

DAY TWO SPEAKER BIOS

Krystal Oriadha is the Senior Director of Policy and Programs for the National Farm to School Network and has over 10 years of experience as a community advocate around criminal justice reform, education, women's rights, LGBTQ rights, and food justice.



Rhegan Derfus MSW, is a Program Coordinator at the University of Arizona for AZ Health Zone, reaching individuals and families from birth to seniors. Rhegan has worked in early childhood care facilities, was a prenatal-five home visitor, an early childhood nutrition educator, and is an Internationally Board-Certified Lactation Consultant.



Elisabeth Tyndall, is the Early Childhood Specialist with AZ Health Zone at the Cooperative Extension. She works with early childcare facilities in Cochise County and the Sierra Vista Farmer's Market to create healthy eating and physical activity habits at home.



Sharon Sifling is an experienced program coordinator and health educator. Driven by a desire to help others, she takes pride in working with Northern Arizona communities. As a program coordinator, her goals include policy, systems, and environmental activities within food systems, physical activity, and childhood focus areas. In addition to her primary job functions, she has been recognized by Coconino Coalition for Children and Youth for her exceptional commitment to caring for children.

LeAnn Johnson is a Public Health Educator with Coconino County Health & Human Services (AZ Health Zone) and currently works with three communities: Tuba City, Moencopi, and Kaibeto. Her assigned workstation is in Tuba City, Arizona which is about an hour and half North of Flagstaff, AZ on the Navajo Nation reservation. She has been involved with Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation's Health Promotion Program to create safe walking trails with two communities, Cameron and Kaibeto. Her hobbies are reading and hanging out with her five dogs and three children.



Amie Perea is an independent contractor specializing in association management. She is currently heading up the ParkRx grant through her work as Membership and Grants Coordinator for the Arizona Community Tree Council. A transplant from Littleton, Colorado, in 2018, she uses her Master of Arts degree in Cultural Anthropology to help her focus on community-based projects to improve green infrastructure, increase shade canopy, and allow for more equitable access to green spaces in Arizona. These projects have resulted in 295 new trees in the Phoenix-Metro area. She is happiest when learning something new - when she's not shuttling her 3 kids around, she can be found digging into her latest research topic.

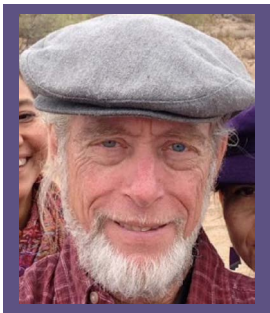


Yasmin Zavarce is a bilingual Health Educator who is part of the Active Living team at Maricopa County Department of Public Health. She has accumulated 22 years of teaching experience working in countries like Venezuela, Colombia, Chile, Mexico, and the United States of America. Her sensibility and ability to establish human relationships has been put into practice to inspire self-confidence and empowerment in underrepresented communities. Always looking for learning opportunities, Yasmin is constantly updating her knowledge through formal education, but also through formal less traditional practices, like yoga, Pilates, and meditation, looking for creative ways to support the communities around her. During her spare time, she loves hiking, biking, and flamenco dancing.



Lisa Scarpinato is the Chief Executive Office and co-founder of Kitchen on the Street, a nonprofit organization that provides weekend nutrition to food-insecure children so they can achieve academic success. Lisa is the recipient of multiple awards recognizing her work in community service, leadership, and nonprofit organization, including a *Points of Light Award* (2007), Women Doing Good Award (2010), Leader with Distinction Award (2019), and was an Athena Award finalist (2019). Lisa has a Bachelor of Arts in Human Resource Management, has earned a designation in Grant Development & Proposal Writing as well as Fundraising and Sustainable Financial Management from ASU Lodestar Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit. In 2020, she attained Trainer status from the Arizona Adverse Childhood Experiences Consortium on the topic of Adverse Childhood Experience. She is a member of the President's Circle, an Advisory Committee at Paradise Valley Community College, is a Valley Leadership Class 34 graduate, a certified forklift operator, and a **CANCER SURVIVOR!**

Cameron Jones, was born and raised in Arizona but not to a farming family. After graduating from the University of Arizona with a degree in journalism, he completed an extended service in the Dominican Republic with the Peace Corps. Cameron returned to his home state to pursue agriculture and since 2013, he has pieced together a training program to find mentors, internships, and relevant work experience, that has taken him on a journey to North Carolina and back to Arizona. Now a not-so-young farmer, Cameron is president of the Southern Arizona Young Farmer & Rancher Coalition, which organizes beginning and established producers and builds connections between rural and urban communities for mutual benefit. Cameron currently manages an urban farm in Tucson that is owned by 5 Points Market and Restaurant and hopes to grow more food on larger acreage in the future.



John Wann-Ángeles is a bilingual community organizer who has spent 43 years in South Phoenix. Thirty two of them were working in Roosevelt schools and another ten in urban farm education/food justice projects. He is the Director of the Orchard Community Learning Center and the Incubator Farm Coordinator at Spaces of Opportunity. In his roles, he also serves as mentor for schools with a desire to build curriculum that matters. John is a facilitator and coordinator of systemic change efforts, particularly within food systems and wellness education. His interests include promoting self-reliance and sustainability, and he enjoys reading, hiking, and conversation with friends and family.

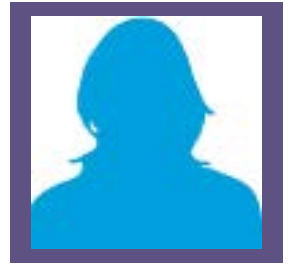


Dr. Emma Viera, is the Executive Director for Unlimited Potential. Previously, as Associate Director for Clinical Research for All of Us Research Program, she launched and managed seven research clinics across Arizona and Colorado and represented Arizona in two national task forces. She developed two integrated health clinics in Maricopa County as Vice President of Clinical Integration for Southwest Network, and she was able to develop and implement a Federally Qualified Health Center in South-Central Phoenix as Chief of Operations for Wesley Community Center. Dr. Viera completed her doctoral studies in Health Administration and has 20 years of international public health experience, largely in the areas of epidemiology and health education. She brings this expertise to the ongoing evaluation of the effectiveness of health services related to improving community health outcomes.



Vanessa Tibbits, is an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and serves as the Program Leader for the American Indian Public Health Resource Center at North Dakota State University. Vanessa received her Bachelor of Science in Human Services and Master of Arts in Lakota Leadership and Management from Oglala Lakota College. Vanessa has worked in public health for the last 16 years with tribal nations. Vanessa serves her community using the skills she has acquired professionally, through academia, and through Elders for the future of her people.

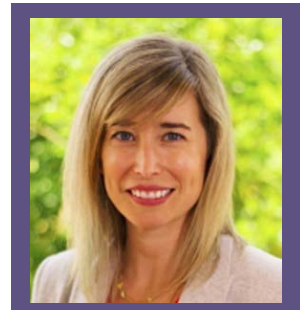
Gretchen Dobervich, serves as the Public Health Policy Manager for the American Indian Public Health Resource Center. She works with tribal nations and other diverse populations on policy appropriations and analysis. Gretchen was appointed to the North Dakota House of Representatives in 2016. She currently serves on the Agriculture and Human Services Committees and is the Minority Caucus Leader for the ND House of Representatives in the ND State Legislature.



Ryan Eagle, is an enrolled member of the Masters in Healthcare Administration Nation and the Public Health Research Project Manager at the American Indian Public Health Resource Center. Ryan provides technical assistance to tribes regarding research processes, benefits, and barriers as well as assisting with all stages of evaluation design and implementation. Ryan previously served as the Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of the Three Affiliated Tribes. Ryan grew up on the Fort Berthold Reservation and has established relationships with tribal leaders and programs, he brings a wealth of institutional knowledge and lived experience regarding his work with tribal nations.



Laurel Jacobs, DrPH, MPH, is the lead evaluator for Arizona's SNAP-Ed program and the Principal Investigator on the project. She worked for Arizona's SNAP-Ed program at the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension for ten years before becoming an external SNAP-Ed evaluator. Her dissertation for my Doctorate in Public Health Policy and Management focused on the role of social capital in a Community Health Worker model for grassroots community advocacy. Through a mixed-methods research design, she learned that CHWs exhibited high bonding social capital, and increased their bridging and linking social capital after receiving training in community advocacy. She developed a model to describe the relationships between social capital and her qualitative findings: in essence, that CHWs play a unique role in community advocacy efforts by using their social capital to develop leaders, unite people, build new partnerships, make voices heard, approach power players, and take issues up the ladder of command.



Kathryn Orzech earned a PhD in Anthropology from the University of Arizona in 2010, specializing in biocultural and medical anthropology. Because of her interest in both biological and medical anthropology, she took classes in public health and nutrition. She worked on research projects about adolescent sleep (in Rhode Island) and technology use across the lifespan (in Scotland) before returning to Arizona as a program evaluator for SNAP-Ed. Since 2015, she has been the evaluator for Active Living and Adult Direct Education, and has regularly worked with staff in just about every county in the state.



Juanita Trejo earned a BS in Biological Sciences from the University of California, Merced in 2014. Thereafter, she pursued a master's degree in public health (MPH) from the University of Arizona where she worked as a clinic manager for a non-profit/free medical clinic. Juanita's internship focused on the impacts that mental illness has on the individual and their families as well as the impacts that society, systems, and the environment have on the person experiencing a mental illness. After graduation, her work involved multiple interdisciplinary implementation science research projects involving program management and evaluation of a cancer education intervention

with low-income families facing cancer and as depression care manager working with cancer patients experiencing depression at the UA Cancer Center.



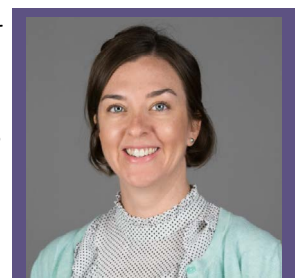
Margine Bawden is a dedicated educator with over 15 years in the education field. Margine joined the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension in 2011 and, as the Community Outreach Coordinator, has been responsible for developing the SNAP-Ed program in Apache and Navajo counties. Prior to Extension, she worked for the Navajo County Superintendent of Schools as a grant and program manager focused on managing professional development programs for K-12 educators in Navajo and Apache counties. She also has 3 years of classroom experience, having taught high school social studies.



Theresa Kulpinski has been with Coconino County Health and Human Services for almost 18 years and as Program Manager with AZ Health Zone for the past nine. She came to Flagstaff from Pennsylvania where she received a Bachelor of Science in Health & Physical Education and Dance from the College of New Jersey. Theresa worked with Flagstaff Unified School District and the City of Flagstaff prior to being hired on with the county. The AZ Health Zone team, in addition to Theresa, consists a Program Coordinator and Administrative Specialist in Flagstaff along with Health Educators in Tuba City and Page, who provide nutrition and physical activity education to eligible schools, early child care centers, and communities throughout Coconino County. Whenever the opportunity arises, Theresa enjoys spending time with family, hiking a mountain, traveling, and also volunteering at Hope Cottage or with the United Way.



Meredith Savvides is an instructional design specialist with ASU Online. She began her education career in K-12, where she worked for 13 years (6 years in special education and 7 years coaching teachers in best practices) before making the leap to higher education 2.5 years ago. The role of an instructional designer and the mission of EdPlus were a great fit - with a focus on accessibility, inclusive practices, and removing barriers to allow access to an education that everyone deserves. Outside of work, she's a mom to three kids, loves traveling (kids in tow), and is working on self-publishing a children's book.





Liz Lee is an Instructional Design Specialist with Arizona State University Online. She graduated from ASU in 2013 with a Bachelor's of Arts in English Lit before completing a Master's of Arts in Education with a focus on Higher Education and Curriculum development in 2015. She began her career working in student-facing services such as Financial Aid, Registrars, Housing, and Online Student Success Coach with ASU before transitioning to instructional design. She uses her student support experience to better enhance the online classroom experience for students. Outside of work, she loves sewing, music, travel, and being a cat mom!



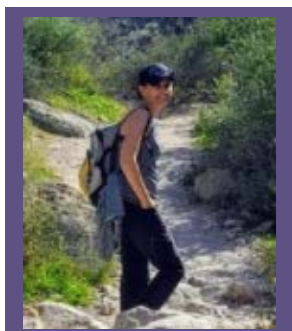
Lauren McCullough received her Master of Public Health at the University of Arizona, where she also has seven years of experience with the SNAP-Ed program. In her free time, Lauren enjoys biking throughout Tucson, enjoying a lazy afternoon reading in a park, or taking a hike on one of the many trails in southern Arizona.



Kenneth Steel, MPH, is the Healthy Communities Programs Manager at Pinnacle Prevention. He stands behind a data-and community-driven approach to developing solutions and values the impact of meaningful multisector partnerships. Kenneth has worked on food systems and active living policy in Arizona since 2013 and has a special passion for how the natural and built environments of communities help to facilitate better physical and mental health. In 2019, Kenneth was recognized as one of the "40 under 40 in Public Health" across the country by the de Beaumont Foundation.



Andrea Bernal works with the schools around Cochise County to provide resources on nutrition and physical activity and sits on many of the School Health Advisory Councils around the county to support their wellness policies. Andrea also supports and attends healthy community committees in the Douglas, Elfrida, and Huachuca City communities and supports them with healthy eating or active living resources.



Delmi Ortega, has worked for the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension in Maricopa County for over 17 years as an Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program educator and currently as a program lead for AZ Health Zone and the EFNEP program. Motivated by the challenge of understanding and meeting community needs, Delmi appreciates meaningful conversations that offer diverse perceptions and ideas. When not at work, you will find her enjoying her family, pursuing an exercise goal, or enjoying dinner with friends.