

## Motherhood Summit

April 27, 2023 | 10:00AM CT

Speaker Bios

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[Kim Parker](#) – Chief Program Officer, CHILDREN AT RISK

With over 20 years of experience in the public and social sectors, Kim Parker, MSPH, MSW has a deeply rooted passion for serving families and children. After serving on the Title V (Maternal and Child Health) team for Texas, Kim joined the March of Dimes in 2010 where she held a variety of roles at March of Dimes including Executive Director for Central Texas and Vice President of Community Engagement and Action. Kim joined the Children at Risk team in May 2022 as the Chief Program Officer providing oversight and strategic guidance for the programmatic portfolio. She holds a Master's of Science in Public Health and a Master's in Social Work from the University of North Carolina Chapel-Hill. During her free time, Kim enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, and pursuing creative arts.



[Dr. Elizabeth Gregory](#) – Taylor Professor, Director, Institute for Research on Women, Gender & Sexuality, University of Houston

Elizabeth Gregory, PhD, Taylor Professor of Gender & Sexuality Studies, directs the WGSS Program and the Institute for Research on Women, Gender & Sexuality at the University of Houston, where she is also a professor of English. Her books include Ready: Why Women Are Embracing the New Later Motherhood [2012/2007], Apparition of Splendor: Marianne Moore Performing Democracy through Celebrity [2021] and others. Her next project (Domestic Product) proposes a framework for building a culture and economy of care. Her work at the IRWGS focuses on analysis of Houston/Harris County gender and sexuality data from pre-existent and newly developed sources. She received her PhD from Yale, her MA from the University of Kentucky, and her BA from Barnard College.



[Katherine Strandberg](#) – Policy Director, Every Body Texas

Katherine Strandberg is the Policy Director for Every Body Texas—the largest Title X grantee in the country. Her policy work at Every Body Texas focuses on expanding the sexual and reproductive healthcare safety net and ensuring that all Texans have access to high quality healthcare regardless of income or hometown.

Katherine previously worked as a Senior Policy Advisor for the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault. She received her BA from the University of Oregon and her Masters of Public Affairs from the LBJ School at the University of Texas Austin. She believes that the right to bodily autonomy and self-determination are core to living healthy, fulfilling lives free from harm.



[Dr. Theresa Morris](#) – Professor of Sociology, Coordinator of Women's and Gender Studies Program, Texas A&M University

Theresa Morris Ph.D. is Professor of Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies and Coordinator of the Women's and Gender Studies Program at Texas A&M University, where she conducts research on gender, reproduction, and birth. Her first book, *Cut It Out: The CSection Epidemic in America* (NYU Press 2013), was positively reviewed in several venues, including the New York Times, and her second book, *Health Care in Crisis: Hospitals, Nurses, and the Consequences of Policy Change* (NYU Press 2018), received an Honorable Mention for the 2019 Adele E. Clarke Book Award. She has also published articles in journals, including *American Sociological Review*, *Birth*, *Social Forces*, and *Women's Health Issues*. Dr. Morris teaches graduate and undergraduate classes covering Reproduction and Birth, Gender, Gender and Health, and Medical Sociology.



[Dr. Robin Page, PhD, APRN, CNM, FACNM](#) – Director, Program of Excellence for Mothers, Children, and Families, Texas A&M University of Nursing

Dr. Robin Page is an Associate Professor at Texas A&M University School of Nursing. She is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse/Certified Nurse Midwife and a member of the Texas Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee. Her research focus is maternal health disparities.



[Caitlin Flanders](#) – Director of Public Affairs, Texas Medical Association

Caitlin Flanders joined the Texas Medical Association in July of 2022 as Director of Public Affairs with a focus on women's health, Medicaid, budget, behavioral health, and physician workforce issues. Prior to TMA, Caitlin most recently served as chief of staff for Rep. Shelby Slawson, who sat on the House committees on State Affairs and Calendars, and before that was legislative director for Rep. John Raney, a member of the House Appropriations Committee. Caitlin has additional policy experience as a staffer in the Senate and with outside interest groups focused on healthcare, the budget, transportation, criminal justice, and economics. Caitlin grew up in Christoval and Austin, and later attended

the University of Texas at San Antonio and The University of Texas at Austin. She currently lives in Austin with her husband. In her free time she enjoys baking, spending time with her two dogs, Ellie and Gracie, and riding horses. She is happy to discuss Lord of the Rings and British murder mysteries at any time.



[Elizabeth Krause, ScM](#) – Director of Programs, Perigree Fund

Elizabeth Myung Sook Krause has been honored to serve others through a career in philanthropy. She is currently the director of programs at Seattle-based Perigee Fund, a new national philanthropic organization focused on the mental health of the youngest children and caregivers affected by trauma, poverty, and racism. Previously, she led grantmaking portfolios focused on maternal and reproductive health, park equity, health insurance coverage, adult dental access, and healthy food access at St. David's Foundation in Central Texas. Prior to that, Elizabeth led policy and communications focused on health equity at the Connecticut Health Foundation. She started her career with the Public Health Prevention Service of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which included federal, state, and global public health assignments, including a rotation with the CDC Foundation. Elizabeth holds an AB in psychology from Smith College and an ScM in social and behavioral sciences from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Her most cherished role is mother.

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