

## MSRS Advisory Committee

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Stefania Acosta Ramirez works as an Engagement Specialist for Spanish-speaking Communities at the NNLM All of Us Community Engagement Center, based at The University of Iowa. She has a solid background in strengthening social networks, environmental education, environmental health, natural risk, and climate change communications. She is a Latino and immigrant woman from Colombia. She is personally committed to social change, diversity, and environmental protection, with more than ten years of experience in this field. She holds a bachelor's in communications from the University of Antioquia and an M.S in Humanistic Studies from Eafit University. Stefania focuses her research on understanding the complexity of diverse and interdisciplinary research.

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**Clarissa Alexander, MS**



Ms. Clarissa Alexander joined the Division of Technology and Platform Development as a Public Health Specialist/Health Science Analyst for the Data and Research Center on July 7, 2021.

Prior to joining the All of Us Research (AoU) Program, Ms. Alexander worked at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) from 2018 until 2020 serving in various capacities in the Office of Science as an ORISE Fellow. Before CDC, Ms. Alexander was a Research Associate at George Washington University during which she traveled to Lima, Peru, and the Amazon. Before working at GWU, Ms. Alexander was a pre-doctoral Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) fellow at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) within the National Cancer Institute (NCI) from 2013 to 2015. During her tenure at

NCI, she conducted evaluative and implementation science research and worked on a research project that examined the clinical and genetic characterization of familial Waldenström's macroglobulinemia, a lymphoproliferative malignancy. She had previously conducted research on food pathogens, genomics and the role of phenotypes in biological pathways, in addition to being a laboratory instructor and manager and the managing editor of a peer-reviewed journal.

Ms. Alexander obtained her BA in Biological Sciences from Florida Atlantic University, Florida, and an MS in biomedical informatics with a concentration on medical informatics from Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Florida, graduating in 2013 with high honors. Currently Ms. Alexander is pursuing her MPH at Yale University and has completed several distinguished fellowship programs, and graduate education at Harvard Kennedy School. Prior to graduate school, Ms. Alexander conducted research as a graduate student intern in the Statistical Genetics Section (SGS) of the Inherited Disease Research Branch (IDRB), within NIH's National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), under the direction of Dr. Joan Bailey-Wilson in 2012.

### **Lilanta Joy Bradley, PhD**



Dr. Lilanta Joy Bradley is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Medicine and Population Health at the University of Alabama (UA) where she also serves as the Practicum Director for the master's program. This Atlanta, GA native completed her doctorate in Health Promotion and Behavior from the University of Georgia in 2017. She represents UA's All of Us Research Program team as the Community Engagement Lead to educate and promote awareness on the importance of participating in biomedical research, especially in historically underrepresented populations. She is extremely proud of being the co-lead of the first MSRS in May 2021. At UA, she also co-leads a maternal health study centering empowering Black women at the University Medical Center. Dr. Bradley has a Health Disparities Research Education Certificate from UAB as a 2019-2020 RCMAR Scientist. Dr. Bradley's most recent achievement is joining the sixth cohort of RWJF's Interdisciplinary Research Leaders where her team is addressing structural racism, living in rural communities, and early childhood obesity. The overarching goal of her career is investigating and improving sexual and reproductive health for communities of color.

### **Johni Cruse-Craig, PhD**



Dr. Johni Le'Ray Cruse Craig builds partnerships and community with educators, community stakeholders and other agencies to assist in the design and implementation of innovative professional learning experiences and educational symposiums; inclusive of teacher training, leadership, and advocacy through a diversity, equity & inclusion lens. More specifically, Dr. Cruse Craig is the Engagement Counselor for the Black Greek Letter Consortium (BGLC), working with the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Divine Nine organizations to ensure quality education and awareness activities about the All of Us Research Program.

## Mighty Fine, PhD



Mighty Fine is the Director of the Center for Public Health Practice and Professional Development at the American Public Health Association (APHA). His portfolio focuses on enhancing health science, policy, public health practice and public health leadership. He designs, develops, and evaluates public health programs and provides programmatic technical assistance, consultation and research translation support to local, state and national partners.

His efforts aim to not only prevent disease and infirmity but to also bolster opportunities for growth, development, diversity and inclusion and self-actualization. Trained as a Social Epidemiologist, his work has stemmed across various aspects of public health, including injury and violence prevention, maternal and family health, HIV/AIDS, HCV, social policy and chronic disease prevention.

Having lived and worked in rural and urban environments, Mighty credits this empirical insight with anchoring his understanding of systematic levers of oppression. Thus, a core part of his work has focused on addressing the structures that serve as pillars of disadvantage. He has built expertise in the social determinants of health and brings a social justice perspective to the assessment and prevention of public health issues. Mighty earned a Bachelor of Science in Public Health from Rutgers University and a Master of Public Health from Yale University, with a concentration in Social and Behavioral Sciences and Chronic Disease Epidemiology. He is also certified by the National Commission for Health Education as a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES).

In his free time, Mighty enjoys both domestic and international travel, reading science fiction and mentoring.

## Stacy Jones, Ed. D



Stacy L. Jones, Ed. D. is currently the Interim Dean of Students at The University of Alabama. Dr. Jones has been a devoted Student Affairs practitioner at the University of Alabama for more than 28 years. At UA she serves as the Interim Dean of Students and an Adjunct Faculty member who has taught classes on Freshman Experience, Leadership & Social Justice, as well as the History of Black Greek Organizations at UA. With the March of Dimes she serves as the 2022 Chair of the Tuscaloosa March for Babies, as well as, member of the March of Dimes Alabama Market Board . Additionally, she serves the community both locally and nationally as a motivational speaker, an educational consultant, the former national secretary for the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) Board of Directors, the immediate past National Vice President of NPHC, NPHC Coordinator for National Institute of Health's All of Us Initiative, and is an active compassionate community servant. She has received numerous honors and awards for hard work and dedication. Last but certainly not

least, Dr. Jones is a dedicated member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. for more than 34 years. As a member she serves the sorority on local, state, and regional levels.

## **Martin Mendoza, PhD**



Martin Mendoza, Ph.D., serves as the Director of Health Equity for the All of Us Research Program. In this role, he provides leadership and high-level expertise to improve inclusion and equity in precision medicine and address health equity issues for the program.

Before joining All of Us, Martin served as Director of the Division of Policy and Data at the Office of Minority Health in the Office of the Secretary at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, charged with developing health policies and initiatives to eliminate health disparities and advance health equity. Previously, he led extramural research for minority health in the Office of the Commissioner at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). He is a recognized expert in clinical trial diversity and while at FDA testified

before Congress in support of diverse clinical research inclusion. Martin is also the primary author of the pivotal FDA guidance document Collection of Race and Ethnicity Data in Clinical Trials.

Prior to FDA, Martin served in the Division of Clinical Research at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. He conducted his primary research training in the National Cancer Institute's Pediatric Oncology Branch and served at the National Human Genome Research Institute, where he helped to map chromosome 7 as part of the Human Genome Project.

Martin is a graduate of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and received his Ph.D. in cancer biology from the Johns Hopkins University.

## **Richard Montez**



Richard currently serves as Executive Director of Member Services at the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU). In his role, Richard works closely with colleges and universities across the United States, Latin America and Spain to connect students, faculty and staff to important funding and advocacy resources. Richard also hosts the HACU Webinar Series and HACU's Annual Deans' Forum on Hispanic Higher Education. He is passionate about initiatives that address hunger and poverty in San Antonio, Tx and currently serves as President of the Board of Directors at Inner City Development, a non-profit organization that provides emergency and recreational services to families in need.

## Hiral Mster, PT, PhD, MPH



Hiral Master, PT, PhD, MPH is a licensed physical therapist, certified Public Health Professional and has a PhD in Clinical & Translational Research. Starting June 2021, she works as a scientific project manager for the All of Us Data and Research Center (DRC). At DRC, she focuses on initiatives related to digital health data and outreach activities within educational and research settings.

## Nyia Noel, MD, MPH



Nyia L Noel, MD, MPH is an assistant professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Boston University School of Medical Center and practices gynecology at Boston Medical Center. She serves as the Medical Director of Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery. She is a co-investigator for the New England Consortium of the All of Us Research Program and has been an active member of a demonstration project team that has used the early release of data to explore the utilization of the cohort for reproductive health topics. Her clinical expertise are uterine fibroids and other benign gynecologic conditions such as abnormal uterine bleeding, endometriosis, adenomyosis and pelvic pain. Her research focuses on uterine fibroids, health care access and care delivery, and health equity for black patients. From 2019 to 2021, Dr. Noel served as a principle investigator for the Prenatal Aspirin Project, a quality improvement initiative to increase the provision of low dose aspirin to reduce the incidence of pre-eclampsia, preterm birth, and growth restriction in high-risk women. This program aims to decrease black morbidity and mortality and increase community and institutional awareness of this important public health intervention.

In July of 2021, during Fibroid Awareness Month, Dr. Noel founded The Fibroid Center at Boston Medical Center. The mission of the fibroid center is to provide exceptional care, advocate for patients through education and empowerment programs and community engagement and patient-centered research.

Prior to her time at Boston Medical Center, she completed medical school and her master's in public health at The University of Michigan, residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, and then moved to Boston for a two-year fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery at Newton Wellesley Hospital, a Harvard University affiliated community hospital. She is also active in numerous community organizations such as the New England Medical Association, local Affiliate of the National Medical Association, and the Physical and Mental Health Committee of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

## **Atiya Shahid, MS**



Atiya Shahid M.S, is a MPH and Interdisciplinary Pathobiology PhD dual-degree student emphasizing in Epidemiology and Risk Analysis at Tuskegee University. She is a proud native of Saint Louis, MO. She obtained her bachelor's degree in public health from Xavier University of Louisiana and her first master's from Tuskegee University. Her current research is examining the correlations between Cervical Cancer, HIV, and HPV in African American women living in the Blackbelt region. Atiya hopes that her research and experience will help her assist in decreasing systemic inequalities and disparities as well as aid in advocacy efforts for people of color and other minority communities.

She currently serves as the Student Representative for the All of Us Minority Student Research Symposium Advisory Board, President of the Graduate Public Health Department, Student Recruiter for the Tuskegee University Department of Graduate Public Health's Recruitment Committee, member of Black Ladies in Public Health, and founder of ElleMi LLC.

## **Kristeena Wright, PhD**



Dr. Kristeena Wright is a Senior Process Engineer in Gene Therapy at Pfizer in North Carolina. In this role she provides technical support for the production of breakthrough gene therapies. She earned a Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences from Marshall University and a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering from Duke University. Despite a transition from academia to the pharmaceutical industry, Dr. Wright remains immersed in biomedical research, particularly in women's reproductive health. Her dissertation and postdoctoral work focused on biomolecular sources of pain in women with endometriosis and she has been invited to share her research and expertise at the national and international level.

Kristeena's goal is to bring advanced and personalized therapies into this area of medicine. Outside of science, Dr. Wright is passionate about spending time with her family, STEM mentorship, and weight training/fitness.

**Dr. Jennifer JJ Jones**

**Dr. KiTani Lemieux**

**Dr. Randall Morgan**