

Caleb J. Banta-Green, PhD, MPH, MSW

Senior Research Scientist, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute

Affiliate Associate Professor, School of Public Health, University of Washington

Education:

- BA, Biology, University of California, Santa Cruz
- MSW, Social Work, University of Washington
- MPH, Public Health, University of Washington
- PhD, Public Health, University of Washington



Research Interests:

- Epidemiological measures of drug use in rural and urban settings
- Development of novel drug epidemiology surveillance tools
- Drug-caused morbidity and mortality e.g. drugged driving, drug overdoses
- Youth abuse of prescription drugs
- Health services research -- prescription opiate use patterns among chronic pain patients, Prescription Drug Monitoring Program analyses
- Drug treatment outcomes -- impact of access to treatment and drug use characteristics
- Public health law research
- Opiate overdose prevention and intervention -- individual and community level

Selected Activities:

- Senior Science Advisor, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, July-December 2012.
- Numerous interviews for news organizations on selected topics of expertise:
 - Drug trends in Seattle/King County: [Seattle Times, 7/15/2007](#); [Seattle Times, 6/8/2011](#).
 - Prescription-type opiates: **Newspaper:** [Take action to prevent fatal overdoses from heroin, prescription opiates, Seattle Times, 4/18/2012](#); **TV and Radio:** ["Prescription for Abuse"](#) KCTS documentary, 1/2012, with [supplementary material](#); ["Overdose Antidote Could Save Lives"](#), KOUW, 5/14/2012; ["The Complexity of Treating Chronic Pain"](#), KUOW,

3/8/2007; "[The Rise Of Prescription Drug Related Deaths in King County](#)",
KUOW, 8/1/ 2007.

- Measuring community drug use in wastewater: [KPLU, July 15, 2007](#); [Altnet.org, 1/15/2010](#); [NPR, 7/11/2011](#)
- Technical Editor, [Assessing Drug Abuse Within and Across Communities](#), Community Epidemiology Surveillance Networks on Drug Abuse (2nd Edition), NIDA, 2006. (pub. no. 06-3614)
- Reviewer, American Journal of Public Health (2010-present); Addiction (2010-present); Drug and Alcohol Dependence (2008-present); Clinical Journal of Pain, (2008-present); Environmental Science & Technology (2007); Contemporary Clinical Trials (2009)

Bonnie Bizzell, MBA, MEd

*Family Advisor, Patient and Family Advisory Council
Foundation for Health Care Quality*

In three short consecutive years, each of Bonnie Bizzell's close family members experienced a traumatic medical event. Her brother, at age 34 and diagnosed with Crohn's, had part of his intestine removed. Her father suffered a heart-attack which resulted in an emergency quadruple bypass surgery. And, in 2006, her mother's biopsied brain tumor was identified as non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Experiences in the different hospitals varied greatly for the family: sometimes there was disregard for their needs; sometimes there was incredible attention and responsiveness. Often the two ends of the spectrum occurred within hours of each other in the same hospital. But, when care and caring happened simultaneously, the results were powerful.



Inspired by her personal encounters and family's history, Bonnie joined the University of Washington Medical Center's Inpatient Patient and Family Centered Care (IPFCC) Advisory Council in 2007 as a family advisor. During her tenure, the IPFCC council's accomplishments include ensuring documents are patient and family friendly, participating in charge nurse education, transforming the meal delivery system to include on-demand menu options, and creating a staff training video about the voice of the patient (that she's featured in!). In September 2013, Bonnie was honored to attend the day-long HealthPact Forum; in November, she joined its Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC). Energized by the trends in healthcare, Bonnie is excited by PFAC's transition into the Foundation for Health Care Quality and the opportunities it brings to widen the audience for patient and family centered care.

Professionally, Bonnie brings to over ten years of operations management experience to the group with expertise in process evaluation, continuous improvement, organizational development, team building, communications, and strategic and event planning. She holds a MBA in Change Management as well as a Master of Education. For fun, she likes to throw glamorous dinner parties, listen to old radio detective shows, and watch cartoons with her husband.

Paul Buehrens, MD

Medical Director, Evergreen Health Partners

Dr. Paul Buehrens has practiced full-time for 33 years in family medicine at the Lakeshore Clinic in Kirkland, WA. Of those years, 29 of them have been spent as the clinic's Medical Director. Previously serving as chairman of the Puget Sound Family Physicians, Dr. Buehrens spearheaded the use of innovative technology for the group.



Dedicated to improving healthcare, Dr. Buehrens has served as the president and chairman of the Northwest Medical Group Alliance since 2011. He is a member of both the Washington Health Alliance and Medical Staff Council of Evergreen Healthcare and advises hospital administration on community healthcare needs. He has been recognized as a "Top Doc" in Family Medicine by Seattle Magazine and has been awarded recognition by the National Committee for Quality Assurance/American Diabetes Association Diabetes Physician Recognition Program.

Having been especially involved on the regional level, Dr. Buehrens' expertise is in the intersection of healthcare practice and policy. He is truly an advocate for excellent family care. In this effort, he held positions as vice president of the Northwest Medical Group Alliance for 15 years, another 15 years as medical director of LakeVue Gardens Convalescent Center, five years as medical director of the Cascade Vista Convalescent Center, four years as assistant secretary-treasurer of Washington Academy of Family Physicians and has been an executive committee member of the King County Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. Buehrens received his BA in Biochemistry from Harvard University and his medical degree from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. He completed his internship and residency at the Medical University of South Carolina. He is Board Certified in Family Practice. In addition to being an avid outdoorsman, Dr. Buehrens enjoys spending his free time listening to many types of music, reading, fishing, traveling, and working out at his athletic club.

Byron D. Joyner, MD, MPA

*Professor and Program Director, Department of Urology, Associate Dean for GME
University of Washington School of Medicine*

Education Philosophy

Dr. Joyner's passion is learning of and designing better ways to improve graduate medical education (GME). He is responsible for the core curriculum and competency-based training of the urology residents at the University of Washington. He also serves as the Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and is in charge of the educational learning environment for over 1280 residents and fellows in 96 different training programs at the same institution.

His training in the **UW Teaching Scholar's program** has allowed him to create new approaches to teaching trainees about interpersonal and communication skills and professionalism. In fact, his efforts have been rewarded with the 2005 **Julian S. Ansell Teaching award**. Besides the more than 70 scientific articles he has published, he has written some of the seminal articles for urology in the field of graduate medical education and continues to champion better ways to improve doctors and doctoring. He was honored with the coveted **Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award** in 2011. He participated in and assisted in the publication of the **2011 Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation Atlanta Conference** "Ensuring an Effective Physician Workforce for the United States." In January 2014, he was named one of the top 10 Medical Educators in the US by *Black Health Magazine*.



Education & Training

Dr. Joyner graduated from Princeton University and received his medical degree from Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts. He completed his residency at the Massachusetts General Hospital and then performed a research fellowship at the Boston Children's Hospital. He had an additional 2 years of pediatric and reconstructive urology training at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada. He has been on faculty at the Seattle Children's Hospital since 2001 following a 4-year commitment in the US Army where he was chief of pediatric urology at Madigan Army Medical Center. In 2009, he received a Master in Public Administration, which he felt organized many of his principles of executive leadership in medical education.

Present Responsibilities

As the Associate Dean for GME at the University of Washington, he continues to be a change agent in founding and being the executive sponsor for a two specialty groups to assist trainees in learning about themselves and the world in which they live, the UW House staff Quality & Safety Council (HQSC) and the UW Network for Underrepresented Residents & Fellows (NURF). Dr. Joyner is the director for GME Learning Gateway, Life After Residency, GME Research Day and GME Grand Rounds. He has been the co-chair of the American Urological Educational Meeting for Program Directors & Chairs for the last 3 years. He is involved with involved in many national urology educational meetings and has recently been admitted to the Urology Residency Review Committee at the ACGME.

Research Interests

Besides his interest in resident and fellow education, Dr. Joyner has interests in clinical research related to voiding dysfunction and urinary tract infections in children. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Surgeons. He is an active member of many urological societies including the American Urological Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Society of University Urologists, and the American College of Surgeons.

Honors

- 2014: Named one of top 10 Medical Educators in the US by *Black Health Magazine*
- 2013: Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, University of Washington
- 2011: Golden Humanism Award, Arnold P. Gold Foundation
- 2011: Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Parker Palmer Courage to Teach Award
- 2010: Madison Who's Who, Seattle's Best Doctors (Pediatric Urology)
- 2009: Excellence in Service Award
- 2008: Seattle's Best Doctors (Pediatric Urology)
- 2008: America's Top Surgeons (Pediatric Urology)
- 2005: Dr. Julian Ansell Resident Teaching Award from Department of Urology
- 2004: Teaching Scholar's Program, University of Washington

Stephen E. Lovell

Patient Advisor

*Patient and Family Advisory Council
Foundation for Health Care Quality*

Mr. Lovell has over 30 years of corporate experience in a variety of industries including aviation, transportation, environmental consulting, and oil and gas. He recently retired from Alaska Airlines and has been working with and advising several organizations including the Seattle Cancer Alliance, Foundation for Health Care Quality, National Park Service, and Washington State Historical Society. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master's Degree from Texas A&M University.



Mr. Lovell was diagnosed with a myelodysplastic syndrome and underwent a successful stem cell transplant in 2010. Upon completing treatment, he has worked tirelessly to ensure the patient perspective is represented in our health care system. Mr. Lovell works cooperatively with providers and clinical staff to evaluate and identify issues and assist in arriving at solutions that ultimately serve providers, clinical staff, and patients on an equal basis.

Mr. Lovell is currently Co-Chair of the Patient and Family Advisory Council, Seattle Cancer Care Alliance; Advisor on the Patient and Family Advisory Council, Foundation for Health Care Quality; and the Patient Representative on the Action Planning Subcommittee, Washington Patient Safety Coalition.

Blake T. Maresh, MPA, CMBE

*Executive Director, Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery
Washington State Department of Health*

Blake has served as Executive Director with the Washington State Department of Health since November 2004. During his tenure, he has had responsibility for the Osteopathic, Podiatric, Naturopathic, Physical Therapy, Nursing Home Administrator, Massage, and Denturist Boards, the Dental and Medical Commissions, as well as many Secretary Professions. He currently oversees the administration of 13 health professions programs representing over 50,000 credential holders.



Blake served on the Board of Directors of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) from 2012-2014. In that role, he served on a number of committees and workgroups, including the Planning, Awards, and Audit Committees, and the CAI/Board Metrics Workgroup. He was also the Board liaison for the FSMB Uniform Application program, and he served on the FSMB Advisory Council of Board Executives from 2007-2014. Since 2012, he has been a leader in the exploration and development of an interstate compact for physician licensure. He served as a co-chair of a June 2013 FSMB compact workgroup meeting with participants from across the country, and was a member of the team that drafted the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

Between 2006 and 2014, Blake participated on the Board of Directors of Administrators in Medicine (AIM), an organization of medical and osteopathic board executives from across the US. He was elected Vice President of AIM in 2008, and he served as President of the organization from 2009 to 2012.

He has been a Certified Medical Board Executive since April 2009. In 2014 he was honored with AIM's Doug Cerf Executive Director's Award. This award may be given annually to an individual "in recognition of outstanding contributions on a national or state basis to improve the quality of standards for medical practice in the United States and territories."

Blake received his BA at the University of Puget Sound as a Coolidge Otis Chapman Honors Scholar. After receiving his Masters in Public Administration from the University of Washington-Evans School of Public Affairs as a Brewster C. Denny Fellow, Blake started his state service as a Governor's Executive Fellow in 1993. He worked in several progressive analytic and management roles with the State of Washington for 11 years before joining DOH.

William M. Sage, MD, JD

*James R. Dougherty Chair for Faculty Excellence
University of Texas Law School*

Education

- JD Stanford
- MD Stanford
- AB Harvard

A.B., Harvard, 1982; M.D., J.D., Stanford, 1988. Docteur h.c., Université Paris Descartes, 2011. Note editor, *Stanford Law Review*. Areas of teaching are health law, regulatory theory, antitrust, and professional responsibility. Visiting professor of law Yale 2013, Harvard 2007, Duke 2001. Vice provost for health affairs, UT Austin 2006-13. Taught at Columbia Law School 1995-2006. Associate, O'Melveny & Myers, Los Angeles, 1990-95. President's Task Force on Health Care Reform, 1993. Resident in anesthesiology and critical care medicine, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, 1989-90. Intern, Mercy Hospital and Medical Center, San Diego, 1988-89.



Member, Institute of Medicine; Member, The Academy of Medicine, Engineering, and Science of Texas; Fellow, Hastings Center on bioethics. Board member, ChangeLab Solutions. Vice chair, Children's Optimal Health. Serves on the editorial board of *Health Affairs*. Serves on the Code Red Task Force on the uninsured in Texas. Principal investigator, The Pew Charitable Trusts Project on Medical Liability in Pennsylvania, 2002-05. Served on the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Rapid Advances in Health Care, 2002. Received Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator Award in Health Policy Research, 1998.

Co-editor, *Medical Malpractice and the U.S. Health Care System* (Cambridge University Press, 2006), *Uncertain Times: Kenneth Arrow and the Changing Economics of Health Care* (Duke University Press, 2003). Articles include: "Regulating through Information: Disclosure Laws and American Health Care," *Columbia Law Review* (1999); "Antitrust, Health Care Quality, and the Courts," *Columbia Law Review* (with Hammer, 2002); "Medical Liability and Patient Safety," *Health Affairs* (2003); "The Impact of Malpractice Reforms on the Supply of Physician Services," *JAMA* (with Kessler and Becker, 2005); "Some Principles Require Principals: Why Banning 'Conflicts of Interest' Won't Solve Incentive Problems in Biomedical Research," *Texas Law Review* (2007); "Legislating Delivery System Reform: A 30,000 ft. view of the 800 lb. gorilla," *Health Affairs* (2007);

"Combating Antimicrobial Resistance: Regulatory Strategies and Institutional Capacity," *Tulane Law Review* (with Hyman, 2010); and "Getting the Product Right: How Competition Policy Can Improve Health Care Markets," *Health Affairs* (2014).

Randy Simmons

*Deputy Director
Washington State Liquor Control Board*

Randy Simmons has been with the Washington State Liquor Control Board since March of 2002 when he was appointed as the Director of the Finance Division. In 2005, the Finance and IT divisions were combined into the Administrative Services Division under his leadership. In 2006 Randy received the Governor's Award for Leadership in Management for implementation of risk management practices that reduced over \$400,000 a biennium in cost to the agency. In July of 2013, Randy was named Deputy Director of the agency.



Mr. Simmons was appointed in March 2002, after serving for 18 months in a management position at General Administration. Prior to this he spent 23 years in a private company in Olympia, beginning his career as a pension actuary and then holding positions in both finance and marketing.

Randy's educational background includes a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Accounting from St. Martin's College and post-graduate work in Entrepreneurial Studies at Babson College and in Management Science at The American College. He holds the following professional designations, CLU, FLMI, and LLIF.

Randy's off work activities are dominated by his grandchildren and spending time with Linda, his wife of 39 years. He also enjoys golf, local football teams, reading and an obsession with playing piano.

Molly Voris, MPH

Director of Policy Washington State Health Benefit Exchange

Molly Voris is the Director of Policy for the Washington Health Benefit Exchange. Molly leads the planning and policy development process for the HBE, which includes developing policy options and recommendations for the Exchange Board, running various Board and stakeholder committees, and decision-making within the operational build of the Exchange. In this capacity, Molly works closely with the Governor's office, state legislators, federal partners, and key organizations throughout the state to move toward a collaborative and robust exchange.

Prior to the Exchange, Molly was a program director at the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices where she oversaw the health reform implementation portfolio. She was responsible for developing meetings, publications and other activities for governors' health reform leads. She also created state-to-state learning opportunities in Medicaid, private insurance and delivery system reform. Prior to NGA, Molly focused on Medicare policy issues at the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Molly has a Master's degree in public health from the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. She holds Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and Spanish from the College of Charleston in South Carolina.



Augustus A. White, III, M.D., Ph.D.

Ellen and Melvin Gordon Distinguished Professor of Medical Education, Culturally Competent Care Education Program, Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Harvard Medical School (HMS)

Dr. Augustus A. White is a scientist who has distinguished himself on several fronts, most notably orthopaedics. He was the Orthopedic Surgeon-in-Chief at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston for thirteen years. Today he is the Ellen and Melvin Gordon Distinguished Professor of Medical Education, Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at Harvard Medical School and former Professor of the Harvard/MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology. He was born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee. After growing up in the Jim Crow-era South, Dr. White went on to become the first African American graduate of Stanford University's medical school, the first African-American resident and surgery professor at Yale and later the first black department head at Harvard's teaching hospitals. Seeing Patients draws on both original research and Dr. White's own experiences to examine how care is affected by the unconscious prejudice of providers.



After serving in the U.S. Army Medical Corps from 1966-1968, Dr. White studied at the Karolinska Institute in Sweden, obtaining his PhD in orthopedic biomechanics in 1970. There, he met his wife Anita, with whom he has three adult daughters.

Dr. White returned to Yale in 1970, where he joined the faculty as an assistant professor of orthopedic surgery, and was subsequently made director of the Engineering Laboratory for Musculoskeletal Disease—a currently operating laboratory, which he had a leadership role in founding. During his years at Yale, Dr. White was instrumental in efforts to accept and train women and minorities in orthopedic surgery. While actively promoting diversity at Yale and Harvard, Dr. White also supported diversity efforts at his alma mater, Brown University. He also advocated for diversity while serving as a board member of Zimmer Holdings, Inc.

White has served as a mentor to Harvard medical students as a former master of the Oliver Wendell Holmes Society, an organization committed to the promotion and support of the academic and professional development of Harvard's medical students through a system of academic advising and enrichment programs. In addition to his mentoring work, White

dedicates much of his life to diversity-related issues. He is a founding member and founding president of the J. Robert Gladden Orthopedic Society, a multicultural organization dedicated to advancing excellent musculoskeletal care for all patients, with particular attention to underserved groups. White also served as the inaugural chairman of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Society (AAOS) Diversity Committee.

Dr. White's accomplishments began in 1966 during the Vietnam War. As a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, he cared for patients in a Vietnamese leper colony, volunteered for a medical rescue mission on a non-secured mountainside, and provided a year of hard, dedicated orthopedic care for the troops. For all of these activities, Dr. White was awarded the Bronze Star. Since then, Dr. White has received various awards honoring his character, his distinguished career and his commitment to diversity in medicine. These include the 2006 AAOS Diversity Award. The honor recognizes AAOS fellows who have significantly contributed to the advancement of diversity in orthopaedics through the recruiting, mentoring and leadership of minority and women orthopedists, and the treatment of diverse patient populations. Dr. White is an internationally known, widely published authority on biomechanics of the spine, fracture healing, and surgical and non-surgical care of the spine. He has authored or coauthored more than 250 scientific and clinical publications including chapters, books, and articles. He published in January 2011, with David Chanoff, a book titled "Seeing Patients: Unconscious Bias in Health Care", a memoir on his life and a lifelong project that began when he served in the Army as a surgeon during the Vietnam War.

Those who know Dr. White say he remains unassuming; a leader who consistently shares credit or passes it on to someone else.

John Wiesman, Dr.PH, M.P.H.

Secretary, Washington State Department of Health

John Wiesman, Dr.PH, MPH was appointed secretary of health by Governor Jay Inslee and joined the Department of Health in April 2013. He's an accomplished transformational leader with more than 22 years of local public health experience.

John has been passionate about public health since reading a 1983 Time magazine article about disease detectives tracking Legionnaires' Disease, toxic shock syndrome, and HIV. It was the impetus for him to enter the profession.

He has worked in four local public health departments in Washington and Connecticut. He started his public health career in Connecticut in 1986 and was in its first group trained to provide HIV counseling and testing. During his career John has:

- Transformed health departments from providing individual clinical services to implementing policies, systems and environmental changes that make healthy choices easier and less expensive.
- Partnered with a community clinic to provide integrated primary care and behavioral health.
- Transformed Clark County Public Health into a first responder organization.

Currently, John serves as an adjunct assistant professor at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Global Public Health, Health Policy and Management. He also serves as a clinical professor at the University of Washington, School of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

He earned his doctor of public health (Dr.PH) in public health executive leadership in 2012 from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. He received his master of public health (MPH) in chronic disease epidemiology from Yale University in 1987 and his bachelor of arts (BA) in biology from Lawrence University in Wisconsin in 1983.

John was born and raised in Wisconsin. He and his husband have lived in Washington State since 1989.

