

## Tobacco and Nicotine Products Regulatory Science Symposium

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### Speaker Biographies



**JASJIT SINGH AHLUWALIA** is a physician and public health scientist at Brown University's School of Public Health and Medicine, and is the Associate Director of the Legoretta Cancer Center. He has been in academic medicine since 1992 and has been a practicing physician, faculty member, department chair, associate dean and center director in medical schools, and dean of the School of Public Health. His primary research areas are smoking cessation and nicotine addiction in African American smokers. He has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health for 25 years and has published more than 350 manuscripts. Ahluwalia has served on the U.S. government's National Advisory Council on Minority Health and Health Disparities, on the SRNT board of directors and just completed a 3-year term on the federal government's Interagency Committee on Smoking and Health chaired by the U.S. Surgeon General. Ahluwalia trained at New York University, received a Doctor of Medicine degree and a Master of Public Health degree at Tulane University, a medical residency at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a clinical epidemiology fellowship at Harvard Medical School, where he received a master's degree in health policy.



**CHELSEA BOYD** is a research fellow in the R Street Institute's Integrated Harm Reduction policy area. Her research and writing focus on policy solutions to decrease harmful health outcomes for people who engage in potentially risky behaviors. Chelsea holds an M.S. in epidemiology from The George Washington University and is earning a DrPH in epidemiology from the University of Nebraska Medical Center.



**JOSEPH (JOE) G. GITCHEE** has extensive experience providing strategic counsel to clients across a wide range of health policy, regulatory, and marketing and communications challenges. With a focus on client service, Joe leads efforts supporting regulatory approvals, conducting public policy analysis, developing communications approaches, devising, refining and defending claims, and providing input on strategic market opportunities and directions. He has counseled clients navigating health policy and communications in the US, Europe, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East. This work has included extensive collaboration with highly respected researchers, policy experts, and nonprofit organizations around the world. A co-author on over 40 articles, Joe has been published in journals including the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, Addiction, Archives of Internal Medicine, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, and Tobacco Control. In addition, Joe has presented at industry and policy conferences, including the TMA, the Global Forum on Nicotine, and the CHPA Annual Executive Conference on topics including the impact of personal technologies on healthcare regulations and a strategic research agenda for e-cigarettes. Joe joined PinneyAssociates in 1993 after graduating magna cum laude from Yale University and working on the 1992 US presidential campaign.



**NICHOLAS I. GOLDENSON, PHD**, is a Behavioral Scientist at Juul Labs, Inc. He completed his PhD in health behavior research from the University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine. He has published manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals including *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, *Addiction*, *JAMA Pediatrics* and *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*.



**THADDAEUS HANNEL** serves as a Principal Scientist in Population Science within Regulatory Sciences for Altria Client Services (ALCS) in Richmond, VA. In this role, he applies his knowledge of statistics and computational modeling to evaluate the impact of reduced risk tobacco products on population health. Prior to joining Altria, he co-founded Escent Technologies LLC with venture capital based on his research of a novel integrated sensing algorithm for the rapid identification of narcotics and prescription drugs of abuse. Hannel earned a doctorate in Analytical Chemistry from the University of Kentucky with a focus on statistical methods and computational modeling.



**DONALD KENKEL'S** expertise is in areas of health economics and public sector economics. Broadly speaking, he studies the economics of disease prevention and health promotion. Professor Kenkel has conducted a series of studies on the economics of public health policies, including alcohol taxes and other policies to prevent alcohol problems; cigarette taxes to prevent youth smoking; and advertising to promote smoking cessation. His current research is on the economics of tobacco regulation and the market for e-cigarettes. He has published his research in the *Journal of Political Economy*, the *Review of Economics & Statistics*, the *Journal of Health Economics*, and the *Journal of Benefit-Cost Analysis*, among others. Professor Kenkel is a former President of the Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis. From 2018 through 2020, he served as Senior Economist and then Chief Economist at the Council of Economic Advisers in the Executive Office of the President. Professor Kenkel's undergraduate degree is from the University of Kentucky and his master's and Ph.D. are from the University of Chicago.

**DAVID LEVY** is a Professor, Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center at Georgetown University.

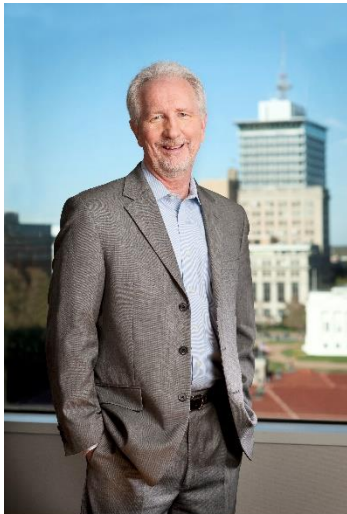
**DAVID MENDEZ** is a Professor, Department of Health Management and Policy at the University of Michigan.



**AMIRALA PASHA** is an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of General Internal Medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. He currently serves as the Practice Chair for the Executive and Development Health Section. In addition to his clinical practice, he is an attorney and a member of the Minnesota Bar. He is the editor of the recently published book titled *Laws of Medicine: Core Legal Aspects for the Healthcare Professional*. His research focuses on health law and policy with a special emphasis on FDA law, and health policy education for clinicians.



**MOHAMADI SARKAR** is a Fellow, Scientific Strategy, in Regulatory Affairs at Altria Client Services (ALCS) in Richmond, VA. In this role, he provides strategic direction towards developing the science and evidence for regulatory submissions for non-combustible tobacco products with a focus on the regulatory requirements for potentially reduced harm tobacco products. Before being appointed to his current position, Dr. Sarkar lead Clinical Research at ALCS. In that role, he enabled responsible product development and tobacco-harm reduction by generating evidence form clinical studies related to products made by Altria Group’s tobacco companies. He has authored more than 100 scientific peer-reviewed publications and presentations at scientific meetings. Dr. Sarkar has also participated in multiple seminar presentations and authored a variety of scientific book chapters related to his areas of expertise. Before joining the Altria family of companies, Dr. Sarkar served as Associate Professor, Clinical Pharmacology for the Medical College of Virginia (MCV) at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond from 1998-2002. He is still affiliated with the university and continues to teach clinical pharmacology. From 1990 to 1998, Dr. Sarkar worked at West Virginia University in Morgantown, W.Va., where he held a variety of positions including: Associate Professor, Clinical Pharmacology; Associate Professor, Genetics, and Developmental Biology; and Associate Professor, Tobacco Research Center, WVU Cancer Center.



**JIM SOLYST** is Principal with JMS Scientific Engagement. He previously worked for Swedish Match where he contributed to the preparation of the General Snus PMTA and MRTP. He is a frequent contributor to FDLI journals and speaker at FDLI conferences.



**MARK J. VADERS** is an associate at Womble Bond Dickinson where he provides scientific and legal solutions to clients whose products are regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or state agencies. He routinely supports submissions to FDA’s Center for Tobacco Products and serves as an in-house resource on tobacco harm reduction, ENDS, and modern nicotine product science.

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