

HEAL Fall 2016 Learning Community Presenter Biographies

Judy Harper

Judy Harper is a senior program director at Community Partners, identifying, developing, and leading strategic initiatives (such as the Kaiser Permanente HEAL initiative) and providing organizational development support to a portfolio of fiscally sponsored projects. She brings nearly 20 years of experience in the nonprofit sector, designing programs, developing resources and providing technical and learning support for a wide range of nonprofit initiatives. Previously, Harper served as the associate director for the Border Philanthropy Partnership at the Synergos Institute, directed community development programs at MAAC Project's affordable housing communities, was program officer for San Diego Dialogue's cross-border and regional collaborative projects, and served as associate director for development at the San Diego Repertory Theatre. She holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Occidental College and master's degrees in urban planning and Latin American studies from University of California, Los Angeles. A former Fulbright Fellow in Mexico and a San Diego Rotary Club Ambassadorial Scholar in Brazil, she speaks fluent Spanish and Portuguese.

Jamecca Marshall

Jamecca Marshall is a Program Manager at Prevention Institute, managing and supporting its California Approach to Prevention. Her role dives into policy, advocacy, research and program coordination. A native Los Angeleno, Marshall committed to working toward social justice and equity for communities across the nation. Prior to Prevention Institute, she served as Urban Peace Policy Manager at the Advancement Project, working in a variety of research, and advocacy roles to manage Urban Peace's violence reduction policy framework, which approached crime and violence as a public health issue. Marshall formerly held the role of the Director of Programs and Development at Team SAFE-T: A California Partnership for Safety, and a Policy Analyst, at the Alliance for Education. She received her AB from Stanford and her dual Masters of Public Policy and History from George Washington University.

Sonia G. Shah

Sonia G. Shah is a Project Manager with Kaiser Permanente Southern California's Community Benefit Department. Before joining Community Benefit, she spent three years with Kaiser Permanente's Health Care Continuity Department, National Procurement and Supply, as a Threat Assessment Consultant, where she provided project management support and consultation/technical assistance to the emergency management program for Kaiser Permanente medical centers, medical office buildings and regional office buildings in Southern California. Shah worked with the Medical Center Safety Offices, and National and Regional leadership teams to provide strategic guidance, training on the Hospital Incident Command System, and worked to standardize policies and procedures to ensure continuity of care during any natural or man-made disasters. Before joining Kaiser Permanente, she spent time at the Riverside County Department of Public Health as a Health Educator. Over the last three years, Shah has also been serving on the Board of Directors for the South Asian Network, a community based organization focused on advancing health, addressing domestic violence, and civil rights for South Asians in Southern California. She holds a Bachelors of Science in Biology with a minor in Psychology from the University of California, Riverside, and a Masters in Public Health from Loma Linda University School of Public Health.

Arpiné Shakhbandaryan

As a program manager with Community Partners, Arpiné Shakhbandaryan provides technical assistance, peer learning opportunities, facilitation, and project management for the Southern California Kaiser HEAL Zone initiative and the Thriving Schools Partnership Grant. Previously, she worked at the City of El Monte coordinating the Policies for Livable, Active Communities and Environments initiative funded by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. The program is dedicated to fostering policy change that supports the development of healthy, safe, and active environments for all community residents. Shakhbandaryan brings experience in policy and program development for healthy eating and active living initiatives, coalition building, and public sector, nonprofit, and community collaboration. She received a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in public health from the University of Southern California.

Frank Tamborello

Frank Tamborello is the Executive Director of Hunger Action Los Angeles. Originally from Texas, he spent several years in the printing trade before becoming involved in advocacy to assist low-income people. Tamborello worked as an advocate and organizer on hunger issues with the LA Coalition to End Hunger & Homelessness between 1997 and 2006 to successfully campaign to eliminate the vehicle resource limit, finger imaging requirement, and past drug felony restrictions in the CalFresh (food stamp) program. He helped develop the Hollywood Community Action Network, a group of homeless individuals who successfully brought more permanent housing for homeless persons in Hollywood. In 2006, Tamborello was the principal co-founder of Hunger Action L.A. which expanded work on ending hunger and promoting healthy eating. His current food and nutrition related work includes development of the Market Match program, organizing Southern California participation in California Hunger Action Coalition activities, organizing and educating groups and individuals on advocacy around issues affecting income and access to food, and editing and publishing the "Peoples Guide to Welfare Health and Other Services" publication.

Ryan R. Yamamoto

Ryan Yamamoto, Project Manager II, Community Benefit, Southern California, joined Kaiser Permanente in 2009. He brings 18 years of non-profit experience to his role. Before joining Community Benefit, Yamamoto spent six years with The California Endowment where he worked on improving access to care for all through regional, statewide and national grant making. He brings extensive experience in the nonprofit and philanthropic sectors acquiring skills in cross-sector collaboration, strategy development, public affairs and leadership. Earlier, Yamamoto held positions with the National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence and the American Cancer Society. He earned a Bachelor's of Science in Health Science from California State University, Long Beach. Yamamoto also serves as the Chair of the national board for the Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy and was previously the Co-Chair of the Los Angeles chapter.