



Wisconsin's Economic, Social and Health Trends: What Matters?

Speaker Bios



Dr. Marah Curtis received her Ph.D. from Columbia University in Social Policy, Planning and Policy Analysis from the School of Social Work in 2005. She was on faculty at Boston University until last year when she joined the UW faculty in the School of Social Work. She is a faculty affiliate at the Institute for Research on Poverty and the Center for Demography and Ecology. Her research centers on the health, housing stability and living arrangements of disadvantaged families and the role of public policy in mediating challenges to well-being. She examines how policies and contextual factors affect health and housing outcomes. Her work has been published in *Demography*, *Social Science Research*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *Housing Studies* and *Housing Policy Debate*.



Dr. Benard P. Dreyer is Professor of Pediatrics at NYU School of Medicine, where he is Director of Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics, and Director of Service at Bellevue Hospital Center. Dr. Dreyer is Past President of the Academic Pediatric Association (APA) where he is also the Co-Chair of the APA Task Force on Childhood Poverty and leads the APA Research Scholars Program. Dr. Dreyer has held many important leadership positions in the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) as well. His research and policy interest in health literacy has led to the publication of a book for pediatricians on health literacy strategies and resources, the publication of a special issue of the journal *Pediatrics* that he edited, and his appointment to the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Roundtable on Health Literacy. In addition to issues of health literacy in pediatrics, Dr. Dreyer's research studies include improving child development among high-risk urban families, the influence of media on child development, and interventions to prevent medication errors and prevent childhood obesity.



Dr. Patrick Remington is Associate Dean for Public Health and Professor of Population Health Sciences at the School of Medicine and Public Health, University of Wisconsin-Madison. His current research interests are on methods used to measure the health of communities and communicate this information to the public and policy makers. He is currently co-directing an RWJ-funded project entitled *Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH)*. Since joining the Department of Population Health Sciences in 1997, he has helped develop public health programs in public health research, education, and service. He was the Associate Director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center, Director of the Population Health Institute, and founding director of the Master of Public Health Program, before assuming his current position as Associate Dean for Public Health in July 2009. He has authored or co-authored more than 300 publications and teaches an introductory course for the MPH students on the principles and practice of public health.

