

One Health Student Challenge Judges

David Diabo

Special Advisor – Emergency Management

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Assembly of First Nations

David Diabo, Special Advisor for Emergency Management at the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), is an alumnus of the Indigenous Policy and Administration Program here at Carleton University, and works in the Housing & Infrastructure, Water & Waste Water, and Emergency Services sector at AFN. As an advocacy organization, this sector for the AFN advocates for the access to cleaner and safer drinking water, the provision of quality Infrastructure and Housing, better Water and Waste Water treatment, and the development of emergency management regimes for all 634 First Nations in Canada. David's background also includes being a Specialist and Instructor in Occupational Health and Safety for First Nations.

Dr. Anita Olsen Harper

Researcher, Indigenous Education & Health (private)

Anita Olsen Harper specializes in Indigenous education and training, anti-violence in Aboriginal communities, social determinants of health and well-being, and Indigenous knowledge translation. She has a PhD in Education from the University of Ottawa. Anita has advocated for judges receiving specialized sexual assault training in regard to cases involving Indigenous women, and has been an advocate to counter violence against Indigenous women. Currently, Anita is a trustee for the Ottawa Carleton District School Board.

Dr. Pascal Michel

Chief Science Officer, Public Health Agency of Canada

Pascal Michel is the Chief Science Officer of the Public Health Agency of Canada. In this role, he is mainly responsible for overseeing and leading excellence and innovation in Agency science as well as to provide corporate leadership on science-policy issues. Prior to his current responsibilities, he completed a doctoral degree in veterinary medicine (University of Montreal), a Master in Preventive Veterinary Medicine (University of California) and a Ph.D. in epidemiology (University of Guelph). He joined the federal public service in 1997 as a senior epidemiologist and then directed the Public Health Risk Sciences division of the National Microbiology Laboratory before serving as a senior science advisor to the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Branch.

Dr. Thomas Wong

Chief Medical Officer of Public Health & Executive Director for Indigenous Services Canada, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch

Thomas Wong was trained in family medicine, internal medicine, infectious diseases and public health at McGill, Harvard and Columbia. His public health work includes engagement with Indigenous Communities, health disparities, communicable diseases, non-communicable disease issues including mental health and problematic substance use. He has academic appointments at both the University of Ottawa and the University of Toronto.