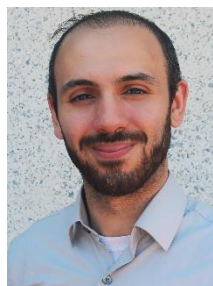




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2020-2021 Cohort Bio Sketches



Awab Al-Rawe
Oregon Health Authority

Awab Al-Rawe was born in Baghdad, Iraq. Prior to leaving Iraq as a refugee, he lived, studied, and worked in multiple cities across the Middle East. After graduating high school, he volunteered with the UN and Red Cross/Crescent in Syria such providing interpretation for other refugees. Al-Rawe earned his B.A. from the University of Oregon (UO) in International Relations and Diplomacy and his M.S. from the UO School of Law in Conflict and Dispute Resolution. During his studies, Al-Rawe had multiple positions such as consultant, program administrator, and academic advisor. He also served as the President of the Arab Student Union where he initiated several community engagement and dialogue campaigns with local residents, businesses, and organizations. He was awarded the MLK Jr. Award for leading a Jewish-Muslim dialogue program. Al-Rawe's recent work experience included working with the Department of Human Services as a family coach and an ombudsman where he investigated complaints from constituents regarding state DHS programs. Shortly after, he was recruited by the Eugene Police Department to serve as the first non-citizen Police Officer in the history of the department. Due to trauma and cultural barriers, Al-Rawe returned to state service in 2019 as an Ombudsperson with the Oregon Health Authority where he currently serves.



Shelagh Baird
Samaritan Health Services

Shelagh Baird is the Community Health Improvement Program Specialist for Samaritan Health Services in Lincoln County. She came to this position circuitously: she earned her undergraduate degree in Politics and Journalism at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and upon graduating, promptly set sail as a deck hand, fisherman, and Medical Person In Charge on the NOAA Ship Miller Freeman. Shelagh's first-hand experiences with the challenges of providing medical care and promoting preventive health in extreme environments lead her to a career in public health. After spending two years supporting oceanographic fisheries research and serving as the shipboard Medical Person in Charge in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands, she rejoined the landlubbers and studied Community-Oriented Public Health Practice and International Health at the University of Washington. In the nearly 15 years since earning her Master of Public Health, Shelagh has worked in international health, coordinating operations research that supported the Mozambican Ministry of Health in rolling out HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment programs, as a health care analyst in health metrics development and evaluation, as an independent reviewer for a large, national Institutional Review Board, and has broad experience conducting needs assessments, collecting and analyzing qualitative data, developing grants, and writing and editing professional copy. Shelagh has lived and worked in communities across the country and in several foreign countries, which has given her a strong appreciation for diversity of race, culture, and beliefs; she is excited to participate in the DELTA program to strengthen her understanding of equity and inclusion, and to take new skills back to her community to improve health and equity for its most vulnerable people. Shelagh is also a mother to two perfectly rambunctious and sweet young sons, Declan and Ewan, and is married to Dan, a senior commissioned

officer in the NOAA Corps. After many years of crisscrossing the country, she is delighted to be back in the Pacific Northwest, and loves the myriad opportunities this beautiful region provides to introduce her boys to new hiking trails, sea life, and amateur mushroom hunting.



Floranda Berglund
Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest

Floranda is an enrolled tribal member of the Navajo Nation, born and raised on the Navajo Nation reservation before attending Anthem College where she received her Billing and Coding certificate in 2012. Floranda is **To'aheedliinii** from (the Water Flows Together Clan), born for the **Haltsooi** (Meadow People Clan), Maternal grandparents are the **'Ashiichi** (Salt People Clan) and Paternal grandparent are from the **Kinyaa'áanii** (The Towering House clan). Floranda is employed with the NARA NW for over 10 years where she began her career working in the Child Develop Center prior to accepting the Oregon Health Plan Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Connecting Kids grant position in 2017 and currently an OHP outreach community partner at NARA NW.

Floranda works for NARA NW because she lives and believes in the mission of this organization. She is capable of working independently and in a team. Her skills include listening to team members, offering innovative ideas and solutions, using humor, compassionate engagement, and is open to new ideas. Floranda and family currently live in Beaverton, OR.



Danell Boggs
Tillamook County Community Health Center

Danell holds a master's degree in Social Work from Portland State University and she is a current Doctoral of Behavioral Health Management student at Arizona State University. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, CADCI, and CGACII. She is currently employed at Tillamook County Community Health Center as the Behavioral Health Clinician Manager. Prior to her work at TCCHC she was employed at Tillamook Family Counseling Center as a Developmental Disabilities Case Manager, an Abuse Investigator, and then as a mental health and addictions clinician where she was also the problem gambling services clinician. She provides services using a holistic model of care (the integration of mind and body) and helps individuals live a full and valued life. She believes that we all experience times in our lives where we could use support making changes that will improve our overall health, and says that she is here to provide that support to anyone expressing a desire to change. Danell works with all ages and abilities; children, adolescents, and adults. Danell is passionate about working with individuals with disabilities and other underserved populations; she values self-advocacy and works hard assisting others in finding their voice.



Tanveer Bokhari
Umpqua Health Alliance

Dr. Tanveer Bokhari, works at Umpqua Health Alliance (UHA) which is Douglas County's CCO as the VP of Quality and is also the Health Equity Officer for his organization. He is a trained physician in Internal Medicine from Pakistan, and has lived in several countries outside the United States; besides English he is fluent in Urdu, Punjabi and Hindi, with a working knowledge of Arabic. Besides the DELTA course he is also enrolled in a Health Equity course run by the

National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE). Recently he served as the Medical-Surge Branch Director within the Douglas County's Emergency Operations Center, where he oversaw the surge preparation efforts at the two county hospitals and coordinated efforts for standing up the ACS. He also worked as a bridge between the EOC and his parent organization UHA to facilitate the implementation of several Covid-19 related projects with a focus on SDOH-E.



Twila Cain-Pierce
Kaiser Permanente North West

Twila Cain-Pierce serves as Care Coordination Manger for Medicaid and Charitable Care at Kaiser Permanente North West (KPNW). Her work focuses on promoting optimal health, community engagement, and improving equity while addressing disparities. Twila has been with KPNW since 1998 and has worked in the roles of Program Manager for KP Cares (a pilot program through the Geriatric and Long-Term Care Department) and Kaiser Permanente's Center for Health Research before joining the Medicaid and Charitable Care team in 2012. Prior to working at KPNW, she worked in Long Term Care and Medical Services at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Portland, Oregon. Ms. Cain-Pierce and her husband are proud parents of two adult children and long-term residents of North East Portland. Twila is a registered nurse and earned her Bachelor's in Psychology from the University of Oregon and Master's in Public Health from Portland State University.



Laura Campbell
Oregon Health and Science University

Laura's public health career spans a decade and includes experience researching and implementing programs to address sexual violence, maternal mental health, and trauma and adverse childhood experiences. She holds a Master of Business Administration and Master of Public Health from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a Bachelor of Arts in Romance Languages from the University of Oregon. Currently she is the Community Research Program Manager for the Oregon Clinical and Translational Research Institute at Oregon Health & Science University. She leads a statewide team that supports community organizations in conducting community-engaged research, applying evidence-based approaches, and advancing data-driven decision-making. Laura's team also works with researchers to build capacity to conduct community-engaged research and engage meaningfully with community stakeholders. She has been developing knowledge in the field diversity, equity and inclusion since the beginning of her career and considers herself a lifelong learner on these topics. She sits on the Central Oregon Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee of the Central Oregon Health Council, which works to advance diversity, equity and inclusion and eliminate health inequities in Central Oregon. She lives in Bend with her wife and two-year-old daughter. She enjoys yoga, hiking, reading, and playing board games.

Connie Dillinger
All Care Community Advisory Council

Connie Dillinger lives in Cave Junction with her husband and dog. She relocated from Los Angeles, CA 10 years ago, not knowing anyone in Oregon with the idea of bringing her legal skills to this area. After her move, she was met with a lot of surprises with regards to the racial makeup of this state. After being

here for 10 years, not much has changed. Her challenge moving forward is to create spaces where people can teach and learn from each other and "shift" their ways of thinking when it comes to race and equality for all. You will find that she is sometimes very vocal in her opinions; other times, she is quiet and absorbing the information being spoken.



LaNicia Duke
The Love Coalition

LaNicia Duke is a visionary, consultant and love ambassador. As founder and Executive Director of The Love Coalition, she strives to cultivate community where people can show up without labels, connecting to one another through the spirit of love, offering acceptance without judgment and acknowledging our differences in a healthy way where we can learn and grow from each other, all while having the freedom to be authentic without fear or bias. LaNicia facilitates "Rural Race Talks: How to Talk About Race in Rural Communities" in communities and organizations across Oregon. She also hosts a monthly call-in radio show "Rural Race Talks" on KMUN/coastradio.org the first Wednesday of each month. Prior to moving to the Oregon coast, LaNicia worked in the engineering and construction industry for nearly a decade. She has transferred her knowledge of project management into helping individuals and organizations build their capacity in cross-cultural awareness and helping drive equitable solutions in community engagement. To honor her roots in soul and gospel, LaNicia wrote and produced "The Soul Experience" sharing the journeys and triumphs of her heroes Marian Anderson, Mahalia Jackson and Aretha Franklin. No matter where LaNicia finds herself, she seeks to be an influencer, educator and driver of systems change that will improve the lives of whole communities. LaNicia lives in Manzanita, Oregon with her husband John.



Chris Eves
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

Currently serving as Community Ministries Administrator for Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO), Chris Eves was previously the Program Manager for EMO's HIV Services. Chris received a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Chicago's school of Social Service Administration. Earlier in his career Chris served as a case manager for Survivors of Torture in Chicago, helped rape survivors advocate and organize for safety in Haiti following the 2010 earthquake, worked with families experiencing homelessness in San Francisco, and provided resettlement adjustment services to Refugees seeking a new life in Portland. Interspersed between the social services, Chris took sabbaticals working in the Bicycle manufacturing industry.



Aleysa Garcia Rivas (She/Her/Ella)
Health Equity and Diversity Liaison, PacificSource

Aleysa holds a Bachelor of Arts in Ethnic Studies and a Bachelor of Science in Public Health from Oregon State University. Her passion for health and social justice started from a young age. Growing up in a farmworking family with limited English skills, access to healthcare, and poor housing led her to pursue a career where she could create change. In her time at OSU Aleysa participated in various internships and experiences. Interning with the White House Initiative for Hispanic Excellence in Education, Kaiser Permanente Northwest and travelling South America expanded her

views on Public Health. She currently holds a position at PacificSource as Health Equity and Diversity Liaison for Marion County and Polk County Coordinated Care Organization. In her role, Aleysa gets to facilitate diversity, equity, and inclusion work internally and externally to address root causes of inequities. In her downtime, Aleysa enjoys to hike, travel, read and spend time with loved ones.



Renee Hancock
Bridgeway Recovery Services

Renee Hancock holds a master's degree in Counseling from George Fox University. Renee has worked with individuals who struggle with mental illness and substance abuse issues for over 25 years and is dedicated to creating an organized culture where employees and clients feel safe, supported, and welcomed. In her role as the Chief Operations Officer with Bridgeway Recovery Services, she is responsible for the day to day operations of Bridgeway's delivered services, facilitates short- and long-term planning, as well as writing policies and practices that promote Bridgeway's culture.



Jenna Harms
Yamhill Community Care

Jenna Harms is masters level trained in Public Health: Health Management and Policy and a bachelor's degree in Health Promotion and Health Behavior. With over 18 years in health care service delivery, she has a passion for working with the underserved and improving the systems of care that impact the health and wellbeing of people. Along with directing day to day operations to deliver Oregon Health Plan benefits, she is most fulfilled working in innovation, community collaboration, and program design. Other than work, Jenna enjoys spending time with her family, gardening, food preservation, the outdoors, and hanging out with her family pets and flock of chickens.



Kelli Houston
Health Share Oregon

Kelli Houston has 17 years of executive leadership experience in diversity and health equity within healthcare systems. As co-founder and executive leader of culturally specific organizations, she has worked tirelessly to provide diverse communities with comprehensive health services and community-supported programs with an emphasis on the BIPOC communities, and LGBTQIA. After serving in many diversity specific, director-level positions at Kaiser Permanente, Peace Health and Seattle Children's Hospital, currently Kelli is proud to serve as the Chief Equity and Engagement Officer for Health Share of Oregon. Kelli holds an MBA and Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management. Kelli has performed on stage as a stand-up comedian. In her spare time, she is an avid golfer, fan of Syfy comedy and a Seattle Seahawk fan.



Violeta Iguchi
Options for Southern Oregon

Violeta Iguchi (she/her), MS, SAC, LPC, CADAC, is a licensed mental health professional counselor with substance abuse specialty. She currently works for Options for Southern Oregon, a non-profit organization delivering mental health and substance use services in Jackson and Josephine counties, as a Special Projects Manager focusing on dual-diagnosis treatment and wellness as part of their CCBHC grant. Violeta considers herself European and a transnational having lived and worked in numerous countries around the world, such as: Italy, Romania, Angola, United Kingdom, and United States. Violeta is a graduate of the Connected Cultures Leadership Institute (2010), Madison, Wisconsin, and is a certified trainer of the Intercultural Conflict Style Inventory (ICS), a widely used cultural communication tool. Violeta is passionate about issues such as: social justice, human rights, health disparities, and the rights of minority populations, and hopes to use her voice as a catalyst towards social change.



Beck Johnson (they/them)
Olalla Center

Beck is a queer, disabled artist and program director at a small non-profit organization in rural Oregon, working to empower, support, and advocate for our LGBTQIA2S+ youth. They are fond of a wide variety of things, but particularly painting portraits and abstract landscapes, fashion, spending their summers at renaissance fairs, spending every moment of every day with their partner of 16 years, gardening (though not great at it), and strong-brewed Earl Grey tea. Beck graduated from Eastern Washington University with two Bachelor's degrees, one in Psychology and one in Studio Art. They also have a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology, where they focused on studying Compassion Focused Therapy and researching issues related to shame, compassion, mindfulness, and the LGBTQIA2S+ community. Beck moved to the beautiful central Oregon Coast after graduation and took a position at the Olalla Center as a therapist working with marginalized youth and their families. In 2019, seeing the lack of resources and supports available for queer folx in their rural community, and facing some difficult health decisions, they switched career tracks and started Bravery Center, an Olalla-based program for queer folx at the central coast and throughout their region. Bravery seeks to empower, advocate for, and inspire bravery within our LGBTQIA2S+ community through addressing health inequities, providing safe space, social connection, opportunities for youth leadership, and help accessing affirming resources. It is Beck's hope that, as a trans/non-binary person of relative privilege, they can use their voice to help others, particularly queer people of color, to be seen, heard, accepted, valued and supported in their community.



Christopher Koski
Cascade Health Alliance

Christopher Koski serves as the Director of Customer Experience and Health Equity for Cascade Health Alliance, a local coordinated care organization in Klamath County. Before moving to Oregon in September 2019, Chris served as an Administrator of Executive and Tribal Services at Southcentral Foundation (SCF) in Anchorage Alaska. SCF is a Tribal Primary Care non-profit that serves over 55,000 Alaska Native/American Indian people. He has a passion for the health industry, with a heightened focus on improving health outcomes in Elders and Youth. His tenure at SCF afforded him the privilege of serving the Raise

Program designed for youth interns, and the Elders Program serving over 2000 Elders. His past experiences guide his understanding of how important equity is for all people of all ages. Chris began his career in the United States Navy and served in a variety of roles. Most notably as an Aviation Intelligence Officer for a P-3C Orion Squadron, Patrol Squadron FOUR-SIX. Chris grew up in Anchorage, Alaska with his family who still reside in Alaska. Chris holds a Bachelor of Science in History from the United States Naval Academy, a Graduate Certificate in the Alaska Native Executive Leadership Program, and an Executive Master of Business Administration in Strategic Leadership from Alaska Pacific University.



Brian Mahoney
Douglas Public Health Network

Brian Mahoney is the Public Health Modernization Program Coordinator at the Douglas Public Health Network in Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon. He grew up in Douglas County and is a 1975 graduate of Roseburg Senior High School. He attended Portland State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Education, and certificates in both Public Health Studies and Secondary Education in 1982. He received his MPH in Management Science in 2003 and was elected to Delta Omega, the national honorary public health society. He rejoined the State of Oregon in 2002 and helped develop the state Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Program including managing the Strategic National Stockpile Program, Hospital Preparedness Program, and the Chempack Program (nerve agent antidotes available statewide). His Master's capstone project was designing the State Emergency Volunteer Registry for Oregon (SERV-OR). He was awarded the OHA Director's Excellence Award in 2013 for work analyzing preparedness efforts at the county level in Oregon. He was awarded the OHA Director's Excellence Award in 2013 for work analyzing preparedness efforts at the county level in Oregon. He became the Director of the Clatsop County Department of Public Health in 2013 and for three years expanded program services and developed county capabilities. He joined DPHN in 2018 and is currently assisting in the Covid-19 response, where he serves as the Planning Section Chief, trainer, assists in drive-through testing clinics, and has many duties in controlling Covid-19 cases. He just completed a one-year program with the National Leadership Academy for the Public's Health, a program in the Center for Health Leadership and Practice at the Public Health Institute. As the Public Health Modernization Program Coordinator, he wrote budgets and work plans for a three-county region (Douglas, Coos, and Curry) that combine county and regional activities in leadership and governance, health equity and cultural preparedness, and communicable disease control and immunization practices.



Rhesa Ramdeen (Napoli)
Green Lents & Grassroots Holistic Health

Rhesa Ramdeen (Napoli) is a naturopathic doctor and gardener with a passion for all the ways in which gardens and small urban farms impact human health, wildlife habitat and climate change while promoting food resiliency and building community. Rhesa is a past board member and volunteer with Green Lents, working toward improving neighborhood access to gardens and garden-fresh foods within a framework for a just future.



Jordan Okoniewski
Clatsop County Community Health Advocacy and Resource Team

Jordan Okoniewski is a survivor advocate and outreach coordinator for The Harbor in Astoria, Oregon. He recently graduated with his Masters in education from the University of Oregon, and is currently working in partnership with the Clatsop County's Alliance for Equity in Education to make his community more safe, inclusive, and healthy for everyone.



Ariel Scrogam (she/her/hers)
211 info

Ariel Scrogam (she/her/hers) was born in San Diego, CA, and raised in the village of Nu'uuli, American Samoa. She identifies as Samoan and is bilingual. She is the current Community Information Center Manager for 211info. In 2012, Ariel joined 211info, starting as an Information and Referral Specialist in the call center and then working with the homeowner support/foreclosure prevention team, and managing community resource information and affordable apartment listing website before joining call center management. Ariel manages a statewide call center that handles phone calls, texts, and emails with empathy and a trauma-informed lens for Oregon and Southwest Washington. She is a member of 211info's Operations Team and has served on its Equity Team since 2015, and as Equity Chair since 2017, working toward developing and implementing diversity, equity and inclusion best practices and dismantling white supremacy culture. Prior to joining 211info, Ariel was enrolled at Timber Lake Job Corps in Estacada, OR, on the outskirts of Mount Hood. She earned her Business Technologies certification and served as the Student Government Association president and Business Technologies lead. She enjoys listening to music, cooking, watching movies and TV shows, nature walks, water sports like swimming, canoeing and tubing, and riding dirt bikes and quads with her two young kids, husband, extended family and friends.



Jennifer Seamans
Oregon Health Authority - Public Health Division

Jen joined the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Unit at Oregon Health Authority this year as an epidemiologist. In addition to lifelong learning from community relationships and single parenting a now-teenager, Jen earned master's degrees focusing on science pedagogy in social context (MST, Portland State University Center for Science Education) and epidemiology (MPH, OHSU - PSU School of Public Health) with an eye to making implicit assumptions in science questions and methods more visible. With Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Jen designed and implemented a methodology to address geographic confounding when comparing motor vehicle crashes on tribal and non-tribal lands, building on prior experiences in community-based participatory research. Jen's current work includes examining characteristics associated with COVID-19 illness length and severity, and training public health staff to conduct trauma-informed and culturally responsive COVID-19 case investigations. As the pandemic continues to accentuate and exacerbate structural inequities, Jen hopes Jen's participation in DELTA will advance health equity in OHA's response efforts at a time when it is more important than ever.



Connie Sherrard
Northeast Oregon Network (NEON)

Connie is the Training and Business Development Associate at Northeast Oregon Network in La Grande. At NEON, Connie develops and conducts trainings on a variety of topics for Community Health Workers and other front-line staff in health, behavioral health and other organizations addressing health equity and social determinants of health. Connie grew up in Chicago and attended Beloit College in Wisconsin, where she received her certification in Elementary Education and BA in Studio Art. Following a 2-year stint in Ecuador with the Peace Corps, she completed her MSW at Portland State University. Since then, she has worked at a variety of public and non-profit organizations, focusing her efforts on increasing opportunities and access to resources for economically disadvantaged families. Outside of work, she spends her time knitting, baking, hiking and doing pottery.



Lexi Stickel
Columbia Gorge Coordinated Care Organization

Lexi Stickel is the Community Health Coordinator with PacificSource Community Solutions and works for the Columbia Gorge Coordinated Care Organization. Fairly new to the Gorge, previously she lived and worked in Salem, Oregon and has extensive experience in nonprofit management, community engagement, and facilitation. She spent many years working to improve food access for underserved communities in Marion and Polk counties at the regional food bank. Her work is rooted deeply in asset-based community development with the understanding that communities know the solutions to their unique issues. Additionally, she spent a year working for a nonprofit based in rural Mexico where she was able to apply these principles in practice. She holds two Masters degrees from the University of Oregon in Conflict & Dispute Resolution and International Studies; she also received her undergraduate degrees from the University of Oregon. A lifelong Oregonian, she holds a deep love for this state and can often be found on one of the countless hiking trails in the Gorge.



Katrina Upton
Dahotra Consulting and Design

Katrina Thompson-Upton is an entrepreneurial mom of 3 and an avid horse lover. She is an enrolled citizen of Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation and she currently sits on the AllCare COC Community Advisory Council, secretary of the local food bank, and Tribal representative on the Curry County Suicide Council. She is the founder and creative director of **Dahotra Consulting & Design**, a small web design studio in Brookings, OR. serving Tribal nations and organizations. In 2020, she started a community outreach project to revitalize the Nuu-wee-ya language and bring it back to its homeland. In 2021, she will be launching the **G7 Planner**, the first analog planner specifically made for Tribal leaders in the Pacific Northwest.



Anna Warner
Advanced Health

Anna Warner was born and raised in North Bend in Coos County. She attended Rice University in Houston, Texas where she earned her degree in mechanical engineering. She returned to Oregon and worked in the manufacturing sector, specializing in quality management and process improvement. Her desire to use her every day work to help improve her community led to her transition from the manufacturing sector to the healthcare sector. Anna is the Executive Program Director for Advanced Health, working with the community engagement, quality improvement, care coordination, grievance and appeals, and compliance programs. She has also earned recognition as a certified professional in health care quality through the NAHQ.



Chelsie Wong
Cascade Health

Chelsie Wong was raised in Eugene and the people and beliefs within her community have deeply influenced her values. Chelsie believes that we are here to serve, and her professional background is rooted in local non-profits. Presently, she is working as Hospice Volunteer Coordinator for Cascade Health where she works with a volunteer team of over 140 committed individuals. She has been with Cascade Health since 2017 and is honored to partner with such tremendously caring and motivated individuals. She loves to learn, share time with her family and animals and volunteer with several animal- and human-service agencies. Chelsie is a voracious reader, foodie and Oregon outdoors enthusiast.



Charissa Young-White
Samaritan Health Plans

Charissa Young-White is the Transformation Program Manager for Samaritan Health Plans, focusing on InterCommunity Health Network Coordinated Care Organization (IHN-CCO) and its members. She works collaboratively with the community on developing and implementing health equity, social determinants of health, and transformation strategies. Charissa graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in Health Management and Policy and received a master's degree from Simmons College in Health Care Administration.

DELTA Staff Bio sketch



Dr. Ben Colburn
OHSU, DELTA Facilitator

Dr. Ben Colburn is a family physician and current fourth-year resident at OHSU. He came to medicine by way of medical anthropology and health policy and now works in a low-income health clinic where he primarily focuses on serving patients from Latinx and LGBTQIA+ communities as well as patients facing end-of-life issues. He also has a passion for narrative medicine and has recently hosted a quarterly performance series designed to re-humanize healthcare from all angles and spark conversations about what matters most in medicine. Dr. Colburn was raised in southern Virginia and attended college in New England, but he is now firmly anchored to the West Coast. When he's not at work, he is an avid mushroom hunter, forager, and intrepid outdoor explorer. He is excited to join this year's DELTA cohort and learn from state leaders of all kinds with a shared passion for supporting and celebrating all Oregonians.



Ritu Dhungana
OHA-OEI, DELTA Coordinator

Ritu is the DELTA Program Coordinator at Office of Equity and Inclusion (OEI), Oregon Health Authority. Ritu has a PhD in Political Science from West Virginia University. She comes with a strong background in developing, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating programs and policies that promote equity and inclusion and reduce racial and ethnic disparities. Most recently, Ritu managed a project as a Lead Researcher for the Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC) focusing on the housing and community development needs for the communities of color in Washington County. In 2017, Ritu worked as a REALD Research Consultant in OEI and collaborated with various stakeholders including community partners, county governments, and educational institutions in conducting a validity research of the REALD questions. In 2019, Ritu also demonstrated her solid skills in coordinating training programs focused on social justice, social determinants of health and equity, diversity and inclusion when she successfully coordinated two training cohorts of OEI's DELTA Program in her role as the interim/temporary DELTA Program Coordinator.



Dr. Dan Slowey
OHSU, DELTA Facilitator

Dr. Dan Slowey is an ex-corporate lawyer and a current 4th-year Family Medicine resident at OHSU. He is originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but is a delighted transplant to this beautiful part of the world. He wants to always be working to do a better job of advancing true health equity, both in his job and in his life. He is deeply grateful to have the opportunity to participate in the DELTA program and is honored to have the chance to listen to, learn from, and grow with the other participants.