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A GREAT LEGACY



History has graced us with individuals of great intellect and character who used their gifts to create the foundation of the medical profession, as well as the National Medical Association. This legacy allows us to further our knowledge and advance the professional and technical arenas in which we conduct research, educate new professionals and give care to the millions of Americans we serve.

The past has evolved into a present of constant change and growth. The speed at which we must adapt to new environments is phenomenal and creates new challenges for us all. Today, we celebrate the achievements of those among us who have faced these new challenges, who have developed unprecedented advancements in medicine, created thoughtful practices to assist the new America that is so varied and diverse, and set standards that guide us toward tomorrow. As we honor our friends and colleagues today, let us celebrate the past that has given us the wisdom of experience and the future that holds such promise for us all.

SCROLL OF MERIT

PRESIDING	Leon McDougale, M.D., M.P.H. <i>121st President, National Medical Association Columbus, Ohio</i> Cynthia Y. Paige, M.D. <i>Chair, Board of Trustees, National Medical Association Montclair, New Jersey</i>
WELCOME	Cynthia Paige, M.D., M.B.A. Leon McDougale, M.D., M.P.H.
NEGRO NATIONAL ANTHEM	“Lift Every Voice and Sing” <i>Singer: Symonne Sparks Accompanist: Preston Wilson</i>
INVOCATION	Roger Mitchell, M.D. <i>Secretary, House of Delegates Washington, District of Columbia</i>
GREETINGS	Martin Hamlette, J.D., M.H.A. <i>Executive Director, National Medical Association Washington, District of Columbia</i> Lady Marie Hammond, R.N., B.S.N. <i>President, Auxiliary National Medical Association Washington, District of Columbia</i>
INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER & SCROLL OF MERIT AWARDEE	Leon McDougale, M.D., M.P.H.
KEYNOTE ADDRESS	Reed V. Tuckson, M.D. <i>Washington, District of Columbia</i>
PRESENTATION OF NMA AWARDS	Cynthia Paige, M.D., M.B.A. Leon McDougale, M.D., M.P.H. Scroll of Merit, Distinguished Service, Meritorious Achievement, Practitioner of the Year, Small Society of the Year, Large Society of the Year
PRESENTATION OF W.MONTAGUE COBB/ NMA HEALTH INSTITUTE AWARDS	Randall C. Morgan, Jr., M.D., M.B.A. <i>President & Chief Executive Officer W. Montague Cobb/NMA Health Institute Sarasota, Florida</i> Rahn K. Bailey, M.D. <i>Chair, W. Montague Cobb/NMA Health Institute New Orleans, Louisiana</i>
PRESENTATION OF TOP HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS UNDER FORTY	Cynthia Y. Paige, M.D., M.B.A. Michael A. Harrell, M.D. <i>National Medical Association Post Graduate Trustee</i>

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

**Performance by Symonne Sparks
and Preston Wilson**

Poem by John Rosamond Johnson
and James Weldon Johnson.

Lift every voice and sing,

Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,

Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,

God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee,
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand
True to our God,
True to our native land
Our native land.

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REED V. TUCKSON, M.D.

Keynote Speaker

Reed V. Tuckson, M.D. is Managing Director of Tuckson Health Connections, LLC, a vehicle to advance initiatives that support optimal health and wellbeing through the intersection of health promotion and disease prevention; applied data and analytics; enhanced quality and efficiency in care delivery; and the application of telehealth and biotech innovations.

Currently, Dr. Tuckson's focus is on advancing his work as a co-founder of the Black Coalition Against COVID, a multi-stakeholder and interdisciplinary effort working to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic in Washington, D.C. and nationally. Previously, he enjoyed a long tenure as Executive Vice President and Chief of Medical Affairs for UnitedHealth Group, a Fortune 20 Health and well-being company.

He has engaged in nearly every sector of health and medical care, including serving as the Commissioner of Public Health for the Washington, DC; the Senior Vice President for Programs of the March of Dimes Foundation; the President of the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science; and the Senior Vice President for Professional Standards of the American Medical Association.

A recognized leader in his field, Dr. Tuckson is honored to have been appointed to leadership roles at the

National Institutes of Health; National Academy of Medicine;

numerous Federal Advisory Committees; and corporate, non-profit and academic boards. He has been recognized several times by *Modern Healthcare Magazine's* listing of the "50 Most Powerful Physician Executives" in healthcare.

Dr. Tuckson has served in Federal Advisory roles as a former Chairman of the Secretary of Health's Advisory Committee on Genetics, Health and Society; as well as several U.S. Government cabinet level health advisory committees concerned with health reform, infant mortality, children's health, violence, and radiation testing. His engagement on academic boards includes his current service on the Board of Trustees at Howard University, where he Chairs the Health Sciences Committee; and a former member of the Board of Trustees at Rockefeller University.

He is a graduate of Howard University, Georgetown University School of Medicine, and the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania's General Internal Medicine Residency and Fellowship Programs, where he was also a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholar studying at the Wharton School of Business.



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THE HONORABLE SHEILA Y. OLIVER

Lt. Governor Sheila Y. Oliver has a long-established career of advocacy centering on fighting for equality and justice at all levels of government including health equity, fair access to housing, Black maternal and infant health disparities, community development, marriage equality, higher education, and issues around mental health and the criminal justice system.

She is an intellectual who also has a genuine concern for humanity. Her unique style of leadership is exemplified statewide and within the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). DCA offers a wide range of programs and services aimed at improving the quality of life for residents.

Lt. Governor Oliver periodically serves in the role of Acting Governor and has signed multiple bills into law. As Acting Governor, she led the state's initial pandemic response during the onset of COVID-19 in early March 2020. She also used her voice in coordination with Governor Murphy and faith leaders across the state to assist communities of color in accessing COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites while encouraging people to get vaccinated. A COVID-19 Relief Program was adopted by the Department under her direction that expanded three existing programs designed to help rebuild neighborhoods and small businesses in New Jersey.

With Lt. Governor Oliver's leadership and support, DCA has helped stabilize and revitalize the City of Atlantic City, which faced catastrophic finances as recently as 2017. She reestablished the Atlantic City Department of Health and Human Services, which had been diminished

by the previous administration.

In February 2021, she announced with New Jersey First Lady Tammy Murphy a new Nurture NJ strategic plan to address the high rate of mortality that Black women and babies face in the state. With this plan, New Jersey will make irreversible strides toward becoming the safest and most equitable state in America to have and raise a child.

In the Assembly, she co-sponsored the law creating the Department of Children and Families. She sponsored legislation creating paid family leave, amending the state's wrongful death law, providing specialized social services and medical treatment for persons in the criminal justice system with mental health issues, among others.

In 2003, she was elected to serve the 34th Legislative District in the New Jersey General Assembly. A trailblazer in every sense of the word, in 2010 she became the first African-American woman in state history to serve as Assembly Speaker, and just the second in the nation's history to lead a state legislative house.

Lieutenant Governor Oliver graduated cum laude from Lincoln University and received her Master of Science Degree in Community Organization, Planning and Administration from Columbia University. She has received several honorary doctorates of humane letters, including from the New Jersey Institute of Technology.



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KIZZMEKIA S. CORBETT, PH.D.

Kizzmekia S. Corbett, Ph.D. is Assistant Professor in the Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. She also holds an appointment at the Harvard Radcliffe Institute as the Shutzer Assistant Professor. In this role, she will head the new Coronaviruses & Other Relevant Emerging Infectious Diseases (CoreID) Lab to study and understand the interface between hosts' immune systems and viruses that cause respiratory disease, with the goal of informing development of novel and potentially universal vaccines.

An expert on dengue virus, respiratory syncytial virus, influenza viruses, and coronaviruses, Dr. Corbett was previously a research fellow and the scientific lead for the Coronavirus Vaccines & Immunopathogenesis Team at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Vaccine Research Center (VRC). A viral immunologist by training, Dr. Corbett used her expertise to propel novel vaccine development for pandemic preparedness. Appointed to the VRC in 2014, her work focused on developing novel coronavirus vaccines, including mRNA-1273, a leading candidate vaccine against the virus that causes COVID-19.



mRNA-1273 was ultimately shown to be 94.1% effective in Phase 3 trials

and is now authorized for use in the United States and many other countries. Alongside mRNA-1273, Corbett's team boasted a portfolio that also included universal coronavirus vaccine concepts and novel therapeutic antibodies. While at NIH, she was an active member of the National Institutes of Health Fellows Committee and an advocate of STEM education and vaccine awareness in the community.

Dr. Corbett received her B.S. in Biological Sciences, with a secondary major in Sociology, in 2008 from the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, where she was a Meyerhoff Scholar and a National Institutes of Health undergraduate scholar. She then enrolled at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she obtained her Ph.D. in Microbiology and Immunology in 2014. She is the recipient of several prestigious awards, including the Benjamin Franklin NextGen Award and the Norman P. Salzman Memorial Award in Basic and Clinical Virology.

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CHARLES P. MOUTON, M.D., M.S., M.B.A.

Charles P. Mouton, M.D., M.S., M.B.A. is Executive Vice President, Provost, and Dean of the School of Medicine, Thomas N. & Gleaves T. James Distinguished Chair, and Tenured Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, TX (UTMB). Dr. Mouton received his M.D. degree from Howard University College of Medicine, his Master of Science degree in Clinical Epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health, and his MBA degree from Tennessee Technological University. He completed his Family Medicine residency at Prince George's Hospital Center in Cheverly, MD and his fellowship in Geriatrics at The George Washington Medical Center. He is board certified in Family Medicine and holds a Certificate of Added Qualifications in Geriatrics. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Geriatrics Society, and the Gerontological Society of America.

Before joining UTMB, he served as Senior Vice President and Dean of the School of Medicine at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN. He also held an appointment as Professor at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine as well as Tenured Professor in Meharry's Department of Family Medicine.

Dr. Mouton served as Tenured Professor and Chair, Department of Community and Family Medicine at the Howard University College of Medicine. He also served as Tenured Associate Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA) and was Associate Chief of the Division of Community

Geriatrics, Associate Director of Research, and Director of Nursing Home Services. At UTHSCSA, he also served as Co-Director of the Center on Violence Prevention. Prior to his tenure at UTHSCSA, he was Assistant Professor and Director of Research in the Department of Family Medicine at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-New Jersey Medical School (now Rutgers-New Jersey Medical School) in Newark, NJ.

At UTMB, he is also Senior Fellow at the Sealy Center on Aging and member of the executive steering committee of the Pepper Center on Aging. At Meharry, Dr. Mouton directed the Data Science Institute and co-directed the community engagement core for the Meharry Translational Research Center and Vanderbilt Institute for Clinical and Translational Research. He is affiliated with the Black Women's Health Study and developed a practice-based research network of primary care practices serving urban minorities in the DC Metropolitan area.

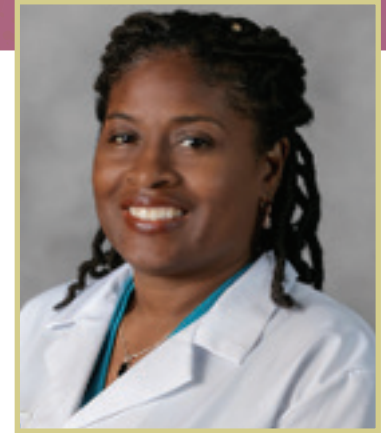
Dr. Mouton has led studies on late life domestic violence, elder abuse, exercise to promote health in minority elders, and end-of-life care for older minorities; authored over 120 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters; served on international editorial boards; and public and private sector Councils.

His major areas of research interest are in the social and environmental factors that influence the health of older adults, particularly violence, racism, and health disparities as well as identifying health promotion and disease prevention strategies in minority populations and the elderly.

Distinguished Service

This award is presented to an individual for exceptional work in medical service, medical research or academic medicine.

HEATHER M. PRENDERGAST, M.D., M.P.H., M.S.



Heather M. Prendergast, M.D., M.S., M.P.H. received her Medical Degree, Master of Public Health and Master of Science from University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). Her Residency in Emergency Medicine at the University of Maryland Medical Center; Fellowship University of California and Mini-Geriatric Fellowship at John Hopkins Medical Center.

Dr. Prendergast a former Captain in the Army Reserves, stellar scholar, history making academician, and administrator, is an Emergency Medicine specialist in Chicago, Illinois. She is a board-certified Emergency Medicine physician and is a Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physician and American Academy of Emergency Physicians.

Dr. Prendergast is a physician-scientist leader in emergency medicine recognized, in 2018, as one of the top 20 of NIH funded researchers in the country for the specialty of Emergency Medicine. Her research on cardiovascular risk modification in patients with uncontrolled/undiagnosed hypertension in the emergency department setting is redefining the standard of care. She is the recipient of federally funded grants with a central theme focused on health equity. As the healthcare system faces unprecedented challenges of the COVID pandemic, not only is Dr. Prendergast on the front line caring for patients, but she is the principal investigator for a study investigating the racial/equity disparities associated with hypertensive patients who develop SARS-CoV2

infection. She is a co-Investigator on two multi-million-dollar COVID-19 projects aimed at identifying “Predictors of Severe COVID-19 Outcomes and “Personalized Analytics & Wearable Biosensor Platform for Early Detection of COVID-19 Decompensation”. The work she has done and continues to do is of great importance and has favorably impacted an underserved predominately minority population.

Dr. Prendergast is the Principal Investigator on a 5-year 3-million dollar grant Targeting Uncontrolled Hypertension in the Emergency Department. As Associate Head for Academic Affairs, she partnered with UIC Clinical Translational Science faculty to lead the development of a mentorship program for Emergency Medicine faculty based upon national models. Her work now serves as a model for her specialty as well as other departments within the UIC College of Medicine. Dr. Prendergast is a gifted clinician, a dedicated educator, and a passionate researcher. These wonderful attributes were drivers in her promotion to Professor of Emergency Medicine, the first underrepresented in Medicine professor promoted within the tenure track in Emergency Medicine at the University of Illinois institution and one of only four tenured African American women nationally in Emergency Medicine.

Meritorious Achievement

This award is given for noted national and international achievement and prominence.

PAUL L. DOUGLASS, M.D.



Paul L. Douglass, M.D. is Chief, Division of Cardiology and Director, Cardiovascular Services at Wellstar Atlanta Medical Center where he practices Clinical and Interventional Cardiology. He also serves as Clinical Assistant Professor (Cardiology) at Morehouse School of Medicine. He is currently on the Board of Trustees for Wellstar Health System and serves on the Executive Committee. He is also a past Chair of the Hospital Board of Atlanta Medical Center.

He received his M.D. degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee and did postgraduate training in internal medicine and cardiovascular disease at Emory University School of Medicine.

In 2020 and 2021, he was named to the Top Docs list by Georgia Trend Magazine and he received the NMA Region III Award of Excellence in 2019. He is the current Chair of the American College of Cardiology (ACC) Health Equity Task Force. He serves as a Member of the American Board of Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease Examination Committee. He is a member of the ACC Industry Advisory Forum and is past Chair of the ACC Publications and Editorial Coordinating Committee. He serves on the American Heart Association Heart Failure Systems of Care Advisory Group.

He has been the recipient of numerous local, state, national and international awards including the Physician of the Year Award and the Nash-Carter Award from the Atlanta Medical Association; the Distinguished

Service Medallion from the Georgia State Medical Association; and the Hero Award from the Association of Black Cardiologists.

Dr. Douglass has worked diligently on behalf of cardiovascular practice serving on the NHLBI Advisory Panel and the Special Emphasis Panel and Disparities Working Group. He has served as president of various organizations including Georgia State Medical Association and Association of Black Cardiologists. He was the Co-Chairman of the Venue and Training Site Sub-Committee for the Atlanta Olympic Games in 1996. He was instrumental in the planning and establishment of the Georgia chapter of the ACC and became president and governor of the Georgia chapter. In 2015, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the ACC/Georgia Chapter for his dedication and service to cardiovascular medicine. Dr. Douglass has participated on numerous committees and task forces for ACC. He was named a Master of the ACC in 2016 for his lifelong contributions to cardiology and the ACC.

Dr. Douglass has published numerous scientific articles and editorials. He has lectured locally, nationally, and internationally on various topics related to cardiovascular diseases with a special interest in cardiovascular diseases in African-Americans and other underrepresented minorities. Dr. Douglas has been described as an Impeccable Clinician, Scholar, Leader, and Role Model.

Practitioner of the Year

This award is given for noted national and international achievement and prominence.

WINSTON PRICE, M.D.



Winston Price, M.D. is a board-certified pediatrician and served as the 105th President of the National Medical Association. He received his Medical Degree from Weill Cornell Medical College and did his residency at New York Hospital-Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

Dr. Price serves as the President and Chair for the National African American Drug Policy Coalition since 2007 and also serves as the Chair of the Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center (SOWEGA-AHEC) which focuses its mission to recruit, train and retain a robust and highly qualified health workforce for 38 counties in SW Georgia. Additionally, he serves as Chief Information & Technology Officer for the W. Montague COBB/NMA Health Institute. He was appointed to serve on the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health Council/ Steering Committee in 2019 as the NMA representative.

He has served on numerous advisory boards including the Steering Committee of the Consortium on Climate Change and Health, Member and chair of the Decatur County Board of Health Chair of Southwest Georgia Health Education Center, Board of Directors of the National Center on Missing and Exploited Children, The Childhood Influenza Immunization Coalition, The Adult Vaccine Advisory Group; and the Merck Vaccine Division and Medimmune RSV Advisory group. He continues to represent the NMA on the National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit (NAIIS) and is a board member for the Georgia State

Medical Association.

Dr. Price serves as the President and Chair for the National African American Drug Policy Coalition. His leadership experience and accomplishments include past service as medical director for Georgia's Department of Community Health, Chair of Georgia's Health Information and Transparency Board, medical director for Aetna's Brooklyn/Queens/SI NYC health plan, and serving as Executive Clinical Dean for the American University of Antigua School of Medicine.

He holds academic positions at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine as an Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics and Director of Pathway Programs for the SW Georgia Campus; and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the Medical College of Georgia.

Dr. Price serves on numerous local community boards such as the Decatur County Health Department, the Collaborative Impact Decatur County Board, the Bainbridge Tennis Association and the Decatur County Head Start Advisory Board.

His international involvement currently involves serving as Medical Advisor for the CharityMobi non-profit organization which serves Rwanda, Tanzania, Grenada, Haiti and Ghana. Dr. Price also practices clinical medicine serving a SW population in Georgia with a focus on preventive care.

Large Local Society of the Year

This award is given to a local society with at least 100 members that demonstrates exemplary leadership in membership recruitment, community service and medical education.

EMPIRE STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The Empire State Medical Association (ESMA) is a leading force for equity in medicine, the elimination of health and health care disparities, and promotion of optimal health.

ESMA has continued to advance education, training, and made the community's health a major priority. ESMA's efforts in stewarding the future of its members and community at large in the areas of education and awareness goes further. Empire State Medical Association launched an informative and well attended conversation series: Roundtable Conversation Series: "What Every Black Physician Needs to Know about the COVID 19 Vaccine." They sponsor monthly speaker series and have committed to multiple programs throughout the year.

Association members President Dr. Tahshann Richards, Dr. Lynne Holden, and Dr. Brenda Aiken have been active members of the Physician Partnership Meetings/ COVID 19 Vaccine Task Force led by New York City's Department of Health Center for Health Equity and Community Wellness. Its care and concern for patients during the global pandemic was not limited to medical treatment but also to the overall wellness of vulnerable groups along racial and economic lines that correspond to national health disparities.

Alongside the Doctors Council, CIR and NYSNMA, ESMA helped develop the Health Professionals Memo in support of the Housing Access Voucher Program

(S2804/A3701) and Good Cause Eviction (S3082). This effort was based on studies that suggest unstable and poor quality housing is consistently associated with poor health outcomes ranging from depression to childhood obesity. Empire State Medical Association in collaboration with the New York Docs Coalition (a coalition of diverse physicians and healthcare advocates in the New York area) was a cosignatory on a letter to send recommendations to the office of the Governor of the State of New York regarding vaccine equity.

In collaboration with the National Medical Fellowship (NMF), ESMA has contributed to making education affordable through the Empire State Medical Association Scholarship and the Dr. Muriel Petioni Scholarship awarded to black premed, medical students, and residents of African descent. Additionally, ESMA in partnership with The Susan Smith McKinney Medical Society continues to increase the number of active and dues paying members.



Small Local Society of the Year

This award is given to a local society with less than 100 members that demonstrates exemplary leadership in membership recruitment, community service and medical education.

OLD NORTH STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

The Old North State Medical Society (ONSMS), established in 1887 to protect the rights and interests of African American physicians, is one of the oldest medical societies. They have maintained focus on education and advocacy in addressing health inequities in communities with poorer health outcomes in the nation.

With the objectives to provide education, assist with COVID-19 testing and increase COVID-19 vaccination awareness, ONMS received a \$1.8 million grant from the North Carolina General Assembly which allowed ONSMS to partner with its local component societies, faith leaders, Historically Black Colleges and University, and community constituents to mitigate the deadly impact COVID-19 had and continues to have on its marginalized communities. The grant allowed ONSMS to provide COVID-19 testing for approximately 8,000 people as well as distribute 5,607 food boxes to the food insecure. While administering COVID-19 tests, ONSMS provided resources about prevention and symptoms, including on its website where they post updates on COVID-19 facts and testing vaccination.

Understanding the financial impact COVID-19 had on many minority practitioners, the ONSMS Board approved a 68% dues reduction. This action allowed many of its members to maintain membership and allowed ONSMS to recruit new members during a time when many physician clinics had to cut costs and place employees on furlough.

Due to state imposed pandemic restrictions, ONSMS was unable to host its annual in-person convention thus they pivoted to virtual webinars.

The webinars were hosted in partnership with Area Health Education Centers. This action allowed members to obtain medical educational programs featuring a panel of experts, such as the US Surgeon General and experts from NC Department of Health, National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. One of their premier community health education programs was a virtual event hosted by the NC Agricultural & Technical State University that featured Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett.

Old North State Medical was recognized and honored by the North Carolina Governor as one of North Carolina's leading African American organizations in health and medicine for its contributions to health and care for the community. ONSMS strongly advocated to allow its physician members to become statewide prioritized vaccine administrators, so that it could deliver the vaccine within its community practices as a means of addressing vaccine hesitancy, particularly as it relates to the historically marginalized populations.



W. Montague Cobb Lifetime Achievement

In recognition of a lifetime of exceptional achievement in medicine, education, health policy, leadership, and quality of life for African Americans.

RICHARD ALLEN WILLIAMS, M.D.

Richard Allen Williams, M.D. the Founder and President of the Minority Health Institute, 117th President of the National Medical Association and Founder of the Association of Black Cardiologists, is a cum laude honors graduate of Harvard University. He attended the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center where he received the M.D. degree. He later performed a Cardiology fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School. In 1972, he became Assistant Medical Director at the new Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital where he secured a \$3 million dollar grant to establish the King-Drew Sickle Cell Center, of which he became the Director.

Later, he moved to the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center and became Chief of the Heart Station and Head of the Cardiology Department. At present, he is Clinical Professor of Medicine at the UCLA School of Medicine (full Professor) and was the first African American to achieve that status in the UCLA Department of Medicine. He also received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Harvard Medical School. In addition, he was privileged to present a scientific paper at the Oxford Round Table.

Dr. Williams is considered an international expert on hypertension, healthcare disparities, dyslipidemia,

diabetes, obesity, heart failure, and sudden cardiac death. He was

recently honored by

the American Heart Association from which he received the prestigious LifeSaver Award. He has also received the Scroll of Merit and Distinguished Leadership Award from the National Medical Association.

He has authored eight books, numerous book chapters, several scholarly articles, and dozens of scientific papers. He wrote the ground-breaking *Textbook of Black-Related Diseases* (McGraw-Hill) in 1974 and the critically acclaimed *Healthcare Disparities at the Crossroads of Healthcare Reform* (Springer, 2011). His ninth book, *Blacks in Medicine: Clinical, Demographic, and Socioeconomic Correlations* (Springer) is in progress.

Dr. Williams has a legacy of community service including serving on the CDU Board of Directors, the Board of Directors of the American Heart Association, the Advisory Board of the Community Health Councils, and the California Jazz Foundation. He has also shown his philanthropic side by participating in National Medical Fellowships and by establishing three separate scholarship funds in his name to benefit African American medical students across the country.



Cato T. Laurencin Distinguished Research Career

This award is presented in recognition of an exceptional career in medical research and noteworthy innovations in medicine and healthcare.

HANNAH VALANTINE, M.D.

Hannah Valentine, M.D. served as the inaugural National Institutes of Health (NIH) Chief Officer for Scientific Workforce Diversity, and a Senior Investigator in the Intramural Research Program at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI). Prior to starting this position, Dr. Valentine was Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and the Senior Associate Dean for Diversity and Leadership at Stanford, a leadership position she held since November 2004. Dr. Valentine has returned to Stanford as Professor of Medicine.

She is nationally recognized for her transformative approaches to diversity and is a recipient of the NIH Director's Pathfinder Award for Diversity in the Scientific Workforce. Dr. Valentine established the NIH Equity Committee to systematically track and evaluate diversity and inclusion metrics in each NIH Institute and Center's intramural program. Under her leadership, there has been a significant increase in representation of women as tenure-track and tenured principal investigators (PI), and of African American/Black and Hispanic tenure-track PIs in the Intramural Program. She has also played a major role in taking on workplace harassment at NIH. One of her significant achievements was developing and implementing the first NIH Workplace Climate and Harassment Survey. The findings provided critical data that have informed NIH's strategies to improve the workplace moving forward.

The impact of Dr. Valentine's work has been felt well beyond the NIH campus. She has made several important

inroads into improving diversity and equity among the extramural research community. She

also guided the National Research Mentoring Network program on coaching and mentoring for grant writing toward successful applications and awards supporting scientists from diverse backgrounds, including those from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups.

At NIH, she established a highly productive research program within NHLBI. She created the Genomic Research Alliance for Transplantation (GRAfT), a consortium of five heart and lung transplant programs in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, 40% of whom are African American/Black. She is using the technology that she co-invented with Steve Quake, professor bioengineering at Stanford—donor-derived cell-free DNA in blood—to monitor organ transplant rejection in the GRAfT cohort, and to understand the mechanisms that explain how and why African Americans/Blacks reject their organ transplants at higher rates than White recipients.

Dr. Valentine was elected to National Academy of Medicine, "for her national leadership in both scientific workforce diversity and cardiac transplantation research. Her data-driven approach in these two important areas has led to game-changing policies and new programs that enriched the nation's biomedical talent pool and have generated paradigm-shifting innovations in patient care."



TOP HEALTHCARE PHYSICIANS UNDER 40

RACHEL BERVELL, M.D.

Rachel Bervell, M.D. attended medical school at the University of Illinois College Of Medicine.

Dr. Rachel Bervell has made a commitment to partner with others in their most vulnerable times. Her emotional intelligence and unique ability to promote capacity building have come to define her human-centered approach to leadership, scholarship, and service, which is reflected through her record of involvement at every level. She is focused whole-heartedly

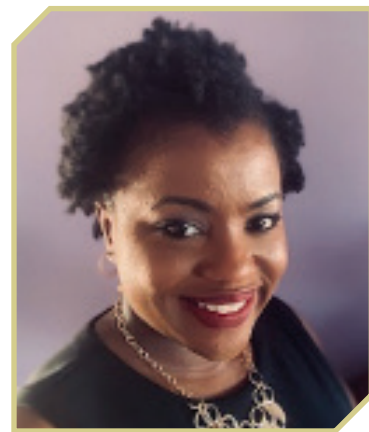


on volunteerism, wellness, healthcare delivery research, and maternal & infant health and has even extended this advocacy globally and locally. For example, she is the founder of a nonprofit organization, Hugs for Ghana, and has worked in Tanzanian clinics administering quality assessments in resource-poor communities. Dr. Bervell served on the national board of the March of Dimes and worked in a federally-qualified health center in Boston to help patients address social determinants of health. She studied in the Urban Medicine Program and the Patient Centered Medicine Program, where she worked with survivors of domestic violence and citizens in need of food resources. In creating @theblackobgynproject on Instagram, she provides a unique platform (~19,000 followers) to promote and center Black Excellence in the field of obstetrics and gynecology for all. She has emerged as a leader, utilizing her personal experiences to inform and advance clinical competency among learners, trainees, and physicians. As a result, her scholarly activities have garnered national attention, grant funding, and multiple media contributions, positioning her as a leading and sought-after voice in anti-racism, reproductive justice, and equity. Her goal as a physician is to empower others to take ownership of their well-being.

TANYA ROGO, M.D., M.P.H.

Tanya Rogo, M.D. is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York where she has crafted a dynamic career. She practices pediatric infectious diseases at the BronxCare Health System in the Bronx, where she serves as the Associate Program Director of the Pediatric Residency Program, the Resident Research Director, as well as the Director of the Curriculum in International Child Health which she designed and implemented.

Born in Kenya and having completed her undergraduate education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, she then went on to graduate with the dual MD/MPH designation from Tulane University.



A dedicated teacher and leader, Dr. Rogo has contributed to the medical profession through the advancement of young physicians. Dr. Rogo spent 4 years in Rwanda as Brown University faculty for the Human Resources for Health partnership with the Rwanda Ministry of Health, where she helped develop the pediatric residency program at the University of Rwanda. At the end of her tenure, 24 new pediatricians had graduated from the revamped training program, doubling the number of pediatricians in the country. She continues to teach pediatric residents and supervise pediatric resident research in Rwanda. In 2017, Dr. Rogo was the first recipient of the Velji Young African Leader Award at the Consortium of Universities for Global Health annual conference.

Global advocacy does not stop there, as a leader in the combat against the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Rogo has used her role in the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society, the NYC Black + Latinx Providers Collective, and the Speaker's Bureau of the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide virtual informational repository sites, talks with community centers, and webinars. As a faculty member of the inaugural COVID-19 STEM Community Education and Empowerment Internship focused on college students underrepresented in medicine and health careers. Dr. Rogo has also been a featured panelist at several international webinars on COVID-19 in children as well as having served on two national committees: the International Affairs Committee; and the Inclusion, Diversity, Access and Equity Task Force.

and received her medical doctorate from Duke University School of Medicine during which time she also received her master in public health from the Gillings School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. She completed her pediatric residency training and a chief residency at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, as well as her fellowship in pediatric critical care. Dr. Fowler's non-clinical work focuses on quality improvement and implementation initiatives around pediatric post-cardiac arrest care, as well as multidisciplinary team coordination.

She is also very active not only in her church but also in program development around physician diversity recruitment and retention, focused on health equity as it relates to the underrepresented in medicine and physician workforce. She serves on the executive leadership team of the UPHS-CHOP Alliance of Minority Physicians, as the Faculty Advisor for CHOP's Multicultural Physicians' Alliance, and is the newly appointed Designated Institutional Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion for Graduate Medical Education at CHOP. Dr. Fowler is an Associate Program Director for the CHOP Pediatric Critical Care Fellowship Program, and has been a part of CHOP's Pediatric Residency Bias & Equity Curriculum Committee. Outside of her roles in the hospital, Dr. Fowler is a new Professional Board Member of the SNMA and the newly elected Chair of the Board for the Impact Movement (a national non-profit black campus ministry organization).

JESSICA FOWLER, M.D., M.P.H.

Jessica Fowler, M.D. is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology and Critical Care in the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. She is also an Attending Physician in Pediatric Critical Care Medicine at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP).



After growing up in St. Louis, MO, Dr. Fowler completed her undergraduate education at the University of Virginia,

DENNIS SPENCER, M.D., PH.D.

Dennis Spencer, M.D., Ph.D. is a Pediatric Gastroenterologist at Boston Children's Hospital (BCH) and an Instructor in Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School (HMS). A physician-scientist, he is an investigator in the Rakoff-Nahoum laboratory (HMS/BCH) with a focus on the impact of diet on the composition and function of the gut microbiome.



He is a founding board member and Treasurer of Building the Next Generation of Academic Physicians (BNGAP), Inc. The mission of BNGAP is to help diverse trainees become aware of academic medicine career options and to provide them with resources to assure success along this path. He has also been the liaison between BNGAP and the Association of American Medical College's (AAMC) Financial Information, Resources, Services, and Tools (FIRST) program, co-leading collaborative workshops and webinars focusing on misconceptions surrounding financial implications of becoming an academic physician. These efforts have resulted in multiple scholarly reports and is a featured chapter he's co-authored in BNGAP's first book *Succeeding in Academic Medicine* (Springer Publishing, Jan 2020). He also spearheaded BNGAP's study of trainee perceptions of scholarship surrounding community engagement, lecturing on this topic at medical conferences in the US and Caribbean.

Dr. Spencer is a Faculty Advisor in the HMS Office of Recruitment and Multicultural Affairs as well as Faculty Chair of the BCH Graduate Medical Education Committee's Joint Diversity & Recruitment subcommittee. He was recently awarded the 2021 Harold Amos Faculty Diversity Award from HMS.

Dr. Spencer completed the Harvard Medical School (HMS) Fellowship in Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition at Boston Children's Hospital following his residency at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital / Stanford University. He is a graduate of the Weill Cornell / Rockefeller / Sloan-Kettering Tri-Institutional M.D.-Ph.D. Program, obtaining a Ph.D. in Microbial Pathogenesis and Immunology from The Rockefeller University. He is also a proud alumnus of Morehouse College.

DAVID S. CHIN YEE, M.D.

David S. Chin Yee, M.D. began his career in medicine after graduating summa cum laude from the University of Miami. He later attended the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine and completed his residency in Detroit within the Henry Ford Health System. Following his residency, Dr. Chin Yee finished a fellowship in medical and surgical retina at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis and Barnes Hospital/BJC.



He became a physician due to a special volunteer opportunity he encountered in high school. He volunteered his time at a home for the blind in Jamaica and was humbled by the tasks he helped them complete, such as helping them shave, reading to them, and assisting them with their finances. He noted their dependence and trust in others, and this in turn inspired him to help the visually impaired. Dr. Chin Yee chose Vitreo-Retinal surgery as his specialty due to the wide reaching, and complex pathology of the specialty that enables him to touch a multitude of lives.

Dr. Chin Yee is a passionate and caring Vitreoretinal surgeon in Atlanta who goes the extra mile for his patients and community, one example is having driven a visually and mentally challenged patient himself to the operating room for care from a satellite office. He also volunteers his time operating in his home country of Jamaica and serves the Atlanta community quarterly by providing free vision/eye health exams for refugees at Grace Village. Outside of his outreach work, he contributes to many local and national meetings, serving as Assistant Professor at Mercer Medical School, President of the Middle Georgia Ophthalmology Society and Vice President of the Atlanta Ophthalmology Society. He moderates quarterly meetings geared towards bringing the community Ophthalmologists together for education and discussions and is also the Retina Co-chair for the NMA Ophthalmology meeting.



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Time in Range

A Measure of Glycemic Control

July 20, 2021 | 9:30 – 10:00AM

Teresa Pearson and Dr. Stephen Ponder will use a patient case study to discuss the benefits of using time in ranges (TIRs) to assess glycemic control.

- Review the metrics for assessing glycemic control, which include postprandial glucose (PPG) and TIRs and their link to A1c
- Highlight TIRs as CGM-derived metrics that provide actionable information for assessing glycemic control and focus the patient/provider conversation
- Demonstrate the potential of TIRs as a useful tool to help patients and healthcare professionals guide diabetes management and treatment
- Reference established guidelines and identify helpful resources and tips developed by diabetes care and education specialists



Teresa L. Pearson
MS, CNS, CDCES, FADCES



Stephen W. Ponder
MD, FAAP, CDCES

Lead diabetes specialist for St. Mary's Health Services in Minneapolis, Minnesota

- 2019 Recipient of the ADCES Distinguished Service Award and the Bruce Zimmerman Lifetime Achievement Award from the State of Minnesota
- Executive editor of *ADCES in Practice*
- President of Innovative Healthcare Designs, LLC
- Serves on numerous boards and committees for ADCES, the American Diabetes Association, the Diabetes Advisory Council for the State of Minnesota, and national and international advisory boards
- Author of over 50 publications on diabetes

Board-certified pediatric endocrinologist with Baylor Scott & White Health in Temple, Texas

- 2016 Recipient of the AADE Innovative Use of Media and Technology Award and the 2018 National AADE Diabetes Educator of the Year Award
- Serves on the Texas Diabetes Council, as well as numerous local, state, and national committees
- Active member and former chair of the National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators
- Medical director of one of the largest residential children's diabetes camping programs in the US
- Developed the "Diabetes Housecall" telehealth model, authored the book *Sugar Surfing* describing the discipline of diabetes self-management, and coined the SAFE acronym

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