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Advancing Health Equity Research: Building Partnerships between Academia, Community, and Government



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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Welcome to the 7th Annual TRANSPORT Symposium

Welcome to our 7th Annual Symposium on “Advancing Health Equity Research: Building Partnerships between Academia, Community, and Government.” In the past several years we’ve focused upon community engaged research, particularly in light of the COVID Pandemic. This year marks a pivotal year as we mark 20 years since the founding of the Brooklyn Health Disparities Center (BHDC), a center founded upon academic, community and governmental partnership.

Partnerships and collaborations have been at the core of BHDC’s function, enabling the critical input of our community as we developed research and implemented programs. Brooklyn Health Disparities Center, a novel partnership, was formed in 2004 and included an academic research institution (SUNY - Downstate Medical Center), a community-based organization (Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health), and a government agency (Office of the Brooklyn Borough President). The partnership was committed to reducing health disparities in Brooklyn and increasing the level of engagement of academics, community members, and policy makers in the process. In addition to our advisory board of Community Based Organizations (CBOs), BHDC was guided by an Executive Board which included the academic and clinical leadership of SUNY Downstate and a Program Advisory Board that included experts in health and education of underrepresented communities. Through its collaborative efforts, BHDC set the tone for expansion of health disparities and health equity research at SUNY Downstate.

A major focus for BHDC has been ensuring the training of students (high school, undergraduate, and graduate), and early-stage healthcare professionals from URM communities in the

development of research in health disparity and health equity. To that end, BHDC successfully submitted SUNY Downstate’s first ten-million-dollar endowment grant focused on health equity in 2021 and a second ten-million-dollar endowment grant in 2023. These grants provide ongoing support for the training of professionals in health equity research and enable training of CBOs in attaining grant support for their community-based efforts.

This year, we are pleased to feature our Keynote Speaker, Dr. Michelle Morse, Deputy Commissioner for the Center for Health Equity and Community Wellness (CHECW) and inaugural Chief Medical Officer at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYCDOHMH).

As we convene for this pivotal symposium, we are united by a common and urgent purpose: to advance health equity through the power of partnership. This gathering is a testament to our collective commitment to fostering meaningful collaborations that bridge the realms of academia, community engagement, and governmental action.

At this symposium, we are set to embark on a journey of exploration, learning, and collaboration. Our agenda is designed to illuminate the diverse perspectives and innovative strategies that are essential in addressing the complex challenges of health equity. We recognize that the path towards equitable health outcomes is multifaceted, requiring a concerted effort and a deep understanding of the societal, economic, and systemic factors at play.

We are honored to host a diverse group of thought leaders, researchers, policymakers, community advocates, and practitioners. Each of you brings valuable insights and experiences that are crucial in shaping the future of health equity research.

Your participation is not just an opportunity for professional development, but a powerful statement of your dedication to making a tangible difference in communities across the nation and beyond.

Our sessions, panels, and workshops are designed to facilitate a dynamic exchange of ideas, foster new relationships, and inspire innovative approaches to research and policy. We encourage you to engage actively, share your experiences, and collaborate with fellow attendees. It is through these interactions that new partnerships are formed, and existing ones are strengthened.

As we proceed with the symposium, let us be mindful of the immense responsibility we carry. The discussions we have and the connections we make have the potential to ignite change and drive progress in health equity. We hope that you will find this symposium not only enriching but also a call to action, as we collectively strive to build a healthier, more equitable world for all.

Thank you for your commitment to this vital cause and for joining us in this endeavor. We look forward to the productive and inspiring days ahead.

Welcome to a symposium that promises to be as enlightening as it is impactful. Let's harness our collective expertise, passion, and vision to advance the field of health equity research.

Best,
The TRANSPORT Principal Investigators

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8:30-8:45AM | WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Wayne Riley, MD, MPH, MBA, MACP

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Alishia Goodridge, MLS, MBA

Assistant Vice President, Government & Community Relations, Downstate Health Sciences University

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8:45-9:05AM | OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF TRANSPORT 2 / TRANSPORT 2 LAUNCH

Marcus Lambert, PhD

Associate Vice President for Research Strategy and Operations, Assoc Professor, School of Public Health, Downstate Health Science University

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9:05AM-10:00AM | KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Michelle Morse, MD, MPH

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10:00-10:45AM | PANEL 1

Academic-Government Partnerships

MODERATOR

Daniel Ehlke, PhD, MA

Associate Professor of Health Policy and Management, School of Public Health, Downstate Health Sciences University

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Audience Q&A

10:45-11:00AM | 15 MINUTE BREAK

11:00AM-11:45AM | PANEL 2

Academic-Community Partnerships

MODERATOR

Allen Lewis, PhD, CRC

Dean and Professor, School of Health Professions, Downstate Health Sciences University

PANELISTS

Aimee Afable, PhD, MPH

Associate Dean for Community Engagement and Associate Professor, Department of Community Health Sciences, School of Public Health, Downstate Health Sciences University

Marilyn Fraser, MD

Chief Executive Officer, Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health, Research Associate Professor, Department of Medicine and the School of Public Health, Downstate Health Sciences University, Co-Director, Brooklyn Health Disparities Center

11:00AM-11:45AM | PANEL 2 (CONTINUED)

Betty Jung, RN

Coordinator, Center for Community Health Promotion and Wellness, Department of Nursing Services, Downstate Health Sciences University

Brendaly Rodriguez, MA, CPH

Senior Engagement Officer, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)

Ali Foti, MPH

Program Officer, New York Health Foundation

Audience Q&A

11:45AM-12:25PM | SCHOLAR POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Clinical Reasoning for Abnormal Findings and Tests (CRAFT): Best Practices for Patient Safety and Physician Well Being

Melissa Lee, MD

SUNY Downstate Health Science University Clinical Research Scholars Training Program

Advancing Health Equity: A Study on Social Determinants of Health Documentation

Crystal Marquez, MD

SUNY Downstate Health Science University Center of Excellence

Healthy Hearts & Healthy Minds: A Framework For Conducting Community Based Participatory Research in African American Communities in Brooklyn, NY

Kristelle Pierre, MPH

Arthur Ashe Institute For Urban Health

Disparities in Knowledge and Awareness of Human Papillomavirus and Human Papillomavirus-Related Cancers Among Sexual Minorities in the United States

Janille Williams DrPH(c), MPH

SUNY Downstate Health Science University Clinical Research Scholars Training Program

Audience Q&A

12:25-1:15PM | NETWORKING / LUNCH

1:15-2:00PM | PANEL 3

Academic-Academic Partnerships

MODERATOR

Ernest Barthelemy, MD, MPH, MA

Chief of Division of Neurosurgery, Downstate Health Sciences University

PANELISTS

Thomas Mackie, PhD, MPH

Chair & Tenured Associate Professor of Health Policy and Management, School of Public Health, Downstate Health Sciences University

Wendy Davis, PhD, PMH-C

Executive Director, Post Partum Support International

Marlene Camacho Rivera, ScD, MS, MPH

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Assistant Professor of Community Health Sciences, School of Public Health

Erica Phillips, MD

Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, Jack Fishman Associate Professor of Cancer Prevention, Department of Medicine, Weill Cornell Medicine

Maria Contel

Founding Director Brooklyn College Cancer Center (BCCC-CURE), Brooklyn College

Audience Q&A

2:00-2:30PM | CLOSING REMARKS

Moro Salifu, MD, MPH, MBA, MACP

Professor & Chair, Department of Medicine, Director, Brooklyn Health Disparities Center, Downstate Health Sciences University

2:30-4:00PM | NETWORKING

Symposium Program Committee and Faculty

(ALPHABETICAL LISTING BY LAST NAME)

Aimee Afable, PhD, MPH is Associate Professor of Community Health Sciences and Associate Dean for Community Engagement, SUNY Downstate School of Public Health. She received her M.P.H. and Ph.D. in public health from Tulane University (2003). Following her doctoral studies, Dr. Afable was a Post-Doctoral Scholar at the Institute for Health Policy Studies (2005-2007), University of California, San Francisco. For over 14 years, Dr. Afable's research has critically examined conceptual frameworks used to understand health disparities and health inequities. Her work has documented the declining health advantage with increasing stay among US immigrants and has questioned the validity of the Healthy Immigrant Paradox. She has a growing research program in community-engaged approaches to the development of urban health interventions. She currently co-leads two NIH studies that use community-engaged implementation science frameworks. These NIH studies leverage community assets to develop novel solutions to reverse historical disparities in poor maternal health and chronic disease outcomes.

Ernest Barthélemy, MD, MPH, MA is an academic neurosurgeon, and Chief of Neurosurgery at the SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University in Brooklyn, New York, where he also directs the Downstate Global Neurosurgery Laboratory, and co-directs the Downstate Global Neuroscience Initiative. His clinical practice is focused on providing general and acute care neurosurgery to underserved communities of Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Barthélemy has published over 50 peer-reviewed scientific articles and leads research engaging the areas of global health equity, translational

neurotraumatology, and structural racism in public health. His laboratory focuses on capacity building and data-driven advocacy for health equity in neurosurgically underserved communities of the USA and abroad. Dr. Barthélemy is also the founding president of the Society of Haitian Neuroscientists, a growing Haitian Diaspora organization with over 100 members in seven countries that aims to advance neuroscience, neurological care, and mental health in all Haitian communities.

Carla Boutin-Foster, MD, MSc is the Associate Dean for the Office of Diversity Education and Research at Downstate. She is a physician, trained clinical epidemiologist, and health equity researcher. Dr. Boutin-Foster's research focuses on elucidating mechanisms by which psychosocial determinants such as social support, stress, and depressive symptoms influence health behaviors and health outcomes in patients with cardiometabolic conditions. She leads investigator-initiated research projects addressing chronic disease management in health disparities populations. Mentorship and research development of trainees from groups that are underrepresented in biomedical science are central to her academic career. She was PI and Director of an NIMHD P60 Center for Disparities Research and Community Engagement (CEDREC). A major aspect of the P60 was training diverse junior investigators in health disparities research. She served as co-director of an AHRQ-funded T32 Fellowship Program in Health Services Research and as PI on an NHLBI T32 in Translational Cardiovascular Disease Research.

Currently, as an MPI on two NIMHD \$10 million endowment grants, Translational Program Of health disparities Research Training (TRANSPORT and TRANSPORT II), Dr. Boutin-Foster oversees the implementation and evaluation of several multitiered diversity research training programs

from high school to junior faculty. She is MPI on the NIMHD funded R25 program Clinical Research Scholars Training Program (CREST) along with Dr. Marlene Camacho-Rivera and PI of HRSA Center of Excellence in Diversity in Medical Education grant. These grants have allowed me to successfully implement health equity focused research training programs that help to launch the research careers of junior investigators who are underrepresented in biomedical and public health research. As the Associate Dean, she leverages administrative and educational support to ensure the success of research trainees and junior faculty. She brings a breadth of experience in conducting independently funded health disparities research, in securing and managing large NIH grants, in disseminating research in peer-reviewed publications, and in leading educational research programs. Dr. Boutin-Foster has a strong record of supporting and mentoring junior investigators as they transition to independent research careers. Dr. Boutin-Foster graduated from SUNY Downstate College of Medicine and trained at New York Presbyterian hospital-Cornell in internal medicine.

Marlene Camacho-Rivera, ScD, MS, MPH*

is Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Success and Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences at SUNY Downstate's School of Public Health. She is a graduate of the TRANSPORT Post-Doctoral Fellow Scholar Program. A social and chronic disease epidemiologist by training, Dr. Camacho-Rivera's research focuses on the role of social, cultural, and environmental factors in explaining racial/ethnic and socioeconomic disparities in chronic disease outcomes and chronic disease self-management in the areas of cancer, asthma, and cardiovascular diseases. Her work also explores patterns of and explanations for within group heterogeneity in chronic diseases among racial/ethnic groups, particularly Latinos, as well as community-based approaches to improving chronic

disease disparities. Previously, she has served as site PI of the NCI funded Bedford-Stuyvesant and Bushwick Cancer Health Impact Program, a collaborative project between MSKCC and CCNY examining cancer related health information seeking behaviors, as well as knowledge and attitudes towards cancer screening among Brooklyn residents. She has also served as a PI of a P20 pilot project examining the narrative experiences of South Asian head and neck cancer survivors, as part of the CCNY/MSKCC Translational Research Education and Training to Eliminate Tobacco Disparities (TREND) program. She has also served as an investigator and faculty mentor within the CCNY/MSK Partnerships to Advance Cancer Health Equity (PACHE U54) program, as well as the health disparities cluster of the Research Center in Minority Institutions (RCMI U54) at the City College of New York. Dr. Camacho-Rivera received her bachelor's degree in biology and Society from Cornell University and her doctoral degree in Social Epidemiology from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, as a Harvard Presidential Scholar. She has additional training in maternal and child health, health policy and management, and cancer epidemiology. As a junior faculty member, she has received numerous training fellowships and awards through NHLBI, the National Hispanic Health Foundation and PCORI, and currently serves as a fellow through the NIMHD TRANSPORT program. Collectively, Dr. Camacho-Rivera's translational research informs the development, implementation, and evaluation of patient-centered approaches to improving chronic disease self-management among urban minority communities.

Maria Contel, PhD is Director of the Brooklyn College Cancer Center (BCCC-CURE), an entity she co-founded in 2020. Dr. Contel graduated from the University of Zaragoza in 1993 and completed her PhD (Chemical Sciences) at the Public University of Navarra in 1996. After postdoctoral stays at

the Australian National University, and at Utrecht University in the Netherlands, she returned to Spain (Universidad de Zaragoza-CSIC) as senior researcher in 2000 and became “Ramon y Cajal” Fellow in 2002. In 2006, she joined the Chemistry Department at Brooklyn College (The City University of New York, CUNY) becoming a Full Professor in 2016, and Department Chair (2017-2020). She is a faculty member at the CUNY Graduate Center in three doctoral programs (Biochemistry, Biology, and Chemistry). Dr. Contel has been funded by the National Institutes of Health since 2010 and has published eighty articles and chapter of books along with three issued US patents. She has organized international, national, and regional meetings and symposia. Her current research focuses on the synthesis of inorganic compounds with medicinal applications, the study of the biological activity and modes of action of these agents, and the development of targeted therapies using nanotechnology. She has mentored numerous researchers and faculty members at different stages in their careers (mostly women and members of underrepresented groups in biomedical research). As Director of the Brooklyn College Cancer Center, she has led the development of partnerships with cancer centers, medical schools, and research institutes in Brooklyn and in the NYC area (including SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University). She has secured institutional grants from American Cancer Society (Diversity in Cancer Research Institutional Development Grant (DICR IDG) Program) and the Gray Foundation to fund operations, research, educational and community outreach activities at BCCC-CURE.

Wendy (Newhouse) Davis, PhD, PMH-C

is the Executive Director of Postpartum Support International (PSI) and lives in Portland Oregon. Dr. Davis is responsible for developing and implementing sustainable services toward the fulfillment of the PSI mission, vision, and purpose.

She serves as a liaison with other groups and organizations and works on PSI outreach projects to strengthen our support, education, research, and advocacy.network.

Dr. Davis began her career as a psychotherapist in 1987 and started specializing in perinatal mental health after recovering from postpartum depression and anxiety in 1994. She founded Oregon's first perinatal mental health support organization, Baby Blues Connection, in 1994, became a PSI regional support volunteer in 1997, and was hired as the PSI Executive Director in 2009. She works with providers, public health systems, researchers, schools, communities, and hospitals to develop and provide perinatal mental health training curricula and services. Dr. Davis provides consultation and training for others who are developing their perinatal support services and loves to help them formulate the particular model of support that can be sustainable in their local community. She is committed to collaborating to increase access to informed, equitable, and accessible perinatal mental health services and education.

Daniel Ehlke, PhD, MA is an Associate Professor of Health Policy and Management Biostatistics at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University School of Public Health. He has been a member of the Downstate School of Public Health faculty since 2010, having completed doctoral studies in Political Science at Brown University in 2009. Dr. Ehlke's research interests include health system design and identifying political ingredients for system reform. In addition to studying the American health care environment and the impacts of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), he closely monitors developments in systems worldwide, most notably the British National Health Service (NHS). A particular area of emphasis in his work is the tension between the conception of health care as a right versus elements of medical consumerism. At Downstate,

he teaches courses in introductory health policy and management, health care politics and advocacy, and international health systems.

Ali Foti, MPH serves as Program Officer with the New York Health Foundation, where she manages strategic grantmaking portfolios and policy advocacy agendas in priority areas of Advancing Primary Care and Empowering Health Care Consumers. She previously served as a Program Officer with the Mt. Sinai Health Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio, where she spearheaded Mt. Sinai's responsive grantmaking and formulated strategic grantmaking strategies in early childhood mental health, Medicaid financing of health-related social needs, and COVID recovery and response. Prior to her role at Mt. Sinai, Ali created health equity trainings for cancer care providers as a training coordinator with the George Washington University (GW) Cancer Center. She also oversaw government relations to increase patient access to their health data as policy and outreach coordinator at the National Partnership for Women & Families. She holds an MPH from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and a BA in Political Science from the University of Michigan.

Marilyn A. Fraser, MD is the Chief Executive Officer at the Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health (AAIUH), a Research Associate Professor in both the Department of Medicine and the School of Public Health at the SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University, and the co-Director of the Brooklyn Health Disparities Center. Previously, as Deputy Director and Associate Director for Research & Training, she managed the Institute's community outreach and research programs.

Dr. Fraser, as co-leader of an investigative research team supported by several NIH and CDC grants, helped develop behavioral health intervention models and training curricula for AAIUH's award-winning Black Pearls and Different Faces of Health

programs. The Institute's community outreach programs prepare hairstylists and barbers to educate their clients about various health topics, including breast, prostate and colorectal cancer, cardiovascular disease, and HIV/AIDS risk reduction. She also served as the Co-PI in conducting the Institute's ACCESS project to increase access to health and social services for formerly incarcerated individuals in Brooklyn.

Guyanese-born Dr. Fraser is a graduate of the Spartan Health Sciences University School of Medicine in St. Lucia and did her medical training in the West Indies, Mexico, and the United States. Dr. Fraser has received numerous awards including the Health Award from the New York State Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators, and the prestigious Fulbright Research Specialist award to develop and implement a climate change and public health internship program for secondary school students in Trinidad and Tobago. She was also the recipient of the Innovator Award from the Bedford Stuyvesant Family Health Center, the Community Award from the Nurses Association of the Counties of Long Island (NACLI), as well as an extraordinary woman of Downstate recognition. She was also nominated to serve on the nationally acclaimed Clinical & Translational Science Award (CTSA)'s Community Engagement Domain Task Force. Dr. Fraser was honored as a Power Woman in Brooklyn and received the special Health Award. She was also honored as the winner of the Crain's Heritage Healthcare Leadership Award and named one of Crain's Notable Women in Healthcare. Most recently, Dr. Fraser was honored as one of the CUNY School of Medicine's 2021 Strong Women in Medicine. Dr. Fraser regularly presents her work at scientific meetings, nationally and internationally, and is a co-author on several publications and a book chapter.

Dr. Fraser's deep interest in addressing health disparities and improving health outcomes in

communities of color also allows her to serve as an expert advisory board member with the NYC Diabetes Prevention Project.

Alishia Goodridge, MBA, is Assistant Vice President for Government and Community Relations at Downstate Health Sciences University. Ms. Goodridge serves as a key representative of Downstate, working hand in hand with state and local representatives to ensure that Downstate can provide both quality education and world-class healthcare to the Brooklyn community. Ms. Goodridge brings extensive experience in government relations, intergovernmental affairs, stakeholder management, and advocacy, with comprehensive engagement across local, state, and federal government and experience in both the public and private sectors.

Ms. Goodridge has a long history of advocating for and serving the Brooklyn borough. Prior to joining Downstate, Ms. Goodridge served as Director of Constituent Affairs & Chief of Staff for New York State Assembly Member Diana C. Richardson, where she engaged directly with senior staff and community members, overseeing both administrative and constituent concerns, and acting as a liaison between members and key community stakeholders. She is also the President of the Brooklyn Clarendon Meadows Lions Club as well as Director of Operations of the education non-profit, Determined to Educate.

A Brooklyn native, Ms. Goodridge graduated from CUNY at Medgar Evers College with a BS in Business Administration before earning a Master of Science Degree in Information Science from Pratt Institute, and an MBA from the University of Phoenix.

Betty Jung, RN, BSN,'s career spans 42½ years as a Registered Professional Nurse. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1981 from SUNY Downstate College of Nursing. After

graduation she immediately began her career at SUNY University Hospital at Downstate as a medical-surgical nurse. She worked on the medical-surgical unit for 8½ years. In 1989, she became a Patient and Community Health Educator in the Patient Education Department and Center for Community Health Promotion and Wellness. For 34 years, she has facilitated, developed, and implemented many patient education and community health initiatives from infancy to a fully developed sustainable comprehensive center. As a result, the Center is able to provide free cancer preventative breast, cervical, and colorectal screenings through the NYS Cancer Services Program grant for the uninsured and under-insured who meet the eligibility criteria, basic general health screenings and health education, and provide access to care working collaboratively within in the hospital, senior citizen centers, churches/faith groups, community-based organizations, local school districts, and business entities. In addition, her current role includes being an Independent Living Donor Advocate for the Organ Transplant Team and collaborate with Memora Health with Post Discharge Follow-up Calls as part of Transitional Care.

Marcus Lambert, PhD is the Associate Vice President for Research Strategy and Operations at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University. In this role, Dr. Lambert oversees efforts to expand the university's extramural research portfolio in areas of health equity and clinical research. Dr. Lambert also co-leads multiple research training programs at Downstate with a focus on recruiting and training underrepresented scientists in health disparities research. Dr. Lambert is one of the Principal Investigators of the TRANSLational Program Of health disparities Research Training (TRANSPORT and TRANSPORT II), two \$10 million endowment grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Clinical Research Scholars Training Program (CREST), a \$2.6 million grant from the NIH to support

health disparities and equity-focused research training.

Dr. Lambert was selected as one of New York's Life Sciences Power 50 and one of Cell Press' 100 Inspiring Black Scientists in America. He is also a member of national boards such as HHMI's Center for the Advancement of Science Leadership and Culture Advisory Board and a member of NIH Training, Workforce Development, and Diversity Study Section. Dr. Lambert received his Ph.D. in biomedical science from NYU Grossman School of Medicine and his B.S. from Howard University. He holds an M.S. in Clinical Epidemiology and Health Services Research from Weill Cornell Graduate School. Dr. Lambert currently resides in Brooklyn, NY with his wife and four children.

Allen N. Lewis, Jr., PhD, CRC, is currently Dean and Professor of the School of Health Professions at the State University of New York Downstate Health Sciences University in Brooklyn, NY, where he has been in this role since January 2016. He has 40 years of experience in the workforce as a clinician, administrator and educator. During the first phase of his career (15 years), he worked in public mental health, substance abuse services and cancer epidemiology as a clinician and administrator with notable positions such as Chief of Staff/ Executive Assistant for the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health – the second largest state agency in Virginia as well as Statewide Program Evaluation Manager, and Director of the Virginia State Cancer Registry in the Virginia Department of Health. His second career phase as an academic (25 years), spans employment at five institutions (Virginia Commonwealth University, University of Pittsburgh, Gallaudet University, James Madison University, and SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University). He has been a division director in a university-based survey and evaluation research laboratory as well as chair of two academic departments and is

currently a dean. He has 25+ years of administrative/ management/leadership experience. He is currently a nationally certified rehabilitation counselor and is the former editor of the Journal of Applied Rehabilitation Counseling. His research focuses on disability disparities and measuring outcomes of disability services. Dr. Lewis has published extensively (75+ refereed journal articles and book chapters, plus a book as well as a host of abstracts, encyclopedia entries, a monograph, and formal technical reports). He has conducted 150+ invited, featured, and refereed international, national, regional, statewide, and local presentations. Dr. Lewis has experience as a principal investigator, co-principal investigator, co-investigator, and program evaluator for federally funded research of 18+ million dollars.

Tom Mackie, PhD, MPH, is Chair of Health Policy and Management and Associate Professor at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University. Trained as a medical sociologist and health services researcher, Dr. Mackie's research aims to bring new evidence to pressing mental healthcare policy and practice issues that confront children and their caregivers. His research is motivated by the rapid expansion of system-wide innovations that seek to address the well-documented gaps in access to quality pediatric and perinatal mental healthcare. As a mixed methods and interdisciplinary researcher, his work has examined an array of system-level innovations, including Perinatal Psychiatry Access Programs. Across this line of research, Dr. Mackie engages with community partners at every stage of the research process from proposal development to the translation and dissemination of research findings. To advance the science of engagement, Dr. Mackie (Contact MPI) and colleagues at Postpartum Support International published a technical report, sponsored by a recently completed Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Eugene Washington Engagement Award; the report

provides a framework for community partnership and shares resources developed with members across five Advisory Councils (<https://umassmed.aws.openrepository.com/handle/20.500.14038/52730>).

Dr. Mackie (Contact MPI) and colleagues also recently received a 2.1 million dollar three year PCORI contract to advance the science of engagement, details here: <https://www.downstate.edu/news-events/news/2023/11-29-2023.html>.

Lakia Maxwell, MSCH is the TRANSPORT Program Manager and Project Administrative Officer at the Brooklyn Health Disparities Center (BHDC), at Downstate Health Sciences University. She received a Master's in Community Health at Hofstra University in 2016. Ms. Maxwell joined The Brooklyn Health Disparities Center in 2014 and served as Research Education Coordinator. In that capacity, Ms. Maxwell provides support for the Center's Executive Team in submission of NIH and other grant proposals. She manages the financial expenditures and scholar recruitment processes of the TRANSPORT Endowment Program. She has developed and maintained web based and social media communications, brochures, pamphlets among many other products. Ms. Maxwell is engaged in program planning and designing, as well as the implementation of research activities. She is also the Center's Internship coordinator for high school, undergraduates, graduate, and medical school students. Additionally, Ms. Maxwell is the CREST Program Coordinator to which she brings expertise in coordinating project activities, managing schedules, and ensuring project deliverables are completed on time and within budget. Furthermore, Ms. Maxwell provides Program Evaluation, Survey Design, Graphic Design, Logic Model Development, SMART Goal and Objective Development, as well as Budget and Timeline Development in her roles. She has also assisted with and has a passion for both Community Based Participatory Research and Community

Engaged Research. Through her passion for community health, Ms. Maxwell also served as a professor at SUNY Empire State College where she taught "Introduction To Community and Public Health". Here, she really enjoyed teaching the next generation of public health professionals.

Edeline Mitton, MEd, MPH, is the Director of Continuing Medical Education at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University. In that role, Ms. Mitton works closely with faculty throughout the Downstate system to develop and deliver educational programs. She ensures all educational activities meet relevant regulations, accreditation system criteria, policies, standards, and the AMA PRA credit system requirements. Her expertise in educational planning, evaluation, and outcomes analysis has been instrumental to the success of the Office for CME.

In addition to her work at Downstate, Ms. Mitton is an active volunteer, generously giving her time to organizations such as the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) and the Society for Academic Continuing Medical Education. The SACME Presidential Award recognized her contributions in 2014 and 2017, and she received Presidential Recognition in 2023.

Ms. Mitton is an ambassador and reviewer with the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, helping to share the importance of community-engaged research, and a member of the AGING Initiative Patient/Caregiver Advisory Council. Her passion for improving healthcare outcomes and dedication to her profession make her an outstanding individual who has significantly impacted her field.

Michelle Morse, MD, MPH serves as the Deputy Commissioner for the Center for Health Equity and Community Wellness (CHECW) and inaugural Chief Medical Officer at the NYC

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYCDOHMH). Dr. Morse is responsible for leading the agency's work in bridging public health and health care to reduce health inequities, guiding CHECW's place-based and cross-cutting health equity programs, and serving as a key liaison to clinicians and clinical leaders across New York City.

Dr. Morse is an internal medicine and public health doctor who works to achieve health equity through global solidarity, social medicine and anti-racism education, and activism. She is a general internal medicine physician, part-time hospitalist at Kings County Hospital, Co-Founder of EqualHealth, and Assistant Professor at Harvard Medical School. EqualHealth builds critical consciousness and collective action globally, in the pursuit of health equity for all. In 2015 Dr. Morse worked with several EqualHealth partners to found the Social Medicine Consortium (SMC), a global coalition which uses activism and disruptive pedagogy rooted in social medicine to advance health justice. She served as Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Partners In Health (PIH) from 2013 to 2016 and now serves on the Board of Directors of PIH. In 2018, Dr. Morse was awarded a Soros Equality Fellowship to launch EqualHealth and the SMC's global Campaign Against Racism. From September 2019 to January 2021, she served as a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy fellow in Washington, DC and worked with the Ways and Means Committee, Majority Staff, in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Erica Phillips, MD, MS is the Jack Fishman Associate Professor of Cancer Prevention and Associate Director of Community Outreach and Engagement for the Sandra and Edward Meyer Cancer Center at Weill Cornell Medicine. As a health services researcher, her body of research includes three intersecting areas: (a) developing behavioral interventions to promote healthier eating, physical activity, and weight control in high-risk groups,

(b) formative qualitative and quantitative research to understand the social determinants that drive differences in morbidity and mortality between certain racial/ethnic groups, and (c) incorporating strategies and tools grounded in the principles of community-engaged research into larger scientific programs to address health disparities. She has received multiple grants from agencies such as RWJ, NHLBI, NIDDK, NIMHD and NCI. Currently, Dr Phillips serves as the Chair of the Health Equity Action Network (HEAN) Steering Committee. HEAN is a NIMHD-funded national consortium of health researchers and community partners bringing innovative solutions for prevention and management of multiple chronic conditions. The goal of HEAN is to increase equity in prevention, treatment, and management of multiple chronic diseases such as diabetes, obesity, hypertension, coronary heart disease, congestive heart failure, chronic kidney disease, stroke, and certain cancers.

Wayne J. Riley, M.D., MPH, MBA, MACP, is the 17th President of The State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate Health Sciences University. He is an academic primary care general internist with more than 25 years of executive management and leadership experience in academic medicine, healthcare management, government, and advocacy. Before joining Downstate, Dr. Riley held professorships at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and Vanderbilt Owen Graduate School of Management. For six years, he served as the 10th president, chief executive officer, and professor of Medicine at Meharry Medical College. Dr. Riley earned his Bachelor of Arts from Yale University, his Doctor of Medicine from the Morehouse School of Medicine, a Master of Public Health from the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, and a Master of Business Administration from Rice University's Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Business.

Dr. Riley was recently named among the 2022 Brooklyn Power 100 by City & State Magazine. And in June, alongside Drs. Anthony Fauci and Eric Topol received the National Medical Humanism Medal from the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, where he is Board Secretary. Dr. Riley was elected in 2020 as Board Chair of the New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM) making him the first black board chair in NYAM's 173-year history. He is a Commissioner of the non-partisan U.S. Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) and President Emeritus, Former Regent, and Master of the American College of Physicians (ACP). Dr. Riley is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) of the National Academy of Sciences, has served as Vice-Chair, and later as Chair of NAM's Section on the Administration of Health Services, Education, and Research. Dr. Riley is President of the Society of Medical Administrators, a member of the American Clinical and Climatological Association, the Sullivan Alliance to Diversify the Health Professions, Treasurer and member of the Board of Directors of the Coalition of Urban Serving Universities. Dr. Riley serves on the Boards of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation, YMCA of Greater New York, Catholic Charities Brooklyn & Queens, and the Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health.

Brendaly Rodríguez, MA, CPH, is a Senior Engagement Officer at the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). She provides consultative guidance on engagement to program officers and supports the management of PCORI's research portfolio. In her work, she advises on strategies to ensure the engagement of patients and other stakeholders/collaborators throughout the research process. She also contributes to generate new evidence-based approaches to support PCORI activities. Ms. Rodríguez has been involved with PCORI since 2013 serving over the years first as a PCORI Ambassador, then a member

of the Advisory Panel on Patient Engagement (PEAP 2017-2020), and awardee team member on several PCORI-funded projects. Before joining PCORI's staff, Brendaly served as Director of the Chula Vista Community Collaborative (CVCC), bringing together diverse sectors of the local community to develop coordinated strategies to protect the health, safety, and wellness of residents living near the US-Mexico border while managing five (5) family resource centers at a school district. Prior, she managed the Community and Stakeholder Engagement Program of the Clinical and Translational Science Institute among other programs at the University of Miami where she led health promotion activities and managed clinical trials for nearly two decades. Ms. Rodríguez is a founding member and Past Co-President of the Florida Community Health Worker Coalition. She has over 25 years of experience in developing and administering community-based interventions that address health disparities in USA and Australia.

Moro Salifu, MD, MBA, MPH, MACP is a tenured Professor of Medicine and Chair of the Department of Medicine at State University of New York Downstate Health Sciences University in Brooklyn. He also is the Edwin C. and Anne K. Weiskopf Endowed Chair in Nephrology and Transplantation. He has served as fellowship program director since 2003, division chief of nephrology, and director of the kidney transplant program at SUNY Downstate since 2008. He has trained and mentored many residents and fellows, across different institutions in New York and in several States. Board-certified in internal medicine and nephrology.

Dr. Salifu is known for his outstanding clinical, research and administrative skills. He is highly respected within the Downstate community, as well as, in the national nephrology community. He is a productive investigator whose research interests

include vascular biology, chronic kidney disease progression, and kidney transplant outcomes. He is the recipient of numerous grants and is Director of the Brooklyn Health Disparities Center, a partnership between SUNY Downstate Medical Center, the Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health, and the Office of the Brooklyn Borough President. Dr. Salifu is also one of the Principal Investigators of the TRANSlational Program Of health disparities Research Training (TRANSPORT and TRANSPORT II), two \$10 million endowment grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to advance the work of the Brooklyn Health Disparities Center.

Dr. Salifu is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions. For his exemplary contributions in science and in leadership, Dr. Salifu was recognized as Master of the American College of Physicians (ACP) in 2018 in the Annual ACP Convocation ceremony in New Orleans. Dr. Salifu serves as Chair of the Chapter's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Task Force and Past Councilor of the Brooklyn District. He is a long-standing, loyal supporter of the ACP, has rendered distinguished service to the chapter, and has upheld the high ideals and professional standards for which the College is known.

Most recently, Dr. Salifu received the Laureate Award at the New York American College of Physicians annual gala. The Laureate Award recognizes and honors those Fellows and Masters of the ACP who have demonstrated an enduring commitment to excellence in medical care, education, research, and service to their community, their chapter, and the American College of Physicians.

He has also been recognized as Best Doctor- US News and World Report, Castle Connolly Top Doctor, included in Worldwide Registry of Executives and Professionals, and was honored as among Brooklyn's best by Schneps Media at its 2020 annual Kings of Kings County awards event, just to name a few. He

has published extensively in peer-reviewed journals nationally and internationally. He is also a member and journal reviewer for Nephrology and Transplant societies and has served on many local and national professional committees. He is the past president of the New York Society of Nephrology for the 2013-14 academic year.

Louise Square is the first ever New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute Health Equity Manager and an Executive Team member for their Health Equity Initiative. She works with agency leaders to improve the application of health equity principles in the work of the AIDS Institute and to provide training on health equity and racial justice for public health, health care and support services providers. She has worked with a panel of clinical experts to develop health equity competencies for health care providers and recommendations for health care facilities to promote health equity. She provides leadership for a Health Equity Clinical Leadership Institute sponsored by the NYSDOH. She is also currently assisting the newly formed New York State Department of Health Office of Health Equity and Human Rights with an organizational assessment for health equity. She serves as the immediate past-Chair and Steering Committee member for the National Association of Chronic Disease Director's (NACDD) Health Equity Council. Ms. Square's public health career spans more than 30 years.

Pamela D. Straker, MA, PhD is the Director of Operations for the Brooklyn Health Disparities Center (BHDC) and Research Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine/College of Medicine at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. In her role with BHDC, she provides administrative coordination, project management, development, instruction, and support for the Center and its researchers. As well, she oversees all Center HR, finances, and grants administration. Dr. Straker is a licensed

psychologist who has also had extensive experience in management of, and consultation to, not for profit organizations and programs serving populations in which the greatest health disparities have existed. Dr. Straker has also had significant experience with community-based organizations, private funders, policy makers, and governmental entities, has taught on the undergraduate and graduate levels, and has implemented programs across Brooklyn and in Manhattan. She is an Amazon Best Selling Author, having written in the area of management and leadership, most recently contributing to, *Letters to My Corporate Sisters...Stories of Endurance, Elevation, and Encouragement*. She is currently focused on the area of caregiving and has penned the book, *Heroic Caregiver, An Anthology of Lessons on Resilience, Coping, and Laughter* scheduled for release in 2024. She has appeared as a guest on numerous television and radio programs. Dr. Straker holds a doctoral degree in School-Community Psychology from Hofstra University, where she also received a master's degree and has achieved alumna status at Columbia University's Executive Level Institute for Not-for-Profit Management. She earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Rochester.

Azure Thompson, DrPH, MPH is an Assistant Professor of Community Health Sciences at SUNY Downstate School of Public Health. She has nearly twenty years of public health practice and research experience on the social determinants of substance use, particularly among racial/ethnic minorities in urban settings. Prior to her appointment at SUNY Downstate School of Public Health, Dr. Thompson was Associate Director of Policy Research and Analysis and Research Scientist at The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA). She has also served as faculty at Yale University School of Medicine and was a W.K. Kellogg Fellow in Health Policy Research. Through this research, she seeks to inform the development of programs and policies that contribute to the elimination of health disparities, particularly those related to addiction.

About

This educational activity aims to inform investigators, clinicians, trainees, students, and the general public about Advancing Health Equity Research and building effective partnerships between academia, community organizations, and government bodies. The **Translational Program of Health Disparities Research Training (TRANSPORT)** Planning Committee and its members have identified health professionals in Theory, Practice, Future Directions, and Capacity Building. Join us as we develop strategies, build networks, and set future research agendas.

Target Audience

The proposed symposium is designed to create an interprofessional experience to support the Advancement of the science of Community Engaged Research along with lessons learned from communities and the healthcare team by bringing together:

- Healthcare providers involved in the treatment of patients with challenging social determinants of health
- Scientists
- Trainees (fellows, residents, students [medical, graduate, public health, nursing, and allied health sciences])
- Community groups (members of community organizations that are partners of the Brooklyn Health Disparities Center)

Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- identify barriers that hinder the formation of effective partnerships in the field of health equity research
- collaborate and foster meaningful dialogue between stakeholders from academia, community groups, and government
- develop actionable strategies to overcome identified barriers and achieve improvements in population health
- facilitate new networks and partnerships for opportunities beyond the conference

Learner outcome: Be able to set an agenda for future research in health equity, identifying key areas where further investigation and collaboration are needed.

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