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Galya Ben-Arieh Ruffer, JD, PhD

Galya Ben-Arieh Ruffer is the founding Director of the Center for Forced Migration Studies, Buffett Institute for Global Studies and Senior Lecturer in the Department of Political Science at Northwestern University. She completed a J.D. at Northwestern University and a Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania. Ben-Arieh's current research centers on the rights and processes of refugee protection, citizenship and inclusion, the use of information and communication technologies in refugee protection and the connection between refugee protection and post-conflict recovery. She has been awarded grants from the National Science Foundation, the Social Science Research Council and the Kellogg Center for Dispute Resolution. She is a 2016 Senior Fellow at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research (University of Duisburg-Essen) with a focus on the question "Does the Refugee Convention Regime Contribute to Refugee Protection? Understanding 'Success' in the Implementation of Refugee Status Determination Systems." She has conducted field research in Europe and East Africa and has published on testimony and justice in the DR Congo, asylum law and policy, human rights litigation in transnational courts and immigrant incorporation and integration in Europe. Her books include *Adjudicating Refugee and Asylum Status: The Role of Witness, Expertise, and Testimony* (co-edited with Benjamin Lawrance), Cambridge University Press (2015) and *Prosecution, Persecution, Protection: Doing Justice for Sexual Violence* (forthcoming). She serves on the executive committee of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration. Aside from her academic work, she has worked as an immigration attorney representing political asylum claimants both as a solo-practitioner and as a pro-bono attorney.

Commissioner Edward Ehlinger, MD, MSPH

Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton appointed Dr. Ehlinger, to serve as Minnesota Commissioner of Health in January 2011. On October 1, 2015 he was appointed as President of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials. He is responsible for directing the work of the Minnesota Department of Health. The Minnesota Department of Health is the state's lead public health agency, responsible for protecting, maintaining and improving the health of all Minnesotans. The department has approximately 1,400 employees in the Twin Cities area and seven offices in Greater Minnesota. Prior to being appointed commissioner, he served as director and chief health officer for Boynton Health Service at the University of Minnesota. He has also served as an adjunct professor in the Division of Epidemiology and Community Health at the U of M School of Public Health. From 1980 to 1995, Ehlinger served as director of Personal Health Services for the Minneapolis Health Department. He completed his bachelors of arts at UW-Madison, a masters of public health at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and a medical degree from the University of Wisconsin.

Melanie Greenberg, JD

Melanie Greenberg is President and CEO of the Alliance for Peacebuilding. Before joining the AfP, she was the President and Founder of the Cypress Fund for Peace and Security, a foundation making grants in the areas of peacebuilding and nuclear nonproliferation. From 2003 to 2004, she was a visiting scholar at the Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies, focusing on issues of justice in post-conflict peacebuilding. From 2000 to 2002, Melanie was director of the Conflict Resolution Program at the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. She previously served as associate



11:45 **STUDENT LUNCH**
Rm 171 Pick-up food and head to Student Session Room (Rm 171)
Small-group ice breakers and dialog over lunch

12:30 **SESSION**
Rm 171 **REFUGEE 101 – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**
Ms. Kelly Todd: Case Manager, Lutheran Social Services
Ms. Suzy Michaels: Case Manager, Lutheran Social Services
Mr. Omar Mohamed: Case Manager, Lutheran Social Services
What services are provided to new refugees, the scope and extent of resettlement work, and next steps for refugees in the US.
-Describe the processes refugees undertake leading to arrival in the US
-Understand how interpretation and culture affect refugees' interactions with health and legal systems in the US
-Learn trauma-informed perspectives in relation to self-sufficiency

1:00 **PANEL**
Rm 171 **REFUGEE HEALTH AND WELLBEING: AN INTER-PROFESSIONAL PERSPECTIVE**
Dr. James D. Sanders, MD: Associate Professor, Family and Community Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin
Dr. Jeana Holt, DNP, RN, FNP-BC: Fellow, Family and Community Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin

