

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Nancy C. Lee, MD

Dr. Nancy Lee is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health-Women's Health and the Director of the Office on Women's Health at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Dr. Lee's research has focused on cancer screening and early detection, the epidemiology of reproductive system cancers, safety of contraceptive methods, and HIV infection among American women.

Dr. Lee has extensive experience in women's health, cancer prevention and control, data analysis, epidemiology, and surveillance systems. Prior to joining HHS, Dr. Lee worked with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for more than 22 years. From 1999-2004, Dr. Lee served as the Director of the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control (DCPC), where she provided overall guidance and vision for DCPC, a division with more than 130 staff and a 2004 budget of \$280 million. In March 2004, Dr. Lee left that position to work as a private consultant. In that capacity, she consulted with a variety of organizations, including the CDC, American Cancer Society, World Health Organization, and the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. Dr. Lee has published more than 95 articles in such journals as the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*, *Journal of the National Cancer Institute (JNCI)*, *The New England Journal of Medicine*, *Cancer Prevention and Control*, and *American Journal of Epidemiology*.

Dr. Lee received her BA in mathematics from the University of Texas and her MD from Baylor College of Medicine. She completed her residency at the University of Pennsylvania and is board-certified in internal medicine.

Margery L. S. Gass, MD, NCMP

Dr. Margery Gass is the Executive Director of The North American Menopause Society (NAMS), a Consultant to the Cleveland Clinic Center for Specialized Women's Health, and Clinical Professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

An internationally recognized leader in the field of menopause, Dr. Gass became Executive Director of NAMS in 2010. A member of NAMS since 1993, she previously served as its President from 2002-2003. Dr. Gass served as Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she had been on the faculty since 1984. She also was Director of the University Hospital Menopause and Osteoporosis Center in Cincinnati, a position she held since 1990. Dr. Gass has been an investigator on more than a dozen research projects, including serving as a principal investigator for the Women's Health Initiative, and has published and presented on a wide range of topics related to menopause.. She has served on the NIH advisory committees for the Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine and the Office of Research on Women's Health. Dr. Gass is the editor of *Menopause: The Journal of The North American Menopause Society*. Dr. Gass received her BA from DePauw University and her MD from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. She completed her residency at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center/University Hospital.

Darlene Yee-Melichar, EdD, CHES

Dr. Darlene Yee-Melichar is Professor and Coordinator of the Gerontology Program at San Francisco State University, where she also serves as Coordinator of Long-Term Care Administration and Director of Health, Mobility, and Safety Lab.

Dr. Yee-Melichar's research interests in healthy aging, long-term care administration, and minority women's health are reflected in three books, 90 journal articles, book chapters, and other reports and scholarly presentations. She has served on the National Institutes of Health Advisory Committee for Research on Women's Health, and Review Committee for Research Enhancement Awards Program. Dr. Yee-Melichar chaired and continues to serve on the Minority Women's Health Panel of Experts for the Department of Health and Human Services and serves on the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Dr. Yee-Melichar is on the editorial board of the Journal of Gerontological Social Work, Vice President of the Board of Directors for the California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform, and President and full member of San Francisco State University's chapter of Sigma Xi, the national research society. She is a Charter Fellow of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America, and Fellow of the American Alliance of Health Education.

Dr. Yee-Melichar received her BA in biology from Barnard College, Columbia University, and her MS in gerontology from the College of New Rochelle. She received a second MS and EdD in health education from Teacher's College, Columbia University. Dr. Yee-Melichar received post-doctoral training in computer management systems at Teacher's College, and was certified as a health education specialist by the national Committee on Health Education Credentialing.