



2017 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Speaker Biographies

Cathleen Biga, MSN, RN

Board of Trustees, American College of Cardiology

Cathleen Biga, MSN, RN, is president and CEO of Cardiovascular Management of Illinois, a cardiovascular physician practice management company. She works with more than 40 providers in the Chicago area and partners in their cardiovascular service lines. She has more than 40 years of experience as a registered nurse, service line director, hospital vice president and CEO, and more recently served for 20 years in physician practice management.

Biga earned her BS in nursing from Mayo/College of St. Teresa and an MS in nursing at Northern Illinois University. She has been active nationally in strategic planning, operational efficiencies, integrated financial and quality initiatives, and growth and development of the cardiovascular service lines. She is focused on facilitating the integration of strategic, financial and quality perspectives between the practices and the hospital cardiovascular service lines. Biga has been active nationally, as a consultant and a lecturer, on physician/hospital integration, governance, movement from volume to value, MACRA and MIPS, episodes of care, physician compensation modeling, development and formation of cardiovascular service lines, quality initiatives, development of clinical service line agreements, designing balanced quality score cards and remains engaged in advocacy issues.

The Honorable Charles Boustany, Jr., MD

Former Member, US House of Representatives and Partner, Capitol Counsel, LLC

Former Congressman Charles Boustany, Jr., MD, is a partner at Capitol Counsel, LLC, where he focuses on health care, tax and trade issues. During his 12-year tenure in Congress, Boustany served on the House Ways and Means Committee, serving as chair of the Subcommittee on Tax Policy. As a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, Boustany established himself as an expert and leader on tax, trade, health care and entitlement policy. Boustany was also a co-founder of the House Doctors Caucus and a co-chair of the bipartisan U.S.-China Working Group.

Boustany represented Louisiana's 7th Congressional District from 2005 – 2013 and Louisiana's 3rd Congressional District from 2013 – 2017. Boustany practiced as a cardiovascular surgeon for more than 20 years before being elected to Congress in 2004.

Charles L. Brown III, MD, FACC

Governor, Georgia Chapter, American College of Cardiology

Charles L. Brown III, MD, FACC, currently serves as CEO of the Physician Enterprise for Piedmont Healthcare. Prior to that, he served as Chief of Cardiovascular Services for Piedmont Heart Institute, a national model for physician/hospital integration and one of the most prominent heart institutes in the country. Brown is board-

certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular diseases and interventional cardiology. He has participated in numerous research studies, authored and co-authored numerous medical publications and continues to contribute articles to medical literature.

Brown earned his undergraduate degree from the University of New Orleans, attended medical school at the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans and completed his internship, residency and fellowships in cardiovascular disease and interventional cardiology with Emory University affiliated hospitals, where he also served as chief resident of medicine. He was then trained in peripheral angioplasty and endovascular therapies at the Red Cross Hospital in Frankfurt, Germany.

Brown is a member of numerous professional societies, including Alpha Omega Alpha honor society, the American College of Cardiology, the Society for Angiography and Intervention, the American Heart Association (AHA), the Medical Association of Atlanta and the Medical Association of Georgia.

Julie Marie Clary, MD, MBA, FACC

Health Affairs Committee, American College of Cardiology

Julie Marie Clary, MD, MBA, FACC, joined the Indiana University (IU) Health Physicians Cardiology in 2015 and serves as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at the IU School of Medicine. She specializes in general cardiology and echocardiography, with a special interest in prevention and is currently the director of the Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Program and Advanced Lipid Clinic.

Clary earned her medical degree from the IU School of Medicine, going on to complete her residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in cardiovascular disease at the same institution. She was the first John C. Bailey fellow and served as the chief cardiology fellow. Clary earned an MBA in the Business of Medicine from the IU Kelley School of Business. She is an ACC Emerging Advocate and in Cohort II of the Leadership Academy. Clary serves on the ACC Health Affairs Committee and as Secretary/Treasurer of the ACC Indiana chapter. She is the proud mom of two little boys, Simon (3) and Fletcher (2), and the lucky wife of a very supportive and loving husband, Nathan.

Francis S. Collins, MD, PhD

Director, National Institutes of Health

Francis S. Collins, MD, PhD, was appointed as the 16th Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) by former President Barack Obama. Sworn in on Aug. 17, 2009, in this role, he oversaw the work of the largest supporter of biomedical research in the world, spanning the spectrum from basic to clinical research.

Collins is a physician-geneticist noted for his landmark discoveries of disease genes and his leadership of the international Human Genome Project, which culminated in Apr. 2003 with the completion of a finished sequence of the human DNA instruction book. He served as director of the National Human Genome Research Institute at NIH from 1993 – 2008.

Before coming to NIH, Collins was a Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator at the University of Michigan. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and the National Academy of Sciences, was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in Nov. 2007, and received the National Medal of Science in 2009.

Kelsey Creehan

Policy Development Associate, American College of Cardiology

Kelsey Creehan joined the ACC in July of 2016 and serves as policy development associate. In her role, she is part of the Research and Innovation team and covers prevention issues including nutrition and tobacco regulation. She also contributes to internal and external advocacy communications and social media. Creehan serves as advocacy liaison for the College's geriatric and cardio-oncology section members.

Prior to joining the ACC, she worked as a project manager at a Pittsburgh-based political advertising company and as a legislative assistant for a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Creehan is a graduate of American University. She enjoys hiking and is an avid Pittsburgh sports fan.

Blair D. Erb, Jr., MD, FACC

Chair, ACCPAC Executive Committee, American College of Cardiology

Blair D. Erb, Jr., MD, FACC, graduated summa cum laude with a BA in Biology from Colorado College. He received his medical degree from Vanderbilt University, where he was a junior in the Alpha Omega Alpha honor society, and was awarded the Rudolph Kampmeier Award in Medicine. He served as an intern and resident in internal medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), and then was chief medical resident at Moffitt Hospital at UCSF. Erb worked closely with Kanu Chatterjee, MD, FACC, whose mentoring convinced him to enter cardiology. From UCSF, he returned to Vanderbilt to complete his cardiology fellowship. While at Vanderbilt, he served as chief fellow.

Erb remained in Nashville to practice with the Page-Campbell cardiology group. He served on the clinical faculty of Vanderbilt and was active in the Tennessee chapter of the ACC. The draw of the Rockies prompted a move to Montana in 1999, where he founded Cardiology Consultants of Bozeman, PC, and the cardiology program at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital. He served as the governor of the ACC Montana chapter from 2006 – 2009 and on the ACC Board of Trustees from 2013 – 2016. He has been a member of the ACCPAC Board since 2006 and now chairs this group.

Carl Gessler, MD, FACC

ACCPAC Executive Committee, American College of Cardiology

Carl Gessler, MD, FACC, is an ACCPAC board member and a past president and chair of the board for the Heart Center, Inc. in Huntsville, AL. Additionally, he serves as the legislative director for ACC's Alabama chapter. He is the founder and course director for Cardiology Update, now in its 24th year. In 2009, Gessler was the inaugural Physician of the Year of the AHA's North Alabama chapter.

Gessler received his internal medicine training at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, and his fellowship in cardiovascular diseases at Barnes Hospital, Washington University – St. Louis. In his non-clinical time, Gessler serves as chair of the board for the Port of Huntsville and the Huntsville Madison County Airport Authority. He also serves on the boards of trustees for the University of Alabama Huntsville Foundation and the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra.

Olivia Gilbert, MD

Emerging Advocates, American College of Cardiology

Olivia Gilbert, MD, is an advanced heart failure specialist at Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center and an assistant professor at Wake Forest Baptist Medical in Winston-Salem, NC. She has been involved in advocacy since her time in medical school, during which she served as vice president, then president of her local chapter of the American Medical Student Association. During her internal medicine residency in Washington, DC, she completed a health policy internship with the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. During her fellowship, she joined the ACC's first class of Emerging Advocates.

Gilbert is currently a member of the Legislative and Advocacy Committee for ACC's North Carolina chapter. Supporting her interests in health policy, quality improvement and cost-effectiveness, she is pursuing a master's degree in Health Economics, Outcomes and Management in Cardiovascular Sciences through the London School of Economics to be completed in the summer of 2018.

Gwen J. Goldfarb

Chapter Executive, American College of Cardiology

Gwen Goldfarb has been serving state chapters of the ACC for 26 years. She serves as the executive director of the ACC's Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia chapters. Her mission is to drive chapter growth and engagement while providing uncompromised high-touch, long-term stewardship.

Goldfarb helps support chapter strategy and execution in collaboration with her chapters' leadership and members. She oversees advocacy efforts, membership and volunteer engagement, board leadership, membership meetings and networking, diversification of organization revenues, chapter communications and social media and overall chapter performance.

Goldfarb is a graduate of the University of Michigan and spent a year studying at the Université Paris-Sorbonne. She resides in Atlanta, GA, with her husband. She has two sons.

Mike Gula

Co-founder, Gula Graham and Prime Advocacy

Mike Gula is the co-founder of Gula Graham, the largest Republican fundraising firm in the country, and Prime Advocacy, the leading Washington, DC, fly-in and logistics firm. Since 2009, Gula Graham has raised over \$250,000,000 for House and Senate members of Congress, including \$51,000,000 during the 2016 election cycle, backing a several successful reelection campaigns, including those of Senators Pat Toomey, Marco Rubio and Ron Johnson. Additionally, during the 2016 cycle, Gula Graham oversaw the fundraising efforts for Conservative Solutions PAC, established to support the candidacy of Senator Marco Rubio for President, raising \$44,000,000 in less than nine months.

Before co-founding Gula Graham, Gula was the president of Mike Gula Associates, a leading Washington, DC, Republican fundraising and political consulting firm formed in 2005. In 2010, Mike Gula and Jon Graham formed Prime Advocacy. To date, Prime Advocacy has secured over 19,000 meetings on Capitol Hill for numerous associations and corporate fly-ins.

Gula has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Wall Street Journal* and other major publications. A native of Austin, TX, he received his BA from the University of Richmond, where he served as captain of the baseball team. He resides in Alexandria, VA, with his wife Ashley, son Bennett (4) and daughter Collins (2).

John Gordon Harold, MD, MACC, MACP, FESC, FRCPI, FRCP, FCSI, FCCP, FAHA

Past President, American College of Cardiology

John Gordon Harold, MD, MACC, has been active in ACC advocacy efforts for over three decades, previously serving on the ACCPAC Board of Directors. He has consistently supported advocacy programs to protect and promote cardiovascular care in the U.S. and has mentored generations of cardiology trainees and emerging professionals in leadership development.

Harold, a past president of the ACC, focused on "Innovation in Technology and Education" during his presidential year (2013 – 2014), during which he facilitated the development of ACC's digital strategy, a strategic road map developed to guide the College in the digital space. He is a past chair of the ACC Board of Governors and previously served as ACC secretary. Harold served multiple leadership roles in the ACC California chapter including governor for Southern California. He has worked tirelessly to raise funds for the ACC and has chaired and served on a multitude of ACC committees, task forces and working groups.

Harold is known for his global advocacy efforts addressing the impact of noncommunicable diseases, having represented the ACC at the United Nations (U.N.) World Health Assembly meetings in Geneva, Switzerland. He provided testimony on behalf of ACC at the U.N. General Assembly and chaired a symposium in Geneva on access to medications in low-income countries. Harold participated as visiting Clinical Faculty for the U.N. exchange program between Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and the First Teaching Hospital in Beijing, China. Harold is past chair of the World Heart Federation Partner's Council and currently serves on the organization's Scientific Policy and Advocacy Committee. He facilitated the development of what is now the ACC International Chapter Exchange Program.

Harold has served as a board member with numerous organizations including the World Heart Federation, Los Angeles affiliate of the AHA, the Heart Fund at Cedars-Sinai and the UCLA Clinical Faculty Association. He currently serves on the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) Foundation Board of Trustees. He is board certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular disease, geriatric medicine and critical care medicine. Harold is a past chief of staff at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and currently serves as clinical professor of medicine at the Cedars-Sinai Heart Institute and the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. He chairs the Clinical Academic Promotions and Appointments Council at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

The first-generation son of Irish immigrants, Harold attended Stuyvesant High School in New York City. He was a member of the first class of the Sophie Davis Center for Biomedical Education at the City College of New York where he received a BS in Biomedical Sciences in 1977. He obtained his medical degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Harold completed his internal medicine residency at the Mount Sinai Hospital in NYC. He completed his cardiology fellowship at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. He was named Alumnus of the Year by both Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and the School of Medicine of the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Harold was honored with the Master designation from both the American College of Physicians and ACC. He holds honorary fellowship with the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, Royal College of Physicians, the Cardiological Society of India, British Cardiovascular Society, Irish Cardiac Society and the Interamerican Society of Cardiology. Harold is a fellow of the European Society of Cardiology and the AHA. Harold is married to Ellen Teresa Harold, RN.

Dipti Itchhaporia, MD, FACC, FESC

Board of Trustees, American College of Cardiology

Dipti Itchhaporia, MD, FACC, FESC, is the Robert and Georgia Roth Chair of Cardiac Excellence and the medical director of disease management for Hoag Heart and Vascular Institute, in Newport Beach, CA. She is presently on the Board of Trustees for the ACC and served as past secretary and chair of the ACC's Board of Governors. She is also the past president of ACC's California chapter.

Itchhaporia is a member of the ACC's Lifelong Oversight Committee, a faculty members for the ACC's nationwide Journal Club and serves on the editorial board for ACCEL. She is also a member of the CV Management Council and co-chairs the Practice Administrators workgroup. She serves on the physician Advisory Group of the California Healthcare Performance Initiative that oversees physician quality report cards and is a member of the state's oversight committee for elective PCI without surgical oversight program. Additionally, she chairs an Annual Cardiovascular Update Meeting held in Newport Beach, CA. This year's meeting marks the 8th annual meeting and will serve as ACC's California chapter meeting.

Itchhaporia has held many other leadership positions including being on the board of the Western Affiliates Board of the AHA and was the past president of the Orange County chapter of the AHA. She has also served on the National AHA's Professional Educational Committee.

She completed her residency in internal medicine at Stanford University Medical Center. Subsequently, she joined the general medicine faculty at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) as assistant clinical professor,

then went on to a cardiology fellowship at Georgetown University and an interventional cardiology fellowship at Stanford University. She is a fellow of the ACC, the European Society of Cardiology and an honorary member of the British Cardiovascular Society.

Shal Jacobovitz

CEO, American College of Cardiology

Shal Jacobovitz is the CEO of the ACC. In this role, Jacobovitz leads the 50,000+ member organization in its mission to transform cardiovascular care and improve heart health.

Prior to joining the ACC, Jacobovitz served as president of Actelion Pharmaceuticals U.S., a biopharmaceutical company specializing in cardio-pulmonary therapies, from 2004 to 2013. At Actelion, Jacobovitz developed a strong patient- and customer-centered corporate strategy.

Jacobovitz previously held positions at F. Hoffmann La Roche, where he served as general manager for Central America and the Caribbean, led the Pharmaceutical, OTC and Diagnostic divisions and served as the global lifecycle leader for cardiovascular products in Basel, Switzerland. He also held positions with Abbott Canada, Nordic Labs and Marion Merrill Dow – now known as Aventis – in Canada. Jacobovitz earned his bachelor of science degree in biology at Western University in Canada.

The Honorable Lynn Jenkins

US House of Representatives, Kansas; House Ways and Means Committee

Growing up on a dairy farm near Holton, KS, Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins learned the values of hard work, keeping your word and the importance of serving your community. Those are the same values that led her to public service and still guide her decisions as she represents the 2nd Congressional District of Kansas.

Now serving her fifth term in the U.S. House of Representatives, Congresswoman Jenkins was elected by her colleagues to serve as the vice chair of the House Republican Conference during the 113th and 114th Congressional sessions becoming the 30th woman in history to hold a leadership position in either branch of Congress, and the 14th Republican woman to be in Leadership.

Congresswoman Jenkins currently serves on the House Committee on Ways and Means, the chief tax writing committee in the House of Representatives. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, she serves on both the Health Subcommittee and Trade Subcommittee.

During her time in Congress, Jenkins has developed a track record for supporting fiscally responsible public policy to promote job creation and economic growth, working to improve transparency in Congress and backing a strong national defense. Jenkins has introduced legislation to make the House more accountable to how it spends taxpayer dollars and to improve transparency in the House committee process. Additionally, Jenkins introduced the *Mental Health First Aid Act* which was included in the *21st Century Cures Act of 2016* and signed in to law. This important bill provides millions of dollars in funding for grants to states, cities, schools, veterans groups, law enforcement personnel groups, and others to educate our community leaders and resident to spot signs of mental illness and get our friends the help they need.

Jenkins is a Certified Public Accountant by profession and brings nearly 20 years of experience helping individuals and small businesses manage their finances to the House of Representatives. She also served in the Kansas House and Senate and as the 37th Kansas State Treasurer. Jenkins graduated from Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS, and has two children, Hayley and Hayden.

Sandeep Krishnan, MD

Health Affairs Committee, American College of Cardiology

Sandeep Krishnan, MD, is a fellow in interventional cardiology and structural/valvular heart disease at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle. He graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine summa cum laude and graduated with distinction from his internal medicine residency at Emory University School of Medicine. He completed a cardiovascular diseases fellowship at the Cedars-Sinai Heart Institute where he was selected for the coveted and highly prestigious ACC/Merck fellowship, awarded to only four cardiology fellows across the country, for fellow-initiated research.

Krishnan has served in various leadership positions within the ACC, including the Health Affairs Committee and the ACCPAC Board of Directors. He has been recognized as a future leader of the College and is part of the ACC's Leadership Academy and Emerging Advocates cohorts. In addition to his role on the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Board of Directors, Krishnan is also vice chair of the Resident and Fellows Section of the Washington State Medical Association. He has remained active in the American Medical Association throughout his career, and was most recently chair of the Committee of Business and Economics in 2015 – 2016.

The Honorable John Lewis

US House of Representatives, Georgia; Ways and Means Committee

Often called "one of the most courageous persons the Civil Rights Movement ever produced," Congressman John Lewis has dedicated his life to protecting human rights and securing civil liberties. His dedication to the highest ethical standards and moral principles has won him the admiration of many of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

Born the son to sharecroppers outside of Troy, AL, he grew up on his family's farm and attended segregated public schools in Pike County. He was inspired by the activism surrounding the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the words of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., leading him to become an active part of the Civil Rights Movement.

Lewis attended Fisk University where his activism continued. By 1963, he was dubbed one of the Big Six leaders of the Civil Rights Movement and served as an organizer and keynote speaker at the historic March on Washington. In 1964, Lewis coordinated efforts to organize voter registration drives and community action programs during the Mississippi Freedom Summer. The following year, Lewis co-led over 600 peaceful protestors across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, AL, to demonstrate the need for voting rights. The marchers were attacked by state troopers in a brutal confrontation that became known as "Bloody Sunday," revealing the senseless cruelty of the segregated South and hastening the passage of the *Voting Rights Act of 1965*.

Despite more than 40 arrests, physical attacks and serious injuries, Lewis remained a devoted advocate to the philosophy of nonviolence. Lewis went on to become director of the Voter Education Project, transforming the nation's political climate by adding nearly four million minorities to the voter rolls. In 1981, he was elected to the Atlanta City Council, and five years later, was elected as the U.S. Representative of Georgia's Fifth District, where he serves today. He is Senior Chief Deputy Whip for the House Democratic Party, a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, a member of its Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support and Ranking Member of its Subcommittee on Oversight.

Lewis holds a BA in Religion and Philosophy from Fisk University and is a graduate of the American Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been awarded over 50 honorary degrees from prestigious colleges and universities, including Harvard University, Brown University, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, Duke University, Morehouse College, Clark-Atlanta University, Howard University, Brandeis University, Columbia University, Fisk University and Troy State University. He is the recipient of numerous awards from eminent national and international institutions, including the highest civilian honor, the Medal of Freedom, the Lincoln Medal, the Golden Plate Award, the Preservation Hero Award, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Non-Violent Peace Prize, the NAACP Spingarn Medal, the National Education Association Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Award, and the

only John F. Kennedy "Profile in Courage Award" for Lifetime Achievement ever granted by the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, among others. Lewis lives in Atlanta, GA. He has one son, John Miles.

Sandra Lewis, MD, FACC

Vice Chair, ACCPAC Executive Committee, American College of Cardiology

Sandra Lewis, MD, FACC, is a graduate of Stanford University's School of Medicine where she also completed her internship, residency and cardiology fellowship training. She currently practices cardiology in Portland, OR, where she is past governor of ACC's Oregon chapter.

Lewis has led initiatives to pair providers with payers around her state to develop innovative programs for cardiovascular care. She led ACC's Oregon chapter and Q-Corp Oregon in a "big data" project from Oregon's all-claims/all payer database, defining the total cost of care for patients identified with heart failure and atrial fibrillation. The report is the basis for further development of delivery model projects in the state.

She is a member of the Cardiovascular Leadership Team at Legacy Health System, where she chairs the Heart Failure Pillar and sits on the Cardiovascular Steering Committee. She is chair-elect of the ACCPAC and actively engages in work to advocate with legislators on behalf of cardiovascular patients and providers. Lewis also serves as a member of ACC's Partners in Quality Subcommittee, with involvement in payer advocacy and state leadership for crucial payment issues, and leads statewide initiatives for AUC, and state and national quality initiatives. She is working with ACC, payers and providers to develop novel models for care delivery. Lewis is also the immediate past chair of ACC's Women in Cardiology Section.

During her 30 years of practice, Lewis has participated in clinical trials on congestive heart failure, cardiovascular risk prevention, cardiovascular disease in women and older patients and disease management. She was an investigator for landmark clinical trials including the SAVE trial, PROVE-IT trial, TNT, Jupiter and the CARE trial. She was named by *Good Housekeeping* magazine as one of the 44 top cardiac centers/doctors for women and has been recognized in Castle and Connolly America's Top Doctors for many years.

Katie Lund, RN, MBA

Executive Director of Value-Based Care, Piedmont Healthcare

Katie Lund currently serves as Executive Director of Value-Based Care across the Physician Enterprise for Piedmont Healthcare in Atlanta, GA. She leads clinical effectiveness strategies including quality improvement and clinical standardization initiatives to align with quality patient care and value-based reimbursement. This is inclusive of governmental regulatory programs and third party payer value-based contracts. Her scope also includes responsibility for overseeing clinical program development within Piedmont's clinically integrated network, as well as, the development and execution of population health-related strategies.

Laxmi Mehta, MD, FACC, FAHA

President, Ohio Chapter, American College of Cardiology

Laxmi Mehta, MD, FACC, FAHA, is an associate professor of medicine in the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine at The Ohio State University. She holds the Sarah Ross Soter Endowed Chair in Women's Cardiovascular Health and serves as director of the Women's Cardiovascular Health Program. She is the first woman to serve as president/governor of ACC's Ohio chapter and has previously served two terms as secretary/treasurer for the chapter. Currently she serves as a member of several ACC committees, including Science and Quality, Educational Standards and Outcomes and the Presidential Task Force on Diversity. Additionally, she served as president of the metro Columbus Board of Directors for the AHA and is a member of the AHA's Great Rivers Affiliate Board as well as vice chair for AHA's Cardiovascular Disease in Women and Special Populations Committee.

Mehta specializes in prevention, women's cardiovascular health and cardiac imaging with clinical and research interests in obstructive and non-obstructive coronary artery disease in women. She is an educator and media spokesperson for women's cardiovascular disease and prevention. Mehta recently chaired the AHA's first ever scientific statement on acute myocardial infarction in women.

In 2016, Mehta received ACC's Inaugural Excellence in Advocacy Award and the AHA's Great Rivers Affiliate Distinguished Achievement Award for "valuable contributions to the lifesaving mission." She was chosen by Business First Magazine as one of Columbus' Top 40 under 40 in 2010 and honored as one of 12 women chosen for the 2012 Women for Economic Leadership *Women You Should Know* calendar. She is a fellow of the ACC and the AHA. She received her medical degree from Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy and completed her internal medicine residency and clinical cardiology fellowship at Michigan's William Beaumont Hospital.

Andrew P. Miller, MD, FACC

Chair-Elect, Board of Governors, American College of Cardiology

Andrew P. Miller, MD, FACC, graduated from Miami University and the Indiana University School of Medicine with honors. He completed his residency and fellowship training at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), serving as chief fellow during his final year. Miller has more than 11 years of experience in academic and private practice, previously serving as the associate director of the cardiology fellowship and vascular biology and hypertension programs at UAB, and currently serving as a physician leader at CardioVascular Associates, an integrated practice of 33 cardiologists in Birmingham, AL. He has published over 50 original manuscripts and several book chapters in the fields of hypertension, vascular biology, women and heart disease, cardiothoracic surgery and echocardiography.

Miller has been active in national ACC programs since 2005, and has served on both the Diabetes Education Initiative and the Geriatric Cardiology Section Leadership Committee. Additionally, he was a primary investigator for the development of ACC's geriatric cardiology curriculum, known as Essentials of Cardiovascular Care in Older Adults. Miller's experiences in fundamental and clinical research, academics, patient care and practice management, and as a collaborating physician for two nurse practitioners permits an experiential voice for diverse membership as he takes on the role of ACC Board of Governors chair-elect.

His additional leadership roles include membership on both the Board of Directors for the Southeast Lipid Association and the Society of Geriatric Cardiology. Miller is also past president of the Gulf Central chapter of the American Society of Hypertension. Miller has been an active member of ACC's Alabama chapter since 2001. He chaired the education committee from 2008 – 2014 and has served as governor/president of Alabama's ACC Chapter since 2015.

Dee Ann Moore, RDCS

Chief Quality Officer, Newport Coast Cardiology

Dee Ann Moore is a Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer by training and is now the chief quality officer for Newport Coast Cardiology, in Newport Beach, CA. She has spent over 30 years in the medical field and understands the necessity for quality patient care.

Moore has been involved with accreditation through the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission. In her role as chief quality officer, she has been instrumental in helping create the physician quality dashboards in her practice and has set up continuous quality improvements programs. Moore is well versed in helping practices implement the PINNACLE registry and utilize the registry data for benchmarking. She also understands the use of registries for fulfilling MACRA requirements.

Nick Morse

Director of Congressional Affairs, American College of Cardiology

Nick Morse is the director of congressional affairs at the ACC. In this role, Morse is charged with guiding the College's interactions with the U.S. House and Senate and enhancing member engagement in the political and legislative process to advance the College's mission of transforming cardiovascular care and improving heart health.

Prior to his 10 years at the ACC, Morse worked in advocacy for the National Association of Manufacturers and the American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association. A native New Englander, he is a graduate of Gettysburg College. He lives in Virginia with his wife, Sara, and their children, Charlie (8), Ellie (5), and Kate (2).

Daniel M. Philbin, MD, FACC

New Hampshire Governor, New England Chapter, American College of Cardiology

Daniel M. Philbin, MD, FACC, became governor of the New Hampshire branch of ACC's New England chapter in March of 2017. He is a cardiac electrophysiologist at the New England Heart and Vascular Institute in Manchester. Philbin received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Yale, where he also completed his postgraduate training. Before coming to New Hampshire in 2005, he spent six years as the founding director of the electrophysiology laboratory at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in the mid-Hudson Valley in New York. He became a fellow of the ACC in 2001 and a fellow of the Heart Rhythm Society in 2011. He has been on the Executive Council of the New Hampshire Medical Society for two years and was appointed its vice speaker in 2017.

Heather M. Ross, PhD, DNP, ANP-BC

Partners in Quality Committee, American College of Cardiology

Heather M. Ross, PhD, DNP, ANP-BC, is a nurse practitioner with Arizona Arrhythmia Consultants and a clinical assistant professor at Arizona State University. She is an active volunteer with ACC, serving as incoming chair of the Cardiovascular Team Advocacy Committee, a member of the Partners in Quality Subcommittee and an Emerging Advocate from 2015 to 2017.

Kristine Rufener

Associate Director of Legislative Affairs, American College of Cardiology

Kristine Rufener is the associate director of legislative affairs at the ACC, representing the College on many healthcare issues before the U.S. Congress. In this role, Rufener is the College's liaison to the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. Both committees have jurisdiction over health policy such as biomedical research and development, health information technology and Medicare and Medicaid, among other issues.

Prior to joining the ACC, Rufener worked in advocacy for the American Urological Association and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Rufener earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI. She and her husband live in Virginia, where they are active in the CrossFit community.

Lucas Sanders

Senior Associate Director of Legislative Affairs, American College of Cardiology

Lucas Sanders is the senior associate director of legislative affairs at the ACC, representing the College on a broad variety of healthcare issues before the U.S. Congress. In this capacity, Sanders is the College's point person for the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee, both of which have jurisdiction over crucial programs such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP. Additionally, Sanders is the staff liaison to

the Fellows in Training and the Early Career Physicians section and leadership councils and is an active member of the ACC Employee Engagement Team.

Prior to joining the ACC, Sanders was a political consultant with Fiorello Consulting, planning more than 300 fundraising events and managing over \$10 million in political contributions per cycle. Earlier in his career, he served in the advocacy division of the Building Owners and Managers Association International as well as the Programs in Professional Education division at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Sanders earned an AB in Social Anthropology from Harvard University where he was a springboard and platform diver on the varsity swimming and diving team. He enjoys traveling, his overly active book club and good wine. He lives in Washington, DC, with his husband Jerry and their Boston Terrier, Oliver.

Ada Stefanescu Schmidt, MD

Pediatric Council, American College of Cardiology

Ada Stefanescu Schmidt, MD, is a Fellow in Training in the Harvard Adult Congenital Heart Disease fellowship program. She completed medical school at McGill University in her hometown of Montreal, Quebec, and completed her residency and general Cardiology fellowship at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, MA. She began participating in the College by organizing events for fellows across programs through ACC's Massachusetts chapter and subsequently became the state's FIT representative, leading her to attend her first ACC Legislative Conference in 2014. She is now part of the FIT Section Leadership Council and pursues her interest in clinical education by serving on ACC's simulation, and education and knowledge working groups. Her research interests include patient-reported and clinical outcomes in interventions and adults with congenital heart disease.

Allen Seals, MD, FACC

Immediate Past Chair, Board of Governors, American College of Cardiology

Allen Seals, MD, FACC, graduated from the Medical College of Georgia and completed his internal medicine and cardiology fellowship training at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. He is currently the managing partner and clinical and interventional cardiologist with the Baker and Gilmour Cardiovascular Institute where he has been in clinical practice for 26 years. He has a clinical practice centered in the university clinic and serves as principal investigator for numerous clinical studies in his role as director of clinical research. Seals' hospital practice is predominantly located at Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, FL, where he applies both clinical and research experience as an interventional cardiologist with an interest in acute coronary syndrome as well as new devices and technology in complex coronary and structural heart intervention.

Seals was inducted as an FACC in 1986 and has been a dedicated and active member of the College's Florida chapter since its establishment as the ACC's founding chapter in 1987. He has continually focused on advocacy initiatives and currently serves as chair of the Florida chapter's advocacy committee and is involved in the ACCPAC. Seals has participated in every ACC Legislative Conference, several ACC leadership conferences and numerous discussions with federal and state government and regulatory officials. Additionally, Seals has served on the board of directors for community non-profit health organizations and has been repeatedly recognized as an outstanding physician leader for his volunteer community service.

Robert A. Shor, MD, FACC

Chair, Membership Committee, American College of Cardiology

Robert A. Shor, MD, FACC, has been practicing cardiology since 1989 and is currently a partner at Virginia Heart, an institution serving much of Northern Virginia. Shor has special interests in primary and secondary prevention and risk factor modification, in addition to general and invasive cardiology. He has been involved in multiple quality initiatives, both at the practice, local and state level. In addition to running an active clinical practice, Shor has participated in multiple clinical trials and served on multiple hospital committees, as well as the board of his practice, where he currently serves as vice president.

Shor has been actively involved in ACC's Virginia chapter for many years, first as a member of the council, then as treasurer for several years. He has also been chair of the Virginia chapter's Advocacy Committee, representing the ACC on Capitol Hill and at congressional events, advancing the concerns of cardiologists. Shor has previously represented the ACC on the National Committee for Quality Assurance Medical Advisory Board, the Clinical Practice Committee and at the Medical Society of Virginia legislative meetings. He has been involved in several ACC Committees, task forces and writing committees. More recently, Shor served as the president of ACC's Virginia chapter and on the Board of Governors (BOG) from 2012 – 2015. Shor served as ACC's BOG chair from 2015 – 2016 and now serves as the chair of ACC's Membership Committee.

Shashank S. Sinha, MD, MSc

Chair, Fellow in Training Leadership Council, American College of Cardiology

Shashank S. Sinha, MD, MSc, is a heart failure and transplantation fellow at the University of Michigan (U of M). Funded by a National Institutes of Health T32 postdoctoral training grant, he completed a two-year health services research fellowship at the U of M Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation. He served as the 2015 – 2016 chair of the ACC Fellows in Training section leadership council. He also co-founded and co-directed an inaugural program, Teaching Tomorrow's Teachers, at the 2016 ACC Big Sky Cardiology meeting for aspiring clinician-educators to develop skills with respect to presentation delivery, public speaking and effective feedback.

Sinha was selected to Cohort II of the ACC's Leadership Academy and now contributes to the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology* editorial board as a section editor for the Fellows in Training/Early Career page and to the *ACC.org* eLearning editorial board. In recognition of his leadership contributions, Sinha received the 2017 American Medical Association Foundation Excellence in Medicine Leadership Award. As a recipient of the 2014 Legislative Conference FIT travel award, Sinha has attended the meeting for four consecutive years and has subsequently developed a strong interest in advocacy and health policy. Ultimately, Sinha aspires to become an advanced heart failure and transplantation cardiologist at an academic medical center where he can take care of patients, teach trainees and lead a research team at the intersection of health policy, health economics and quality improvement.

Jacqueline E. Tamis-Holland, MD, FACC

Chair, Academic Council, American College of Cardiology

Jacqueline E. Tamis-Holland, MD, FACC, is an interventional cardiologist and the associate director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at Mount Sinai St. Luke's Hospital, as well as program director for the hospital's interventional cardiology fellowship.

Tamis-Holland is a spokesperson for the AHA and serves on the organization's writing committee. She serves as an executive committee member for the AHA's Mission Lifeline NYC Program and served on the writing committee for the *AHA/ACC Guidelines for ST Segment Elevation Infarction*. Tamis-Holland also serves as chair of the Academic Council of the ACC and she is a member of the Interventional Cardiovascular Care Committee of the Council on Clinical Cardiology for the AHA as well as a member of the appropriate use criteria work group for ACC's Interventional Section.

Tamis-Holland holds a post as assistant professor of Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital. She has lectured extensively on topics related to coronary artery disease at local and national cardiology meetings. Tamis-Holland was voted teacher of the year by the Cardiology Fellows at St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals. She is also a skilled medical researcher and has published numerous peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. Her research interests include acute coronary syndromes and women and heart disease.

Edward Toggart, MD, FACC, FSCAI

Governor, Oregon Chapter, American College of Cardiology

Edward Toggart, MD, FACC, FSCAI, joined the cardiology department of the Samaritan Heart and Vascular Institute in 2008. Prior to that, Toggart was on the faculty of the West LA VA Hospital, affiliated with UCLA. He is boarded in cardiovascular diseases and interventional cardiology. In addition to his clinical responsibilities, he is director of the Cardiac Cath Lab and Cardiology Quality Improvement. He'll go anywhere to go fly fishing.

Natalie Torentinos

Congressional Affairs Associate, American College of Cardiology

Natalie Torentinos joined the ACC in January 2016 and serves as a congressional affairs associate. In her role, Torentinos is responsible for covering the Appropriations Committee, which has jurisdiction over funding the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Additionally, she serves as the advocacy liaison for the Adult Congenital and Pediatric Cardiology Section, as well as the Cardiovascular Team Section.

Prior to joining the ACC, Torentinos worked at a legislative tracking firm and served as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer for a Washington, DC, educational nonprofit. She is a graduate of the University of Delaware and the George Washington University. She enjoys choral singing and performs with the National Cathedral Choral Society.

C. Michael Valentine, MD, FACC

Vice President, American College of Cardiology

C. Michael Valentine, MD, FACC, is an interventional cardiologist at Centra Health in Lynchburg, VA. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia, where he was named the outstanding senior, and the University of Virginia School of Medicine. He completed his medicine and cardiology training at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. Valentine has served the College in many roles, including treasurer and secretary of the ACC, chair of the ACC Board of Governors and governor of ACC's Virginia chapter.

He was co-chair of the ACC Advocacy Committee and served on the task force to develop the Cardiac Cath Lab Quality Tool Kit. He chaired the ACC Medical Directors Institute, promoting collaboration between payers and physicians and developing the concept of appropriate use. He has served as co-chair of the College's annual Cardiovascular Summit for many years and will continue to serve as vice president of the ACC for the 2017 – 2018 term. He is married to Shannon Valentine, a former member of the Virginia House of Delegates, and has three college-aged children.

Thad Waites, MD, FACC

Chair, Health Affairs Committee, American College of Cardiology

Thad Waites, MD, FACC, is a graduate of Mississippi College and University of Mississippi Medical Center. He completed his medical training at the University of Colorado and Emory University. Waites served as a flight surgeon in the U.S. Naval Reserve, then practiced cardiology at Ochsner Clinic and Forrest General Hospital/Hattiesburg Clinic. He served as president of Mississippi Affiliate of the AHA and served two terms as president of the AHA southeast affiliation.

Today, Waites' primary vocation is as director of the cath lab and an interventional cardiologist at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg, MS. His main avocation is with the ACC, where he was on the Board of Trustees and was chair of the Board of Governors. Waites was a member of the Management Board of the National Cardiovascular Data Registry. He is currently chair of the College's Health Affairs Committee, in addition to his role on the Advisory Committee for ACC to the RVS Update Committee. He is a member of Mississippi State Medical

Association and its Claims Advocacy Committee and serves as an active board member of the Mississippi State Board of Health.

Nicolle Wallace

Political Analyst, MSNBC

Nicolle Wallace is a best-selling author, a political analyst for MSNBC, a top strategist for the GOP, and the former special assistant to the president and director of communications at the White House under President George W. Bush. *The New York Times* called her a “tough, savvy, and hard-charging conservative political operator,” and her White House colleague, presidential political advisor Mark McKinnon, called her a “rare talent in politics.” Funny and charming, she shares fascinating stories from her time in the White House, on the campaign trail with Sarah Palin, and from the studios at MSNBC and ABC, where she was a co-host on *The View*. She is someone that audiences will not only recognize from TV but love on stage. Wallace is a master storyteller as she looks at the latest in politics and the media and offers audiences the rundown on today’s biggest players and issues.

Wallace served as the communications chief for George W. Bush’s White House and re-election campaign and was credited with “injecting a tremendous amount of realism” into White House deliberations. According to the *Washington Post*, she served as “a voice for more openness with reporters.” The *New York Times* story announcing her presidential appointment carried the headline: “New Aide Aims to Defrost the Press Room,” and she was described by former colleagues as “very persuasive in the halls of the West Wing.”

Wallace also served as senior campaign advisor for the McCain-Palin campaign in 2008. She appeared frequently on network and cable news programs as the campaign’s top spokesman and defender. In the 2012 film *Game Change*, she was portrayed by Sarah Paulson.

Before her time in the White House, she was a press secretary for Governor Jeb Bush (R-FL). She is also a former political analyst for CBS Evening News.

Wallace is the author of several *New York Times* best-selling contemporary political novels, which include *Madam President*, *Eighteen Acres*, *It’s Classified* and *Day in the Life*. The books feature women in top political roles, including president, secretary of defense, chief of staff and White House correspondent.

Wallace is a California native and graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism.

Mary Norine Walsh, MD, FACC

President, American College of Cardiology

Mary Norine Walsh, MD, FACC, earned both her undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Minnesota. She completed her internship and residency at the University of Texas Southwestern and her cardiology fellowship at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO. She served as an assistant professor of medicine in the division of cardiology, as well as an assistant professor of radiology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania from 1990 to 1992. Walsh joined what is now St. Vincent Medical Group in Indianapolis, IN, in 1992.

Her areas of expertise include nuclear cardiology, heart failure and cardiac transplantation with a special interest in cardiovascular disease in women. She is the medical director of the heart failure and cardiac transplantation programs and director of nuclear cardiology at St. Vincent Heart Center and a clinical associate professor of medicine at the Indiana University School of Medicine. Additionally, she is program director of the St. Vincent Advanced Heart Failure and Transplantation fellowship.

She is past president of the Indiana affiliate of the AHA, past board member of the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology and a current board member of WomenHeart - the National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease. She has served as an associate editor of *HeartWatch* – a publication of the Massachusetts Medical Society and

currently serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Cardiac Failure* and as an editorial consultant for *JACC: Heart Failure* and a reviewer for multiple scientific journals. She is an author of more than 100 articles and book chapters.

She has been active in the ACC, both locally and nationally. She was previously elected as president of ACC's Indiana chapter and served on and chaired multiple committees and workgroups. Walsh currently serves as president of the ACC.

Walsh has represented the ABIM on the ACGME Residency Review Committee for Internal Medicine and previously served the ABIM as a member of the Congestive Heart Failure PIM Committee.

Walsh's teaching activities include instruction of students, residents and fellows and she lectures frequently on heart failure, heart disease in women and topics in nuclear cardiology. She is actively involved in clinical research in heart failure, nuclear cardiology and systems approaches for quality initiatives in the practice setting. She received the Wenger Award for Medical Leadership in 2014 and has been elected by her peers for inclusion in Best Doctors in America annually since 2005.

Andrew R. Waxler, MD, FACC

Advocacy Chair, Pennsylvania Chapter, American College of Cardiology

Andrew R. Waxler, MD, FACC, is a cardiologist with Berks Cardiologists, Ltd., in Wyomissing, PA. and treats patients at Penn State-St. Joseph Medical Center and Reading Health Center in Reading, PA. Board-certified in cardiology, internal medicine and nuclear cardiology, Waxler earned his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in Philadelphia. He completed his internal medicine residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Pittsburgh and cardiology fellowship at Penn State Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, PA.

A lead member in several professional organizations, Waxler currently serves as the cardiology representative to the Pennsylvania Medical Society's Specialty Leadership Cabinet. Additionally, he is the advocacy chair and a member of the executive council for the ACC Pennsylvania chapter, as well as an executive board member and physician advocacy chair for the Berks County Medical Society. Waxler is currently the president of the Berks County Medical Society and a past president of the Berks County chapter of the AHA. He has been a member of the American Medical Association, the National Lipid Association and many other health-related organizations. He is the medical director of the cardiovascular rehabilitation program at Penn State-St. Joseph's Medical Center, as well as member of the Penn State-St. Joseph Foundation Board. He is also the primary cardiology educator for the family practice residency program at Penn State-St. Joseph's Medical Center.

In 2007, Waxler created the annual St. Joseph Medical Center Cardiovascular Symposium, which attracts nationally-known cardiovascular experts as faculty and draws an audience of approximately 150 participants (doctors and other health care providers) from across southeastern PA each year; he continues to serve as the course director of this highly successful conference.

A strong advocate for both patients and health care providers, he has authored legislation to streamline the onerous prior authorization process that is often required by health insurance companies; that bill is currently being debated in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Waxler regularly hosts health-focused broadcasts, including WEEU's "Healthtalk" radio show and BCTV's "Heart to Heart." He frequently speaks publicly to a variety of community groups. His wife Laurie is a nurse practitioner, and they have three college-aged children.

Hadley Wilson, MD, FACC

Chair of the Board of Governors, American College of Cardiology

Hadley Wilson, MD, FACC, graduated with honors from Davidson College and subsequently Duke University Medical School, going on to train in internal medicine at Vanderbilt University, where he served as chief resident before his cardiology fellowship under Gottlieb Friesinger, MD, FACC. He joined Sanger Heart and Vascular Institute as an interventional cardiologist where he rose to director of the cath lab, then chief of cardiology for over 15 years.

During his time at Sanger, Wilson served as co-director of the annual Advanced Cardiovascular Interventions course at Hilton Head from 1992 to 2007, as the chief interventional cardiologist for the ACC North Carolina STEMI/RACE program for a statewide system of care from 2005 to 2015, and now the ACC/AHA National STEMI Accelerator I and II programs covering over 30 million lives. For the last decade, Wilson has been clinical professor of medicine at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and serves on the yearly faculty at the Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics annual meeting.

Wilson has over 50 publications with interests including new stent technologies and devices for coronary intervention particularly bioabsorbable stents, left main stenting and chronic total occlusions, as well as an interest in appropriate public reporting of PCI outcomes. For the past five years, he has been a program director for the ACC's North and South Carolina chapter annual meeting, which has grown into one of the largest combined state meetings, with over 200 attendees. Wilson was elected governor of the ACC's North Carolina chapter for the 2014 – 2017 term, and his efforts with the state legislature on population health led to his appointment to the Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention task force in 2015. He has led numerous cardiology medical missions to Haiti, Panama, Nicaragua, Honduras and, since 2012, to Belize, where he helped establish the country's only national PCI and CABG program. Wilson serves as chair of ACC's Board of Governors and sits on the ACC Membership Committee and NCDR Management Board.