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“Leadership is a critical component of health systems and policy change. Given the multiple challenges and rocky political landscape, our nation and their respective states, local governments, and tribes sorely need champions with skills to move knowledge to advance health equity. The RWJF Center at UNM engages scholars from traditionally underrepresented communities in the most important health and social policy debates of our time.”

Dr. Lisa Cacari (kakari) Stone is an assistant professor with the Department of Family and Community Medicine and senior research fellow with the Robert Wood Johnson Center for Health Policy at the University of New Mexico. From 1999 to 2004 she was a national recipient of the W.K. Kellogg Doctoral Fellowship in Health Policy Research and graduate of the Heller School of Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University (2004). From 2005 to 2008 she served as an H. Jack Geiger Congressional Health Policy Fellow for Senator Edward M. Kennedy with the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions and as a W.K. Kellogg and Alonzo Yerby postdoctoral scholar at the Harvard School of Public Health.

Her studies along the New Mexico-Mexico border and in state and national policy making processes have focused on the role of health and social policies in moderating health equity in the United States. Currently, she is the principal investigator in a pilot project funded by the RWJF Center for Health Policy on the demographic significance of immigrant growth to new and emerging and traditional gateway counties across the U.S. and the policy responses of county governments and their localities to those changes and the implications concerning access to health care. She is also co-investigator with Dr. Howard Waitzkin on another RWJF Center study examining the role of counties as the fundamental units of health access for low income, racial/ethnic communities, and medically underserved populations in the United States. Additionally, she serves as principal investigator for the Border Center of Excellence grant, which is a consortium of researchers and providers in Texas, Arizona, and California in developing a strategic plan for increasing the health care delivery and research workforce along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Dr. Cacari Stone is trusted for her work in “moving knowledge to action for health equity” among government administrators, elected officials, community-based organizations, coalitions, and foundations, including the New Mexico Executive and Legislative Health, Human Services and Educational Committees; NM Governors’ Women’s Advisory Council; Con Alma Health Foundation; New Mexico Border Health Association; and the Dona Ana County Health and Human Services Alliance.

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