

Speaker Biographies

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Mavis Asiedu-Frimpong, JD, MPH is Director of the Senator Walter Rand Institute for Public Affairs, where she holds responsibility for vision, values, and strategy, and collaborates with WRI leadership and designates of the Rutgers-Camden campus to operationalize the vision. Before joining WRI, she was Director of Strategic Initiatives at the University of Pennsylvania's Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics (Penn LDI), where she facilitated and supported the development of impactful academic research partnerships with a variety of external partners, including foundations, health departments, and payers.

In the past, she also served as Director of National Initiatives and Communications – Content Development at the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers, where she directed programs, projects, and strategic communications to support the emerging field of complex care, and was Assistant Director of Policy and Planning at the San Francisco Department of Public Health, where she led a variety of health policy and community engagement initiatives on behalf of the city and county. She holds a BA from Brown University, an MPH from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and a JD from Stanford Law School.

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Devon Ziminski is a Senior Research Project Administrator at the Senator Walter Rand Institute for Public Affairs at Rutgers University – Camden. Devon's experience has focused on the intersection of social policy and research, and she currently is involved with multiple projects in the social service and prevention spaces focused in Southern New Jersey. Devon holds a BS from The College of New Jersey, an MS from the University of Pennsylvania, and is pursuing a PhD at the Rutgers University School of Social Work.