

Catherine (Cat) Oakar – January 10, 2023

Special Assistant to the President for Public Health and Disparities in the Domestic Policy Council at the White House



Equity in Public Health – What Does It Really Mean? From Tobacco and Nutrition to Policy and Administration.

Tuesday, January 10th

11:30 am to 12:30 pm

1655 SPH I and Zoom

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Catherine Oakar, MPH '10 serves as the Special Assistant to the President for Public Health and Disparities in the Domestic Policy Council at the White House. Prior to her current role, she served on the Biden-Harris Transition team where she oversaw the hiring of all Presidential appointees for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). She was also a Senior Advisor at Waxman Strategies consulting on public health, nutrition, and health care issues.

During the Obama-Biden Administration, Oakar served at the White House as the Associate Director of the *Let's Move!* initiative in the First Lady's office and as a Senior Advisor in the Office of National AIDS Policy. She was also the Director of Public Health Policy in the Office of Health Reform at HHS.

Oakar began her work in Washington, D.C. as a Winston Health Policy Fellow. She has also served as a Fellow at the World Health Organization in Geneva and conducted community-based research with low-income cancer survivors and safety net clinics. Oakar graduated from the University of Notre Dame and the University of Michigan School of Public Health. She is originally from outside Cleveland, Ohio.