

Speaker Biographies

Malcolm Gladwell

Malcolm Gladwell was born in England and grew up in Canada. He graduated with a degree in history from the University of Toronto in 1984. From 1987 to 1996, he was a reporter for The Washington Post, first as a science writer and then as New York City bureau chief. Since 1996, he has been a staff writer for The New Yorker magazine. He is author of the best-seller book, *The Tipping Point*.

Judith N. Wasserheit, MD, MPH

Judith N. Wasserheit, MD, MPH is currently the Director of the Division of STD Prevention, at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), where she is responsible for developing and directing CDC's national STD prevention program, professional training and surveillance activities, and related behavioral, epidemiologic, and health services research. Prior to her appointment at CDC in 1992, Dr. Wasserheit served as the first Chief of the newly established Sexually Transmitted Diseases Branch of the National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases of the National Institutes of Health, where she was responsible for designing and launching an interdisciplinary national STD research program.

Dr. Wasserheit, who is an internist and infectious disease expert, has published widely on clinical and epidemiologic aspects of sexually transmitted disease and women's reproductive health and their implications for health policy. Her research has focused on these issues, particularly among women in the United States and the developing world. She has worked extensively in Asia, as well as in selected countries in Africa and Latin America. From 1986 to 1989, Dr. Wasserheit was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and also served as Assistant Chief of STD Clinical Services with the Baltimore City Health Department. Prior to that she conducted population-based research on reproductive tract infections at the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR).

Dr. Wasserheit received her Bachelor of Arts from Princeton University, her Medical Degree from Harvard Medical School, and her Master of Public Health from the Johns Hopkins University of Hygiene and Public Health. Recent awards or honors include the Young Professional Award of the Maternal-Child Health Section of the American Public Health Association, the Presidential Meritorious Rank Award of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Edward E. Kass Award Lecture of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, and the American STD Association's Achievement Award.