Dr. Kobylarz is an Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School where he is also Director of the Department’s Center for Healthy Aging and Co-Director of the Geriatric Fellowship Program. Dr. Kobylarz is board certified in Family Medicine and has a Certificate of Added Qualifications in Geriatrics. He received his medical education in Mexico and completed a residency in Family Medicine followed by a fellowship in Geriatrics and a Master’s in Public Health at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and Rutgers’ University. Prior to this, he was a founding faculty member of the Florida State University College of Medicine, Department of Geriatrics. He was recipient of the first cohort of Geriatric Academic Career Awards (GACA) from HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) with a focus in Ethnogeriatrics and developed national curricula. His areas of research have included Alzheimer’s clinical trials drug studies, elder abuse, and health literacy. Dr. Kobylarz serves on the board of directors of the Alzheimer’s Association New Jersey Chapter on the Medical and Scientific Committee and chairs the Programs and Advocacy Committee. He is a member of the newly formed New Jersey Alzheimer’s Disease Study Commission. He is a member of the American Geriatrics Society and has been recognized nationally for his service on various committees. Dr. Kobylarz provides care for patients in a variety of settings and has authored various publications on cross-cultural communication and health literacy. As a geriatrician, he is focused on addressing policy issues relating to the ethnogeriatric imperative and the National Alzheimer’s Project Act (NAPA).

Heather L. Menne, PhD
Senior Research Scientist
Margaret Blenkner Research Institute,
Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging
Fellowship Placement: Office of Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr
2013-2014 Health and Aging Policy Fellows

Heather L. Menne, PhD, is a Senior Research Scientist in the Margaret Blenkner Research Institute of the Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging. Her research explores the theoretical underpinnings of the stress process for individuals with cognitive impairment, family caregivers, and formal caregivers. Her recent work includes ongoing evaluation of the evidence-based “Reducing Disability in Alzheimer’s Disease” program in Ohio. Dr. Menne currently serves as President of the Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education, is a reviewer for several international journals. Dr. Menne earned her doctorate in sociology from Case Western Reserve University, her master’s degree in gerontological studies from Miami University, and a bachelor’s degree from Ripon College.

Doua Thor serves as a Senior Advisor for the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Doua also serves as a Senior Fellow with the National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (National CAPACD). Prior to this Doua was the Executive Director of the Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC) for nearly 9 years. During that time Doua was appointed by President Obama to the President’s Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. She also served on the board or in a leadership position in a number of organizations and coalitions including the National Committee to Preserve Social Security, Asian Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF), the Red Cross National Diversity Advisory Council, and the executive committee of the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans. Additionally, through her leadership, SEARAC is a core work group member of the Diverse Elders Coalition, an initiative supported through Atlantic Philanthropies to improve the lives of vulnerable elders. Doua was selected as a New Voices Fellow in 2002, a German Marshall Memorial Fellow in 2008, an Asian Pacific American Women’s Leadership Institute Fellow in 2009, and a Health and Aging Policy Fellow in 2013.

Doua Thor and her family were among the many thousands of Hmong refugees who were resettled in the United States after supporting and fighting alongside the U.S. during the Vietnam War. The Thor family was resettled in Detroit, Michigan in 1979 where Doua spent much of her youth volunteering and working with Southeast Asian American communities. Over the years, Doua has gained a wealth of experience working with national, grassroots, and refugee serving organizations.
She earned her Master of Social Work degree from the University of Michigan and her Bachelor of Arts from Wayne State University.

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Kate Clark is Planner for Policy & Program Development at Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (PCA), the Area Agency on Aging for Philadelphia. Since joining PCA in 2008, she has worked to develop two nationally award-winning programs. Age-friendly Philadelphia catalyzes new initiatives, policies, and multi-disciplinary collaborations that facilitate more supportive neighborhood environments for seniors. Areas of impact include parks, housing, mobility, and community gardening. GenPhilly (Generation Appreciation Philadelphia) is a network of over 350 emerging leaders from a variety of disciplines who are serving as ambassadors for Age-friendly Philadelphia. During this time she also served as a co-investigator on a National Institutes of Health study called Walkability’s Impact on Senior Health (WISH). Prior to moving to Philadelphia, she initiated and managed the City of Syracuse’s first public art program; directed the City of New York’s Historical Signs Program; and published a paper as a Fulbright Scholar on public-private partnerships and public space management. She has a Masters of Public Administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University and a Bachelor of Art in Geography and Archaeology from Clark University.

Tara Cortes is currently the Executive Director of the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing, and a Professor in Geriatric Nursing at the New York University College of Nursing. Prior to joining the NYU College of Nursing, Dr. Cortes was President and CEO of Lighthouse International. Dr.
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Cortes spent the initial phase of her career in nursing education at Hunter College, and then as the Head of Nursing Research and Information Systems at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. She was the Chief Nursing Officer at Rockefeller University Hospital and continued her career in nursing and hospital administration at Mount Sinai Medical Center and at Bridgeport Hospital, before assuming the senior leadership role at Lighthouse International. Her work has contributed to advancing interdisciplinary models across the continuum of care to reduce disparities in access to care, and to assure healthy aging in place.

Dr. Cortes is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine. She is a Past Fellow of the prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellows Program. She received the Distinguished Alumni Award from New York University, where she completed her PhD and Masters degrees. Her BSN is from Villanova University, where she served on the Board of Trustees, and was recently awarded the Medallion for Outstanding Contributions to the Profession. She was named one of the New York Women’s Agenda 2011 STARS for exemplifying the qualities embodied in NYWA’s mission to advocate and collaborate for the interests of New York women in public policy decisions. Dr. Cortes serves on several boards including Archcare, the Catholic Healthcare System of NY, the Visiting Nurse Regional Health Care system, Isabella Geriatric Center, Pacific College of Alternative Medicine, the National Accreditation Council for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, and the US Army New York City Community Advisory Board.

James T. Pacala, MD, MS
Professor and Associate Head
Department of Family Medicine and Community Health University of Minnesota Medical School
Fellowship Placement: US Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Sub-Committee on Primary Health and Aging

Dr. Pacala, a board-certified family physician and geriatrician, is Distinguished Teaching Professor and Associate Head in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the University of Minnesota Medical School. He is a past President and Board Chair of the American Geriatrics Society. He has performed research and published extensively on models of care delivery to geriatric populations and on innovative teaching methods. In addition to his research publications, Dr. Pacala has served as co-author of the AGS practice handbook, Geriatrics At Your Fingertips, which is now in its 15th edition. Dr. Pacala was co-Editor-In-Chief of the AGS comprehensive geriatrics resource, the Geriatrics Review Syllabus 7th Edition, which was published in 2010. Dr. Pacala has received several awards for his research, teaching, and clinical care, including the American Geriatrics Society’s Outstanding Achievement for Clinical Investigation Award (2002), the
University of Minnesota Medical School’s Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award (1999), the University of Minnesota’s All-University Postbaccalaureate, Graduate, and Professional Education Teaching Award (2002), and the University of Minnesota Academic Health Center Award for Excellence in the Scholarship of Teaching (2009). He received his baccalaureate degree from Carleton College and his MD from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. After completing a residency in Family Medicine at the University of Wisconsin/Madison, Dr. Pacala obtained a Masters degree in chronic disease epidemiology from Brown University, and completed two fellowships, one in Health Services Research in Gerontology (at Brown) and the other in clinical geriatrics (at the University of Connecticut). He has been on the faculty at the University of Minnesota since 1992.

Tia Powell, MD
Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore Medical Center, Center for Bioethics
Fellowship Placement: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE)

Tia Powell, MD was a 2013-14 Health and Aging Policy Fellow. She is Director of the Montefiore Einstein Center for Bioethics and of the Einstein Cardozo Master of Science in Bioethics program. She is Professor of Clinical Epidemiology, Division of Bioethics, and Clinical Psychiatry at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Her expertise includes bioethics aspects of public policy, dementia, LGBT issues, clinical consultation, education and public health disasters. She served four years as Executive Director of the New York State Task Force on Life and the Law, New York State’s bioethics commission. In that capacity, she co-chaired a New York State 2007 workgroup that devised ethical and clinical guidance for allocating ventilators in an influenza pandemic. She worked with the Institute of Medicine on 5 separate projects related to public health disasters, including as co-chair of the IOM report on antibiotics for anthrax attack. Dr. Powell graduated magna cum laude from Harvard-Radcliffe College. At Yale Medical School she earned the Parker Prize, Yale's highest award for a graduating medical student. She completed her internship, psychiatric residency and Consultation-Liaison fellowship at Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons. She is a board certified psychiatrist and Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine and the American Psychiatric Association.
Stephen Thielke, MD, MSPH
Assistant Professor
University of Washington
Investigator
Puget Sound VA Medical Center
Fellowship Placement: Office of Congressman Jim McDermott

Stephen Thielke is a geriatric psychiatrist and health services researcher at the University of Washington, and an investigator in the Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Center (GRECC) of the Puget Sound VA Medical Center. His research examines the interactions between physical and mental health during aging, and develops methods to improve shared decision-making in the health care of older adults. He has been supported by a Hartford Geriatrics Health Outcomes Research Scholars Award, and is currently completing a Paul Beeson K23 career development award sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health. In the GRECC, he serves as Associate Director for Education and Evaluation, and treats Veterans with dementia.

Gregg Warshaw, MD
Martha Betty Semmons Professor of Geriatric Medicine
Professor of Family and Community Medicine
Chief, Geriatric Medicine Program
University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
Fellowship Placement: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Office of Clinical Standards and Quality

Gregg Warshaw, M.D. is an academic family physician/geriatrician, and pioneering advocate for improving the training of physicians and other professionals to care for older adults. Dr. Warshaw is the director of the Geriatric Medicine Program at the University of Cincinnati (UC) College of Medicine. He is a professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine and the Martha Betty Semmons Professor of Geriatric Medicine. Dr. Warshaw received his medical training at the University of Michigan, and further residency and fellowship training at Duke University, The University of North Carolina, and at Edinburgh University in Scotland. He joined the University of Cincinnati faculty in 1985, after four years as an assistant professor and director of the Geriatric Medicine Program in the Department of Community and Family Medicine at Duke University. From 1985 – 2014, Dr. Warshaw served as the medical director of Maple Knoll Village, a continuing care retirement community in Springdale, Ohio. He is a past president of the American Geriatrics Society (AGS) and the Association of Directors of Geriatric Academic Programs (ADGAP). Dr. Warshaw’s academic interests include geriatric medicine education, clinical care of Alzheimer’s disease, integrated care models for low-income elderly, and the long-term care/acute care interface.
From 2001-2012, he co-directed the AGS/ADGAP Geriatric Medicine Physician Workforce Study. He has authored more than 100 articles and book chapters related to geriatric medicine and gerontology.

Jennifer L. Wolff, PhD
Associate Professor of Health Policy and Management
Johns Hopkins University
Fellowship Placement: Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology

Dr. Jennifer L. Wolff is Associate Professor of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and holds a Joint Appointment in the Division of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health where she earned both master of health science and doctoral degrees in health services research. Dr. Wolff’s principal areas of research relate to health service delivery, family caregiving, and the development and evaluation of innovative models of chronic care delivery to vulnerable older adults with complex care needs. She is particularly interested in identifying best practice approaches to integrate and support family caregivers in health care delivery – by health care providers, health care organizations, and government programs.

Kara Zivin, PhD, MS, MA
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry
University of Michigan
Fellowship Placement: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)

Dr. Kara Zivin is an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Medical School and a Faculty Associate at the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research. She is also a Research Health Scientist at the VA Center for Clinical Management Research in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She completed her PhD in health policy at Harvard University. Dr. Zivin’s research applies quantitative methods to mental health services and policy with a focus on predictors and consequences of depression in late-life and among Veterans. Her research examines cost-effectiveness of depression care, mortality risks among depressed patients, employment support needs among those with mood disorders, psychosocial contributors to late-life depression, and the
impact of short and long term antidepressant use and adherence on depression, health, and cost outcomes.