Speaker Bios

**Michael B. First MD**, is a Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at Columbia University, a Research Psychiatrist at the Biometrics Department at the New York State Psychiatric Institute, and maintains a schematherapy and psychopharmacology practice in Manhattan. Dr. First is a nationally and internationally recognized expert on psychiatric diagnosis and assessment issues and conducts expert forensic psychiatric evaluations in both criminal and civil matters. Dr. First is the Editorial and Coding Consultant for the DSM-5, the chief technical and editorial consultant on the World Health Organization’s ICD-11 revision project, and is an external consultant to the National Institute of Mental Health’s Research Domain Criteria (RDoC) project. Dr. First was the Editor of the DSM-IV-TR, the Editor of Text and Criteria for DSM-IV and the American Psychiatric Association’s Handbook on Psychiatric Measures. He has co-authored and co-edited a number of books, including the fourth edition of the two-volume Psychiatry textbook, *A Research Agenda for DSM-V*, the *DSM-5 Handbook for Differential Diagnosis*, the *Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-5 (SCID-5)*, and the forthcoming *Learning DSM-5 by Case Example*. He has trained thousands of clinicians and researchers in diagnostic assessment and differential diagnosis.

**Jerome C. Wakefield, PhD, DSW** is University Professor, Professor of Social Work, and Professor of the Conceptual Foundations of Psychiatry in the School of Medicine, as well as Affiliate Faculty and Advisory Board Member of the Center for Bioethics, at New York University. Before coming to NYU, he held faculty positions at University of Chicago, Columbia University, and Rutgers University. His highly eclectic clinical training was primarily at Kaiser Hospital Santa Clara, Dept. of Psychiatry, and Berkeley Community Mental Health Center. Holding doctorates in both philosophy and clinical social work from Berkeley, Dr. Wakefield writes about issues at the intersection of philosophy and the mental health professions, especially the concept of mental disorder and the boundary between normal distress and psychopathology. Recently his work has focused on using empirical methods of psychiatric epidemiology to address theoretical controversies about the relation between depression and grief. Dr. Wakefield has published over 250 scholarly articles, and is the co-author (with Allan Horwitz) of “The Loss of Sadness: How Psychiatry Transformed Normal Sorrow into Depressive Disorder” (Oxford 2007), which was named the best psychology book of 2007 by the Association of Professional and Scholarly Publishers, and “All We Have to Fear: How Psychiatry Transforms Natural Fear into Mental Disorder” (Oxford 2012), named best book of the year by the American Sociology Association Section on Evolution and Society.

**Dr. William Sanders, DO, (moderator)** directs the Pine Rest Psychiatry Residency Program in partnership with Michigan State University – College of Human Medicine and also conducts a clinical practice with expertise in adult psychiatry, depression, bipolar, thought and anxiety disorders, and other mental health crises.