
Invited Speaker Biographies

Declan Barry, PhD is a clinical psychologist and an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and in the Child Study Center at Yale School of Medicine. He is the Founding Director of the APT Foundation Pain Treatment Services, a research-based training clinic that offers interdisciplinary treatment to individuals with opioid use disorder and chronic pain. His research is currently funded by two NIH grants (1U01HL150596-01; RM1 DA055310) and is aimed at: (1) developing and evaluating treatments for patients with opioid use disorder and chronic pain and (2) examining the role of biological, psychological, and sociocultural factors in the occurrence and treatment of pain and addictions. Dr. Barry is Substance Use Disorder Section Co-editor at Pain Medicine, Pain and Addiction Co-section Editor at Current Addiction Reports, and is Associate Editor of the Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health.

Rob Calder, PhD joined the Society for the Study of Addiction (SSA) as Deputy Website Editor in November 2019 and started as the SSA's Head of Communications in April 2022. Before this, Rob worked in addiction treatment and research settings for the past 20 years. His main interest is in trying to improve how research findings are shared so that they can best help people who use drugs. As Head of Communications for the SSA, Rob works on developing new science communication strategies, as well as helping to build capacity for research and dissemination in the addiction sciences. He records several podcasts, including [Addiction Audio](#) for the journal *Addiction*. He writes for the SSA website, for example about [pub-based dissemination failures](#), about [academic posters](#), and about [pizza](#). He also talks to other people and organisations, such as the [Alcohol Health Alliance](#) and the [International Network on Health and Hepatitis in Substance Users](#). His research to date has focused on the use of online resources and the evidence-based practice in addiction treatment settings. He has also worked on research into vaping in England, and primary care interventions for homeless people. He enjoys music and running. Separately.

Louis Gautier is a freelance medical writer and editor with 4 years' experience in the scholarly publishing industry. He's currently employed as an Associate Publisher at Springer Nature for a series of open access addiction, substance use, and public health journals, but also advises on product development and society liaison. He has broad experience across the sector and has been contracted for advice on navigating open access, research integrity, plain language writing and medical communications. He's involved in publisher and editor perspectives on the use of AI in manuscript processing platforms and helps journal editors understand the nuances of AI and LLMs as the field continues to grow.

Marina Gaeta Gazzola, MD is a resident physician in the Department of Emergency Medicine at NYU Langone Health/Bellevue Hospital Center in New York, New York and a post-doctoral research associate at the APT Foundation Inc., a not-for-profit, low-barrier opioid treatment program based in New Haven, Connecticut. She is a graduate of the Yale School of Medicine and Cornell University. Her scholarship investigates the intersection of social determinants of health and opioid use disorder; language preferences and illness models surrounding substance use disorders; and emergency department-based harm reduction interventions.

Spero M. Manson, PhD (Little Shell Chippewa) is Distinguished Professor of Public Health and Psychiatry, directs the Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native Health, and occupies the Colorado Trust Chair in American Indian Health within the Colorado School of Public Health at the University of Colorado Denver's Anschutz Medical Center. Dr Manson is the Editor-in-Chief of the [American Indian and Alaska Native Mental Health Research Journal](#). His programs include 10 national centers, which pursue research, program development, training, and collaboration with 225 Native communities, spanning rural, reservation, urban, and village settings across the country. A

medical anthropologist, Dr. Manson has acquired \$268 million in sponsored research to support this work and published 300+ articles on the assessment, epidemiology, treatment, and prevention of physical, alcohol, drug, as well as mental health problems over the developmental life span of Native people. He has served on the National Advisory Councils of 3 institutes at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and recently completed a 4-year term as a member of its Advisory Committee to the Director. Dr. Manson sits on the Health Equity Advisory Committee of *Health Affairs*, and the search committee for Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. Over the course of his 45-year career, Dr. Manson has mentored more than 150 young scientists, most American Indian or Alaska Native, many of whom now occupy major positions of scientific leadership. His numerous awards include the American Public Health Association's Rema Lapouse Mental Health Epidemiology Award (1998) and Award for Lifetime Contribution to the Field of Mental Health (2019), 4 special recognition awards from the Indian Health Service (1985, 1996, 2004, 2011), election to the National Academy of Medicine (2002); 2 Distinguished Mentor Awards from the Gerontological Society of America (2006; 2007), Association of American Colleges of Medicine's Nickens Award (2006); George Foster Award for Excellence (2006) and Distinguished Career Achievement Award (2020) from the Society for Medical Anthropology, NIH Health Disparities Award for Excellence (2008), Bronislaw Malinowski Award from the Society for Applied Anthropology (2019); Centers for Disease Control Foundation's Elizabeth Fries Health Education Award (2021), and the Rhoda and Bernard Sarnat International Prize in Mental Health from the National Academy of Medicine. He is widely acknowledged as one of the nation's leading authorities in regard to Indian and Native health.

Stephanie (Steph) Pollock (she/her) is the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Lead, Journals, for APA Publishing. In this role she directs and implements EDI initiatives for the APA Journals program, working with APA governance and other groups outside of APA to improve equity and representation in science and scholarly publishing. With more than 11 years of experience in scholarly publishing and a master's degree in publishing, Steph is committed to improving equity in both the field of psychology and in the publishing industry. She is a co-author on the C4DISC [Antiracism Toolkit for Organizations](#), she serves as the education subcommittee chair for the Society for Scholarly Publishing's DEIA committee, and she is a member of the Association of American Publishers' DEI committee. She led the creation of several key EDI offerings for APA Journals, including [APA Publishing's EDI Toolkit for Journal Editors](#).

Kirsten Smith, PhD: After earning her Master's degree from the University of Kentucky and her PhD from the University of Louisville, Dr. Smith completed a 4-year postdoctoral training fellowship at the National Institute on Drug Abuse Intramural Research Program. Working in NIDA's Translational Addiction Medicine Branch, Dr. Smith began investigating real-world instances of kratom use. Before leaving NIDA, she completed a NIDA K-99 funded national ecological momentary assessment study of daily kratom use and associated laboratory pilot substudy on the acute effects of commercial kratom products among adults who use regularly. Dr. Smith is continuing her kratom research with a NIDA R00-funded laboratory study at the Johns Hopkins University Behavioral Pharmacology Research Unit as Assistant Professor.