Speaker Bios

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Is a Senior Researcher at the Department of Epidemiology, in the Lazio Regional Health Service in Rome, Italy. She holds a PhD in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from Imperial College London and master's degrees in both Epidemiology and Meteorology.

Dr. de'Donato manages the Italian national Heat Health Plan and warning system and contributes to regional heat plans. Her research focuses on heat exposure, estimating the health effects of heat and climate change on health for public health prevention and policy. She was also the Editor of "Heat and health in the WHO European Region: updated evidence for effective protection".

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Is an Assistant Professor in Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences at the University of Washington. She holds a PhD in Health and Public Policy, an MSPH in Health Policy and a BA in Public Health Studies from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. She completed post-doctoral training in coastal community resilience at the University of British Columbia's School of Community and Regional Planning in Vancouver, BC.

Dr. Errett co-directs the Collaborative on Extreme Event Resilience at UW and nationally she co-chairs the NIEHS Disaster Research Response Network Steering Committee. Her research focuses on the development, implementation and health impacts of policies and programs that aim to build resilience in the context of public health emergencies, disasters, and climate change.

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Mr. Wolcott has had multiple different roles within the National Weather service previously, including as a forecaster and supporting first responders. In his current position he is the primary liaison between the NWS and partners throughout Western Washington and has a wealth of experience helping organizations use and adapt NWS resources and tools, including during Washington's major 2021 heat dome event.