



## Plenary Speakers

**Nicole Lurie, MD, MSPH**, is the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). As such, she serves as the Secretary's principal advisor on matters related to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies. Her office is the lead agency for federal public health and medical preparedness and response, helping the nation prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. Prior to her current position, she served as Senior Natural Scientist and Paul O' Neill Alcoa Professor of Health Policy at the RAND Corporation. There she directed RAND's public health and preparedness work as well as RAND's Center for Population Health and Health Disparities. She has previously served in federal government, as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Health in the HHS; in state government as Medical Advisor to the Commissioner at the Minnesota Department of Health; and in academia, as Professor in the University of Minnesota Schools of Medicine and Public Health.

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**Alexander Garza, MD, MPH**, is the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer. Appointed by President Obama and confirmed by the Senate in 2009, Dr. Garza is the principal advisor to Secretary Napolitano on all issues involving health and bioterrorism. In this role, he manages DHS' medical and health security matters, oversees the health aspects of contingency planning for all chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear hazards, and leads a coordinated effort to ensure that DHS is prepared to respond to biological and chemical weapons of mass destruction. Dr. Garza additionally leads the oversight of operational medical policy for the Department's EMS assets including over 3,500 Emergency Medical Technicians and paramedics. In addition, in May 2010, President Obama appointed Dr. Garza to serve as a member of the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues. This Commission advises the President on bioethical issues that may emerge from advances in medicine and related areas of science and technology. **(Session Day: Tuesday-3/22 Time: 9:15-10:30)**

**Mr. James R. Kish** currently serves as a Director, Technical Hazards Division, National Preparedness Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security (DHS). He took a position with the Department of Homeland Security in November of 2003 and has served as the Director, Exercise Division, and as the Acting Assistant Administrator, National Integration Center prior to being assigned to his current position. In these demanding assignments he has been responsible for the planning and execution of numerous Cabinet level exercise activities as well as the TOPOFF 3 and TOPOFF 4 national level exercises. While serving as the Acting Assistant Administrator, Mr. Kish led the efforts to form the National Integration Center into a cohesive team in response to changes mandated by the Post Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act – PKEMRA. In his current capacity, Mr. Kish is leading efforts to integrate two legacy programs (the Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program – REPP, and the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program – CSEPP) bringing them into conformance with the national preparedness system **(Session Day: Tuesday-3/22 Time: 9:15-10:30)**

**Damon T. Arnold, M.D., M.P.H.**, was named the 16th director of the Illinois Department of Public Health on October 1, 2007. Dr. Arnold has hosted International delegates from the Czech Republic, Poland, Russia and Taiwan. He also was appointed Adjunct Professor with Southern Illinois University, School of Medicine; University of Illinois, School of Medicine; University of Illinois, School of Public Health. Awards include: Partners in Government, Illinois Homecare Council; 2010 Award of Merit, Illinois Public Health Association; 2010 Health Pioneers Award, Recovery 2000; March of Dimes National Award for Excellence in Newborn Screening; The Chancellor's Award for Excellence, East-West University; Government Service Award, Illinois Association of Hispanic State Employees; Urban Health Program Trailblazer Award, UIC School of Public Health; National Women Veterans United Health Award, National Women Veterans of Chicago; Gift of Life Honorary Award, National Kidney Foundation of Illinois; Newsmaker Award, Chicago Defender Newspaper; and the 2008 Keeper of the Vision Award, Vision House. **(Session Day: Tuesday 3/22 Time: 9:15-10:30)**



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**Thomas R. Frieden, M.D., M.P.H.**, became Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) in June 2009. Dr. Frieden has worked to control both communicable and noncommunicable diseases in the United States and around the world. From 1992-1996, he led New York City's program that rapidly controlled tuberculosis, including reducing cases of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis by 80 percent. He then worked in India for five years where he assisted with national tuberculosis control efforts. The program in India has treated more than 10 million patients and has saved more than one million lives. **(Session Day: Tuesday 3/22 Time: 8:30-8:45)**

**Brian Kamoie, JD**, is Senior Director for Preparedness Policy on the White House National Security Staff. In this role he leads the development of national policy related to all-hazards preparedness, individual and community resilience, domestic critical infrastructure protection and resilience, preparedness grants and national security professional development. Before joining the White House National Security Staff, Kamoie served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response and director of the Office of Policy, Strategic Planning and Communications at the U.S. Department of Health and Hyman Services (HHS). In this role, he led efforts in policy development, strategic planning and communications related to preparedness for and response to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies **(Session Day: Tuesday 3/22 Time: 8:45-9:15)**

**Judith R. Qualters, PhD**, is the Acting director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's division of Environmental Hazards and health Effects. She received her MPH in epidemiology from the University of Michigan and her PhD from the University of North Carolina, chapel Hill. Dr. Qualters has been a scientist at CDC since 1989 where she has investigated cancer among Vietnam Veterans as part of the Agent Orange Projects, analyzed cancer and non-cancer health risks among communities exposed to contaminants from nuclear weapons production and testing; and worked on the conceptualization and implementation of CDC's Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program and the National Program of Cancer Registries. Most recently, she led the development of CDC's National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network. **(Session Day: Tuesday 3/22 Time: 8:45-9:15)**

**Charles Miller, PhD**, joined the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in January 1992. He is currently Chief of the Radiation Studies Branch, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, National Center for Environmental Health. In this position, he develops goals and objectives that integrate organization and environmental public health programs on the potential effects of exposure to radiation and radiation-related health research. Previously, Dr. Miller worked with the Office of Environmental Safety, Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety (1986-1992); the Health and Safety Research Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (1976-1986); and was Assistant Professor of Physics, Anderson (Indiana) University (1967-1976). His primary area of expertise is centered on the transport and dose assessment of radionuclides released to the atmosphere, and other facets of environmental radiological dose assessment. He has authored or coauthored over 100 journal articles, laboratory reports, and meeting papers. Dr. Miller is a member of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements, and he is a member of the Health Physics Society. Dr. Miller holds a B. S. in Physics/Math from Ball State University, a M. S. in Meteorology from the University of Michigan, and a Ph. D. in Bionucleonics (Health Physics) from Purdue University.

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