

## Speakers Bios

### **Dr. Mark Mather, Population Reference Bureau**

Mark Mather is associate vice president of U.S. Programs at PRB. Mather has more than 20 years of experience communicating population research to policymakers, educators, journalists, and the public. He has authored more than 50 reports and briefs on U.S. population trends and their implications, specializing in issues related to child, family, and older adult well-being. He also works in partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau on several projects to increase knowledge and use of American Community Survey data. Mather holds master's and doctorate degrees in sociology from the University of Maryland, College Park. His research has been cited by The New York Times, the Associated Press, the Huffington Post, the Wall Street Journal, and many other media outlets.

### **Dr. Robert Anderson, National Center for Health Statistics**

Robert Anderson is Chief of the Statistical Analysis and Surveillance Branch in the Division of Vital Statistics at the National Center for Health Statistics and currently directs the production and publication of statistics and surveillance data on births, deaths and fetal deaths. His interests and expertise are primarily in demographic methodology and mortality statistics. His research has focused primarily on changes in the International Classification of Diseases and how this affects cause of death statistics, changes in the reporting of sudden unexpected infant deaths, socioeconomic inequalities in mortality, and the quality of cause-of-death certification.

### **Dr. Alecia McGregor, Harvard University**

Alecia McGregor, PhD, is Assistant Professor of Health Policy and Politics, Department of Health Policy and Management, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Dr. McGregor's research focuses on health inequalities and the political determinants of health. She has done work on HIV/AIDS disparities, religion and public opinion, mental health and substance abuse policy, and urban health policies; and her research draws on multiple approaches including quantitative, qualitative, and survey analyses. Currently, she is researching the drivers and consequences of hospital closures in the U.S., particularly with respect to racial disparities in maternal health outcomes. She earned her Ph.D. in Health Policy from Harvard University in 2014, where she received a certificate in Latin American Studies and was a National Institute of Mental Health trainee.

### **Dr. Amanda Stevenson, University of Colorado-Boulder**

Amanda Jean Stevenson is a sociologist trained in demographic and computer science methods. She studies the impacts of and responses to abortion and family planning policy. She is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Colorado Boulder. In her current research, she uses demographic methods to study the impacts of reproductive health policies, and computational methods to study social responses to these policies. At Boulder she leads the Colorado Fertility Project, a team using massive restricted-access administrative data at the Census Bureau to evaluate the life course consequences of access to (as opposed to use of) highly effective contraception. She earned her Ph.D. in Sociology with Demography specialization from the University of Texas at Austin.