

CFA CDC-ONC Biographies



// **Braford A. Myers, M.P.H.**

Deputy Director, Inform Division, CFA

Brad started with CDC in 1990 and has served in a variety of roles in procurement, program, and communication management.

Highlighting his commitment to finding innovative and effective ways of translating complex scientific information into actionable decision support, Brad has won two Telly © and one Davey© Awards for his work as a Director and Producer of Video Content and has

authored or co-authored several articles in peer reviewed journals regarding effective communication methods.

Brad received his undergraduate degree from the University of Richmond (Virginia), his MPH from the University of South Florida and is formerly a Commissioned Officer in the United States Army Reserve.



// **Dr. Jason Asher**

Director, Predict Division, CFA

Dr. Jason Asher is the Director for the Predict Division in the CDC Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics (CFA). In that role, Jason is building a world-class team of modelers and data scientists who will provide faster and richer evidence for decision making during outbreak responses. Prior to joining CDC in August, Jason led a team of analysts at the HHS Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) who were responsible for modeling threats that spanned the range of chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear hazards as well as

emerging infectious diseases and pandemic influenza. His work has included cost-benefit analyses of actual and hypothetical countermeasures, clinical trial planning and simulation, and the design of software tools for modeling, analysis, and visualization. He has also developed innovative techniques and tools for both forecasting and scenario-based projection of the spread of infectious diseases and has applied them in responses such as the 2014-16 Ebola outbreak in West Africa, the Zika outbreak in the Americas, and the ongoing SARS-CoV-2 pandemic.



// Karen Stamey

Management Officer, CFA

Karen Stamey currently serves as the Management Officer for the Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics where she oversees all management and administrative functions for the Center. This includes oversight for all contract and grant administration, budget, recruitment, staffing, and day-to-day operations. Karen has served in various roles during her CDC career, including oversight of CDC's \$75 billion in supplemental appropriations to support the COVID-19 global pandemic; standing up CDC's Working Capital Fund; microbiologist performing surveillance of antimicrobial resistance of enteric pathogens; a microbiologist supporting the anthrax vaccine research program; and

various management and administrative oversight activities.



// Thom Sukalac

Deputy Director, Innovation and Technology Division, CFA

Thom joined CDC in 2000. He started in NCHHSTP's Epidemiology branch in the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention to create an informatics team responsible for the development of data collection instruments, data transportation, and management of collected data. In 2006 Thom moved to Botswana to become the Chief of IT and Informatics for the CDC-Botswana field station where he supported PEPFAR activities and provided data management oversight to HIV and TB clinical trials,

including the TDF-2 pre-exposure antiretroviral prophylaxis clinical trial. In 2012 Thom became the Associate Director for Informatics for NCHHSTP.



// Dylan George, PhD

Director of Operations, CFA

Dylan George is the director of operations for the Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics (CFA) at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Before joining CDC, Dr. George was a vice president at Ginkgo Bioworks, where he helped develop improved real-time infectious disease monitoring capabilities and analytics for pandemic response. Before Ginkgo, Dr. George was a vice president at In-Q-Tel (IQT), where he vetted life science, healthcare deals, and developed science and technical strategy to strengthen capacity within the United States to counter biological threats from infectious disease. Dr. George served Dr.

John Holdren, assistant to the president for science and technology and director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), as senior policy advisor for biological threat defense.



// **Marc Lipsitch, DPhil,**

Director of Science, CFA

Marc Lipsitch serves as the director of science in CDC's Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics (CFA). Dr. Lipsitch received his BA from Yale University and DPhil from the University of Oxford. Dr. Lipsitch is seconded to CDC from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, where he is professor of epidemiology and director of the Center for Communicable Disease Dynamics. He is an internationally recognized expert in infectious disease transmission modeling and has been a leading scientific authority in scientific research and public

communication during the COVID-19 pandemic. He is an elected member of the American Academy of Microbiology and the National Academy of Medicine.



// **Caryn Murillo, MPH**

Partnerships Lead, CFA

Caryn Murillo currently serves as the partnerships lead in CDC's Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics (CFA) where she leads CFA's strategic engagements with key stakeholders from industry, academia, and the public sector. Caryn joined CDC eleven years ago and is a former Presidential Management Fellow. Prior to joining CFA, Caryn has held various policy and leadership roles across the agency including in preparedness and response, birth defects and developmental disabilities, and chronic disease prevention



// **Adam Brush, MSW, MPH**

Policy Lead, CFA

Adam Brush joined CDC's Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics as the Center's policy lead in September 2022. Adam leads CFA's legislative portfolio of work, including Congressional outreach, budget formulation, legislative analysis, and accountability and oversight. Adam joined CDC in 2003 as a Presidential Management Fellow and has held policy and policy leadership positions at a number of posts across the agency, including in global health, environmental health, and birth defects and developmental disabilities. Prior to joining CDC, Adam worked as an

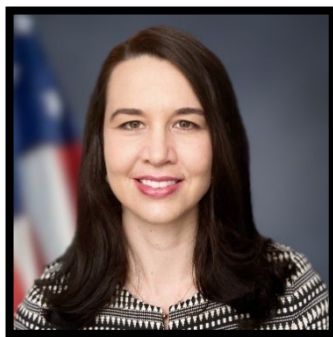
outreach worker, linking individuals in rural West Alabama with needed HIV testing, clinical, and social services.



// Carol Williams

Communications Lead, CFA

Carol Williams serves as Communications Lead in CDC's Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics (CFA), where she leads CFA's communications activities to tell the CFA story internally and to the public. Carol has worked in public affairs and communications roles at CDC since 2019, including as the Office of Communication's lead liaison officer during the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to her work at CDC, Carol was the Communications Director at NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Jacksonville. Carol is a U.S. Navy veteran and has held various communications leadership roles both in and out of uniform.



// Adrienne Keen, PhD

Federal Partners Team Lead, Inform Division, CFA

Adrienne Keen currently serves as the Federal Partners Team Lead for CDC's Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics (CFA). She previously served as a health and science advisor at the US Department of State, where she provided intelligence analysis and advisory services for State Department and senior US government decision makers on emerging health, science, and technology issues to support the development and execution of foreign policy. She has also served as an

independent consultant for the WHO Global TB Programme, carrying out technical reviews of tuberculosis surveillance and epidemiology in countries requesting assistance. Prior to joining the State Department, Dr. Keen managed health economics and comparative effectiveness research to support drug regulatory and reimbursement submissions for pharmaceutical companies.