

2019 PGME Global Health Day – Speaker Biographies

COMMENTS – DR. CATHARINE WHITESIDE

Dr. Catharine Whiteside is Executive Director, Diabetes Action Canada and Emerita Professor and Former Dean of Medicine and Vice Provost Relations with Health Care Institutions at the University of Toronto. 2006-2014, University of Toronto. From 1985 to 2005, Dr. Whiteside was a staff nephrologist at the University Health Network, Toronto and clinician-scientist in the Department of Medicine. From 2000 to 2005 she was Associate Dean Graduate and Inter-Faculty Affairs in the Faculty of Medicine. She is a founding member and past President of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. In 2016, she was appointed as a Member of the Order of Canada. In 2012 she was recognized with WXN Canada's Most Powerful Women Top 100 Award. Dr. Whiteside was awarded in 2007 the Medal for Research Excellence from the Kidney Foundation of Canada. She is the recipient of the Canadian Medical Association 2009 May Cohen Award for Women Mentors. In 2015 she was awarded an Honorary Fellowship in the College of Family Physicians of Canada and in 2016 received the OMA's Advocate for Students and Residents Award. Dr. Whiteside is an MD and PhD graduate of the University of Toronto and FRCPC in Internal Medicine and Nephrology.

KEYNOTE – DR. WENDY LAI

Dr. Wendy Lai is an emergency physician at Humber River Hospital in Toronto and the president of MSF Canada. She has worked with Doctors Without Borders/ Medecins Sans Frontieres since 2006, in a variety of settings including the Democratic Republic of Congo, Haiti both before and after the earthquake, and Central African Republic. She has taught Emergency Medicine to residents in Addis Ababa through the Toronto-Addis Ababa Academic Collaboration. Domestically, she has practiced in rural community hospitals and in the Canadian Arctic. She was elected to the board of directors for MSF-Canada in 2015. Wendy earned a biochemistry degree with great distinction from McGill University, a medical degree from the University of Western Ontario, and studied Family Medicine at the University of Toronto. Her Emergency Medicine qualification was earned through years of practice. She is currently working towards a Masters of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University.

ROUNDTABLE #1 – PROFESSOR CARMEN LOGIE

Professor Carmen Logie is an Associate Professor at the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto and an Adjunct Scientist at Women's College Research Institute. Dr. Logie's research focus is health equity, with particular attention to the associations between intersectional forms of stigma, access to care, and health outcomes. She has active programs of research in collaboration with internally displaced women and youth, LGBTQ populations, and people living with HIV in Canada, India, Thailand, Jamaica, Swaziland and Lesotho. She was a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) post-doctoral fellow and her postdoctoral research focused on the health impacts of multi-dimensional forms of stigma and discrimination, including racism, sexism and HIV-related stigma, among diverse women living with HIV in Ontario. Dr. Logie was awarded a Grand Challenges Canada Rising Star in Global Health award to develop, implement and evaluate an HIV/STI prevention intervention with internally displaced women in Leogane, Haiti (2011-2012). Dr. Logie's teaching interests include research methods, health and mental health theory and practice, LGBTQ affirmative practice, intersectionality and structural violence. Her practice experience includes over a decade of work with youth and adults in community, health care, government and hospital settings in Canada, the U.S., the United Kingdom and Ghana. She has worked as part of multidisciplinary teams in: community mental health; medical social work; hate crime prevention; HIV prevention; case management; and family, youth and crisis counselling.

ROUNDTABLE#2 – DR. DONNA STEWART

Dr. Donna Stewart is the inaugural Lillian Love Chair in Women's Health at the University Health Network and the University of Toronto. She is a University Professor with appointments in the Faculty of Medicine in the Departments of Psychiatry, Obstetrics/ Gynaecology, Medicine, Anaesthesia, Family and Community Medicine, and Surgery at the University of Toronto. She is a senior scientist at Toronto General Research Institute. She has 16 active research grants and has published over 350 articles in peer-reviewed, scientific journals. Dr. Stewart's research interests are in women's health, violence and resilience, women's mental health, international women's health, social determinants of health, psychological aspects of reproductive health and physical illness such as heart disease and cancer. In the mental health field, she has looked at depression across the life cycle, psychosomatic obstetrics and gynecology as well as the psychological aspects of physical illness. Her work also addresses violence against women in Canadian and immigrant women. She has conducted research on public health and policy aspects of women's health (antenatal and postpartum care, violence, trafficking, drug safety and international health) which have had a major impact on public policy.

ROUNDTABLE #3 – DR. SUZANNE SHOUSH

Dr. Suzanne Shoush is currently a physician at the St. Michael's Hospital Academic Family Health Team, and Inner City Health Associates Seaton House Infirmary Program. Prior to joining the St. Mikes team, Dr. Shoush worked extensively in both urban and rural family medicine. She has traveled extensively throughout rural and remote parts of the province as a Rural Family Physician. She also works with a keen focus on health equity and is a passionate advocate for Indigenous Cultural Safety Training. Dr. Shoush received her MD from the University of Alberta. Prior to becoming a physician she completed a Bachelor's of Engineering (Electrical/ Biomedical) at the University of Alberta. She went on to receive a grant from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) to research in Medical Physics at the BC Cancer Agency in Vancouver. Her research went on to receive joint funding from the National Institute of Health leading her to the MD Anderson Cancer center in Houston TX/UT Austin Photonics Lab where she researched/ developed for techniques for in vivo diagnostics of cervical cancer. In addition to research in medical physics, Dr. Shoush has shown a keen interest in research in sustainable development, knowledge translation and Indigenous Health. She was the recipient of a Young Professionals International Grant and went to work with UNESCO in Paris, France, where she was a research intern in the Local and Indigenous Knowledge Systems (LINKS) program. This work was in contribution to meeting the UNESCO Millennium Development Goals for World Indigenous Peoples. She has also undertaken many other research initiatives in Indigenous Health. Dr. Shoush was also involved in curriculum development for Indigenous Health at the University of Alberta School of Medicine and Dentistry, and she continues to work on teaching medical learners about Indigenous Health. Dr. Shoush is of Indigenous Heritage; her mother's family comes from the Douglas First Nation, one of the St'at'imx communities in South West British Columbia, while her father is from North Africa.

ROUNDTABLE #4 – PROFESSOR LINDA WHITE

Professor Linda White is a Professor of Political Science and the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, and is an affiliate of the Centre for the Study of the United States. Her areas of research include comparative welfare states, comparative social and family policy, particularly education, early childhood education and care, and maternity and parental leave; gender and public policy; ideas, norms, and public policy development; and federalism, law and public policy. She has



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published extensively on comparative social policy in journals such as Comparative Political Studies, Governance, Journal of European Public Policy, Publius, and Social Politics. She is the author of *Constructing Policy Change: Early Childhood Education and Care in Liberal Welfare States* (UTP, 2017), among other co-authored and co-edited books. She is currently the Principal Investigator of a SSHRC Insight Grant on school choice and education policy. Professor White obtained her B.A. (Hons.) from the University of Victoria, her M.A. from Queen's University, and her Ph.D. from the University of Toronto.

ROUNDTABLE #5 – DR. NABIHA ISLAM, AZEEZAH KANJI AND RUMA RUMA

Dr. Nabiha Islam completed her residency July 2018 and is currently a staff internist at Scarborough Birchmount Hospital. She is working to combat individual and collective experiences of Islamophobia through her work on the Toronto Academic Health Science Network (TAHSN) Learner Environment Task Force, including implementation of a hijab policy for the OR. Throughout medical school and residency she has traveled to Bangladesh for both clinical practice and research with urban and rural poor and most recently worked with Rohingya refugees through the Hope Foundation for Women and Children of Bangladesh. She has also provided free healthcare to Syrian refugees on the Syrian-Jordanian border with the Islamic Medical Association of North America.

Azeezah Kanji is a legal analyst and writer based in Toronto. She received her Juris Doctor from University of Toronto's Faculty of Law, and Masters of Law specializing in Islamic Law from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (UK). Azeezah is Director of Programming at Noor Cultural Centre, a Muslim religious, educational, and cultural institution in Toronto. She is also a regular opinion writer for the Toronto Star, focusing on issues related to race, law, national security, and human rights.

"Hello. My name is **Ruma Ruma**, I am 17 years old, I am currently in grade 12. My interest is in math and sciences. After graduating high school, I am hoping to go to University of Waterloo for biomedical. My life before, was living in the poverty of the refugee camps in Bangladesh, as a Rohingya. I came to Canada in 2007 when I was 6 years old with my family. Currently I am really active, I volunteer a lot. I am part of a play and documentary called 'I am Rohingya', it's a play that lets the world know about the Rohingya genocide. I get invited to many programs and meetings. I attend most of our screenings in different cities for the Q&A. My passion is in the medical field. It was something I was always interested in. Medical draws me in because it amazes me. In the future I hope to pursue a career in the medical field and become a doctor/surgeon. I chose doctor (specially a cardiac surgeon), because knowing about the heart of a person is very valuable to me. I also want to save the innocent lives of People who are dying for a reason they don't know."

ROUNDTABLE #6 – SYEDA ZAKI

Syeda Zaki is an Investment Manager with the Transition to Scale program at Grand Challenges Canada. In this role, she is involved in all stages of the deal process, from sourcing and screening pipeline to negotiations and management post-investment, seeking to support the most promising innovations with potential for scale and impact. Ms. Zaki was previously a consultant with Purpose Capital, an impact investment advisory firm, where she conducted financial and operational due diligence on startup social enterprises. Prior to Purpose Capital, Ms. Zaki worked with Acumen Fund in Pakistan as a portfolio consultant, conducting due diligence on investment opportunities in health and education. She was also involved in the post investment management of Acumen's micro-finance investees in Pakistan. Ms. Zaki currently volunteers as the finance director of Youth Social Innovation Capital Fund, an impact investing fund for young social entrepreneurs in Canada. Prior to making a shift to the impact investing space, Ms. Zaki was an equity research analyst at a brokerage in Pakistan. Ms. Zaki has a BSc. in Economics & Finance from Queen Mary, University of London and has passed her CFA Level 1 exam.

ROUNDTABLE #7 – PROFESSOR ROSE TORRES

Professor Rose Torres has a PhD in Sociology and Equity Studies in Education and Women and Gender Studies from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) of the University of Toronto (U of T). She is a Lecturer at the Social Justice Education Department of OISE/U of T. Her teaching and research interests are in the areas of: Critical Race and Gender Studies, Transnational Feminisms, Queer Studies; Global Health, Indigenous Epistemologies, and Asian/African studies. Dr. Torres is currently working on a book that is focus on "Re-imagining Filipina Geographies in the Diaspora". It centers on re-imagining feminist development reflexively through asking: who gains out of feminism? Is feminism only for pinays? Drawing from an Indigenous, women of colour feminisms and queer of colour critique, it asks about feminist futurity and the place of Indigeneity, sexuality and womanhood in transnational movement of bodies. It seeks to create and re-create feminisms that speaks to the differences in terms of race, class, gender, ethnicity, citizenship, nationhood, sexuality, and other identity politics. The book is a poetic reconstitution of Asian imaginaries beyond provincial conception of a normal pinay. It complicates politics of negotiating boundaries in ways that comes to imagine Asian bodies as capable of circumventing Western conceptualization of broken bodies. Dr. Torres commitment to community engagement is applied in her work as an International Community Development Consultant of the Children and Relief and Rescue Foundation in Kenya and Women's and Children's Groups in the Philippines. She was the former Executive Director of ICARE Foundation International in Toronto.

ROUNDTABLE #8 – JOCELYN MACKIE

Jocelyn Mackie is Co-CEO of Grand Challenges Canada, giving leadership and oversight to all aspects of the organization's innovation platform, together with Co-CEO Karlee Silver. Prior to being appointed co-CEO, Ms. Mackie was Vice President Operations & General Counsel at GCC where she led the Finance, Operations, Legal, and Communications teams, providing leadership and oversight on the organization's operations, funder relations, deal structuring and negotiations (on grant and non-grant financing deals), financial accountability and risk mitigation management, as well as providing legal and compliance oversight. Prior to joining GCC, Ms. Mackie provided legal and strategic advice to pharmaceutical and technology companies at a boutique law firm with offices in Toronto, Washington and New York. She specialized in intellectual property law and litigation, as well as lobbying for legislative change in Washington and Ottawa. Ms. Mackie started her academic pursuits studying languages and international development, and spent time digging latrines and helping to set up a self-sustaining micro-enterprise for rural women in Honduras. Ms. Mackie has a MSc from the University of Toronto, where she jointly authored a book on ethical decision-making and corporate social responsibility in the bioscience industry. She has a JD from the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, and an honours business degree (HBA) from the Richard Ivey School of Business, University of Western Ontario. She is called to the Ontario Bar and the New York State Bar.

