### UNC GILLINGS MINORITY STUDENT CAUCUS PRESENTS

## The 42nd Annual Minority Health Conference BODY&SOU THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF HEALTH ACTIVISM



### A VIRTUAL CONFERENCE





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## **CONFERENCE HISTORY**

When the Minority Health Conference was established in 1977 by the Black Student Caucus (now Minority Student Caucus), its major objectives were to highlight the health issues of concern among people of color and it has been broadened since to be inclusive of other minority populations. Initially the conference was held in UNC Gillings' Rosenau Auditorium, but when conference attendance increased to 300 to 400 during the 1990s, the conference moved to the William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center. Thousands of UNC students and advisors have contributed to the planning of the 42 conferences. Three pillars of the conference, Dr. Bill C. Jenkins, Dean William T. Small Jr. and Dr. Victor J. Schoenbach, are honored for their significant contributions.



In 1977, **Dr. Bill C. Jenkins**, a UNC student at the time, led the Black Student Caucus to found the conference. Dr. Jenkins was an extraordinary leader in public health, a lifelong advocate for addressing racism and eliminating health disparities and an enthusiast in building the ranks of ethnic minorities in biostatistics and epidemiology. Among his many accolades and groundbreaking work in public health, Dr. Jenkins served as Manager of Minority Health Ac-

tivities in the Office of the Director and Manager of the Tuskegee Participants Health Benefits Program, which assured medical services to the survivors of the Tuskegee Study. While working at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Dr. Jenkins was one of the first public health scientists to investigate HIV/AIDS in African Americans and served as Manager of the CDC's National Minority Organizations HIV Prevention Program. Dr. Jenkins founded Morehouse College's Public Health Sciences Institute which, together with another program he founded, Project IMHOTEP, has been a source for recruiting underrepresented minorities to the public health profession. He later returned to Chapel Hill as a Senior Scholar at the UNC Institute of African American Research and then adjunct professor in the UNC Department of Epidemiology.

His passing in 2019 was especially poignant for many at the Gillings School, given its proximity to the School's 40th-anniversary Minority Health Conference. To honor his legacy and ensure that his vision for the conference endures, we began the first ever "Bill C. Jenkins Welcome Remarks" at the 41st Minority Health Conference. This tradition will be carried on at this year's conference and those to follow.

Read more about our inspiring leaders at https://go.unc.edu/BillJenkins, https://go.unc.edu/BillSmall, and https://go.unc.edu/VictorSchoenbach

## **CONFERENCE HISTORY**





In 1971 **William T. Small, Jr.** came to the UNC School of Public Health as Coordinator of Minority Affairs with the charge to increase minority student enrollment in the school's graduate programs. He later became Assistant Dean for Students and then Associate Dean for Students. For over a quarter of a century, Dean Small worked on behalf of public health students as well as faculty, staff and administrators. Students involved in the conference's early years describe how Dean Small pulled the Conference to-

gether – identifying people, shepherding Conference activities and gathering feedback. Each year, a new group of students would organize a successful conference, and Dean Small was a constant force that made that possible. A member of the 1991 Conference Planning Committee recounted, "Bill Small's diverse and masterful contributions ... his advice, experience, judgment and commitment — as well as large amounts of his time and energy were indispensable to the Conference's success. The Dean's Office could not have been represented more effectively, diplomatically and graciously." Dean William Roper named the Keynote Lecture after William T. Small Jr. in 1999, the same year of his retirement from UNC.



In 1980, **Dr. Victor J. Schoenbach** joined the UNC Gillings faculty in the department of Epidemiology. From 1998 to 2018, he led the UNC School of Public Health Minority Health Project, which presents interactive broadcasts on health equity topics and works with the Minority Student Caucus on its annual Minority Health Conference and webcast. In 2004, Dr. Schoenbach worked with then Assistant Dean Small to revive the Minority Health Conference after a two-year hiatus and contin-

ued to work with the conference planning committee until his retirement. Dr. Schoenbach also served as a faculty advisor to the Minority Student Caucus from 2004 to 2018, and he helped to initiate the interactive Keynote Lecture broadcast and the partner conferences. He continues to maintain websites for the Minority Student Caucus and the Minority Health Conference. From 2014 to 2017, Dr. Schoenbach taught a seminar with Bill Jenkins on social justice in public health and created a "virtual library" on the history of minority health activities at UNC in conjunction with the course. In 2012, the Minority Health Conference's afternoon keynote lecture was named the "1st Annual Victor J. Schoenbach Health Disparities Keynote Lecture" in recognition of Dr. Schoenbach's commitment to minority health in the community.

The Minority Health Conference is eternally grateful for the leadership and unwavering service of Dr. Jenkins, Dean Small and Dr. Schoenbach to advancing the health of marginalized people and eliminating health inequities and racial injustices, work embedded in the mission of the Minority Student Caucus and the conference. The Minority Student Caucus is honored that the names of these champions of health equity are woven into the history and legacy of the caucus and conference.

## MINORITY STUDENT CAUCUS

The Minority Student Caucus (MSC) was initially founded as the Black Student Caucus in 1971 by a group of Black students at the Gillings School of Global Public Health. The founding members of the Caucus created this organization to increase the attention given to health disparities while also advocating for recruitment, support and retention of Black students and faculty at the School. In 1976, the organization changed its name to Minority Student Caucus and expanded its mission.

Today, MSC consists of all students of color at Gillings who wish to join and anyone else who is interested in supporting the Caucus's mission. Since its founding, MSC has been charged with bringing the concerns of people of color to the attention of the school's administration and with working to attract and retain more students and faculty of color to the School. Further, the Minority Student Caucus promotes research, policies and programs aimed at addressing public health issues that affect people of color.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Minority Student Caucus and we are excited to celebrate the past, present and future of the Caucus's activism at the conference this year.

The Minority Student Caucus founded the Minority Health Conference (MHC) in 1977 and has conducted it nearly every year since. The Caucus works with the Gillings community on all levels to advocate for the needs of students of color by developing strategic partnerships and advocating for change. As a member of the Dean's Council at the Gillings School of Global Public Health, MSC is able to have meaningful dialogue with various members of the School's administration in promoting the success and wellbeing of students of color. To accomplish the initiatives of increasing and promoting racial and health equity, the primary goals for MSC are the following:

- To increase recruitment, intake and retention of students and faculty of color
- To ensure the employment of an antiracism focus in the Gillings curriculum
- To develop strategic partnerships across campus and in the community
- To create sustained mechanisms and resources that provide support to students of color

The Minority Student Caucus welcomes you to our 42nd Minority Health Conference and we hope you will join us on this journey towards achieving racial and health equity.



## MINORITY STUDENT CAUCUS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

## Join Us in Celebrating

# 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

MINORITY STUDENT CAUCUS

Join the "Alumni Networking" room during Day 2 breaks\* to connect with past members, build a strong network and have a voice in the future of MSC.

\*Feb. 26th 1:00 - 1:30PM & 2:30 - 3:00PM



## MSC STATEMENT ON ANTI-BLACK RACISM

The Minority Student Caucus continues to stand with those who are fighting for the sanctity of Black lives and rebelling against White supremacy. Months after George Floyd's murder and as we begin a new academic year, we continue to say their names and mourn lives lost to state-sanctioned violence and institutionalized racism, both tools of White supremacy used to oppress Black lives. George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks, Tony McDade, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, David McAtee, Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Botham Jean, Atatiana Jefferson, Philando Castile, Mya Hall, Korryn Gaines, Freddy Gray, Sandra Bland, Trayvon Martin, Tamir Rice, Emmett Till, George Stinney, Aiyana Stanley-Jones, Rekia Boyd and many more. Today, we say what we have known all our lives, but our country fails to recognize: ALL BLACK LIVES MATTER.

As others catch up to reality, Black folx remain excruciatingly aware that this country was built to serve only a privileged few. We take some solace in the fact that individuals, communities and institutions worldwide are now reckoning with systemic racism and having conversations about structural change. However, we know that these conversations are not nearly enough, and that anti-racism is not an end goal but is daily practice. We also recognize the ways that White supremacy works together with patriarchal systems to disproportionately harm Black women, trans and queer lives. With enduring protests in all 50 states and dozens of countries, we are in the midst of a sweeping civil rights movement. It has become abundantly clear that this movement is not just about police brutality or mere survival. It is about Black folx's right to thrive in a country that they built, a country that has only offered that courtesy to White folx since its inception.

The Minority Student Caucus is unequivocally committed to Black students', faculty members' and staff members' right to thrive. We are dedicated to making space for Black folx to live and work without the fear of microaggressions and outright racism within our halls. We are dedicated to the professional and personal development of Black students and facilitating equitable opportunities for advancement. We are dedicated to centering Black communities in our public health practice. We are dedicated to dismantling oppressive systems, within and outside of academia, that have allowed White supremacy to breathe and Black bodies to perish.

As the news channels have turned their attention to other issues and the number of social media posts related to the movement diminish, we want to emphasize that the time for action is now and always. To protect Black health and lives, we must pursue immediate, radical and anti-racist change in criminal justice and carceral systems, education, housing, employment and public health. As such, we ask White, non-Black POC and Gillings as a whole to consider the following questions, and we look forward to your responses in the form of concrete actions undertaken at the individual and institutional levels.

White students, faculty and staff: Acknowledge that because you benefit from White supremacy, you have a responsibility to dismantle it. If you disagree with this, as a public health student or educator, you have the responsibility to spend time educating yourself on racism and White supremacy. Otherwise, your ignorance of these very powerful sociopolitical determinants of health will permeate your work and endanger lives and communities. Ask yourselves: How are you being intentional in learning about racism and White supremacy? How have you yourself been complicit? In what ways do you benefit from White supremacy? What are you willing to sacrifice to dismantle it? How are you applying an anti-racist lens to your public health work and teaching?

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Non-Black students, faculty and staff: Non-Black communities of color also reap the benefits of White supremacy and must reckon with their own history of racism, colorism and casteism. How are you holding yourself accountable? How are you encouraging your peers, families and friends to meaningfully engage with anti-racism? How are you moving beyond optical allyship and building solidarity with Black folx? Remember that you are not exempt from conversations about anti-Blackness in your own communities.

Gillings-wide and departmental leadership: We are always asked to have patience with the pace of change, but the time for change is NOW. It is not hyperbole to say that inaction from public health institutions, including Gillings, is killing us. We need explicit commitments followed by tangible actions across ALL departments to implement and uphold anti-racist practices, attitudes and teaching. Each department needs to work to dismantle systems of oppression to address deeply rooted inequities across the school and the world. Also, the burden of dismantling systems of oppression and addressing racial inequity cannot fall on Black faculty and staff.

Black students, faculty and staff: The Minority Student Caucus stands with you. As we challenge racism in our society and more conversations about race occur, we are experiencing more racialized violence. We urge you to prioritize and take care of your mental and physical health. We hope you have the time and space to find joy, celebrate each of your daily triumphs and thrive. We are always here to support you, so please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We wish there were more resources at UNC for you, but here are some you may find helpful:

- **UNC Initiative for Minority Excellence** •
- **UNC Counseling and Psychological Services**
- **UNC LGBTO Center** •
- Carolina Black Caucus •
- The Loveland Foundation Therapy Fund •
- **Open Path Psychotherapy Collective**
- **Gillings Virtual Student Engagement webpage** •
- Support pods for Black and international students organized by the Gillings Office of • Student Affairs
- **UNC Human Resources**

### In solidarity,

The incoming and outgoing Minority Student Caucus Co-Presidents

- Snigdha Peddireddy, MSC Co-President, 2020-21
- Eliana Armora Langoni, MSC Co-President, 2020-21 •
- Deanie Anyangwe, MSC Co-President, 2019-20 •
- Hailey Mason, MSC Co-President, 2019-20

### August 17, 2020

This statement is undersigned by the 2020-2021 Minority Student Caucus Executive Board members.

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## AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION ENDORSEMENT



February 2021

Dear UNC Minority Health Conference Participants:

On behalf of more than 50,000 members and affiliate members, the American Public Health Association extends warmest wishes to the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Gillings School of Global Public Health on another successful year coordinating the annual Minority Health Conference.

Congratulations to the Minority Student Caucus, Minority Health Conference Co-chairs, planning committee, advisors and all others involved in organizing the 42nd annual Minority Health Conference. Our values at APHA are an extension of our members' beliefs and include science and evidence-based decision making, prevention and wellness, community and health equity—all of which are reflected in the work of the Minority Health Conference. For these reasons, APHA proudly endorses this year's Minority Health Conference.

The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Gillings School of Global Public Health is a tier-one research institution, and the involvement of students is what makes Gillings great. The Minority Health Conference perfectly encapsulates the institution's dedication to its students. As the oldest student-led health conference in the nation, the Minority Health Conference continues to bring salient public health topics to a community of students, researchers and practitioners. This year's theme, "Body & Soul: The Past, Present and Future of Health Activism" is both timely and necessary to everyone in the field of Public Health. I hope you will be able to gain valuable tools and information to help create healthier communities inclusive of all persons.

Congratulations again to all the hard-working students and supporters of the Minority Student Caucus incelebrating 50 years!

Sincerely,

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Georges C. Benjamin, MD Executive Director American Public Health Association

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## 2021 CONFERENCE THEME DESCRIPTION





This year's theme, **Body & Soul: The Past, Present and Future of Health Activism**, is based on the recognition that health does not only refer to one's physical body but rather the whole person. Health activism that challenges systems to create a more equitable and just society has been and continues to be, a forceful presence in the United States. This year's conference seeks to critically examine the structural barriers that reinforce inequities and exclude the experiences of marginalized voices in the policy process. Body and Soul encompasses a holistic view of health, empowers people to find their voices in the activism space and encourages people to use their gifts and skills to advocate for and create change for those in the margins.



## 2021 CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS WELCOME

Dear Conference Attendees,

On behalf of the Minority Student Caucus, the Minority Health Conference Planning Committee and the Gillings School of Global Public Health, we welcome you to the 42nd Annual Minority Health Conference.

In 1971, the Minority Student Caucus was established to draw attention to health inequities and the lack of representation of students and faculty of color here at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. Nearly every year since 1977, we have convened thousands of community members, professionals and students to explore a diverse range of topics that have an impact on minority health. Together, we connect multidisciplinary champions working at the local, regional, national and global levels - and inform communities everywhere.

This year's theme—Body & Soul: The Past, Present and Future of Health Activism—is based on the recognition that health does not only refer to one's physical body but rather the whole person.

The World Health Organization defines health as, "a state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity." There is great significance in acknowledging and tending to individuals' mental and social well-being. It is important that public health work focuses on the whole person rather than just their physical wellbeing. In today's society, the stigmas around mental health are slowly being replaced with people openly talking about their experiences in therapy. Many people rely on their connections with spirituality to improve their health. The conversations about health have become multifaceted and public health work should reflect these changes. Health activism is not a new phenomenon in this country. This year's conference will focus on the activism that is currently taking place in the public health community while paying homage to the activism of those that came before us.

We would like to recognize the work that our outstanding Leadership Team and Planning Committee have done in preparation for the conference despite the many challenges the COVID-19 pandemic brought. Planning a high-quality conference of this magnitude is no easy task, especially while being a student. We are also appreciative of our new and long-standing conference sponsors that have supported and ensured a sustainable conference from year to year.

## 2021 CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS WELCOME



We would like to thank Dean Barbara K. Rimer and the Dean's Office at the Gillings School of Global Public Health for their continued support. To our advisors: Chandra Caldwell, Kauline Cipriani, Trinnette Cooper, Tiffany Farina, Michael Lowery, Charletta Sims Evans, Sara Wajda and Cherelle Whitfield, we are eternally grateful for your guidance and unwavering support as we navigated the planning process. We want to give a huge thank you to the Minority Student Caucus Co-Presidents, Eliana Armora Langoni and Snigdha Peddireddy, for their deep commitment to the mission of the Caucus, steadfast leadership and dedicated support.

In addition, many thanks to the team at the North Carolina Institute for Public Health, O.J. McGhee, Elizabeth French, Matthew Chamberlain and the entire Gillings Communications team. Without their help, the logistics and sustainability of this conference would not be possible.

Finally, to the conference sponsors, conference attendees, breakout session speakers, exhibitors and poster presenters, we are thankful for your support and enthusiasm towards the conference's vision. Your passion for and commitment to racial justice and health equity is an indispensable factor in the success and sustainability of the conference.

With gratitude,

Rachel Singley

Rachel Singley Department of Health Policy & Management Minority Health Conference Co-Chair

Shewit Weldense

Shewit Weldense Department of Health Policy & Management Minority Health Conference Co-Chair

### FIRST AMENDMENT STATEMENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY

All sponsored speaking engagements at the University fall under the protection of free speech laws and policies. The University is governed by the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment, the North Carolina Restore Free Speech Act, enacted by the General Assembly in 2017, and the campus Facilities Use Policy. Additionally, providing a free speech forum for a range of ideas is part of the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health's commitment to inclusion.

We would like to remind everyone attending the conference to please remain respectful of fellow attendees and our speakers. Individuals who disrupt the event by interfering with the protected rights of attendees or speakers will be asked to leave.



## MINORITY HEALTH CONFERENCE 2021 PLANNING COMMITTEE

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## VIRTUAL PLATFORM GUIDE

### **Know Before You Go**

To help you get ready for the 2021 Minority Health Virtual Conference on February 25 and 26, we've included a list of things to know before you go. This important information will help make your experience at the virtual conference a success!

### VIRTUAL CONFERENCE PREP

Please review the system requirements and set up your machine several days prior to your session. Please select and prepare the space where you will engage in the event. Company and exhibitor representatives have the option of requesting a video chat, so you'll want to make sure your setting and background are appropriate, as well as ensure it will be quiet without interruptions.

### HOW TO ATTEND A VIRTUAL MEETING

To attend a virtual meeting on the Pathable platform, we strongly recommend using Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge browsers. Due to limitations within Zoom, attendees in Safari, Firefox, or other browsers may have to dial in via telephone in order to hear the meeting audio. Telephone dial-in numbers are provided once you join the broadcast. Alternatively, you can also start the broadcast, then click the link in the lower-left corner in order to open the meeting within the Zoom program. A wired connection will be more stable than Wi-Fi. It is a great idea to have a hot spot just in case there are any issues.

### WHAT TO WEAR

The keynotes are webinar and the breakouts are meetings so in breakouts participants can be seen and heard if they wish to have their camera and microphone on. Private Meetings and Career Expo all have face to face video capabilities, so dress professionally in case an exhibitor representative wants to engage in a video chat with you.

### SHARE ON SOCIAL!

Share your virtual conference experience on social media using #MHC2021 #BodyAndSoul #HealthActivism Connect with us on <u>Facebook | Twitter | Instagram</u>

### CANCELLATION POLICY

No refunds are available on cancellations starting February 11. All sales are final after that date. All tickets are non-transferable. If you cancel your registration, then you will no longer have access to the community networking app.



## VIRTUAL PLATFORM GUIDE

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

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Alternatively, you can also start the broadcast, then click the link in the lower-left corner in order to open the meeting within the Zoom program.

### 2. What happens if I have connectivity issues?

If you're watching a video and lose connectivity, then you will have to sign back into the video. However, you will also have access to what you missed.

### 3. Who do I contact if I have technical issues during the conference?

There will be a "Support" link in the navigation bar during the conference.

### 4. Will I be on video during the sessions?

The speaker and workshop sessions are webinar-style - only the speakers are seen/heard. The private meetings and the Exhibitor booth sessions are all meetings - video/audio is available for all participants. Be prepared to be on video for private meetings and during the Exhibitor booth.

### 5. How do I access sessions, messaging tools, etc.?

From the desktop site navigate to Schedule > Agenda to access the full Schedule

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### 6. How can I schedule 1:1 or group meetings?

From the main navigation menu, select People > Attendees/Speakers. Find the person you'd like to connect with and click the three dots symbol (···) next to their name. Select "Schedule Meeting". Click the drop down next to an individual and select 'Schedule meeting'. From the meeting scheduler page, you will be able to add additional people to your meeting, view each participant's calendar, and select a meeting date and time that works for you. You can title the meeting and add a short description before sending the invitation to the participants.

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In short, you'll select the person or people with whom you'd like to meet:

- 7. When can I join a session I am planning to attend? Attendees can join the session beginning I minute prior to the start time.
- 8. Will I have access to the presentation material after the session concludes? Presentation materials will be available until February 2022 (1 year from event date).
- 9. How long will recorded sessions be available on-demand after the event? On-demand recordings will be available until February 2022 (1 year from event date).



## **CONFERENCE AGENDA**

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020

3:00 PM - 3:20 PM	WELCOME/GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING Rachel Singley & Shewit Weldense, UNC MHC Co-Chairs
3:20 PM - 3:25 PM	ANNOUNCEMENT: INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE OF THE ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD Dr. Stephanie Baker
3:25 PM - 4:25 PM	VICTOR J. SCHOENBACH KEYNOTE: Interview with Dr. Sharrelle Barber, Assistant Professor & Social Epidemiologist at Dornsife School of Public Health (Interviewer: Dr. Kristin Z. Black)
4:25 PM - 4:55 PM	AUDIENCE Q&A WITH DR. BARBER Moderator: Rachel Singley
4:55 PM - 5:00 PM	CLOSING REMARKS Rachel Singley & Shewit Weldense, UNC MHC Co-Chairs

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020

#### 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

### **BILL C. JENKINS WELCOMING REMARKS**

Welcome/General Housekeeping/UNC Gillings MHC Co-Chair Remarks
Rachel Singley & Shewit Weldense, UNC MHC Co-Chairs
Indigenous Land Acknowledgement
UNC Gillings Minority Student Caucus Remarks
Eliana Armora Langoni & Snigdha Peddireddy, UNC MSC Co-Presidents
UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health Remarks
Dr. Barbara Rimer, Dean of Gillings School of Global Public Health
UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health Remarks &
Introduction of William T. Small Jr. Keynote
Dr. Kauline Cipriani, Associate Dean for Inclusive Excellence at the
Gillings School of Global Public Health

18 42nd Annual Minority Health Conference

## **CONFERENCE AGENDA**



11:30AM - 12:30 PM	WILLIAM T. SMALL JR. KEYNOTE Dr. Wizdom Powell, Director of the Health Disparities Institue & Associate Professor of Psychiatry at UConn Health
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	AUDIENCE Q&A WITH DR. POWELL
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	BREAK - EXHIBITORS/POSTERS/NETWORKING SESSION
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	<ul> <li>BREAKOUT SESSIONS #1</li> <li>Storytelling as Activism: Mind, Body, and Soul Documentary and Discussion</li> <li>Danita Mason-Hogans, Mandella Younge, Kayla Bryant &amp; Akanke Mason- Hogans</li> <li>A Conversation About Moving Towards Decolonization: Global Perspectives</li> <li>Anu Kumar, Allysha Maragh-Bass, &amp; Shehnaz Munshi</li> <li>Centering Community Health Worker Voices in Health Activism and Pandemic Response: CNNC's Immigrant Health Access Project</li> <li>Kelsey White, Vung Ksor, Abdoul-Raoufou Ousmane, Evelyn Rodriguez, &amp; Lilian Levyi</li> <li>Community Supported Agriculture and Black Farming</li> <li>Kendrick Ransome &amp; Kamal Bell</li> <li>Who Cares for the Activist? Trauma &amp; Triumphs</li> <li>Arlinda Ellison, Shanae Godley, &amp; Tonya J. Lynch</li> </ul>
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	BREAK - EXHIBITORS/POSTERS/NETWORKING SESSION
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<ul> <li>BREAKOUT SESSIONS #2</li> <li>Activism at the Crux of Medicine and Data</li> <li>Courtni Andrews, Bernadette Lim, Nchedochukwu Ezeokoli &amp; Lisa Clinton</li> <li>Back to the Basics: An Indigenous Perspective on Holistic Health</li> <li>Ryan Dial Stanley &amp; Jesalyn Keziahi</li> <li>More than Checkboxes: Data Justice and the Importance of Affirming</li> <li>LGBTQ+ Identities &amp; Experiences in Practice</li> <li>Hillary K. Hecht, JP Przewoznik, Stephanie Hernandez, Gray Rodgers &amp; Yoona Shin</li> <li>Activism in Action: Evolution of the Minority Student Caucus of the</li> <li>UNC Gillings School of Clobal Public Health</li> <li>Victor J. Schoenbach, Anita Holmes, John Hatch, Walter Isaacs, &amp; Delton Atkinson</li> <li>At The Intersection: Redefining Health as a Public Good</li> <li>Brian Kennedy and Marion Johnson</li> </ul>
4:00 PM - 4:15 PM	CLOSING REMARKS Rachel Singley & Shewit Weldense, UNC MHC Co-Chairs



## THURSDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### SHARRELLE BARBER, ScD, MPH 10th Annual Victor J. Schoenbach Keynote Interview

Sharrelle Barber, ScD, MPH is a social epidemiologist whose research focuses on the intersection of "place, race and health" and examines the role of structural racism in shaping racial health inequities among Blacks in the Southern United States and Brazil. Dr. Barber has authored peer-reviewed articles in leading journals including the American Journal of Public Health and Social Science and Medicine. Over the past 5 years, she has served as Principle Investigator on several externally-funded research projects and has secured over \$2.5 million dollars in funding from the National Institutes of Health, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the American Heart Association. Dr. Barber has also lectured and taught nationally



and internationally about the impact of racism on health inequities. In the Fall of 2020, she was appointed by the Dean of the Drexel Dornsife School of Public Health to serve as chair of the planning committee charged to establish a Center on Racism and Health which will launch in 2021 with a generous \$9 million gift from Dana and David Dornsife.

During the COVD-19 pandemic, Dr. Barber has been funded to examine the impact of racism and segregation on racial inequities in COVID-19 in Philadelphia and is a part of a research collaboration between the Drexel Urban Health Collaborative and the Big Cities Health Coalition examining COVID-19 inequities in the 30 largest cities in the US. Dr. Barber has also provided expert commentary on the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 in Black communities for local, national, and international media outlets including the NY Times, Smithsonian Magazine, the Philadelphia Inquirer, NPR and Al Jazeera. In March, she convened a group of public health experts from Harvard (FXB Center for Health and Human Rights), UCLA (Center for the Study of Racism, Social Justice, and Health), and other academic institutions across the country to serve as an advisory committee to the Poor People's Campaign, providing justice-centered public health expertise for the movement as it engaged in collective action and advocacy.

Dr. Barber is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and the Urban Health Collaborative at the Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health and a faculty affiliate of the Center for the Study of Racism, Social Justice and Health at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. Dr. Barber received a Doctor of Science degree in Social Epidemiology from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, a Master of Public Health from the UNC-Chapel Hill Gillings School of Global Public Health, and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Bennett College. As a scholar-activist, Dr. Barber is committed to using her scholarship to make the invisible, visible; mobilize data for action; and contribute to the transnational dialogue around racism and health inequities.

## FRIDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER





### WIZDOM POWELL, PhD, MPH 23rd Annual William T. Small Keynote Lecture

Wizdom Powell is Director of the Health Disparities Institute and Associate Professor of Psychiatry at The University of Connecticut. Formerly, Dr. Powell spent over a decade at UNC-Chapel Hill's Gillings School of Global Public Health where she held a tenured appointment in the Department of Health Behavior and was Research Associate Professor and Associate Director of the Center for Health Equity Research in the Department of Social Medicine.

In February 2010, Powell gave invited testimony before the President's Cancer Panel (PCP) on physician communication with minority patients and its impact on their mistrust and use of health care. The PCP used her testimony to recommend na-

trust and use of health care. The PCP used her testimony to recommend national strategies for eliminating cancer disparities to President Obama. In 2011-2012, she was appointed by President Obama to serve as a White House Fellow to Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta. In this role, she provided subject matter expertise on Military Mental Health (e.g., PTSD, Suicide and Military Sexual Trauma). Her community-based research focuses on of the role of modern racism and gender norms on African American male health outcomes and healthcare inequities.

She has published numerous peer-reviewed articles and book chapters including ones in the American Journal of Public Health, PLOS One, Journal of General Internal Medicine, Behavioral Medicine, and Child Development. In addition to being a White House Fellow, she is an American Psychological Association (APA) Minority, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Kaiser Permanente Burch Leadership, Institute of African American Research and Ford Foundation Fellow who received a Ph.D. and M.S. in Clinical Psychology and M.P.H. from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. She serves as chair of the APA's workgroup on Health Disparities in Boys and Men and cochair of the Health Committee for President Obama's My Brother's Keeper Initiative in Durham County.

In recognition of her public service to boys and men, she received the American Psychological Association's (D51) Distinguished Professional Service Award. In 2015, she received the prestigious Phillip and Ruth Hettleman Prize for Outstanding Artistic and Scholarly Achievement by Young Faculty. Dr. Powell was awarded a 2017 academic writing residency at the Bellagio Center from the Rockefeller Foundation. During this highly competitive residency, Dr. Powell worked with other global leaders on collaborative strategies for transforming social and healthcare system land-scapes to address gendered health Inequities among vulnerable males. She was selected as a Health Innovator Fellow by the Aspen Institute and elected to serve as the 2019 President-Elect of



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the Division for the Psychological Study of Men & Masculinities at the APA. Most recently, she received the Connecticut Psychological Associations Distinguished Contributions to Psychological Science Award and was named one of the 25 Essential Voices in Black mental health.

### About Dr. Powell's Lecture

### Working in the Shadows of Eunice Rivers: Recitations on igniting radical healing and holding space for Black male health equity

COVID-19 (Coronavirus-19) is excavating and exposing bones buried in basements of America's health systems and public health infrastructures. As documented in these books, *Medical Apartheid, An American Health Dilemma* and *Bones in the Basement*, Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) tell harrowing stories of collective intergenerational trauma, medical malice, exploitation, postmortem desecration, forced sterilization and delegitimized pain – open wounds at the root of current healthcare inequities. These uncertain and revolting times present an opportunity for our nation to heal these wounds and dismantle centuries of suffering inflicted by institutional racism. The syndemics of COVID-19 and racism, coupled with long-standing racial inequities, reveal the need to reimagine systems rooted in healing justice. This need is especially pronounced for Black males who experience disproportionately high exposure to racism including, as evidenced by the tragic death of George Floyd.

Radical healing is the antidote to racial injustice. It is the medicine that promotes wholeness and integration of body and soul in the face of identity-based "wounds." These wounds include those sustained by racist policies and practices, including exclusion from citizenship and the polity, extreme violence by those paid to serve and protect and provision of substandard medical care. Addressing these wounds among Black males during periods of heightened social divisiveness requires new mental models, frameworks, and engagement strategies. This talk introduces Radical Healing as a framework for advancing health equity for boys and men of color (e.g., Black males). Dr. Powell will discuss the population health importance, especially for Black-women-scholar-activists, of re-membering the past, redressing epistemic violence and disrupting future systemic dehumanization of Black males.

## **GUEST SPEAKER**



### **DR. KRISTIN BLACK** INTERVIEW MODERATOR

Kristin Z. Black, PhD, MPH, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Education and Promotion at East Carolina University. Dr. Black's career commitment is to utilize community-based participation and racial equity approaches to understand and address inequities in chronic disease and reproductive health outcomes. Currently, she serves as the vice-chair of the University of North Carolina School of Public Health Alumni Association Advisory Board, member of the Greensboro Health Disparities Collaborative, board member of Sisters Network Greensboro NC and president-elect of the Society for the Analysis of African American Public Health Issues.

Dr. Black received her MPH (2011) and PhD (2016) in Maternal and Child Health from the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. She also completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Gillings through the Department of Health Behavior's Cancer Health Disparities Postdoctoral Program. As a student at Gillings, Dr. Black had the honor of serving as the co-president of the Minority Student Caucus (2011-2012), co-chair of the Minority Health Conference (2010-2011) and chair of the Minority Health Conference Broadcast Committee (2009-2010).

She and her husband, Mensah Webb, live in Greenville, North Carolina with their daughter and pitbull/cattle dog.





## BREAKOUT SESSIONS #1 OVERVIEW



#### STORYTELLING AS ACTIVISM: MIND, BODY AND SOUL DOCU-MENTARY AND DISCUSSION

**Speakers:** Danita Mason-Hogans, Mandella Younge, Kayla Bryant & Akanke Mason-Hogans



A CONVERSATION ABOUT MOVING TOWARDS DECOLONIZATION: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES Speakers: Anu Kumar, Allysha Maragh-Bass & Shehnaz Munshi



#### CENTERING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER VOICES IN HEALTH ACTIVISM & PANDEMIC RESPONSE Speakers: Kelsey White, Vung Ksor, Abdoul-Raoufou Ousmane,

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COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE AND BLACK FARMING Speakers: Kendrick Ransome & Kamal Bell



WHO CARES FOR THE ACTIVIST? TRAUMA & TRIUMPHS Speakers: Arlinda Ellison, Shanae Godley & Tonya J. Lynch





## BREAKOUT SESSIONS #2 OVERVIEW

ACTIVISM AT THE CRUX OF MEDICINE & DATA Speakers: Courtni Andrews, Bernadette Lim,

Nchedochukwu Ezeokoli & Lisa Clinton



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BACK TO THE BASICS: AN INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVE ON HOLISTIC HEALTH Speakers: Ryan Dial Stanley & Jesalyn Keziah



MORE THAN CHECKBOXES: DATA JUSTICE & IMPORTANCE OF AFFIRMING LGBTQ+ IDENTITIES & EXPERIENCES IN PRACTICE Speakers: Hillary K. Hecht, JP Przewoznik, Stephanie Hernandez, Gray Rodgers & Yoona Shin



ACTIVISM IN ACTION: EVOLUTION OF THE MINORITY STUDENT CAUCUS OF UNC GILLINGS SCHOOL OF GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH Speakers: Victor J. Schoenbach, Anita Holmes, John Hatch, Walter Isaacs & Delton Atkinson



AT THE INTERSECTION: REDEFINING HEALTH AS A PUBLIC GOOD Speakers: Brian Kennedy & Marion Johnson





### STORYTELLING AS ACTIVISM: MIND, BODY AND SOUL DOCUMENTARY AND DISCUSSION

**Speakers:** Danita Mason-Hogans, Mandella Younge, Kayla Bryant & Akanke Mason-Hogans

### SESSION TYPE: PRESENTATION, DOCUMENTARY SHOWING, PANEL

"Mind, Body and Soul" is a collaborative project created by a youth-led group of intergenerational Black women hailing from universities across the South. Highlighting the untold stories of local Black women healthcare workers at UNC, this documentary project will bring together the oral histories of Black health activism efforts in the early and mid-1900s. In addition to telling these stories, "Mind, Body and Soul" highlights the story of Nurse Compton, a grassroots public health organizer, who planned and facilitated a clean-up campaign in Chapel Hill, taking care of community members suffering from measles, whooping cough, and TB. Produced in Spring 2020, this documentary will be shown for the first time at the 2021 Minority Health Conference, followed by a panel discussion and presentations by documentary team members. Panel members include Danita Mason-Hogans, Mandella Younge, Kayla Bryant, Marissa Butler and Akanke Mason-Hogans.

### Danita Mason-Hogans

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Danita Mason-Hogans is a native of Chapel Hill, NC with seven generations of "movement people" on both sides of her family. She is a curriculum specialist and has been an education activist for over thirty years. She serves as the Program Manager at Duke University's Center for Documentary Studies for the Critical Oral Histories Component. Her recent projects include a TED talk on the importance of local history, collaboration with the Chapel Hill Civil Rights Task Force, a podcast on Chapel Hill history with the Town of Chapel Hill, a book collaboration project on voting rights written by Tim Tyson, author of The Blood of Emmett Till, four documentaries on women in the local movement, partnership projects with Duke, UNC and North Carolina A&T State University to name a few. She describes the Critical Oral History methodology in her TEDTalk and uses the methodology in her work with school systems, universities, activists and historians to document local and national history from the "inside out" and from the "bottom up". Her current advocation is for a no cost education program and cost-free college tuition for the descendants of the enslaved laborers at UNC.



### Mandella Younge

Mandella Younge is a podcaster and historian specializing in oral history. This is her second year working with the Chapel Hill Public Library's community history team working to record and preserve Chapel Hill's community history "from the bottom up." She is also an associate producer of the Re/Collecting Chapel Hill podcast. Prior to her joining the library, she processed oral histories of influential African Americans with The HistoryMakers nonprofit in Chicago. Younge is a graduate of Northwestern University.

### Kayla Bryant

Kayla Bryant is a Durham native currently in her third year at Spelman College. She has a special passion for documentary film and photography. As a Spanish major and International Studies minor, Bryant is able to study and embrace various cultures. Her cultural interests fuel the unique eye she brings to film and photography projects. Bryant believes in the importance of lifting up voices that are often silenced, which is why she thoroughly enjoyed working on this project that empowers the Black female voices of the Civil Rights Movement in Chapel Hill.

### Akanke Mason-Hogans

Akanke Mason-Hogans is a sophomore Cheatham-White Scholar in the department of Chemical Engineering at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro. A Chapel Hill native, she was born into a tradition of social justice organizers, having followed the work of her parents and grandparents in organizing for racial justice in the South since the age of fourteen. Since then, Akanke's organizing efforts have been in the arts, education and voting rights. Her work centers around intersectionality and the importance of storytelling and uncovering untold narratives. She is passionate about incorporating equitable practices into traditional research, and she hopes through her continuing efforts within this inclusive organizing framework, she can contribute to the real progress needed for social justice to grow.





## A CONVERSATION ABOUT MOVING TOWARDS DECOLONIZATION: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

Speakers: Anu Kumar, Allysha Maragh-Bass & Shehnaz Munshi

### SESSION TYPE: OPEN DIALOGUE AND Q&A

A Conversation About Moving Towards Decolonization: Global Perspectives will feature Dr. Allysha Maragh-Bass moderating a dialogue with Dr. Anu Kumar and Ms. Shehnaz Munshi. The speakers will share their perspectives on the decolonization of global health in their own work, their definition of community, and strategies to encourage critical self-awareness and self-consciousness among institutions to address power imbalances. Following this discussion, the speakers will invite audience members to engage in an open discussion and a Q&A session. The purpose of this conversation is to challenge audience members to think critically about their own perceptions of global health, the meaning of community, and institutional power imbalances rooted in colonial structures and white supremacy culture.

### Anu Kumar

Dr. Anu Kumar is the President and CEO of Ipas, an international reproductive health and rights organization that focuses on access to contraception and abortion. Dr. Kumar is internationally recognized as an advocate for women's rights and a thought leader in global health. She holds masters' degrees in public health and anthropology, and a doctorate in medical anthropology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her undergraduate education was at the University of California, Berkeley. Prior to joining Ipas, Dr. Kumar worked at the World Health Organization's Reproductive Health Research Division in Geneva and spent seven years at the Macarthur Foundation in their Population and Reproductive Health Program. She is widely published in peer reviewed journals and popular media on topics such as abortion stigma and decolonizing global health. Her Twitter handle is @AnuKumarIpas.

### Shehnaz Munshi

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Shehnaz Munshi is a HPSR researcher, occupational therapist, Emerging Voice (2018) and Senior Atlantic Fellow for Health Equity at Tekano. Currently she is the Project Manager for the Sheiham Family/Wits program on social determinants of health and health equity in the University of the Witwatersrand School of Public Health. She serves on the steering committee of the People's Health Movement, UK. She is the cofounder of African Health Futures, an initiative aimed at re-imagining health systems drawing on transformative, indigenous, feminist approaches to achieve health equity and social justice. Her Twitter handle is @shehnazmunshi.



### Allysha Maragh-Bass (Moderator)

Dr. Allysha C. Maragh-Bass is a Scientist I with 15 years of research experience in Behavioral, Epidemiological and Clinical Sciences, based at FHI 360, a large NGO. She completed her PhD at Johns Hopkins University and a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard University. She is a trained Social/ Behavioral Scientist and has conducted research as a Domestic Scholar with the HIV Prevention Trials Network (HPTN) in communities of color in the US. She is also a Visiting Assistant Professor with the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies at UC San Francisco, and an Adjunct Professor at the Duke Global Health Institute. Dr. Maragh-Bass has expertise in HIV/AIDS, health equity, and mixed methodology. She has worked in health care settings from primary care to surgery and across the minority health spectrum. In 2020, Dr. Maragh-Bass began convening discussions about principles of decolonization and global health equity at FHI 360 which are open to all levels of global FHI 360 staff including trainees placed at her NGO.





### CENTERING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER VOICES IN HEALTH ACTIVISM & PANDEMIC RESPONSE: CNNC'S IMMIGRANT HEALTH ACCESS PROJECT

**Speakers:** Kelsey White, Vung Ksor, Abdoul-Raoufou (Raouf) Ousmane, Evelyn Rodriguez & Lilian Levyi

### SESSION TYPE: PANEL

This session features current Community Health Workers with the Immigrant Health Access-Project (IHAP) at UNC Greensboro's Center for New North Carolinians (CNNC). These multilingual CHWs partner closely with immigrant and refugee communities to ensure equitable access to health services and other resources key to health and wellbeing. In particular, we will discuss the far-reaching impact of Covid-19 and pandemic response on the bodies, minds, and souls of the community members we serve. Objectives for this session are to:

- 1. Describe IHAP's overall framework (outreach and engagement, cultural brokering and health literacy, care coordination and case management, language access, social support and advocacy)
- 2. Discuss the particular challenges faced by immigrants and refugees during Covid-19 and how we have adapted to pandemic response
- 3. Share recent examples and stories of impact from our work
- 4. Create space for attendee questions and dialogue

### Kelsey White

Kelsey White was born in rural South Carolina and studied Spanish at Maryville College in East Tennessee. She discovered her passion for Spanish language and Latin American culture while traveling and living in Venezuela, Honduras, Mexico, Chile, and Colombia. She is a proud public health social worker who loves supporting Habitat & Access Program (IHAP)'s team of dedicated Community Health Workers to promote health equity alongside immigrant communities in the Southeast. Kelsey envisions a world where health is rooted in resilience, social justice, creativity,

### Vung Ksor

Vung Ksor was born in a small Montagnard village in the Central Highlands of Vietnam and came to the United States as a young teenager. She struggled with this new country just like many other newcomers. As IHAP's Refugee Health Coordinator, she is now a community leader who assists others in the Montagnard community with navigating barriers to healthcare and other resources. Vung is a sought-after interpreter who speaks Jarai, Rhade, and Vietnamese. She has been actively involved in the Montagnard Dega Association and the Montagnard American Organization, as well as various research projects on Montagnard health disparities and traditional health practices.



### Abdoul-Raoufou (Raouf) Ousmane

Raouf Ousmane was born in the Central African Republic and lived in Cameroon and Egypt before resettling in Greensboro in 2018. Raouf speaks Sango, Fula, Arabic, and French, and has prior experience serving refugees and migrants with International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Egypt. As IHAP's Program Associate, Raouf conducts health outreach, provides interpreting services, and works as a community organizer to promote the integration of immigrants and refugees. Raouf feels satisfied with helping people. He enjoys meeting new people and talking to them. Most importantly, Raouf sees his position as a learning opportunity because he is always learning from the people he serves. In the future, Raouf hopes to do more outreach for the whole family to support community members in all aspects of their wellbeing, beyond healthcare services.

### **Evelyn Rodriguez**

Evelyn Rodriguez joined IHAP in 2020 as a Community Health Worker after 12 years in various roles at the Guilford County Health Department. She holds a master's degree in School Counseling from NC A&T University. Evelyn currently focuses on dental health. She is embedded with the Guilford Adult Dental clinic, where she provides interpretation and care coordination for uninsured Spanish speakers. Evelyn loves being involved with the community and learning new things. She has been an important source of information and support to community members seeking dental care during the pandemic. Evelyn looks forward to expanding her role at CNNC beyond interpreting and learning more about all of the communities we serve.

### Lilian Levyi

Lilian Levyi has been a Community Health Worker with IHAP since December 2018. Lilian moved to the U.S. from Spain four years ago, and since then has been involved in the community, first as a volunteer at the Latino Family Center and later as a Community Health Worker and interpreter with the CNNC. Having lived in several different countries, Lilian understands some of the challenges that come with moving countries and becoming accustomed to a new culture. She enjoys helping people and connecting them to helpful resources available in the community. Lilian hopes healthcare becomes accessible for everyone in the future regardless of status, origin, and income. Lilian speaks Spanish and Turkish.





### COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE AND BLACK FARMING

Speakers: Kendrick Ransome & Kamal Bell

### SESSION TYPE: PRESENTATION AND Q&A

During this session you will learn about the journeys of Kendrick Ransome of Golden Organic Farm and Kamal Bell of Sankofa Farms. Join in to hear about their journeys into agriculture and their plans to build their receptive communities!

### Kamal Bell

As the owner of <u>Sankofa Farms</u>, a 12-acre farm launched through a USDA Farm Service Agency's Direct Farm Ownership loan, Kamal works to improve food policy throughout the triangle. This agriculture-based program aims to improve the perception of both STEM and agriculturally related professions through the exposure to agricultural technology while improving financial independence, career readiness and nutrition literacy. From introducing students to high level farming techniques to managing 40 beehives, the farm has garnered both national and local attention from Forbes Magazine, The News and Observer, <u>Earth Eats</u> and ABC news. Currently a doctoral student at NC State in the Agriculture Extension Education program, Kamal holds a B.S. in animal industry/animal science, and a master's degree in agricultural education from NC A&T State University.

### Kendrick Ransome

To learn more about Kendrick and his work at Golden Organic Farm LLC, go to his website here.





### WHO CARES FOR THE ACTIVIST? TRAUMA AND TRIUMPS

Speakers: Dr. Arlinda Ellison, Shanae Godley & Tonya J. Lynch

### SESSION TYPE: PANEL

Activists are the unsung heroes of "moving the needle" towards change. When one visually examines the historical highlights of civil rights era activism through the current Black Lives Matter activism, what is mainly seen are scores of youth and young adults representing Black, Indigenous, and other groups of color. The day-to-day stressors and trauma of just being a "minority" in America, combined with the toll of activism, leaves the potential for physical, emotional and mental health challenges. A holistic approach to health and daily living is recommended to increase longevity, and longevity (or endurance) is necessary for activism. 2020 saw a country galvanized into action focused on issues of life and death, specifically among Blacks.

While the growing acknowledgement for change is long overdue, it has opened a new chapter of "accidental activism." Without proper focus on the unique nature of this position and the tools to address associated fatigue and secondary trauma, we face the potential for added burnout of the collective and the rippling effects of acute stress. This presentation directly aligns with the World Health Organization's definition of health, as its intended focus and outcomes is the ability of activists, and allies alike, to reach the "state of complete physical, mental and social well-being..." through social change and a holistic and trauma-informed lifestyle approach. As this conference acknowledges the importance of mental and social well-being, we hope to raise awareness of the intersections of health, art, and social activism.

### Arlinda Ellison

Dr. Arlinda Ellison is a certified holistic health coach and public health consultant with 20 years of experience in public health education and community-engagement. Arlinda has co-authored several manuscripts and a book chapter that focus on HIV prevention, community-based participatory research and community-academic partnerships in a rural eastern NC community. She holds a BS in Biology from Elizabeth City State University, an MS in Human Sciences from North Carolina Central University and a Doctorate of Health Sciences from A.T. Still University. Currently, Arlinda is an Adjunct Instructor with Legacy Holistic Health Institute and has membership and board affiliation with various professional organizations.



### Shanae Godley

Shanae Godley has served over 15 years in Public Health. She is a strategist and capacity builder who desires to help strengthen the public health infrastructure. Shanae is the founder of Opulent By Design, LLC, a consulting company that provides training and coaching opportunities for the growth and development of community-based organizations and leaders. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Health Education & Promotion and Master of Public Health degree from East Carolina University. Shanae has dedicated her life to improving the health of people and building the capacity of organizations in Eastern North Carolina through education, training, resource building and partnership development. She is a Program Consultant with the NC Division of Public Health and a Mental Health First Aid Instructor. In addition to her work in public health, Shanae volunteers her time with youth-focused organizations and serves on the grants committee for the Pitt County Education Foundation, which provides classroom grants to teachers throughout the county. She currently resides in Greenville with her husband and 3 amazing kids.

### Tonya J. Lynch

Tonya Jefferson Lynch is Executive Director of The Black Light Project, a non-profit organization that uses the power of the art of photography and videography to share the narratives of Black men in our communities. The project recently partnered with the City of Rocky Mount to produce the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation's Public Arts Initiative Grant; and recently was named a Starling Collective grant recipient through the Giving Tuesday foundation. Tonya is a graduate of East Carolina University, with a Bachelor of Science in Speech and Hearing Communications and a Master of Arts degree in English, focusing on Technical and Professional Communications. In addition to her work in arts and media, Tonya sits on the newly formed North Carolina Black Entrepreneur's Council, founded by NC IDEA. She also volunteers her time and services to several local communications, ty organizations. She is a wife and proud parent to 8 children, ages 5 to 20.



### **ACTIVISM AT THE CRUX OF MEDICINE & DATA**

**Speakers:** Courtni Andrews, Bernadette Lim, Nchedochukwu Ezeokoli, & Lisa Clinton

### SESSION TYPE: MODERATED PANEL

Activism is a core component of health. Without advocacy and justice, we cannot truly begin to heal from centuries of marginalization. How do we incorporate activism in our role as leaders in health? Whether they practice medicine, organize for healing justice, or push for decolonized data, our panelists explore their own theory and practice working at the intersection of medicine, data, and activism. Attendees will be able to ask the panelists questions during the session.

### **Courtni Andrews**

Courtni is a public health practitioner, movement scientist and an aspiring public health physician. While Courtni works as an ORISE Fellow in the Office of Minority Health and Health Equity (OMHHE) in the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Courtni is currently an organizer with the Campaign Against Racism and Social Medicine Consortium under EqualHealth, a global community of health professionals, educators and activists dedicated to the fight for health equity which transcends borders. She is also a co-founder of the Data for Black Lives Atlanta Hub and the Racial Equity Lead in the Global Shapers Atlanta Hub.

### Bernadette Lim

Bernadette (Bernie) Lim is a Creator, Healer, and Warrior rooted in Filipinx-Toisan ancestral journeys. She is the founder of the Freedom Community Clinic, the Freedom School for Intersectional Medicine and Health Justice, and Woke WOC Docs Podcast and co-founder of the Institute for Healing and Justice in Medicine. By day, she is a 4th year medical student at UCSF School of Medicine and recent Masters graduate through the Joint Medical Program, a dual degree program with the UC Berkeley School of Public Health. Bernie seeks to re-create new systems of health, healing and justice that provide whole-person care and honor each person's body, mind and spirit.



### Nchedochukwu Ezeokoli

Nchedochukwu Ezeokoli is a writer, emerging healing justice organizer/activist and politicized healer born in Nigeria and raised in California. They are a co-founder/hub leader for the Data for Black Lives Atlanta Hub. Their interests lie within the intersections of data, policy and health as it relates to African indigenous and holistic health, health equity and the arts, culture and stories of Black marginalized communities. Nchedochukwu holds a Bachelors of Science in Science, Technology and Society and a minor in African studies from Stanford University and a Masters in Public Health from Emory University in Community Health and Development.

### Lisa Clinton

Lisa is a Regional Bailout Coordinator, Ancestor channel, Hoodoo practitioner, Sex Doula, Lead hub member for Data 4 Black Lives, Metaphysician, Minister, S.O.N.G.'s Regional Bail Out Coordinator and Antagonist of the system amongst other things. Born and raised in San Francisco, CA, Lisa has a deep love for her people—Black people—because she grew up being nurtured, affirmed, loved deeply and taught by Black folk struggling through oppression. She struggled four decades in the same systems of oppression, specifically in the prison industrial complex and she believes that one of the many reasons she's here is to project her voice as a formerly incarcerated Black Womxn whose voices and experiences need to be centered.

Lisa has survived decades of trauma due to the prison industrial complex only to become a medicine woman of truth and deep empathy. Lisa is always ready to be a s\*\*\* starter for her people... so let's start some s\*\*\*!!

"If you don't love the people, sooner or later you're going to betray the people" – Nehanda Isoke Abiodun





#### BACK TO THE BASICS: AN INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVE ON HOLISTIC HEALTH

Speakers: Ryan Dial Stanley & Jesalyn Keziah

#### SESSION TYPE: PRESENTATION AND Q&A

This workshop is meant to give the participants a deeper understanding of the idea of Holistic medicine. For years Indigenous people have used this ideology in their communities and teachings. Through this discussion we will explore how today's native peoples in North Carolina are still using this knowledge to better our communities. We will begin by deconstructing the meaning of Holistic Medicine using Indigenous teachings passed down through generations. Next we will examine today's ongoing public health crisis and assess its effects on other aspects of the public's health, not just physical health. In the end we will give current examples of how many tribes in NC are using this past knowledge to better their communities and their people. The goals of this workshop is to provide participants with a basic understanding of Holistic Health, discuss how indigenous peoples have used this knowledge in the past, and learn how current tribes are using this knowledge in their own communities today. This workshop is not intended to only be a lecture, we want to create a space for an open discussion and appreciate the listeners participation and their individual backgrounds. Towards the end of the discussion, there will be ample time for a question and answer portion so we can ensure all participants were able to grasp all the concepts being discussed.

### **Ryan Dial Stanley**

Ryan Dial-Stanley is a member of the Lumbee tribe of North Carolina and is currently a Medical Laboratory Scientist at UNC Medical Center. Ryan graduated from UNC with a Bachelor of Science in Clinical Lab Science and a minor in American Indian and Indigenous Studies. He is currently working towards a Master's of Clinical Lab Science at UNC School of Medicine. For the majority of his life, Ryan has been involved in many aspects of Lumbee culture including attending powwows, dancing, and learning all he can about the history of his ancestors. A few years ago Ryan was taught to be a storyteller and now travels across NC to educate others on the state's Native peoples.



### Jesalyn Keziah

Jesalyn Keziah, a member of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, currently serves as the Community Engagement Program Officer at the American Indian Center at the UNC-Chapel Hill, where she also recently completed her Masters degree in Social Work. She spent the first decade of her career serving in various statewide community food justice positions including time at Resourceful Communities, The Conservation Fund, the Center for Environmental Farming Systems, and a statewide range of community gardens and local food systems development projects. Jesalyn is a community-oriented gardener, artist, potter, justice advocate, and therapist interested in Indigenous mental health; she is building her practice around using culture, arts, food sovereignty and nature-based approaches to healing from historical and intergenerational trauma. She recently moved onto a 100-year-old farm in Durham, North Carolina with her three cats and is happiest in the sun gathering wild native foods or out kayaking on the river.





#### MORE THAN CHECKBOXES: DATA JUSTICE & IMPORTANCE OF AFFIRMING LGBTQ+ IDENTITIES & EXPERIENCES IN PRACTICE

**Speakers:** Hillary K. Hecht, JP Przewoznik, Stephanie Hernandez, Gray Rogers & Yoona Shin (moderator)

#### SESSION TYPE: WORKSHOP

This workshop will interrogate how and why we ask people about their sexual orientation, gender identity and expression in clinical practice and research. Together, we will consider the individual and aggregate impact that these questions have on the people we want to support. We will review historical perspectives, current language, and our justification for advocating for individuals' identities and information.

### JP Przewoznik

JP Przewoznik, MSW (any pronouns respectfully) is an educator, facilitator, technical assistance provider and program evaluator with almost 20 years of experience working with/in LGBTQ+ communities toward health and justice. JP is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work at UNC-Chapel Hill where they also sit on the university-wide Provost's Committee on LGBT Life. Additionally, JP works on national sexual violence prevention efforts and engages locally as the Board Chair for Safe Schools North Carolina and as a Board member for the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence. You can find JP most often at home in Durham, NC, loving on friends, cooking meals for people and scheming how to open a senior dog sanctuary.

### Hillary K. Hecht

Hillary K. Hecht (they | them | theirs) is a first year doctoral student in Health Policy & Management, minoring in Organization and Implementation Science. They're interested in organizational level policies which promote the well-being and inclusion of all people, especially those with intersectional oppressed identities. Hillary approaches their work through an ethical decision-making lens, and currently serves as a member of UNC's Hospital Ethics Committee. Hillary is a member of the LGBTQ+ Health Disparities Research Collaborative, where they hope to utilize social justice perspectives in research.



### Stephanie Hernandez

Stephanie Hernandez, PhD, is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Biosocial Training Program at the Carolina Population Center. Stephanie's research utilizes a categorical operationalization of intersectionality to examine health disparities among adults with intersecting minoritized racial, ethnic and sexual identities. Her research also explores barriers to health care, HIV testing and access to PrEP and health disparities among gender nonconforming adults. Stephanie has a doctoral degree in Demography from the University of Texas - San Antonio and a master's degree in Demography and a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Florida State University.

### **Gray Rogers**

Gray Rodgers (all pronouns, respectfully): Gray is a queer public health educator and an alumnus of Gillings with a Masters in Health Behavior. They are an LGBTQ health researcher and advocate. Gray recently completed a fellowship with Equality NC and continues to lead the WISE Project, their intergenerational LGBTQ community advocacy initiative.

### Yoona Shin (Moderator)

Yoona Shin (she | her | hers) is a first-year MSPH/MBA student in Health Policy & Management and the co-president of the LGBTQ+ Health Disparities Research Collaborative. Prior to joining Chapel Hill, she worked in healthcare communications and public relations for organizations like Novant Health and news outlets like The New York Times and EMS1.com. On-campus, Yoona spends her time outside of class working as a graduate research assistant for the Cecil G. Sheps Center focus-ing on the center's digital content. Ask her about her growing Furby collection.





#### ACTIVISM IN ACTION: EVOLUTION OF MINORITY STUDENT CAU-CUS OF UNC GILLINGS SCHOOL OF GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH

**Speakers:** Victor J. Schoenbach, PhD, MSPH; M. Anita Page Holmes, JD, MPH; Delton Atkinson, MPH, MPH; John W. Hatch, DrPH, MSW; and Walter Isaacs, MPH

#### SESSION TYPE: PANEL

As the Annual Minority Health Conference celebrates its forty-second year, the organization that launched the first Minority Health Conference – the Minority Student Caucus (then known as the "Black Student Caucus") of the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health – celebrates the 50th anniversary of its founding. Improved minority health was one of the underlying goals the Caucus enunciated in "A Statement of Concerns Regarding the Relevance & Responsiveness of the School of Public Health to the Needs of Black Americans" (Spring 1971):

"The situation of Blacks in the south is not unlike that of residents of developing countries. We have become increasingly cognizant of the health problems and needs of our fellow Black[s] and view this decade as a critical period for ourselves, the nation, and institutions that wish to be a part of the solution."

The activities of the Black Student Caucus were a model in Health Activism and laid the foundation for change. Students served as change agents, with activities encompassing transformation at multiple levels.

The session will include a recounting of the Caucus' early goals and activities, including meetings with Dean William Fred Mayes to improve the support, inclusion, and growth of minorities at the School; recruitment of William T. Small, Jr. as the Coordinator of Minority Affairs; Caucus initiatives to support minority students' success; development of the School's first course on minority health; early "Minority Research Forums"; and the launch of the Annual Minority Health Conference. The session will feature reflections from early Caucus members about their experiences and discuss implications for today's student activism.



### Victor J. Schoenbach

Victor J. Schoenbach, PhD, ("<u>Vic</u>") taught introductory epidemiology to over 300 epidemiology majors and 6,000 non-majors, in person and online from 1980-2017. He co-led NIH-funded behavioral intervention trials and other epidemiologic studies in several areas, including smoking cessation, HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and concurrent sexual partnerships. A long-time member of AAAS, ACE, APHA, SER, SAAPHI and Sigma Xi, he served two terms on the ACE Board of Directors and chaired several of its committees, including the <u>Minority Affairs Committee</u> for which he drafted the Statement of Principles on Epidemiology and Minority Populations. For many years he directed the <u>UNC Minority Health Project</u>, expanding its dissemination of information and broadcasts on health disparities and health equity, and built a long-term collaboration with the UNC Minority Student Caucus's annual Minority Health Conference and William T. Small, Jr. Keynote Lecture broadcast. From 2014-2017 he co-taught (with Bill Jenkins) a <u>seminar course</u> on <u>Social Justice and Equality</u> and developed a "virtual library" providing a broad perspective on public health. He also maintains websites to disseminate various <u>epidemiology learning resources</u>, <u>UNC historical materials</u>, and information about the <u>TM (Transcendental Meditation) program</u> and the David Lynch Foundation.

### M. Anita Page Holmes

M. Anita Page Holmes, JD, MPH, is a founding member of the Minority Student Caucus (formerly the Black Student Caucus) of the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health (UNCSPH). Presently, she is a consultant with the Division of FaithHealth, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

Anita has over 40 years experience in health promotion, community engagement, health planning and health policy. Her contributions include developing the first NIH funded Education Research Division, Duke-UNC Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center; establishing the Alzheimer's Disease Statewide Visitors Program, Duke Alzheimer's Center; serving as Executive Director, NC Healthcare Purchasing Alliance; and serving as ED, Health and Human Services Program, General Baptist State Convention of NC and its affiliated Center for Health and Healing. Prior to her present position, she was ED, Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Legislative Task Force and Manager, Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Branch, NC Division of Public Health.

She was President, NC Society for Public Health Education and Chairperson, UNC School of Nursing Center for Innovation in Health Disparities Research Advisory Committee.

Anita earned her B.S. in health education, NC Central University (NCCU); MPH in Health Education and Comprehensive Health Planning, UNCSPH; and JD, NCCU and became a member of the NC State Bar (presently on inactive status).



### **Delton Atkinson**

Delton Atkinson is the retired Director of the Division of Vital Statistics within the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), where he led the production and dissemination of the nation's statistics on births and deaths. Previously he led the Division's Registration Methods Staff, Lockheed Martin Information Technology, National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems (NAPHSIS), NCHS Division of Information Technology and the NC State Center for Health Statistics. His leadership honors include the 2018 Distinguish Service Award from the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (US DHHS); 2018 Service Award from the Public Health Accreditation Board; 2018 Patient-Centered Outcome Research Initiative Award (US DHHS); 2013 NCHS Owen Thornberry Excellence in Leadership Award; 2009 Federal Capital Planning and Investment Control Forum Award for excellence in project management; 2002 Visionary Award from the NC Minority Health Council; 2009 Minority Alumni Award from the UNC Minority Student Caucus; 2000 Statistics Award (Government Sector) from APHA; and 1992 Rankin Award and the Excellence in Statistics and Epidemiology Award from the NCPHA. Delton holds UNC MPH degrees in Biostatistics and Health Policy and Administration. He has served on the UNC SPH Foundation Board (President, 2012-2014), Alumni Association (President), Dean's Advisory Committee and as an adjunct faculty member (Biostatistics, Public Health Leadership Program).

### John W. Hatch

John W. Hatch, DrPH, MSW, is William Rand Kenan Jr. Professor Emeritus, Health Behavior and Health Education, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health and served as Senior Program Development Officer for the General Baptist State Convention of NC's Office of Health and Human Services and its affiliate, the Center for Health and Healing. Highlights of Dr. Hatch's half-century career include serving as:

- Member of Tufts University Medical School's Team responsible for developing the nation's first and second comprehensive community health centers (1960's-early 1970's), including The Bolivar County Cooperative, a self-help nutrition project owned and directed by low and modest income persons in the Mississippi Delta.
- Principal Investigator for a health intervention with the Ministry of Health in Cameroon, West Africa (1978-1983) that provided oversight to the development of preventive health curricula with the nation's medical college, school of nursing and the agricultural extension service.
- Commissioner and Moderator of the Christian Medical Commission of the World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland (1986-1992).

Dr. Hatch has written over forty articles and chapters, presented over 200 papers and served as consultant, advisor, investigator, board member or faculty for the PAHO, WHO, US AID; Kaiser Family Foundation, Yale University and numerous other organizations.



### Walter Isaacs

Walter Isaacs is a founding member and secretary of the Minority Student Caucus at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. He completed his MPH in Health Administration in 1974 and later completed coursework for a DrPH.

Before coming to UNC, Walter studied at Boston State Teacher's College and then Goddard College, where he received his BS.

Walter became acutely aware of his interest in community health while working at Polaroid, where he ran analytical chemistry tests as part of testing photographic products. He also worked with the Human Relations Department and decided his energy would be better utilized with community projects. He ran community programs focused on finding employment for teens and also worked with the corporate training program, running workshops that engaged employees from all echelons and backgrounds in the same workshops (e.g., Vice Presidents, custodians, different races and economic backgrounds) to improve understanding between individuals. That experience inspired him to go into public health.

Walter has served in leadership positions with health programs including Roxbury (MA) Dental Medical Group; Washington Heights West Harlem Inwood Mental Health Counseling Program; Memphis Health Center; Schenectady (NY) Federally Qualified Health Center; and Henry J. Alston Community Health Center, Trenton (NJ).





# AT THE INTERSECTION: REDEFINING HEALTH AS A PUBLIC GOOD

Speakers: Brian Kennedy & Marion Johnson

#### SESSION TYPE: LIVE PODCAST

Faced with a devastating pandemic, an under-resourced federal public health apparatus, and significant challenges to our basic democratic institutions, it's time for a conversation about how public health shapes and is shaped by our culture. In this session, a live recording of the podcast At The Intersection, hosts Marion Johnson and Brian Kennedy will explore how the past year has (or has not) helped to redefine public health as an essential public good and health access as a right.

### **Brian Kennedy**

Brian Kennedy is a policy advocate who focuses on the connections between race, economics and systemic inequality. His research interests include policies and programs dealing with restorative economic justice, poverty alleviation and anti-hunger policy. Prior to joining Frontline, Brian served as a Senior Policy Analyst with the North Carolina Justice Center's Budget and Tax Center. He taught 7th and 8th grade Social Studies as part of Teach for America and worked in community organizing and voter empowerment and mobilization. Brian holds a Master's of Public Policy from Brandeis University and a Bachelors of Art from North Carolina Central University.

### **Marion Johnson**

Marion Johnson uses her deep expertise in quantitative and qualitative analysis to advocate fiercely for low-income communities, communities of color and immigrant communities, especially in her native North Carolina. She has a strong history of communicating a wide range of policy issues to diverse audiences, translating research and data into actionable strategies, and building and maintaining productive relationships with organizational partners. Marion holds a Master's in Public Policy from Duke University and a Bachelor's from Wellesley College.



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