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Carolyn Westhoff, MD, MSc (President), Professor and Director, Division of Family Planning and Preventive Services, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Columbia University Medical Center; Professor of Epidemiology and Population & Family Health, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University. Dr. Westhoff is a graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School. She completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at S.U.N.Y. Downstate Medical Center and received a M.Sc. in Epidemiology from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Dr. Westhoff was a founding member of Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health and a founding fellow of the Society for Family Planning. In addition to practicing

as an attending physician at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, Dr. Westhoff has served as principal investigator on numerous research studies and has published over 150 peer-reviewed articles. Dr. Westhoff is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. She was awarded the Society of Family Planning Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010. Since January 2013, she has served as editor of [*Contraception, an international reproductive health journal*](#).



Eve Espey, MD, MPH (President-Elect), Associate Dean of Students, School of Medicine, and Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of New Mexico. Eve Espey has a dual interest in family planning/abortion as well as medical student education. She has actively promoted inclusion of family planning and abortion in the medical school curriculum both locally and nationally. She serves on the undergraduate medical education committee of the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics and on the Committee for Underserved Women of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She also serves on the board of Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health and NARAL Pro-Choice New Mexico. She received her MD and completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology from the University of California, Irvine, and completed her Masters in Public Health at the University of Washington.



Nikki Zite, MD, MPH (Secretary), Associate Professor and Residency Director, University of Tennessee (Knoxville) Graduate School of Medicine. Prior to her current appointment, Nikki Zite was Clinical Associate in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Cleveland Clinic and, earlier, Associate Director at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Her research and publications have concentrated on issues related to sterilization. She is an editor of *Obstetrics and Gynecology for the Primary Care Physician* and *The Yearbook of Ob/Gyn*. Her pilot study on risk factors for not obtaining a postpartum tubal ligation won the Young Investigator Award from the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals. Dr. Zite graduated from Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine in 1998 and completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Tennessee at Memphis in 2002. She holds a Masters in Public Health from the University of Illinois at Chicago and completed a Fellowship in Family Planning and Contraception there as well.

Stephanie Teal, MD, MPH (Treasurer), Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Pediatrics, University of Colorado, Denver School of Medicine. Stephanie Teal joined the faculty of the University of Colorado in 1998, after completing her residency at the University of California, San Diego. In 2001, she left to pursue a fellowship in Family Planning Clinical Care and Research at Columbia University, returning to the University of Colorado in 2003. Her clinical and research interests are in contraception for women with complex medical issues, adolescent health, and family planning. Dr. Teal earned her MD in 1994 at the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine and her MPH at Columbia University in New York. She is Board Certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology.



Melissa Gilliam, MD, MPH (Immediate Past President), Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Chief of the Division of Family Planning and Contraceptive Research, and Director of the Fellowship in Family Planning, University of Chicago. With degrees in English literature, philosophy and politics, Dr. Gilliam's research takes a broad approach to the study of family planning. She employs social science, qualitative and quantitative techniques to explore contraceptive behaviors with a particular interest in postpartum contraceptive use and contraceptive use and attitudes toward pregnancy among low-income African-American and Latino/a adolescents and. She is funded by private foundations, The National Institute of Health, The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the Centers for Disease Control. Dr. Gilliam's clinical interest is in pediatric and adolescent gynecology. She currently serves on the Editorial Board of *Obstetrics and Gynecology* and chairs the Board of Directors of the Guttmacher

Institute. She received her BA from Yale University, MA from Oxford University, MD from Harvard University.



Susan Higginbotham, MEd (*Ex officio*), Executive Director, Society of Family Planning.

Susan Higginbotham has been Executive Director of SFP since 2008. She has more than 20 years of management experience leading nonprofit organizations working to address issues of reproductive and sexual health, domestic violence, sexual assault, and HIV/AIDS. Prior to joining SFP, Susan was President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Chester County. Before that, she served as Executive Director for the AIDS Fund and as Executive Director of the

South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault. Susan has also been an active volunteer on a number of nonprofit boards, including serving as Treasurer for Planned Parenthood Pennsylvania Advocates and Vice President of Public Policy for the National Coalition Against Sexual Assault, where she also served on the drafting committee for the 2000 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. Susan has a BA in psychology and political science from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, as well as a Master's in Counselor Education and Psychology from North Carolina State.



Danielle Bessett, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Cincinnati.

Danielle Bessett is the Junior Fellow representative on SFP's board. A medical and family sociologist by training, her work focuses on the sociology of reproduction. Her current projects include a book manuscript on women's experiences of pregnancy in the United States and studies related to abortion access and care, knowledge about sexual and reproductive health, and factors that affect breastfeeding outcomes. She is also conducting research with new mothers

who have experienced stigmatized reproductive careers, examining how earlier reproductive experiences affect later pregnancies. She is the faculty advisor to the University of Cincinnati student group, VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood. She received her PhD and Master's in Sociology from New York University. She also completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Ibis Reproductive Health. At Ibis, Dr. Bessett and her fellow researchers analyzed the effects of health care reform in Massachusetts on young adults' access to sexual and reproductive health.



Sonya Borrero, MD, MS, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Clinical and Translational Science, Center for Research on Health Care, VA Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Dr. Borrero's specialization areas include women's health, health services research, race and gender disparities in health care, reproductive and contraceptive health services, and women veterans. Her research has mainly focused on identifying targets for interventions that will improve contraceptive use and decrease

unintended pregnancy among vulnerable populations. She has used both quantitative and qualitative methodology to investigate how patient-, provider-, and system-level factors contribute to observed racial and socio-demographic differences in contraceptive behavior and subsequent unintended pregnancy. She is also interested in investigating and improving family planning services for active duty servicewomen and women veterans. Dr. Borrero received her MD from Case Western Reserve School of Medicine and her MS from the University of Pittsburgh, where she also completed her residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in general medicine and women's health.



Carrie Cwiak, MD, MPH, Associate Professor, Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics; Division Director, Family Planning; Director, Family Planning Fellowship; Medical Director, Grady Health System Family Planning Clinic, Emory University.

Dr. Cwiak's research interests include developing tools to teach contraception to students and clinicians, improving access and effective use of contraception and emergency contraception, contraception in the postpartum period, and medical abortion. In 2007, she was awarded the APGO Excellence in Teaching Award. She

received her MD from the Saint Louis University School of Medicine and a Masters in Public Health in Epidemiology from Emory University. She performed her residency at the University of Connecticut

Health Center and also completed a fellowship in family planning at the Emory University School of Medicine.

Lawrence B. Finer, PhD, Director of Domestic Research, Guttmacher Institute. Lawrence Finer supervises the Guttmacher Institute's research portfolio of U.S.-focused projects on family planning services, contraceptive use patterns, pregnancy and abortion, and adolescent reproductive health. He also serves as a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Population and Family Health at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. In 2004, he received the Outstanding Young Professional Award from the Population, Family Planning and Reproductive Health Section of the American Public Health Association. Dr. Finer has authored work on premarital sex, women's reasons for seeking abortion, multiple sexual partnerships and risk for sexually transmitted diseases, the services provided by U.S. family planning agencies and clinics, men's reproductive health, and the timing of first family planning visits. He received his A.B. in psychology from Harvard and his Ph.D. in population dynamics from the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health.

Tessa Madden, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor and Assistant Director of Fellowship in Family Planning, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, School of Medicine, Washington University in Saint Louis. Tessa Madden graduated from Washington University School of Medicine in 2001 and completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Columbia University New York-Presbyterian Hospital in 2005. She then obtained her Masters in Public Health and completed a Fellowship in Family Planning and Contraception at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Her research interests include progestin contraceptives and management of irregular bleeding, contraceptive selection and continuation, and post-abortion contraception. She also has a strong interest in policy and advocacy and participated in the Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health Leadership Training Initiative Program.



Maureen Paul, MD, MPH, Director of Family Planning and of the Ryan Residency Training Program, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center; Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Harvard Medical School.

Maureen Paul is Deputy Editor for the journal *Contraception*. From 1998-2012, she served as Medical Director at three large Planned Parenthood affiliates in Massachusetts, San Francisco, and New York City (PPNYC), where she oversaw the affiliates' clinical, training and research programs. She collaborated with the ANSIRH Program at UCSF to launch the Training in Early Abortion for Comprehensive Healthcare (TEACH) Project, a community-academic partnership to train primary care residents in early abortion care, and co-directed collaborative residency training rotations at PPNYC. Dr. Paul served as Editor-in-Chief for the NAF textbook, *A Clinician's Guide to Medical and Surgical Abortion*, and its recent sequel, *Management of Unintended and Abnormal Pregnancy: Comprehensive Abortion Care*. She served on NAF's Board of Directors from 1995-2002 (President 2000-2002) and on PPFA's National Medical Committee from 2002-2007. Her recent awards include the Christopher Tietze Humanitarian Award (2009), NAF's highest distinction that honors significant, lifetime contributions in the field of abortion service delivery, and PPNYC's Woman of Valor Award (2010).



Michael A. Thomas, MD, Chief of the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Michael Thomas is

nationally recognized as a leader in the field of assisted reproduction, has over 120 scientific publications and book chapters, and serves on national committees including the Society of Reproductive Endocrinologists, Association for Reproductive Health Professionals, American Society for Reproductive Medicine Patient Education Committee, American Society for Reproductive Medicine Contraceptive Special Interest Group, American Society for Reproductive Medicine Patient Education Committee and American Society for Reproductive Medicine Practice Committee. He is also Director of Reproductive Medicine Research, a clinical research unit at the University of Cincinnati, and Principal Investigator of the NIH Contraceptive Clinical Network. His research interests include contraception, infertility and the effects of stress on reproductive function. Dr. Thomas has extensive experience in treating multi-faceted infertility issues and endocrine disorders ranging from infertility,

abnormal puberty, endometriosis, polycystic ovarian syndrome and menopause to disorders of the thyroid and adrenal gland. He received his MD from the University of Illinois College of Medicine and completed his residency at Wayne State University and a fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.



James Trussell, PhD, Professor of Economics and Public Affairs and Director of the Office of Population Research, Princeton University. James Trussell is the author or co-author of more than 200 scientific publications, primarily in the areas of reproductive health and demographic methodology. His recent research has been focused in three areas: emergency contraception, contraceptive failure, and the cost-effectiveness of contraception. He has actively promoted making emergency contraception more widely available as an important step in helping

women reduce their risk of unintended pregnancy; in addition to his research on this topic, he maintains an emergency contraception website (not-2-late.com) and designed and launched a toll-free emergency contraception hotline (1-888-NOT-2-LATE). He is a Senior Fellow at the Guttmacher Institute and a member of the Board of Directors of the NARAL Pro-Choice America Foundation and The Guttmacher Institute, and a member of the National Medical Committee of Planned Parenthood Federation of America. He serves on the editorial advisory committees of *Contraception* and *Contraceptive Technology Update*. Dr. Trussell received a Ph.D. in economics from Princeton University.



Beverly Winikoff, MD, MPH, President, Gynuity Health Projects; Professor of Clinical Population and Family Health, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University. Before beginning work on Gynuity, Dr. Winikoff was employed for 25 years at the Population Council, where she was Director for Reproductive Health and a Senior Medical Associate. While there, she developed and managed the Council's Ebert Program on Critical Issues in Reproductive Health, including work on Safe Motherhood, prevention of STDs/AIDS, prevention of unsafe abortion,

provision of safe abortion care, and improving postpartum care for mothers and babies. Prior to joining the Council in 1978, she was Assistant Director for Health Sciences at the Rockefeller Foundation. Her work has focused on issues of reproductive choice, contraception, abortion and women's health. In addition, she has served on numerous boards of directors, including the Reproductive Health Technologies Project (founding member), Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health (PRCH, founding member), the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association (NFPRHA), the National Abortion Federation, and The MediTeam Trust in South Africa. Dr. Winikoff earned her MD from New York University and her MPH from the Harvard School of Public Health.

In Memoriam



Public health lost a great leader with the passing of Dr. Allan Rosenfield in October, 2008. Dr. Rosenfield, a member of SFP's board until his death, served as Dean of Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health from 1986 to 2008 and founder of Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health. Dr. Rosenfield's research, teaching and advocacy are world renowned and have been recognized by honorary awards too numerous to list here. He wrote extensively on domestic and international issues in the fields of population, women's reproductive health, maternal mortality, HIV/AIDS, human rights and health policy and developed major global initiatives on maternal mortality, reproductive health, women's health and HIV/AIDS. In 2007, SFP created the [Allan Rosenfield Award for Lifetime Contributions to International Family Planning](#) in his honor.

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