

June 2013 Conference Speakers



As AAMC Senior Director for Health Equity Research and Policy, Philip M. Alberti, PhD, supports the efforts of academic medical centers to build an evidence-base for effective programs, protocols, and partnerships aimed at ameliorating inequalities in health and healthcare through research. Dr. Alberti holds a PhD degree in Sociomedical Sciences from Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health and was a National Institute of Mental Health Fellow in the Psychiatric Epidemiology Training program.



Dr. Belkin is a psychiatrist who currently serves as Deputy Director of Psychiatry at Bellevue Hospital and as Associate Professor, New York University School of Medicine. He joins this experience with a doctorate in history in an interest in the factors that shape how knowledge about the brain, mind, and consciousness evolves, is used, and is socially contexted.



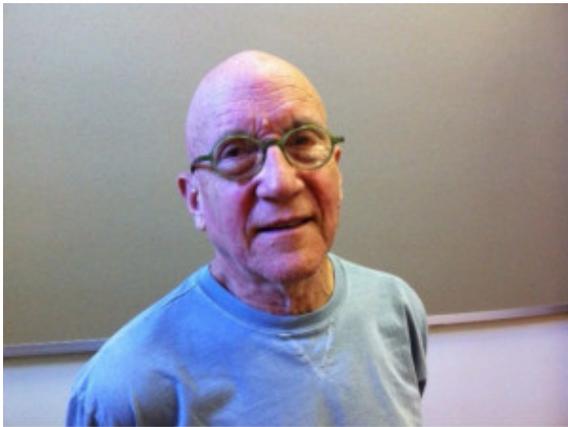
Philippe Bourgois is the Richard Perry University Professor of Anthropology and Family & Community Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He is the author of over 150 articles on drugs, violence, labor migration, ethnic conflict and urban poverty, as well as several books and volumes, including the multiple award-winning *In Search of Respect: Selling Crack in El Barrio* (C. Wright Mills and Margaret Mead Awards), and an edited volume with Nancy Scheper-Hughes *Violence in War and Peace*.



Dalton Conley is professor of Sociology, Medicine and Public Policy. Conley's research focuses on the determinants of economic opportunity within and across generations. In this vein, he studies sibling differences in the socioeconomic success; racial inequalities; the measurement of class; and how health and biology affect (and are affected by) social position.



Ernest Drucker is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Family and Social Medicine, Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine; Adjunct Professor of Epidemiology at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health; Senior Research Associate and Scholar in Residence at John Jay College of Criminal Justice of The City University of NY, and on the teaching faculty of the Bard Prison Initiative. He is licensed as a Clinical Psychologist in NY State and conducts research in AIDS, drug policy, and prisons and is active in public health and human rights efforts in the US and abroad.



Pyser Edelsack is Professor of Community Medicine at Sophia Davis School of Biomedical Education, City College of New York. His teaching focuses on Community Oriented Primary Care, where he has developed curriculum for undergraduate medical students, and has conducted courses for Family Practice Residencies in several New York area hospitals.



Mindy Fullilove is a psychiatrist who studies the connections between urban form/function and mental health. She has written extensively on this topic and currently finishing a book called, “Urban Alchemy: Restoring Joy in America’s Fractured Cities” (in press, New Village Press).



Jack Geiger, MD, MSciHyg, is a founding member and past president of Physicians for Human Rights, a founding member and past president of Physicians for Social Responsibility, a founding member and past president of the Committee for Health in South Africa, and a founding member and national program coordinator of the Medical Committee for Human Rights.



Jeremy Greene, MD, PhD is an associate professor of the history of medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. His area of clinical expertise includes internal medicine. Dr. Greene serves as the Elizabeth Treide and A. McGehee Harvey Chair in the History of Medicine. He is broadly interested in the history of disease, and his research explores the ways in which medical technologies come to influence our understandings of what it means to be sick or healthy, normal or abnormal.



Seth M. Holmes is Martin Sisters Endowed Chair Assistant Professor in the UC Berkeley School of Public Health's Community Health and Human Development Division and the Graduate Program in Medical Anthropology. He is Co-Director of the MD/PhD Track in Medical Anthropology coordinated between UCSF and UC Berkeley. Holmes is currently investigating social hierarchies, health, health care and the naturalization and normalization of difference and inequality in the context of transnational US-Mexico immigration.



Kim Hopper is a medical anthropologist who also works as a research scientist at the Nathan S. Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research, where he co-directs the Center for the Study of Issues in Public Mental Health.



Bruce Link, a sociologist, is a research scientist at York State Psychiatric Institute, in addition to his responsibilities at the Mailman School. Dr. Link's interests are centered on topics in psychiatric and social epidemiology. He has written on the connection between socioeconomic status and health, homelessness, violence, stigma, and discrimination.



Eric Manheimer, M.D., is an internist with a focus on geriatrics and palliative care. He was chief medical officer and patient safety officer at Bellevue Hospital, part of New York City's Health and Hospitals Corp., for 15 years, and is a fellow of the American College of Physicians. Dr. Manheimer has worked internationally in Haiti, Pakistan and Latin America. He is a clinical professor of medicine at the NYU Langone Medical Center.



Julie Netherland, PhD, is the deputy state director for the [New York policy office](#) of the Drug Policy Alliance. She works on a number of issues, such as creating legal access to medical marijuana for seriously ill patients and promoting a public health approach to drug policy in New York.



Scott David Stonington is jointly trained as a physician and anthropologist (Ph.D. UCSF/UCBerkeley 2009; M.D. UCSF 2011). Dr. Stonington's research is based in Chiang Mai, Thailand, and Boston, MA. His work in Thailand addresses the globalization of end-of-life care, bioethics, pain management and Buddhism. His work in Boston focuses on medical epistemology and the importance of social concepts for delivering effective and equitable health care.