

American College of Preventive Medicine

New Fellows



Mary A. Anderson, MD, MPH, FACPM, is the District Health Officer for the Washoe County Health District (WCHD) located in Reno, NV. As a graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), she returned to the state after a thirty-five year career in the U.S. Navy in which she served as a line officer, flight surgeon, preventive medicine officer, fleet surgeon, and Commanding Officer of the Naval Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory in Pensacola, FL. Dr. Anderson received her preventive medicine training and served as chief resident at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. She is the co-chair for the Public Health Commission of the Nevada State Medical Association, the chairman of the Nevada Public Health Foundation, and a member of the Nevada Public Health Association. She is board-certified in Aerospace Medicine as well as General Preventive Medicine & Public Health. She received the Dean's Outstanding Alumnus Award from the UNR School of Medicine in 2007.



Byron L. Barksdale, MD, FACPM, received both his BA in Pharmacology and MD from the University of Kentucky. He completed a rotating internship at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, Texas, and then completed a four year (anatomic and clinical) pathology residency in Texas. Dr. Barksdale is in a private medical group practice serving 20 hospitals in Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado. He is a member of the American Public Health Association, a Fellow and Lab Inspector of the College of American Pathologists, and a member of the Lincoln County and Nebraska Medical Associations. He also has been director of the CUBA AIDS PROJECT since 1995. Dr. Barksdale also volunteers in health fairs to screen for the early detection of malignant melanoma.



Paul Batalden, MD, FACPM, is the founding director of the Dartmouth Hitchcock Leadership Preventive Medicine Combined Residency Program and Professor and Director of the Center for Leadership and Improvement in The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice. Prior to Dartmouth he worked as a practicing pediatrician, Medical Director of the US Job Corps and as USPHS Asst. Surgeon General and Director of the Bureau of Community Health Services. He was the founding board chair of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and founding director of the Veteran's Administration National Quality Scholar Program. He has served as an advisor to private and public health systems in the US and several other western health systems, mentoring approximately 250 health care CEO's leading organization-wide quality efforts. He chaired the ACGME Outcome Advisory Committee developing the GME General Competencies. He has served on several governing boards of health care and higher education organizations, commissioner for the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, and currently serves on the GME GPM/PH Competencies Taskforce. He is a current member of the Institute of Medicine.



Seth J. Baum, MD, FACPM, is a trained Electrophysiologist and Interventional Cardiologist. He shifted his entire medical approach in the late 1990s in order to emphasize clinical and preventive strategies for battling cardiovascular disease. He has lectured extensively on a national level about the need for a global change in practice patterns among both internists and cardiologists. Dr. Baum wrote two books on this subject, *The Total Guide to a Healthy Heart*, *Integrative Strategies for Preventing and Reversing Heart Disease*, and *Age Strong Live Long, Lessons from my Patients*. As a Fellow of the American Heart Association, Dr. Baum has not only delivered local lectures emphasizing the importance of therapeutic Lifestyle Changes and Lipid management, but he also sits on the Council of Epidemiology and Prevention, as well as the Publications Subcommittee. Dr. Baum has published numerous articles in medical and lay journals emphasizing the importance of CV prevention. As a member of the National Lipid Association he was among the first group to pass the Boards for certification in Clinical Lipidology. Dr. Baum also founded the Foundation for Preventive and Integrative Medicine as a vehicle for both education and clinical research.



Elise M. Beltrami, MD, MPH, FACPM, received her medical degree from the University of Wisconsin Medical School in Madison, WI. She completed a residency in internal medicine at the University of Minnesota before coming to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to pursue training in the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS). Following EIS, she served as a medical officer for the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion from 1997 to 2001. In 2002, she received her Master of Public Health degree in health policy and management from Emory University in Atlanta. She completed a residency in preventive medicine at CDC and then served as the director of the Health Assessment and Promotion unit of the DeKalb County Board of Health from 2003 to 2005. She rejoined the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion in August 2005, where she currently serves as the Division's Associate Director for Science.



David Berglund, MD, MPH, FACPM, has been the Medical Officer in the Classifications and Public Health Data Standards Staff at the National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention since 1997. In 1995–96 he analyzed the effects of environmental tobacco smoke and air pollutants on lung function and respiratory disease, in a sub-cohort of the Adventist Health Study on air pollution for subsequent publication. He has served as the Department of Health and Human Services liaison to the SNOMED-CT (International) Editorial Board from 1999 to 2007, and served on working groups related to mapping terminologies and classifications. He has served as a member of the World Health Organization (WHO) Terminology Reference Group since its founding in 2006, representing the North American Collaborating Center. He has extensive technological expertise regarding electronic maintenance of classifications and related tools, and has prepared multiple papers for annual meetings of WHO Family of International Classifications (FIC) Collaborating Centres, and has made numerous presentations for various audiences on the International Classification of Diseases, its clinical modification, and its relationship to other healthcare terminologies.



Nathaniel Briggs, MD, MSc, FACPM, is an Assistant Professor of Preventive Medicine at the Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN. He is a medical epidemiologist and is engaged in epidemiologic studies designed to elucidate preventable risk factors for racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity and mortality related to unintentional injury, cancer and HIV. His research papers have been published in more than a dozen peer-reviewed medical journals including the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, *American Journal of Epidemiology*, and the *American Journal of Public Health*. Dr. Briggs graduated from the University of Wisconsin Medical School, where he earned both his medical degree and a master's degree in preventive medicine/epidemiology. Prior to his general preventive medicine residency at Meharry, Dr. Briggs completed a two year postdoctoral fellowship in epidemiology & biostatistics at the National Cancer Institute.



LTC Steven Cersovsky, MD, MPH, FACPM, is currently in his fourth year as director of the National Capital Consortium-Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) General Preventive Medicine Residency Program. He received his BA (1989) and MD (1994) degrees from Washington University (St. Louis), his MPH (1998) from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and graduated from the WRAIR GPM residency in 1999. Dr. Cersovsky has served as brigade surgeon with the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea; as a general medical officer at Fort Myer, VA; Chief of Preventive Medicine at the Würzburg MEDDAC in Germany; epidemiology program manager at the US Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine; and deputy director of the WRAIR preventive medicine residency program. He also served with the Department of the Army Inspector General on three investigations of detainee operations in Southwest Asia. Dr. Cersovsky has led numerous communicable disease outbreak investigations across the Department of Defense and has authored more than a dozen peer-reviewed articles and technical reports. He served as Clinical Preventive Medicine Track Chief for *Preventive Medicine 2007* and recently founded the Uniformed Services Academy of Preventive Medicine, a component society of ACPM.



Thomas B. Faulkner, MD, MHA, FACPM, serves as Chief Medical Officer for Medical Direction, LLC, a health and safety consulting firm. Additionally, he is the Senior Medical Officer at Navy Branch Health Clinic, Naval Air Station, Atlanta. Prior to this he served as Medical Director for Air Crew & Passenger Health Services (ACPHS) at Delta Air Lines, overseeing programs specifically dedicated to the occupational and preventive health of Pilots, Flight Attendants and passengers, for Delta, ASA and Comair. Additionally, Dr. Faulkner served as Medical Director of the Emory/CIGNA Healthcare Center and Director of Flight Medicine for The Emory Clinic. In addition to being a senior FAA Aviation Medical Examiner, Dr. Faulkner is a Flight Surgeon in the United States Navy, Reserve. He received his BA from Kenyon College in Ohio, and his MD from the Chicago Medical School. He completed a residency in Family Medicine at the University of Illinois and a Fellowship in Occupational and Environmental Medicine at Duke University. He is board certified in Family, Occupational, and Aerospace Medicine and is a Fellow of both Aerospace Medical Association and the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine.



Bruce W. Furness, MD, MPH, FACPM, earned his medical degree from Georgetown University and his MPH from Johns Hopkins University. He completed four years of Internal Medicine/Pediatric residency training at UCLA/Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (Los Angeles, CA) and spent two years in the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Fellowship at the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) working in the Division of Parasitic Diseases. Dr. Furness is currently employed as a medical epidemiologist with the CDC, in the National Center for HIV, Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP), Division of STD Prevention (DSTDP), Epidemiology and Surveillance Branch (ESB), Field Epidemiology Unit (FEU) assigned to both the National Syphilis Elimination Rapid Response Team (RRT) and the Washington, DC STD Control Program. Dr. Furness is a Diplomate of the American Board of Preventive Medicine, has published several papers on topics ranging from giardiasis to food insecurity, has received multiple awards from the U.S. Public Health Service and other entities; and has presented to various audiences on topics ranging from the “Re-emergence of Syphilis” to “Hepatitis B Immunization Practices at an Urban STD Clinic.” He is a volunteer physician at Whitman-Walker Clinic (Washington, DC) for both the Transgender Health and the Gay Men’s Health and Wellness Clinics.



Liana Lianov, MD, MPH, FACPM, is the Chief Medical Officer for Quality Improvement at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Prior to assuming this position, she served as Director of the Healthy Lifestyles Program and the Medicine and Public Health Division at the American Medical Association. She provided leadership for public and physician education in healthy lifestyles and spearheaded advocacy in support of health promotion and disease prevention. She is an active member of ACPM’s Lifestyle Task Force, Policy and Membership committees, and is faculty for the Preventive Medicine Board Review Course. She is also currently on the board of the American College of Lifestyle Medicine. Other key roles in her career include working as a senior medical consultant for medical policy and quality improvement in the MediCal Managed Care program, initiating the women’s cancer programs at the California Department of Health Services and leading the California Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program. Her passions include cognitive methods to initiate and sustain health behaviors, integration of behavioral health into primary care, and physician well-being. Dr. Lianov has also served as preventive medicine faculty at the women’s cardiovascular clinic of the University of California Davis Health System. She is board certified in both preventive medicine/public health and internal medicine and completed a fellowship in consultation-liaison psychiatry with a focus on cognitive behavioral therapy to support health behaviors.



Judith Green-McKenzie MD, MPH, FACPM, is Associate Professor, Director of Clinical Practice and Associate Residency Director in Occupational Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in Philadelphia. She is also a senior fellow in the Graduate Program in Public Health Studies and is active in clinical practice, research, education and administration in Occupational and Environmental Medicine. She is the course director for Critical Appraisal of the Public Health and Occupational Medicine Literature, Epidemiology and Biostatistics series and the Population Occupational Medicine. Her research focuses on Occupational Medicine outcomes, especially in the areas of blood-borne pathogen exposures, workers' compensation costs and residency education. She has authored or co-authored over 50 scientific papers and two books. She was a recipient of the first resident research awards given at the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine national meeting. Dr. McKenzie graduated from Princeton University where she received the Frederick Douglass Prize for leadership and scholarship. She went on to study medicine at Yale University School of Medicine where she was a Commonwealth Fellow. She earned a Masters of Public Health and an Occupational Medicine fellowship at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health.



Carolyn Murray, MD, MPH, FACPM, completed residency training in General Preventive Medicine/ Public Health at the University of Colorado in 1990 after which she worked for the El Paso County Health Department in Colorado Springs, CO. After relocating to New England she transitioned professionally to the practice of Occupational Medicine, and became the first occupational medicine physician at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Clinic and Dartmouth Medical School. She helped design and bring to fruition a novel model of Preventive Medicine residency training at Dartmouth where she currently serves as Assistant Program Director. She is a member of the MPH program faculty at the Dartmouth Institute of Health Policy and Clinical Practice and is Assistant Professor of Medicine and Community and Family Medicine at Dartmouth Medical School. She is board certified in GPM/PH and Occupational Medicine. She resides in Hanover, NH with her husband Dr Joseph Cravero and their three children.



Colonel James S. Neville, MD, MPH, FACPM, is the Deputy Commander, United States Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine (USAFSAM), 711th Human Performance Wing, Brooks City-Base, TX. USAFSAM is an internationally renowned center for aerospace medical learning and investigations, operational consultation, and research. USAFSAM promotes readiness and protects force and community health by applying staff expertise in fields including aerospace medicine, environmental and occupational health, analytical laboratory services, risk analysis, preventive medicine and public health, as well as research, education, and training in these disciplines. Colonel Neville most recently was Commander, Air Force Institute for Operational Health (AFIOH), 311th Human Systems Wing, Brooks City-Base, Texas. As Commander, Colonel Neville had full technical, programmatic and administrative responsibility for the 400-person, \$30 million organization. AFIOH merged into the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine (USAFSAM) in March 2008.

Deborah Porterfield, MD, MPH, FACPM, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Medicine, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she directs the Preventive Medicine Residency. She has an additional role at RTI International, as a Senior Research Public Health Analyst, where she conducts research and evaluation projects in chronic disease control and governmental public health. Dr. Porterfield received her BA in 1987 from Harvard/Radcliffe Colleges, her MD in 1993 from the University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine, and her MPH in 2000 from UNC-Chapel Hill. She completed a residency in internal medicine at the University of Virginia in 1996, and completed the UNC-Chapel Hill Preventive Medicine Residency as well as the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program in 2000. Prior to joining RTI she worked in the North Carolina Division of Public Health for six years in chronic disease control. Dr. Porterfield has been a member of the American College of Preventive Medicine since 2000. She has served on the Graduate Medical Education Committee since 2003, has participated in the planning of four annual meetings, and has also served on various committees and task forces, including the ongoing ACPM Licensure Task Force.



George Sarka, MDCM, MPH, FACPM, is an Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at UCLA, the Governor of the American College of Physicians, Southern California, Region II (2008–2012), President of the LA Neurological Society (2006–2009), and former President of the Los Angeles County Medical Association-District 1 (2006–2008). He is a diplomate in nine specialties: Internal Medicine, Rheumatology, Neurology, Geriatrics, Sports Medicine, Headache Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Occupational Medicine, Public Health and General Preventive Medicine. He received his MDCM from McGill University in 1980, MPH from UCLA in 2003, is presently a DrPH Candidate in Public Health at UCLA. Dr. Sarka did his Internship and Residency in Internal Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals (1980–1983), his Fellowship in Rheumatology at Louisiana State University (1983–1985) and a second Residency in Neurology at the Los Angeles County–University of Southern California Medical Center (1985–1988). He is presently an Attending Staff in Rheumatologist at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, CA, a Staff Neurologist at Saddleback Memorial Medical Center in Laguna Hills, CA and a Multispecialist at California State University, Northridge in the Klotz Student Health Center in Northridge, CA.



Richard W. Smerz, MD, MTMH, FACPM, is a Clinical Professor, Department of Surgery, University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine, and Medical Director, Hyperbaric Treatment Center, and Diving Medical Officer, University of Hawaii Diving Safety Program. He graduated from the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences 1975, and received his Master of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene from the Uniformed Services University. He completed his preventive medicine residency at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. He received training in diving medicine from the US Navy as well as NOAA. He is board certified in Public Health and General Preventive Medicine as well as in Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine. He retired from the US Army Medical Department in 1998 after 25 years of active service, having served in clinical, research, teaching, administrative, operational, and command positions. Prior to his present position, Dr. Smerz served as the Vice-Chair and an Assistant Professor for the Department of Family Medicine and as an adjunct professor at the School of Public Health at the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center in Ft. Worth.



David Smith, MD, MPH, FACPM, serves as Medical Director for Care Management, Aurora Health Care, an integrated delivery system in eastern Wisconsin, serving over 1 million patients annually through its network of hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, home care, and hospice services. In this role, he is responsible for clinical quality oversight and project development. He serves as Aurora's National Quality Forum representative, and continues to maintain a practice in family medicine in Plymouth, WI. He is a board certified by both the American Board of Preventive Medicine and American Board of Family Medicine. He is blessed with a wife of 33 years, Karen, three children, and one granddaughter.



Christopher Sullivan, MD, MPH, FACPM, is the Associate Chief Medical Officer of Excelsa Health, a diversified four-hospital health system in Western Pennsylvania, and serves as the Vice President of Medical Affairs of its largest acute care facility, Westmoreland Hospital. His professional interests include healthcare quality improvement and the efficient delivery of evidence-based clinical care. Prior to joining Excelsa Health, Dr. Sullivan was a Medical Corps officer in the US Navy from 1995–2007, during which time he was a preventive medicine officer, epidemiologist, squadron medical officer, and associate brig medical officer. He completed his undergraduate studies in neuroscience and economics at Amherst College, and earned his MD from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in Philadelphia. Dr. Sullivan is a graduate of the General Preventive Medicine Residency Program of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, where he also earned his MPH. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Preventive Medicine (Public Health and General Preventive Medicine), and resides with his wife and two children in Greensburg, PA.