

Innovations in Healthy Aging: Panelists and Moderators

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Sajay Arthanat, PhD, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy. His research and teaching interests center on neurologically-based function and dysfunction, provision of assistive technology services, technology design for disability, and research engagement.

Stacy Driscoll, MEd, is an Assistive Technology Specialist and Program Coordinator for ATinNH. She has provided services to individuals with disabilities for over 30 years and conducts AT workshops and consultation services nationally. Stacy holds a graduate certificate in Assistive Technology.

Kate Crary, BS, is a Project Director with the Institute for Health Policy and Practice and Center on Aging and Community Living. Kate is a trainer in person-centered approaches, a graphic facilitator and recorder, and is a certified Long-Term Care Ombudsman.

Mark Bonica, PhD, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Management and Policy. A 23-year veteran of the US Army Medical Service Corps, he now teaches management and finance.

Thomas Lavallee, MBA, is Vice President, MA ACHCA and Chief Operating Officer of Alliance Health & Human Services. With over 26 years of experience in Skilled Nursing Facility management, his responsibilities include budget monitoring, business development, and long-term strategic planning for seven skilled nursing facilities.

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