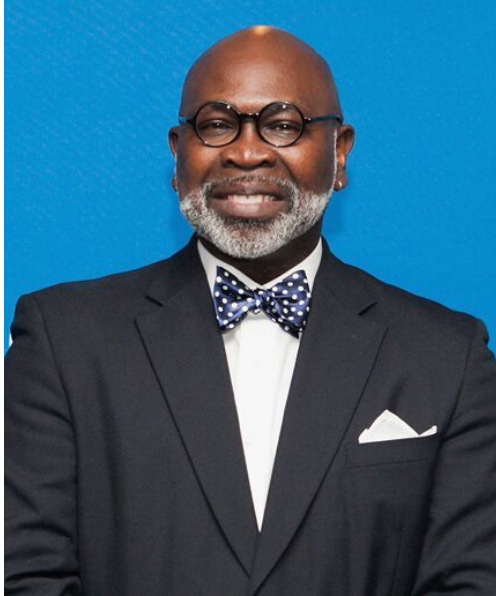


Panel 10 Speaker Bios

Willie J. Parker, MD, MPH, MSc



Willie J. Parker is a reproductive justice advocate. He is a graduate of Berea College in Kentucky, and holds degrees from the University of Iowa College of Medicine, the Harvard School of Public Health, the University of Cincinnati, and the University of Michigan. Board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and trained in preventive medicine and epidemiology through the Centers for Disease Control, Dr. Parker currently provides abortion care for women in AL, MS, PA, GA, and IL, and is the former Medical Director of Planned Parenthood Metropolitan Washington, DC. He is the physician plaintiff in the federal lawsuit preventing the closure of Mississippi's only abortion clinic, a case currently in request for hearing by the U.S. Supreme Court. Currently residing in his hometown of Birmingham, AL, his work includes a focus on violence against women, sexual assault prevention, and reproductive health rights through advocacy, provision of contraceptive and abortion services, and men's reproductive health. He is a board member of The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, Physicians for Reproductive Health, and URGE.

Joan Kaufman



Joan Kaufman, MA, M.S., Sc.D is the Director of the Columbia Global Centers | East Asia based in Beijing, one of eight global centers established by Columbia University worldwide, and Associate Professor at Columbia's Mailman School of Public Health. She is also Adjunct Professor of Global Health Policy, Tsinghua University's Center for Public Health Research. She was previously Lecturer in Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School, Principal and Faculty Affiliate of the Hauser Center for Non Profit Organizations at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, and Distinguished Scientist and Senior Lecturer at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University where she taught global health policy. At Brandeis, she was the Associate Director for Academics for the Masters in Science program in International Health Policy and Management, one of two Sustainable International Development masters degree programs at the Heller School. Dr. Kaufman has lived and worked in China for over 13 years. She was the China Team Leader for the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative from 2002-2012. Dr. Kaufman was the first UNFPA international program officer in China in the 1980's and from 1996-2001 she was the Ford Foundation's Reproductive Health Program Officer for China based in Beijing. She spent 2001-2002 as a Radcliffe fellow at Harvard and 2005-2006 as a Soros Reproductive Health and Rights Fellow. In 2002 she founded the AIDS Public Policy Project at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, a program which trained government officials in China and Vietnam about the multi-sectoral and governance requirements for an effective HIV/AIDS response. She holds a Doctorate in Public Health (Harvard School of Public Health), Masters in Asian Studies and Health and Medical Sciences (University of California, Berkeley), and BA cum laude in Chinese Studies (Trinity College). She has published widely on AIDS, reproductive health, gender, population and international health policy, emerging infectious diseases, and civil society and health with a focus on China.

Alison Edelman



Alison Edelman is a Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the Co-Director of the Oregon Family Planning Fellowship, a Graduate Faculty in the Master in Public Health Program at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), and a Collaborative Scientist at the Oregon National Primate Research Center. She completed subspecialty fellowship training in family planning at OHSU (2001-2003) and a Master in Public Health at the University of Washington (2003). Dr. Edelman was awarded a position as a Women's Reproductive Health Research Scholar (NIH K12 HD-01243, PI Joanna Cain, MD) from 2004-2009. Since that time, she has been successful in obtaining independent intra- and extramural funding. Dr. Edelman's research has focused on contraceptive efficacy in obese women, menstrual suppression, pain control in office-based gynecologic procedures, novel contraceptive development, and post-coital, long-acting reversible, and postpartum contraception. Additionally for the last 10 years, Dr. Edelman has worked internationally as a non-profit consultant in reproductive health to develop and implement curriculum, provide technical support and train medical personnel, design standard operating procedures and perform quality assurance audits, and to create and support service delivery programs in Africa (South Africa, Ethiopia), Asia (Vietnam, Cambodia, Nepal, India, Myanmar, Bangladesh), and Europe (Russia) for the improvement in maternal morbidity and mortality.