



AHEAD National Team Biographies

Kevin Barnett

As a Senior Investigator at the Public Health Institute, Kevin has engaged in research in community benefit and health workforce diversity for over two decades. Partners have included the National Network of Public Health Institutes, the Health Research and Education Trust, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the HHS Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, and foundations such as the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the WK Kellogg Foundation, and The California Endowment. He holds a Doctorate in Public Health and a Masters in City and Regional Planning from the University of California at Berkeley.

Kevin recently completed a national study for the CDC that examines opportunities for alignment of health sector investments, and currently serves as the Principal Investigator of Alignment for Health Equity and Development (AHEAD), a national initiative to align investments by hospitals, public health, and financial institutions in communities with health inequities.

Kevin served on the IOM committee that produced the 2004 report “In the Nation’s Compelling Interest: Ensuring Diversity in the Health Care Workforce,” and co-authored numerous studies on strategies to increase health workforce diversity. He currently serves as the Co-Director of the California Health Workforce Alliance, as a faculty member for The Governance Institute, as a member of the Board of Directors of Communities Joined in Action, and as a member of the Board of Directors for Trinity Health.

Ira Goldstein

Ira Goldstein, Ph.D., is the President of Policy Solutions at The Reinvestment Fund (TRF), a results-oriented, socially responsible community investment group. Dr. Goldstein has conducted detailed spatial and statistical analyses in many cities and regions across the US. Those studies are used by local government to craft policy responses and allocate scarce resources based on local conditions. He also has conducted studies of mortgage foreclosures and abusive lending practices. His work supported civil rights and consumer protection cases brought by federal, state and local governments.

For more than 25 years, Dr. Goldstein has been a Lecturer for the University of Pennsylvania’s Urban Studies program. He instructs undergraduates and graduate students in research methods, statistics, and housing policy.

Prior to joining TRF, Dr. Goldstein was the mid-Atlantic Director of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. He is a former member of the Federal Reserve Board’s Consumer Advisory Council and a current member of the Research Advisory Board of the Center for Responsible Lending, Governor of Pennsylvania’s Housing Advisory Committee, Advisory Board for HUD’s journal Cityscape, HOPE LoanPort Board and Board of the SHARE Food Program.

Amanda High

Amanda is TRF’s Chief of Strategic Initiatives, responsible for managing the interconnection of strategic resource development, communications, and program innovation. In this position, Ms. High is responsible for launching initiatives, achieved by implementing new products, programs, and partnerships. She joined TRF in 2014, bringing over 20 years of experience leading high impact initiatives for national and international non-profit and development organizations.

Prior to TRF, Ms. High served as the Head of Resource Mobilization at the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), and organization working across the African continent to help millions of small-scale farmers and their families lift themselves out of poverty and hunger. Her career also includes service with the U.S. Department of State, the American Red Cross in Asia and Africa, and the National Philanthropic Trust. Ms. High completed Master's degree coursework in Economics and International Affairs at the Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and a Bachelor's degree from Princeton University.

Arthur Turovh Himmelman

Arthur is a nationally recognized consultant who assists organizations and communities in the design, implementation/facilitation, and evaluation of community and systems change collaboration. He has worked with partnerships in affordable housing, community economic development, social investment, supporting the advancement of students of color, early childhood education and development, retire volunteerism, inner-city higher education, community crime prevention, substance abuse prevention, healthy communities, public health, community benefit, and other health-related collaborations.

His speaking consultations, and publications include conceptual frameworks for understanding collaborative change, and user-friendly, practical guides promoting mutual respect, mutual learning, and mutual accountability in the collaborative change process. The theme for his work is building bridges from service to justice.

Prior to his consulting practice, Arthur was a senior fellow at the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, a senior program officer at The McKnight Foundation and at The Saint Paul Foundation, and a senior association at the Center for Health Leadership and Practice, a program of the Public Health Institute. Arthur also served as the director of a consortium of colleges expanding access to higher education for inner-city communities, and as the co-founder and director of an inner-city center for higher and community education.

Arthur has served on numerous nonprofit boards, including organizations increasing access to the arts, providing women safe passage from abuse, supporting decent and affordable public housing, and advocating and organizing for social justice.

Paul Stange

Paul Stange has lived much of his professional life balancing interests in public health with those of community development. He began his public health career with CDC in 1972 with an assignment to the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, followed in 1974 with his transfer to the CDC headquarters in Atlanta. There he became deeply involved in public policy. He resigned in 1980 to pursue interests in real estate investment, working on both small-scale, neighborhood level commercial and residential revitalization as well as major redevelopment in both downtown Atlanta and Columbus, Georgia.

Between 1989 and 1992, Paul was an advisor to the City of Atlanta, and served as the interim Commissioner of Housing under Mayor Maynard Jackson. During this period he helped lead a number of initiatives, including the development of the Fulton County Land Bank Authority and the first broad use of the Low Income Housing Credit to support the development of multiple service-enriched Single Room Occupancy projects.

In 1993 Paul returned to CDC where for the next twenty years he worked on a variety of activities involving external public and private interests in collaboration with CDC programs, notably the private health insurance industry and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. During 2010-2012 he served as the principal liaison for CDC and the Department of Health and Human Services to the IRS as it developed its guidance on the ACA-imposed Community Health Needs Assessment requirements on tax-exempt hospitals. He retired from CDC in 2012 but has continued an ongoing advisory role with the organization. He is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and the Emory University School of Public Health.