

GUEST SPEAKER BIOS

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Ana A. Baumann, PhD, MA

Associate Professor, Division of Public Health Sciences, Washington University School of Medicine

Co-Director, Dissemination and Implementation Research Core (DIRC) at the Institute of Clinical and Translational Sciences

Ana Baumann, PhD is Associate Professor in the Division of Public Health Sciences at Washington University School of Medicine. Baumann's research agenda is in the intersection of adaptation science and dissemination and implementation science, centering on equity. She focuses on identifying strategies to facilitate the implementation and dissemination of evidence-based interventions in low-resource settings nationally and globally.

She is a co-director of the Dissemination and Implementation Research Core (DIRC), a methods core at the Institute of Clinical and Translational Sciences (ICTS) that provides methodological expertise to advance translational research to inform and move efficacious health practices from clinical knowledge to routine care. Through DIRC, she has supported numerous investigators in receiving federally studies aiming to accelerate the use of evidence-based interventions or guidelines in different settings of care.



Bettina F. Drake, PhD, MPH

Professor, Division of Public Health Sciences,
Washington University School of Medicine

Associate Director of Community Outreach and
Engagement, Siteman Cancer Center

Dr. Bettina Drake is Professor in the Division of Public Health Sciences at Washington University School of Medicine and Associate Director of Community Outreach and Engagement for the Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center. She is a cancer epidemiologist and has maintained consistent funding from NIH and DOD. Her research has focused on identifying preventive strategies and integrating community engagement approaches to reduce cancer disparities. The objectives of her research program are: 1) to identify the modifiable and non-modifiable risk factors for cancer as well as the at-risk groups for these factors; 2) to utilize community-based approaches to design, implement and disseminate research information; 3) to promote education and awareness of research and research participation in minority communities.



Vetta Sanders Thompson, PhD

Associate Director, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion,
Siteman Cancer Center

Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion,
and E. Desmond Lee Professor of Racial and Ethnic
Diversity, the Brown School at Washington University
in St. Louis

Vetta Sanders Thompson, PhD is the Associate Director for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Siteman Cancer Center. In addition, she is Brown School at Washington University Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. Dr. Sanders Thompson's research focuses on the health and well-being of diverse communities, particularly the African-American community. Her funded research addresses promotion of cancer screening and HPV vaccination among African Americans and community engagement. Additionally, her scholarship covers racial identity, implications of experiences of discrimination, and socio-cultural determinants of disparities, and community engagement. Her goal is to empower members of the community to improve their health and well-being through education and opportunities for action. A licensed clinical psychologist, Professor Sanders Thompson currently serves on the Editorial Board of Preventing Chronic Disease, is a past Co-Director of the Center for Community Health, Partnership and Research.