

## **SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

### **Robert Klesges**

Dr. Robert Klesges is a Professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and a Member of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. He specializes in smoking cessation, health promotion in underserved populations (women and minorities), cancer prevention and control in adults and children (particularly in high-risk populations), and obesity treatment and weight gain prevention in children and adults.

Before working in his current positions, Dr. Klesges was a member of the faculty at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and served as a consultant to the Mayo Clinic Cancer Center. He taught and conducted research at the University of Memphis for more than 20 years, and was on the faculty at North Dakota State University. A four-time contributor to the Surgeon General's Report on the Health Consequences of Smoking, Dr. Klesges is a recipient of the American Psychological Association's Outstanding Research Award and the Norwegian Marshall Fund Master Lecture Series Award. He has published a number of articles in medical journals.

Dr. Klesges received his bachelor's degree from Pepperdine University and his masters and doctoral degrees from the University of Wyoming, Laramie.

### **Kim Hamlett-Berry**

Dr. Kim Hamlett-Berry is the Director of the Office of Public Health Policy and Prevention within the Public Health Strategic Health Care Group at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). She is responsible for planning and coordination of tobacco use cessation programs and tobacco control policy for the Veterans Health Administration.

Before joining the VA, Dr. Hamlett-Berry was an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Pediatric Psychology at the University of Virginia's School of Medicine and Children's Medical Center in Charlottesville, Virginia. She was an American Association for the Advancement of Sciences Congressional Science Fellow, serving as the American Psychological Association William A. Bailey HIV/AIDS Fellow, and was a professional staff member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee. Dr. Hamlett-Berry has clinical, research, and policy experience with behavioral public health issues and chronic illness populations, and has received the American Hospital Association's Federal Health Care Executive Special Achievement Award.

Dr. Hamlett-Berry received her bachelor's degree in psychology from the College of William and Mary, her doctoral degree in clinical psychology from the Catholic University of America, and completed her postdoctoral clinical and research training at Duke University Medical Center.