Dr. Paige Backlund Jarquín

Senior Program Manager,
State Innovation Model (SIM) Extension Service, Colorado Health Institute

Dr. Backlund Jarquín has served as Senior Program Manager for the State Innovation Model (SIM) Extension Service since April 2016. She supports regional health connectors and their host organizations throughout Colorado, as well as program development, training and evaluation activities. Paige has worked in community-based public health for more than 15 years with various organizations including the Peace Corps, Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains (PPRM), the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (CDPHE) & the Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute's Community Engagement and Research Core. Paige earned a master's degree in public health (MPH) in 2010 and her Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) degree in community and behavioral health in 2016, both from the Colorado School of Public Health.

Chief Michael Baker

Director of EMS, City of Tulsa Fire Department

Michael Baker is a Chief Officer at the Tulsa Fire Department and is the department's Director of Emergency Medical Services. A 22-year member of TFD, Chief Baker is responsible for ensuring the department provides the highest quality prehospital healthcare. Chief Baker holds a Master of Arts in Security Studies (Homeland Security) from the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security, and a Bachelors in University Studies (Political Science, Sociology, and Emergency Management) from Oklahoma State University. Chief Baker was selected as a 2016 EMS 10 award recipient for EMS Innovation by the Journal of Emergency Medical Services.

Jenna Bannon

Director of Health & Well-Being, Denver's Early Childhood Council

Jenna leads the health and well-being work of Denver's Early Childhood Council and is the project director of LAUNCH Together, a 4-year initiative focused on early childhood mental health systems building work in Southwest Denver. She has national, state and local experience in public policy, cross-sector collaboration and project management. She worked on child policy issues for Governor Roy Romer, and has also worked with the Grantmakers for Education and the National Conference of State Legislatures. She received her Master of Nonprofit Management (MNM) from Regis University through an Emerging Leaders Fellowship from The Colorado Trust.

Sami Berger

Developmental Evaluator, First 2000 Days Network

Sami is currently the developmental evaluator for the First 2000 Days Network, an initiative combining a collective impact and network approach to impacting the Early Childhood Development Sector in Calgary. Sami has dedicated her career to developing, implementing and sharing learning strategies within organizations that are striving to address complex challenges. She approaches learning strategies as a way to structure what an organization or initiative pays attention to understand what, why and how their strategies are functioning so that the best parts can be enhanced, and their constraints can be addressed. Sami holds a Master's degree in Social Anthropology from the London School of Economics, which has shaped her ethnographic approach to evaluation. She is based in New York City.

Blythe Butler

Network Weaver, First 2000 Days Network

Blythe is currently implementing the First 2000 Days Network, an innovative 'collective impact' initiative using network analysis, developmental evaluation and capacity building to improve both process (systems) outcomes and early childhood development outcomes. Blythe's practice focuses on change management, evaluation, and capacity building to support the development of adaptive learning cultures within organizations. She is an accomplished facilitator and stakeholder engagement practitioner with over 15 years' experience in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors. Blythe holds a BComm in Finance and International Development from the University of Alberta, studied Journalism at Carleton University, Design Marketing at Parsons in New York City, and served as a Parliamentary Page in the House of Commons.

Pamela Coleman, J.D.

Strategic Transformation Consultant & Leadership Coach

Pam Coleman is an Executive & Leadership Coach / Strategic Transformation Consultant, serving the not-for-profit, for-profit, and academic sectors, coaching leaders at all levels of organizations on innovating ideas, and maximizing teams, opportunities, culture-change, and profits. Most recently, Pam was Special Assistant to President Barack Obama, and the first-ever Leadership Development Team Lead in the White House Presidential Personnel Office, a role and a program she helped create and design. For the last 12 months of the Obama Administration, her team's mission was to maximize the impact and experience of the President's 4000 political appointees, and to prepare them for their inevitable transition beyond the Administration. Before joining the White House, Pam served as a political and community organizer in various capacities for Organizing for America New Mexico from 2009 through 2012, most notably as the State Director for President Obama's re-election in 2012. Pam is a lawyer, has been a small business and management consultant in the US and in Italy.

Katie Edwards

Executive Director, The Nonprofit Centers Network

Since 2012, Katie has worked at The Nonprofit Centers Network, with a primary goal of connecting NCN members with the resources they need to make their projects a success. She holds a Master's in Public Affairs in Nonprofit Management from Indiana University, where she studied nonprofit co-location as part of her coursework. Combining her rigorous research background and her first-hand experience with the Co-location Task Force for the Indianapolis' Early Intervention and Prevention Initiative, Katie provides thoughtful analysis to move projects forward or make course corrections to best meet the clients' objectives. While at The Nonprofit Centers Network, she has worked on many feasibility studies for developing projects, most recently for the Volunteers of America – Colorado Branch, The Sunflower Foundation, SEFCU, and United Human Services of Southeast Alaska.

Dave Hackett

Senior Advisor, visionSynergy

David R Hackett is Senior Advisor and Director of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region for visionSynergy, a faith-based consulting group focused on network coaching and collaboration training. Dave has worked with and helped develop several international networks including one with almost 200 active nonprofit organizations. His expertise includes advising cross-cultural network leadership teams most of whom are focused on delivering humanitarian services in the MENA region. Dave has been a Presbyterian pastor for over 30 years with more than 25 of these years in global network development organizations. Dave taught Economics and English at Han Nam University in South Korea and then served mega-churches as associate pastor before moving fully into network development work in 1993. He lives in the Seattle area with his wife Sandra, a Presbyterian pastor, and he has three grown daughters and happily, one newborn grandchild.

Dr. Darrin Hicks

Professor of Communications, University of Denver

As a Professor Communication Studies, Dr. Hicks teaches courses and conducts research in argumentation, rhetoric, community collaboration, and the philosophy of communication. His research has appeared in journals such as Rhetoric and Public Affairs, Cultural Studies, Quarterly Journal of Speech, Argumentation, Argumentation and Advocacy, Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory, and Evaluation Review. He received his PhD and M.A. at Southern Illinois University, and his B.A at the University of Missouri.

Rebecca Hofkes

Project Manager, Center on Network Science at the University of Colorado Denver

Rebecca is a Project Manager for the University of Colorado Denver's Center on Network Science. Rebecca is a Project Manager for the University of Colorado's Center on Network Science. Since joining the Center in 2015, she has helped nonprofit organizations and government agencies take a network approach to building their communities' capacity. Before this role, Rebecca served two years in AmeriCorps, leading teams across the country on projects related to disaster relief, education, housing, and conservation. Rebecca holds a master's degree in International Development and Service from Concordia University – Portland.

[Lydia Hooper](#)
Communications Consultant, [Fountain Visual Communications](#)

Lydia Hooper is a designer and consultant who helps organizations and networks collaborate and communicate about complex information and collective impact. She has been featured in numerous publications, has presented at dozens of events, and founded the Denver Data Communicators professional network. Learn more and get her free ebook about using visuals to support collaborative work at www.fountainvisualcommunications.com

[Margo Johnson](#), LMSW
Founding Team, [Visible Network Labs](#)

Margo served until recently as the Director of Product & Partnerships at Aunt Bertha, a mission-driven company that exists to make human service information accessible to people and programs. She previously served as a Senior Business Analyst for the company, working to develop national community engagement and supporting data analytics and reporting. She received her B.A. in social psychology from Arizona State University and her Masters of Science in Social Work from the University of Texas at Austin with a concentration in Community & Administrative leadership.

Brenda Mendoza Ortega
[Resident Leadership Council](#)

Brenda Mendoza is originally from Michoacán, Mexico and moved to Colorado in 2008. Brenda graduated from the University of Colorado Denver with a dual Bachelor's degree in Biology and International Studies with a minor in Economics. She has been an active member of the Resident Leadership Council since 2015 because of her desire to be part of a group of community leaders with the vision and determination to create opportunities for professional, educational, and cultural development for the Northwest Aurora community. S Brenda currently works as a Health Promotion Facilitator for the Culture of Wellness in Preschools Program at the Colorado School of Public Health on the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

[Carolyn Miller](#)
Senior Program Officer, [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#)

Carolyn Miller, is a senior program officer in the Research-Evaluation-Learning (REL) unit at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). She brings to the Foundation a long and diverse career in private sector, government, and academic research. Her research has spanned a range of issues in health and health care, public policy, public opinion, and survey research methodology. Miller received her BA in Sociology from the University of Vermont, her MA in Applied Social Research from the University of Michigan Ann Arbor, and her MS in Health Policy from the Thomas Jefferson University School of Population Health in Philadelphia. Since joining the Foundation, she has worked with REL and RAND Culture of Health metrics teams to define, operationalize, and measure the Culture of Health through development of the Action Framework and national measures. She co-leads the Sentinel Community project, Systems for Action research program, Harvard/NPR polling series, and the American Health Values typology project, among other projects.

Khoa Nguyen
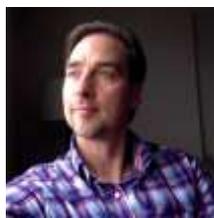[Resident Leadership Council](#)

Khoa Nguyen was born and raised in Vietnam, and his family moved to the United States in 2007 when he was only 15 years of age. When his family first arrived, they struggled a lot but ultimately Khoa graduated from Hinkley High School in 2011 and went on to attend the University of Colorado Denver where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry in 2015. Since starting his life in Aurora, he has always felt like there was something missing between the Anschutz Medical Campus and its surrounding communities, almost like an invisible barrier existed between the two. Through his work with the Resident Leadership Council he hopes to help break down that barrier. Khoa currently works as an Emergency Medical Technician at Falck Rocky Mountain in Aurora and he continues to work towards his goal of becoming a doctor.

Curtis Ogden

Senior Associate at [Interaction Institute for Social Change](#)

Curtis has served as Senior Associate since 2005 and brings to IISC his experience in education, community building, leadership development, and program design, as well as an abiding passion for work at the intersection of racial justice and environmental sustainability. For the past several years he has built a robust practice in support of numerous multi-stakeholder collaborative change networks, including Food Solutions New England; Inter-Institutional Network for Food, Agriculture, and Sustainability; Cancer Free Economy Network; Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network; Vermont Farm to Plate Network; Connecticut Right From the Start; and the Education Justice Network. He is a recognized thought leader around network development and social change, and has presented numerous webinars and keynote speeches and is a regular contributor to the [IISC blog](#) on this and other related topics

Emily Puetz

Co-founder & Education Practice Leader, [Ideas2Impact](#)

Emily has spent the last 20+ years focused on growing and developing talent inside and around the K-12 education sector. She has trained and facilitated strategy, problem solving and leadership development sessions for over 50+ school districts, non-profit organizations, foundations and government agencies seeking to improve the quality of learning for students. Emily has also worked inside of large and small systems, serving as the Chief Academic Officer of the Minneapolis Public Schools before moving to Colorado. Emily is currently leading cohort based, year long leadership experiences that help to reveal the leadership capacity within participants and transform how participants approach their work. Emily holds both a Bachelor of Arts and a Masters Degree from the University of Notre Dame and an additional Masters in Public Policy from the University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute.

Maria Saldaña

[Resident Leadership Council](#)

Maria Saldaña was born in Guanajuato, Mexico and moved to Aurora when she was 10. From a young age she has been active in her community mainly through faith-based organizations. She joined the Resident Leadership Council in January 2015 and has since been working towards being the voice of the Aurora community. Maria would like to grow as a leader in her community and create a strong connection between the Anschutz Medical Campus and the Aurora community so that it can grow as a whole and benefit from the surrounding organizations. Maria currently works as an Outreach Coordinator for The Integrated Nutrition Education Program on the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

Lah Say Wah

[Resident Leadership Council](#)

Lah Say Wah is originally from the Mae La Refugee camp in Thailand, and she came to the United States in 2009 where she was settled in Colorado. She graduated from the University of Colorado Denver, with a Bachelor's Degree in Public Health. Lah Say is passionate about the refugee community and is a board member of the Colorado Burma Roundtable Network. She is also involved in the Resident Leadership Council and has strong ties to her church as a treasurer. Lah Say works as a Community Health Liaison at Children's Hospital Colorado.

Dr. Jesus Valero

Associate Professor of Political Science, [University of Utah](#)

Jesús N. Valero, PhD, teaching courses on nonprofit organizations and NGOs and public administration seminars. Prior to joining the University of Utah, he enjoyed a professional career in the nonprofit sector. Jesús' research explores government-nonprofit partnerships, effective leadership in nonprofit organizations, and the use and impact of social media in public service. His work has been published in scholarly journals, including *Public Administration Review, Disaster Prevention and Management,* and others. Jesús earned his PhD in public administration with a specialization in nonprofit management from the University of North Texas; Master of Public Administration from the University of Texas-Pan American; and BA from the University of Texas-San Antonio.

Lisa VanRaemdonck

Executive Director, [University of Colorado Denver School of Public Affairs Institute](#)

Lisa VanRaemdonck Executive Director of the School of Public Affairs Institute at the University of Colorado Denver. Her work is dedicated to supporting the intersection of SPA and public service professionals through strategic partnerships, leadership development and training, peer networking, capacity building, and policy communication. Prior to her position at SPA, Lisa served as Executive Director of the Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials for more than 6 years and performed group facilitation through a small consulting practice. Lisa has also worked in public relations and marketing, and has experience with non-profit and business-to-business communications. She earned a Master's in Public Health and a Master's in Social Work from the University of Michigan.

Dr. Danielle Varda

Director, [Center on Network Science at the School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado Denver](#)

Danielle specializes in network leadership and systems evaluation, focusing specifically in public health systems and services research. Her research focus is on evaluating the network structure of collaborations between the public, private, and nonprofit sectors and the subsequent network effects of these recorded interactions. She has developed models and methods of network measurement, one example being the social network analysis software tool, PARTNER, (www.partnertool.net), which measures and monitors collaborative activity over time.

Phil Willburn

Director of Leadership Effectiveness, [Workday](#)

Phil Willburn is director of leadership effectiveness at Workday, responsible for enabling successful people leadership through executive development and coaching, and for ensuring the company continues to grow its pipeline of leaders. Phil brings over 10 years of experience leveraging data science and analysis to improve talent management to his current role. Prior to Workday, Phil served as a senior faculty member at the Center for Creative Leadership (CCL) where in 2017, his work on talent development earned the prestigious gold-level Excellence in Practice Award by the European Foundation for Management Development. Preceding CCL, Phil worked for the Science Applications International Corporation as a network scientist where he applied his expertise to the intelligence community as a trainer and analyst. Phil has a master's degree and a bachelor's degree in Communication from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and he completed graduate work in Computational Social Sciences at George Mason University. Phil has authored numerous academic publications on the topics of leadership and network science.