

Third Annual Interprofessional Forum on Ethics and Religion in Health Care
CHALLENGES IN ORGAN DONATION & TRANSPLANTATION
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BIOGRAPHIES

STERLING BROWN & KAY TAYLOR are the President and Director of Marketing and Public Relations for the Jordan Taylor Brown Foundation, respectively. The foundation honors the legacy of Jordan Taylor Brown, Sterling's younger brother who became an organ donor at his untimely death. Jordan donated seven organs and restored the sight for two people. To continue Jordan's legacy, the foundation is committed to spreading the importance of organ, eye, and tissue donation while acting as an agent of change in the lives of young men and women in Baltimore City. The Jordan Taylor Brown Foundation is a non-profit organization that is committed to providing mentorship, educational resources, scholarships, and other recreational activities that encourage the youth to become self-confident and make better decisions. Visit the website at <http://www.jtbrownfoundation.org> to learn more about the foundation.

MARK CONNELLY, MSW, has five years' experience in psychosocial evaluations with potential liver transplant candidates, and has participated in a multidisciplinary Screening Committee to determine candidacy for liver transplant, including individuals with a history of alcoholism who have not reached the threshold for at least six months of sobriety. Prior to his current position he worked for 11 years in the field of substance abuse treatment.

SUZANNA FITZPATRICK, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, is Senior Nurse Practitioner in the Division of Transplant Surgery at the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC). She has worked both in the organ procurement organization as a coordinator and has been with UMMC's Division of Transplantation for the past six years, specializing in abdominal organ transplantation.

LAUREL GAFFNEY, MS, is the manager of Hospital Services for The Living Legacy Foundation, the designated organ procurement organization whose mission inspires Marylanders to save and enhance lives through organ and tissue donation while honoring the legacy of donors. At the foundation, she leads a team of dedicated professionals who facilitate the donation process at local hospitals through education, advocacy and performance improvement efforts. She serves on the foundation's Education Committee, works closely with the Organizational Trainer to develop and enhance learning opportunities through interactive, experiential and didactic methods and participates in the organization's end of life simulation programs. Laurel earned her MS in Healthcare Management from Stevenson University and is an active member of Maryland Association of Healthcare Executives.

REV. MERIDITH GRANDY, M.Div., is Staff Chaplain at the University of Maryland Medical Center. Prior to that, she served as Associate Pastor at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Tucson, AZ, and Chaplain Resident for UNC Health Care. Rev. Grandy graduated from Duke University.

JOHN W. JOHNSON is on the University of Maryland Medical Center's Hospital Liaison Committee for Jehovah's Witnesses (JW) in Baltimore, MD. He provides education and support for both patients, families, and staff regarding JW positions affecting health care decision-making.

KAREN KENNEDY has been a staff member of The Living Legacy Foundation since August, 1993. She joined the organization as a clinical coordinator and has served in progressively responsible positions during her tenure, including Director of Clinical Services. In her current position, Organizational Trainer and Special Projects, Karen supports the orientation and ongoing training of all LLF staff. She also serves as chair of The LLF's Clinical Advisory Board, of which she was a founding member. Karen led the creation of The LLF Education Committee, which provides diverse training and education opportunities for the organization. She is also a member of the organization's Ethics Committee. She is a member of the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO), and has previously served as Chair of the AOPO Procurement Director's Council. She served on the United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS) Kidney Committee in 2010. Prior to joining The Living Legacy Foundation, Karen worked as an ICU nurse on the neurotrauma critical care unit in the Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland Medical Center. She currently maintains her role as an ICU nurse there, in a per diem position. Karen received nursing degrees from Stevenson University (BSN and Masters).

SILKE NIEDERHAUS, M.D. Silke Niederhaus is a clinical assistant professor of surgery at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. She received her medical degree from University of Alabama School of Medicine and completed her surgical residency and a two-year research fellowship at the University of Wisconsin. Following residency, Dr. Niederhaus completed two years of sub-specialty training in abdominal transplantation, also at the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Niederhaus specializes in kidney and pancreas transplantation, laparoscopic and single-port donor nephrectomy, and liver transplantation. Dr. Niederhaus has a number of papers and abstracts published, many centering on organ transplants and organ donors and recipients. Dr. Niederhaus received a kidney transplant herself more than 20 years ago and therefore brings a unique perspective to the field of transplantation and immunosuppression management.

TYREE NUTTER, RN, MA, is an In House Coordinator for the Organ and Tissue Donor Program at the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC). She is one of the first In House Coordinators in the country and first at UMMC. Tyree works collaboratively with the Living Legacy Foundation in overseeing the donation program at UMMC. She provides informational and emotional support to families facing the prospect of organ donation, serves as a dedicated educator for hospital staff on donation issues and participates/coordinates community outreach activities to educate the UMMC patients, visitors and staff on donation. UMMC has received numerous awards locally and nationally for meeting national /local metrics for organ donation. Tyree serves on committees at UMMC and Living Legacy related to donation. She earned her Bachelor of Science of Nursing from Hampton University and Masters of Arts in Management, Healthcare Administration from Notre Dame University.

LINDSEY POTE, PharmD, is Program Director of the PGY2 Solid Organ Transplantation Residency at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. This residency program provides comprehensive pharmacology training in kidney, pancreas, liver, heart, and lung transplantation as well as infectious diseases in immunocompromised patients. In Dr. Pote's position overseeing residents in this program, she brings considerable experience in issues related to transplant medicine pharmacology.

RABBI SHMUEL SILBER is the founder and Dean of the Institute for Jewish Continuity, and also serves as Rabbi of Suburban Orthodox, Congregation Toras Chaim in Baltimore, Maryland. Prior to coming to Suburban Orthodox, Rabbi Silber was the Assistant Rabbi of Congregation Shomrei Torah, in Fair Lawn, NJ. While at Shomrei Torah, he was also Director of Education for KOF-K Kosher Supervision, an international Kashrus agency based in Teaneck, NJ. Rabbi Silber received Semicha (ordination) from Yeshiva University. In addition he has received a Masters degree in Secondary Jewish Education from Azrieli Graduate School. Rabbi Silber has served as a Scholar in Residence in Israel and South Africa, taught a Masters Degree Program in Adult Education through the Johns Hopkins University, and teaches an ongoing class on Tehillim at the Women's Institute of Torah (WIT) here in Baltimore.

NIRAV G. SHAH, MD, FCCP, graduated from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, North Carolina with a BS in Biology with Honors and a minor in Chemistry and then went on to pursue his medical education at St. George's University School of Medicine in Grenada, West Indies. Upon graduating from St. George's University with Honors, he did his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at the Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C. He completed his fellowship in Critical Care Medicine at the National Institutes of Health and his fellowship in Pulmonary Diseases at the University of Maryland Medical Center. Dr. Shah is board certified in Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Medicine, and Critical Care Medicine. He has received multiple teaching awards and enjoys focusing on medical education. He is the program director for the Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowship program at the University of Maryland Medical Center. His research interests are in the field of thermal molecular biology and acute lung injury and his clinical and teaching interests include acute lung injury and critical illness as well as consultative pulmonary medicine. Dr. Shah also takes an active role training UMMC staff in improving communication skills with patients and family members surrounding organ donation.

RABBI RUTH SMITH is Staff Chaplain at the University of Maryland Medical Center, where she serves as Lead Chaplain for Organ Transplant and Adult Education in the Cardiac Surgical Intensive Care Unit. She was ordained through the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, is a Board Certified Chaplain and member of the National Association of Jewish Chaplains. Rabbi Smith has a Bachelor of Arts from Oberlin College and a Masters in Hebrew Letters from Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

ANITA J. TARZIAN, PHD, RN serves as Program Coordinator for the Maryland Health Care Ethics Committee Network (MHECN), which is run out of the Law and Health Care Program at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. Dr. Tarzian is an Associate Professor at the University of Maryland School of Nursing, in the Department of Family and Community Health. She serves as an IRB Co-Chair at Chesapeake Research Review, Inc., in Columbia, MD. She serves on UMMC's ethics committee, Living Legacy Foundation's ethics committee, and Maryland's Judicial Ethics committee. Her involvement with the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities has included projects to address competency and professionalism of health care ethics consultants. Dr. Tarzian received her doctorate in Nursing (focus in Ethics) from the University of Maryland School of Nursing, and a Masters from the same university in Intercultural Nursing. She has a clinical background in surgical oncology and hospice nursing, and is a returned Peace Corps Volunteer (Dominican Republic). Her professional focus has been in clinical and research ethics, including clinical ethics consultation in acute and long-term care settings, ethics education, palliative care, hospice, the influence of culture on health care decision-making, and disability rights.

LAURIE THOMPSON, RN, is the Paired Kidney Exchange Coordinator at the University of Maryland Medical Center, working with transplant centers across the country to facilitate living donor kidney transplants. Prior to that she was a nurse at Johns Hopkins Hospital caring for both transplant recipients and donors.

HEBA YOUSSEF is a Family Service Coordinator with the Living Legacy Foundation, where she supports families through their loved one's passing and engages them in meaningful conversations about end of life decisions, including organ and tissue donation. Prior to her current role she was a Family Advocate at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and has also served as a chaplain at New York Columbia Presbyterian Hospital & Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Heba received her MA from Hartford Seminary in Connecticut, where her research focused on Interfaith Relations and the cultural and spiritual considerations around end of life care in Muslim communities.

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