

### 2020 E.R. Brown Virtual Symposium

# HEALING A FRACTURED SOCIETY: HEALTH CARE AS A RIGHT

## Wednesday, October 14 | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Zoom

Join health policy leaders, community advocates, policymakers, researchers, and more as we discuss the fractures the COVID-19 pandemic has laid bare in our health systems and the strategies for change in addressing health equity.

Opening remarks by **University of California President Michael V. Drake** and closing by **The California Endowment President and CEO Robert K. Ross** 

Distinguished speakers include:

Lanhee Chen Hoover Institution at Stanford University

**Sandro Galea** Boston University School of Public Health

**J. Nadine Gracia** Trust for America's Health

Sandra R. Hernández California Health Care Foundation

Lisa Simpson AcademyHealth

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#### 10:00-10:20 A.M. OPENING REMARKS AND OVERVIEW

**Michael V. Drake,** MD, President, University of California **Ninez A. Ponce,** PhD, MPP, Director, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, and Professor, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health

# 10:20–11:30 A.M. PANEL: PUTTING SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY AT THE FRONTLINE IN HEALTH CARE

Moderator: **Michael A. Rodríguez**, MD, MPH, Professor, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, and Founding Director, Health Equity Network of the Americas

Sandro Galea, MD, MPH, DrPH Dean and Robert A. Knox Professor, Boston University School of Public Health **J. Nadine Gracia,** MD, MSCE Executive Vice President and COO, Trust for America's Health Sandra Hernandez, MD President and CEO, California Health Care Foundation

#### 11:30–11:40 A.M. BREAK

11:40 A.M.-12:50 P.M.

# PANEL: REPAIRING A FRACTURED HEALTH CARE SYSTEM TO FULFILL THE PROMISE OF HEALTH EQUITY

Moderator: **Mark A. Peterson**, PhD, Professor, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs

Lanhee Chen, PhD David and Diane Steffy Fellow in American Public Policy Studies, Hoover Institution, Stanford University Lisa Simpson, MB, BCh, MPH President and CEO, AcademyHealth Anthony Wright Executive Director, Health Access California

12:50 P.M. CLOSING REMARKS

**Robert K. Ross**, MD, President and CEO, The California Endowment Introduction: **Ron Brookmeyer**, PhD, Dean, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health

1:00–2:00 P.M. **MENTORING SESSION AND BREAKOUTS** For current students and recent graduates only

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# PANEL: PUTTING SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY AT THE FRONTLINE IN HEALTH CARE

#### SPEAKERS



**Sandro Galea**, MD, MPH, DrPH, a physician, epidemiologist, and author, is dean and Robert A. Knox Professor at Boston University School of Public Health. He previously held academic and leadership positions at Columbia University, the University of Michigan, and the New York Academy of Medicine. Galea has published extensively in the peer-reviewed literature, and is a regular contributor to a range of public media, about the social causes of health, mental health, and the consequences of trauma. He has been listed as one of the most widely cited scholars in the social sciences.



**J. Nadine Gracia**, MD, MSCE, is executive vice president and chief operating officer at Trust for America's Health (TFAH), a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to saving lives by protecting the health of all Americans. Prior to joining TFAH, Gracia served in the Obama Administration as the deputy assistant secretary for minority health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). In that capacity, she directed departmental policies and programs to end health disparities and advance health equity, and provided executive leadership on administration priorities including health reform and criminal justice reform. She also led the federal Office of Minority Health.



**Sandra R. Hernández,** MD, is president and CEO of the California Health Care Foundation (CHCF), an organization committed to improving California's health care system, so it works for all Californians. Prior to joining CHCF, Hernández was CEO of The San Francisco Foundation, which she led for 16 years. She previously served as director of public health for the City and County of San Francisco. In December 2019, she was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom to the Healthy California for All Commission, which is charged with developing a plan to help California achieve a health care delivery system that provides coverage and access through a unified financing system.



#### MODERATOR

**Michael A. Rodríguez,** MD, MPH is professor and vice chair in the Department of Family Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, founding chair of the UCLA Global Health minor, founding director of the Health Equity Network of the Americas, (HENA), co-director of the UCLA Firearm Violence Prevention Center, and founding director of the UCLA Blum Center on Poverty and Health in Latin America. Rodríguez is published widely in research areas that include ethnic/racial and immigrant health equity, gun and domestic violence prevention, and primary care for immigrant populations.



#### PANEL: REPAIRING A FRACTURED HEALTH CARE SYSTEM TO FULFILL THE PROMISE OF HEALTH EQUITY



#### SPEAKERS

**Lanhee J. Chen,** PhD, is the David and Diane Steffy Fellow in American Public Policy Studies at the Hoover Institution and director of Domestic Policy Studies and lecturer in the Public Policy Program at Stanford University. A veteran of several high-profile political campaigns, Chen has worked in politics, government, academia, and the private sector. He has advised numerous major campaigns, including four presidential efforts. In 2012, he was policy director of the Romney-Ryan campaign, and served as Governor Mitt Romney's chief policy adviser, a senior strategist on the campaign, and the person responsible for developing the campaign's domestic and foreign policy.



**Lisa Simpson**, MB, BCh, MPH, FAAP, has been the president and chief executive officer of AcademyHealth, an organization dedicated to advancing the fields of health services research and health policy, since 2011. A nationally recognized health policy researcher and pediatrician, Simpson is a passionate advocate for the translation of research into policy and practice. Her research, and over 90 articles and commentaries in peer-reviewed journals, focuses on the role of evidence and data to improve health and health care, particularly for children and vulnerable populations.



Anthony E. Wright has served as executive director for Health Access, the statewide health care consumer advocacy coalition since 2002. Health Access has led state and national efforts to win consumer protections, fight budget cuts and invest in our safety-net, encourage prevention, and advance coverage expansions and comprehensive health reform. Wright led California's coalition effort to help pass the Affordable Care Act and state laws to implement and improve it, and campaigns to successfully pass first-in-the-nation laws to ensure timely access to care, and to stop hospital overcharging of the uninsured.



#### MODERATOR

**Mark A. Peterson,** PhD, is professor of public policy, political science, and law in the Department of Public Policy's Meyer and Renee Luskin School of Public Affairs at UCLA. A specialist on American national institutions, much of Peterson's scholarship focuses on the presidency, Congress, interest groups, and public opinion, evaluating interactions among them, and their implications for policymaking, both within the general domain of domestic policy and with special attention to national health care policy, Medicare reform, and HIV/AIDS politics and policy. Peterson was a founding team member of the UCLA-based multidisciplinary Blue Sky Health Initiative to transform the U.S. health and health care system, which helped advise Congress on the inclusion of disease prevention and health promotion strategies in the Affordable Care Act.



# OPENING WELCOME, INTRODUCTION/OVERVIEW, AND CLOSING REMARKS



#### **OPENING WELCOME**

**Michael V. Drake**, MD, became the 21st president of the University of California's worldrenowned system of 10 campuses, five medical centers, three nationally affiliated labs, more than 280,000 students and 230,000 faculty and staff in August 2020. Drake previously served as president of The Ohio State University (OSU) from 2014 through June 2020. Prior to his six years at OSU, his entire academic career has been at UC, including as chancellor of UC Irvine for nine years from 2005 to 2014 and as the systemwide vice president for health affairs from 2000 to 2005.



#### INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

**Ninez A. Ponce**, PhD, MPP, is the director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, principal investigator of the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS), and a professor in the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health's Department of Health Policy and Management. Ponce helped develop the first CHIS in 2001, and has led numerous pioneering efforts in multicultural survey research, including measures of racial/ethnic identity, acculturation, generational status, and discrimination. She an expert on immigrant and global health, survey-based research, social determinants of health, and health disparities.



#### INTRODUCTION OF CLOSING SPEAKER

**Ron Brookmeyer**, PhD — an internationally renowned researcher, award-winning teacher, and elected member of the National Academy of Medicine — is dean of the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. Brookmeyer, a distinguished professor of biostatistics who joined UCLA in 2010, uses the tools of the statistical, informational, and mathematical sciences to address global public health problems. He earned worldwide recognition for predicting the magnitude of the impending HIV/AIDS epidemic with work beginning in the mid-1980s, and, through widely cited studies, he has called attention to the looming Alzheimer's disease epidemic.



#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

**Robert K. Ross,** MD, is president and chief executive officer of The California Endowment (TCE), a health foundation established in 1996 to address the health needs of Californians. Prior to his appointment in July 2000, Ross served as director of the Health and Human Services Agency for the County of San Diego (1993-2000) and commissioner of public health for the City of Philadelphia (1990-1993). He has an extensive background in health philanthropy, as a public health executive and as a clinician. During Ross' tenure at TCE, the foundation has focused on the health needs of underserved Californians.



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