



**Candidates for the 2017 Election**  
(terms begin January 1, 2018)

**President-Elect**

*Duties of the President-Elect include appointing a Program Chair (or co-Chairs) to organize the conference during the year in which s/he will serve as President and appointing members of standing and ad-hoc committees. The incumbent becomes President upon completion of a one-year term, and Past President in the following year. The President provides strategic leadership for, and represents, the Association, supervises the Executive Director, presides at meetings, and ensures that IAPHS business is transacted in accordance with policies and directives approved by the Board of Directors. The Past President chairs the Nominations Committee.*

**Lisa Berkman, PhD**

- Thomas D. Cabot Professor of Public Policy, Epidemiology, and Global Health and Population
- Director, PHD Program in Population Health Sciences
- T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University
- Director, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, Harvard University
- Discipline: Epidemiology

**Biographical Sketch:**

Dr. Berkman is an internationally-recognized social epidemiologist whose work focuses extensively on social and policy influences on health outcomes. Her research has been oriented towards understanding inequalities in health related to socioeconomic status and social networks, support and isolation. Her recent work seeks to identify reasons for diverging trends in mortality among women in the United States. Berkman has devoted much of her work to understanding determinants of population health by comparing European countries with the U.S. Berkman also currently leads the Health and Aging Longitudinal Study in an INDEPTH community in South Africa (HAALSI), a sister study to the Health and Retirement Study in the United States.

Dr. Berkman is a member of National Academy of Medicine and Past President of the Association for Population Centers and Society for Epidemiologic Research. She has authored several books and over 200 publications and edited *Social Epidemiology* (with Kawachi and Glymour), the first textbook on the topic, and *Neighborhoods and Health* (with Ichiro Kawachi). She has served on numerous editorial boards, review panels and advisory committees.

Dr. Berkman directs the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies and the PhD Program in Population Health Sciences at T.H. Chan. From 1995 – 2008, she was Chair, Department of Society,

Human Development and Health at the Harvard School of Public Health. She also previously directed the Division of Chronic Disease Epidemiology at Yale University.

Dr. Berkman received a bachelor's degree in sociology from Northwestern University, and a master's degree and doctorate in epidemiology from the University of California, Berkeley. For more information, see: <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/lisa-berkman/>

### **Ana V. Diez Roux, MD, PhD, MPH**

- Dean and Distinguished University Professor of Epidemiology
- Dornsife School of Public Health, Drexel University
- Discipline: Epidemiology & Medicine

#### Biographical Sketch:

Dr. Diez Roux is internationally known for her research on the social determinants of population health and the study of how neighborhoods affect health. Her work on neighborhood health effects has been highly influential in the policy debate on population health and its determinants. Her research areas include social epidemiology and health disparities, environmental health effects, urban health, psychosocial factors in health, cardiovascular disease epidemiology, and the use of multilevel methods. Recent areas of work include social environment-gene interactions and the use of complex systems approaches in population health. She has led large NIH and foundation funded research and training programs in the United States and in collaboration with various institutions in Latin America. She currently serves as Principal Investigator of the SALURBAL (Urban Health in Latin America) project, an international research network on urbanization and health funded by the Wellcome Trust.

Dr. Diez Roux has served on numerous editorial boards, review panels and advisory committees. Honors include the Wade Hampton Frost Award for her contributions to public health (American Public Health Association) and membership in the National Academy of Medicine.

Originally trained as a pediatrician in her native Buenos Aires, she completed public health training at the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health. She has served on the faculties of Columbia University and the University of Michigan, where she was Chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Director of the Center for Social Epidemiology and Population Health at the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

Website: <http://drexel.edu/dornsife/academics/faculty/Ana%20Diez%20Roux/>

## **Board Members**

*We will elect one Board member for each of the four positions below. The Board is the legally required group that holds responsibility for the organization and acts on behalf of its constituents. It provides overall leadership and strategic direction to IAPHS, and meets by conference call on a monthly basis to conduct the business of the organization.*

### **Position 1 (3 –year term)**

#### **Sanne Magnan MD, PhD**

- Senior Fellow, HealthPartners Institute
- Adjunct Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of Minnesota
- Discipline: Medicine and Public Health Practice

#### Biographical Sketch:

Sanne Magnan MD, PhD is co-chair of the Roundtable on Population Health Improvement of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine. She is the former President and CEO of the Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI) (2006-2007; 2011-2016). In 2007, she was appointed Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Health by Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty. She served from 2007 to 2010 and had significant responsibility for implementation of Minnesota’s 2008 health reform legislation.

Dr. Magnan was a staff physician at the Tuberculosis Clinic at St. Paul - Ramsey County Department of Public Health (2002-2015). She was a member of the Population-based Payment Model Workgroup of the Healthcare Payment Learning and Action Network (2015-2016) and a member of the CMS Multisector Collaboration Measure Development Technical Expert Panel (2016).

She served on the boards of MN Community Measurement, and NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center, a FQHC and part of Hennepin Health. Currently, she is a Senior Fellow with HealthPartners Institute, adjunct assistant professor of medicine at the University of Minnesota and a member of Epic’s Population Health Steering Board. Dr. Magnan holds a M.D. and a Ph.D. in medicinal chemistry from the University of Minnesota, and is a board-certified internist.

#### Website:

[http://www.nationalacademies.org/hmd/Activities/PublicHealth/PopulationHealthImprovementRT/Member\\_Profiles/Sanne\\_Magnan.aspx](http://www.nationalacademies.org/hmd/Activities/PublicHealth/PopulationHealthImprovementRT/Member_Profiles/Sanne_Magnan.aspx)

#### **Joshua M. Sharfstein, MD**

- Associate Dean, Public Health Practice & Training
- Professor of the Practice
- Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- Discipline: Public health

#### Biographical Sketch:

Joshua Sharfstein, MD is the Associate Dean, Public Health Practice & Training and Professor of the Practice in the Department of Health Policy and Management at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He also serves as the Inaugural Director of the Bloomberg American Health Initiative. Previously, he served as the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Principal Deputy Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as Commissioner of Health for Baltimore City, and as health policy advisor for Congressman Henry A. Waxman.

Dr. Sharfstein is a member of the National Academies of Science and Medicine, the National Academy of Public Administration, and the editorial board of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. Dr. Sharfstein holds a M.D. from Harvard University and is board-certified in pediatrics.

Website: <https://www.jhsph.edu/faculty/directory/profile/1781/joshua-m-sharfstein>

### **Position 2 (3 –year term)**

#### **Allison E. Aiello, MS, PhD**

- Professor of Epidemiology, Social Epidemiology Program Leader, Carolina Population Center Fellow
- University of North Carolina, Gillings School of Global Public Health, Chapel Hill, NC
- Discipline: Epidemiology

#### Biographical Sketch:

Dr. Aiello is Professor of Epidemiology at the University of North Carolina (UNC) Gillings School of Global Public Health, where she leads the Social Epidemiology Program, is a fellow at the Carolina Population Center, and on the advisory board of the Center for Health Equity Research. Prior to joining UNC, Dr. Aiello spent 10 years on faculty at the University of Michigan in the Center for Social Epidemiology and Population Health, where she began her academic career as a Cohort 1- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholar. Dr. Aiello's research integrates concepts from both sociological and biological sciences to develop unifying research approaches for addressing complex health questions across the life course. She has a long-standing interest in health equity research and the integration of biomarkers in social science research. Dr. Aiello has published over 150 journal articles and has written several book chapters. Starting in Fall 2017, in collaboration with Dr. Robert Hummer, she will co-lead a new NIH T32 training program entitled "From Biological to Social Processes: Interdisciplinary Training in Life Course Research," which will train PhD students and Post-docs in conducting research that crosses disciplinary boundaries to produce novel integrative research in population health.

Website: <http://www.aielloresearchgroup.org>

#### **Gina S. Lovasi, PhD**

- Urban Health Collaborative Co-Director
- Dornsife Associate Professor of Urban Health
- Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health
- Discipline: Epidemiology

### Biographical Sketch:

Originally trained as a cardiovascular epidemiologist, I am now better described as a social epidemiologist. Or, perhaps as an epidemiologist who likes to learn alongside colleagues with social science expertise. I am engaged in using longitudinal spatial data and emerging statistical approaches, aspiring to shift urban health research toward more convincing, cohesive, efficient and actionable knowledge generation. I am particularly interested in how policies and urban infrastructure influence health and health equity. I am excited to see IAPHS continue guiding development of population health research and relevant partnerships. I bring to IAPHS a track record of service that includes serving as a peer-reviewer and on editorial boards of the American Journal of Preventative Medicine and Journal of Urban Health, and as associate editor for the American Journal of Epidemiology.

I grew up on the west coast, where I studied Ecology, Behavior and Evolution as an undergraduate at UCLA, and Epidemiology as a graduate student at University of Washington. I came to the east coast as part of the RWJF Health & Society Scholars program in 2006. I joined Drexel University in 2016, following 10 years at Columbia University. I have a 7-year-old daughter and live in Wynnewood, PA (near Philadelphia).

Website: <http://drexel.edu/dornsife/UrbanHealthCollaborative/>

### **Position 3 (3 –year term)**

#### **James Broesch, PhD**

- Director, Strategy and Public Health Planning, Organization: Vancouver Coastal Health Authority
- Discipline: Population Health / Anthropology

### Biographical Sketch:

James Broesch is the Director of Strategy and Public Health Planning at Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH), in British Columbia, Canada. Vancouver Coastal Health is responsible for delivering health care services and improving the health of the entire population living within its geographical coverage area, and James contributes to that mandate through work with the Public Health Program. James's responsibilities include evaluating and summarizing evidence to inform key policy decisions, providing leadership and direction for strategic and operational projects within the Public Health Program, and managing a team of policy consultants who work with municipalities and community groups to develop and implement healthy public policy. James holds a PhD in Anthropology from Emory University as well as postdoctoral training in Population Health at the University of Wisconsin, as a Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar, and University of British Columbia at the Centre for Clinical Epidemiology and Evaluation. His academic background primarily focused on examining and measuring the transmission of culture and its impact on health.

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**Jason Houle, PhD**

- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Dartmouth College
- Discipline: Sociology

## Biographical Sketch:

Jason Houle is a Sociologist and Demographer interested in social disparities in mental health and well-being, social stratification and mobility, and how these processes play out across the life course. Much of his current work focuses on the causes and consequences of rising household indebtedness, with a focus on social inequality, health and mental health. His recent work has been published in such outlets as The American Journal of Public Health, Pediatrics, The American Journal of Epidemiology, Social Science & Medicine, Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health, Social Science Research, and Social Problems, among others. He received his PhD in Sociology and Demography from The Pennsylvania State University in 2011, and was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholar at the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 2011-2013. He joined the faculty at Dartmouth College as an Assistant Professor of Sociology in July 2013. For additional information, please visit [www.jnhoule.org](http://www.jnhoule.org)

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**Student Position (2-year term)**

*The student Board member represents the interests of students on the Board.*

**Allen Mallory, MS**

- Doctoral Student and NICHD Pre-doctoral Trainee at the Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin
- Discipline: Human Development and Family Sciences

## Biographical Sketch:

Allen Mallory is a second year Ph.D. student in the department of Human Development and Family Sciences at the University of Texas at Austin where he was recently selected to receive the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Predoctoral Trainee Fellowship at the University of Texas Population Research Center. He also received honorable mention for the 2017 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship. He obtained his masters degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from the Kansas State University. His past work focused on risk markers for intimate partner violence. This work has been published in Trauma, Violence, Abuse, Aggression and Violent Behavior, and Family Relations. Currently, his research focuses on identifying modifiable factors that can be targeted for intervention to improve the health of sexual minorities. In addition, he focuses on examining how intersections of discrimination and identities (e.g. race and gender) influence health disparities among sexual minorities. He has presented some of this work at the 2017 Population Association of America annual conference. During his masters degree he served as his cohort's representative at faculty meetings and was elected to be co-student representative for the students in his Ph.D. program at faculty meetings in the upcoming academic year.

Website: <http://sites.utexas.edu/sogi/our-team/allen-mallory/>

### **Maayan Simckes, MPH, PhD Candidate**

- Research Assistant, Department of Epidemiology, University of Washington
- Discipline: Epidemiology

#### Biographical Sketch:

Maayan is a PhD candidate in the Department of Epidemiology at the University of Washington. Maayan's current research focuses on social and injury epidemiology. Her dissertation examines the nexus of public health and law enforcement, and the role of law enforcement practices and policies on deaths associated with police interaction in the community. Her interdisciplinary research involves collaboration with experts from epidemiology, sociology, criminology, law, and social justice. She has also recently published on the subject of adolescent bullying and gun access.

In addition to her research interests, Maayan has a long-standing commitment to the practice of public health. She currently serves as a research assistant to the Student Epidemic Action Leaders (SEAL) Team, for which she has conducted curriculum development and trained graduate students to work in public health practice. Prior to pursuing her PhD, Maayan spent two years as a CDC/CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellow with Multnomah County Health Department in Portland, Oregon, where she specialized in both communicable disease and substance abuse epidemiology. She received her Masters in Public Health in Epidemiology from the Saint Louis University College for Public Health and Social Justice and her BA in community health and psychology from Tufts University.

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