Biographies

Conversation Hub Leaders and One-on-One Mentors

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Soumya Alva is an international health and development specialist with 20 years of research and evaluation experience in social demography, international health, socioeconomic development and gender and has worked closely with multilateral and bilateral organizations. She has conducted performance monitoring and program evaluations using a mixed method approach, led research, analysis and evaluation teams, has strong statistical analysis skills using data from large national household surveys, including experience in survey design and instrument development for surveys and qualitative research. She is currently a Senior Evaluation Advisor at John Snow Inc. affiliated with JSI's Center for Health Information Monitoring and Evaluation. She currently leads JSI's Research, Monitoring and Evaluation team for the Gates funded Innovations for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Initiative (innovationsformnch.org) to evaluate four social innovation pilot projects in Ghana, Sierra Leone, and Kenya implemented by Concern Worldwide U.S.

Michal Avni is a Senior Gender Advisor in the Office of Population and Reproductive Health at USAID/Washington. She has over 20 years’ experience of working to promote gender equality in the context of health. Michal joined USAID in 1998 and has been working since to integrate gender into USAID’s Family Planning and Reproductive Health programs. She has directed the Office’s portfolio to address women’s empowerment, constructive engagement of men, prevention and response to gender-based violence, and mitigation of child marriage. Michal received a MPH degree from the University of Michigan, School of Public Health, in Population Planning and International Health. Before joining USAID, she worked as a researcher in maternal health and gender, conducting studies on the effects of women’s work force participation on pregnancy and birth outcome, as well as on nutritional interventions to improve birth outcomes for multi-gestational pregnancies. She has also carried out anthropological research on women’s perspectives and experiences in polyandrous marriages in rural Nepal.

Brandon Ball serves as Congressional Relations for PATH, an international nonprofit organization that drives transformative innovation to save lives and improve health in developing countries, especially among women and children. At PATH, Brandon specializes in developing relationships and designing, and implementing advocacy and lobbying efforts to increase funding and support for U.S. global health programs, and the bipartisan passage and enactment of major global health legislation. Prior to PATH, Brandon served as a Global Health Advocacy Manager at the United Nations Foundation, and as a legislative aide in Senator Lamar Alexander’s (R-Tenn.) office. He has also held positions at the State Department and the State of Tennessee on domestic health issues.
New initiatives to monitor and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Caroline Barrett leads the United Nations Foundation’s engagement on a range of global health policy issues and partnerships. Since 2013, she has managed the organization’s post-2015 health strategy to build agreement on an ambitious and technically sound post-2015 health agenda. She also coordinates a $30 million advocacy partnership to sustain U.S. investments in global health and development; manages a pilot effort to catalyze business commitments to women’s health and empowerment; and tracks major policy issues such as universal health coverage, health data and measurement, and the global response to and lessons from the 2014 Ebola outbreak. Prior to this role at the UN Foundation, Caroline led grassroots outreach for the Shot@Life campaign, an initiative to empower Americans to advocate for expanded access to childhood vaccines for children around the world. Before joining the UN Foundation, she served as a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer in the West Indies, where she developed a program to reach adolescent mothers with health information and life skills programming and started a literacy program that reached 2,000 primary school children. Caroline has a Master of Public Health degree with a concentration in Global Health Program Design and Evaluation from The George Washington University and a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in political science and international affairs from American University.

Tellying a story: using financial data for an advocacy strategy.

Taryn Couture conducts research across PAI priority areas with a focus on financial tracking and analysis for sexual and reproductive health. Prior to joining PAI, Taryn was a health scientist at Palladium Group where she supported the creation of two family planning Costed Implementation Plans (CIPs) and developed accompanying gap analysis and costing tools. Taryn earned a Master of Public Administration from the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, University at Albany. She also holds undergraduate degrees in public policy and gender studies from the University at Albany.


Elizabeth (Liz) Creel is the director of the Advancing Partners & Communities (APC), a global community health project, with a focus on family planning, funded by USAID and implemented by John Snow Inc. in nearly 30 countries across 15 different technical sectors. She is also serving on the board of the Global Health Council. Prior to joining APC, Liz led a multidisciplinary communications team, in support of USAID’s Global Health Bureau and managed and coordinated public policy, advocacy and communications efforts for several non-profit organizations. In addition, she served as a senior technical officer on family planning and population issues for the Population Reference Bureau and was a project manager for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on global efforts to mitigate climate change. Liz has an MA from the Johns Hopkins University/SAIS and an MPH from the George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health.

Lynne Cripe is Director of Resilience Services at The KonTerra Group where she provides strategic direction for KonTerra’s staff care and resilience services. As a social psychologist with nearly 20 years’ experience in international relief and development, she has particular expertise working with organizations and individuals to foster resilience in the face of challenges and crises. As Director of Employee Engagement, Support & Communications at CARE USA, Lynne conceptualized and implemented a comprehensive staff support program, with a particular focus on crisis and emergency response protocols. She also served as a technical advisor at USAID on issues pertaining to the psychosocial support of children affected by armed conflict, survivors of torture and disaster-affected communities. Lynne earned her PhD in Social Ecology from the University of California, Irvine. She has worked in more than 25 countries, primarily in high-risk environments.

Jessica Daly is the Senior Portfolio Lead for Chronic Care at Medtronic Philanthropy, where she works to expand access to care for chronic conditions like diabetes and cardiovascular disease. She leads partnerships, supports global policy efforts, and oversees the philanthropy’s flagship investment in chronic care, HealthRise. Previously, Jessica led strategic partnerships for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Center for Global Health. In this role, she worked across the agency to advance CDC’s global health partnership priorities, including the Ebola response in West Africa and...
the Global Health Security Agenda announced with President Obama. Prior to joining CDC, Jessica served as the Director of Private Sector Engagement in the State Department’s Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC). In this capacity she led public-private partnerships that leveraged over $40 million annually in investments from multi-national corporations and other private sector entities for the global AIDS response (PEFAR). She has held a strong commitment to community approaches to reach the underserved throughout her career starting as a healthy schools Peace Corps Volunteer in Guatemala. Jessica holds a BA from Wesleyan University and an MPH from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Christine Deloff is the Senior Recruiter for USAID’s Global Health Fellows Program. Her interest in global health began during her tour with the U.S. Peace Corps in Cameroon where she served as a Community Health Educator, collaborating with local organizations to design and implement education and prevention programs for HIV/AIDS, malaria and other infectious diseases. Christine began her career in workforce development as an Employment Specialist at the International Rescue Committee’s Refugee Resettlement Center in Silver Spring, Maryland where she assisted newly-arrived refugee and asylee clients with transitioning to life in America and gaining employment. She has recruited for USAID in various capacities for the past three years and has come full circle, returning to health through the Global Health Fellows Program II and supporting international health programs by recruiting great talent and building the next generation of the global health workforce.

Aaron Emmel has a decade of experience representing large organizations to federal and UN agencies and shaping U.S. and global policies on global health, international development, international security and human rights. As Manager of Global Health Advocacy Initiatives for the American Academy of Pediatrics, Aaron advances policies that save lives and promote healthy child and family development. Prior to coming to the AAP he served as Senior Policy Advisor for PATH, an international nonprofit organization focused on global health innovation. Aaron serves on the steering committee of the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Roundtable as immediate past co-chair and previously co-chaired the Global Health Council's Malaria Roundtable and InterAction's Global Health Working Group. He has written for dozens of publications and been quoted on foreign affairs in Nature Medicine, PBS Newshour: The Rundown, ModernizeAid, The Global Health Magazine, the National Catholic Reporter, Cairo's Al-Masry Al-Youm newspaper, and other media. He has presented, spoken, and led workshops and discussions for numerous groups, including CORE Group and the Clinton Global Initiative.

Chandresh (Chan) Harjivan is a Principal in the PwC Pharmaceutical & Life Sciences Research and Development practice. He combines his clinical expertise as a pharmacist, his population health expertise acquired through his public health degree, and his business management and industry expertise acquired through his MBA, to provide a holistic approach to improve access and awareness of populations to health care innovations. Chan focuses on strategy, operations, customers, people and change, and finance competencies for clients. In addition to his years of commercial expertise, Chan has helped develop the organizational strategies for many government and public sector organizations – with full top-down and bottom-up transformations improving the ability to achieve mission objectives and gain substantial operational efficiencies. He is a recognized leader in helping organizations focused on the developing world improve their operational capabilities and cost structures. Chan received his Doctor of Pharmacy from University of Maryland, Master’s in Public Health from John Hopkins University, and Masters of Business Administration from Oxford University.

Jenifer Healy is a senior managing director in Dentons’ Public Policy and Regulation practice, where she focuses on federal legislative and regulatory advocacy, policy development, regulatory and compliance counseling, and strategic consulting services to Dentons’ health care clients in the U.S. and abroad. Prior to joining Dentons, Jenifer was a
Jennifer Kaindi has more than eight years of international recruitment experience specializing in the global health and international development professions. She is the...
Lead for recruitment with the Global Health Fellows Program II (GHFP-II). Led by the Public Health Institute, GHFP-II helps USAID address its immediate and emerging human capital needs by developing a diverse group of global health professionals to support and sustain the effectiveness of the Agency's current and future health programs. The GHFP-II Team identifies, recruits, hires and manages the performance and professional development of fellows and interns at all levels. Jennifer received her MBA from Morgan State University and her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Lincoln University. She has experience working with both non-profits and for profits/government contractors within the international development space.

Rebecca Katz is an Associate Professor of Health Policy, Global Health and Emergency Medicine at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at George Washington University. She is also co-director of the Program on Global Health Security and has academic training in epidemiology, demography, global health and public policy. She has worked on public health preparedness and global health security issues for over 15 years and for the last twelve years has been an expert consultant to the Department of State, supporting the delegation to the Biological Weapons Convention and providing content and policy expertise on emerging and pandemic threats. In 2007, she received a K01 award from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to perform a comparative study of international law and public health preparedness, and has since focused her research on the implementation of the IHR, health diplomacy, and public health preparedness policy. Rebecca is currently working on seven projects that support efforts to prevent, detect and respond to biological threats around the world, and has been an active participant in Global Health Security Agenda activities for over two years. She is a graduate of Swarthmore College (BA), Yale University (MPH) and Princeton University (PhD).

Thomas Kenyon joined Project HOPE as President and Chief Executive Officer in September of 2015. He most recently served as the Director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Center for Global Health, where he was responsible for overseeing four major global health divisions: Division of Global HIV/AIDS, Global Immunization Division, Division of Parasitic Diseases and Malaria, and Division of Global Health Protection. Prior to becoming Director of CDC’s Center for Global Health, Tom was the Country Director for CDC Ethiopia, overseeing the Division of Global HIV/AIDS and was previously the Principal Deputy Global AIDS Coordinator and Chief Medical Officer for the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) at the U.S. Department of State. Earlier in his career, Tom served as Project HOPE’s Country Director for Swaziland from 1987 to 1992. In this role he established the first HIV/AIDS programs in Swaziland, promoting behavior change, HIV counseling and testing. He also served as Consultant Pediatrician at the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital in the city of Manzini. Prior to that, Tom served as Consultant Pediatrician for Project HOPE at St. George’s Hospital in Grenada, West Indies from 1985 to 1987. In this role, he trained nurse practitioners in pediatric referral protocols. Tom holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology from Indiana University and a Master’s in Public Health with a focus on international health from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. He completed medical school at the University of Missouri-Columbia and subsequently completed a three-year residency in pediatrics at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center in Tucson.

Rebecca Kohler is Senior Vice President for Corporate Strategy and Development with IntraHealth International. Rebecca provides vision and leadership for the successful execution of IntraHealth’s multi-year organizational strategy, including formulation of strategic alliances and achievement of revenue goals. Over a 25-year career devoted to fostering solutions to health care challenges, Rebecca has held key leadership, management, technical, and advisory positions in the U.S. and around the world. A seasoned global health practitioner, Rebecca has hands-on experience working on HIV/AIDS, reproductive health, safe motherhood, and child survival programs in more than 20 countries across several continents, including long-term, resident assignments in
Tanzania, Kenya, Eritrea and Armenia. Rebecca holds a Master’s in Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Bachelor’s of Science from Duke University.

One-on-One Mentor **Nazo Kureshy** is the Team Leader for Community and Civil Society Engagement to End Preventable Child and Maternal Deaths in the Office of Health, Infectious Diseases, and Nutrition in the Bureau for Global Health at USAID. In this role, she liaises with multiple teams to guide and strengthen the Agency's investment in emerging priorities and partnerships with communities and civil society. She fosters collaboration with other donors and multilateral organizations to ensure that community and civil society engagement is central to investments aimed at accelerating progress in the Sustainable Development Goals era. For almost a decade, Nazo led the Agency's largest global partnership with NGOs for health (Child Survival and Health Grants Program), an innovative partnership between USAID and U.S. Private Voluntary Organizations and their local partners for improving sustainable reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health and nutrition outcomes in vulnerable communities through local capacity building partnerships for developing, testing, and scaling up innovative, policy relevant solutions with Ministries of Health, research institutions, local civil society, and communities. Nazo has contributed to advancing the role of communities and partnerships with NGOs and broader civil society in improving reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health and nutrition and survival globally for more than two decades through USAID and Gates funded projects, and continues to do so in her current role at USAID.

Conversation Hub Lead **Ron MacInnis** has 25 years of experience promoting global health, the development of community and civil society leadership and engagement with counterparts throughout Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, and Latin America to successfully develop, adopt, and implement health and HIV policies and provide high-quality services. He is skilled at navigating public, private, NGO, and FBO sectors on HIV and RH issues; and augmenting local capacity to collect, analyze, disseminate, and use data for decision making and strategic planning. As Deputy Director for the global HIV portfolio of the PEPFAR/USAID-funded Health Policy Project at Palladium, he contributed to building numerous national AIDS strategies, civil society action strategies, and coalition building among PLHIV and service provider networks and convened diverse groups of actors to advance evidence-based policies into practice on HIV treatment, HIV stigma, and removing legal barriers. Directing a team of health economists, policy analysts, sociologists, public health policy and program specialists and other stakeholders around the globe, he has stimulated research agendas across all areas of HIV evidence gathering. Previously, he worked in USAID Office of HIV/AIDS as senior health policy advisor, as Director of Policy for the International AIDS Society in Geneva, Director of the Global AIDS Program of the Global Health Council, and served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

One-on-One Mentor **Thomas Mampilly** joined the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 2015, as the Lead for External Relations and Strategic Partnerships in the CDC Center for Global Health. Before joining CDC, Thomas served for more than 8 years as a Regional Program Officer, and as a Deputy Division Director within the Fogarty International Center of the U.S. National Institutes of Health. Thomas’s previous public health positions have included: global health policy officer within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of the Secretary; environmental health scientist position at the CDC’s Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry; West Nile Virus coordinator within the DeKalb County Board of Health; and various positions within the private sector. Thomas received a Masters of Public Health degree from Emory University in Atlanta, where he also completed a one-year graduate fellowship focused on Development/Globalization Studies. Thomas holds a double-major bachelor degree in Biological Sciences and the Individualized Major Program, from Indiana University in Bloomington.
Elise Mann is the Lead for Performance and Career Development at the Global Health Fellows Program II (GHFP-II) where she oversees performance management and career development services for nearly 150 Global Health professionals working at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). She has over 10 years of experience in the non-profit sector and holds a Master’s in Development Administration from Western Michigan University.

Peter Marghella is currently a consultant on Medical Planning and Preparedness for the International Medical Corps. Previously, he was Director of the New York State Office of Emergency Management. As a career Naval Officer, he held a number of positions including Director of Medical Contingency Operations for the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Peter is a Certified Emergency Manager in the International Association of Emergency Managers, and is a Fellow in the American College of Contingency Planners, which he co-founded and served as President. Peter has published numerous book chapters, monologues, and articles on medical planning, incident management, and the role of health service support in large-scale emergencies and disasters. His U.S.-national planning credentials include the National Smallpox Response Plan and the Federal Implementation Plan for Pandemic Influenza. Peter is a Professoral Lecturer at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at The George Washington University, and an Adjunct Professor in the Healthcare Executive MBA program at the School of Business. He holds a Doctorate in Health Sciences from A.T. Still University of Health Sciences, and Master’s Degrees in Health Services Administration from Central Michigan University and National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College. He is currently enrolled in the Master of Public Health Program at The Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University.

Jeff Meer is the Executive Director of Handicap International, a nonprofit based in Silver Spring, Maryland that is part of the Handicap International Federation. Until February 2015, he served as the Special Advisor for Global Health Policy and Development at the Public Health Institute (PHI), where he worked to build PHI’s global health practice and conducted the organization’s global health advocacy in Washington. Before joining PHI, Jeff worked for Planned Parenthood of America as Director of International Advocacy. He also led external relations for the nonprofit CHF International (now known as Global Communities). As Executive Director of the U.S. Association for UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Jeff was responsible for all fundraising, program, advocacy and administrative functions. At the UN Foundation, he was the founding program officer for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, where he helped to develop the organization’s signature program in mapping landmines. Previously, Jeff was a career Foreign Service Officer at the U.S. Department of State, where he served as Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs. He has worked and traveled extensively, and held U.S. Diplomatic and Consular postings in China and Germany. In addition to English, Jeff speaks French, German and Cantonese Chinese. He was previously a journalist and author. Jeff graduated from Dartmouth College with a degree in French Language and Literature.

Clive Mutunga is Senior Population, Environment and Development Technical Advisor at USAID’s Office of Population and Reproductive Health (PRH), where he serves as technical leader in the elevation and advancement of the linkages between population and environment. Clive has several years of experience conducting and communicating research and analysis, program design, and evaluation on a broad range of development issues including population, health, environment, and climate change. Prior to USAID, he led research and advocacy on population and climate change issues at Population Action International (PAI). A trained economist with specialization in environment and natural resources, Clive worked on environment and development policy formulation and implementation in East Africa before moving to the United States.

Michael Myers Managing Director for The Rockefeller Foundation where he coordinates the Foundation’s work globally on health, including universal health coverage, health
How the health of people is increasingly linked to the health of natural systems, leading to the creation of a new interdisciplinary field: planetary health.

One-on-One Mentor
Loyce Pace is Executive Advisor for Programs & Policy at the LIVESTRONG Foundation. She leads the Foundation’s agenda to promote legislation, regulations and standards in favor of people worldwide affected by or at risk for cancer. In her current position, Loyce communicates the link between research, practice and policy to decision-makers across diverse sectors in the United States and abroad. She has been invited to speak as an expert on the health policy response to cancer challenges at myriad domestic and international events, including those sponsored by World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, The Corporate Council on Africa, and a number of other organizations and universities. She also has delivered testimony on global health policy to members of the U.S. House of Representatives. Before joining the Foundation, Loyce was Director of Regional Programs for the American Cancer Society’s Department of Global Health, responsible for developing their first capacity-building and advocacy programs in Southeast Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. She launched the U.S.-based NCD Roundtable under the auspices of the Global Health Council. She also served as an International Development Fellow for Catholic Relief Services, working throughout Senegal and The Gambia. Loyce holds a Bachelor’s degree with Honors in Human Biology from Stanford University and a Master’s degree in Public Health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, where she was inducted into the Delta Omega Society. In addition to serving on the board of Global Health Council, she is a member of Phillips Academy (Andover) Alumni Council.

Conversation Hub Lead with Lynne Cripe

Linda Poteat is a humanitarian assistance specialist based in Washington DC. She was the Essential Services Coordinator for the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER) in Sierra Leone during 2015 and was the interim Director for the Sphere Project in 2014. From October 2011 until December 2013, she was the Director of the Emergency Capacity Building Project that was focused on improving the speed, quality and effectiveness of disaster response. Linda spent nearly seven years on the Humanitarian Policy and Practice Team at InterAction, the largest consortium of U.S.-based NGOs that work in relief and development. In her position as Director for Disaster Response, Linda oversaw all the crisis-specific working groups, as well as the Disaster Risk Reduction, Staff Care and Civil Military working groups. She was the point person for relations with USAID’s Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance and the State Department’s Bureau for Population, Refugees and Migration, as well as the UN’s Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. She was deployed to Haiti from January to March 2010 to support NGO coordination activities in response to the earthquake. Before joining InterAction, she spent ten years in the field, working in Russia, the Balkans, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo (Brazzaville) and Sierra Leone. Linda is a member of the Advisory Group for the Overseas Development Institute’s Humanitarian Policy Group.

Conversation Hub Lead
Ways to create value-added cross-sector partnerships that deliver results.

Susan Rae Ross has over 20 years of experience in Africa and Asia, and is a highly regarded multi-sector partnership expert, international health and development specialist, author and speaker. As the Senior Private Sector Partnership Advisor for USAID/Global Health, Susan engages with the private sector to facilitate successful cross-sector partnerships to achieve USAID’s development objective of ending preventable maternal systems resilience, planetary health and other health priorities. He additionally coordinates strategies for the Foundation’s work in the United States with a focus on building inclusive economies in cities. Michael joined The Rockefeller Foundation in 2010 and led the organization’s successful centennial program, which included an array of global activities to build on past successes and to help shape the Foundation’s future direction. Prior to coming to The Rockefeller Foundation, Michael served in leadership capacities in the United States Senate for much of his career, including chief counsel and staff director to the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy where he worked on a range of major legislation, including the U.S. Affordable Care Act. Before his career in government, Michael worked on international humanitarian matters for UNHCR and several NGOs. He holds both a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in political science from Columbia University.
and child deaths by 2030. In 2006, Susan founded SR International to support organizations, both in the U.S. and internationally, to forge effective multi-sectoral partnerships to promote positive change and sustainable development. Susan’s award winning 2012 book, *Expanding the Pie: Fostering Effective NonProfit and Corporate Partnerships*, provides a meta-analysis of successful partnership cases studies from around the world and articulates a step-by-step decision-making framework on how to select and manage partnerships. Susan was a clinician for 10 years in a variety of U.S. healthcare institutions before launching her international career. She received a dual Masters in Business Administration from Purdue University and Tilburg University in the Netherlands, a Masters in Public Health from University of Illinois and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the State University of New York at Plattsburg.

**Sue Richiedei**, Senior Director for Leadership and Capacity Development with Plan International USA, has been working in international development for more than 30 years serving in various technical and management roles in training, capacity development, evaluation, advocacy and service delivery throughout Asia, Africa and the Middle East. In her current role, she provides management and financial oversight to a portfolio of projects that focus on women’s leadership and management training, woman-to-woman coaching and mentoring, institutional capacity development, advocacy, customized workshops, and network creation and management. In 2005, Sue launched the *WomenLead* workshop series to enhance women’s personal and technical leadership in HIV, peace building and reproductive health, and, with support from the ExxonMobil Women’s Economic Opportunity Initiative, launched the *Global Women in Management Program* and Alumni Coaching Program. Prior to joining Plan, Sue worked for an international women’s NGO where she served as the Director of Leadership and Capacity Building, the Africa Regional Director, and the Advocacy Director for Reproductive Health on USAID funded policy projects. Sue has a M.A. in Human Resource Development from George Washington University.

**Sharon Rudy**, BCC, is Program Director for the Global Health Fellows Program (GHFP) II at the Public Health Institute (PHI). In her previous role as Faculty/Senior Program Officer in the Center for Communication Programs at Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, Sharon spent almost a decade working in Anglophone Africa designing, implementing, and evaluating national behavior change communication programs and client-provider interaction interventions. She then worked in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia implementing performance improvement and training programs through IntraHealth, then based at the Medical School of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Sharon holds a PhD in Counseling and Organizational Consulting.

**Lisa Schechtman** is the Director of Policy and Advocacy at WaterAid America, the U.S. member of WaterAid International, the world’s largest NGO dedicated to providing safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene services. She has more than ten years’ experience in global health and human rights advocacy, and focuses especially on women’s health rights and integrated health service delivery. She has previously held policy and technical support roles at the Global AIDS Alliance, Population Action International (PAI), UNAIDS, and Amnesty International, and served on the Developed Country NGO Delegation to the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Lisa holds a B.A. in English Literature and French Language from Northwestern University, and an M.A. in International Human Rights and Global Health Affairs from the University of Denver.

**Inon Schenker** began his global public health journey as a volunteer graduate student, training school teachers in HIV/AIDS education during the early days of the epidemic in Latin America. He next teamed up with professionals from the Middle East to develop and implement the innovative “HIV/AIDS as a Bridge for Peace” model. Inon was next recruited for his first UN job with WHO in Geneva where he applied lessons learned from his PhD research to advance a UN strategy on HIV prevention in adolescence. Moving to
UNESCO, Inon led the development of new criteria for school curricula and training in HIV prevention and set up a new global clearinghouse in this area. Inon then returned to his home country of Israel, equipped with a new skill and interest: global health employment and internships. He founded the Geneva Seminar on Health and Globalization and other initiatives to promote health and medical professionals’ engagement in global health through employment, volunteering and interning in UN agencies. As a senior global health consultant to governments, civil society, legislative bodies, UN and international organizations his country expertise expanded. He has also held teaching positions at universities in the U.S. and Israel. Currently, Inon is Senior Director Public Health at Teva Global Headquarters. His primary responsibilities are in developing and directing a new corporate Global Public Health Program. Inon graduated from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem with a PhD in Public Health and Science Education, a MPH and a BA in Sociology and Political Science.

Celina Schocken is CEO of Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon. She is a prominent public health leader with extensive experience working on healthcare issues in the developing world. Celina joined Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon following her work developing new technology to improve women’s health in developing countries. Working with Global Good, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Jhpiego, and several startups, she led technology development efforts related to cervical cancer, postpartum hemorrhage, drug quality, and reproductive health. Celina previously served as Director of Policy and Advocacy at Merck for Mothers, where she led the Saving Mothers, Giving Life public-private partnership. Prior to Merck, Celina was Director of International Organizations at Population Services International (PSI), where she managed PSI’s work with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria and other multilateral organizations. She has also served as Chief Advisor to the Rwandan Minister of State for HIV/AIDS and Other Epidemics, whom she assisted to draft national policies related to HIV/AIDS, and to coordinate the implementation of multi-million-dollar HIV/AIDS programs throughout the country. Prior to her position with the Government of Rwanda, Celina held positions as Country Director of Columbia University's programs in Rwanda, and with the William J. Clinton Presidential Foundation, where she co-authored Rwanda’s national plan for HIV/AIDS treatment and care. In 2005, she was a fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. Celina received her juris doctor and master's degree in public policy from the University of California, Berkeley, and a master's in business administration from New York University, the London School of Economics and Political Science, and HEC Paris. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago, Phi Beta Kappa.

Christine Sow is President and Executive Director of Global Health Council, the leading membership organization supporting and connecting advocates, implementers and stakeholders around global health priorities worldwide. With more than 20 years of global health leadership experience, she has led numerous initiatives to strengthen health systems and increase access to life-saving drugs and services. Over the span of her career, Christine has worked for non-profit, academic, bilateral and multilateral agencies and spent more than 15 years in West Africa with organizations including UNICEF and USAID. Christine is actively engaged in numerous global and national policy and partnership forums including the World Bank’s Civil Society Consultative Group for Health, Nutrition and Population and the Global Work Group of the Advisory Committee to the Director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She holds a PhD in epidemiology from Tulane University and two Masters Degrees from the University of Michigan.

Kelly Thompson is the Gender Adviser for Women in Global Health. She is a recent graduate of the University of Sydney Medical School. In a former life, Kelly was a historian, having completed degrees in history in both the United States and Ireland. Kelly has served as a collaborator and consultant with UNAIDS, ILO, WHO, and PMNCH on adolescent health, HIV and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), youth engagement and youth-led accountability. During medical school, Kelly completed The
PACT Post2015 Fellowship where she worked to ensure that the voices of young people in the HIV and SRHR response were reflected in the Sustainable Development Goals. Kelly previously served as a Liaison Officer with the International Federation of Medical Students’ Associations (IFMSA), where she led on global advocacy and programming, including collaboration with young people living with HIV to address stigma and discrimination in healthcare settings, access to safe abortion, women’s health, gender equality and adolescent health. Kelly is an experienced trainer and has facilitated trainings on SRHR, women’s health, HIV, sustainable development and gender in over 20 countries. For fun Kelly follows global political processes, ponders accountability mechanisms and talks endlessly about feminism, adolescent health and youth engagement.

**One-on-One Mentor**  
**Amy Uccello** has over 15 years of professional global health experience working in family planning, HIV/AIDS, and maternal and child health. Currently serving as a Technical Advisor in USAID’s Office of Population and Reproductive Health, Amy serves on the management team for the Advancing Partners and Communities project, the lead community-based family planning service delivery project. As a member of the Service Delivery Improvement Division, Amy also serves as a youth and adolescent technical advisor and supports several USAID Missions, staff and implementing organizations. She backstops the USAID/Malawi Mission and is a member of the USG Family Planning Compliance team. Previous to the Agency, Amy managed multiple international health portfolios with implementing partners working across sub-Saharan Africa and parts of Southeast Asia. Just before joining the Agency, Amy spent a year in Zambia building the local capacity of civil society organizations, expanding a social marketing program and building public private partnerships.