



Speaker Biographies

James Cleary, MD, FRACP, FACHPM, is Director of the Pain and Policy Studies Group (PPSG, a division of the Carbone Cancer Center at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health) as well as Associate Professor of Medicine at that institution. Upon arriving at UW in 1994, he developed a Palliative Care Program, from which he has recently stepped aside as Medical Director. Throughout, he has served as Program Director of Cancer Control at the UW Carbone Cancer Center, with full integration of palliative care. He was the 2004 President of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. He serves as a North American Editor of *Palliative Medicine*, the Research Journal of the European Association of Palliative Care. He has global connections in Cancer Pain and Palliative Care, evidenced by the releases of the recent Global Opioid Policy Initiative publications for Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Latin America, India, and the Middle East. His current grant funding is from the National Cancer Institute's Global Health Program that is supporting a fourth (and African) cohort of the PPSG's Pain Policy Fellowship. Dr. Cleary is a member of the WHO Working Group for Palliative Care and the HGEI-Lancet Commission on Palliative Care. Dr. Cleary graduated from the University of Adelaide Medical School, South Australia, trained in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, and undertook three years of opioid pharmacology research before coming to UW.

Anna Legreid Dopp, PharmD, is Vice President of Public Affairs for the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin and Editor of the *Journal of the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin*. She completed her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2002 at the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy. Upon graduation she began working at Medtronic, Inc. as a manager and Principal Training and Education Specialist in the Cardiac Rhythm Disease Management Core Clinical and Outcomes Research department. In May 2005 she accepted a position as a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy in the Extension Services in Pharmacy Division. Three years later, Ms. Dopp took a leave of absence from the University of Wisconsin and completed a Congressional Health Care Policy Fellow Program in Washington, DC where she worked on health and social legislation in the office of Senator Joe Lieberman. She has worked as a clinical pharmacist and as a medication use policy analyst at the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics.

Patrick Knue is the Program Coordinator for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Training and Technical Assistance Center at Brandeis University. He was employed with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for 30 years; 28 years in the Narcotics Service as a crime analyst, crime analyst supervisor, and program manager; 18 years specializing in prescription abuse; and 9 years as Program Manager of the Texas Prescription Program. Mr. Knue joined the PDMP Training and Technical Assistance Program after his retirement from DPS in January 2012, and his work is funded through a Bureau of Justice Assistance grant with Brandeis University. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1983.



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Cynthia Gaston, MA, is an Inpatient Pain Consultant and Medication Use Policy Analyst at UW Health. Dr. Gaston develops guidelines, policies and patient treatment plans for appropriate and safe administration of opioids. She currently works with National Governor's Association Policy Academy for Reducing Prescription Drug Abuse and SAFE Communities to minimize opioid abuse and promote appropriate pain management. Ms. Gaston has more than 25 years' experience as a clinical pharmacist.

Aaron Gilson, MS, MSSW, PhD, is Research Program Manager at the Pain & Policy Studies Group, UW-Madison. Dr. Gilson presents and publishes about pain and policy issues relevant to healthcare professionals and healthcare regulators both in the United States and abroad. His research includes developing a methodology to evaluate national and state controlled substances and healthcare practice policies, reviewing national trends in medical and non-medical use of opioid medications, assessing the knowledge and attitudes of state healthcare regulators and practitioners regarding issues of pain management, and examining prescription drug monitoring program characteristics relating to legitimate medication use and aberrant use. Dr. Gilson's work on prescription medication abuse and diversion is based on a public health approach, emphasizing the need to address and identify the variety of sources of the controlled substances used for non-medical purposes. He is a member or committee member of numerous national pain organizations, and serves on the editorial advisory boards for the *Journal of Pain & Palliative Care Pharmacotherapy* and *Journal of Pain & Symptom Management*. He has served as a policy expert on advisory committees for developing pain management clinical practice and research guidelines. Dr. Gilson also is a research affiliate with the University of Wisconsin's Population Health Institute and the Institute for Clinical and Translational Research. Recently, he was in the 2012-2013 class of the Mayday Fund Pain and Society Fellowship.

Brad Schimel, JD, is Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin. A front-line prosecutor first elected Waukesha County District Attorney in 2006, Schimel has made a hallmark of his administration the fight against heroin and prescription opiate abuse, human traffickers, domestic violence and Internet predators. Schimel's distinguished career includes recognition from the Wisconsin Association of Victim and Witness Professionals, as "Wisconsin Professional of the Year" for his work on behalf of survivors of sexual assault. Schimel lives with his wife, Sandi, and their two daughters, Mackenzie and Hailey, in the town of Genesee in Waukesha County. In addition to being an active member of his local parish and Rotary Club, Schimel is a Harley Davidson enthusiast and plays bass in a classic rock band, 4 on the Floor. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and his law degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Scott Stokes is Director of Prevention Services for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW). He has been working in the field of HIV and Substance Abuse prevention since 1988, and doing so at ARCW for the past 21 years. During his tenure at ARCW he has developed prevention programs targeting those most at risk for HIV infection. Scott is in long term (September 1984) recovery from an opiate addiction and his passion is working with injection drug users. Scott developed and implemented ARCW's first needle exchange program in the City of Milwaukee in 1994. Since then, ARCW expanded needle exchange services to an additional 10 cities. In addition to needle exchange services HIV & HCV testing is provided throughout all of our sites. Scott serves as a citizen appointee on the Governor's State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and is the chairperson of the prevention sub-committee. He has served in a number of capacities in the fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous, including their World Service Board of Trustees.