

Speaker Biographies

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Demilade A. Adedinsewo, MD, MPH, FACC

Dr. Demilade Adedinsewo (Day-Mee-LAH-day Ah-DAY-deen-SHAY-woe) is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and non-invasive cardiologist at Mayo Clinic in Florida with a clinical focus on women's heart health and echocardiography. Her research focuses on heart disease in women and the use of novel digital technologies and artificial intelligence to improve cardiovascular care and enhance health equity. She is currently a Mayo Clinic Women's Health Scholar.

Wayne Batchelor, MD, FACC

Dr. Wayne Batchelor currently serves as System Director of Interventional Cardiology, Director of Interventional Research and Education at the Inova Health System and Senior Associate Director of Inova Schar Heart and Vascular in Fairfax, VA, U.S.A. He is a Professor of Medicine at Duke University (adj.), Chair of the American College of Cardiology's (ACC) Interventional Sectional Leadership Council, and Vice-Chair of the U.S. Society of Thoracic Surgery and American College of Cardiology's Transcatheter Valve Therapy (STS/ACC TVT) Registry. He previously served as Chair of the Medical Staff Executive and Board Member of Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare, President of Southern Medical Group, P.A., and Founder and President of the Tallahassee Research Institute. Dr. Batchelor has decades of executive leadership in medicine that spans academic medicine, private practice, clinical research, and education. He has expertise in the treatment of acute myocardial infarction complicated by cardiogenic shock, complex/high risk percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), chronic total occlusions, structural heart and adult congenital heart disease interventions, clinical trials in cardiovascular disease and cardiovascular health care disparities. He has published over 250 peer-reviewed original abstracts/manuscripts, multiple book chapters, served on several national/international clinical trial steering committees, and has been the National PI on multicenter clinical trials, including the PLATINUM Diversity study, the first study to prospectively evaluate cardiovascular outcomes in women and underserved minorities undergoing coronary stent procedures across the U.S. He is a frequent Guest Editor for the Journal of the American College of Cardiology and serves on the editorial boards of Circulation, the Journal of the Society of Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions and Cardiovascular Revascularization Medicine. Dr. Batchelor is also a special consultant to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) within the Cardiovascular Devices Branch,

helping advance clinical trial diversity. He recently received an Executive MBA from New York University and enjoys traveling and spending time with his family.

Natalie Bello, MD, MPH, FACC

Dr. Natalie A. Bello is Associate Professor and the Director of Hypertension Research in the Smidt Heart Institute's Department of Cardiology at Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, CA, USA. Dr. Bello's professional activities include NIH-funded clinical research and direct patient care in hypertension as well as multi-modality cardiovascular imaging with expertise in echocardiography, nuclear cardiology, and cardiac magnetic resonance. She is the current Chair of the ACC's Reproductive Health and Cardio-Obstetrics Member Section, and a member of the Southern California Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review Committee.

Cathleen Biga, MSN, FACC- ACC President

Cathleen Biga, MSN, FACC, is President and CEO of Cardiovascular Management of Illinois, a cardiology physician practice management company. She has worked with more than 100 cardiovascular providers in the Chicago area and partners in their cardiovascular service lines at more than 14 acute care hospitals. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the Mayo/College of St. Teresa and Master of Science in Nursing from Northern Illinois University School of Nursing. Biga has more than 40 years of experience as a registered nurse, service line director, hospital vice president and CEO. She has 30 years of experience in physician practice management.

She has been active nationally in consulting 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 cardiovascular service lines at practices and hospitals. In addition, she consults and lectures on numerous contemporary cardiovascular topics.

Biga is a member of ACC's Board of Trustees, a past member of the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Board and was the Inaugural Chair of MedAxiom's Board of Managers.

Biykem Bozkurt, MD, PhD, FACC

Dr. Biykem Bozkurt is the W.A. "Tex" and Deborah Moncrief, Jr., Chair; Mary and Gordon Cain Chair and Professor of Medicine; Director of the Winters Center for Heart Failure; Associate Director of Cardiovascular Research Institute; Vice-Chair of Medicine at Baylor

College of Medicine; and Medical Care Line Executive at the DeBakey VA Medical Center in Houston TX. Dr. Bozkurt is an advanced heart failure and cardiac transplantation cardiologist with active participation in clinical practice, research and education.

Dr. Bozkurt has been a member of the HFSA for more than 15 years, has served on many committees; and has participated in the strategic planning, advocacy, membership, scientific, research and educational activities of the HFSA. Dr. Bozkurt serves as a senior Associate Editor of *Circulation*; one of the Heart Failure Section Editors for the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*; and has served as an Associate Editor for *Circulation: Heart Failure*. She currently is the Chair of the Heart Failure Council at the American College of Cardiology; Chair of the ACCF/AHA Task Force for Clinical Data Standards; and serves as a member of the ABIM Question Writing Committee for Advanced Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplantation. She was a member of the AHA/ACCF Practice Guidelines for the Management of Heart Failure Writing Committee and the AHA/ACCF Task Force for Practice Guidelines.

Dr. Bozkurt actively participates in clinical and translational research and as a presenter in national and international scientific sessions. She teaches medical students, residents, fellows at bedside; and mentors' trainees in clinical and translational research. Dr. Bozkurt received her MD degree from University of Istanbul; she completed her residency and cardiology fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine, heart failure and cardiac transplant training at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. She received her PhD as part of a NIH K30 program in clinical translational science, and has had successful NIH, VA and industry funding for clinical and translational research. Dr. Bozkurt was the recipient of the National Veterans Affairs Secretary's Hands and Heart Award for Recognition of Highest Standards in Patient Care in 2003, American College of Cardiology Proctor Harvey MD Young Teacher Award in 2005, Barbara and Corbin J. Robertson, Jr. Presidential Award for Excellence in Education at Baylor College of Medicine in 2014, Master Clinician Lifetime Award at Baylor College of Medicine in 2014, and American College of Cardiology Gifted Educator Award in 2016.

Leslie Cho, MD, FACC

Professor Cho is Vice Chair of Heart, Vascular and Thoracic Institute, Section Head of the Cleveland Clinic's Preventive Cardiology and Rehabilitation Center and Director of Cleveland Clinic's Women's Cardiovascular Center at Cleveland Clinic, USA.

Professor Cho is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology, Fellow of the Society of Angiography and Cardiac Intervention, and Fellow of the European Society of Cardiology.

She is currently Chair of American College of Cardiology Cardiovascular Disease in Women Committee and is special consultant to the FDA.

Her main research interests include heart disease and hyperlipidemia in women, Lp(a) and treatment of these, as well as statin intolerance. She is on the editorial board for Circulation.

Profess Cho is an author of numerous peer-reviewed articles in leading medical journals, including the New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA and JACC; her work has been cited more than 11,000 times. She is the Co-PI for Lp(a) Horizon study and has been the steering committee for many clinical trials.

Melvin Echols, MD, FACC- ACC Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer

Dr. Melvin R. Echols is the Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer of the American College of Cardiology and leads the College's diversity, equity and inclusion strategy and programs. In his role, Echols works with ACC members, staff, external partners and other stakeholders to identify and implement programmatic goals and develop actionable and sustainable solutions to achieve a more diverse, equitable and inclusive College and cardiovascular profession.

Echols maintains a portion of his clinical and research responsibilities at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta and is an associate professor of cardiovascular disease at Morehouse School of Medicine and serves as program director for the Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship. He is also a practicing cardiologist specializing in heart failure and brings more than a decade of experience as a clinical trial investigator focusing on heart failure, quality improvement, social determinants of health, and health care disparities. Echols graduated from Morehouse School of Medicine in 2002 and completed Internal Medicine at Duke University in 2005. He completed his cardiovascular fellowship training at Duke University Medical Center. He is a member of the ACC, Association of Black Cardiologists, the Heart Failure Society of America, the American Society of Preventive Cardiology, and the American Heart Association.

Ty Gluckman, MD, FACC

Dr. Ty J. Gluckman is Medical Director of the Center for Cardiovascular Analytics, Research, and Data Science (CARDS) at the Providence Heart Institute in Portland, Oregon, and an adjunct faculty member of the Ciccarone Center for the Prevention of Heart Disease at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland.

His principal clinical interests include identifying, coordinating, and implementing cardiovascular care improvement strategies. He has authored or co-authored over 100 scientific articles, reviews, and book chapters. His work has been published in several high-impact journals including the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, *Circulation*, *Circulation Cardiovascular Quality and Outcomes*, *Journal of the American Medical Association*, *JAMA Cardiology*, *Journal of the American Heart Association*, and *New England Journal of Medicine Catalyst*. He served as co-chair of the 2022 American College of Cardiology Expert Consensus Decision Pathway on Cardiovascular Sequelae of COVID-19 in adults.

He previously served as Associate Editor of the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, Associate Editor for Guidelines and Clinical Documents for ACC.org, the primary web site for the American College of Cardiology (ACC), and chair of the ACC's Solution Set Oversight Committee, overseeing policy and clinical documents issued by the ACC. He is immediate past Governor for the Oregon Chapter of the ACC and a board member of the American Society for Preventive Cardiology (ASPC). He previously served as national chair of the ACC Patient Navigator Program-Focus MI and the ACC's Quality Summit. He is a member of the Operations Committee of the American Heart Association (AHA) COVID-19 CVD Registry, a liaison for the AHA's Council on Quality of Care and Outcomes Research (QCOR), and a site member of the AHA's Target: Aortic Stenosis initiative. Finally, he was lead developer for the Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease (ASCVD) Risk Estimator app.

Michael Honigberg, MD, FACC

Dr. Michael Honigberg is a general/preventive cardiologist and investigator at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Honigberg's laboratory focuses on advancing mechanistic understanding and clinical actionability of sex-specific cardiovascular disease risk factors in women and other emerging cardiovascular risk factors toward precision cardiovascular disease prevention. The lab leverages a broad range of methodologies and collaborations to achieve these goals, spanning human genetics, multi-omic biomarkers, imaging, and social and implementation science. Ongoing efforts in the lab, among others, include (1) comprehensively investigating causes and cardiometabolic consequences of adverse pregnancy outcomes; (2) defining how genetic and reproductive aging intersect to influence cardiovascular disease risk in women; and (3) enabling precision cardiovascular care for individuals with clonal hematopoiesis of

indeterminate potential, an age-related acquired blood condition that predisposes to cardiovascular disease.

Dr. Honigberg received his AB in Public Policy from Princeton University (2008), MD from Harvard Medical School (2014), and MPP from the Harvard Kennedy School (2014). He completed internship and residency in internal medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital (2017) and cardiovascular disease fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital (2020). He is the recipient of the Jeremiah Stamler Award from the Northwestern Cardiovascular Young Investigators' Forum (2020) and the Douglas P. Zipes Distinguished Young Scientist Award from the American College of Cardiology (2023).

Dipti Itchhaporia, MD, MACC

Dr. Dipti Itchhaporia, an interventional cardiologist, holds the Eric & Sheila Samson Endowed Chair in Cardiovascular Health and serves as the director of disease management for the Hoag Heart and Vascular Institute. Additionally, she is an Associate Clinical Professor at the University of California, Irvine, and a Past President of the American College of Cardiology (ACC).

Dr Itchhaporia completed her residency in internal medicine at Stanford University Medical Center. She then joined the General Medicine Faculty at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) but eventually pursued a cardiology fellowship at Georgetown University and an interventional cardiology fellowship at Stanford University. She is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology, the European Society of Cardiology, and an honorary member of the British Cardiovascular Society.

Richard Kovacs, MD, MACC

A graduate of the University of Chicago and the University of Cincinnati, School of Medicine, Dr. Kovacs completed an internship and residency at the Indiana University Medical Center. His fellowship training also was at Indiana University, where he served as chief fellow and chief medical resident.

He joined the full-time faculty of the Indiana University School of Medicine in 1986 as Assistant Professor, subsequently serving as the medical director and CEO of Methodist Research Institute. He also served as senior clinical research physician at the Lilly Research Laboratories of Eli Lilly and Company. He returned full time to IU School of Medicine faculty in 2003.

Dr. Kovacs is a clinical cardiologist and serves as interim Chief of Cardiovascular Medicine at IU School of Medicine and the Interim Director of the joint IUH/IUSM Cardiovascular Institute. In this dual role he oversees the clinical, research and educational activities of the academic division, and coordinates the academic division activities with the strategic goals of the IU Health System at large.

At the IU School of Medicine, Dr. Kovacs has served as the Associate Dean for Clinical Research and Associate Director of the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute. He has served as the Chair of Institutional Review Board for the Biomedical Sciences and the Chair of the IRB Executive Committee.

He has served on the Joint ACC/AHA Taskforce on Practice Guidelines, the National Cardiovascular Data Registries Management Board, and the Cardiac Safety Research Consortium. He is a past member of the Board of Trustees for the American College of Cardiology, has chaired the ACC Board of Governors, served as Secretary, Vice President, and President of the ACC. He was named Chief Medical Officer of the ACC in November 2021.

His research focuses on three clinical topics: quality and measurement of quality, drug safety and sports cardiology. He has published extensively on the pro- arrhythmic effects of non-antiarrhythmic drugs. He serves on data safety monitoring boards for numerous clinical trials, including the NIH Alzheimer's Disease Collaborative.

Dr. Kovacs was a co-chair of the committee that revised the AHA/ACC Eligibility and Disqualification Recommendations for Competitive Athletes with Cardiovascular Abnormalities. He has served on many ACC committees, Chairing the Science and Quality Committee. He is a member of the ACC Sports Cardiology Section and oversees the cardiovascular evaluations of players at the Annual National Football League Scouting Combine in Indianapolis.

Selma Mohammad, MBBS, FACC

Dr. Selma Mohammed is an advanced heart failure cardiologist, a professor of Medicine, tenure track at the Creighton University School of Medicine and the founding Director of the Heart Failure Program at Creighton University and CHI Health, Omaha, NE. She is also the Director of the Creighton-LEAD, School of Medicine Faculty Leadership Development Program.

Dr. Mohammed is an associate editor for Circulation, Heart Failure journal. She serves as the Chair of the Heart Failure Society of American (HFSA) Patient Committee and is a member of the American Heart Association (AHA) Heart Failure and Transplantation Committee, the AHA Program Committee and the American College of Cardiology (ACC) cardiovascular disease in Women Committee. She is the Nebraska ACC governor elect. She previously served on the Steering Committee for the ACC Clinical Trials Research Program. She is an emerging leader within the Association of Professors of Cardiology.

Dr. Mohammed is an internationally recognized expert in the field of HFpEF and has published numerous key manuscripts in the field in top-tier cardiology journals, advancing our understanding of HFpEF. She has won numerous awards for her leadership and contributions to the field and was inducted into the Creighton University Department of Medicine Wall of Scholarship for meritorious original research.

Prior to joining Creighton, she was the Director of Heart Failure Research at Medstar Health and an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Georgetown University, Washington, DC, where she has built a robust research infrastructure and led several strategic research initiatives.

Dr. Mohammed obtained her medical degree from the University of Khartoum, Sudan and her PhD degree from the Mayo Clinic Graduate School, Rochester, MN. She completed her cardiology and advanced heart failure fellowship training and NIH fellowship at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, and upon graduation, was conferred the Mayo clinic cardiovascular Outstanding Achievement Award.

Nick Morse, MBA- ACC Division Vice-President, Advocacy

As DVP for Advocacy, Nick is charged with guiding and strengthening the ACC's interaction and influence with policymakers and other stakeholders to advance the College's mission of transforming cardiovascular care and improving heart health for all. In this role, he works with ACC staff and member leaders to spearhead engagement and the development of sound policy to lessen the burden of cardiovascular disease and address the complex issues facing America's health care system. Nick and the Advocacy division, in collaboration with ACC's Health Affairs Committee, are keenly focused on ensuring CV clinicians are supported in their tireless work for their patients.

Nick has been a proud member of the ACC team for 15 years. Prior to his time with the College, he worked in government relations for the National Association of Manufacturers and the American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association. He also spent three years teaching middle school social studies in suburban Maryland. Nick earned his MBA from the Haslam College of Business at the University of Tennessee. He and his wife Sara are graduates of Gettysburg College and live in Virginia with their three children, Charlie (14), Ellie (12), and Kate (9), and their charming rescue dog, Taylor Adele.

Andrea Russo, MD, FACC

Dr. Andrea Russo is currently Professor of Medicine at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, Academic Chief of the Division of Cardiology, Director of Electrophysiology and Arrhythmia Services, and Director of the Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology Fellowship Program at Cooper University Health Care in Camden, New Jersey. She has volunteered on multiple committees, task forces, or working groups with the American College of Cardiology (ACC), Heart Rhythm Society (HRS), and American Heart Association (AHA) and was a Past President of HRS. She has authored multiple manuscripts on a variety of arrhythmia and device topics and has been co-chair or member of various writing groups, including guideline, consensus, and appropriate use documents. In addition, she serves on the editorial board for several peer reviewed journals and is a current Associate Editor for *Circulation* and Associate Editor for *Circulation: Arrhythmia and Electrophysiology*. She has also served on steering committees, events committees, and data safety monitoring committees for several clinical trials. Areas of special interest include atrial fibrillation therapy, sex differences in arrhythmias, implantable cardioverter defibrillators, and the role of digital health in arrhythmia management.

Candice Silversides, MD, FACC

Dr. Candice Silversides is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto, Chair in Pregnancy and Heart Disease at the Miles Nadal Heart Center, and director of the CardioObstetrics program. She also specializes in adult congenital heart disease and echocardiography. She is the inaugural Editor-in-Chief of the *JACC: Advances*. She has published extensively in the field of CardioObstetrics and contributed to many leading cardiology textbooks, international practice guidelines, and consensus statements. She was awarded the Canadian Society of Cardiology 2023 Achievement Award and the Kent Ueland Distinguished Career Award for her contributions to the field.

Erica Spatz, MD, MHS, FACC

Dr. Erica S. Spatz is an Associate Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine at Yale School of Medicine and of Epidemiology at Yale School of Public Health. She is director of the Yale Preventive Cardiovascular Health Program and medical director of Remote Patient Monitoring. Her clinical and research interests focus on patient and community engagement, digital health, integration of real-world data, and shared decision making to inform individualized approaches to preventing and managing cardiovascular disease. She is PI of a PCORI-funded study to compare health system strategies to address disparities in hypertension control. She is a Deputy Editor at JACC.

Mary Norine Walsh, MD, MACC- Ascension St. Vincent Cardiovascular Research Institute

Dr. Mary Norine Walsh 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 Ascension St. Vincent Medical Group in Indianapolis, IN in 1992. Her areas of expertise include heart failure and cardiac transplantation with a special interest in cardiovascular disease in women. She is the medical director of advanced heart failure and the Ascension St Vincent Cardiovascular Research Institute. Walsh also leads the Ascension Health heart failure service line. She serves as deputy editor of JACC Case Reports, associate editor for JACC: Heart Failure and is a reviewer for multiple scientific journals. She is an author of more than 200 articles and book chapters.

Walsh has been active in the ACC both locally and nationally. She was previously elected as president of the Indiana Chapter and has served on and chaired multiple committees and work groups and served as the organization's national president in 2017-2018.

Her teaching activities include instruction of students, residents and fellows and she lectures frequently on heart failure, heart disease in women, and topics in patient-centered healthcare. She is actively involved in clinical research in heart failure and systems approaches for quality initiatives in the practice setting.

Dr. Walsh has received numerous awards and recognitions including the Wenger Award for Medical Leadership in 2014, the St Vincent Distinguished Physician Award in 2018, the Women's Day Red Dress Award in 2019 and she has been elected by her peers for inclusion in Best Doctors in America annually since 2005.