

Who We Are

The AIDS Research Institute counts as its constituent members more than 600 researchers, clinicians and staff working in dozens of programs and laboratories throughout UCSF's 4 professional schools—Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy—and its affiliates and collaborators both local and around the world. Of these, some 40 faculty are members of the ARI Executive Committee [1], offering advice and insight to steer our course. A core Leadership Committee [2] works closely with the ARI director to make funding and policy recommendations. At the heart of all this is a small, dedicated staff who make things run.



Paul Volberding

Director

Dr. Volberding is widely considered one of the world's leading AIDS experts. He cofounded one of the first AIDS-designated clinics in the world in the early 1980s at San Francisco General Hospital which has since evolved into the top-rated medical care facility for AIDS in the country. He has served on numerous key national strategic planning, policy, and clinical committees over the course of the epidemic. He is currently director of the UCSF AIDS Research Institute and director of the Center for HIV Information, which manages one of the most heavily trafficked websites for HIV information, HIV InSite. He maintains an active HIV outpatient practice at the San Francisco VA Medical Center, seeing a panel of patients he has treated for many years. In 1999, he was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, and he maintains editorial roles on multiple leading medical journals.



Alisa Jenny

Senior Technical Advisor

As Senior Technical Advisor, Alisa directs ARI core activities including the management of objectives and outputs of the ARI staff, Leadership Committee and Executive Committee, as well as strategic grant making and reporting, including fellowships. She works with ARI leadership to ensure amfAR HIV Cure Institute activities are coordinated with other ARI activities. Alisa has over 20 years' experience developing, managing, and evaluating health programs in the US and low-resource settings including Guatemala, Honduras, India and Malawi. Alisa has led research activities in multiple countries, ranging from randomized control trials and capacity building models, to impact evaluations. Alisa received an MPH from the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and is proficient in Spanish.



Georgina Lopez

Finance & Administration Director

Georgina is the director of finance and administration for the ARI, Institute for Global Health Sciences (IGHS), and the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics (DEB). Lopez oversees and manages all financial and administrative matters for the ARI, GHS and DEB. She manages all pre- and post-award functions, encompassing awards from a wide range of funding agencies including private, federal, state, local, international governmental, and international private organizations for all research projects of faculty and academic staff at GHS and DEB. She oversees operations at multiple off-campus locations including several local and international sites.



David McKey

Executive Assistant

For over twenty years, David has worked as senior executive assistant and office director to

CEOs and Chief Medical Officers in international non-profit organizations; special assistant to the Ambassador-at-Large and Global AIDS Coordinator for PEPFAR under the Obama administration, and within IGHS at UCSF has supported senior medical leaders and key international global health initiatives.

ARI Membership Policies

Roles and Responsibilities of ARI Members, Executive Committee and Leadership Committee

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