**Friday, June 2**

**Dr. Lisa Simpson** has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of AcademyHealth since 2011. A nationally recognized health policy researcher and pediatrician, she is a passionate advocate for the translation of research into policy and practice. Her research, and over 80 articles and commentaries in peer reviewed journals, focuses on the role of evidence and data to improve health and healthcare, particularly for children and vulnerable populations.

Before joining AcademyHealth, Dr. Simpson spent eight years as a professor of pediatrics, first as an Endowed Chair in Child Health Policy at the University of South Florida and then as the Director of the Child Policy Research Center at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and the University of Cincinnati. She served as the Deputy Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality from 1996 to 2002. Dr. Simpson serves on the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program and Health Policy Scholars Program National Advisory Councils, and the Editorial boards for the Journal of Comparative Effectiveness Research. In October 2013, Dr. Simpson was elected to the Institute of Medicine.

Dr. Simpson earned her undergraduate and medical degrees at Trinity College (Dublin, Ireland), a master’s in public health at the University of Hawaii, and completed a post-doctoral fellowship in health services research and health policy at the University of California, San Francisco. She was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree by the Georgetown University School of Nursing and Health Studies in 2013.

Dr. Simpson's areas of expertise include translating research into policy; quality and safety of health care; health and health care disparities; childhood obesity; and child health services.

**Monday, June 12**

**Janice Fisher** is a Lecturer in Penn’s Wharton Communication Program, where she co-developed and teaches the first credit-bearing writing course for MBAs. For more than a decade she was a communications consultant in Management 100, required for all Wharton undergraduates. She has provided editorial coaching to students, faculty, and staff across Penn’s campus and to a range of clients beyond it.

Janice has more than three decades’ experience as an editor of scholarly and trade books, articles, theses, websites, and more, specializing in business and health care communication. Past and present health care clients include the American Pharmacists Association, Axiom Professional Health Learning, InteliHealth (Aetna/Harvard), Living Beyond Breast Cancer, MC3, Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, and Springhouse Corporation. Janice was the start-up copyeditor for breastcancer.org, now the world’s leading online resource for breast cancer information (almost 2 million visits/month). She received a B.A. from Penn and did graduate work at its Annenberg School for Communication.
Tuesday, June 13

Mark V. Pauly, PhD, is Bendheim Professor in the Department of Health Care Management, Professor of Health Care Management, and Business and Public Policy at The Wharton School and Professor of Economics in the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania. A former commissioner on the Physician Payment Review Commission, Dr. Pauly has been a consultant to the Congressional Budget Office, the Office of the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and served on the Medicare Technical Advisory Panel. He is Co-editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Health Care Finance and Economics and Co-editor of the recently published Handbook of Health Economics, Volume 2. Dr. Pauly has been elected President of the American Society of Health Economists this year. He is the 2012 winner of the William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research and the 2012 recipient of the University of Pennsylvania Provost's Award for Distinguished Ph.D. Teaching and Mentoring.

Friday, June 16

Janet Weiner, PhD, MPH, is Associate Director for Health Policy at the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics at Penn. She writes and edits Data Briefs, Issue Briefs, and LDI's blog, Health Policy$ense. She also works with multidisciplinary teams to conduct health services research and to develop strategies to disseminate research results to policymakers. Prior to coming to Penn, she was a Research Associate for the American College of Physicians, where she researched and wrote College position papers on health policy, ethics, and clinical practice. She holds a journalism degree from Northwestern University, a master's degree in public health from Johns Hopkins University, and a doctoral degree in urban planning from the University of Pennsylvania.

Monday, June 19

Kevin G. Volpp, MD, PhD, is the founding Director of the Leonard Davis Institute Center for Health Incentives and Behavioral Economics, one of two NIH-funded Centers on Behavioral Economics and Health in the United States. He is also a Professor of Medicine and Vice Chairman for Health Policy of the Department of Medical Ethics and Policy at the Perelman School of Medicine, a Professor of Health Care Management at the Wharton School, and one of two Directors of the University of Pennsylvania CDC Prevention Research Center.

Dr. Volpp's research on the impact of financial and organizational incentives on health behavior and health outcomes work has been recognized by numerous awards including the Alice S. Hersh Award from AcademyHealth; the British Medical Journal Group Award for translating Research into Practice; a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE); the Association for Clinical and Translational Science Distinguished Investigator Award for Career Achievement and Contributions
to Clinical and Translational Science; and the Matilda White Riley Award for outstanding contributions to social and behavioral science research from NIH.

He served as a member of the editorial board of the Annals of Internal Medicine and is now a Contributing Writer to JAMA. He is an elected member of several honorary societies including the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academy of Sciences. Volpp did his medical training at the University of Pennsylvania and Brigham and Women’s hospital and his training in Economics at the Wharton School. He is a board-certified general internist and practicing physician at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center. He has collaborated with and advised a wide variety of private and public sector entities in the United States and internationally and is a principal of the behavioral economics consulting firm VAL Health. His work has been covered by major media outlets throughout the world such as the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, Good Morning America, the Economist, the BBC, Der Spiegel, and Australian National Radio.

Friday, June 30

Chyke Doubeni, MD, FRCS, MPH, is the Presidential Professor and Chair of Family Medicine and Community Health at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He is an alumni of the Duke University Family Medicine, and the University of Massachusetts Preventive Medicine residency programs. He is also a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. He has previously served as Interim Associate Vice Provost for Diversity at the University of Massachusetts. His research focuses on healthcare delivery research and on disparities in premature death, particularly for colorectal cancer. He has been continuously NIH-funded since 2004 and is internationally known for his work on improving the process and effectiveness of colorectal cancer screening. Dr. Doubeni is a recipient of the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, the highest honor bestowed by the US government on early-career science and engineering professionals. Dr. Doubeni serves as Chair of an NIH grant review panel and he is a member of the United States Preventative Service Task Force.

Friday, July 7

Ira Harkavy, PhD, is Associate Vice President and Founding Director of the Barbara and Edward Netter Center for Community Partnerships at the University of Pennsylvania. Harkavy teaches in the departments of history, urban studies, and Africana studies, and in the Graduate School of Education. As Director of the Netter Center since 1992, Harkavy has helped to develop academically based community service courses, as well as participatory action research projects, that involve creating university-community partnerships and university-assisted community schools in Penn’s local community of West Philadelphia. Harkavy is Chair of the National Science Foundation’s Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering (CEOSE); US Chair of the International Consortium on Higher Education, Civic Responsibility, and Democracy; and Chair of the Anchor Institutions Task Force. He has co-edited and authored six books (the 7th book, Knowledge for Social Change: Bacon, Dewey and the Revolutionary Transformation of Research Universities in the Twenty-First Century, is to be published in June 2017), and has written and lectured widely on the history and current practice of urban university-community-school
partnerships and strategies for integrating the university missions of research, teaching, learning, and service. Among other honors, Harkavy is the recipient of the University of Pennsylvania’s Alumni Award of Merit, Campus Compact’s Thomas Ehrlich Faculty Award for Service Learning, and New American Colleges and Universities’ Ernest L. Boyer Award, a Fulbright Senior Specialist Grant, and two honorary degrees. In addition, with Harkavy’s and the Netter Center’s significant involvement, Penn has twice received the Presidential Award in Higher Education Community Service. Harkavy received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in History from the University of Pennsylvania.

Thursday, July 13

Allison Percy, PhD, is an analyst at the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) in the Health, Retirement, and Long-Term Analysis Division. Her current work includes studying private health insurance markets and health information technology as well as working on CBO’s Health Insurance Simulation Model, which is used to analyze the health insurance coverage effects and budgetary costs of the Affordable Care Act and other health proposals. Before 2011, her work at CBO had focused on veterans and military health benefits. Before pursuing her doctorate, she worked as a health financing analyst for John Snow, Inc., an international public health consulting firm, under contracts with the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Asian Development Bank, the World Bank, and others. Her research has been published in Health Affairs, Benefits Quarterly, the Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law, and the Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development.

She received her Ph.D. in health economics from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in 2000, where her graduate work focused on the effect of regulatory reforms on health insurance markets. She also has a Master’s of International Affairs from Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs and a B.A. in political science from the State University of New York at Albany.

Friday, July 14

Jaya Aysola, MD, MPH, is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics at the Perelman School of Medicine with clinical and administrative experience working in resource poor care delivery settings domestically and abroad. She was appointed the inaugural Associate Designated Institutional Official for Health Equity and Inclusion, Graduate Medical Education, Hospital of Pennsylvania and Assistant Dean if Graduate Medical Education. Her research interests stem from her prior work in resource poor settings and focus is in three areas related to care for vulnerable populations: 1) social determinants and their role in uptake of primary care services 2) the evaluation and development of models for improving primary care quality and reducing inequities, and 3) applying behavioral economic strategies and leveraging social networks to improve uptake and quality of preventive services.

She received her Master of Public Health at the Harvard School of Public Health, through the Commonwealth Fund-Harvard University Minority Health Policy Fellowship and thereafter completed a two-year research fellowship at the Department of Health Care Policy, Harvard Medical School and the Division of General Medicine, Brigham and Women’s Hospital. She was an
attending physician for women and children at the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program. Prior to that, she was the Medical Director of the New Orleans Children's Health Project, a safety net clinic she developed to provide comprehensive primary care and behavioral health services in English and Spanish to vulnerable populations in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. In 2008, under her leadership, this clinic received NCQA medical home recognition. She expanded upon this program in 2009, to create and become chief of the Section of Community Pediatrics and Global Health at Tulane School of Medicine. In addition, Dr. Aysola, a diplomate from the London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, has extensive work experience in Cambodia, Thailand, and India. She received a Bachelors of Science in Anthropology and Zoology with high distinction from University of Michigan, and her MD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. She is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics.

Monday, July 17

John L. Jackson, Jr., is Dean of the School of Social Policy & Practice and Richard Perry University Professor at the University of Pennsylvania. Jackson received his BA in Communication (Radio/TV/Film) from Howard University, his PhD in Anthropology from Columbia University, and served as a junior fellow at the Harvard University Society of Fellows. Jackson's research examines racial and class-based differences in contemporary urban environments, including a focus on how urbanites themselves theorize and deploy those differences in everyday interactions. Jackson’s scholarship also uses ethnographic research methods to extend and expand Critical Race Theory as an analytical and explanatory framework for understanding contemporary social conflicts. He also examines how contemporary urban religions are being mobilized to improve health literacy and health outcomes in poor and underserved communities around Philadelphia and all across the world. He is the author of Harlemworld: Doing Race and Class in Contemporary Black America (University of Chicago Press, 2001); Real Black: Adventures in Racial Sincerity (University of Chicago Press, 2005); Racial Paranoia: The Unintended Consequences of Political Correctness (Basic Civitas, 2008); Thin Description: Ethnography and the African Hebrew Israelites of Jerusalem (Harvard University Press, 2013); Impolite Conversations: On Race, Politics, Sex, Money, and Religion, co-written with Cora Daniels (Atria/Simon & Schuster, 2014), and Televised Redemption: Black Religious Media and Racial Empowerment (NYU Press, expected Fall 2016), co-written with Carolyn Rouse and Marla Frederick. His is also editor of Social Policy and Social Practice (2016), distributed by the University of Pennsylvania Press. His most recent film, co-directed with Deborah A. Thomas, is Bad Friday: Rastafari After Coral Gardens (Third World Newsreel, 2012). Jackson previously served as Senior Advisor to the Provost on Diversity and Associate Dean of Administration in the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania.
Friday, July 21

**Said Ibrahim, MD, MPH, MBA**, is a Professor of Medicine at the Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania and the Co-Director of the VA National Center for Innovation for Health Equity Research & Promotion (CHERP) and Director of the Philadelphia CHERP. CHERP is one of 19 national Centers of Innovation in health care supported by the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Research and Development. Dr. Ibrahim served as the Chief of Medicine for the Philadelphia VA Medical Center (PVAMC) and Vice Chair for Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine. He leads a well-established research program on health care equity. His work on understanding and intervening on racial disparities in the access and utilization of joint replacement has been continuously federally-funded for more than 15 years. A K24 award supports his mentoring of future generations of health equity investigators in a broad range of areas, including musculoskeletal care. He is the recipient of the Harold Amos Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Award, and both entry-level and advanced-level VA Health Services Research and Career Development Awards. He served as a member of the NIH/NIAMS clinical trials study section and was Associate Editor of the American Journal of Public Health. Dr. Ibrahim has been very active in the Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM). He chaired the SGIM’s Program Committee for the 2006 Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, California. He was elected to SGIM council. He served as a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of General Internal Medicine. Most recently, he was elected as the Secretary of the SGIM and a member of its executive leadership committee. In 2015, Dr. Ibrahim joined the National Institute for Minority Health and Health Care Disparities (NIMHD) as an ex-officio member of its counsel representing the VA HSR&D.

Monday, July 24

**Julian Harris, MD, MBA**, is President of CareAllies, a Cigna Company and a Fellow with the Harvard Kennedy School Healthcare Policy Program. CareAllies is an innovative population health management services company focused on helping physician groups and delivery systems navigate the transition to value-based care. Dr. Harris joined Cigna in September 2015 as Senior Vice President of Strategic Operations to optimize the company’s approach to multi-year planning and internal investments and to accelerate the company’s delivery of value-based solutions in local markets. He became President of CareAllies in June 2016.

Prior to Cigna, Dr. Harris served as the Associate Director for Health in the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB). As the federal government’s chief health care budget official, he oversaw $1 trillion in spending and policy for a range of coverage programs, including Medicare, Medicaid, Marketplaces, and the CMS Innovation Center. Dr. Harris led OMB’s engagement and oversight of agencies on initiatives as diverse as developing new CMS Medicare ACO and bundled payment models, replacing the SGR with MACRA, and launching the President’s precision medicine initiative.

During his time as the chief executive of the $11 billion Medicaid program in Massachusetts, Dr. Harris led the development of a primary care-centered ACO program and built value-based payment into the country’s first Medicare-Medicaid duals demonstration. He has also advised providers and investors on innovative approaches to navigating and supporting the transition to value-based payment.
Dr. Harris trained in internal medicine and primary care at Harvard Medical School's Brigham & Women's Hospital, and he worked as a hospitalist at Cambridge Health Alliance. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Health Policy & Medical Ethics from Duke University, and he holds a Master of Science degree from Oxford University, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar. He is also a graduate of the Health Care Management MBA Program at the Wharton School of Business and the School of Medicine at University of Pennsylvania.

Friday, July 28

**Eve Higginbotham, SM, MD**, is the inaugural Vice Dean for Inclusion and Diversity of the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, a position she assumed on August 1, 2013. She is also a Senior Fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute for Health Economics and Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Pennsylvania. She is a Co-Founder and Director of ROI Squared, LLC. Notable prior positions include Visiting Scholar in Health Equity at the AAMC in Washington DC, Dean of the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia, and Professor and Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at the University of Maryland in Baltimore, a position she held for 12 years.

A graduate of MIT with undergraduate and graduate degrees in chemical engineering (Course X, S.B., and S.M.) and Harvard Medical School, she completed her residency in ophthalmology at the LSU Eye Center and fellowship training in the subspecialty of glaucoma at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston. Dr. Higginbotham is a current member of the Defense Health Board, advisory to the Secretary of Health Affairs of the Department of Defense, the MIT Corporation, Board of Directors of Ascension of which she is Secretary of the Board and a member of the Executive Committee, the Board of the AΩA Medical Honor Society of which she leads the Leadership Development Committee, and a member of the Editorial Board of the American Journal of Ophthalmology. She is a Vice Chair of the NEI-supported Ocular Hypertension Treatment Study, a randomized clinical trial, recently funded for a 20-year follow-up study of this unique cohort of patients. She is currently a member of the ARVO, AAO, American Clinical and Climatological Association, National Academy of Medicine, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She currently chairs her section of the National Academy of Medicine and is a member of the NAM membership committee and the newly formed Harvard-MIT Health Sciences and Technology Advisory Board.

Dr. Higginbotham is a former member of the Board of Overseers at Harvard University and a former chair of the FDA Ophthalmic Devices Panel. She is the past president of the following organizations: the Maryland Society Eye Physicians, the Baltimore City Medical Society, and the Harvard Medical School Alumni Council. Dr. Higginbotham has authored over 100 peer-reviewed articles and co-edited four ophthalmology textbooks and continues to remain active in health policy and patient care at the University of Pennsylvania.
Monday, July 31

Dorothy Roberts, JD, is the 14th Penn Integrates Knowledge Professor and George A. Weiss University Professor of Law & Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania, with joint appointments in the Departments of Africana Studies and Sociology and the Law School, where she is the inaugural Raymond Pace and Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander Professor of Civil Rights. She is also Director of the Penn Program on Race, Science & Society. An internationally recognized scholar, public intellectual, and social justice advocate, she has written and lectured extensively on the interplay of gender, race, and class in legal issues and has been a leader in transforming thinking on reproductive health, child welfare, and bioethics. Professor Roberts is the author of the award-winning books Killing the Black Body: Race, Reproduction, and the Meaning of Liberty (Random House/Pantheon, 1997) and Shattered Bonds: The Color of Child Welfare (Basic Books/Civitas, 2002), as well as co-editor of 6 books on constitutional law and gender. She has also published more than 100 articles and essays in books and scholarly journals, including Harvard Law Review, Yale Law Journal, and Stanford Law Review. Her latest book, Fatal Invention: How Science, Politics, and Big Business Re-create Race in the Twenty-First Century, was published by the New Press in July 2011. Roberts serves on the board of directors of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the Black Women’s Health Imperative, and the National Coalition for Child Protection Reform, on the advisory board of the Center for Genetics and Society and Family Defense Center, and on the Standards Working Group of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine. Recent recognitions for her scholarship and public service include 2016 Society of Family Planning Lifetime Achievement Award, Harvard Women’s Law Association 2016 “Women Inspiring Change,” Harvard University 2016 Tanner Lectures on Human Values, American Psychiatric Association 2015 Solomon Carter Fuller Award, and 2015-2016 American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship.

Friday, August 2

Ann Fischer coaches and consults with managers and leaders from for-profit and non-profit settings. She is also an adjunct lecturer in Management at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania (Penn), where she instructs in the MBA, Executive MBA and Executive Education programs. In her teaching, consulting and coaching, Ann aims to create a collaborative learning experience that elevates her clients' awareness, presence and impact in the workplace.

Through her 25 years of working with an array of individuals and organizations, Ann has developed a solid handle on different kinds of people, their role demands, and their interests and agendas.
Friday, August 4

**A. Dexter Samuels, PhD, MHA,** currently serves as the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs & Executive Director, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy at Meharry Medical College. In this capacity he provides the direction and leadership of the Office of Admissions and Records, Registrar, Student Life, Financial Aid, Counseling Center, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Center. He previously served as the Vice President for Student Affairs at Tennessee State University. He also served as a tenured Associate Professor and Assistant Dean in the College of Public Service and Urban Affairs at Tennessee State University. His research interests include cultural competency, health care policy, and child passenger safety with extramural funding totaling over $1,350,000. Prior to working in academia, Dr. Samuels spent 11.5 years in State government serving as the Director of the Title VI Program for the Tennessee Department of Transportation. Additionally, Dr. Samuels served as the Program Director of the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation in the Division of Mental Health Services.

Dr. Samuels' academic background includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Michigan State University, a Master of Science degree in Health Care Administration from Western Kentucky University, and has received his Doctorate of Philosophy degree in Public Administration at Tennessee State University. Dr. Samuels is a graduate of the Nashville Health Care Council Fellows Class of 2016; Leadership Middle Tennessee Class of 2003, as well as the Tennessee Government Executive Institute Class of 1997. He is also a recipient of the 2007 Kettering Foundation Public Scholars Fellowship. He is currently the Vice-Chair for the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority Board of Directors, serves on the Board of Directors for the Martha O’Bryan Center, and was most recently appointed as the District Chair for the Boy Scouts of America, Middle Tennessee Council Nashboro district.

Friday, August 11

**Lori Dean, ScD,** researches how individual- and neighborhood-level social and economic factors contribute to health disparities and health outcomes for those managing chronic disease. Methodologically her focus is on using multi-level modeling, GIS, and propensity scores to explore how healthcare system distrust, residential segregation, social capital, and other macro-level contextual factors influence health disparities and individual survivorship outcomes for those with chronic disease. She has been PI on a Ruth Kirchstein National Research Service Award (NIH F31) to explore the relative contribution of contextual- and individual-level determinants of breast, prostate, and cervical cancer screening for African-Americans, PI on a Fulbright Grant to explore women’s perceptions of self-breast exams in Venezuela, and am currently PI on a K01 observational study exploring social and economic disparities in breast cancer survivorship outcomes for over 300 breast cancer survivors.