



17th Health Disparities Conference
XAVIER UNIVERSITY of LOUISIANA

The John Ruffin Lecture Series



2024 John Ruffin Lecturer

Claudia R. Baquet, MD, MPH, PhD

President, Hope Institute, LLC

Affiliate Professor, Pharmaceutical Health Services Research UMB School of Pharmacy, Baltimore

Former Associate Director, Cancer Control Science NCI/NIH

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Minority Health PHS/HHS (1994-1995)



2023 Lecturer

Irene Dankwa-Mullan, MD, MPH

Chief Health Equity Officer & Deputy Chief Health Officer Merative (formerly IBM Watson Health)



2022 Lecturer

Kathleen B. Kennedy, PharmD

*Professor and Dean, College of Pharmacy
Director, Center of Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Education (CMHDRE)
Xavier University of Louisiana*



2021 Lecturer

Donna M. Christensen, MD

*Former Member of Congress
U.S. Virgin Islands*



2019 Lecturer

Sharon Youmans, PharmD, MPH

*Professor of Clinical Pharmacy
Vice Dean, School of Pharmacy
University of California, San Francisco*



2018 Lecturer

Garth N. Graham, MD, MPH

*President & CEO
Aetna Foundation*



2017 Lecturer

Norman C. Francis, JD, PhD

*President Emeritus
Xavier University of Louisiana*



2016 Lecturer

David Satcher, MD, PhD

*16th U.S. Surgeon General
Founding Director & Senior Advisor
Satcher Health Leadership Institute
Morehouse School of Medicine*



2015 Lecturer

Louis W. Sullivan, MD

*Former Secretary
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services*