

Speaker bios

Sara Hurtado Bares



Sara Hurtado Bares, MD joined the HIV/Infectious Diseases team in July 2013. After receiving her undergraduate degree from Amherst College, Dr. Bares obtained her MD from the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai School in New York City. She trained in Internal Medicine at the University of Chicago where she was an intern, resident, and chief resident. Following her residency, Dr. Bares stayed on at the University of Chicago to complete a fellowship in Infectious Diseases. Her clinical and research interests include the complications of HIV and its therapies as well as HIV testing and prevention.

Bradford Becken III



Dr. Becken, MD, is a graduate of Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, DC and completed both his Pediatric Residency and Pediatric Infectious Diseases Fellowship at Duke University Hospital in Durham, NC. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Children's Hospital & Medical Center in Omaha. Dr. Becken's clinical work is spent as a core faculty member on the Pediatric Immunocompromised Host Program. In addition to clinical work, Dr. Becken teaches both pre-clinical and clinical medical students as well as pediatric residents and fellows on common topics in Infectious Diseases, including HIV PrEP, with a goal of increasing comprehension and use among primary care pediatricians. Outside of clinical work and teaching, Dr. Becken conducts research on the interaction between the gut microbiome and pulmonary health in children with cystic fibrosis. Prior to going into medicine Dr. Becken worked as a financial analyst at a private investment company in Los Angeles, CA.

Dylan Best



Dylan Best received his bachelor's degree from UNO focusing on social work, gerontology, and sociology. In 2021, he began his career as a case manager at Nebraska AIDS Project in Lincoln before transitioning to the support services coordinator position.

Holly Boyle

Holly Boyle became interested in HIV education and awareness at a young age after years of participation/experience with Project Kindle. In June of 2015, Holly started her career journey at the Nebraska AIDS Project beginning as a Youth and Community Engagement Specialist and has shifted roles within the agency throughout the years several times. Now the Clinical Coordinator, Holly oversees clinical operations across the state and focusing on further program development for the PrEP program and expansion to other program needs.

Daniel Cobos



Daniel Cobos, RN, BSN, MPH was recruited to UNMC in 1996 as a study coordinator. After various roles at the SCC, Daniel currently holds the position of Nurse Case Manager for our program. A major part of his role is to insure patients remain in care and to facilitate patient visits. He is bilingual in Spanish and English and well respected in the Latinx community. A volunteer at NAP for more than 20 years and at One World (formerly Indian-Chicano Health Center) for 7 years, he is very committed to his work and to our patients.

Daniel also serves on various nurse councils at Nebraska Medicine. In 2022, he was nominated for the Extraordinary Nurse of the year award at Nebraska Medicine.

Precious Davis



Precious Davis, EdD, MSN, RN in May 2022 completed her doctoral studies at Clarkson College in Healthcare Leadership and Education and has a Master's degree in Nursing Education. She currently is working per diem as a Subject Matter Expert in UNMC's ID Health Equity and Quality Improvement ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) collaborative and works casually with individuals with developmental disabilities at Union for Helping Support. Precious has been a Nurse Case Manager at Nebraska Medicine in

Infectious Diseases since 2017 and was a floor nurse on at the Lied Transplant Center prior to her current role. Precious is also involved in multiple employee resource groups (ERGs) on campus such as RISE Women, African American Black Alliance, and is the Community Engagement Chair for the Black Student Union (BSU), in which she is a founding member at Clarkson College. Community and public health is her passion along with educating on health disparities, cultural health, and motivational interviewing.

Daemon Donigan



Daemon Donigan, with a background in art and education, made a complete career change in 2013 while arranging to have his artwork displayed at a HIV Testing and Outreach center in downtown Denver, CO. After realizing his true career passion, he started a new career path into the ever-exciting realm of Sexual Health, STIs, HIV and PrEP. Daemon has worked for Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers and one of the nation's largest ASOs (AIDS Service Organizations) focusing on STI & HIV Testing and Risk Reduction, Linkage to Care, Outreach, Sexual Health Counseling, and as a statewide PrEP coordinator. He is currently the HIV CTR Program Manager at the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. Daemon has been able to continue his work in HIV Prevention while combining what he learned in Colorado with the insights of working in the field in the State of Nebraska. With a focus on STI & HIV Prevention and Care, he has made it a personal mission to bring Sexual Health Education to the LGBTQ+ Community as well as other often-overlooked minority sexual communities. He continues to combat the difficulties faced by these communities while they try to get proper medical care due to fear of stigma or shaming. He hopes his message of stigma and judgement free sexual health education will help people get the medical and preventative care they deserve.

Nada Fadul



Nada Fadul, MD, is Medical Director of the HIV Clinic at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She joined the HIV team in September 2018 as an Associate Professor and Associate Medical Director of the UNMC's Specialty Care Center. She is also Director of the UNMC Ryan White Parts C & D Programs. Prior to this role, she was at East Carolina University-Brody School of Medicine where she was the Director and Principal Investigator of the Ryan White Grant Program and the Medical Director of the Infectious Diseases Clinic. She is originally from Sudan and completed her medical degree from the University of Khartoum-Faculty of Medicine in Sudan in 2000 and subsequently completed an Internal Medicine Residency at the University of Illinois; a Palliative Care fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center where she served as a faculty for five years; and an Infectious Diseases fellowship at the University of Texas-Houston. She has published in peer reviewed journals, authored and coauthored several abstracts and book chapters and presented at national and international meetings. Dr. Fadul's main clinical and research interests include: linkage and retention in care of people living with HIV, the long-term complications of HIV and its treatment; and HIV prevention strategies including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and routine opt-out testing.

Jason Gillespie



Jason Gillespie is a Masters prepared Family Nurse Practitioner and board certified in family medicine through the ANCC. He was a Peri-operative nurse for 15 years after completing his Bachelors of Science of Nursing degree through the University of Nebraska College of Nursing Scottsbluff campus. He has been practicing in Family Medicine since 2011. Jason has a distinct interest as a nurse practitioner in sexual health and education, STI testing/prevention/treatment, HIV/AIDS testing/education/PrEP and treatment. Jason currently works at the Fred LeRoy Health and Wellness Center with the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska with focus on advancing STI/HIV testing, education, PrEP, and treatment for the Native American population. Jason is also a member of the Navy Reserve with 19 ½ years of service having been deployed to Kuwait in 2005 and NYC in 2020 for COVID support.

Josh Havens



Josh Havens, PharmD graduated from the University of Nebraska, College of Pharmacy in 2007. He previously worked at Nebraska Medicine in the outpatient pharmacy and the Internal Medicine clinic. He joined the HIV/Infectious Diseases group in 2015 and the Department of Pharmacy Practice in 2019. As a pharmacy clinician at the Specialty Care Center, he provides care for people living with HIV including antiretroviral therapy initiation and revision as well as various other management services together with primary care services. Additionally, he operates a pharmacist-led HIV prevention program offering HIV pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis. He provides didactic lectures for the College of Pharmacy, precepts fourth year students and pharmacy residents annually, and is involved in various research protocols.

Samantha Hughes



Samantha Hughes, MPA (she/her/hers), is the Associate Director of the Washington University in St. Louis's Capacity Building Assistant program. Samantha's services include 27-years with the City of Kansas City, MO (KCMO), where she spent 17 years at the KCMO, Health Department in the role of the HIV Services Manager, where her responsibilities included, administration of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Ryan White Part A/Minority AIDS Initiative, Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)/Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MODHSS) HIV Prevention, HOPWA, and Shelter Plus Care grants. Samantha is currently pursuing a doctorate in Management and Organizational Leadership from the University of Phoenix, she has earned a Master's in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Management from Park University, and an Associate of Science in Computer Programming from Penn Valley Community College.

Samantha L. Jones



Samantha L. Jones, CSW joined the University of Nebraska Medical Center HIV team in May of 2016. She received her BSW from the University of Iowa in 2010 and has worked for several federal grants focusing on child welfare, reentry, education, employment and training. Prior to joining the HIV team, she worked under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), providing outreach and access to employment and training opportunities in order to assist individuals in becoming self-sufficient.

Samantha currently serves as the Patient Access Program Manager overseeing the UNMC Specialty Care Center's Medical Case Management program. She is currently pursuing her Master's in Social Work at University of Nebraska Omaha.

Nikki Regan



Nikki Regan, APRN, MSN joined the HIV team in July 2015. She attended the University of Nebraska Medical Center, earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in 2004, and a Master of Science in Nursing degree in 2011. She completed the MATEC HIV Clinical Scholars Program in 2016. Since 2020, she has served as the Nebraska HIV Program Coordinator for the KS/NE Midwest AIDS Training + Education Center (MATEC). She also serves as the Ryan White Program Quality Improvement Manager and is a participant in the UNMC Infectious Diseases Health Equity and Quality Improvement ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) Collaborative. Nikki has volunteered with Project Kindle, an organization that serves children and teens impacted by HIV/AIDS by providing summer camp experiences as well as year-long activities and support for their families. She is also a Nebraska Medicine LiveGreen Ambassador, promoting environmental responsibility and sustainability on the UNMC and Nebraska Medicine campus.

Jonathan Ryder



Jonathan Ryder, MD is a second year Infectious Diseases Fellow at University of Nebraska Medical Center. He graduated from medical school at UNMC and completed his internal medicine residency at Indiana University School of Medicine. His academic interests include medical education, social media utilization, and antimicrobial stewardship. He is an editor for the ID Fellows Network and a member of the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) Fellows Subcommittee.

Christine D. Tran



Christine D. Tran, DNP, APRN joined the HIV program in October 2010. She previously worked at Midwest Gastrointestinal Associates as a nurse practitioner, from 2007 to 2010. She received her BSN from Marquette University in May 2000, her MSN from Creighton University in May 2006, and her DNP from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in May 2015. She was a volunteer at the Nebraska AIDS Project for five years doing outreach HIV testing. Christine plays a role as clinical care provider, educator, and is involved in clinical research. She is committed to working with her patients as a member of a dedicated team in order to provide quality care.

Susan Tusher



Susan Tusher is the Program Director for the Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center (or MATEC) for Kansas and Nebraska. She is also a co-founder and Board member of the national advocacy group PASWHA (Professional Association of Social Workers in HIV/AIDS), and a Board member for The AIDS Institute (TAI), a national HIV advocacy and policy group. Susan has bachelor's and master's degrees in Social Work from the University of Kansas. She has been doing work in the HIV field for 34 years, in organizational start up and development, case management, community outreach and advocacy, and other areas. For the last 18 years, Susan has been with the AIDS Education and Training Centers, which is the part of the national Ryan White Program responsible for educating health care professionals about HIV and associated conditions.

Rachel Ware



Rachel Ware is a recent add to the NAP community and is the new Navigator and Clinical Support Specialist for their PrEP Clinic. With her background in phlebotomy and non-profit work, she has enjoyed growing and improving NAP's PrEP services, in addition to assisting outreach events and weekly HIV/STI Testing.