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**Fatima Angeles, MPH** is vice president of programs at The California Wellness Foundation. She is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Grants Program Department, which includes oversight of Cal Wellness' grant making. She was appointed to her current position in July 2014, after serving as interim vice president for 11 months. Angeles joined Cal Wellness as a program director in February 1998 and became the director of evaluation and organizational learning in 2006. Before joining Cal Wellness, she was a program associate at the Hasbro Children's Foundation in New York City and an advisory committee member for Cal Wellness' Children and Youth Community Health Initiative. She earned her master's degree in public health from Columbia University and her bachelor's degree in biology, with a minor in Asian American Studies, from the University of California, Berkeley.



**Theresa Anselmo, MPH, BSDH, RDH** graduated from the University of Colorado School of Dentistry with a Bachelor's of Science in Dental Hygiene. She spent 11 years in clinical practice, working in general dentistry and periodontal specialty practices. Theresa turned her attention to public health in 2002 when she joined the Colorado Department of Public Health as the Oral Health Program Manager. She was promoted to Colorado's State Dental Director in 2008, a position that enhanced her experience in program design, implementation, and evaluation. During the next three years she completed her Master's Degree in Public Health at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University. Theresa came to California in 2011 where she worked for the County of San Luis Obispo as the Oral Health Program Manager. This position allowed her to return to direct preventive practice, while at the same time concentrating in community-based public health. In addition to her emphasis in surveillance and evaluation, Theresa has also focused on policy and systems change. She began working for the Center for Oral Health in February of 2015 as the Manager, Public Health Programs where she oversees the Oral Health Needs Assessment for Older Adults in California and Early Smiles Program in San Bernardino County.

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**Conrado Bárzaga, MD** is the Executive Director of the Center for Oral Health, a California based nonprofit research and professional education institute. Dr. Bárzaga is an internationally recognized public health leader with nearly 20 years of progressively important positions with organizations addressing healthcare issues. He has served in top leadership positions for the Los Angeles County Commission on Children and Families First Proposition 10 (First 5 LA), Planned Parenthood, and Sacred Heart University's Area Health Education Center. He is a member of the Senior Dental Leadership group at The Global Children's Dental Fund at King's College London and Harvard University, and a Coro fellow. Prior to his appointment to the Executive Director position with Center for Oral Health, Dr. Bárzaga directed the Health Investments for the Los Angeles First 5 Commission and helped develop the Los Angeles Oral Health Needs Assessment of Underprivileged Children, the Oral Health and Nutrition Initiative, The First 5 Association's Oral Health Peer Learning Collaborative, the Baby-Friendly Hospital initiative, and the Community Water Fluoridation of Los Angeles County.

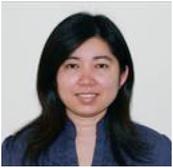


**Mary Foley, RDH, MPH** is the executive director of the Medicaid-CHIP State Dental Association in Washington, DC. The goal of this organization is to ensure that those insured by Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) receive quality oral health care. Until 2009, Ms. Foley was an associate professor of dental hygiene and the dean of the Forsyth School of Dental Hygiene at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS). Ms. Foley is a dental hygienist with a master's degree in public health from the University of Massachusetts School of Public Health and Health Policy. Prior to joining MCPHS, Ms. Foley was the director of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health, and the Region 1 Head Start Oral Health Consultant. In 2005, she was named a fellow by the Bureau of Health Professions Primary Care Policy Fellowship. Ms. Foley is a nationally recognized speaker and expert in program planning and implementation, community oral health, and evidence-based preventive services. In her most recent role, Ms. Foley led a national campaign for the Children's Dental Health Project in Washington, DC, titled Improving Perinatal and Infant Oral Health. In addition, Ms. Foley has served as an advisor to the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, National Network for Oral Health Access, National Business Group on Health, American Bar Association, Health Foundation of South Florida, New York State and California Health Departments, Health Law Advocates, and Catalyst Institute of Massachusetts.

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**Steven Friedrichsen, DDS** joined WesternU as the Associate Dean of Patient Care and Clinical Curriculum in January of 2010 and was named Dean on July 1, 2011. Dr. Friedrichsen graduated from Seattle University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology, was awarded his Doctor of Dental Surgery from Northwestern University and completed the hospital based General Dentistry Residency program at the University of Chicago. Prior to joining Western University's College of Dental Medicine, Dr. Friedrichsen was Dean, Creighton University Medical Center School of Dentistry, and Special Assistant to the University President for Healthcare Strategies. He also served for over twenty years as Chairman, Department of Dental Sciences and Director, Idaho Dental Education Program at Idaho State University. Throughout most of his career, Dr. Friedrichsen has been a clinician-educator; owning and managing an active general dentistry practice while maintaining his teaching and administrative responsibilities.



**Phuu Hann, PhD** received her dental degree, Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) from Institute of Dental Medicine, Yangon, Myanmar in 2001 and did one year internship at the Institute of Dental Medicine and Sanpya General Hospital in Yangon, Myanmar. She was then awarded a full scholarship from Japanese Government for her graduate studies at Okayama University, Japan. Dr. Han's PhD studies focused on basic molecular research and surgical oral pathology. Her research was on benign and malignant tumors of the oral cavity for which she received her PhD in Oral Sciences. Dr. Han has published several research articles and case reports in Peer-review international journals, and has lectured and presented her research findings at various professional meetings and conferences. She then attended the two years Orofacial Pain and Oral Medicine Residency Program at USC Ostrow School of Dentistry. She got her certificate of completion from the residency program and her American board of Orofacial Pain board certification in 2009. Dr. Han pursued another 2 years clinical study in Advanced Standing Program for International Dentist at USC and awarded the DDS degree in May, 2012. She is now serving as a clinical faculty at the Ostrow School of Dentistry at USC. Dr. Han also gives continual education courses on Geriatric Pharmacology, Common Oral Lesions and Conditions in AIDS patients and lectures on dental treatment modifications necessary for patients with complex medical conditions.

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**Michael J. Helgeson, DDS** is Chief Executive Officer of Apple Tree Dental, an innovative nonprofit organization that operates six programs in Minnesota with a staff of over 160. Apple Tree's clinics and mobile dental offices create year-round dental homes in collaboration with more than 130 Head Start Centers, schools, group homes, and nursing facilities in both urban and rural areas. Apple Tree's model is called "community collaborative practice" and it has been replicated successfully in North Carolina and Louisiana and has received recognition from the Surgeon General, the American Dental Association, Oral Health America and the Robert Wood Johnson and Kellogg Foundations. Dr. Helgeson's educational background includes completing B.S. and D.D.S. degrees, followed by a two-year post-graduate program in geriatric dentistry, and a mini-MBA program in nonprofit management. Dr. Helgeson has served as past presidents of both the American Society for Geriatric Dentistry and the Special Care Dentistry Association and serves as a member of the American Dental Association's National Elder Care Advisory Committee. Dr. Helgeson has lectured widely, including lectures at the American Dental Association, the National Oral Health Conference, the Mayo Clinic, and at dental schools in the United States and Canada.



**Joel Laudenbach, DMD** earned his DMD from the University of Pennsylvania (1998) and completed the general practice residency program at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (1999). From 2002 – 2004, Dr. Laudenbach completed residency/fellowship in oral medicine and geriatric dentistry at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Laudenbach is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral Medicine and the President of the Southern California Academy of Oral Pathology. Current appointments include: Western University of Health Sciences and Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. He maintains a private oral medicine referral practice in Beverly Hills, California and is a guest editor for the Journal of the California Dental Association.

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**Mary Lopez, PhD, RN, OCN** is the Associate Dean and Director of the RN to MSN Program for the College of Graduate Nursing at Western University of Health Sciences. She has practiced in a variety of nursing settings over the past 25+ years including critical care, medical-surgical, administration, clinical staff development, and education. Mary received her Associate Degree in Nursing at Pasadena City College, Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Cal State Fullerton, Master of Science in Nursing at Cal State Los Angeles, and PhD at Azusa Pacific University. She has been teaching second career students since 2004 in both pre-licensure and graduate levels. She is certified as a public health nurse, legal nurse consultant, and has an advanced practice certification as a Clinical Nurse Specialist. Dr. Lopez research interests include translational research, simulation, and health care in vulnerable populations in the Latino community. She is currently researching how nursing students learn in interprofessional settings and a National Faculty Teaching Awards Reviewer and Judge with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.



**Peter Lockhart, DDS**, a native of Massachusetts, graduated from University of North Carolina School of Dentistry. After completing a two-year General Practice Residency (GPR) at Medical Center Hospital of Vermont, he joined the faculty at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston where he directed the GPR program, practiced general dentistry and oral medicine, and conducted clinical research for 10 years. He was Chairman of the Department of Oral Medicine at Carolinas Medical Center, in Charlotte, NC for 26 years, where he is now Professor of Oral Medicine focusing on clinical research. He holds Fellowship diplomas from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, and the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, for whom he is a Regional Advisor for North America. He has a variety of research interests in oral medicine, particularly the dental management of medically complex patients. He has had funding for bacteremia research for 25 years, most recently a 5-year NIDCR\NIH R01 study concerning associations between oral disease and infective endocarditis. Since 2004, he has been the American Dental Association liaison to the American Heart Association's Committee on Rheumatic Fever, Endocarditis, and Kawasaki Disease. He also served on recent multidisciplinary Writing Committees on prophylaxis guidelines for patients with prosthetic joints. He has over 130 textbook chapters and peer reviewed journal articles and he is the editor of the textbook, Oral Medicine and Medically Complex Patients.

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**Tina Meyer**, DHS, MS, PA-C, Assistant Dean of Assessment and Strategic Collaborations; Chair, Department of Health Sciences; Associate Professor, Western University of Health Sciences, College of Allied Health Professions. Dr. Meyer is a Physician Assistant with expertise in the areas of internal medicine, geriatrics, and neuromuscular rehabilitation. She earned a master's degree in Health Professions Education in 2005 and a Doctor of Health Science degree in 2009 where she studied global health delivery systems. Dr. Meyer served as the Governor's Appointee to the California Medical Board from 2003-2008. She is an active member of the core team at Western U that designs, implements and assesses Interprofessional Education, and has presented at multiple national and international conferences exploring interprofessional medical education paradigm. Her areas of research include a) the assessment of testamentary capacity for persons with cognitive impairment who have been abused, b) the impact of Gen Y and Gen 1.5 on health professions education, c) community-based participatory research in the development of health communities, and d) the implications of Interprofessional Education (IPE) on Interprofessional Practice (IPP).



**Roseann Mulligan**, DDS, MS is the Director of the Online Programs in Geriatric Dentistry, Charles M. Goldstein Professor of Community Dentistry, Associate Dean for Community Health Programs and Hospital Affairs, Chair of the Division of Dental Public Health and Pediatric Dentistry, Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC, Professor, USC Davis School of Gerontology, Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America, Fellow of the Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities, Diplomate of the American Board of Special Care Dentistry. Dr. Mulligan received her DDS degree from the UCLA School of Dentistry and her MS degree from the USC Davis School of Gerontology. She completed her general practice residency certification at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. Dr. Mulligan is an expert in dental care for special needs patients, the elderly and persons with disabilities. Dr. Mulligan's administrative duties include oversight of all of the Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC's Community Health programs. Dr. Mulligan is past President, Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disability, the American Society for Geriatric Dentistry, the Special Care Dentistry Association and the Geriatric Oral Research Group of the American Association of Dental Research. Dr. Mulligan has served as the Editor of the Journal of Special Care Dentistry and has written over 100 research articles, review papers, chapters or editorials. The Special Care Dentistry Association recognized and honored Dr. Mulligan as the 2014 Saul Kamen Award winner for her exemplary leadership and contributions to the advancement of oral healthcare for persons with special needs. This award is named after Dr. Saul Kamen, a dentist who devoted his career to improving oral healthcare for individuals of all ages with special needs.

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**Parish P. Sedghizadeh**, DDS, MS is a tenure-track assistant professor at the University of Southern California, Ostrow School of Dentistry, and director of the USC Center for Biofilms. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in biology from UCLA, and his Doctorate of Dental Surgery from USC. After his doctorate, he pursued specialty training in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at Ohio State University, where he also attained a Master of Science degree in oral biology and fellowship status in the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. Dr. Sedghizadeh is currently a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. He conducts research, publishes, consults and teaches as a maxillofacial pathologist with an active clinical practice at USC. Dr. Sedghizadeh has over 60 peer-reviewed publications, and his research laboratory, clinical practice and clinical research projects at USC currently focus on the characterization and treatment of head and neck pathology and microbial biofilm infections affecting the head and neck, particularly jaw osteomyelitis and osteonecrosis.



**Harold Slavkin**, DDS is presently Professor and Dean Emeritus from the University of Southern California (USC). Previously, he served as Dean for the School of Dentistry at USC (2000 thru 2008), Director of the NIDCR at the NIH (1995-2000) where he provided leadership for the first-time ever Surgeon Generals Report "Oral Health in America," and earlier as the Director for the Center for Craniofacial Molecular Biology (CCMB) at USC (1989-1995). He has written or edited 11 books, authored 430 scientific papers, and produced and wrote the PBS "A Lifetime of Change." He is a member of the CDA, ADA, LADS and is a member of the IOM and a fellow in the AAAS.



**Sue Spackman**, DDS has fused practice and education in general and geriatric dentistry while achieving certificates and fellowships in geriatric dentistry and medicine, teaching, implant dentistry and evidence-based dentistry. Her teaching and clinical practice includes work at USC, UCLA and now Loma Linda University. At Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, under the leadership of Dr. Ron Dailey, her goal is to expand the curriculum in Aging and Oral Care in the inter-professional team clinical setting including the societal needs related to oral conditions that promote optimal quality of life in aging.

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**Piedad Suarez Durall**, DDS received her Doctoral Dental Degree from Universidad de Costa Rica, San Jose Costa Rica. She had a private practice in Costa Rica for 15 years before moving to the United States to begin a certificate program in Orofacial Pain and Oral Medicine at the Ostrow School of Dentistry in 2004. After completing this dual program in 2006, she immediately became faculty at Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of the University of Southern California. She currently serves as an Associate Professor of Clinical Dentistry and as the Section Chair of Geriatrics and Special Patient in the Division of Dental Public Health and Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Suarez Durall is also a Co-Director of the Special Patient Clinic at the University of Southern California Ostrow School of Dentistry. Dr. Suarez is also a member Oral Health Advisory Group of the Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center. For few years she was a member of the University of Southern California Geriatric Assessment Project (GAP), which was an inter-professional group that provided assessment to older adults in five different areas. She has lectures locally and internationally on a variety of topics related to the oral health needs of the medically compromised and geriatric populations. She has published in those areas as well.



**Fernando M. Torres-Gil**, MSW, PhD has a multifaceted career spanning the academic, professional, and policy arenas. He is a Professor of Social Welfare and Public Policy at UCLA, Director of the UCLA Center for Policy Research on Aging and an Adjunct Professor of Gerontology at USC. He also has served as Acting Dean and Associate Dean at the UCLA School of Public Affairs, and most recently Chair of the Social Welfare Department. He has written six books and over 100 publications, including *The New Aging: Politics and Change in America* (1992) and *Aging, Health and Longevity in the Mexican-Origin Population* (2012). His academic contributions have earned him membership in the prestigious Academies of Public Administration, Gerontology and Social Insurance. His research spans the important topics of health and long-term care, disability, entitlement reform, and the politics of aging.

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**Beth Truett**, M. Div, BS is President and Chief Executive Officer of Oral Health America (OHA), an organization dedicated to improving the oral health of all Americans by connecting communities to resources to improve access to care, to educate people about the importance of oral health to overall health, and to advocate for policies to further oral health equity. Truett came to OHA in September 2008 with significant corporate and non-profit leadership experience, serving previously as the Executive Director of Chicago Lights, a community outreach organization that annually serves 7,000 Chicagoans who face the challenges of aging, poverty, access to education and healthcare. At OHA and Chicago Lights Truett has worked to craft strategies designed to increase visibility, resources and collaborative programming.



**Richard Valachovic**, DMD, MPH is the President and CEO of the American Dental Education Association and President of the ADEAGies Foundation. Prior to joining ADEA, he served on the faculty of the dental schools at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine and the University of Connecticut. He is pediatric dentist whose research focuses on clinical decision analysis. He earned his B.S. from St. Lawrence University; his D.M.D from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine; and the Masters in Public Health degree and the Master of Science degree in health policy and management from the Harvard School of Public Health.



**William Vega**, PhD is a Provost Professor at the University of Southern California with appointments in social work, preventive medicine, psychiatry, family medicine, psychology and gerontology. He is also the Executive Director of the USC Edward R. Roybal Institute on Aging at USC and an Emeritus Professor in Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley. An elected member of the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Medicine. Vega has conducted community and clinical research projects on health, mental health and substance abuse throughout the United States and in Latin America. His specialty is multi-cultural research with adolescents and adults — work that has been funded by multiple public and private sources. He has published more than 190 articles and chapters, and several books. In 2006, the ISI Web of Science listed him in the top half of one percent of the most highly cited researchers worldwide in social science literature over two decades, and Research Gate lists Vega at the 98th percentile in research impact worldwide. He is the recipient of many awards including the Community, Culture and Prevention Science Award from the Society for Prevention Research, the Award of Excellence in Research by a Senior Scientist from the National Hispanic Science Network, and the Rema Lapouse Award Lecture from the Mental Health, Epidemiology, and Statistics Sections of the American Public Health Association.