



## PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

### Evidence-Based Policy: Moving Beyond Data Dissemination to Increased Evidence Use

#### Annette Boaz

**Professor - Health, Social Care and Education**

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Annette Boaz is a social scientist who worked at the universities of Oxford, Warwick, Queen Mary, University of London and Kings College London before coming to the joint Faculty of Health, Social Care and Education at Kingston University and St George's University of London in 2013. She has spent more than 20 years exploring the relationship between research policy and practice in the UK and internationally. She has conducted research for a range of funders including the UK Cabinet Office, the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), the Medical Research Council and the European Commission. She also spent a year at the Department of Health working in the Policy Research Programme. She worked for a number of years in the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) funded Centre for Evidence Based Policy. She continues to conduct research in this field and was one of the Founding Editors of the international journal Evidence & Policy. She supports a number of national initiatives aimed at increasing capacity for research use including the UK Implementation Society and is a member of the WHO European Advisory Committee on Health Research. She recently completed a Health Foundation funded study of Patient and Family Centred Care (PFCC) in end of life care evaluation. With Sandra Nutley and Huw Davies she has just published an update of the What Works book that inspired many researchers in this field.

#### Max Crowley

**Assistant Professor of Human Development & Family Studies**

**Pennsylvania State University**



Dr. Max Crowley is an Assistant Professor of Human Development & Family Studies at Pennsylvania State University and directs the Prevention Economics Policy and Research Program at the Edna Bennett Pierce Prevention Research Center. Dr. Crowley's research focuses on facilitating the use of evidence in policy and budget making. This work includes assessing the costs, benefits and return-on-investment of preventive interventions. As a co-developer of the Research-to-Policy Collaboration Model, Dr. Crowley works with policymakers on issues related to the impact and financing of prevention strategies. Recently this research has identified cost-effective strategies for preventing opioid misuse through investments in schools and families. Dr. Crowley is the Principal Investigator on grants from the *National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development* as well as the *Annie E. Casey, Laura & John Arnold, Robert Wood Johnson, William T. Grant and Doris Duke Charitable Foundations*. Dr. Crowley has received national awards recognizing this scholarship from the *National Institutes of Health, National Bureau of Economic Research, Society for Prevention Research, Association for Public Policy & Management, Research Society on Alcoholism and National Prevention Science Coalition*.

**Emily M. Douglas**

**Professor and Head of the Department of Social Science & Policy Studies**

**Worcester Polytechnic Institute**



Emily M. Douglas, Ph.D. is a full professor and head of the Department of Social Science & Policy Studies at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts. In 2016-2017 she was a Congressional fellow with the Society for Research in Child Development and the American Association for the Advancement of Science and Technology, where she worked for the Senate Finance Committee (Sen. Ron Wyden as ranking member) as part of a special investigation concerning children who died in for-profit foster care settings. Prior to this, Dr. Douglas was on the faculty in the School of Social Work at Bridgewater State University for one decade and she completed a post-doctoral fellowship with Dr. Murray Straus at the University of New Hampshire. Her areas of expertise address child and family well-being, and programs and policies that promote positive outcomes. Specifically: fatal child maltreatment, the child welfare system, partner violence and help-seeking, corporal punishment, and divorced families. Her latest book is, *Child Maltreatment Fatalities in the United States: Four Decades of Policy, Programs, and Professional Responses*. Dr. Douglas has given invited testimony for the U.S. Commission on the Elimination of Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities, has spoken multiple times at the Massachusetts and Maine State Houses, and has served on a governor-appointed committee. Dr. Douglas is the author/co-author of four books on family policy issues and 50 peer-reviewed publications.

**Charisse Johnson**

**Director - Community Strengthening grants**

**Administration for Children and Families**



Charisse Johnson's career in human services spans over 30 years. She has been employed as a social worker, supervisor, agency administrator, and policy developer and implementer. All of Charisse's roles have required her to act as a change leader.

Charisse's work in the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) began in 2010. Currently she is the Director for Community Strengthening grants in ACF's Office of Grants Management. She has served as a Program Specialist in the Children's Bureau within the Office on Child Abuse and Neglect (OCAN). In 2012, Charisse transitioned to the Office of Family Assistance (OFA), where she became the Branch Chief for the Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood (HMRF) Discretionary Grant Program.

Prior to becoming a federal employee, Charisse worked in the North Carolina's child welfare system for a number of years. From 2007 to 2010, Charisse served as the Section Chief for North Carolina's Child Welfare System, and in that capacity provided primary leadership and oversight for the state's child welfare system.

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Her career includes roles in the private non-profit sector at the Wayne Action Group for Economic Solvency (WAGES), a Community Action Agency. As the Deputy Director for the agency Charisse had oversight for Head Start, Early Head Start, the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program, and a home visiting program. These programs were designed to improve the health, well-being and economic self-sufficiency outcomes for children and families.

Charisse holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. She has served on a number of state and national boards and advisory groups. Charisse has two children and two grandchildren.

**Taylor Scott**

**Associate Director**

**The Research-to-Policy Collaboration**



Taylor earned her Ph.D. in community psychology in the Health Psychology Program at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Her research interests include broad-based promotion of well-being and success among at-risk children via community-based programs and public policy. She served for five years on the Community Research and Evaluation Team at UNCC, supporting evaluations in the context of local child-serving systems including mental health, child welfare, public housing, and education. Beginning in 2015, Taylor worked as the Policy Coordinator for the National Prevention Science Coalition (NPSC), working to support research translation on topics ranging from criminal justice to child welfare. She continued this work as Research Assistant Professor at the Pennsylvania State University by supporting the formalization of the Research-to-Policy Collaboration model and evaluating approaches for (1) reaching Congress with research messages, (2) writing a research basis into law, and (3) enhancing policy training and engagement among researchers. Taylor now oversees the 2019 replication of the RPC and its evaluation.

**Lauren H. Supplee**

**Deputy Chief Operating Officer**

**Child Trends**



Lauren H. Supplee is deputy chief operating officer for Child Trends and a senior program area director for early childhood research. As deputy chief operating officer, she is responsible for the organization's quality control, data privacy and security, data management, professional development and staff support, and research ethics compliance. In her role as a scientist she is committed to conducting research and evaluation that can contribute to program improvement and improved outcomes for children and families.

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Her research focuses on evidence-based policy, social-emotional development in early childhood, parenting, prevention and intervention programs for children at-risk, and implementation research. Dr. Supplee leads many of Child Trends' projects related to early childhood home visiting.

Prior to joining Child Trends, Lauren worked for the federal Administration for Children and Families in the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation for 10 years, with the last four of those as the director of the Division of Family Strengthening. She began her career as a research associate at the University of Pittsburgh. Lauren received her PhD from Indiana University in educational psychology with a specialization in family-focused early intervention services.