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Veronica Sandoval is a Principal in the Patient Inclusion and Health Equity team in the Chief Diversity Office (CDO) at Genentech. Veronica's policy and medical background, along with the personal and professional intersection of her Latino roots and health equity efforts, bring a rich perspective to Genentech's ongoing work in health equity and inclusive research.

Veronica joined Roche-Genentech in 2018 as a Global Medical Collaboration Lead supporting the early clinical development program for autism. Prior to her role as Principal in the CDO, she supported the respiratory portfolio as a Medical Science Liaison. She has experience in health equity, medical affairs, thought leader development, patient engagement, and external partnerships. Therapeutic areas of expertise include ophthalmology, oncology, multiple sclerosis, immunology, asthma, inflammatory bowel disease, women's health, autism spectrum disorder, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, and influenza. Veronica also practiced as an intellectual property litigation attorney focusing on complex patent litigation in the life sciences and pharmaceutical fields.

Veronica holds a Ph.D. in neuropharmacology from the University of Utah, a J.D. from Seattle University School of Law, and a B.A. in molecular and cell biology from the University of California, Berkeley.



Julianne McCall, PhD Director, Office of Precision Medicine, OPR CEO, Journal of Science Policy & Governance

Julianne McCall serves as Director of Precision Medicine in the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research. In that role, she oversees cross-sector health policy working groups and projects, research grantmaking, and state government interagency efforts, which include co-authoring the first-ever CA Surgeon General's Report in 2020 and serving on Governor Newsom's COVID-19 Testing Task Force. Previously, Dr. McCall worked on public health and research policy in the California Senate Office of Research and as a Science and Technology Policy Fellow of the California Council on Science and Technology. Prior to her career in policy, she spent sixteen years in neuroscience research labs, including at the Salk Institute, Stanford University, the Cleveland Clinic, and the National Center for Microscopy Imaging Research. She conducted medical research as a Fulbright Fellow in Sweden and as a neuroscientist at the Neuro-regeneration Laboratory of Heidelberg University in Germany. In the community, Dr. McCall is the incoming CEO of the Journal of Science Policy & Governance, teaches graduate science policy courses at UC Davis and UC Riverside, serves on the Editorial Board of the California Journal of Politics and Policy, occasionally directs the International "Brain Bee" Neuroscience Olympiad for high school students across fifty countries, and is the co-founder of TEDxFulbright and a chapter of the Sustained Dialogue Campus Network for racial justice. She earned a PhD in Neuroscience from Heidelberg University, a master's in Biomedical Sciences from UC San Diego, and a Bachelor's in Neuroscience from Denison University.



Gregory Theyel, PhD Director, Biomedical Manufacturing Network

Gregory Theyel is a biomedical manufacturing engineer with over 20 years of experience helping companies with strategy, product and process design, production planning, and supply chain management. He has assisted over 500 companies as well as started and run his own companies. He has a doctorate from Clark University, has published more than 50 peer-reviewed academic articles, and has taught industrial engineering and management courses. Gregory is currently the director of the Biomedical Manufacturing Network, which maintains biomedical company databases and maps, helps biomedical companies with business and engineering planning, and conducts research on manufacturing location decision-making and supply chain traceability. Gregory was formerly a Senior Research Fellow, at the Institute for Manufacturing at the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom where he was Program Director for the High Value Production Program.



Abigail Lore, MPA Director, Policy and Research, PhRMA

Abigail Lore, MPA, is Director of Policy and Research at PhRMA. At PhRMA she is responsible for developing educational materials and research studies on a range of issues impacting innovative biopharmaceutical companies including FDA policy issues, the R&D process, and emerging technologies such as digital health tools and cell and gene therapies. Before joining PhRMA in 2019, she worked at a patient advocacy organization as a project manager. Abigail came to Washington, DC via New Hampshire to attend American University, and fell in love with the city including the running and biking trails, endless restaurants to try and the DC sports teams. Abigail has seen the first hand benefits of biopharmaceutical research and is passionate about advocating for a strong STEM workforce as well as the patients they work to help.



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