



Strengthening Women's Health Access - Medicaid and Family Planning

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

(In order of appearance on the program)

Caitlin Ellis, MPA, is the Director of Research Programs at the National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM). Ms. Ellis joined NIHCM in October 2014 and currently leads the organization's research portfolio. In this capacity, she oversees the research grants and awards and works to translate research findings for a broad audience. Ms. Ellis also supports NIHCM's health policy portfolio.

Ms. Ellis received her Masters in Public Affairs with a concentration in Policy Analysis from the Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University, Bloomington, and she holds a BA in Politics from Willamette University. Ms. Ellis held several political and nonprofit internships and fellowships while completing her degrees.

Martha Bailey, MA, PhD, is a Professor in the Department of Economics and affiliate at the California Center for Population Research at the University of California-Los Angeles. Dr. Bailey is also a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research and affiliated with CEPR, CESifo, IZA, and HCEO.

Dr. Bailey's research focuses on issues in labor economics, demography and health in the United States, within the long-run perspective of economic history. Her work has examined the implications of the diffusion of modern contraception for women's childbearing, career decisions, and the convergence in the gender gap. Recent projects focus on the 1960s, including evaluations of the shorter and longer-term consequences of War on Poverty programs and the labor-market effects of equal pay legislation in the US. Dr. Bailey directs the [LIFE-M project](#), which links millions of vital records with census data for the early 20th century U.S.

Dr. Bailey's work has appeared in the American Economic Review and Quarterly Journal of Economics and been funded by the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the Laura and John Arnold Foundation, the Ford Foundation, and the Russell Sage Foundation. She has also won several awards for outstanding teaching, including the 2017 [John Dewey Teaching Award](#) at the University of Michigan and the 2022 Berck and Lisa Cheng Award at UCLA. Dr. Bailey was honored to win the [2022 Carolyn Shaw Bell Award](#) for furthering the status of women in the economics profession, through example, achievements, increasing our understanding of how women can advance in the economics profession, or mentoring others.



Jessica Cohen, PhD, is the Bruce A. Beal, Robert L. Beal and Alexander S. Beal Associate Professor of Global Health at the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health and is the co-director of Harvard's LEAD Fellowship for Women Global Health Leaders. She is a health economist using randomized controlled trials and quasi-randomized methods for causal inference to study maternal and child health policies and programs in the United States and East Africa. Dr. Cohen studies the impact of health policy and program design features including subsidies, incentives, and choice architecture on maternal and child health care quality, equity and outcomes.

Wanicha Burapa, MD, MPH, joined the New Mexico Title X Family Planning Program team in November 2021. This is Dr. Burapa's second tenure to serve as the NM Title X medical director with a total of over 16 years serving in this capacity. She has previously held different positions in the State of New Mexico government including the Southeast Region public health physician, and the NM Medicaid medical director. Her interest is in Reproductive and Population Health.

Kate Daniel, MS, CHES, became the NM Title X Director / Family Planning Program Manager in November 2021. She has been with the program for almost 8 years but has been interested in family planning and reproductive health since graduate school. She received her Master of Science degree in Health Education from UNM in December 2006, and has worked for state government, primarily with the NM Department of Health, in a variety of roles, since October 1999. She has been nationally-certified as a Health Education Specialist since October 2006. Her most recent position was that of the Title X / Family Planning Program Epidemiologist, a position she held twice, first between September 2013 and March 2017 and then again from May 2018 to May 2021.