

Health Inequities, Human Rights, and COVID-19

Speakers



ANA DIEZ ROUX

Ana V. Diez Roux, MD, PHD, MPH, is Dean and Distinguished University Professor of Epidemiology at the Dornsife School of Public Health and Director of the Drexel Urban Health Collaborative. Before joining Drexel University, she served on the faculties of Columbia University and the University of Michigan, where she was Chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Director of the Center for Social Epidemiology and Population Health. Dr. Diez Roux is internationally known for her research on the social

determinants of population health and the study of how neighborhoods affect health. Her work on neighborhood health effects has been highly influential in the policy debate on population health and its determinants. Her research areas include social epidemiology and health disparities, environmental health effects, urban health, psychosocial factors, cardiovascular disease epidemiology, social environment-gene interactions, and the use of multilevel methods and complex systems approaches in population health.



GREG MILLETT

Gregorio (Greg) Millett is a Vice President at amfAR, the Foundation for AIDS Research, and the Director of amfAR's D.C.-based Public Policy Office. From 2000 through 2009, Mr. Millett served as a CDC Senior Scientist in the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP), and subsequently as a Senior Policy Advisor in President Obama's White House Office of National AIDS Policy from 2009 through 2013 where he helped author and implement the National HIV/AIDS Strategy. Mr. Millett is best known for his research explaining HIV disparities in black and LGBT communities, and has authored HIV

research papers in the Lancet, JAMA, AIDS, AJPH, and JAIDS. In 2020, Mr. Millett delivered an opening plenary comparing HIV and COVID-19 disparities during the International AIDS Conference, serves as a scientific advisor for the COVID-19 Vaccine Prevention Trials Network, and has published several papers highlighting COVID-19 among Black and Latinx populations.



SAAD OMER

Saad Omer is Director, Yale Institute for Global Health; Associate Dean (Global Health Research), Yale School of Medicine; Professor of Medicine (Infectious Diseases), Yale School of Medicine; and Susan Dwight Bliss Professor of Epidemiology of Microbial Diseases, Yale School of Public Health. Dr. Omer's research portfolio includes epidemiology of respiratory viruses such as influenza, RSV, and, more recently, COVID-19; clinical trials to estimate efficacy of maternal and/or infant influenza, pertussis, polio, measles and pneumococcal vaccines; and trials to

evaluate drug regimens to reduce mother-to-child transmission of HIV. Moreover, he has conducted several studies on interventions to increase immunization coverage and acceptance. Dr. Omer's work has been cited in global and country-specific policy recommendations and has informed clinical practice and health legislation in several countries. Dr. Omer has served on several advisory panels including the U.S. National Vaccine Advisory Committee, Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria Vaccine Innovation Working Group, and WHO Expert Advisory Group for Healthcare Worker Vaccination. He has also served as an academic affiliate of the Office of Evaluation Sciences—formerly known as the White House Social and Behavioral Sciences Team.



ALICIA ELY YAMIN

Alicia Ely Yamin is currently Lecturer on Law and Senior Fellow at the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology and Bioethics at Harvard Law School; and Senior Advisor on Human Rights at Partners in Health. Yamin is also Research Leader of the Gender, Sexuality and the Law Unit at the Centre on Law and Social Transformation, and a member of the Bergen Centre on Ethics and Priority Setting (both in Bergen, Norway). Additionally, she is Adjunct Lecturer on Global Health and Population at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, as well as an affiliate of the Department of Global

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