

Core Faculty

Brian Carter, MD, board-certified neonatologist with training in ethics and palliative care, is a Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) School of Medicine, who joined the staff at Children's Mercy in July of 2012 with responsibilities in both Neonatology and the Bioethics Center. Dr. Carter received his M.D. from the University of Tennessee, College of Medicine in 1983 and completed his residency in pediatrics at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado. After a year as a general pediatrician, he completed a 3-year fellowship in neonatal-perinatal medicine at the University of Colorado Health Science Center in Denver. He spent 13 years in the US Army Medical Corps and is a 1991 Gulf War veteran. Throughout his career, he has served on the faculty of 4 medical schools – the Universities of Colorado and Georgia, the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, and Vanderbilt. He has received recognition in both palliative care and perinatal ethics, has authored over 100 journal articles and 30 book chapters, and has co-edited 3 texts – two in pediatric palliative care and one in neonatology. He has previously served on the National Perinatal Association's Board of Directors, and is a past Chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Hospice and Palliative Medicine. In 2018 he became the Sirridge Endowed Professor of Medical Humanities & Bioethics at UMKC.

Jeremy Garrett, PhD, joined the Children's Mercy Bioethics Center in May, 2010 as Research Associate in Bioethics. He also holds appointments as Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Adjunct Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Dr. Garrett received his PhD in Philosophy from Rice University where he served for several years as Managing Editor of the *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*. His areas of specialization include pediatric bioethics, genetic and genomic ethics, and the historical, methodological, and philosophical foundations of bioethics. Dr. Garrett has published more than 30 journal articles and book chapters and has edited books on the ethics of animal research and the historical development of bioethics in the United States. Dr. Garrett serves on the hospital Ethics Committee at Children's Mercy and organizes the hospital's monthly Ethics Brown Bag Workshop Series. Outside the hospital, Dr. Garrett is a member of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute's (NHLBI) Data and Safety Monitoring Board for the Prevention of Pediatric Asthma and the National Institute of General Medical Sciences' Advisory Board for "Healthy Volunteers as Model Organisms: Comparative Research Ethics and Policy for Phase I Trials". Additionally, he serves in professional capacities on the Editorial Advisory Board of the *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* and as Chair of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities' Philosophy Affinity Group. Personal webpage: <http://www.jeremygarrett.com/>.

Angie Knackstedt, BSN, RN-BC is Health Literacy & Bioethics Clinical Coordinator at Children's Mercy Kansas City. She serves as Co-Chair of the Nursing Ethics Forum (NEF) at Children's Mercy Hospital, which is a unique forum created in 1988 to provide resources and support for nursing staff at Children's Mercy and to assist nurses in dealing with ethical issues. She has given presentations on the NEF model of nursing ethics engagement and ethics champion programs at the annual meeting of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities and the National Nursing Ethics Conference as well as other national meetings in nursing and nursing ethics. Angie was also a member of the Pediatric Certificate Program inaugural class. She is Co-Director of the Certificate in Pediatric Bioethics Program and serves on the hospital's Ethics Committee. She coordinates Children's Mercy health literacy efforts through her work with the Office of Equity and Diversity. She focuses on the health and education of children, injury prevention, advocacy and health policy as the Board Chair of Kansas Action for Children, a non-profit, non-partisan organization committed to improving the lives of Kansas children and families. She is a nurse planner for health professional education throughout the Kansas City Community.



John Lantos, MD, is Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and the Director of the Children's Mercy Bioethics Center (CMBC). Dr. Lantos spent 21 years at the University of Chicago where he served as Chief of the Division of General Pediatrics and Associate Director of the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics. He received his M.D. from the University of Pittsburgh. After a residency at Children's Hospital National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and two years in the US Public Health Service, he accepted a Fellowship in Clinical Medical Ethics at the University of Chicago. Ten years ago, he was named as the John B. Francis Chair in Bioethics at the Center for Practical Bioethics in Kansas City. In 2009, he started the CMBC at Children's Mercy. It was only the second pediatric bioethics center in the country. He has served as president of the American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics and the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities. He has written or edited seven books and has published more than 300 journal articles and book chapters. He has appeared on Oprah, Larry King Live and Nightline, and was named one of the best pediatricians in the Midwest by Ladies Home Journal.

Adjunct Faculty / Topic Specialist Faculty

Jill Beck, MD, is a pediatric hematologist/oncologist at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Children's Hospital & Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska. She received her MD from Case Western Reserve University and completed her residency in pediatrics at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. She completed a fellowship in pediatric hematology/oncology/BMT at the University of Minnesota. Jill is a 2014 graduate of the Children's Mercy Certificate in Bioethics. She currently serves as co-chair of the Children's Hospital & Medical Center ethics committee.

Siri Fuglem Berg, M.D., Ph.D. is Head of Public Health, Municipality of Gjøvik, Norway. Prior to her current role, Dr. Berg worked as an anesthesiologist at Innlandet Hospital Trust, Gjøvik, Norway. She is a 2014 graduate of the Certificate Program in Pediatric Bioethics. Dr. Berg is co-founder of the International Trisomy Alliance (ITA), mother of Evy Kristine full trisomy 18 and author of "Evy Kristine: A Beautiful Journey". In 2018 she received an award in Norway for her efforts to raise awareness of rare trisomy conditions and fight for trisomy children's right to medical interventions on equal terms with other children. She currently serves on the Gjøvik department of health ethics committee and just completed a program for MDs specializing in public health. More information on Siri can be found on the ITA website: <http://www.internationaltrisomyalliance.com/ita-founders.html>.

Amy E. Caruso Brown, MD, MSc, MSCS, is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Bioethics and Humanities at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York, where she is practicing pediatric oncologist, a clinical ethics consultant, and the co-director of Patients to Populations: Ethics, Law and Population Health, a required case-based learning course for first-year medical students. Prior to joining the faculty at Upstate, she received a medical degree from Emory University, a master's degree in medical anthropology from the University of Oxford, and a master's degree in clinical science from the University of Colorado, and completed residency training in pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the Children's Hospital Colorado and fellowship training in pediatric hematology/oncology at the Children's Hospital Colorado. My current research priorities include the impact of social media on trust and the family-provider relationship, and the negotiation of treatment refusal when surrogate decision-makers have been marginalized within their families or cultures. She completed the Certificate in Pediatrics Bioethics in 2017.

Michael Deem, PhD, is an Assistant Professor at Duquesne University (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), holding a joint appointment in the School of Nursing and Center for Healthcare Ethics. At Duquesne, Michael teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in nursing and healthcare ethics, and he participates on the hospital ethics committees at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, UPMC Presbyterian, and UPMC Shadyside. He is also an affiliate faculty member of the Indiana State University M.S. Genetic Counseling program. Michael was the 2015-16 Pediatric Ethics and Genomics Fellow at Children's Mercy Hospital, and before that he received his Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame. He lives in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania with his wife, Katerina, and their four children. Michael's faculty webpage: <http://www.duq.edu/academics/faculty/michael-deem>

Denise Dowd, MD, MPH, is an attending physician in the emergency department of the Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri and is Associate Medical Director of the Office for Faculty Development there. She is Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and adjunct Professor at the University of Kansas. Dr. Dowd has practiced in critical care hospital settings for over 30 years, starting as a nurse in urban Detroit. She has been in her current position for 22 years and her contributions to injury prevention research, education and child advocacy have spanned 25 years. She has received numerous honors including Mayor's declarations from the cities of Cincinnati and Kansas City, Missouri Communicator of the Year Award, and Gold Foundation Humanitarian Award. She has been active volunteer for the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) for many years, serving on numerous projects and committees as well as representing the AAP in Congressional testimony. At the AAP she helps lead project to address early childhood adversity and is a primary author for the AAP's firearm injury prevention policy statement.

Jennifer Gannon, MD, joined the Division of Clinical Genetics at Children's Mercy Kansas City in 2015 and is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at University of Missouri-Kansas City. She is board certified in Pediatrics, Clinical Genetics and Genomics, and Clinical Biochemical Genetics. Her practice is focused on the care of children and adults with inborn errors of metabolism and the evaluation of infants who have abnormal newborn screening tests. She serves as Vice-Chair of the Kansas State Newborn Screening Committee. Her interests in ethics include ethical considerations in newborn screening and genetic testing. Dr. Gannon received the Children's Mercy Certificate in Pediatric Bioethics in 2018.

Larissa Hines, MD, received her medical degree from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, completed her Pediatric residency at the Children's Hospital at the University of Oklahoma, and her Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship at Primary Children's Hospital at the University of Utah. She received additional training in Pediatric Bioethics through Children's Mercy in Kansas City and Conflict Resolution at the University of Utah. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Utah and is in the Division of Safe and Healthy Families at Primary Children's Hospital. As a child abuse pediatrician, she focuses on the evaluation, diagnosis and management of the potentially abused child. Her interests include ethics in child abuse, ethical decision making, and educational curriculum development. She is currently developing a standardized educational curriculum for nurses, forensic nurses, nurse practitioners, and fellows in child abuse pediatrics. She serves on the ethics committee at Primary Children's Hospital. She currently hosts quarterly ethics rounds within the child abuse community to discuss ethically difficult cases. Her next endeavor is to develop an educational curriculum for ethics in child abuse.

Amber Hoffman, MD, co-founded the Children's Mercy Beacon Program, a nationally recognized patient-centered primary care medical home for children with the most complex special needs and their siblings in Kansas City, MO. The Beacon team communicates with health care providers in clinics, hospitals, schools, and at home to coordinate care and assist with transition throughout the health care system. She is currently the Associate Chief of General Academic Pediatrics, Medical Director of Hospital Medicine, and the Program Director for the Pediatric Residency Training Program at Nemours Children's Hospital (NCH) in Orlando, Florida. She also started the Medically Complex Coordination Clinic at NCH and serves on their ethics committee.

Laurie Hornberger, MD, MPH, joined the faculty in the Division of Adolescent Medicine at the Children's Mercy Hospital in 1993 where she is an associate professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine. She currently directs the medical student and resident clinical rotations in Adolescent Medicine. Dr. Hornberger received her Master of Public Health degree from the University of Kansas in 2000. She is board certified in both general pediatrics and adolescent medicine.

Dr. Hornberger has been an active member of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) at the national level. She is currently finishing her second 3-year term on the executive committee of its Section on Adolescent Health whose mission is to provide educate AAP membership on adolescent health issues. She has also served on the AAP policy-making Committee on Adolescence and as their liaison to the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology Committee on Adolescent Health Care. Dr. Hornberger has also been an active member of the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM) and the North American Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology (NASPAG).

Charlotte Jacobsen, RN, MSN, recently retired as the Service Line Director of Allergy/Immunology at Children's Mercy Hospital. She trained as a nurse in the United Kingdom and worked at leading pediatric hospitals in the UK including the Sick Children's Hospital at Great Ormond Street, London. Charlotte was a previous member of CM's Nursing Ethics Forum and Equity and Diversity Council. Charlotte is a graduate of the Certificate in Pediatric Bioethics, class of 2013.

Dr. Azanna Ahmad Kamar currently holds the position of Senior Lecturer and Consultant Neonatologist at University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur. She is a University of Malaya MBBS graduate and spent her paediatric training years at Paediatric Institute Hospital Kuala Lumpur, with subsequent training in Dublin, the Republic of Ireland. Whilst in central Dublin, she received further training whilst working at Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children Crumlin, the Coombe Women and Infants' University Hospital, and the Rotunda Hospital. She was also trained as a member of the Irish National Neonatal Transport Programme (NNTP) team. At present, as the head of the neonatal intensive care unit of University of Malaya Medical Centre, she teaches medical and biomedical engineering students. Her interests are in demographics of infant diseases, management of neonatal and paediatric ethical dilemmas, Cochrane collaboration & systematic reviews, targeted therapeutic/health interventions, infant resuscitation & ventilation, growth and nutrition, and the development of technological advances applicable to neonatology. She is also a keen bioethicist and had received her certificate in Paediatric Bioethics Programme from Children's Mercy Hospital in affiliation with the University of Missouri, Kansas City, USA in the year 2016. She is also a past President of the Perinatal Society of Malaysia 2016/2017, and had led several activities to further uphold and strengthen perinatal health in Malaysia. She is married with one child.

Erwin Jiayuan Khoo is Lecturer of Paediatrics at International Medical University (IMU), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He was an undergraduate at IMU (graduated 2006) and completed postgraduate training in paediatrics through the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH), United Kingdom in 2012. He was appointed Board of Director and Consultant Paediatrician at Baby and Beyond Child Specialist Clinic, Kuala Lumpur in 2014 and served as a pro bono Consultant Paediatrician in Hospital Tuanku Ja'afar, Seremban (HTJS). In 2016, he was appointed as a Council Member of the College of Paediatrics, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia, and as a President of the IMU Alumni Association. His areas of clinical and research interest are paediatric bioethics, medical education, and ambulatory paediatrics. In the bioethics arena, Dr Khoo was certified in Pediatric Bioethics (2016) from the Children's Mercy Bioethics Center in affiliation with University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine as a Claire Giannini Trust International Scholarship Recipient.

Erin Joy Keith-Chancy: With 20 years of nursing experience, Erin Keith-Chancy practices clinically as a charge nurse in a large, level 4 NICU. She is certified in neonatal nursing and pediatric bioethics. She anticipates receiving her MSN in Nursing Education this fall. Her areas of special interest include: neonatal vascular access, perinatal bereavement, equity and diversity with a focus health disparities in

the perinatal population and interdisciplinary education using Web 2.0 tools. Erin has been a knowledge translation scholar in her facility's Transition to Practice Program for nurses since 2015. On a more personal note, she loves hand-lettering, gardening, and Mexican food.

Ingrid Larson, MBA, DNP, APRN, CPNP, NEA-BC, is the Service Line Director for Complex Care at Children's Mercy Kansas City. Ingrid received her DNP from Duke University in 2015. She also has a master's of business administration (MBA) with an emphasis in healthcare administration, and a master's of science in nursing (MSN). Ingrid joined Children's Mercy in 2008, initially working in biochemical genetics. She then joined the Pediatric Care Center (PCC) in 2011, an outpatient primary care clinic. Ingrid co-founded and became the Director of the Beacon Program in 2013, which is a comprehensive medical home for children with medical complexity and their siblings. She became the Complex Care Service Line Director in 2018, which includes the Beacon Program, Rehabilitation Medicine, Neonatal follow-up clinics and the Weight Management Program. She continues to be a genetics and complex care content expert, is active professionally and presents locally and nationally about genetics, newborn screening, the medical home, and the care of a child with complex health needs.

Andrew (Drew) Lasky, MD: "For my day job I care for children with Rheumatic diseases. I've been doing that now for 22 years. My involvement in ethics started a little later. I was a member of the ethics committee at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City for nine years, four years of which I was Chair. I participated as a member of the ethics consult team for 8 years. I moved myself and family to Portland Oregon in 2013 to work at Randall Children's Hospital and live in the Pacific Northwest. There I helped start an ethics consult service in 2014 for which I serve as the director. I continue to have a strong interest in clinical ethics consultation and developing the best way to provide ethics support to staff, patients and their families."

Gary Lerner, MD, is a developmental pediatrician at Children's Hospital & Medical Center and an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. He received his MD from the University of Missouri in Columbia and completed his pediatric residency at Children's Mercy Hospital in 1978. He has been Medical Director of the multidisciplinary Child Development Clinic at Children's Hospital for over 25 years and Chairman of the hospital's ethics committee for over 15 years. Dr. Lerner is a 2014 graduate of the Children's Mercy Certificate Program in Pediatric Bioethics. He has a special interest in medical humanities and creative writing and is a graduate of the Seven Doctors Project in Omaha. Dr. Lerner spent the first half of his nearly 40 year career doing general pediatrics in an office setting and the latter half of this time as a pediatric hospitalist together with his developmental clinic duties and ethics committee activity.

Jennifer (Jenni) Linebarger, MD, MPH, FAAP, joined the faculty at Children's Mercy in 2011, and is board-certified in Pediatrics, Adolescent Medicine, and Hospice and Palliative Medicine. She is the Medical Director of the Palliative Care Team (PaCT) at Children's Mercy, Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Missouri – Kansas City, site director for the Pediatric Hospice and Palliative Medicine fellowship (in conjunction with the University of Kansas), and serves on the executive committee for the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Hospice and Palliative Medicine. In her AAP role, she helped write the [Resilience in the Face of Grief and Loss curriculum](#).

Matthew Mayer, MD, double-board certified in Pediatrics and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, is an Associate Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Colorado where he joined the staff of Children's Hospital Colorado in 2016. Dr. Mayer received his M.D. from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in 2005 and completed his combined-residency at Cincinnati Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was faculty in the department of Pediatric Rehabilitation at Children's Mercy Kansas City from 2010-2016. His clinical focus is caring for children with disabling conditions such as muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy and brain injury. His ethical

interests include decision making for children with disabilities. He completed the Pediatric Bioethics Certificate program in 2013 and served on the Children's Mercy Hospital ethics committee from 2013-2016. He is also a member of the American Academy of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine's Ethics and Peer Review Committee.

Donna D. McKlindon MSN, PMHCNS-BC, is the Associate Director for the Department of Medical Ethics at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and co-chair of the Hospital Ethics Committee. Donna is a graduate of the Certificate in Pediatric Bioethics Course, class of 2012.

A graduate of the University of Michigan (BSN) and the University of Pennsylvania (MSN), Donna has held a variety of positions in pediatric nursing over the past 40 years, including Clinical Nurse Specialist for Mental Health. A primary focus of the CNS-MH role was the education and support of staff in the delivery of family centered care and development of well bounded parent/professional partnerships. In addition to advocating for the mental health and wellness of staff, patients and families on unit, organizational and systems levels, the CNS-MH provided guidance and support to staff around issues related to self-preservation, work/life integration, team and group dynamics, communication and the management of patient/family/staff relationships. Much of this work has carried over into her current role in the DME at CHOP. A current focus of her work is the development of the Nursing Ethics Engagement Team, a multifaceted initiative the goal of which is to bring nursing ethics to the bedside. Donna has published and spoken nationally on the topics of family centered care, Therapeutic Relationships and the impact of social media on health care.

DeeJo Miller is a Patient and Family Engagement Program Manager at Children's Mercy Hospital in the Center for Clinical Effectiveness. Her entry into children's health care came in 2004 when her thirteen year old daughter was diagnosed with cancer. Over the next two years, she spent over 300 days inpatient and saw thirty different specialists with her daughter. In 2007 she joined the Family Advisory Board at Children's Mercy as a volunteer and in 2008 was hired to serve as a voice for families who come to Children's Mercy. Her role in the hospital has evolved to managing over 100 Patient Family Advisors and more than 10 Patient Family Advisory Councils to ensure that the perspective of patients and families is infused from the bedside to the boardroom.

Her interest in ethics comes from her experiences as a parent of a child with medical needs and subsequently her experiences of working with the staff that care for these children. DeeJo is a member of the Ethics committee and a graduate of the Certificate in Pediatric Bioethics, class of 2015.

Laura Miller-Smith, MD, is a board-certified pediatrician and pediatric critical care physician. She received her residency and fellowship training at Washington University in St. Louis/St. Louis Children's Hospital, before coming to Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City as one of their intensivists. She is currently an Associate Professor at University of Missouri-Kansas City. Laura is particularly interested in the ethical dilemmas that are encountered in the pediatric intensive care unit, particularly surrounding chronic dependence on medical technology, end-of-life decision making and organ donation. Laura graduated from the Certificate in Pediatric Bioethics Course in 2014. She now serves as the Chair of the Hospital Ethics Committee, and is a member of the Society of Critical Care Medicine's Ethics Committee.

Martha Montello, PhD, Martha Montello is creator and director of the Medical Writing Center at Children's Mercy Hospital. She is also faculty at the Center for Bioethics and the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School and holds a visiting professorship at University of Pavia, Italy. Dr. Montello is Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine*. She lectures nationally and internationally on literature and medicine and narrative approaches to bioethics. Her scholarship has been published widely in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *The Hastings Center Report*, *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Journal of Clinical Ethics*, *Annals of Internal Medicine*, *Academic Medicine*, *New Orleans Review*, and the *Boston Studies in the Philosophy of Science*. She is co-editor of *Stories Matter: The Role of Narrative in Medical Ethics*.

Laura Murkin, PharmD, is a pediatric clinical pharmacist II at Children's Mercy Kansas City. Laura represents the pharmacist perspective as a faculty member. Laura graduated from the program in 2016. In addition to her work in pharmacy in bioethics, Laura is involved in the Education Department as a faculty member.

Doug Myers, MD, works in the Division of Hematology & Oncology at Children's Mercy Hospital. A specialist in hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, he has been a member of the Ethics Committee for several years and currently serves as chair of the committee. Dr. Myers' recent interest in ethics has focused on the ethical conduct of research, which builds on his experience as a hem/onc fellow participating on the Baylor College of Medicine Institutional Review Board, Data Review Committees, and Protocol Review Committees at the Center for Cell and Gene Therapy in Houston, Texas.

Henry (Hank) Puls, MD, is a pediatric hospitalist at Children's Mercy Hospital. He completed his pediatric residency training at Doernbecher Children's Hospital at Oregon Health & Science University. Dr. Puls spends most of his time caring for general inpatients, including children with chronic complex medical conditions. He also has the opportunity to collaborate with the following specialties: gastroenterology, rehab medicine, neurosurgery, and orthopedic surgery services. Dr. Puls has had an interest in ethics since undergraduate studies and realized the importance of additional training during his residency. He serves on the Children's Mercy Ethics Committee. Dr. Puls earned his Certificate in Pediatric Bioethics in 2013. His areas of professional ethics interest include general pediatrics research and those ethical dilemmas commonly encountered by the pediatric hospitalist: abuse & neglect, best interest, palliative care, and the effects of healthcare providers' moral distress and biases on patient care.

Brenda Rogers, MD, is an Internal Medicine/Pediatrics physician at Children's Mercy Hospital and Truman Medical Center. She completed her combined residency training at Creighton University and the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) School of Medicine and is board certified in both specialties. As an associate professor of IM/Peds, she currently cares for pediatric and adult patients in the ambulatory and hospital settings. With an interest in ethics, Brenda completed the CMH Pediatrics Bioethics Certificate Program in 2017 and is currently a member of the Ethics Committee at Truman Medical Center. Brenda works closely with the Internal Medicine/Pediatrics residents and has an interest in how residency training might impact ethics decision-making. She is also intrigued by the ethical dilemmas specific to the adolescent population. When not practicing medicine, Brenda holds the position of associate dean for student affairs for the UMKC School of Medicine. In that role she interacts with many medical students, including recently providing guidance for a new student organization devoted to Ethics.

Matthew Schlageter, MDiv, BCC, serves as a staff chaplain with Children's National Health System in Washington, DC. Clinically, he serves the emergency department, neurology/neurosurgery, and orthopedic/surgical units. He also sits on the ethics committee and works with the medical residents and seminary students doing practicum hours at the hospital. He has presented for the Pediatric Chaplains Network. Matthew completed two years of residency work (a year and a half with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston) and has spent his entire career as a pediatric chaplain. Matthew is a graduate of the Certificate Program in Pediatric Bioethics, class of 2018.

Cathy Shubkin, MD, is a general pediatrician at Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock. Her training includes an MD from George Washington University and internship/residency at Children's Hospital Seattle and Boston Medical Center. She has worked in both urban and rural underserved primary care clinics. She has been in New Hampshire since 2008 where she is the Associate Program Director for the pediatric residency program, a clinical consultant on the hospital ethics committee, and the director of the pediatric bioethics curriculum. Her interests in ethics include all things in outpatient general pediatrics, adolescent decision making and ethics education in residency training. Cathy received the Children's Mercy Certificate in Pediatric Bioethics in 2017.

Stacy C. Smith, MLS, BSN, RN, CHPPN, is the Clinical Ethicist at Children's Health in Dallas, Tx. Stacy worked for over a decade in pediatric hospice and palliative care. She has a Masters of Liberal Studies in Bioethics and a Masters in Conflict Resolution from Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas and is a 2017 graduate of the Certificate in Pediatric Bioethics Program. In addition to her clinical ethics responsibilities, Stacy has developed a moral distress consult program at Children's.

Dane Sommer, DMin, MDiv, BCC, is the Director of Chaplaincy Services at Children's Mercy Hospital. He is active in counseling patients and clinicians regarding the ethical issues in organ transplantation. Dr. Sommer does ongoing work on the theology of suffering. He served as a long-standing member of the hospital Ethics Committee.

Seth Sonnevile, MDiv, BCC, is a Staff Chaplain at Children's Mercy Hospital working weekdays, working as the chaplain coordinator for our 4-room Fetal Health Center, as a chaplain in the Intensive Care Nursery and on the general Med/Surg units. He has five years prior experience in hospice care at a 32-bed facility. Seth earned the Certificate in Pediatric Bioethics in 2016 with a literature review on the Medical Intervention of Children with Gender Dysphoria.

Vince Staggs, PhD, is a biostatistician and health services researcher at Children's Mercy. Previously he was on biostatistics faculty at the University of Kansas Medical Center. He and his wife have 5 children (four by birth, one adopted through China's special needs program). His interests include vaccine policy, decision-making regarding treatment of extremely premature babies, research ethics, and the epistemic processes through which people collect and use information to assess risk, make judgments and decisions, and draw conclusions about what is true. He is also working (slowly) on a MDiv.

Meghan Strenk, MS, CGC, is a Genetic Counselor II in the CMH Division of Clinical Genetics, where she has been a practicing clinical genetic counselor since July 2007. In that time, she has worked in both general genetics/dysmorphology to coordinate genetic testing and other evaluations for patients with physical or intellectual disabilities, and in metabolic genetics following up on Kansas and Missouri state newborn screens and helping diagnose and manage children with inborn errors of metabolism or other biochemical disorders. She is a 2015 graduate of the CMH Bioethics Center's Pediatric Bioethics Certificate, and is a member of the CMH Ethics Committee. As a genetic counselor with additional training and interest in ethics, Meghan has specialized experience in the complexities of genetic testing and diagnosis of genetic testing in families, and the numerous complex ethical issues associated with these complexities, including consent/assent, cost of testing, ambiguity, variants of unknown significance/incidental findings, usefulness, and potential pitfalls of results. She also has a strong interest in allocation of resources, access to helpful and appropriate genetic testing for all patients, and effective use of genetic testing technologies to help make diagnoses for families.

Erin Thomasma, LCSW, LCSW, has served as a Social Worker at Children's Mercy for the last 10 years. Her current practice is focused in the Critical Care and Emergency Departments, performing Child Abuse & Neglect assessments and other crisis interventions. Her previous Medical Social Work experience includes collaboration with the Neurology, Neurosurgery, Epilepsy, Infectious Disease, and Dermatology Outpatient Teams. An emphasis during her outpatient practice was partnership with the palliative care team at CMH. Prior to practicing in the medical setting, she served clients in the foster care, transitional housing, community mental health and developmental disabilities community. Each of these experiences culminated in the desire to take a deeper look at Social Work policy and practice in the medical setting. Erin earned the Certificate in Pediatric Bioethics in 2015, having completed her project focusing on a Child Abuse & Neglect Policy.

Andrea M. Vandeven, MD, MPH, is a pediatrician with fellowship training in Behavioral Pediatrics and Child Abuse. She was a member of the CMH Ethics Committee from 2008-2016. She recently returned to Boston Childrens Hospital where she is a consultant with the Child Protection Team and a member of the Ethics Advisory Committee.

Vanessa Watkins, MPH, FACHE, CHES, serves as Administrative Director of the Certificate Program in Pediatric Bioethics. In 2015, Vanessa earned the Certificate in Pediatric Bioethics from the Children's Mercy Bioethics Center; her project and paper focused on vaccine hesitant parents. Vanessa serves on several hospital committees including as Co-Chair of the Children's Mercy Council on Violence Prevention (and member of the Peer Violence subcommittee (bullying)), and the Physician Marketing Committee. Vanessa is board-certified in health care administration as a Fellow (FACHE) through the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) and is a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES). She is a recipient of the ACHE Early Careerist Healthcare Executive Regent's Award, the San Diego Organization of Healthcare Leaders Outstanding Board Member Award and the ACHE Service Award. Vanessa received the San Diego State University Health Services Administration AMI Distinguished Graduating Student Award. She has over 10 years of progressive experience in health care program management, strategic planning and community benefits, primarily for Children's Mercy and Sharp HealthCare.

Jasmine Williams, MD, completed her pediatric residency at Tulane/OLOL. She then went on to complete a year fellowship in Neonatology at the University of Maryland before realizing her true passion was pediatric palliative and hospice medicine. She went on to complete a pediatric hospice and medicine fellowship at the University of Florida and is currently a pediatric palliative and hospice medicine physician at Johns Hopkins All Children's in Florida. She completed the bioethics course last year and serves on the hospital ethics committee. Her interests include perinatal and neonatal palliative care, integrative medicine, and resident education. When not seeing patients, she enjoys cooking and traveling.

Susan H. Wootton, MD, MPH, is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of Texas (UT) Medical School at Houston and member of UT's Center for Clinical Research and Evidence Based Medicine. A graduate of Washington and Lee University and the Medical College of Georgia (1997), she completed her residency at the University of Virginia (2000). She served as an Epidemic Intelligence Officer with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for two years (2000-2002) during which time she participated in the Stop Transmission of Polio Program in Nepal. After CDC, she completed her 3 year pediatric infectious disease fellowship (2002-2005) at Texas Children's Hospital during which time she investigated the molecular epidemiology of tuberculosis and epidemiology of children hospitalized with rhinovirus infection. After her fellowship, she completed a 1 yr. post-doctoral fellowship in vaccinology at the University of British Columbia's Vaccine Evaluation Center in Vancouver, B.C. where she received extensive training in surveillance and vaccine trials. Since joining UT in 2007, Dr. Wootton has been involved in all levels of teaching (medical students, residents, fellows and faculty) and her research focuses on vaccine-preventable infections. She currently serves as Co-Chair for the Texas Pediatric Society Infectious Disease Committee and board member for The Immunization Partnership.

Jihad Zahraa, MD, is the Chairman of the Pediatric Critical Care Department, King Fahad Medical City, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA). Previously, he has held positions in UAE and KSA. Originally from Syria, he graduated from Damascus University Medical School. Dr. Zahraa completed his pediatric residency at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, Detroit, Michigan, completed a Fellowship in Pediatric Infectious Diseases, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois and completed a Fellowship in Pediatric Critical Care Medicine at the University of Michigan. He is a 2014 graduate of the Children's Mercy Certificate Program in Pediatric Bioethics. He is board certified in Pediatrics and Pediatric Critical Care Medicine.