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## **Elizabeth Barr, Ph.D.**

### **Social and Behavioral Scientist Administrator, NIH Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH)**

Elizabeth Barr, Ph.D. (she/her), is a Social and Behavioral Scientist Administrator at ORWH. Dr. Barr coordinates ORWH's interprofessional educational efforts, co-leads the Diverse Voices speaker series, and supports efforts related to gendered variables in health research. Her background is in community-centered research, HIV treatment, reproductive justice, and gender-based violence. Dr. Barr completed her Ph.D. in communication, with training in science and technology studies, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and her M.S. in women's and gender studies at Towson University. Prior to joining ORWH in 2019, Dr. Barr led interdisciplinary and cross-sector projects to increase women's engagement in clinical research and served on the faculties of Towson University and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.





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**Janine Austin Clayton, M.D., FARVO**  
**Associate Director for Research on Women's Health, NIH**  
**Director, NIH Office of Research on Women's Health**  
**(ORWH)**

Janine Austin Clayton, M.D., FARVO (she/her), was appointed Associate Director for Research on Women's Health and Director of the Office of Research on Women's Health at NIH in 2012. Dr. Clayton has strengthened NIH support for research on diseases, disorders, and conditions that affect women. She is the architect of the NIH policy requiring scientists to consider sex as a biological variable across the research spectrum, a part of NIH's initiative to enhance reproducibility, rigor, and transparency. As co-chair of the NIH Working Group on Women in Biomedical Careers with NIH Director Francis Collins, M.D., Ph.D., Dr. Clayton also leads NIH's efforts to advance women in scientific careers.



Dr. Clayton was previously the Deputy Clinical Director of the National Eye Institute (NEI). A board-certified ophthalmologist, Dr. Clayton's research interests include autoimmune ocular diseases and the role of sex and gender in health and disease. Dr. Clayton has a particular interest in ocular surface disease and discovered a novel form of disease associated with premature ovarian insufficiency that affects young women, setting the stage for her commitment to rigorous, thoughtful exploration of the roles of sex and gender in health and disease. She is the author of more than 120 scientific publications, journal articles, and book chapters. Her clinical research has ranged from randomized controlled trials of novel therapies for immune-mediated ocular diseases to studies on the development of digital imaging techniques for the anterior segment.

Dr. Clayton, a native Washingtonian, received her undergraduate degree with honors from Johns Hopkins University and her medical degree from Howard University College of Medicine. She completed a residency in ophthalmology at the Medical College of Virginia. Dr. Clayton completed fellowship training in cornea and external disease at the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins Hospital and in uveitis and ocular immunology at NEI.



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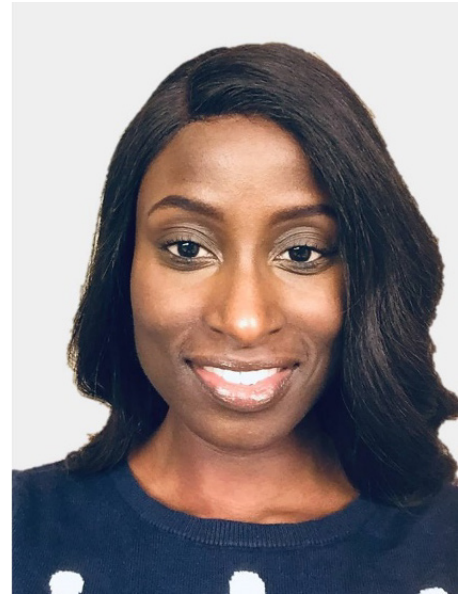
**Nikeya “Nike” Macioce, Ph.D.**

**Contract Science Management Analyst, NIH Office of Research on Women’s Health (ORWH)**

Nike Macioce, Ph.D. (she/her), came to ORWH with a background in biomedical and translational research in areas of neuroscience, cancer biology, and infectious disease. She received a B.S. in biology from the College of Charleston and performed her graduate studies at the University of South Carolina. She continued her professional training as a postdoctoral scientist in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of Cincinnati.

Dr. Macioce’s work at ORWH includes supporting activities of the ORWH Clinical Research Section and the NIH Coordinating Committee on Research on Women’s Health (CCRWH), including the CCRWH COVID-19 Working Group.

Additionally, she supports the programmatic activities of ORWH’s Basic and Translational Research Section, including assistance with the planning and coordinating of the Specialized Centers of Research Excellence (SCORE) on Sex Differences Annual Meeting, supporting the SCORE program, and monitoring adherence to the NIH Policy on Sex as a Biological Variable (SABV).





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**Samia Noursi, Ph.D.**  
**Associate Director for Science Policy, Planning, and Analysis, NIH Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH)**

Samia Noursi, Ph.D. (she/her), is the Associate Director for Science Policy, Planning, and Analysis at ORWH. She advises the ORWH Director and directs the office on all topics related to science policy; strategic planning and evaluation; relationships and activities related to legislative, advocacy, and scientific organizations; and analysis. Dr. Noursi promotes progress in research focused on the health of women through the development of sound policy, comprehensive strategic planning, and rigorous analysis.

Dr. Noursi has over 30 years of experience in conducting, evaluating, and administering programs focused on a range of topics, including women's health and child development. She received her Ph.D. in applied developmental psychology from the University of Maryland in 1995. Upon graduation, she was awarded a postdoctoral fellowship at the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, during which she led a longitudinal study on the effects of domestic violence on children's development. She then moved to work on several projects focused on children's development, among them directing research for the National Child Welfare Resource Center on Legal and Judicial Issues at the American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law. From 2006 to 2018, Dr. Noursi worked at the National Institute on Drug Abuse in multiple roles: studying and communicating about sex and gender differences in drug use; prenatal exposure; various treatment services for women, including drug treatment court; women and HIV; and tobacco use among pregnant women. Dr. Noursi has presented numerous papers at national professional conferences and authored articles in both peer-reviewed journals and books. Dr. Noursi joined ORWH in 2018.





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## **Sarah Temkin, M.D.**

### **Associate Director for Clinical Research, NIH Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH)**

Sarah Temkin, M.D. (she/her), is the Associate Director for Clinical Research at ORWH. Dr. Temkin provides clinical expertise on issues related to the health of women, specifically cancer control, supportive care for cancer, therapeutics for female-specific malignancies, surgical care, and gynecologic disorders. Her clinical research team oversees the U3 Administrative Supplement Program, as well as the office's interprofessional development program.

Dr. Temkin is a gynecologic oncologist who earned her medical doctorate from Georgetown University, completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology with the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and completed a fellowship in gynecologic oncology at the SUNY Downstate Medical Center.

She has also had faculty appointments at the University of Chicago, the University of Maryland, Johns Hopkins University, and Virginia Commonwealth University. She has also served in the National Cancer Institute as a Program Officer for the Community Oncology Research Program and as a special volunteer for the Division of Cancer Prevention. She has been active in clinical research throughout her career, with a recognized expertise in clinical trials. Dr. Temkin has served as an investigator for novel therapeutic and supportive care interventions for women with ovarian, endometrial, and cervical cancers.

In addition, Dr. Temkin has thoughtfully contributed to national conversations about cancer prevention and equity in cancer care. In recent years, Dr. Temkin has provided a voice for equity in the physician workforce, specifically attuned to the unique challenges of surgeons and gynecologists who are women.





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**Damiya Whitaker, Psy.D., M.A.**

**Health Scientist Administrator/Program Officer, NIH Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH)**

Damiya Whitaker, Psy.D., M.A. (she/her), is a Health Scientist Administrator/Program Officer at ORWH. She came to ORWH with a background in cognitive behavioral therapy and research on environmental influences on health and disease development and progression among health disparity populations. As a social and behavioral scientist, Dr. Whitaker is passionate about geographic analysis of disease and disease risk for underserved racial and ethnic groups and low-income communities, the elimination of neighborhood incivility, addressing income inequality and food insecurity, and the advancement of integrated health equity solutions.

Dr. Whitaker supports the U3 Administrative Supplement Program—which supports research on women from populations that are understudied, underrepresented, and underreported (U3) in biomedical research—for ORWH's Clinical Research Section.

Dr. Whitaker has a doctorate and master's degree in clinical psychology from the Forest Institute of Professional Psychology and a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Dr. Whitaker completed a postdoctoral fellowship in drug dependence epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and within the Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics Research Branch at the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

