

Research Workshop Faculty

Workshop Facilitator

David Page, Director of the Prehospital Care Research Forum at UCLA

He is a field paramedic with Allina Health EMS in Minneapolis / St. Paul, Minnesota, and a member of the *JEMS* Editorial Board. He is a senior lecturer at Monash University, Australia; editor in chief, columnist, and author for multiple publications; and is collaborating on several exciting projects that focus on education, paramedicine, and research.



Isabel Gardett, Director of Academics, Research, and Communications at IAED

As a child, she wanted to be Jacques Cousteau; "the silent world" sounded pretty good to her. Then she discovered literature and became an English major for a while. Finally, she found a way to marry the two things and got her PhD in English with a specialization in scientific and technical communication, working with faculty and students across disciplines as varied as sociology, biochemistry, engineering, neuroscience, and fine arts. Her burning passion, besides one day being able to climb 5.13, is to find ways to make science and research serve human needs.



Chris Olola, Director of Research and Biomedical Informatics at IAED

He has over 25 years of academic and clinical research experience, including five years as a regional clinical data coordinator for the severe malaria in African children (SMAC) network project, with the Kenya Medical Research Institute/Wellcome Trust Research Labs. He received his PhD in Biomedical informatics, with emphasis in Public health Informatics, from the University of Utah in 2009. He received the Bruce A. Houtchens Award for his paper examining the adoption of American Society for Testing and Materials Continuity of Care Record (CCR) standard — E2369-05, to advance continuity of care in the United States healthcare community. He has published widely in high impact peer-reviewed journals.



Greg Scott, Operations Research Analyst at IAED

His career in emergency services has included roles as an EMS and fire responder, emergency medical dispatcher (EMD), dispatch supervisor, training officer, and 911 consultant. During his time as a consultant for Priority Dispatch Corporation, he has led numerous implementations of EMD programs in 911 centers across North America. He is also an EMDQ Instructor, and member of the IAED Medical Council of Standards, and chairs the CBRN Committee. Greg holds a Master's degree in Management, and has co-authored various published research in EMS.



Alissa Wheeler, Research and Technical Writer at IAED

She grew up in sunny California with a pair of fins instead of feet. She moved to Utah to complete undergraduate degrees in English and Statistics. After a 2-year stint living in Russia, she moved to Maryland to conduct research and write about how to prevent diabetes in school-aged children. Inspired by her research on children, she had 4 of her own with a ballroom-dancing, mountain man from Maryland. They moved their small army to Utah in 2010 to raise goats, chicken, and food. While land-locked with dry gills, she now swims in a sea of international (academy) waters.



Dawn Faudere, Operations Supervisor at Johnson County ECC

She works at Johnson County Emergency Communications Center (ECC) in Johnson County, Kansas. She lives in Weston, Missouri, just northwest of Kansas City, Missouri, home of a fabulous underground Irish pub. She has a blended family with six kids, one grandson, and two granddaughters. She's been a paramedic for 20 years, 18 of those years at Johnson County ECC. She returns to the Workshop this year as a mentor. Her project was on the implications of pre-alerts for medical emergency calls.



Rich Lindfors, Total Quality Improvement Manager at Richmond Ambulance Authority

He has served for 25 years in many roles at career and volunteer fire and EMS agencies. The last 19 years, he has dedicated his work to high performance EMS agencies in the southeast as a field paramedic, communications officer, and supervisor. Now an EMD-Q and manager at RAA in Richmond, Virginia, his passion is in CQI, specifically ePCR documentation and how it has evolved into a skill. His beautiful wife of 12 years and their daughter inspire him every day. He returns to the Workshop this year as a mentor, with two research posters on display this year.



Chris Davis, 911 Director at Butler County Kansas

He has served 15 years as a paramedic, EMS operations captain, and EMS director in Butler County, Kansas. He has been the 911 Director at the Butler County Emergency Communications Center (ECC) for 20 years. He is an EMD Instructor for IAED. He returns to the Workshop this year as a mentor. His project was on predicting the need for extrication in traffic accidents reported to 911.



Todd Stout, Founder and President at FirstWatch

Son of EMS icon Jack Stout, Todd began his EMS career in 1981 as an ambulance stockboy, then worked as an EMT, paramedic, flight medic, and manager for both public and private EMS agencies. He has spent the last 20+ years in public safety software, mostly at FirstWatch. He is an active member of NEMSMA, IAED CBRN, Paramedic Chiefs of Canada, IAEMSC, AAA, and the Paramedic Foundation. He is a member of ISDS and CSTE. He received the 2011 JEMS Magazine EMS 10 Innovator Award, the 2014 Pinnacle EMS Leadership award, and the 2015 Dr. Jeff Clawson Leadership Award, and is the holder of international patents on syndromic surveillance.



Mike Taigman, Improvement Guide at FirstWatch

During more than four decades in EMS, he has focused the majority of his career on helping make things better. A popular conference educator, author of more than 600 articles in professional journals, and a multi-decade Associate Professor in the graduate program in Emergency Health Services Management at the University of Maryland Baltimore County he's focused on helping professionals save more lives, reduce suffering, and be more effective leaders. He's shared his perspective in 48 of the 50 states, most of the Canadian Provinces, Israel, Palestine, Australia, and throughout Europe. He is also the facilitator for EMS Agenda 2050. www.emsagenda2050.org



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