

## Biographies of Palliative Care Summit Planning Team 2020



**Dr. Lee Ellen Buenconsejo-Lum** is a Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health at JABSOM. She maintains a small panel of patients in the University's Family Medicine Faculty Practice, and despite her heavy administrative duties, remains active in teaching to strengthen the various learning environments for JABSOM's medical learners.

Administratively, since 2016 Dr. Buenconsejo-Lum serves as the Designated Institutional Official and Director of Graduate Medical Education (GME), responsible for the oversight and administration of the 19 JABSOM residency and fellowship programs. She is now the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (ADAA), responsible for addressing strategic educational program development and alignment across all pre-clinical and clinical departments.

Dr. Buenconsejo-Lum's scholarly activities focus on reducing health disparities in Hawai'i and the US Affiliated Pacific Island jurisdictions. She is the Principal Investigator for the Pacific Regional Central Cancer Registry and co-PI for the Pacific Regional Comprehensive Cancer Control Program.



**Dr. Daniel Fischberg** is the Medical Director for the Pain and Palliative Care Department at The Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu. He also serves as Professor and Chief of the Division of Palliative Medicine in the Department of Geriatric Medicine at JABSOM.

Dr. Fischberg holds board certification in Internal Medicine, Pain Medicine, Addiction Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine where he currently serves as the Chair of the Academy's Education and Learning Strategic Coordinating Committee. Dr. Fischberg is recognized as a national expert in the areas of enhancing pain and palliative care education for health care professionals, improving access to palliative care for patients at all stages of illness, and advancing evidence-based practice in palliative medicine. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for Kōkua Mau.



**Dr. Geoff Galbraith** is a Board certified in Internal Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine, Dr. Galbraith is currently retired and volunteer faculty at the JABSOM, teaching palliative practice and communication skills medical students, Internal Medicine and Family Medicine Residents and Geriatric Fellows.

Dr. Galbraith's work experience includes 21 years with the Hawaii Permanente Medical Group. He practiced primary care internal medicine and was a VP and Associate Medical Director (18 years). Administrative responsibilities included introducing continuous quality improvement, patient safety, evidence-based medicine, and physician leadership development. He sponsored the first regionwide Kaiser Permanente Palliative Care Team.

From 2010-2015, Dr. Galbraith Medical Director for Hospice Hawaii, (now Navian Health), and was part of the community team to work with HMSA and UHA insurers on their community based palliative care programs (Supportive Care and Concurrent Care, respectively). From 2017-2019, he was the founding Medical Director for the Queen's Geriatric Services Post Acute Care Team (PACT), introducing Queen's MD and APRN services in select community Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF).

Dr. Galbraith is active in Kokua Mau, the statewide palliative care non-profit organization.



**Jeannette G. Koijane**, MPH is the Executive Director of Kōkua Mau, an organization she has worked with since 2000, beginning while she was at the State Executive Office on Aging. She received her graduate degree in Public Health from the University of Hawaii and her undergraduate degree from Cornell University. She has been involved with hospice and palliative care since 1988, beginning in the field of HIV/AIDS working with the AIDS Memorial Quilt as the Director of International Programs and then in a variety of research and educational positions in Berlin and San Francisco. Jeannette has worked in the US Affiliated Pacific Islands jurisdictions helping to develop palliative care programs through a collaboration with the UH Cancer Center and JABSOM. She serves as a volunteer advisor to Zahana, a participatory rural development project in Madagascar.



**Dr. Rae Seitz** is a Harvard trained palliative medicine specialist who was instrumental in the design, build, and establishment of home-based palliative care first at Kaiser Permanente Hawaii then at HMSA as the lead for Supportive Care. Dr. Seitz helped to establish a hospital-based palliative care consultative service at Kaiser Foundation Hospital, is an educator and speaker about palliative medicine and palliative care. In 2013 Dr. Seitz was recognized as one of 30 visionaries in palliative care by the Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. She is committed to building capacity for high quality palliative care in Hawaii. She currently sits on the board of directors of Kōkua Mau.



**Dr. Takeshi Uemura** is a palliative care and geriatric medicine specialist in Honolulu. He is a faculty physician in the Dept. of Geriatric Medicine at JABSOM. By utilizing his broad knowledge of both fields, he provides true patient-centered care in various settings including home-based palliative care, inpatient palliative care units, and nursing homes. Dr. Uemura received his fellowship training in geriatrics and palliative medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. He has participated in VitalTalk training, enabling him to conduct sophisticated conversations with seriously ill patients and families to elicit their values so that the care will be aligned with their goals.