

# National Breast Cancer Roundtable

## 2025 Member Engagement Day Speakers



### **OLUFUNMILAYO OLOPADE, MBBS, FAACR, FASCO**

Dr. Olopade is a Walter L. Palmer Distinguished Service Professor of Medicine and Human Genetics and founding Director of the Center for Clinical Cancer Genetics and Global Health at the University of Chicago Medicine. Dr. Olopade's research is focused on gaining a better understanding of the root causes and genomic basis of cancer in diverse populations. She has published extensively on genetic and non-genetic risk factors for breast cancer and is internationally renowned for her work in inherited cancer syndromes and clinical expertise in early detection and prevention of breast cancer in high risk women.



### **ROBERT SMITH, PHD**

Robert A. Smith, PhD, is a cancer epidemiologist and senior vice president of Early Cancer Detection Science for the American Cancer Society. For most of his tenure at ACS, he has led the development of cancer screening guidelines and been active in research on the effectiveness of cancer screening, utilization of cancer screening, improving the quality of cancer screening, and new cancer screening technology. Dr. Smith and his team focus on ensuring that ACS cancer screening guidelines rely on scientific evidence, meet high international standards of quality, and have the potential and aim to significantly reduce the burden of cancer.



### **MELISSA THOMAS, PHD**

Dr. Thomas brings more than 25 years of experience to ACS, leading health disparities research and program initiatives almost exclusively on breast cancer with a community-led and volunteer-engaged focus. She was formerly an assistant professor at Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine where she leads research projects on breast cancer education and health disparities in underserved communities, including rural, Appalachian, and LGBTQ+ communities.

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### ANGELA GIAQUINTO, MSPH

Angela Giaquinto is an epidemiologist in the Surveillance and Health Equity Science department at the American Cancer Society. She is the lead author of the bi-annual Breast Cancer Facts & Figures and Breast Cancer Statistics article which reports the latest trends in breast cancer incidence, mortality, survival, and disparities in the United States. Her research has previously reported on the increase of breast cancer diagnosed among younger women and the unabated Black-White breast cancer mortality gap.



### MARY AJANGO

Mary Ajango is the Director of Advocacy & Partnerships at Young Survival Coalition. She oversees YSC's legislative and research advocacy initiatives including YSC's advocacy training program RISE. She also manages Project 528, YSC's global needs assessment. Mary has worked at YSC for 13 years in several different roles, all focused on building relationships, engaging a diverse community and empowering volunteers to support young adults with breast cancer. Mary has a Master of Public Affairs with a concentration in Nonprofit Management from Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs.



### LILLY MEIER

Lilly is the Program Manager for the National Breast Cancer Roundtable. She brings over six years of experience in healthcare project management and nonprofit development, with a strong background in oncology and community outreach. While supporting her mother through breast cancer treatment in 2016, Lilly developed a passion for increasing access to timely, high-quality care and supportive services for all cancer patients.

