

Speaker and Discussion Group Leader Biographies

Nineequa Blanding is the Director of Health and Wellness at the Boston Foundation. In this role, she is responsible for driving the development, implementation and evaluation of one of the Foundation's major strategic priorities to address the health of Greater Boston's residents with a special focus on the health and wellness of vulnerable populations. Prior to joining the Boston Foundation, Nineequa held significant progressive leadership positions with the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), primarily focused on implementing citywide strategies to advance health equity. Nineequa has more than a decade of experience in program planning, research and evaluation in academia, health care and local health department settings, including Emory University, Mount Sinai School of Medicine and NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. She received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Spelman College and a Master's with Honors in Public Health from Long Island University.

Jeanette Adele Callahan, MD is an Associate Instructor in Pediatrics at the Harvard Medical School, a Pediatrician at The Cambridge Health Alliance, and a leader on the Executive and Strategy teams of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO). She is also the Medical Director at The Justice Resource Institute's Northeastern Health Services. Dr. Callahan received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Pennsylvania and an MD from Harvard Medical School. Prior to her current positions in general Pediatrics, Dr. Callahan worked as a clinical research assistant at Children's Hospital in Boston and at Harvard University, Department of Anatomy. She has also provided medical services and supplies abroad in South Africa, Brazil, and Ghana. Her community activism includes organizing around healthcare disparity and access inequality, affordable housing and criminal justice reform.

Chaplain Clementina M. Chéry founded the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute in 1994 after the murder of her 15 year old son Louis. Chaplain Chéry is an internationally recognized expert in the field of homicide response. She is an ordained Chaplain and a Lady of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, the highest honor bestowed by Pope John Paul II on a lay Catholic. In addition to the innovative programs and services Chaplain Chéry developed at the Peace Institute, she has published tools for survivors of homicide victims including the *Survivors Burial and Resource Guide* and *Always in My Heart: A Workbook for Grieving Children*. Chaplain Chéry has served families of murder victims for over two decades and has trained thousands of public health professionals, law enforcement officials, and religious leaders in best practices for supporting survivors and interrupting cycles of retaliatory violence.

Jonathan Cunha, LMHC earned his Master's Degree from Lesley University in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. After graduation, he worked for the Boston Public Schools at the Jackson Mann School. His main responsibility was as a community liaison for students and families to gain access to necessary resources such as food, medical services, mentor programs, or after school programming. He has worked extensively on issues of complex trauma and poverty and helped to bring trauma informed care to Jackson Mann and surrounding community. He currently works for the Lexington Public Schools as an Elementary School Social Worker.

The Rev. Wayne S. Daley is the Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator at the Louis D. Brown Institute for Peace. He was born on the island of Montserrat in the West Indies. Rev. Wayne has 12 years of management experience, 16 years of experience in the insurance industry, and eight years in the US military. Rev. Wayne is part of the Little Simms-Redfearn Department of Evangelism, the Caribbean International Ministry, and the Richard Allen Brotherhood. He was an active participant with the Boston School Police Unit in "Operation Homefront". At the Boston Ten Point Coalition, Rev. Wayne was the Re-Entry Coordinator in a program of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, the Community Relations Director, and organized the Informational Breakfast Meetings of city leaders to collaborate and address city-wide concerns. He is a certified recovery

coach (ATR) and recently completed the Community Chaplaincy training. He is a Chaplain for the Sheriff's Department and is pursuing a Masters of Divinity at Andover-Newton Theological School.

Nate Harris is the Director of the Trinity Boston Counseling Center (TBCC) at Trinity Boston Foundation. Nate has more than 15 years of experience working with at-risk youth. In 2003, he started TBCC's partnership with the MA Department of Youth Services (DYS), a relationship that today involves providing community-based clinical services to youth at the center of violence in the city of Boston. He regularly facilitates Self Care and Resiliency trainings and groups to support frontline youth workers exposed to vicarious trauma. In the past Nate has developed and led a therapeutic arts program (Street Potential) focused in hip hop music and art for DYS youth. Nate holds a dual Master's degree in Social Work and Practical Theology from Boston College and completed a Post Graduate Fellowship at the Danielsen Institute in 2005.

Rebecca Jackson is the Director of Community Learning and Racial Equity at Trinity Boston Foundation. Rebecca joined the Foundation in November 2012. Rebecca has worked with Boston youth and families in various capacities for over ten years. In 2009 she obtained her MSW from Simmons, where she was trained in trauma informed counseling at Children's Charter in Waltham.

Nancy Krieger, PhD is Professor of Social Epidemiology and American Cancer Society Clinical Research Professor, in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (HSPH) and Director of the HSPH Interdisciplinary Concentration on Women, Gender, and Health. She received her PhD in Epidemiology from the University of California at Berkeley in 1989. Dr. Krieger is an internationally recognized social epidemiologist, with a background in biochemistry, philosophy of science, and the history of public health, combined with over 30 years of activism linking issues involving social justice, science, and health. She is author of Epidemiology and The People's Health: Theory and Context (Oxford University Press, 2011), editor of Embodying Inequality: Epidemiologic Perspectives (Baywood Press, 2004) and co-editor, with Glen Margo, of AIDS: The Politics of Survival (Baywood Publishers, 1994), and, with Elizabeth Fee, of Women's Health, Politics, and Power: Essays on Sex/Gender, Medicine, and Public Health (Baywood Publishers, 1994). In 1994 she co-founded, and still chairs, the Spirit of 1848 Caucus of the American Public Health Association, which is concerned with the links between social justice and public health.

The Rev. Rita Powell is Associate Rector at Trinity Church. Rita hails from New England but spent a number of years serving in the Diocese of South Dakota, as well as living for a time with the monastic community in Taizé, France. Her spirituality was deeply formed by choral singing in her youth, as well as by the physical disciplines of basketball, yoga, and running. She came to Trinity in 2013. Rita oversees Trinity's liturgical life, as well as heading youth ministries and collaborating in outreach ministries.

Brian Rosman is the Director of Policy and Government Relations for Health Care For All, the leading Massachusetts consumer health advocacy organization. Brian's work focuses on policy advocacy and analysis related to Massachusetts and national health reform, public health coverage programs, health delivery system reform and other policy issues. He also lectures regularly at University of Massachusetts Medical School, Tufts School of Public Health, BU School of Law, Harvard Medical School, and other schools. Before joining Health Care For All in 2003, Brian was a senior policy associate at the Institute for Health Policy at Brandeis University. Before that, Brian was a staff counsel for the Health Care Committee and the Senate Ways & Means Committee in the Massachusetts Legislature. He has a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a degree in Political Science from Stanford University.

Bishop Dwayne D. Royster is the Political Director of People Improving Communities through Organizing (PICO) in Washington, D.C. and the Pastor of the Faith United Church of Christ in Washington, D.C. Bishop Royster has served in Pastoral ministry for the past 20 years in a variety of positions and denominations in the United Methodist Church, The Mennonite Church and the Baptist Church Traditions. He is the Senior Pastor Emeritus and Founder of Living Water United Church of Christ in Philadelphia, PA. Bishop Royster is an advocate for preparing congregations for the ministry of availability. Bishop Royster is the General Secretary of Higher Ground Christian Fellowship International and serves on the College of Bishops. He is a graduate of Geneva College's Center for Urban Theological Studies with a B.S. in Urban Ministry Management. In addition, Bishop Royster has studied at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and is a graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia with a Master of Arts in Religion Degree with a specialization in the African American Church.

Representative Jeffrey Sánchez has served as Massachusetts State Representative for the 15th Suffolk District of Boston and Brookline since 2003. His district includes the Boston communities of Mission Hill, Jamaica Plain, and Roslindale, along with Precinct 5 of the Town of Brookline, MA. Throughout his tenure, Representative Sánchez has worked on legislation in health care, life sciences, housing, and economic and infrastructure development. He was recently appointed as House Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, where he is charged with leading the House of Representatives to deliver a balanced budget and consider state legislative matters. Representative Sánchez completed his undergraduate education at the University of Massachusetts, Boston and his Masters of Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He currently has an instructorship at the Center for Public Health Leadership at the Harvard University T.H. Chan School of Public Health. After growing up in the Mission Hill section of Boston, he now lives in Jamaica Plain with his wife and two daughters.

Rainelle Walker-White is the Assistant Director of the Family Van, Harvard Medical School and has over 25 years of experience in the field of health care delivery for hard to reach populations. She has been employed by the Family Van for 23 years and has served as its Manager of Direct service for over eight years. Ms. White holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Service. She has a working knowledge of the effectiveness of mobile health services, particularly the effectiveness of health screenings relating to cardiovascular disease, hypertension, and diabetes. She is passionate about meeting people where they are to allow them to make the necessary changes to live longer and make wiser choices regarding their health.

The Rev. David Wright has been Executive Director of the Black Ministerial Alliance (BMA) of Greater Boston, Inc. since 2007, having served as the Deputy Director from 2004-2007. He also serves as assistant to the pastor at People's Baptist Church, with oversight of the Saturday Praise Assembly, Young Adult Ministry and the Junior Choir. He is the Interim Executive Director for the Boston Ten Point Coalition and Board Chairman for the Lena Park Community Development Corporation. Prior to his work at the BMA, David was the President/CEO of the African American Federation of Greater Boston, Inc., and serves as an adjunct professor at Suffolk University. Born and raised in Roxbury, David is a graduate of the Boston Latin School, Harvard College (1985) and Harvard Law School (1990), and is currently pursuing a Masters in Theology (Practical) at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary (expected 2018).

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