at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland, where she also has her clinical practice.

Robert Croyle, Ph.D.

Robert Croyle, Ph.D., was appointed Director of the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS) at the NCI in July 2003. He had previously served as the Division's Associate Director for the Behavioral Research Program, leading its development and

expansion. Before coming to the NCI in 1998, Dr. Croyle was a Professor of Psychology and a member of the Huntsman Cancer Institute at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, and prior to that, he was a visiting investigator at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Washington, and Assistant Professor of Psychology at Williams College in Massachusetts.

Dr. Croyle graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Washington in 1978 and received his Ph.D. in Social Psychology from Princeton University in 1985. His recent research has examined how individuals process, evaluate, and respond to cancer risk information, including tests for inherited mutations in *BRCA1* and *BRCA2*. His research has been published widely in professional journals in behavioral science, public health, and cancer, and he has edited two volumes: *Mental Representation in Health and Illness* (1991) and *Psychosocial Effects of Screening for Disease Prevention and Detection* (1995).

Dr. Croyle is a member of the Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research, a Fellow of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, and a recipient of several awards for his research and professional service, including the NIH MERIT Award in 1999 and 2002 and the NIH Director's Award in 2000. His efforts on journal editorial boards include serving as Associate Editor for *Cancer Epidemiology and Biomarkers and Prevention* and Consulting Editor for *Health Psychology* and the *British Journal of Health Psychology*.

Harold P. Freeman, M.D.

Harold P. Freeman, M.D., is an Associate Director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the Director of the NCI Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities, established in December 2000. He is one of the foremost international authorities on the interrelationships among poverty, culture, social injustice, and cancer and is the leading voice on cancer health disparities. As the Center's first Director, Dr. Freeman brings a rich and diverse portfolio of leadership on cancer issues and a dedication to social justice in health care that is unmatched in the field. He is also the Medical Director of the Ralph Lauren Center for Cancer Care and Prevention in New York City, New York. He holds the academic rank of Professor of Clinical Surgery at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. For 25 years (1974–1999), Dr. Freeman was the Director of Surgery at Harlem Hospital in New York City, and for a 2-year period ending in 2001, he served as the President and CEO of North General Hospital in New York City.

In addition to his leadership role at NCI, Dr. Freeman was National President of the American Cancer Society (ACS) from 1988 to 1989. He is the chief architect of the ACS's Initiative on Cancer in the Poor. Through his leadership and guidance during his tenure as ACS President, concerted efforts to address the health concerns of minorities, the poor, and the underserved became a priority for the nation. The American Cancer Society established the Harold P. Freeman Award in 1990. This award may be given annually in ACS divisions throughout America to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the fight against cancer in the poor. Dr. Freeman was elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in 1997.

Dr. Freeman pioneered the Patient Navigation Program, which addresses disparities in access to treatment, particularly among poor and uninsured people, and which has received national attention from Congress and has led other health care organizations to adopt similar programs. He is a past Chair of the U.S. President's Cancer Panel, to which he was appointed for four 3-year terms, first by President Bush in 1991 and, subsequently, by President Clinton in 1994 and 2000.

Bradford Hesse, Ph.D.

Bradford "Brad" Hesse was appointed Acting Chief of NCI's Health Communication and Informatics Research Branch in the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences in August 2004. Prior to coming to the NCI, Dr. Hesse worked at Westat, where he served as Principal Investigator for Development of the Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS). He joined the NCI to enlarge HINTS from its initial administration as a random-digit-dial telephone interview in 2003 to an ongoing and evolving program of data collection, analysis, and dissemination. In October 2003, Dr. Hesse was also asked to serve as the Research Director for the NCI's newly formed User-Centered Informatics Research (UCIR) laboratory within the Center for Strategic Dissemination in the Office of the Directors.

For almost two decades, Dr. Hesse has been conducting research in the interdisciplinary fields of human-computer interaction, health communication, medical informatics, and decision support technology (especially as an application of artificial intelligence research). He began his research at the University of Utah, where he was funded jointly by the Departments of Psychology and Medical Informatics. He served as a member of the Committee for Social Science Research on Computing at Carnegie-Mellon University in 1988, cofounded the Center for Research on Technology at the American Institutes for Research in 1991, and led a corporate committee on Web evaluation and design at Westat in 2000.

Working in a contract environment before coming to the NCI, Dr. Hesse directed projects for the Departments of Education and Labor, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Institutes of Health. He has provided usability services to Apple Computer, Hewlett Packard, Xerox, Microsoft, Sun, and Netscape, and he serves on the Board of Advisors for the American Psychological Association's online resource, PsycINFO®.

Jose Jeronimo, M.D.

Dr. Jose Jeronimo received his M.D. degree from the Federico Villarreal University of Lima-Peru in 1990; from 1991 to 1996, he served his medical residency at the Peruvian National Cancer Institute, where he earned a Gynecology/Oncology degree. He was a medical advisor to the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) on projects on cervical cancer screening in Central and South America.

Since 2001, Dr. Jeronimo has worked at the Hormonal and Reproductive Epidemiology Branch (HREB) in the Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics (DCEG) at the National Cancer Institute. He currently holds the position of Staff Scientist and is involved in the study of visual data collected during the two main NCI-sponsored studies on human papillomavirus (HPV) and cervical neoplasia: the Guanacaste Project and ALTS.

Dr. Jeronimo's research interests include the natural history of gynecological neoplasias, especially cervical cancer. Currently he is developing studies on visual changes in the uterine cervix related to infection with HPV. This research should lead to a better understanding of colposcopic criteria and visual inspection with acetic acid (VIA).

Lenora Johnson, M.P.H., C.H.E.S.

Ms. Johnson directs the NCI's Office of Education and Special Initiatives (OESI) and has provided new direction to and strengthened the science and evidence base within NCI's educational programs and materials. In this capacity, she has worked with staff and others at the NCI to restructure the work of the Office to achieve more appropriate alignment with the priorities of the Institute. Likewise, OESI has shifted its approach in several ways, all aimed at increasing the NCI's ability to disseminate information more effectively.

Just prior to arriving at NCI, Ms. Johnson directed efforts funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in support of state health agencies' activities in the areas of health promotion and chronic disease prevention. As the Program Director for the Directors of Health Promotion and Public Health Education, she provided oversight for several initiatives, including, but not limited to, minority health and reducing health disparities, global surveillance of health risk behaviors, broadening of states' capacity for social marketing, and capacity building for health promotion and public health education.

Ms. Johnson's previous experience includes work at the national and local levels to translate health information through materials, messages, and interventions in order to reach the most vulnerable populations. Such efforts have been implemented through the Lombardi Cancer Center in Washington, DC, American Association for Health Education, American Public Health Association, and numerous partnership efforts with community-based organizations.

At the NCI, Ms. Johnson provides oversight for the work of three units: Cancer Education, Professional Education and Dissemination, and the Operations Research Office. A major focus for the Office is developing strategies to disseminate evidence in cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and palliative care. The Branches of OESI are working collaboratively to ensure that issues related to ensuring quality of care across the cancer continuum are addressed by NCI's products, materials, and programs.

Jon Kerner, Ph.D.

Dr. Kerner is Deputy Director for Research Dissemination and Diffusion in the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS) at the National Cancer Institute. He received his B.Sc. from McGill University and his Ph.D. in Community Psychology from New York University and received postdoctoral training in Cancer Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Clinical Trials Design at The Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health.

In March 2000, after 20 years as an NCI grantee and NIH peer reviewer, including serving as Chair of the NIH Community Prevention and Control Study Section (now CLHP), Dr. Kerner joined the NCI. His primary responsibilities include facilitating the translation of evidence-based interventions into community health practice to improve outcomes in partnership with Federal, state, and local governments and voluntary agencies; developing a dissemination and implementation research agenda for the NCI; and providing leadership for the DCCPS health disparities research initiatives investigating the broad social causes of and policy solutions for cancer-related health disparities.

Sarah Kobrin, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Dr. Sarah Kobrin has been working in the field of cancer control for over 10 years; she is currently a Program Director in the National Cancer Institute's Applied Cancer Screening Research Branch. Her areas of interest include risk perception, decision making in circumstances of uncertainty, and measurement—particularly in regard to breast and prostate cancer screening. Her research includes development of a scale, based on attitudes rather than beliefs, to assess perceptions of breast cancer risk. Prior to coming to the NCI in December 2003, Dr. Kobrin was a Walther Postdoctoral Fellow in the Duke University Cancer Prevention and Control Program. She trained at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Public Health.

Madeline R. La Porta, M.S.

Ms. Madeline La Porta is the Deputy Associate Director of the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service (CIS) national cancer information and education network of 15 regional offices serving the United States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the

Pacific Islands. Ms. La Porta has over 20 years of experience in program management, strategic planning, cancer information dissemination, training, and educational materials and systems development. In addition to overall program administration, Ms. La Porta's areas of focus include partnership development and comprehensive cancer control program planning. Ms. La Porta holds a master's degree in communication from the University of New York at Buffalo.

Belinda M. Locke, M.S.

Belinda M. Locke is a Program Director in the Comprehensive Minority Biomedical Branch (CMBB) in the Office of Centers, Training and Resources (OCTR) within the Office of the Deputy Director for Extramural Sciences (ODDES) at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). She received a master's degree in Biology from Tuskegee University and subsequently pursued 3 years of postgraduate study in Zoology at Howard University in Washington, DC.

Ms. Locke has been with the NIH for 10 years—first as a Biologist on the Core Sequencing Team in a NINDS laboratory involved in sequencing human cDNA libraries of genes expressed in the brain and, later, as a biologist involved in studies focused on B-cell and T-cell differentiation and activation, oral tolerance, and development of models of inflammatory bowel disease in the Laboratory of Clinical Investigation (LCI) at NIAID. She later worked as a Program Officer at NIAID, where she managed a portfolio of grants and clinical studies focused on mucosal immunology, autoimmunity, and skin disorders.

As a Program Director in the CMBB, Ms. Locke is responsible for overseeing all of the mentored career development awards (K01, K08, K22, and K23) that are an integral part of the Continuing Umbrella of Research Experiences (CURE) for Underrepresented Minorities Program.

Richard E. Manrow, Ph.D.

Dr. Manrow received a B.S. in Biology from Creighton University, Omaha, NE, in 1970; an M.S. in Biology in 1973 from San Diego State University; and a doctoral degree in Biology from The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, in 1981. He was a postdoctoral fellow and instructor in microbiology at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center from mid-1981 through 1987; a senior staff fellow in NCI's Laboratory of Biochemistry from 1988 to mid-1993; and a special expert in molecular biology at NCI's Laboratory of Pathology from mid-1993 through 1994. His postgraduate research focused on gene activity in normal development and in normal and malignant cells.

In 1995, Dr. Manrow joined the staff of the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute* as a senior editor and was appointed the *Journal's* managing editor in 1998. In late 1999, he joined the International Cancer Research Databank Branch in NCI's Office of Communications to help manage the Institute's Physician Data Query (PDQ[®]) comprehensive cancer information database. In early 2002, he was named Chief of the International Cancer Research Databank Branch and was appointed Associate Director of the Office of Cancer Content Management in NCI's Office of Communications in June 2005. The Office of Cancer Content Management oversees the PDQ database and is responsible for developing and maintaining most of the cancer information produced and disseminated by the Office of Communications for health professionals and the public.

Dr. Manrow is also the managing editor of NCI's award-winning Web site, www.cancer.gov.

Stephen Marcus, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Stephen Marcus is an Epidemiologist in the Tobacco Control Research Branch, Behavioral Research Program, in the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences at the National Cancer Institute. His areas of interest include epidemiologic/surveillance research;

measurement of tobacco use behavior and the impact of tobacco control activities at the individual and community levels; quality-of-care issues in tobacco prevention and control; genetic susceptibility (in particular, the identification of smoking phenotypes); and the evaluation of large research initiatives. He is also the Series Editor of the Tobacco Control Monographs.

Dr. Marcus graduated from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1978 with a joint M.P.H. in Epidemiology and Medical Care Administration and received his Ph.D. in Epidemiology (Clinical/Health Services research track) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1983. Prior to joining NCI, Dr. Marcus worked at the National Center for Health Services Research (now AHRQ); the ICU Research Unit at George Washington University Medical Center (on the SUPPORT study of the quality of life and treatment decision making of critically ill hospitalized adults); the Office on Smoking and Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; the National Institute of Dental Research (now NIDCR); and the Outcomes Research Branch in the Applied Research Program in the NCI's Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences.

Tarsha M. McCrae, M.P.H., C.H.E.S.

Ms. McCrae currently serves as a Public Health Analyst in the Health Policy Branch of the Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities at the National Cancer Institute. Her duties include conducting studies and performing analytical work related to the planning, development, organization, evaluation, and delivery of public health programs designed to reduce and ultimately eliminate the burden of cancer on minority and underserved populations experiencing disproportionate cancer incidence and/or mortality.

Ms. McCrae's background includes previous health disparities experience obtained while serving as a health educator working with diverse populations conducting community-based participatory research. In 2002, McCrae received a Master of Public Health degree, with a concentration in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, from George Washington University. In 1999, she received her Bachelor of Science in Community Health from the University of Maryland at College Park.

Ms. McCrae is a member of the American Public Health Association's Public Health Education and Health Promotion Section and serves as Co-Chair of the Health Disparities Committee of the Metropolitan Washington Public Health Association. She also maintains her credentials as a Certified Health Education Specialist.

Linda Nebeling, Ph.D., M.P.H., R.D., FADA

Linda Nebeling, Ph.D., M.P.H., R.D., FADA, is the Acting Associate Director of the Behavioral Research Program in the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences at the NCI. She has been Chief of the Health Promotion Research Branch in the Behavioral Research Program since 2000 and Acting Branch Chief since 1998. Before coming to DCCPS, Dr. Nebeling was a Nutritionist in the Cancer Control Research Branch/5 A Day Program (1996–1998) and an NCI Cancer Prevention Fellow (1992–1996)—both in the former Division of Cancer Prevention and Control. She has worked as a Research Assistant in the Department of Nutrition at Case Western Reserve University (1992–1996) and as a Clinical Dietitian (1985–1986) at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.

Dr. Nebeling completed her Dietetic Internship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in 1984 and received her Ph.D. in Nutrition from Case Western Reserve University in 1992; she earned an M.P.H. from The Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and Hygiene in 1993. Her research has focused on the relationship among fruit and vegetable consumption in different population groups, carotenoid intake, and cancer risk. Dr. Nebeling has authored numerous

peer-reviewed publications. She was awarded the status of Fellow of the American Dietetic Association (FADA) in 2001.

Dr. Nebeling has served as a member of the Research Advisory Board of the Produce for Better Health Foundation and in various positions on the executive board of the Oncology Nutrition Dietetic Practice Group of the American Dietetic Association—most recently as the Past Chair. She is a member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association* and is a reviewer for numerous professional journals.

Eddie Reed, M.D.

Eddie Reed, M.D., is the Director of the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia. He is a graduate of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Arkansas, and of the Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Connecticut and trained in Internal Medicine at Stanford University and in Medical Oncology in the Medicine Branch at the National Cancer Institute.

Dr. Reed spent 20 years at the NCI, where he held a number of positions, including Senior Investigator in Medicine and Clinical Pharmacology Branches (1987–20010; Chief of the Clinical Pharmacology Branch (1993–1996); Chief, Medical Ovarian Cancer Section from 1989-2001; and, Chief, Ovarian Cancer and Metastatic Prostate Cancer Clinics from 1993-2001. Dr. Reed is internationally known for his translational work on platinum-DNA adduct; ERCC1 and nucleotide excision repair; and new agent development in ovarian cancer and metastatic prostate cancer.

Prior to Joining the CDC, Dr. Reed was the Director of the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center at West Virginia University (WVU) in Morgantown, where he held the Laurence and Jean DeLynn Endowed Chair in Oncology as well as academic appointments in the Department of Internal Medicine; the Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Cell Biology; and the Department of Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences in the School of Pharmacy. Dr. Reed supervised a laboratory activity in cancer drug resistance and DNA damage and repair in addition to his administrative duties as Cancer Center Director. He has published more than 200 full-length scientific manuscripts.

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Dr. Emmanuel A. Taylor is a Health Scientist Administrator in the Health Policy Branch of the Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (CRCHD) at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). He conducts original policy analysis and research on the effect of current or proposed health policy on cancer health disparities and disseminates the results to health professionals, policy makers, and the general public. He provides technical and scientific expertise and guidance to scientists and policy makers in the use of community-based participatory research (CBPR) and translational research as they pertain to cancer prevention and control interventions in minority and medically underserved populations.

Dr. Taylor works with other Center staff to develop, implement, and evaluate programs to inform policy makers about evidence-based health programs and policy development. He has over 20 years of public health practice, health information management, and research experience at the Federal, state, and community levels, as well as in academia and the private (corporate) sector. He earned his doctorate at the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, with a specialty in the application of epidemiological methods for the planning and evaluation of public health programs. As a Health Program Manager, he has several years of experience with the three major Government funding mechanisms.

Dr. Taylor is a member of the American Public Health Association (APHA), National Council for International Health (NCIH), and the American Management Association (AMA), as well as a

1999/2000 inductee into Marquis' *Who's Who in Medicine and Health*. His research interests include cancer, HIV/AIDS, asthma, infant mortality, diabetes, and oral diseases, as well as their associated risk factors.

Nadarajen A. Vydelingum, Ph.D.

Dr. Nadarajen Vydelingum is the Deputy Director of the National Cancer Institute Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities. He has experience in both clinical research and basic science and brings a diverse background in education and administration to this position.

Dr. Vydelingum earned a Ph.D. in Clinical Biochemistry from London University in the United Kingdom. His early research interest in insulin action and fat metabolism as related to type II diabetes and obesity attracted him to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, where he led a group in the study of cancer cachexia (cancer-induced tissue depletion) and the influence of cytokines on lipid/protein stores in cancer patients.

In 1991, Dr. Vydelingum joined the Division of Research Grants (now CSR) at the NIH, where he headed a Scientific Review Group on peer review in bioengineering and physiology. His interest in science education led to the organization of courses for M.D. students at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, and students of biochemistry at the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences. He also spent 3 years as a Lecturer in Advanced Cell Biology at The Johns Hopkins University.

Jerome Wilson, Ph.D., M.A.

Dr. Wilson is currently Associate Director for Scientific Program Operations at the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD) at the NIH. He serves as the Principal Assistant and Advisor on Scientific and Biomedical Research Issues to the NCMHD Director.

Just prior to returning to the NIH, Dr. Wilson served as Associate Professor and Associate Chairman for Research in the Department of Family Medicine at the Morehouse School of Medicine. He was previously Senior Director/Team Leader of Outcomes Research at Pfizer Inc's headquarters in New York City, where he was responsible for effectiveness research in oncology, ophthalmology, infectious diseases, and respiratory diseases. Dr. Wilson has over 15 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry, with broad research, teaching, and management experience in all phases of drug development, pharmacoepidemiology, cancer/occupational epidemiology, and health outcomes research. In addition, he has held appointments at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, National Cancer Institute Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics, Howard University Cancer Center, and Georgetown University School of Medicine.

Dr. Wilson received his B.A. in Chemistry and Mathematics from Dillard University in New Orleans, LA; M.A. in Immunology and Molecular Biology from Harvard Medical School in Boston, MA; and Ph.D. in Epidemiology (Cancer/Occupational) from the University of North Carolina School of Public Health in Chapel Hill, NC.

Crystal Wolfrey

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