



Building on the Fly by Design

Meeting 1 Biographies

University of Nebraska Medical Center Principal Investigators

Dr. Jocelyn Herstein

Assistant Professor, UNMC

Dr. Jocelyn Herstein is an Assistant Professor in the College of Public Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), a Scholar of the UNMC Global Center for Health Security, and Director of International Partnerships and Programs for the National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center (NETEC). Her research is in high-consequence infectious disease preparedness and management, with a focus on risk management, training, health systems strengthening, and operational and containment protocols for occupational health and safety. Dr. Herstein has provided technical expertise and conducted biopreparedness trainings on Ebola virus disease, Lassa fever, and COVID-19 for healthcare workers, public health officials, and non-healthcare worker occupational groups at high risk of infection in the US, Europe, Africa, and Southeast Asia. Jocelyn also serves as a UNMC focal point for their partnership with the World Health Organization's Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN). She is based in Switzerland.

Dr. Lauren Sauer

Associate Professor, UNMC

Lauren Sauer is an Associate Professor in the College of Public Health at UNMC and the Associate Director of Research at the UNMC Global Center for Health Security. With nearly two decades of experience in disaster and public health emergency research and education, she has deployed for over a dozen disaster responses and participated in the US Navy's humanitarian missions Continuing Promise and Pacific Partnership. For almost a decade, she served as the Assistant Director of Operations for the Johns Hopkins Go Team, working on disaster responses including Hurricane Katrina, the 2009 California Wildfires, the Haiti earthquake, the Pakistan floods, and Hurricanes Irma and Maria in the US Virgin Islands. Lauren has advised national governments, research and response networks, and nonprofit organizations on preparedness and response efforts.



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Dr. Jeffrey Freeman

Director, National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health, USU

Dr. Freeman joined USU after working at MIT Lincoln Laboratory, where he developed health innovation strategies. Previously, he was the chief strategist for Health Protection and Assurance at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, establishing key programs like the Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Program. He has extensive experience in emergency response, having worked at the CDC and Emory University. Dr. Freeman has led responses to pandemics and other health emergencies, including COVID-19, Mpox, and Ebola. He holds degrees from West Virginia University, Emory University, and Johns Hopkins University, with specialized training in disaster management and public health. As director of the National Center, he will oversee the Joint Program in Disaster Medicine and Public Health and lead the National Joint Education and Research Program in Disaster Medicine.

CAPT Clemia Anderson

NDMS Pilot Director, NCDMPH

CAPT Anderson serves as the director of the NDMS Pilot Program at the National Center for Disaster Medical and Public Health. He is a United States Navy planner with over 23 years of experience.

Dr. Kaitlin Lovett

Director of Science, NCDMPH

Kaitlin Lovett currently serves as the Director of Science at the National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health, where she leads internal and external research and implementation activities in support of civilian and military readiness for disasters and health emergencies. Previously, at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, Dr. Lovett guided the translation of data to enable situational awareness for the Nation and coordinated biosurveillance and biodefense research and development. Throughout her career, she has executed multidisciplinary solutions to improve public health and national security by drawing on experience at the bench, in the field, and across diverse teams.

Daphne Hurlock

Strategic Planner, NCDMPH

Ms. Hurlock is a skilled Strategic Planning Specialist with expertise in analysis, evaluation, and process improvement. She conducts strategic assessments, develops comprehensive plans, and defines measurable outcomes to enhance operational effectiveness. With over 19 years of military experience, Ms. Hurlock has extensive knowledge of emergency management and military operations. Her background includes managing personnel, overseeing equipment, and leading programs for aviation and medical units, ensuring effective responses to disasters and public health missions. She holds a strong educational background in emergency management, homeland security, and healthcare. Her combination of education and experience allows her to deliver strategic insights and solutions in mission-critical environments.

Michelle Kimball

Director of Special Projects, NCDMPH

Michelle Kimball is currently the Director of Special Projects at the National Center for Disaster Medicine & Public Health. She has been supporting the NDMS Pilot since its inception in 2020. Ms. Kimball has experience in public health and healthcare emergency management. She holds a Master's degree in Disaster Medicine & Management. In addition to her civilian career, Michelle has served in the US Army Reserves for over 22 years, including serving as the Plans Officer for the Puget Sound Federal Coordinating Center at Joint Base Lewis McChord.

Dr. Glen Diehl

Vice President for External Affairs, Uniformed Services University

BFD Planning Team**Nora Bambrick**

Program Evaluator, Johns Hopkins School of Nursing

Nora is a registered nurse and public health professional with 14 years of experience in the humanitarian sector. She has worked in clinical, operational, and monitoring and evaluation roles in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Central America, responding to disease outbreaks, sudden onset emergencies, and conflicts. She is currently working as a program evaluator at the John Hopkins School of Nursing, conducting research and implementing programs on Native American Reservations in Montana.

Dr. Dan Hanfling

Consultant, HN Advisors

Dan Hanfling, MD has recently left the White House where he served as the Director for Private Sector Strategic Partnerships in the Office of Pandemic Preparedness and Response. Dr. Hanfling is a board-certified emergency physician and one of the key contributors to the body of work created under the banner of the National Academy of Medicine focused on scarce resource allocation in the setting of catastrophic health emergencies. He has held numerous leadership positions in the delivery of out-of-hospital emergency care, including nearly 25 years in the urban search and rescue system, having responded to a number of significant disaster events over that time span. His interests remain focused on the intersection of health and national security, and he holds an academic appointment at George Washington University.

Dr. Dani Bassett

Professor, University of Pennsylvania

Prof. Bassett is the J. Peter Skirkanich Professor at the University of Pennsylvania, with appointments in the Departments of Bioengineering, Electrical & Systems Engineering, Physics & Astronomy, Neurology, and Psychiatry. They are also an external professor of the Santa Fe Institute. Bassett is most well-known for blending neural and systems engineering to identify fundamental mechanisms of cognition and disease

in human brain networks. Professor Dani S. Bassett's group studies the structure and function of networks, predominantly in physical and biological systems. Their interests lie in using and developing tools and theories from complex systems science, statistical mechanics, and applied mathematics to study dynamic changes in network architecture, the interaction between topological properties of networks and physical or other constraints, and the influence of network topology on signal propagation (mechanical, electrical, informational) and system function

Kat Hefter

Graduate Student, University of Pennsylvania

Kat Hefter is a PhD student mentored by Dr. Dani S. Bassett in the Complex Systems Lab at the University of Pennsylvania. Kat's research interests involve using computational methods to study sociotechnical systems. As part of her graduate work, she has been involved with multiple projects to improve the provision of health care in a hospital setting. Before beginning her PhD work, Kat earned her law degree at the University of Pennsylvania, focusing on health law and the interaction between law and technology.

Dr. James Lawler

Associate Director, International Programs & Innovation, Global Center for Health Security, UNMC

James Lawler, MD, is a Professor of Medicine in Infectious Disease at UNMC, specializing in emerging infectious diseases, pandemic preparedness, and global health. He previously held biodefense and health security policy roles in the White House under the Bush and Obama administrations and served in research positions at the US Military Research Institute for Infectious Diseases and the Naval Medical Research Center. He was also the Chief Medical Officer for the NIAID Integrated Research Facility at Fort Detrick. Dr. Lawler has extensive operational experience, including evacuating American citizens from the Diamond Princess cruise ship in Japan, responding to viral hemorrhagic fever outbreaks in sub-Saharan Africa, providing humanitarian relief on the USNS Comfort after Hurricane Katrina, and serving at the NATO Role 3 Multinational Medical Unit in Kandahar, Afghanistan. He retired from the US Navy Medical Corps in 2017 after 21 years of active service

Rachel Lookadoo, JD

Assistant Professor, UNMC

Rachel Lookadoo is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Environmental, Agricultural, and Occupational Health at the College of Public Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She also acts as the Director of Public Health Policy for the UNMC Water, Climate, and Health program. Ms. Lookadoo is an attorney, and her research focuses on the various legal issues that can arise in emergency preparedness and response. In addition to general legal preparedness, she specializes in crisis standards of care, healthcare surge events, isolation/quarantine law, infectious disease response, and public health impacts of climate change and extreme climate events. One of the primary aims of Ms. Lookadoo's work is to translate preparedness policy and research findings into practical tools and education for healthcare workers, public health practitioners, and the broader community. Ms. Lookadoo received her Juris Doctor degree from the American University Washington College of Law.

Dr. Abbey Lowe

Associate Professor, UNMC

Abbey's work focuses on ethics, health policy, and health security, particularly ethical decision-making in public health emergencies. Her research addresses the challenges of allocating scarce resources during crises and the impact of lacking consensus-driven guidance on vulnerable populations. Abbey co-led the development of crisis standards of care (CSC) planning for Nebraska, collaborating with various stakeholders to create equitable decision-making guidance. She actively presents her work on CSC at national and international forums. Abbey's scholarship also covers ethical considerations for human subjects research in public health emergencies. As chair of research ethics for the Special Pathogens Research Network, she has streamlined rapid review processes for human subjects research during crises. She developed standard operating procedures for timely Institutional Review Board (IRB) review for multisite research, crucial during the COVID-19 pandemic. Her ongoing research focuses on the effectiveness of IRB review and ethical considerations for concurrent response and research.

Dr. Lewis Robinson

Consultant

Dr. Robinson is a pulmonary and critical care physician and doctoral-trained clinical investigator whose unique combination of experiences in local and federal government, academic medicine, and hospital leadership make him an innovative leader in operational medicine. His real-life experiences span being a boots-on-the-ground responder to health tragedies, government operational leader during major events, and recently as the lead physician executive at a major referral hospital during the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the past two decades, Dr. Robinson has been a pioneer of strategy and tactics for how modern healthcare delivery systems in collaboration with government organizations can meet the critical needs of an influx of seriously ill persons during crisis events. Through his leadership roles he has fostered partnerships with experts across numerous professions and specialties to promote transformational innovation in everyday clinical care and during disasters.

Shelly Schwedhelm

Associate Director, Global Center for Health Security, UNMC

Shelly's extensive leadership experience includes emergency and perioperative services, trauma, emergency preparedness, and infectious disease including biocontainment unit operations and logistics. Shelly is the executive leader for the National Special Pathogen System and tiered system of care expansion, providing support to regions in the development of the hub-and-spoke model of support and readiness for special pathogens. She also serves as a subject matter expert for the National Emerging Special Pathogen Training and Education Center (NETEC) for the past ten years. In addition, Shelly is the primary investigator of the Region VII Disaster Health Response grant, serves as a primary investigator and subject matter expert for the Omaha NDMS pilot program, is a member of the NDMS FCC Omaha Steering Committee, and is a consultant to the emergency management program at Nebraska Medicine. Shelly serves as a member of the Omaha Metropolitan Healthcare Coalition (OMHCC) and is Chairperson of the OMHCC Board of Directors.

Katie Stern

Evaluation Specialist, Global Center for Health Security, UNMC

Katie Stern, MPH, has been an evaluation specialist at GCHS since 2021. She primarily supports the evaluation needs of the National Emerging Special Pathogens Education and Training Center.

Dr. David Zonies

Chief Medical Officer at Harborview Medical Center; UW Medicine

Dr. David Zonies is the Chief Medical Officer at Harborview Medical Center and Associate Dean of UW School of Medicine. He is an attending physician in general surgery, trauma, surgical critical care, and ECMO and has decades of experience in both military and civilian health systems.

BFD Program Team**Sophie Shea**

National Capital Region Project Manager, Global Center for Health Security, UNMC

Sophia Shea is the National Capital Region Project Manager (PM) at GCHS and supports a variety of all hazards and special pathogens projects such as the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) Pilot Program and Building on the Fly by Design. She also manages the National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center's (NETEC) Special Pathogens Research Network (SPRN), Biocontainment Unit (BCU) Leadership workgroup, and the Regional Emerging Special Pathogens Treatment Centers (RESPTCs) Regional Coordination workgroup, facilitating work on building special pathogens research infrastructure and implementation and BCU operational readiness. Sophia is also the Executive Director for Region 7's CDC Center for Public Health Preparedness and Response, which will play an essential role in advancing the uptake of evidence-based strategies and interventions across communities and enhancing their ability to prepare for and respond to public health threats.

Lauryn Burbridge

Project Manager, Global Center for Health Security, UNMC

Lauryn Burbridge brings over ten years of experience in emergency medical services as a nationally registered emergency medical technician (EMT). In addition to her EMT role, she has served as a patient care technician with the Nebraska Biocontainment Unit for five years and has taught as an adjunct instructor for the NDMS Isolation, Simulation, and Quarantine Course. Lauryn also teaches CPR, First Aid, and EMT courses as an adjunct faculty member.

Karina Morales

Administrative Associate, Global Center for Health Security, UNMC

Karina Morales is actively contributing to UNMC by supporting the Region 7 CDC Center for Public Health Preparedness and Response, Region VII Disaster Health Response Ecosystem grant, NDMS Pilot projects and Training, Simulation, and Quarantine Center (TSQC) programs.

Natasha Fields

Project Manager, Global Center for Health Security, UNMC

Natasha Fields is a Project Manager with the GCHS at UNMC and a UNO graduate student in Computer Science with a concentration in Artificial Intelligence. She previously worked at UNMC to develop and formalize the single IRB (sIRB) program, implement and refine the OnCore Clinical Trial Management System (CTMS), coordinate oncology network and consortium clinical trials, process regulatory submissions for diverse clinical research studies, and design, perform, and analyze humanized mouse and in vitro experiments in an HIV-focused research lab. Natasha holds both a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from UNO.

Stephanie Zechmann

Operational Readiness Consultation Coordinator, Nebraska Medicine

Stephanie joined Nebraska Medicine in 2011. She joined The National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center (NETEC) in 2017. In her role as a Consultation Coordinator at NETEC, Stephanie plays a pivotal role in collaborating closely with NETEC, Regional Emerging Special Pathogen Treatment Centers (RESPTC) and other healthcare facilities, including EMS to drive operational readiness related to special pathogens. Stephanie's role within the Readiness Consultation and Targeted Support Services branch of NETEC encompasses relationship building, outreach, and empowering the healthcare facilities with NETEC resources that aligns with their need. She is integral in ensuring seamless collaboration across NETEC, RESPTC, and other healthcare facilities requesting readiness services from NETEC. Within her role in NETEC and a member of Global Center for Health Security at UNMC, Stephanie works closely with activity directors, program managers, marketing/outreach coordinators, and principal investigators to drive the strategic vision of the organization, collaborating with national and international colleagues in advancement of planning and preparation to respond to special pathogens events.

University of Nebraska System / University of Nebraska Medical Center / Global Center for Health Security Leadership

Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold

President, University of Nebraska

Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold became the ninth president of the University of Nebraska System on July 1, 2024. He leads a four-campus system with nearly 50,000 students and 16,000 faculty and staff, operating on a \$3 billion annual budget. Previously, he was the chancellor of the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and board chair for Nebraska Medicine Health System. Dr. Gold has held numerous leadership roles, including Provost and Executive Vice President of the University of Nebraska System. He has authored over 200 peer-reviewed manuscripts and 40 books and chapters. Dr. Gold holds degrees from Cornell University and Weill Cornell College of Medicine, with extensive training in surgery. He is certified in adult and pediatric cardiac surgery and licensed in multiple states. Dr. Gold is also active in economic development and national professional committees. He has been married for over forty years and has two children and two grandchildren.

Dr. H. Dele Davies

Interim Chancellor, University of Nebraska Medical Center

H. Dele Davies, MD, is the interim chancellor of the University of Nebraska Medical Center, responsible for campus leadership, program quality, and operations. He oversees six colleges, a graduate studies program, two degree-granting institutes, and more than 6,000 faculty and staff, along with 4,500 health professions students. Dr. Davies joined UNMC in 2012 as vice chancellor and was promoted to senior vice chancellor in 2017. He has championed initiatives for student, faculty, and staff development, growing UNMC's rural health programs and community outreach. Dr. Davies has received numerous awards for his research, teaching, mentorship, and community service. He earned his medical degree and master's degrees in epidemiology and health care management from the University of Toronto and Harvard School of Public Health. His research focuses on infectious diseases, particularly perinatal infections caused by Group A and B streptococcus, supported by over \$24 million in funding.

Dr. Chris Kratochvil

Interim Vice President for External Relations, UNMC & Senior Advisor, Global Center for Health Security

Chris Kratochvil, M.D., is the Interim Vice President for External Relations at the University of Nebraska System and Vice Chancellor of External Relations at UNMC. He oversees communications, event planning, marketing, branding, and government relations. Kratochvil is the Senior Advisor to the Global Center for Health Security and the Inaugural Distinguished Chair for the Global Center for Health Security. He is a Fellow of the National Strategic Research Institute and a Core Competency Advisor for Medical Defense against Weapons of Mass Destruction. As Medical Director of UNeHealth, he supports commercial clinical research. Kratochvil co-leads the ASPR National Center for Health Security and Biopreparedness and previously co-led NETEC. He is a member of the Nebraska Biocontainment Unit leadership team and served as Chair of the Big Ten Task Force for Emerging Infectious Diseases. Dr. Kratochvil earned his M.D. from Creighton University and completed residencies at Duke University Medical Center.

Dr. John-Martin Lowe

Professor, UNMC; Director, Global Center for Health Security

John-Martin Lowe, PhD, is the Director of the Global Center for Health Security, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Health Security Training and Education, and a Professor of Environmental, Agricultural, and Occupational Health at UNMC. He leads research and training initiatives on environmental risk assessment and infection control for high-consequence pathogens. Dr. Lowe, a virologist and environmental exposure scientist, has worked extensively in infectious disease risk management, infection control, and emergency response across the U.S., Africa, Asia, and Europe. He co-leads the U.S. National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center and established an international network for emerging infectious diseases. Dr. Lowe played a key role in the U.S. COVID-19 response, leading efforts at the National Quarantine Unit and Nebraska Biocontainment Unit. He has co-authored numerous scientific papers and book chapters and provided infection prevention consultations in over 23 countries across various industries, including healthcare, food production, hospitality, finance, and insurance.

Rachel Prudhomme

Associate Director, Global Center for Health Security, UNMC

Rachel is the Associate Director of Business and Finance for GCHS. Rachel and her team are responsible for the financial management, including pre and post award for a portfolio of more than \$20 million in awards. Rachel is an integral part of the business development and strategy for GCHS. She has worked on multiple health security programs and initiatives including the Special Pathogens Research Network (SPRN), the National Emerging Special Pathogen Training and Education Center (NETEC), the National Infection Control Strengthening Initiative (NICS), the Regional Disaster Health Response System (RESPTC), and various COVID-19 response activities. Additionally, Rachel is a Program Director for NETEC and is an integral leader who helps manage the budget, finances and daily operations.

BFD Planning Workshop Participants**Teresa Acero-White**

Exercise Program Manager, Office of the Secretary of Transportation - U.S. DOT

Teresa Acero-White is an emergency manager with the Office of Security, Intelligence, and Emergency Response at the U.S. Department of Transportation. In this role, she focuses on enhancing emergency preparedness across U.S. DOT administrations through exercise development. Her work provides opportunities to collaborate with a wide range of organizations and stakeholders to strengthen response capabilities

Shaun Allen

Operations Capabilities Branch Chief, FEMA/Response Operations

Shaun Allen serves as Chief of the Operations Capabilities Branch for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). In this role, he is responsible for the strategic oversight and implementation of national-level operational capabilities to support federal emergency management activities. This includes FEMA's Operations Cadre response personnel, National Emergency Evacuation Contracts, FEMA's Air Operations Program, Mission Assignment Program, and FEMA's Crisis Management System.

Dr. Michael Anderson

Senior Advisor, NCDMPH

Dr. Michael Anderson is a Pediatric ICU physician and serves as a Senior Advisor on Pediatrics to HHS ASPR.

Chris Brown

Director, Division of Emergency Operations, CDC

Chris Brown is the Director of the Division of Emergency Operations at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He oversees the agency's comprehensive public health emergency management program,

including the Emergency Operations Center, at the agency's headquarters in Atlanta, GA. He holds a PhD in biodefense and MPH with concentrations in biostatistics and epidemiology.

CMSgt Suzane Buttery

Operations Manager, U.S. Air Force Medical Operations Center

Chief Master Sergeant Suzanne M. Buttery is currently on temporary assignment as the manager of current operations at the Air Force Medical Operations Center, Pentagon, Washington D.C. Her primary duty is as the Senior Enlisted Leader at the 911th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station, Pennsylvania.

COL Joseph Catalino

ICMOP Lead, Office of the Command Surgeon

Colonel Joseph Catalino Jr. is the Reserve Deputy Command Surgeon, United States Transportation Command, where he leads a 43-person joint team providing patient movement management supporting all combatant commands in the DoD's 24/7/365-day worldwide patient movement centers for our injured and ill. Col. Catalino is currently on active duty at United States Northern Command where he is the lead planner for the Integrated Continental United States Medical Operations Plan in the Office of the Command Surgeon. Col Catalino commanded the 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Westover Air Reserve Base, MA, and the 919th Special Operations Medical Squadron, Duke Field, FL.

Tonya Ehlert

Medical Planner, USTRANSCOM SG

Tonya Ehlert serves as a medical planner for USTRANSCOM Surgeon General, lead planner for NORTHCOM's Integrated CONUS Medical Operations Plan planning and TRANSCOM's CONUS Patient Distribution Plan planning.

Stuart Evenhaugen

Director of Policy Analysis and Evaluation, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs

Stu Evenhaugen has a varied background in developing strategy and policy documents as well as analysis to support risk-informed decision-making in the fields of public health, homeland security, and defense. Recently, he joined the Department of Defense's Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs as the Director of Policy Analysis and Evaluation. Stu previously held roles at HHS's Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) as the Acting Director of their Strategy Division and as Senior Risk Analyst in the Department of Homeland Security's HQ and the National Risk Management Center.

Larry Fletcher

Deputy Director, U.S Public Health Service

Larry Fletcher currently serves as the Deputy Director for Strategic Operations, Readiness, and Deployment for the US Public Health Service.

CDR Jessica Fox

HHS ASPR Liaison, USINDOPACOM

CDR Jessica Fox serves as the U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Senior Advisor and Liaison to U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM). She previously served as the Chief of Pharmacy of the DiLorenzo Pentagon Health Clinic, as a Senior Public Health Analyst in the Health Resources and Services Administration HIV/AIDS Bureau, and as a Senior Regulatory Review Officer in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Office of Prescription Drug Promotion. She completed three deployments in response to COVID-19, Ebola, and the Unaccompanied Children crisis and four temporary duty assignments with the Indian Health Service. CDR Fox earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Rutgers University, a Master of Business Administration degree, and a Graduate Certificate in Leadership from Champlain College, and has attained HIV, Public Health, and Regulatory Affairs certifications.

Andrew Goodrich

Deputy Director, U.S. Army, OTSG

Andrew Goodrich serves as the Deputy Director for the Army NDMS program, Deputy Chief for Army EMS, Interagency LNO, and Deputy Division Chief for Mission Assurance & Protection.

LCDR Brandon Hermansen

Deputy Command Surgeon, U.S. Strategic Command

LCDR Hermansen is a US Navy Medical Planner with 22 years of operational and planning experience in the Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Joint, NATO, and coalition environments. He holds two masters degrees; Military Strategy from the US Naval War College and an MBA from the University of Utah. Born in Utah, and raised in Colorado, LCDR Hermansen considers the Rocky Mountains home. He enjoys the outdoors all year round, from skiing, hiking, camping, and golfing to watching his kids various sporting events, or just enjoying a hot dog at the baseball game! He is married with two teenaged daughters and a dog, and currently resides in Papillion, Nebraska.

Dr. Richard Hunt

Senior Medical Advisor, Office of Health Care Readiness, ASPR/HHS

Dr. Hunt is Senior Medical Advisor for the Office of Health Care Readiness at the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. He was the National Security Council Staff's Director for Medical Preparedness Policy at The White House from 2013-2015 where he played a critical role in the Ebola response and led the Stop the Bleed initiative. He

was Director of the Division of Injury Response at CDC's Injury Center and Professor and Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at SUNY Upstate Medical University. He is a Past President of the National Association of EMS Physicians. He is the recipient of the 2022 American College of Emergency Physicians James D. Mills Outstanding Contribution to Emergency Medicine Award.

Joseph Lamana

Director, Office of International Operations, HHS/ASPR

Mr. Lamana is the Director of the Office of International Operations within the Administration of Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR). In his current position, he oversees ASPR's international engagements focused on emergency medical response operations and the deployment of ASPR resources internationally. He also serves as the U.S. Government delegate and the Vice Chair to NATO's Joint Health Group, a committee committed to developing civilian medical emergency preparedness and response activities within member nations. He was previously assigned as the Director of Readiness and the Director of Operations Divisions within ASPR, responsible for ASPR's healthcare preparedness and medical response to disasters and emergency operations. Additionally, Mr. Lamana served as the National Patient Movement Coordinator in ASPR for more than nine years. He has a thorough knowledge of civilian-military health partnerships and international medical engagements from 21-plus years of military service in the U.S. Air Force and Navy.

Brennan Leddy

External Engagements Coordinator, HHS/ASPR, Office of Medical Reserve Corps

Brennan Leddy currently serves as the External Engagements Coordinator for the Office of Medical Reserve Corps (OMRC) within HHS's Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response. In this role, she fosters communication, identifies opportunities for collaboration, and improves partnerships with healthcare, public health, and emergency response stakeholders. She also serves as an MRC State, Territory, and Tribal Nations, Representative Organizations for Next Generation (MRC-STTRONG) Grant Program Project Officer, providing guidance and technical assistance to a portfolio of STTRONG grant awardees. In her previous role, Brennan supported program analyst, public affairs, and communications initiatives for the MRC.

Erik Lowe

Director, Compliance & Adjudication, Department of Commerce, Office of ICTS

Stephen Mounts

Air Force Deputy Surgeon General, HQ Air Force

Stephen ("Steve") M. Mounts is a member of the Senior Executive Service and serves as the Deputy Surgeon General, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Falls Church, Virginia. He is the first SES leader and the most senior civilian serving in support of the Air Force Medical Service. In this role, he reports directly to the Air Force and Space Force Surgeon General in support of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Air Force Chief of Staff, the Space Force Chief of Space Operations and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs on matters pertaining to all medical aspects of the air expeditionary force and the health of

Airmen and Guardians. Mr. Mounts provides guidance and expertise to significantly influence a more than \$50 billion Military Health System portfolio and oversees the performance of a 44,000-person integrated healthcare delivery and readiness system serving 2.6 million beneficiaries at 76 installations worldwide.

Sarah Muir-Paulik

Health Lead, DOT Secretary's Office of Intelligence, Security, and Emergency Response

LCDR Robert Murray

Deputy Program Manager, DARPA

LCDR Robert L. Murray joined DARPA as a deputy program manager in August 2024. His interests include advancing innovation in medical triage, point-of-injury trauma care, and warfighter performance and protection. Before arriving at DARPA, Murray served as the deputy director of modernization with III Marine Expeditionary Force in Okinawa, Japan, and is an assistant professor in the Department of Military and Emergency Medicine at the Uniformed Services University. Murray is a member of the American Physiological Society and the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. Murray holds a bachelor's degree in zoology from North Carolina State University, a master's degree in biology from the University of Nebraska-Kearney, and a doctorate in physiology from the University of Maryland. He is a graduate of the Navy Command and Staff College, and his personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Glen Reedy

Regional Emergency Manager, VHA Office of Emergency Management

Glenn Reedy serves as a Regional Emergency Manager for the Veterans Health Administration Office of Emergency Management. He is responsible for managing 14 Area Emergency Managers located throughout Veterans Integrated Service Networks 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23, which includes FEMA Regions VII, VIII, IX, and X. Glenn is a retired US Air Force officer and F-16 pilot. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering from San Diego State University and a Master of Science degree in Aerospace Science from Embry-Riddle Air University.

Daniel Reynolds

Director of Medical Preparedness, Department of Defense - Health Affairs

Daniel Reynolds serves as Director of Medical Preparedness, forming policies, positions, and recommendations to enable the Military Health System to integrate with VA and NDMS civilian medical facilities to have an interagency response to care for military casualties.

LCDR Jamla Rizek

Executive Assistant, Office of the Surgeon General

Jamla Rizek is a seasoned Senior Clinical Nurse with over 15 years of experience in emergency nursing, disaster response, and public health preparedness. She currently serves as the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Surgeon General, contributing to strategic health initiatives and disaster readiness. She holds certifications as a Certified Emergency Nurse, Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse, and National Healthcare Disaster Professional, among others. Jamla earned an MBA and MSN and is completing her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). Recognized as the 2024 Nurse Responder of the Year, she has also earned humanitarian awards for her service. A champion for cultural resilience and community health, Jamla mentors junior officers and leads training programs to strengthen disaster preparedness and response worldwide.

Joshua Robinson

Wargame Analyst, USSTRATCOM

Joshua Robinson is a retired Marine Corps intelligence officer with a background in operations and planning to include incident response in CBRNE environments.

Adam Robinson

Director, VA Pacific Islands Health Care System, Department of Veterans Affairs

36TH SG US Navy VADM, MC (USN-Retired) Vice Admiral (RET) Adam M. Robinson, Jr. has served a historic career in military medicine, with over thirty-eight years in the United States Navy. His service culminated in his selection as the first African American Surgeon General, where he was responsible for leading a team of over 63,000 Navy Medicine personnel in more than 220 healthcare facilities located worldwide. His stalwart dedication and leadership continue in his current role as the Director of the VA Pacific Islands Health Care System, overseeing health care services for the Veteran population throughout the Pacific Islands. Vice Admiral (RET) Robinson has also been a champion of social justice and has distinguished himself with exceptional service in the medical field and beyond. His commitment, leadership, and sustained exemplary work has had a notably restorative impact in every community and agency he has served.

COL Elizabeth Schnaubelt

Director, C-STARS Omaha, USAF School of Aerospace Medicine, C-STARS Omaha

Colonel (Dr.) Elizabeth R. Schnaubelt is the Director, Center for Sustainment of Trauma and Readiness Skills (C-STARS) Omaha, En Route Care Training Department, United States Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, 711th Human Performance Wing. As director, she leads 15 personnel assigned to C-STARS Omaha located at the University of Nebraska Medical Center / Nebraska Medicine to develop biocontainment care training for Air Force and other uniformed medical personnel. In this role, Colonel Schnaubelt provides consultation to Air Mobility Command and Air Combat Command on safe and effective care and transport of patients affected by high-consequence infectious diseases. She is a Scholar of the Global Center for Health Security, a member of the Nebraska Biocontainment Unit and National Quarantine Unit teams, and a clinical assistant professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases at UNMC.

CDR Sean Stuart

Command Surgeon, Joint Task Force - Civil Support

CDR Stuart is the command surgeon for Joint Task Force – Civil Support, the DoD’s no-notice, all-hazards response command. He is board certified in emergency medicine physician, fellowship trained in austere and wilderness medicine, holds a Master's in Defense and Strategic Studies, and is an Associate Professor of Military and Emergency Medicine at the Uniformed Services University. His expertise is in operational medicine, focusing on the training and deployment of medical forces in combat operations. An avid researcher and educator, CDR Stuart has contributed to numerous professional publications and presentations, earned numerous leadership and academic awards, and held significant national and state leadership roles, including president of the American College of Emergency Physicians- Government Services chapter.

Jesse Tafoya

Senior Strategic Medical Planner, Senior Strategic Medical Planner

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