



## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

(IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

FRIDAY, February 25<sup>th</sup>



### Dr. Paul Roumeliotis

Dr. Paul Roumeliotis is the alPHa President / COMOH Representative, East Region and the Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit since 2007. He was Director of Continuing Medical Education in the Department of Pediatrics and founding Director of Multiformat Health Communications at McGill. Dr. Paul created and directed the Montreal Children’s Hospital Asthma Centre and Pediatric Consultation Centre in 1990. He also holds a Master of Public Health (MPH) Degree from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, where he is now an Associate Faculty member. In May 2013, he completed the Advanced Management Diploma program at the Harvard Business School. In February 2018, he received the Canadian Certified Physician Executive (CCPE) credential designation by the Canadian Society of Physician Leaders.



### Trudy Sachowski

Trudy Sachowski is Vice President/ BOH Representative, North West Region and a member of the Northwestern Board of Health as the municipal appointee for the Township of Ear Falls and the Municipality of Red Lake. Since her appointment to the Northwestern Board of Health in 2013, she has served as the Vice-Chair, Chair of Executive Committee, Chair of the Constitution Review Group and various ad hoc committees of the board. In 2016 Trudy became the North West Region Representative on the alPHa Board. Trudy is an active participant of the alPHa Executive Committee. Trudy’s extensive volunteer work includes having served as Chair of the Ontario Parent Council, Chair of the Northwestern Healthy Living Partnership, Chair of the Dryden Public Library Board, Vice-Chair of the Northwestern Early Years Steering Committee, Board of

the Points North Family Health Team as well as numerous community and regionally based committees.



**Hon. Christine Elliott**

Christine graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a Bachelor of Laws degree. She then built a successful career in business and law, working first as an auditor at one of Canada’s largest banks. Christine later co-founded a law firm with her late husband Jim Flaherty. Her pro bono legal work for charitable organizations gained her the recognition as a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow, the highest award with Rotary. As well, Christine is a co-founder of the Abilities Centre in Whitby, a facility built with the vision of celebrating all people, regardless of ability. In 2006, Christine was elected MPP. She has won five elections, and for over 12 years has served the people of Ontario at Queen’s Park. In 2016, Christine became Ontario’s Patient Ombudsman, where she fought for better access to health care for all. She currently serves as the Deputy Premier of Ontario, Minister of Health, and is the MPP for Newmarket-Aurora.



**Jamie McGarvey**

Jamie McGarvey is the President of Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) (2021 to present), Past-President (AMO) 2018 to 2020; Director on Board of Directors 2011 to 2018, and 2020 to present; Chair of AMO Housing Task Force, Committee Member of AMO Indigenous Task Force. Jamie McGarvey was a Municipal Councillor for 29 years before being elected as Mayor of the Town of Parry Sound in 2010, a position he has held since then. Mayor McGarvey has an extensive lifetime of experience in Parry Sound; he has served on many local, area and district committees over the last 40 years and has had many dealings with all levels of government.



**Dr. Theresa Tam**

Dr. Tam obtained her medical degree from the University of Nottingham in the U.K. She completed her paediatric residency at the University of Alberta and her fellowship in paediatric infectious diseases at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Tam has held several senior leadership positions at the Public Health Agency of Canada, including as the Deputy Chief Public Health Officer and the Assistant Deputy Minister for Infectious Disease Prevention and Control. During her 25 years in public health, she provided technical expertise and leadership on new initiatives to improve communicable disease surveillance, enhance immunization programs, strengthen health emergency management and laboratory biosafety and biosecurity. She has played a leadership role in Canada's response to public health emergencies including severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), pandemic influenza H1N1 and Ebola.



#### **Dr. Kieran Moore**

Dr. Kieran Moore is the province's Chief Medical Officer of Health. Dr. Moore previously served as the Medical Officer of Health for Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington from 2011 to 2021. Dr. Moore is also the Medical Officer of Health of the Department of Emergency and Family Medicine of Queen's University and the Program Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine at Queen's University. Dr. Moore received his Medical degree from the University of Ottawa and subsequently received his specialty certification in Family Medicine and Emergency Medicine from the College of Family Physicians of Canada. He has Master's degrees in Disaster Medicine (DM) and Public Health (PH) as well as a Physician Leadership and Diplomas in Sports Medicine, Tropical Medicine & Hygiene, and Humanitarian Assistance. He has completed a Canadian Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons Fellowship in Public Health and Preventive Medicine at Queen's University.



#### **Dr. Sudit Ranade**

Dr. Sudit Ranade is the COMO Representative, South West Region and the Medical Officer of Health for the County of Lambton. He received his Medical Doctorate from the University of Ottawa, and has completed training in Family Medicine and Public Health and Preventive Medicine from Queen's University. During this time, he also received Masters degrees in Public Health and Business Administration. His areas of interest include effective public health practice, decision making in public health, global health, and adolescent health.



#### **Colleen Geiger**

Colleen Geiger provides executive leadership for Public Health Ontario's strategic, business and operational planning, organizational performance measurement, process improvement, stakeholder relations and issues management, as well as PHO's research, knowledge and information areas including: research and ethics services, knowledge services and information technology and informatics. Prior to joining PHO, Colleen has held senior management positions both the public and private sector in academic health science settings, community hospitals, local health integration networks, as well as in international health care consulting. She also has extensive experience in not-for-profit governance. Colleen holds a Master of Business Administration (health services management) from McMaster University and is a Certified Health Executive.



#### **Dr. Brian Schwartz**

Brian has served as Scientific Advisor to the Emergency Management branch of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and held the position of Vice-Chair of Ontario's SARS Scientific Advisory Committee. He also chaired the MOHLTC's Scientific Response Team during the 2009 H1N1 pandemic. Brian practiced emergency medicine for over 30 years in both community and academic settings, as well as held the position of Director of Sunnybrook Osler Centre for PreHospital Care from 1996-2009. He has been published extensively and has received many awards for clinical and academic excellence in emergency and family medicine; he currently holds an Associate Professor position at the University of Toronto in the Department of Family and Community Medicine and the Dalla Lana School of Public Health.



**Dr. Samir Patel**

Dr. Samir Patel is a Clinical Microbiologist at Public Health Ontario (PHO) and an Assistant Professor in Laboratory Medicine & Pathobiology at the University of Toronto. He has a MSc and PhD in Tropical Disease/Infectious Disease both from the University of Toronto. He also completed his fellowship in Clinical Microbiology at the University of Toronto. In his position at PHO, Dr. Patel provides clinical scientific oversight for vector borne disease testing, including Lyme disease as well as tick surveillance program in Ontario. He oversees Lyme disease testing in Ontario and has extensive experience in diagnostic microbiology, including the processing and storage of clinical specimens. He currently co-chairs the PHO-Health Quality Ontario working group responsible for developing a clinical algorithm for diagnosis and management of Lyme disease.



**Dr. Jessica Hopkins**

Dr. Jessica Hopkins leads and is responsible for the scientific and operational activities in the Health Protection portfolio, which consists of two departments (Medical and System Support, and Operations and Response). The scope of work in these departments include communicable disease surveillance and control, outbreak response, infection prevention and control, and emergency preparedness and response. Jessica has 10 years of experience in local public health and previously worked as the Medical Officer of Health for Peel Region, and as Associate Medical Officer of Health in Hamilton and Niagara Region. She works as a family doctor and is an Assistant Professor (part-time) with the Department of Health Research Methods, Epidemiology, and Impact, McMaster University and Adjunct Lecturer with the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto. Jessica obtained her Doctor of Medicine from the University of Western Ontario and her Master of Health Science from the University of Toronto in the field of Community Health and Epidemiology. She completed residencies in Family Medicine and Public Health and Preventive Medicine at McMaster University.



**Dr. Robert Kyle**

Dr. Robert Kyle is the Treasurer/COMOH Representative, Central East Region at alPHa and has been the Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health for the Regional Municipality of Durham since 1991. He is a certificant in the Specialty of Community Medicine from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and holds a certificate in Family Medicine from the College of Family Physicians of Canada. Robert is an active member of many provincial and regional health organizations. For example, he is currently Chair of the Durham Nuclear Health Committee; past Chair of the Port Hope Community Health Centre; and Past-Chair of the Public Health Ontario Board of Directors. Robert is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the American College of Preventive Medicine, and is a former Medical Officer of Health for the Peterborough County-City Health Unit and Associate Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of East York Health Unit.



#### **Dr. Christopher Simpson**

Dr. Chris Simpson is Executive Vice President (Medical) at Ontario Health. He also serves as the President of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. He works clinically as a cardiologist at Kingston Health Sciences Centre and holds a GFT faculty position as Professor in the Queen's University Department of Medicine. He was the 2014-15 President of the Canadian Medical Association. From 2006 to 2016, he was Professor and Head, Division of Cardiology at Queen's University and Medical Director of the Cardiac Programs at Kingston General Hospital and Hotel Dieu Hospital in Kingston. From 2016-2021, he served as Vice-Dean (Clinical) in the Queen's Faculty of Health Sciences and as Medical Director of the Southeastern Ontario Academic Medical Organization (SEAMO). He believes in the power of partnerships and allyship.



#### **Cynthia St. John**

Cynthia St. John is the Affiliate Representative, AOPHBA and the CEO of Southwestern Public Health, formed in 2018 by the merger of the former Oxford County Public Health and Elgin-St. Thomas Public Health. Prior to the merger, Cynthia presided as the Executive Director of Elgin-St. Thomas Public Health for 18 years. Cynthia now leads an organization of approximately 200 employees responsible for providing public health programming to a population of over 200,000 in southwestern Ontario. Cynthia began her career in the charitable sector having had the privilege of working with exceptional organizations such as the YWCA, the Anne Johnston Community Health Centre, and Dying with Dignity Canada. She holds a Masters of Business Administration with a specialization in Leadership.



#### **Dr. Sara Allin**

Sara Allin is an Associate Professor of Health Policy at the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto. She is Director of the North American Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, a collaborative partnership and research centre focussed on sub-national and international health systems research to support evidence-informed policy making. Sara's research and teaching span comparative health systems and policies, health system performance and health equity.



#### **Steven Rebellato**

Steven Rebellato is the Affiliate Executive Representative/ ASPHIO\* at alpha and the Vice President for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit in the Environmental Health Department. He has his PhD in Public Health from the University of Waterloo. Steven is a part-time Assistant Professor at McMaster University in the Department of Health Research Methods, Evidence, & Impact and Adjunct Professor at the University of Waterloo. Steven is the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families in the Region of York and is past-President for ASPHIO, the Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario.



#### **Dr. Charles Gardner**

Dr. Gardner is the COMO H Section Chair / COMO H Representative, Central East Region at alPHA and has been the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) for the Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit since 2005, after having served as MOH with the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit for eight years. Prior to that, he worked in general medical practice in Newfoundland, New Brunswick, and Zimbabwe. In the past Dr. Gardner has been the chair of the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health, president of the Association for Local Public Health Agencies, president of the Ontario Council for Community Health Accreditation, member of the Ontario Public Health Leadership Council, and co-chair of the Healthy Environments Both Natural and Built Table for the Ontario Public Health Sector Strategic Plan.



#### **Tim Arnold**

Tim Arnold has spent over two decades helping leaders manage complexity, increase resilience, and deliver results, with clients that include The United Nations, Royal Bank of Canada, Allstate Insurance, Compassion International, Toyota, and Siemens. Tim has also worked with several public health units in Ontario. After running both a for-profit business and a homeless shelter, he leverages his real-world experience to help organizations pursue both profit and purpose. Tim's work focuses on helping leaders unleash the superpower of Both/And thinking in an Either/Or world.



#### **Carmen McGregor**

Carmen is the Past President of alPHA, current BOH Representative, South West Region and a Municipal Councillor with Chatham-Kent. She joined the alPHA Board in June 2015 as the South West Region's Boards of Health Representative and became alPHA Vice President in June 2016. She served as alPHA President from June 2017 to June 2018 and Past President from June 2018 to June 2019 and President from June 2019 to June 2021. Her other municipal duties include within Chatham-Kent include Commissioner and Chair to the Public Utilities Commission, Infrastructure and Innovation Committee and member of the local Public Health Board. Prior to municipal council, Carmen was a publicly elected School Board Trustee for the Lambton Kent District School Board for 11 years. Along with her political career Carmen is the Office Manager of a law firm and has continued to be an active community volunteer.



#### **Wess Garrod**

Wess Garrod is the BOH Section Chair/ BOH Representative, Central East Region at alPHA and a community representative on the KFL&A Board of Health, appointed by Order-in-Council. Wess completed his Bachelor of Science (Hon) and the University of Guelph and his Bachelor of Education at Queen's University, where he also completed his principal's designation. Wess retired from the Limestone District School Board in 2006. He is a former secondary school principal, supervising principal and member of LDSB's senior staff. He was recognized for his contributions to the field of education and physical activity with an Outstanding Service Award, and the establishment of the "Wess Garrod Healthy Active Living Award", which is presented annually to a LDSB staff member who has worked to improve student and staff health and well-being in their school. Mr. Garrod has been a great supporter of KFL&A Public Health and

has worked in the past with this agency on a variety of projects to promote physical activity in schools.



**Sarah Collier**

Sarah Collier is a Manager of Surveillance and Epidemiology at Toronto Public Health. She is the organizational lead for the development and implementation of the population health status monitoring and epidemiological data strategy. She is currently supporting the data strategy for the local epidemiological response to COVID-19. Sarah works with a deep passion for making positive change through the power of data. She is dedicated to applying rigorous analytical approaches and critical thinking to improve public policy and practice.



**Paul Sharma**

Paul Sharma is the Affiliate Representative, OAPHD at alpha and the Director for the Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention division at Region of Peel-Public Health. Before Peel, Paul was the Manager of the Oral Health programs at Middlesex-London Health Unit and previously Manager in the Department of Oral Health at the Hastings & Prince Edward Counties Health Unit. Paul is also appointed as an Adjunct Professor at the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto. Paul currently sits on the Executive of the Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry (OAPHD) serving as President. Paul’s first position in health care was working as a registered dental hygienist in Toronto primarily providing services to individuals living with HIV. Paul has also been involved in dental hygiene education in a teaching and management capacity. Paul has completed his Masters of Science in Dental Public Health from King’s College, University of London, in London, England.



**Susan Stewart**

Susan Stewart is an Affiliate Representative, HPO at alpha and a member of the senior leadership team at Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health where she is the Director of the Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention Division. In this role, she is also the executive lead for strategic planning, health equity, Indigenous engagement and quality. She is also a member of the Board of Directors for the Ontario Physical Health and Education Association (Ophea), and chairs the Ontario Chronic Disease Prevention Managers in Public Health network. Susan has over 25 years of experience in health promotion, research, and evaluation. She is passionate about chronic disease and injury prevention, effective public health practice, and health promotion.



### **David Groulx**

David is the Affiliate Representative, OPHNL and has worked in public health since 1998. A majority of those years have been spent delivering services to those in the Sudbury and Manitoulin Districts. David is currently the Manager of Professional Practice and Development at Public Health Sudbury & Districts and supports the role of the Chief Nursing Officer. David is actively involved with nursing efforts as the President of the Ontario Association of Public Health Nursing Leaders (OPHNL), President of the RNAO Sudbury Chapter, as Nursing Faculty at Cambrian College and Adjunct Professor at Laurentian University. David completed his undergraduate education at Laurentian University (BScN), a MPH degree from Lakehead University and is certified in Community Health Nursing.



### **Kerry Schubert-Mackey**

Kerry Schubert-Mackey is the Affiliate Representative, ODPH and the Director of Community Health, encompassing all program standards with the exception of food safety, safe water and healthy environments at the Timiskaming Health Unit. In this role she is also the executive lead for population health assessment, health equity, and effective public health practice. Kerry is also a member of the Ontario Dietitians in Public Health. Kerry has many years of experience working in public health beginning in 2005 as a frontline Registered Dietitian. Prior to working in public health Kerry worked as a Registered Dietitian in a variety of sectors in Northeastern Ontario. She is passionate about population health and well-being, reducing health inequities and a strong, effective public health sector and workforce. Kerry is also a recipient of the 2021 Lori Chow Memorial Award recognizing health promotion excellence in Ontario.



### **Monika Turner**

Monika is the Director of Policy for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). She joined AMO in 2010 after 25 years with the Ontario Government as both a public servant and a political assistant. Monika worked at the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care twice. From 1998 to 2003, she led a series of physician compensation negotiations on behalf of the province. In 2006, Monika returned to the MOHLTC as the Director of Public Health Standards and oversaw the development of the 2008 Ontario Public Health Standards. She has a Masters of Law degree (ADR) from Osgoode Law School and received her Masters of Public Health from the University of Waterloo in 2011.



### **Shanique Killingbeck**

Shanique is passionate about public health and improving people's quality of life through changes to living environments and access to safe and healthy food. With an undergraduate degree in Environmental Health, work experience as a Public Health Inspector and a Master of Public Health from the University of Alberta, she believes positive change in behaviour and health can be achieved through stakeholder engagement and participation in the design and implementation of public health programs. Shanique manages and engages the Housing for Health Partnership Working Group and its subcommittees.



### **Jodie Stearns**

Jodie has a background in psychology and kinesiology, with specific expertise in physical activity and social networks. She is leading the evaluation of built environment interventions in the two pilot developments targeted at older adults. Jodie is assessing for changes in physical activity, healthy eating, social connections, and perceptions of community environments in residents when they move into the pilot developments. As Research and Evaluation Manager, Jodie ensures that the various research initiatives of Housing for Health are coordinated and connected to other aspects of the project.



### **René Lapierre**

René Lapierre's is the BOH Representative, North East Region at aPHa. René's health career started with being a paramedic graduate 1992 and has worked various paramedic services across Ontario until 2014 when he was elected to the City of Greater Sudbury Municipal Council. He has been a full-time Faculty member at Collège Boréal Paramedic program in Sudbury since 2002 and has been program Coordinator since 2007. Since 2015 he has been Chair for Public Health Sudbury & Districts Board of Health, and since 2019 was elected to the aPHa Board of Health where he currently sits as Vice-Chair. René is a true advocate of health, health prevention and promotion. As a City Councillor, he sits as Vice Chair of the Community Services Committee where health promotion and prevention are always at the top of his mind.



### **Loretta Ryan**

Loretta Ryan is the Executive Director of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies. aPHa provides leadership to the province's boards of health and public health units. In this role, she works closely with board of health members, medical and associate medical officers of health, and senior public health managers to represent the interests of local public health and to collaborate with governments and other health organizations to advocate for healthy public policy and a strong, effective, and efficient public health system in Ontario. Previously, Loretta was the Director of Public Affairs for the Ontario Professional Planners Institute where she provided leadership in the development and delivery of the Institute's public policy and communication efforts, including the Institute's *Healthy Communities, Sustainable Communities* initiative.