

Speaker & Presenter Biographies



Kyle Davidson, MPH

*Director of Population Health, Sea Mar Community Health Centers
Seattle, WA*

Master of Ceremonies

Kyle Davidson is Director of Population Health Management at Sea Mar Community Health Centers, a community based provider of safety net social, medical, dental and behavioral health services to all communities, with a historical focus on Latino populations. A graduate of the University of Washington's Community Oriented Public Health Practice Master of Public Health program, Kyle has spent his career working to assure equity of policy attention, service access, and wellness outcomes for all people, especially immigrants, LGBTQ and Latino communities. Previously, he worked for over ten years in the HIV/AIDS field at Lifelong AIDS Alliance, Seattle/King County Public Health and Harborview Hospital supporting patient centered, asset based approaches to education, prevention and care. After serving as Clinic Manager at Sea Mar's medical clinic on the Hilltop in Tacoma, Kyle now works on the administrative team to assure the agency is well positioned for system changes resulting from health care reform, especially for Sea Mar's Medicaid Managed Care populations. His happiest place is on the golf course and he lives in South Seattle with his wife Amelia. They are expecting a newborn son this Thanksgiving.



David Reyes, DNP, MPH, RN, APHN-BC

*Assistant Professor, Nursing and Healthcare Leadership Program, University of Washington- Tacoma
Tacoma, WA*

Welcome and Opening Remarks

David Reyes, DNP, MPH, RN, APHN-BC, is an Assistant Professor at the University of Washington Tacoma (UWT) in the Nursing and Healthcare Leadership Program, and teaches undergraduate and graduate students in the areas of diversity, health equity, health systems and health policy, and community and public health practice. He has over 30 years of professional experience in clinical, educational and leadership roles in community and public health, acute care, home health, and perioperative nursing. Prior to joining the faculty at UWT in 2014, Dr. Reyes was a Health Services Administrator in the Community Health Services Division for Public Health - Seattle & King County (PHSKC) where his responsibilities included leading and managing health services delivery at various public health centers, and involvement in PHSKC's diversity, social justice and health equity initiatives.

Dr. Reyes' interests are in addressing the root causes of inequity and health disparities, building community capacity for problem solving, and population health systems improvement through action-oriented and policy-relevant research and scholarship. David's research includes using community-based participatory approaches that focus on equitable relationships with diverse community stakeholders to improve health outcomes for diverse, vulnerable and underserved populations. Currently he is working with the Just and Health Food System Community of Interest to address food equity, access and security in South Tacoma as a part of the Puyallup Watershed Initiative sponsored by Russell Family Foundation.

Currently, Dr. Reyes serves on the board of the Washington State Public Health Association, the board of The Rainier Beach Urban Farm & Wetlands, and as a member of UW President Anna Mari Cauce's Population Health Executive Council. Dr. Reyes has held national level health policy, leadership, and professional roles in the American Public Health Association, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and on the Institute of Medicine's Standing Committee on Family Planning.

David received his Doctor of Nursing Practice in 2013, and Master of Nursing and Master of Public Health degrees in 2002, from the University of Washington. He received his Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Seattle University in 1983, and is board certified in Advanced Public Health Nursing.



Carmela Castellano-Garcia, Esq.

*President and CEO, California Primary Care Association
Sacramento, CA*

Keynote Speaker:

Policy and Practice: Cultivating a Passion for Social Justice and Latino Health Equity

Carmela Castellano-Garcia, Esq., is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the California Primary Care Association (CPCA), overseeing a membership association of more than 1,100 nonprofit, community clinics and health centers (CCHCs) which serve more than 5.6 million patients a year. Ms. Castellano-Garcia has been committed to advancing multi-cultural health policy issues for 24 years, focusing on areas such as cultural and linguistic competency in health care delivery, ensuring the viability of safety net providers, health care reform, and access to care for vulnerable populations.

Carmela also oversaw the recent creation of a new 501(c) 4 CPCA affiliate corporation – CaliforniaHealth+ Advocates, a social welfare organization that is dedicated to advancing the mission of community health centers through state and federal advocacy.

In addition, Ms. Castellano-Garcia serves as the President of the Board of Trustees of the Castellano Family Foundation. Prior to that she served as the Board's Vice President since 2012. Founded by Alcario and Carmen Castellano in 2001, the Castellano Family Foundation has donated more than \$3.5 million in grants to Santa Clara County nonprofits supporting Latino education, arts and culture, leadership and diversity. The Castellano Family Foundation also continually supports these local organizations guided by the values of community, family, social change, empathy and integrity.

Prior to joining CPCA, Ms. Castellano-Garcia served as the Founder and Executive Director of the Latino Coalition for a Healthy California (LCHC), a health care policy and advocacy organization seeking to improve access to health and human services for California's Latino population. She was the Executive Director in 1992-1997 and she served as the Volunteer Executive Director in 2011, wherein she played a leadership role in ensuring the continued vitality of the organization.

Ms. Castellano-Garcia's legal background includes six years as a Managing Attorney with Public Advocates, Inc., a public interest law firm in San Francisco. Ms. Castellano-Garcia has litigated in the areas of employment discrimination, insurance redlining, and ensuring access to the information superhighway for California's minority, low-income populations.

In addition to serving on its Board of Directors, Ms. Castellano-Garcia is also a founding member of the regional extension center for California – the California Health Information and Partnership Services Organization (CalHIPSOS). Additionally, she serves as a Trustee for the Castellano Family Foundation.

Ms. Castellano-Garcia is a graduate of Yale Law School and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of California at Berkeley. While a student, she spent a year at La Universidad Central de Venezuela as a Rotary Foundation International Scholar.



Christie Santos, MPH

*Academic Advisor & Queer Coalition Chair, Edmonds Community College
Edmonds, WA*

Session I:

Important Consideration in Addressing the Health Needs of the Latino LGBTQ Community

Christie is the Innovations in Creating Access to Careers in Healthcare (I-CATCH Program) Academic Advisor and Associate Faculty in the Allied Health Education Department at Edmonds Community College. Christie has worked in various capacities as a community health educator, and her content expertise is in Latinx LGBTQ health. Her work addresses a key social determinant of health - education - and she is passionate about promoting positive health outcomes for Latinx by increasing access to education and employment opportunities. Christie earned her Master of Public Health at the University of Washington, and her BA in Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley.



Dr. Daniel Rivas

*Physician, Sea Mar Community Health Centers
Burien, WA*

Session I:

Important Consideration in Addressing the Health Needs of the Latino LGBTQ Community

Dr. Daniel Rivas joined Sea Mar's Burien Medical Clinic in September 2013. He is excited to continue working with the underserved in a community health center. Dr. Rivas completed his residency in Family Medicine at Swedish Family Medicine Residency at Cherry Hill in Seattle. During residency, he completed an area of concentration in rural health and served as recruitment chair for the residency program.

In 2010, Dr. Rivas earned a Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio. During medical school, he participated in a year-long community medicine track at the Regional Academic Health Center on the Texas-Mexico border.

Dr. Rivas enjoys teaching students and residents and plans to continue in a teaching role. His professional interests include family planning, office procedures, and LGBTQ health. Dr. Rivas has provided several didactic lectures in LGBTQ health topics to the Swedish Family Medicine Residency and Sea Mar Nurse Practitioner Residency. He was a panelist on the National Latino AIDS Awareness Day forum in 2015, and he is a founder member of the Employee Committee for LGBTQ Inclusivity and Improvement of Patient and Staff Experience (ECLIPSE) at Sea Mar.

When not working, Dr. Rivas enjoys traveling, cooking, theater, and hiking. He has traveled to over 20 countries around the world and hopes to see more!



Dr. Julian Perez

Clinical Director, Primary Care and Sports Medicine, Sea Mar Community Health Centers White Center, WA

Plenary Session:

Health Policy and Community-Engaged Interventions: Addressing the Social Determinants of Health for Latinos

Dr. Julian Perez is a Family & Community Medicine Physician and board certified in Sports Medicine. Dr. Perez completed his residency and fellowship at Swedish Family Medicine at Cherry Hill in 2007. He is now the Clinical Director of !Si Se Puede! Primary Care/Sports Medicine Center at Sea Mar Community Health Center's White Center Clinic. !Si Se Puede!

Primary Care/Sports Medicine Center opened with the goal of improving access to structural musculoskeletal consultations for Medicaid and uninsured patients throughout Washington State. Dr. Perez studied medicine at the University of Washington - Seattle in the WWAMI Regional Medical Education program. Professional interests include Determinants of Health, and has presented over two dozen times throughout Western Washington. Dr. Perez has worked with Linn Gould and Navee Sidhu for over six years in clinical tool design, data gathering, evaluation and quality improvement for Sea Mar Community Health Center's clinical operations to operationalize Determinants of Health interventions. Dr. Perez is married with one daughter, and dances with Seattle's Bailadores de Bronce Mexican Ballet Folclorico group.



Linn Gould, MS, MPH

Executive Director, Just Health Action Clinical Instructor Health Services, University of Washington Seattle, WA

Plenary Session:

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Linn Gould is the Executive Director of Just Health Action (JHA) and a clinical instructor at the University of Washington. JHA is a Seattle based non-profit that develops and facilitates

workshops about how social, political, and economic inequalities affect the health of our society. JHA has been teaching health equity workshops at multiple venues (including Sea Mar) around the country since 2004 and its teaching framework has been published in national and international journals. Gould also allies with communities with inequities to take action on issues that they prioritize such as "Green Job" development, air pollution, contaminated fish consumption, and more.



Navee Sidhu, MS3

Medical Student, University of Washington - Seattle Seattle, WA

Plenary Session:

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Navee Sidhu is a third year medical student at the University of Washington (UW). Prior to attending medical school he worked at Sea Mar Community Health Centers and helped develop and implement a clinical assessment and intervention tool centered on the social determinants of health. While at the UW School of Medicine he has helped coordinate student-run health clinics, while also advocating for a social justice based medical curriculum. Navee has integrated the SDOH into motivational interviewing techniques when talking to his patients.



María J. Peña

Chief Diversity and Equity Officer, Everett Community College
Everett, WA

Session II:

Community Partnerships: Developing the Latino Workforce Pipeline

María J. Peña is the daughter of Mexican migrant workers who came to the US when she was 5 years old. Starting at the age of 13, she worked alongside her parents in the vineyards of a small farming community in California. While in high school, María participated in the Upward Bound program, an experience that proved to be life changing. It created both a vision and a pathway for her future in higher education.

María earned a Bachelor’s degree in Social Ecology with an emphasis on Human Behavior from the University of California, Irvine and a Master’s degree in Educational Psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles. María has extensive international experiences including an academic year of study in San Sebastian and Madrid, Spain.

María began her community college career as a counselor at Peninsula College. Over the course of 24 years in higher education, she has served in progressively responsible leadership experiences including Coordinator for Services for Students with Disabilities, Retention Advising Specialist, Associate Dean for Student Success, Dean for Student Development and Dean for Student Services. At the executive-level, she served as Acting Vice President for Student Services and as well as Assistant to the President. María also assumed leadership responsibilities as the Steward of the Peninsula College Longhouse since its creation in 2006.

In 2014, María joined Everett Community College as its first Chief Diversity and Equity Officer. María is committed to organizational change to further equity and inclusion with the goal of eliminating the achievement, economic and aspiration gaps for underserved and underrepresented populations.



Rosario Reyes

Founder/Director, Latino Educational Training Institute
Lynnwood, WA

Session II:

Community Partnerships: Developing the Latino Workforce Pipeline

As founder and CEO of the Latino Educational Training Institute (LETI) and a small business owner for 27+ years, Rosario, a Peruvian native who migrated to the United States over forty years ago, has dedicated her abundant energy to successfully establishing and expanding her business while focusing on community development. As a result of her 17+ years of work in social services with Latinos with limited resources, language barriers, lack of information and

other seemingly insurmountable difficulties she passionately embraces the commitment to work on the advancement of first generation immigrants. Rosario’s business activities have always been parallel to her social service, working closely with a wide spectrum of community and corporate groups to enhance community relationships. Her undeniable passion and commitment to social justice issues, promoting wellness, and economic development, have made her a well-recognized member of the Latino community in Snohomish County.



David Allen

Professor and Dean, School of Nursing & Health Science, University of Washington Bothell, WA

Session II:

Community Partnerships: Developing the Latino Workforce Pipeline

David Allen is currently Dean and Professor at the School of Nursing and Health Studies at the University of Washington Bothell. For more than three decades, he has focused on issues of racism, sexism and health equity in higher education. With a number of UWB faculty and staff, he supports the Latinx Health Equity Initiative designed to make UWB more aligned with and supportive of health and civic engagement in Latinx communities and to make UWB more welcoming and supportive of Latinx students. This work includes a number of collaborations with community colleges, K-12 schools and community agencies such as Verdant or the Latino Education and Training Institute.



Claire Peinado Fraczek, Ph.D.

Director of Integrated Learning, Office of Academic Affairs, University of Washington Bothell, WA

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Claire Peinado Fraczek serves as Director of Integrated Learning in the Office of Academic Affairs and teaches courses in the School of Educational Studies at the University of Washington Bothell. She has spent a number of years developing pipeline programs to support more seamless pathways into higher education and leads a variety of activities to promote reflective practice as a catalyst for social justice, educational equity, and deepened student learning. She manages strategic alignment of new learning initiatives at UW Bothell, from academic advising to community engaged partnerships, and is a co-architect of the Latina Health Initiative to promote the health and well-being of our Latinx community. Her scholarship focuses on intersectional identities and ways to enable critical race feminist leadership within organizations.



Rosa Peralta Landin

Latino Center for Health, University of Washington Seattle, WA

Call To Action

Rosa Peralta Landin is the Executive Director of the Latino Center for Health at the University of Washington. The mission of the Latino Center for Health is to provide leadership to promote the health and well-being of Latinos in Washington State, regionally and nationally, across the lifespan. The Latino Center for Health brings about sustainable changes in health through innovative community-engaged research, mentoring and training opportunities for students and faculty. Prior to joining the Latino Center for Health, Ms. Peralta worked as a Program Officer at the Marguerite Casey Foundation (MCF). At MCF Ms. Peralta managed a multi-million dollar grants portfolio focused on building capacity for progressive change through multi-issue movement building in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. Ms. Peralta has worked to develop standards to improve and increase collaboration among the federal government, nonprofit organizations and stakeholders to promote and advance programs and systems that protect and advance the rights of youth and poor people. As a researcher for TeamChild (Seattle), she developed and managed research for the Juvenile Indigent Defense Action Network and the Models for Change projects in Washington State. At the University of Michigan, in addition to teaching sociology, Ms. Peralta developed and managed undergraduate and graduate recruitment and retention programs for underrepresented students. She also worked for many years as a criminal defense investigator at one of Seattle's public defense agencies. Ms. Peralta graduated from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, with a bachelor's degree in sociology. She is a PhD candidate (ABD) at the University of Michigan, where she earned her master's degree in sociology.