

Panel 4 Speaker Bios

Leah Rutman

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Leah Rutman is policy counsel for the ACLU of Washington. Her work focuses on the impact of religion on healthcare and specifically religious-secular health system affiliations. Prior to joining the ACLU, Leah was an associate at an international law firm working on commercial litigation. She has also worked and volunteered domestically and abroad at various human rights organizations. Leah received her BA from McGill University and her J.D. from the Columbia University School of Law.

Ying Zhang



Ying Zhang, MD is a family doctor in Seattle, WA. She is currently a primary care National Research Service Award (NRSA) Fellow in Family Medicine at the University of Washington. Her clinical and research interests focus on family planning and reproductive health in immigrant and refugee populations. Ying is also active in reproductive health advocacy as she has worked to promote comprehensive reproductive health training and education in all clinical settings.

Monica Harrington



Monica Harrington is a former technology executive turned patient rights advocate who writes frequently on topics related to the intersection of religion and health care. She lives on San Juan Island where she is currently running for Public Hospital District Commissioner. Harrington is past co-chair of Washington Women for Choice and is a board member at the Center for Reproductive Rights. She also runs the site CatholicWatch, a watchdog site devoted to raising awareness about the imposition of religious doctrine on medical decision making and medical policy in publicly supported health care institutions.