

Speaker Biographies

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Efstathia “Effie” Andrikopoulou, MD, MBA, FACC

Efstathia “Effie” Andrikopoulou, MD, MBA, FACC, FASE is an academic cardiologist and Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Washington, where she serves as Medical Director of the Echocardiography Lab at Harborview Medical Center. She completed her training in General Cardiology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and in advanced multimodality imaging at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. She is a physician-investigator with a clinical and research focus in Cardio-Oncology, health system innovation, and AI-enabled care transformation.

Katie Berlacher, MD, MS, FACC

Katie Berlacher, MD, MS, FACC is a distinguished cardiologist and educator based in Pittsburgh, PA. She is the medical director of the Magee Women’s Heart Program and Associate Chief of Education for the Heart & Vascular Institute at the University of Pittsburgh. Berlacher is also the Chief of Medicine at Magee Women’s Hospital and an associate professor of medicine at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Her clinical interests include women’s heart disease, high-risk pregnancy-related heart disease, and medical education. Berlacher has published numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals and is an active member of the American College of Cardiology.

She received her medical degree from The Ohio State University and completed her residency with a focus on women’s health and fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Berlacher joined UPMC Heart and Vascular Institute in 2012 and has been involved in various projects to modernize medical education for all levels of learners.

Ami Bhatt, MD, FACC

Ami B. Bhatt, MD, FACC, is Chief Innovation Officer of the American College of Cardiology, effective January 2022. In her role, Bhatt provides leadership and expertise in health care innovation and continues to grow the College's comprehensive Innovation Program in support of the ACC's Mission to transform cardiovascular care and improve heart health.

Bhatt has been a member of the ACC for 20 years and is a member of the ACC's Health Care Innovation Section, as well as the College's Lifelong Learning Oversight Committee. As an active clinical cardiologist, investigator and educator, Bhatt brings nearly 10 years of

experience in telemedicine and digital health to her new role. She founded her first program in virtual care in 2013 and continues to work on creating culturally relevant personalized virtual cardiovascular care delivery models. Her research has centered on identifying and implementing solutions to overcoming access barriers to cardiovascular and telemedicine care.

A graduate from Harvard College and the Yale School of Medicine, Bhatt completed her medicine and pediatrics residency at Harvard, her adult cardiology fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital and her adult congenital heart disease and pulmonary hypertension fellowship at the Boston Children's Hospital. She most recently served as the director of Outpatient and Telecardiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) Corrigan-Minehan Heart Center.

Bhatt is currently the Chair of the FDA's Digital Health Advisory Committee, a role she assumed in 2024. In this capacity, she leads discussions on the safe and effective integration of digital health technologies—particularly generative AI—into clinical practice. The committee provides expert recommendations to the FDA on emerging digital tools and their regulatory implications, helping shape national policy on digital innovation in healthcare.

Edward T. Fry, MD, MACC

Edward Fry, MD, MACC, was born in Dublin, Ireland. He attended medical school and completed a Cardiology Fellowship at Washington University, in St. Louis, MO. He then remained on the faculty as Assistant Professor and Medical Director of the Cardiac Transplant Program. His research has focused on pharmaco-kinetics and -dynamics of genetically modified plasminogen activators. He completed an Interventional Cardiology Fellowship at Ascension/St. Vincent, Indianapolis and joined Ascension/St. Vincent in 1991 where he has remained as a busy interventional and general cardiologist and administrator. He currently serves as Chair of the Ascension National CV Service Line. He helped launch and is serving as Board Chair of Navion Health Care Solutions, LLC, a cardiovascular data registry software and data collection service for health systems across the US. He is a past president of the American College of Cardiology in addition to having served on the ACC Board of Trustees; Board of Managers of MedAxiom; as well as on numerous ACC committees, sections, work groups, and task forces, including serving as the current Chair of the Industry Advisory Forum Work Group.

Christopher Kramer, MD, FACC- ACC President

Christopher M. Kramer, MD, FACC, received his medical degree from the University of

California, San Francisco School of Medicine, and completed his residency and chief residency in internal medicine, and fellowship in cardiology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. His first faculty appointment was at Allegheny General Hospital, then MCP/Hahnemann University School of Medicine, where he directed the cardiology fellowship.

He then moved to the University of Virginia School of Medicine, where in 2019 he was named the George A. Beller/Lantheus Medical Imaging Distinguished Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, Chief of the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, and Medical Director of the Heart and Vascular Science Line. Kramer's principal research interest has been the application of cardiovascular magnetic resonance (CMR) to the cardiovascular system in translational and clinical studies.

Prior to serving as ACC President, Kramer served as President of the Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance (SCMR), ACC Treasurer, Chair of ACC's Imaging Council, and Chair of the Clinical and Integrative Cardiovascular Sciences NIH study section. Kramer is a former Associate Editor of *JACC*, and Executive Editor of *JACC: Cardiovascular Imaging*. He serves on the editorial boards of *Circulation*, *Circulation: Cardiovascular Imaging and Vascular Medicine*. Kramer is also a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation, Association of University Cardiologists and American Association of Physicians. He received the Gold Medal from the Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance in 2015 and was named a Distinguished Mentor by the ACC in 2021.

Thomas M. Maddox, MD, SM, FACC

Thomas M. Maddox, MD, SM, FACC is Vice President, Digital Products and Innovation, at BJC HealthCare and Professor of Medicine (Cardiology) at Washington University School of Medicine. In this role, he provides strategic oversight and direction of the BJC Digital team and the BJC/WUSM Healthcare Innovation Lab. The BJC Digital team builds and deploys digital products - such as online portals, apps, and wearables – that can help patients and care teams receive and deliver optimal healthcare experiences and outcomes. The Healthcare Innovation Lab catalyzes care delivery innovation through research and development. To date, the Lab has developed innovations in predictive analytics in inpatient care, critical care, and palliative care; remote patient monitoring in heart failure, post-operative, and COVID-19 patients; patient transportation for ambulatory and cancer patients; and voice assistants in inpatient supply chain and pre-operative patients.

Maddox is also a practicing cardiologist, a Professor of Medicine (Cardiology) at Washington University School of Medicine, and a health services researcher. His research interests have focused on healthcare delivery innovation, learning healthcare systems,

and quality-of-care in cardiovascular disease. He has authored over 230 peer-reviewed publications and received multiple grants exploring optimal care delivery. He has also translated his quality-of-care research to clinical practice by designing and directing a national cardiology quality and safety program at the Department of Veteran Affairs. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the American College of Cardiology and has held multiple national leadership positions at the ACC and the American Heart Association.

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.

Modele Ogunniyi, MD, MPH, FACC

Modele Ogunniyi MD, MPH, FACC is an Associate Professor of Medicine and Master Physician with the Division of Cardiology at Emory University School of Medicine. She also serves as Associate Medical Director of the Grady Heart Failure Program.

After receiving her medical degree from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, she obtained an MPH and a Certificate in Health Finance and Management from Johns Hopkins University. Her postgraduate training includes a preventive medicine and public health fellowship at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, residency in internal medicine at Morehouse School of Medicine, and cardiology fellowship at Vanderbilt University.

Her research focuses on examining social determinants of health and eliminating disparities in cardiovascular disease, specifically hypertension and heart failure, and more

recently on diversity in clinical trials, palliative care in advanced heart failure, and cardiovascular disease in women. As a cardiovascular epidemiologist, she seeks to forge links between preventive medicine, public policy, quality improvement, and scientific research. She is very passionate about mentorship, growing the pipeline, and diversifying the workforce in medicine.

Ogunniyi is Principal Investigator on several clinical trials. She serves on the advisory board for the Metro Atlanta Heart Failure Collaborative and the editorial board of Clinical Cardiology. She is an active member/volunteer of many professional organizations including the Association of Black Cardiologists (ABC), American Heart Association, ACC, and American Medical Women's Association. She is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, American College of Cardiology, and American Heart Association.

She serves on several national committees, including as co-chair of the ABC Membership Committee, ACC Cardiovascular Disease in Women Committee, and the National Hypertension Control Roundtable. She is currently Vice President of Health Awareness Initiative, Africa, a nonprofit organization, whose mission is to promote healthy lifestyles in African communities by creating health awareness through screening and education.

Muhammad Siyab Panhwar, MD, FACC

Muhammad Siyab Panhwar, MD, FACC completed medical school at Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar and completed his residency in internal medicine with the University Hospitals Case Medical Center in Cleveland, OH. In addition, Panhwar completed his fellowship in cardiology at Tulane University School of Medicine Heart & Vascular Institute in New Orleans, LA, and in interventional cardiology at New York University Langone Health in New York, NY. He is also board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in both cardiology and internal medicine.

Panhwar specializes in interventional cardiology and is known on social media as the 'Heart Doc' [@drsiyabmd](#), with over 700,000 followers on TikTok. He began using his social media platform during the pandemic to share scientific information about COVID-19 and has become a public health advocate educating on cardiovascular disease and fighting health misinformation being circulated on social media.

He is originally from Karachi, Pakistan where he was born and raised; then moved to the USA in 2016 to pursue his medical training. His hobbies include reading, hiking, water activities, and cricket.

Amy Simone, PA-C, FACC

Amy Simone is a Physician Associate with over 20 years of experience in cardiovascular care, specializing in Structural Heart Disease. Her previous clinical leadership roles include serving as Structural Heart and Valve Coordinator at Emory University Midtown Hospital and Director of the Piedmont Heart Institute Marcus Heart Valve Center.

Amy is a Past President of the Academy of Physician Associates in Cardiology (APAC) and currently serves as Chair of the American College of Cardiology Cardiovascular Team Section. In her current role as Senior Director of Clinical Affairs at Edwards Lifesciences, she focuses on driving innovation in Structural Heart therapies.

She resides in Atlanta, Georgia, with her husband, Michael, and their daughter, Ivy.

Steven Steinhubl, MD, FACC

Steven Steinhubl, MD, FACC is a distinguished cardiologist and researcher with a career spanning over three decades. He received his undergraduate training in Chemical Engineering at Purdue University, followed by a medical degree at St. Louis University and cardiology training at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio. Steinhubl has held various leadership roles in healthcare, including serving as the founding director of digital medicine at the Scripps Research Translational Institute and as the Chief Medical Officer at physIQ. His research focuses on developing digital biomarkers and implementing health research programs to address healthcare disparities and inequities. Steinhubl is also a Faculty Champion for Infectious Disease at Purdue's Health Equity Initiative and a member of the Regenstrief Center for Healthcare Engineering. His work has been instrumental in advancing the use of wearable sensors and AI-based analytic insights in healthcare.

Gilbert Tang, MD, MSc, MBA, FACC

As an interventional surgeon, Dr. Tang has performed >4000 structural heart interventions (including >600 mitral and tricuspid procedures) and is a world expert in the lifetime management after TAVR (redo TAVR and TAVR explant), transcatheter mitral and tricuspid interventions, and 3D intracardiac echo. Dr. Tang has pioneered several techniques in TAVR (cusp overlap, commissural alignment) that have become the standard practice. He serves on committees in the Heart Valve Collaboratory, PCR, and several clinical trials, and is the Principal Investigator in the global EXPLANT-TAVR, EXPLANTORREDO-TAVR, and CUTTING-EDGE registries. Dr. Tang is the Editor-in-Chief for JACC Case Reports, a 4-time recipient of the Simon Dack Award for JACC, a FRCSC, FACC and the first surgeon to be a

FSCAI, as well as a member of the AATS, STS and AHA. He has published >250 articles, lectured and trained many heart teams around the world, owns a YouTube channel with >3200 subscribers and has >23,000 followers on X and LinkedIn. Dr. Tang obtained his BA from Harvard University and MD from University of Toronto. Dr. Tang completed his cardiac surgery residency and earned a Master of Science degree at the University of Toronto and later obtained an MBA from Harvard University. During his spare time, he enjoys spending it with his lovely wife Lydia and his 2 boys: Alexander, aged 8 and Julian, aged 5.

Anne Zink, MD

Anne Zink, MD is an Emergency Medicine physician in Palmer, Alaska, a Senior Fellow at the Yale School of Public Health, and co-founder of PopHIVE.org—a nimble platform built at Yale that integrates de-identified health data to strengthen trust, improve situational awareness, and make actionable insights available to the people who need them most. At Yale, she serves on national committees focused on rebuilding trust in public health and is deeply engaged as an educator and mentor, helping develop the next generation of leaders prepared to navigate real-world complexity.

Zink previously served as Alaska’s Chief Medical Officer from 2018–2024, leading the state through the COVID-19 pandemic and driving reforms to make government work better for people. Her work included restructuring the health department, strengthening mental- and behavioral health systems, advancing chronic disease initiatives, and - most importantly - regularly listening to communities and creating space for honest, robust dialogue.

A practicing emergency physician, she often says that “the emergency department is where all good public policy comes to fail.” To care for her patients, she realized she also had to care for the policies shaping their lives—patients are her why; policy is her how. This human-centered approach underpins her work to braid healthcare and public health, shift systems toward prevention, and create data and decision-making structures that truly serve people.

Nationally, Zink advises the Vaccine Integrity Project, The Gov Act, the Brown STAT Network, and the Echo Network, and she serves on the Board of Directors for Science to People. She previously served as a senior advisor to The Pew Charitable Trusts. She trained at Bryn Mawr College (BA) and Stanford University (MD).