

## **Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research, Vice President**

Keynote



### Chonnetia Jones, Vice President, Research, PhD

Chonnetia Jones has more than two decades of experience in science and health research, strategy and policy in government and philanthropic sectors in the US, UK/Europe and Canada.

As Vice President, Research at the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research, British Columbia's health research funding agency, Chonnetia oversees the foundation's research portfolio and strategic partnerships with provincial, national and international partners to maximize British Columbia's investments in health research and address health and health system priorities for the benefit of the public and patients. She also sits on a number of international advisory boards including the EMBO Publications Advisory Board and the CZI Science Advisory Board for Open Science.

Prior to joining the Michael Smith Foundation, Chonnetia held an executive leadership role at the Wellcome Trust in London, where she provided strategic leadership to maximize the impact of Wellcome's funded research and strategic initiatives in global health research. While at Wellcome, she was also a founding partner of the Research on Research Institute, an international consortium driving a translational research agenda to make research systems more equitable, diverse and inclusive.

## **Session 1**

### **UK Research and Innovation, Evaluation Lead**

Panelist



### Sarah Parks, Evaluation Lead, PhD

Sarah works on evaluation and impact projects across UKRI. She is leading the development of a performance framework for UKRI which brings together both operational performance measures and impact measures within a balanced scorecard. She also runs a stream of 'what works for research and innovation' projects bringing together evidence bases in key areas for UKRI to aid in policy making, and oversees large scale evaluations of research and innovation programmes.

Sarah has a PhD in computational biology from the University of Cambridge and the European Bioinformatics Institute. Before joining UKRI she worked for RAND Europe leading and managing research and evaluation projects in science and research policy for a variety of clients including the European Commission, UKRI, NIHR, the Wellcome Trust and a number of UK research charities.

## CSIRO, Executive Manager (Performance & Evaluation)

Panelist



Anne-Maree Dowd, Executive Manager (Performance & Evaluation), PhD

Anne-Maree provides all required strategic planning and performance reporting for CSIRO, as well as implement and administer two other key CSIRO Frameworks:

- (1) Investment Decision Making, and
- (2) Impact. Anne-Maree is a Social Scientist but also has strategic management, planning and performance expertise, monitoring and evaluation skills, and impact assessment capabilities.

Anne-Maree holds a PhD in Organisational Psychology from the University of Queensland and has 19 years of experience in scientific research with expertise in social network analysis, community engagement, public awareness and acceptance of energy technologies (at the international level), behaviour change, and transformational adaptation decision making in Australian Primary Industries.

## Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Vice President and Program Director

Panelist and moderator



Daniel Goroff, Vice President and Program Director, at Sloan Foundation. **a grant-making institution that supports breakthroughs in science, technology, and economics**

In addition to his role at the Sloan Foundation, Daniel Goroff is currently on part-time and temporary loan to the National Science Foundation. His title there is Division Director for the Social and Economic Sciences.

He is Professor Emeritus of Mathematics and Economics at Harvey Mudd College, where he also served as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty.

Before that, he was a faculty member at Harvard University for over 20 years. Goroff has worked in Washington several times, including at NSF, NAS, and twice at the White House Office of Science and Technology. For his support of research on data science and economic measurement, Daniel Goroff won the 2020 Links Lecture Award presented by the American Statistical Association

## Session 2

### Brandeis University, Professor Emeritus

Panelist



Adam B Jaffe, Professor Emeritus, PhD

Adam is an economist who works on measuring all aspects of the research and innovation process. He has written extensively on the use of patents and patent citations to trace innovation and its impacts. He has also worked specifically on measuring the impacts of scientific research funding, in both the U.S.A., and in New Zealand. For the last three years he has taught "Innovation Analytics" at the M.I.T. Sloan School of Management.

Adam holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from M.I.T. and the PhD from Harvard. He was on the faculty of Harvard University from 1986-1993 and then taught at Brandeis until 2013. From 2013-18, he was Director of Motu Economic and Public Policy Research in Wellington, NZ. He is currently Chair of the U.S. National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine Board on Science, Technology and Economic Policy.

### NIHR, Evaluation, Insight and Evaluation Lead

Panelist



Sarah Thomas, Insight and Evaluation Lead

Sarah is based at The Wessex Institute, University of Southampton within the NIHR Evaluation, Trials and Studies Coordinating Centre (NETSCC) where she is the Insight and Evaluation Lead. Sarah's responsibilities span business intelligence, portfolio insight, evaluation and impact assessment, and Research on Research, and she has operational leadership of the NIHR Centre for Business Intelligence.

She is the NIHRs Researchfish lead and is a member of the Interfolio Strategic Committee for Researchfish. Sarah is a qualitative researcher and evaluator by training with an interest in complex, multi-method evaluation. She joined the NIHR HTA programme as Senior Programme Manager in 2008.

Since joining NIHR, she has undertaken a number of different roles including managing research funding, corporate governance, patient and public involvement, peer review, and intellectual property management. Previously, Sarah was the Health Technology Assessment International (HTAi) Policy Forum Scientific Programme Manager and NIHR Senior Research Manager, and she has held evaluation research roles with The Health Foundation and in the private research and consultancy sector.

## **Novo Nordisk Fonden, Data manager**

Panelist



Juste Stumbryte, Data Manager, Novo Nordisk Foundation

Juste is responsible for architecture, design and implementation of cloud-based data platform and self-service business intelligence tools in the Foundation.

Juste has master's degree in statistics and econometrics from Vilnius University. The last 6 years she worked with different organizations in Denmark, Sweden and Lithuania helping them in their data journey. In recent positions as Senior Business Analytics Consultant at Kapacity A/S and Data Analytics Associate at the United Nations Office for Project Service (UNOPS) she designed and built suitable and scalable data architectures and developed analytical solutions from back-end to front-end.

## **The Danish Foundation Knowledge Center, Senior analyst, PhD**

Panelist



Christian Edelvold Berg, Senior analyst, The Danish Foundation Knowledge Center, PhD

Christian works with analysis and data on Danish Philanthropic foundations across the private philanthropic foundation value chain. This includes analysis and data on grants, investments, ownership etc., and close collaboration with private foundations, government offices and Statistics Denmark.

Christian has a PhD from Copenhagen Business School, where he was also a post doctoral research fellow at the Center for Civil Society studies. The last 15 years he has been working with data and analysis on Philanthropic Foundations, Civil society, Policy, Culture and research.

## **Novo Nordisk Foundation Senior Vice President**

Moderator



Thomas Alslev Christensen, Senior Vice President, PhD

Head of Impact in the Foundation's new impact assessment department and since 2018 Senior Vice President in the Foundation since March 2020.

International STI policy advisor and evaluation expert in international research programmes (Ireland, Germany, Norway, Singapore and the European Commission). Chairman of RegLab which is a national STI-network organization.

Thomas has earlier worked as Head of the Department for Innovation Policy at the Ministry for Science, Innovation and Higher Education 2005-2014 and was Head of Department for analyses on science and innovation 2013-2014, Head of Secretariat at the Danish Council for Technology and Innovation 2006-2014 and before that director in the Nordic Council of Ministers and The Ministry of Economic Affairs as well as in the Danish Prime Minister's Office where he was an advisor to the prime minister in European economic and monetary integration and international economic affairs.

## **Novo Nordisk Fonden, Senior Impact Partner**

Case presenter



Rasmus Lund Jensen, Senior Impact Partner, Novo Nordisk Foundation

Rasmus is responsible for the Foundations reporting platform Researchfish and Foundgood. As such, he works in the interface between data management and impact assessment. Rasmus is involved in the continuous development of Researchfish through his membership of the Product Advisory Committee and is deeply involved in the design and development of Foundgood.

Rasmus has master's degree in Biochemistry from University of Copenhagen. Prior to joining the Foundation, Rasmus has worked for Copenhagen Business School and DAMVAD Analytics as Principal Consultant. He has more than 15 years of experience within research evaluation and impact management both in the 'machine room' and on board level.

## Session 3

### University of Sheffield, Professor/ RoRI, Director

Panelist and moderator



James Wilsdon, Digital Science Professor of Research Policy, University of Sheffield and Director, Research on Research Institute (RoRI), PhD

James is an interdisciplinary social scientist who works on research policy, culture, evaluation, and the role of evidence in decision-making. In 2019, he co-founded RoRI to support and scale up transformative meta-research, working with a consortium of international partners, including Novo Nordisk Foundation.

Over his career, in addition to academic posts at the universities of Sheffield, Sussex and Lancaster, James has worked in think tanks, government, and as director of science policy for the Royal Society, the UK's national academy. Previously, he chaired the UK's Campaign for Social Science, and led an independent government review of research metrics, published in 2015 as *The Metric Tide*. He was co-founder—and from 2015-2021, vice-chair—of the International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA). In 2015, he was elected a Fellow of the UK's Academy of Social Sciences.

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## Evening Keynotes

### Georgia State University, Professor Emerita

Keynote



Paula Stephan, Professor Emerita, Georgia State University and Research Associate National Bureau of Economic Research, PhD

Her area of expertise is the economics of science. She has been research-active since the 1970s. Her research focuses on funding for research, risk taking in science, the careers of scientists and the role that international mobility plays in the generation and transmission of knowledge. She currently co-organizes (with Reinhilde Veugelers) the Science of Science Funding group at the NBER. She served on the Board of Reviewing Editors of the journal *Science*, from May 2012 to May 2019 and has served on more than 10 National Academies committees. Her 2012 book *How Economics Shapes Science* (Harvard University Press) has been translated into Chinese and Korean.

Stephan received her undergraduate degree in economics from Grinnell College and her PhD from the University of Michigan. She has held visiting positions at Harvard University, KU Leuven, the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition and Politecnico Torino.

### Stanford University, Professor

Keynote



Heidi Williams, Charles R. Schwab Professor of Economics, Stanford University, PhD

In addition to her faculty position at Stanford, Heidi is lead editor of the *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, and is a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) where she is co-director of the Health Care program as well as co-director of the Innovation Policy working group.

Heidi received her AB in mathematics from Dartmouth College in 2003, her MSc in development economics from Oxford University in 2004, and her PhD in economics from Harvard in 2010. She is a Fellow of the Econometric Society; the recipient of a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship (2015), an Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship (2015), and the ASHEcon Medal (2021); and has also been recognized for her undergraduate teaching, graduate teaching, and graduate advising.