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SPEAK LIFE! 2022 HEALTH EQUITY CONFERENCE

Featuring nationally-acclaimed writer and medical ethicist, Harriet Washington

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Welcome and Overview of *The Color of Health*

- 9 AM
- Wade Norwood
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Racism as a Public Health Crisis

- 9:35 AM
- S. Michelle Ogunwole, MD
  *Assistant Professor of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine*

Keynote: A Morning with Harriet A. Washington

- 10:25 AM
- Harriet A. Washington, MA
  *Award-winning medical ethicist and author*

Breakout Sessions: Addressing Colorism

- 11:15 AM
- John Rodriguez, MA
  *President, Palacio Consulting Group*

Awards Ceremony

- 12:15 PM
- Rev. Dr. Weldon Thomas Faith & Medicine Award
- Dr. Constantino Fernández Community Leadership & Advocacy Award

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Harriet A. Washington is a prolific science writer, editor and ethicist who is the author of the seminal Medical Apartheid: The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present, which won a National Book Critics Circle Award, the PEN/Oakland Award, and the American Library Association Black Caucus Nonfiction Award and five other well-received books, including A Terrible Thing to Waste: Environmental Racism and its Assault on the American Mind and Carte Blanche: The Erosion of Informed Consent in Medical Research, which was published in 2021 by Columbia Global Reports.

Washington is a Writing Fellow in Bioethics at Harvard Medical School, a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, has been the 2015-2016 Miriam Shearing Fellow at the University of Nevada’s Black Mountain Institute. She has also been a Research Fellow in Medical Ethics at Harvard Medical School, a Visiting Fellow at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, a visiting scholar at DePaul University College of Law and a senior research scholar at the National Center for Bioethics at Tuskegee University. She has held fellowships at Stanford University and teaches bioethics at Columbia University, where she delivered the 2020 commencement speech to Columbia’s School of Public Health graduates and won Columbia’s 2020 Mailman School Of Public Health’s Public Health Leadership Award, as well as its 2020-21 Kenneth and Mamie Clark Distinguished Lecture Award.

Washington has written widely for popular publications and has been published in referenced books and journals such as Nature, JAMA, The American Journal of Public Health, The New England Journal of Medicine, the Harvard Public Health Review, Isis, and The Journal of Law, Medicine, and Ethics. She has been Editor of the Harvard Journal of Minority Public Health, a guest Editor of the Journal of Law, Medicine and Ethics, and served as a reviewer for the Journal of the American Association of Bioethics and the Humanities.

Ms. Washington has also worked as a classical-music announcer for public radio and curates a medical-film series.

Michelle Ogunwole, MD is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and faculty at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Equity. She is a health disparities researcher, social epidemiologist and General internal Medicine physician, additionally boarded in obesity medicine and lifestyle medicine. She specializes in the care of women with chronic medical conditions. She has advanced training in Quality Improvement, Patient Safety Science and community based participatory research methods. Dr. Ogunwole was recently recognized as a 40 under 40 leader in minority health by the National Minority Quality Forum.
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Rev. Dr. Weldon Thomas Faith & Medicine Award
- This award honors Rev. Dr. Weldon G. Thomas, who was pastor of New Bethel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Rochester from 2005 to 2019. Rev. Thomas was a convener of the Rochester Faith Collaborative, a faith-based HIV/AIDS prevention health initiative, and a member of the Ecumenical Committee of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS in Rochester. He helped plan and facilitate many health conferences, including the Faith and Medicine Conference, which became the Speak Life!Health Equity Conference. He helped found the Interdenominational Health Ministry Coalition and championed his church’s health ministry.

- The African American and Latino Health Coalitions give this award to an individual who has affected the health of racial and ethnic minorities in the 9-county Finger Lakes region served. The recipient believes that health is impacted by spirituality and faith, and vice versa, and actively works in our community to impact both.

Dr. Constantino Fernández Community Leadership & Advocacy Award
- Dr. Constantino "Tino" Fernández was a Clinical Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Fernández practiced primary OB/GYN care with a special emphasis and interest in Latina women’s health. He was born in Nicaragua and was selected by the Nicaraguan government to participate in a John Hopkins Scholar Program for International Education and Training in Reproductive Health. Dr. Fernández was very involved in advocacy and leadership to address health disparities among Latinos in the Rochester area, participating in organizations locally, nationally, and in his native Nicaragua to help achieve equality in health services and outcomes for Latinos.

- This award is given to an individual (regardless of their profession) who has demonstrated an exemplary level of leadership, advocacy, and community engagement to positively impact the health of racial and ethnic minorities in the 9-county Finger Lakes region served by the African American and Latino Health Coalitions.
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