

### **Dr. David Thomas**

After 12 years as a pain and opioid researcher, in 1995 Dr. Thomas joined the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) where he has managed much of NIDA's pain and opioid research efforts. In 2015, he joined DESPR's Services Research Branch. He currently is co-chair of the NIDA Prescription Opioids and Pain workgroup, which fosters pain and opioid research and education. He is also a founding member of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Pain Consortium, which promotes and pain research across the NIH. He is also a member of the Department of Health and Human Services Behavioral Health Coordination Committee Prescription Opioids Subcommittee, National Pain Strategy working group on Provider Education, and the Interagency Pain Research Coordination Committee. Dr. Thomas served as the NIH liaison to the CDC in the development of the CDC guidelines on opioid prescribing for chronic pain. Dr. Thomas is also the lead on the NIH Pain Consortium Centers of Excellence in Pain Education which is promoting pain education in medical, dental, nursing, pharmacy and other professional schools.

### **Dr. Sarah Duffy**

Dr. Duffy joined NIDA's Services Research Branch (SRB) in 2006, where she is responsible for the economics, opioid use disorder treatment services research, and quality measurement and management of extramural research grant portfolios. Prior to joining NIDA, she spent eight years as a senior research economist at the Office of Applied Studies at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) where she used data from large national data collection projects, including the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) and the Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS), to conduct economic and health services research on substance abuse treatment and costs. Prior to joining SAMHSA, Dr. Duffy worked for the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission and the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality where she published several articles in the substance abuse treatment, health services research, and economics literatures. She received her Ph.D. in economics from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

### **Shaina Zurlin, LCSW**

Shaina Zurlin is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and doctoral candidate with more than 15 years of experience in behavioral health service provision and administration. Her clinical expertise lies in motivational interviewing, gender responsive trauma informed care, and cultural transformations in a range of milieus. Emphasizing a holistic strengths-based approach, Ms. Zurlin connects with clients, participants and multidisciplinary staff to generate successful and sustainable change which best meets individualized needs in dynamic, supportive settings. She has delivered vibrant and engaging presentations to a variety of audiences in such venues as the California Department of Health Care Services Substance Use Disorders Statewide Conference,

the California Quality Improvement Coordinators Conference, the California Department of Public Health, the University of California San Francisco, San Diego State University and Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital.