

Brief Biography

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Dr. Fagan is a Professor and the Director of the Center for the Study of Tobacco in the Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education and the Director of Research in the Office of Health Initiatives and Disparities Research, College of Medicine University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. She is also a Senior Advisor to the Director of the Office on Smoking and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She formerly served as Program Director for the Cancer Prevention and Control Program at the University of Hawaii Cancer Center and served as a Health Scientist in the Tobacco Control Research Branch at the National Cancer Institute. For over 25 years, Dr. Fagan has conducted research that seeks to understand factors associated with tobacco use behaviors in racial/ethnic, women, low socioeconomic status, and youth/young adult populations and develop community interventions that aim to reduce tobacco and cancer health disparities in these groups.

Dr. Fagan has extensive experience in serving on the leadership team of large NIH-funded center grants and other NIH-funded grants since leaving the federal government in 2011 (P30CA071789, PI: Carbone; P50DA036105, PI: Eisenberg; U54MD002329, PI: Raczynski/Cornell; (P50MD017319-01, PI: Cornell/Fagan). She is skilled in helping teams to secure large grants with a fast turn-around. For example, Dr. Fagan helped the University of Hawaii Cancer Center (P30CA071789) successfully compete for P30 funding in 2011 within 6 months of her arrival to the University of Hawaii Cancer Center. During her first year at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Dr. Fagan worked with faculty to successful and quickly secure the Arkansas Center for Health Disparities grant, transitioning it from a P20 to an U54 grant in 2017(U54MD002329). Dr. Fagan serves as the Deputy Director of Research on the administrative core of the Arkansas Center for Health Disparities (U54MD002329) as well as PI of the research project "Families Rising to Enforce Smokefree Homes" or F.R.E.S.H. (U54MD002329, subproject 6836, PI: Fagan), which aims to reduce cancer risks by helping African American women smokers in rural Delta counties implement smokefree policies in the home. With a 7 week turn-around, Dr. Fagan helped to secure the new Center for Research, Health and Social Justice (P50MD017319-01), a \$18.9 million grant which seeks to reduce cancer and cardiovascular disease disparities among African Americans and rural residents in Arkansas.

As a Multiple Principal Investigator on this grant, Dr. Fagan seeks to use a social justice approach in her team science to change the research ecosystem to better facilitate health to communities. There are 6 principles of wellbeing associated with social justice including health,

knowledge and understanding, personal security, equal respect and diversity, personal attachments, and self-determination. For instance, self-determination means that we help people facilitate a healthy course in life that is not controlled by one's circumstances such as poverty. The Center for Research, Health and Social Justice leverages resources to conduct the research and address the social and structural conditions that contribute to poor health.

Dr. Fagan also examines factors that contribute to the dual use of tobacco, quitting and switching behaviors, and nicotine dependence among adults who consume flavored tobacco products including menthol cigarettes, cigars, and electronic cigarettes. She collaborates with communities to reduce the impact of COVID-19 on racial/ethnic communities in Arkansas through the federally funded Community Engagement Alliance Against COVID-19 Disparities (OT2 HL161580).

As the Research Director in the Office of Health Initiatives and Disparities Research, UAMS College of Medicine. Dr. Fagan serve as a Co-Investigator for the state colorectal cancer screening program that seeks to reduce disparities with a specific focus in rural Arkansas counties. She recently led efforts to develop an online training module (via Learn on Demand) that aims to increase provider recommendations for colorectal cancer screening. As a Co-Investigator, she completed a study that aimed to increase colorectal cancer screening among Native Hawaiian men using culturally grounded approaches.

Dr. Fagan has extensive experience in training and educating students and faculty to help advance research careers. She has served as a mentor to faculty and on advisory committees for multiple training grants, including the T32 Addiction Research Training Program (DA 022981; PI: Kilts) at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences; as an advisor to the T32 Cancer Related Health Disparities Training Program (5T32CA163184-08; PI: Allen) at the University of Minnesota; as an advisor and instructor to the T32 Cancer Utah Advanced Course on Mentorship and Leadership on Cancer-Related Health Disparities (UE5CA246756; PI: Okuyemi) at the University of Utah, and an advisory to the University of California, San Francisco, Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education. Dr. Fagan is also the Co-Director of the Investigator Development Core of the Center for Research, Health and Social Justice (P50MD017319-01).

Dr. Fagan serves as Secretary on the Governor's Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Advisory Committee for the state of Arkansas. She is the Vice President of the board of the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation. She serves on the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine ad hoc committee that is evaluating the health effects related to the use of "premium" cigars. She served on the Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee, Center for Tobacco Products, Food and Drug Administration from 2015-2018. In 2012, she received an Outstanding Alumni Award from Texas A&M University and has received numerous other awards for her commitment to reducing health disparities and increasing the diversity of the research workforce.