



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Jon Ford

JON FORD – *Director of Strategic Initiatives*
Vitalyst Health Foundation

As Director of Strategic Initiatives, Jon leverages three decades of for-profit and non-profit experience to develop an expanded, innovation-centered network of stakeholders focused on all aspects of health and well-being. Key to his work is development of the Live Well Arizona movement and the Elements of a Healthy Community framework. Jon continuously engages influencers and partners in furthering policy and systems change and is particularly focused on fostering relationships that engage new sectors and catalyze innovation. Working with the leadership team, he is responsible for crystallizing and developing new initiatives that further Vitalyst’s mission and goals. Jon also drives development and production of Vitalyst’s earned, paid, online and offline communications – including media outreach, publications, websites, podcasts, webinars and newsletters.



David Hondula

DAVID HONDULA - *Assistant Professor and Resilience Fellow, School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning*
Arizona State University

David studies the societal impacts of weather and climate with an emphasis on extreme heat and human health. He is an assistant professor at Arizona State University. In his research, Hondula works closely with local governments and health departments on the design, implementation, and evaluation of adaptation strategies that help mitigate health risks associated with hot weather. He serves on the leadership teams for ASU’s Urban Climate Research Center and the Central Arizona-Phoenix Long Term Ecological Research Program. Hondula earned a Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences from the University of Virginia.



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Jami Snyder

Jami Snyder – *Director*

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)

Jami Snyder serves as the director of AHCCCS, overseeing Arizona’s Medicaid and CHIP program, including the provision of acute, behavioral health and long term care services and supports to more than 1.8 million Arizona residents at an annual cost of \$14 billion. She was appointed by Governor Doug Ducey on January 5, 2019 after having served as the agency’s deputy director since December 2017. With more than 20 years of public and private sector experience in the health and human services industries. Ms. Snyder’s areas of expertise include regulatory oversight, policymaking and leadership development. Prior to joining AHCCCS, Ms. Snyder served as Medicaid Director for the state of Texas, managing a program covering 4.7 million enrollees at a cost of \$29 billion. She held posts as Chief Operating Officer of the University of Arizona Health Plans, an Operations Administrator at AHCCCS, and a Bureau Chief at the Arizona Department of Health Services. Ms. Snyder is the 2020 President-Elect of the National Association of Medicaid Directors, an organization she has been an active member of since 2016. She is a 2013 Flinn-Brown Civic Leadership Academy Fellow and holds master’s degree in political science from Arizona State University as well as a bachelor’s degree in political science from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota.



Elizabeth Mattiuzzi

ELIZABETH MATTIUZZI - *Senior Researcher, Community Development*

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

Elizabeth Mattiuzzi joined the Community Development department at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco as a Senior Researcher in 2017. Her research focuses on regional transportation and housing governance, equity, and economic opportunity. She previously led the Planning Sustainable Regions research initiative and contributed to the Planning for Jobs project at the Center for Community Innovation at the University of California, Berkeley. Elizabeth completed a Ph.D. in the Department of City and Regional Planning at UC Berkeley. She also holds a master’s degree from the London School of Economics and an undergraduate degree from UC Berkeley.