



16th Health Disparities Conference

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Public Health Transformation to Achieve Health Equity

February 22-24, 2023

Sheraton New Orleans Hotel
500 Canal Street; New Orleans, LA 70130

Overview:

Providing culturally and linguistically appropriate education, services, policies, and sciences are key to advancing health equity and eliminating health disparities. A just society of healthy communities, where all individuals reach their highest potential for health, must be supported by dismantling structural barriers and advancing equitable health outcomes and systems in the communities they serve to accelerate health equity.

The 2023 Health Disparities Conference is designed to:

- Discuss the requirement of diverse representation in workforce development, leadership, governance, and equitable and inclusive organizational policies to advance health equity
- Examine community collaboration for health equity solutions
- Explain appropriate culturally and linguistic person-centered care
- Evaluate collection and use of data in achieving health equity

Accreditation:

Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education. Xavier Health Disparities Conference offers approximately XXX of CPE credit. All CPE participation recorded electronically provides access to your statements of credit.

Grievance Policy:

Should any attendee of an approved CPE session be dissatisfied with the quality of the program, comments must be submitted in writing to the Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy Continuing Education Department within five days of the conclusion of the session.

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 (All times listed are Central Time)

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM Continental Breakfast

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
(≈ 2 hrs)

Pre-Conference Career Development Workshop: *Strategies for Developing Effective Grant Proposals*

Activity Type: Application

Descriptor: This interactive session will provide a comprehensive, high-level overview of strategies for developing effective grant proposals, from understanding how grant writing differs from every other form of writing and how to play within the funding landscape, to getting started developing a proposal, contacting sponsor program officers, and understanding typical proposal development, submission, and review processes. Anecdotes and data will provide evidence supporting the provided strategies. The focus will be on biomedical and behavioral research proposals to the NIH, but the principles discussed will be applicable/adaptable to all grant writing. Questions will be invited both during and after the session.

At the close of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Detail the challenges in becoming successful proposal writers and learn strategies to address those challenges.
- Illustrate how to approach program officers.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the role of proposal components and how the sections relate to each other in an effective proposal. • Apply techniques to write each proposal component clearly and effectively to improve proposal success. • Describe the agency review process to ensure appropriate review of the proposal.
	<p><i>Facilitator</i></p> <p>Paul E. Tuttle, MA, CRA Grants Consultant Hanover Research</p>

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 (All times listed are Central Time)

<p>1:00 PM – 2:15 PM <i>(1hrs, 15mins)</i></p>	<p>Pre-Conference Skills Building Workshop 1: Social Media and Health Equity: Being Current for Effective Engagement</p> <p>Activity Type: Application</p> <p>Descriptor: Social Media is a tool that can be effectively used to connect with stakeholder's students, thought leaders, researchers, media, professionals among multiple industries and more. In the world of technology, it's not always who you are but who social media says that you are. This session will share best practice and ways to enhance your social media profile with proven strategy that can be implemented today.</p> <p>At the close of this activity, participants will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the SMI Model as a strategy for simple messaging that inspires action • Apply best practices with using social media • Understand ways that social media storytelling can be used to engage providers, patients, and increase awareness of health disparities
	<p><i>Facilitator</i></p> <p>Katherine Y. Brown, EdD Director of Communication and Dissemination, HealthWorks and Tennessee CEAL National Center for Medical Education Development and Research Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine Meharry Medical College</p>

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<p>1:00 PM – 2:15 PM <i>(1hrs, 15mins)</i></p>	<p>Pre-Conference Skills Building Workshop 2: The Importance of Community Engagement and Partnerships</p> <p>Activity Type: Application</p> <p>Descriptor: Community Engagement and partnerships increase the visibility and understanding of issues and empowers communities to have a say over decisions that affect their lives, especially their immediate and broader communities.</p> <p>At the close of this activity, participants will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss how community advisory boards contribute to formulating the public decision-making process. • Examine methods to create and encourage feedback that demonstrate the impact of community contributions. • Identify successful partnerships that engage communities and create sustainable partnerships.
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	<i>Moderator</i>	LaKeisha Williams, PharmD, MSPH Clinical Associate Professor, Division of Clinical and Administrative Sciences Director, Community Engagement and Outreach, Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Education College of Pharmacy Xavier University of Louisiana
	<i>Speaker & Panelist</i>	Lauren R. Powell, MPA, PhD Director of Health Equity Takeda Pharmaceuticals
	<i>Panelist</i>	Frances Hawkins Vice President of Congregational Wellness Baptist Community Ministries
	<i>Panelist</i>	Mariana Montero Executive Director Golden Change, Inc.
	<i>Panelist</i>	Veronica Magee Department of Health

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1:00 PM – 2:15 PM
(1hrs, 15mins)

Pre-Conference Workshop 3: HIV and Monkeypox: Practice, Access to Care, and Policy

Activity Type: Application

Descriptor: HIV and Monkeypox strained the public health and health care systems that were already battered by Covid-19. Attention to the inadequacy of sexual health infrastructure and pandemic preparedness in the United States could yield improved outcomes when lesson learned are applied in a timely and strategic manner, including populations most frequently impacted by this public health crisis.

At the close of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Discuss clinical and population science commitments to provide complete, accurate information about practice, access to care and policy in partnership with affected communities in maintaining the public's trust.
- Examine research and policy implication that affect vulnerable and marginalized populations and amplify inequities.

	<i>Moderator</i>	Donald J. Alcendor, MS, PhD Associate Professor of Microbiology, Immunology, & Physiology Meharry Medical College Nashville, TN
	<i>Speaker</i>	Cheryl L. Holder, MD
	<i>Speaker</i>	George Nawas, PharmD Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy Clinical Assistant Professor

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<p>2:30 PM – 3:45 PM (1hr, 15mins)</p>	<p>Plenary Session I & Opening: <i>Weaving Health Equity into the Fabric of Our Society</i></p> <p>Activity Type: Application</p> <p>Descriptor: A principled commitment is required to reduce and eliminate health inequities. Integrating the fabric of society, the social determinants of health, contribute significantly to addressing the roots of health disparities and injustice.</p> <p>At the close of this activity, participants will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize why achieving health equity matters to our society. • Identify the missing piece of the health equity puzzle. • Identify the need for a paradigm shift and the transformative drivers. 	
	<p><i>Speaker</i></p>	<p>Kathleen B. Kennedy, PharmD Conference Chair, Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy's Health Disparities Conference Malcolm Ellington Professor of Health Disparities Research and Dean, College of Pharmacy Xavier University of Louisiana</p>
	<p><i>Speaker</i></p>	<p>Father Emmanuel Mulenga Pastor St. Augustine Catholic Church</p>
	<p><i>Speaker</i></p>	<p>C. Reynold Verret, PhD President Xavier University of Louisiana</p>
	<p><i>Speaker</i></p>	<p>LaToya Cantrell Mayor City of New Orleans</p>
	<p><i>Moderator</i></p>	<p>LaKeisha Williams, PharmD, MSPH Clinical Associate Professor, Division of Clinical and Administrative Sciences Director, Community Engagement and Outreach, Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Education College of Pharmacy Xavier University of Louisiana</p>
	<p><i>Keynote Speaker</i></p>	<p>Daniel F.K. Sarpong, PhD Executive Director, Office of Health Equity Research Senior Research Scientist, Department of General Internal Medicine Yale University School of Medicine</p>

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4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
(1hr, 30mins)

Plenary Session II: Equitable Approaches to Advance Healthcare Equity in the U.S – Practice and Policy

Activity Type: Application

Descriptor: Large racial and ethnic health inequities are common and driven by factors inside and outside the health care delivery system. These include higher than average poverty rates in communities of color, employment in lower paying industries and living in higher risks environments. None of these are secrets nor are they new. Longstanding federal, state, and local policies and practices have led to structural economic suppression, unequal educational access, and residential segregation, and access to affordable and accessible health care services.

At the close of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Examine how to measure performance of health care systems for racial and ethnic groups
- Discuss transformative changes in policy and practice to make access to care more equitable and to ensure equal treatment in the delivery of care.
- Review the role of social services in improving health equity

Moderator

Sandra Harris-Hooker, PhD
Sr. Vice President
Morehouse School of Medicine
Atlanta, GA

Speaker

Alexander Camardelle, PhD
Joint Center on Political and Economic
Studies

Speaker

Patricia A. Matthews-Juarez, PhD
Professor, Department of Family and
Community Medicine
Senior Vice President, Office of Strategic
Initiatives and Innovation
Office of the President
Meharry Medical College

Speaker

Vipul Bhatt, PharmD
Deloitte Health Equity Institute
Naperville, IL

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Networking Reception, Exhibits, & Poster Session 1

Thursday, February 23, 2023 (All times listed are Central Time)

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Networking Breakfast, Exhibits, & Poster Session 1**8:30 AM – 9:15 AM** **Plenary Session III: Health Equity: Lesson Learned and Opportunities**

(45mins)

Activity Type: TBD

Descriptor: The implementation of the science visioning recommendations to improve minority health, reduce health disparities, and promote health equity are critical to community engaged health behavior change to achieve health equity

At the close of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Discuss community responsive and culturally specific interventions to achieve health equity.
- Identify resources within the body of scientific knowledge that address communities with high need
- Explain how health equity can be achieved through science, policy, and partnerships.

Moderator

Gene A. D'Amour, PhD
Xavier University of Louisiana

Speaker

Monica Webb Hopper
Deputy Director
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities

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9:30 AM – 10:45 AM **Concurrent Breakout Session A: The Role of Health Informatics in Achieving Health Equity**

(1hr, 15mins)

Activity Type: TBD

Descriptor: TBD Health informatics studies the use of information technology to improve human health by reducing the gaps between current healthcare practices and goals for better health and healthcare quality, safety, or cost. A significant intersection of health informatics and health disparities exists and further demonstrates the widening inequalities particularly in health outcomes.

At the close of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Examine the range of health outcomes and how they are linked to socially stratifying factors such as race and ethnicity, socioeconomic status (SES), disability, rural residence, and sexual and gender minorities and health informatics.
- Discuss the computerization of society and the responsibilities of computer science professionals and technology companies and the concerns about the potential for intervention-generated inequality resulting from informatics and the potential for bias involved in the application of machine learning and other data science methods to health care.

Moderator

Chamika E. Hawkins-Taylor, MHA, PhD
Assistant Professor
Division of Clinical and Administrative Sciences
Xavier University of Louisiana

Speaker

Will Jackson, III, MHA, PW-IT(CP)
Chief Operating Officer
Information Security Officer
Christ Community Health Services, Inc

Denise Hines, DHA

	Executive Director Georgia Health Information Network
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<p>9:30 AM – 10:45 AM (1hr, 15mins)</p>	<p>Concurrent Breakout Session B: Engaging Families and Children to Address Economic and Social Inequities and Promote Well-Being</p> <p>Activity Type: TBD</p> <p>Descriptor: Health disparities are symptoms of broader underlying social and economic inequities that reflect structural and systemic barriers and biases across sectors. Research shows that social determinants of health such as poverty, unequal access to health care, lack of education, stigma, and racism are primary drivers of health. There are a growing number of initiatives to address social determinants of health outside of the health care system. Leaders from across sectors will share how they address economic and social inequities in their communities to promote well-being and health equity - highlighting approaches, best practices, and lessons learned.</p> <p>At the close of this activity, participants will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the landscape of work being done to address economic and social inequities • Describe best practices & approaches to apply to their own work 	
	<p><i>Moderator</i></p>	<p>Latrice Rollins, PhD, MSW Director, National African American Child & Family Research Center (NAACFRC) Assistant Professor, Community Health and Preventive Medicine Morehouse School of Medicine</p>
	<p><i>Speaker</i></p>	<p>Martha Okafor, PhD Senior Advisor Office of Early Childhood Development Department of Health & Human Services</p>
	<p><i>Speaker</i></p>	<p>Monica Brown Deputy Assistant Secretary Louisiana Department of Family and Children’s Services</p>
	<p><i>Speaker</i></p>	<p>Avis Gray, RN, MSN Leader of Health Equity, Ashe’ Cultural Arts Center New Orleans, LA</p>
	<p><i>Speaker</i></p>	<p>Bantu Gross, PhD Program Director Fathers Matter, Compassion Outreach of America New Orleans, LA</p>

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9:30 AM – 10:45 AM
(1hr, 15mins)**Concurrent Breakout Session C: Increasing Minority Participation in Clinical Trials****Activity Type: TBD**

Descriptor: It is widely recognized that data supporting therapeutic options for women and minorities have been deficient because these groups were not previously included in clinical trials. Combined efforts have made some progress in reversing the shortage of data to support therapeutic options for minorities. However, the problem of obtaining data with adequate statistical power across race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic groups continues to be problematic. Since it is projected that the United States' minority populations, who carry an increased burden of disease, will be the majority in 2050, it is essential that these populations have adequate representation leading to changes in morbidity, mortality and quality of life.

At the close of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Examine the significance of mistrust in increasing minority participation.
- Review Lack of access, rather than unwillingness to participate, as a primary barrier to minority participation.
- Identify successful strategies to increase minority investigators in clinical trials.
- Discuss current trends in clinical trials.

*Moderator***Steven F. Wakefield***Speaker***Kendall Whitlock**
Walgreens*Speaker***Owen Garrick, MD, MBA**
Chief Medical Officer, Clinical Trial Services
CVS Health*Speaker***Quincy J. Byrdsong, EdD**
Vice Provost for Health Affairs
Lipscomb University

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11:00 AM – 12:15 PM
(1hr, 15mins)**Concurrent Breakout Session D: Capacity Building: Approaches to Training and Engaging Professionals to Address Health Disparities****Activity Type: TBD**

Descriptor: This nation's population is becoming more increasingly diverse. Prevention efforts require a variety of trained professionals to lead multidisciplinary approaches to mitigate health challenges. Achieving diversity in the biomedical, behavioral, clinical, and social sciences workforce is critical to address health disparities and health equity.

At the close of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Identify training barriers to equity to address health disparities.
- Examine how policy levers, program authorities and health care stakeholders can contribute to identifying and disseminating new practices meet the training and workforce needs underserved communities.
- Discuss how facilitating knowledge sharing and collaboration among stakeholders can expand efforts to achieve equity, address social risk factors and unmet social needs, and reduce disparities.

*Moderator***Arletha D. Lizana, PhD, MPH, MBA**
Associate Vice President

		Health Innovations and Strategy Morehouse School of Medicine
	Speaker	Anjanette Wyatt, PharmD President, APhA Foundation Board of Directors CEO, Clinical Care Pharmacy, LLC
	Speaker	Jayne S. Reuben, PhD Instructional Associate Professor Biomedical Sciences Director, Instructional Effectiveness Academic Affairs Texas A&M University College of Dentistry
	Speaker	Angela M Ellison MS.Ed Senior Director/Executive Consultant/Content Expert UIC Office of Community Engagement and Neighborhood Health Partnerships.

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11:00 AM – 12:15 PM
(1hr, 15mins)

Concurrent Breakout Session E: Digital Health – The Healthcare Revolution

Activity Type: TBD

Descriptor: The surge of digital health innovation has connected more people to care than ever before. It has given many populations a greater ability to receive care at home especially critical during the global pandemic. Those accomplishments have not been enough to get those innovations into the hands of everyone who needs them, especially historically marginalized populations and advance into the new era of digital health’s evolution and deliver the care they need.

At the close of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Identify missed opportunities for digital solutions to improve outcomes in populations with the highest needs.
- Examine user preferences, social determinants of health and current health status needs to assure designs are easy-to-use interfaces and provide access that meets these populations where they are.
- Discuss continuous effort to ensure that algorithms do not reinforce existing biases in the health care system.

	Moderator	Eboni E. Haynes, PhD, MBA The Mahogany Group
	Speaker	Kevin Sneed, PharmD Dean College of Pharmacy University of South Florida

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11:00 AM – 12:15 PM <i>(1hr, 15mins)</i>	Concurrent Breakout Session F: Addressing Housing, Food, and Environment Inequities Activity Type: TBD Descriptor: Social determinants of health (SDOH) are the conditions in the environments where people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age that affect a wide range of health, functioning, and quality-of-life outcomes and risks. These SDOH food insecurity, housing and environmental justice contribute to wide health disparities and inequities. At the close of this activity, participants will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain how these SDOH influence health outcomes and health equity. • Discuss examples where collaborations aid in achieving health equity, health disparities, economics in vulnerable populations. 	
	<i>Moderator</i>	Elvin T. Price, PharmD, PhD, FAHA Associate Professor Department of Pharmacotherapy & Outcomes Science Virginia Commonwealth University
	<i>Speaker</i>	Angela Odoms-Young Associate Professor and Director of the Food and Nutrition Education in Communities Program (FNEC) and New York State Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
	<i>Speaker</i>	Robert Mark Harris, MA Architect, Principal Mark Harris Architects, PC Lecturer University of Colorado – Denver/Boulder

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12:30 PM – 2:00 PM <i>(≈1hr, 30mins)</i>	Plenary Session IV: John Ruffin Lecture & Lunch Activity Type: TBD Descriptor: The Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities, Research and Education at Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy brings together public and community health leaders, health policy makers, researchers, health educators, clinicians (pharmacists, physicians, nurses, physician assistants, and allied health professionals) and students whose work incorporates the use of multidisciplinary partnerships that build collaborations to eliminate health disparities and achieve health equity. The John Ruffin Lecture Series recognizes individuals and organizations whose contributions advance the equity of minority health and health disparities. At the close of this activity, participants will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the roles of population health and science in eliminating health disparities and advancing health equity. 	
	<i>Moderator</i>	Kermit G. Payne President 1Joshua Group, LLC
	<i>Speaker</i>	Courtney N. Phillips, PhD Secretary Of Health

		Louisiana Department of Health
	<i>Speaker</i>	John Ruffin, PhD Retired Director National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
	<i>John Ruffin Lecturer</i>	Irene Dankwa-Mullan, MD, MPH Deputy Chief Health Officer Lead Scientific Officer, Data and Evidence IBM Watson Health

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2:10 PM – 3:40 PM

(≈1hr, 30mins)

Concurrent Podium Session A: Disease Management and Disparities

Activity Type: TBD

Descriptor: Researchers continually unlock vital new discoveries and game-changing insights. Come hear directly from the investigators as they present their findings related to Disease Management and Disparities.

At the close of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Describe the research presented and its application in preventing disparate health outcomes at both an individual and population level;
- Discuss strategies for applying the research presented; and
- Articulate ideas and additional research aspects that could be explored based on the research presented.

	<i>Moderator</i>	Kristi Rapp, PharmD Clinical Professor Associate Dean College of Pharmacy Xavier University of Louisiana
	<i>Podium Presenter</i>	Joanna Michelle Hobson, BS University of Alabama at Birmingham
	<i>Podium Presenter</i>	Chioma Nneamaka Kas-Osoka, PhD, MPH Meharry Medical College
	<i>Podium Presenter</i>	Adrian C. Kinkead, MPH Florida Department of Health

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2:10 PM – 3:40 PM
(≈1hr, 30mins)**Concurrent Podium Session B: Health Services, Policy, and Social Determinants of Health****Activity Type: TBD****Descriptor:** Researchers continually unlock vital new discoveries and game-changing insights. Come hear directly from the investigators as they present their findings related to Disease Management and Disparities.**At the close of this activity, participants will be able to:**

- Describe the research presented and its application in preventing disparate health outcomes at both an individual and population level;
- Discuss strategies for applying the research presented; and
- Articulate ideas and additional research aspects that could be explored based on the research presented.

*Moderator***Janel Bailey Wheeler, PharmD**
Clinical Assistant Professor
College of Pharmacy
Xavier University of Louisiana*Podium Presenters***Yolanda Anita Lewis-Ragland, MD**
Children's National Hospital*Podium Presenters***Sharon Cobb**
Charles R. Drew University of Medicine
and Science*Podium Presenters***Jennifer Dickson Keith, MPH, CPH**
Public Health Management Corporation

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2:10 PM – 3:40 PM
(≈1hr, 30mins)**Concurrent Podium Session C: Health Maintenance and Prevention in Special Populations****Activity Type: TBD****Descriptor:** Researchers continually unlock vital new discoveries and game-changing insights. Come hear directly from the investigators as they present their findings related to Disease Management and Disparities.**At the close of this activity, participants will be able to:**

- Describe the research presented and its application in preventing disparate health outcomes at both an individual and population level;
- Discuss strategies for applying the research presented; and
- Articulate ideas and additional research aspects that could be explored based on the research presented.

*Moderator***Raven Jackson, PharmD, MBA**
Clinical Associate Professor
College of Pharmacy
Xavier University of Louisiana*Podium Presenters***Lourdes E. Soto de Laurido, EdD, MPHE**
University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences
Campus*Podium Presenters***Maishara Muquith**

		University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
	<i>Podium Presenters</i>	Zanthia Wiley, MD Emory University School of Medicine

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4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
(≈1hr, 30mins)

Plenary Session V: End the Epidemic – Examining the Health Equity Implications of People Living with HIV in the Southern U.S.

Activity Type: TBD

Descriptor: Valuable missed opportunities exists for prevention and treatment of HIV infection which emphasize the need for earlier testing, linkage, and retention in care for persons living with HIV infection in Georgia (Georgia Department of Health, 2020). The Deep South has the highest rates of new HIV diagnoses, the largest number of people living with HIV and the lowest rates of viral suppression in the country. As such, it is imperative that we examine the gaps on the care continuum for people living with HIV (PLWHA) and utilize established and newfound assets to ensure health equity for this vulnerable population.

At the close of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Define the problem of prevention and treatment of HIV infection in the Southern United States
- Discuss the risk and protective factors,
- Identify prevention strategies and policies that address HIV within the Black community.

	<i>Moderator</i>	Eric D. Griggs, MD Director of Community Medicine, Community Health Center Access Health Louisiana
	<i>Speaker</i>	Maisha Standifer, PhD, MPH Director, Population Health Satcher Health Leadership Institute Assistant Professor, Community Health & Preventative Medicine Morehouse School of Medicine
	<i>Speaker</i>	Jareese K. Stroud, MPH Project Director Satcher Health Leadership Institute Morehouse School of Medicine
	<i>Panelist</i>	Jammie M. Hopkins, DrPH, MS, MSCR Assistant Professor, Community Health & Preventive Medicine Morehouse School of Medicine
	<i>Panelist</i>	Donrie Purcell, PhD, MPH Senior Data Systems Analyst Satcher Health Leadership Institute Morehouse School of Medicine
	<i>Panelist</i>	Josh Zarrabi Senior Software Engineer Satcher Health Leadership Institute Morehouse School of Medicine
	<i>Panelist</i>	George Nawas, PharmD Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy Clinical Assistant Professor

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5:30 PM – 7:00 PM **Networking Reception & Poster Session 2**

Friday, February 24, 2023 (All times listed are Central Time)

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM **Networking Full Breakfast**

8:30 AM – 9:45 AM **Plenary Session VI: Integrating the Role of Community Health Workers within Public Health**

(1hr, 15mins)

Activity Type: TBD

Descriptor: Community Health Workers provide a critical service to the communities at large. They contribute to the trust of information provided about healthcare and health related services.

At the close of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Discuss the role of community health workers
- Describe the multi-focused areas of community health workers and public health approaches
- Explain the benefits of sustainability for community health workers
- Identify the role of Community Health Workers as cultural navigators of non-medical health needs

Moderator

Paul D. Juarez, PhD
 Professor
 Department of Family and Community
 Medicine
 Director, Institute for Health Disparities,
 Equity, and the Exposome
 Meharry Medical College

Speaker

CAPT Mehran S. Massoudi, PhD, MPH
 Regional Health Administrator
 Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health,
 Region 6
 US Department of Health and Human
 Services

Speaker

Felicia Latson, LCSW-S
 Founding Principal
 Swallace Advisory Co.
 Adjunct Professor, Diana R. Garland School
 of Social Work
 Baylor University

Speaker

Kimberly D. Lamar, PhD, MPH, MSEH
 Assistant Commissioner
 Office of Minority Health and Disparities
 Elimination
 Tennessee Department of Health
 Nashville, TN

Friday, February 24, 2023 (All times listed are Central Time)

9:50 AM – 11:30 AM
(1hr, 40mins)**Plenary Session VII: John Ruffin Young Investigator, Awards & Closing****Activity Type: TBD****Descriptor:**

The 16th Minority Health and Health Disparities Conference recognizes individuals and organizations who contribute to the body of research knowledge to improve minority health and health disparities practice and policy. Awards honor specific theoretical and practical accomplishments that have had a significant impact on minority health and health disparities.

At the close of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Describe the research presented and its application in preventing disparate health outcomes at both an individual and population level;
- Discuss strategies for applying the research presented; and
- Articulate ideas and additional research aspects that could be explored based on the research presented.

Moderator

LaKeisha Williams, PharmD, MSPH
Clinical Associate Professor, Division of
Clinical and Administrative Sciences
College of Pharmacy
Xavier University of Louisiana

John Ruffin Young Investigator

Nwanne Arua Onumah, MBBS
Jackson State University

Awards Announcement

Jose A. Torrez-Ruiz, PhD
Chancellor
Ponce Health Sciences University

Rapporteur

C. Alicia Georges, EdD, RN
President
National Black Nurses Foundation, Inc

Conference Closing & 2024 Announcement

Kathleen B. Kennedy, PharmD
Conference Chair, Xavier University of Louisiana
College of Pharmacy's Health Disparities
Conference
Professor and Dean, College of Pharmacy
Malcolm Ellington Professor of Health
Disparities Research
Xavier University of Louisiana