
Cornell Center
for Health Equity

2018 Cornell Tri-Campus Health Equity Symposium

Thursday, March 15, 2018 | 8:00AM–5:00PM

Belfer Research Building
Starr-Greenberg Conference Center | Rooms 302–ABCD

Friday, March 16, 2018 | 8:00AM–1:00PM

Weill Greenberg Center
Selma Ruben Conference Center | 2nd Floor

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Program—Thursday, March 15, 2018

8:00AM–8:30AM | Belfer Common Area
Breakfast

8:30AM–9:30AM | Rooms: BCD
Opening Remarks

Monika Safford, M.D.

John J. Kuiper Professor of Medicine
Chief, General Internal Medicine Joan and
Sanford I. Weill Department of Medicine
Weill Cornell Medicine

Avery August, Ph.D.

Professor, Immunology
Department of Microbiology and
Immunology, Cornell University

Deborah Estrin, Ph.D.

Associate Dean, Cornell Tech
Professor, Computer Science
Professor, Healthcare Policy and Research
Weill Cornell Medicine

Martha Pollack, Ph.D.

(Video Stream)
President, Cornell University
Professor, Computer Science, Information
Science, and Linguistics, Cornell University

Augustine M.K. Choi, M.D.

Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean, Weill
Cornell Medicine and Provost for Medical
Affairs, Cornell University

9:30AM–10:30AM

Keynote Speaker

*"The Elements of Leadership and the Quest
for Health Equity"*

David Satcher, M.D.

Founding Director and Senior Advisor, Satcher
Health Leadership Institute, Community Health
and Preventive Medicine, Morehouse School
of Medicine

10:30AM–10:45AM

Break

10:45AM–12:15PM

Oral Presentations

Grace Seo, B.S., *An Alarming Epidemic of Early-Onset
Hypertension in Haitian Slums*

Mariella Ntamatungiro, M.D., *Socially Determined
Vulnerabilities to Health Disparities and Incident Stroke in
the REGARDS Study*

Peter Kennel, M.D., *Prevalence and Determinants of
Excessive Medication Burden in Adults with Heart Failure*

Laura Pinheiro, Ph.D., *Examining Potential Gaps in
Supportive Medication Use Among U.S. and Foreign Born
Hispanic Women with Breast Cancer*

Steven Alvarado, Ph.D., *The Indelible Weight of Place:
Childhood Neighborhood Disadvantage, Timing of
Exposure, and Obesity Across Adulthood*

Neil Lewis Jr, Ph.D., *In-Group Stigma and African
American Patients' Attention to Publicly Presented Health*

12:15PM–2:30PM | Room A

Networking Lunch & Poster Session

2:30PM–4:00PM | Rooms BCD

Community-Partnered Research: Lessons from the Field

Speakers:

Madeline Sterling, M.D., *Paving the Path Together-
Partnering with the 1199SEIU's Home Care Industry
Education Fund*

Jennifer Tiffany, Ph.D., *Using Geospatial Mapping to
Assess and Plan Programs*

Nicola Dell, Ph.D., *Designing and Deploying
Technologies with Underserved Communities*

4:00PM–5:00PM

Next Day Overview | Center for Health Equity
Pilot Project Opportunity

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8:00AM–8:30AM | Selma Ruben Conference Center, 2nd Floor
Breakfast

8:30AM–10:00AM | Room: A
Session A: Concurrent Panel Sessions

PANEL SESSION I:
Incorporating Health Equity into Clinical Research

Laura Pinheiro, Ph.D.

(Panel Leader)

Assistant Professor of Health Services Research
Joan and Sanford I. Weill Department of Medicine
General Internal Medicine
Weill Cornell Medicine

Panelists:

Karla Hanson, Ph.D.

Cornell University—College of
Human Ecology
*“Food Systems Change as a Pathway
to Health Equity”*

Margaret McNairy, M.D.

Weill Cornell Medicine—Division
of General Internal Medicine
*“Health Disparities in Cardiovascular
Health in Haiti”*

Megan Shen, Ph.D.

Weill Cornell Medicine—Division
of Geriatrics and Palliative Care
*“Health Equity for Terminally Ill
Patients: Addressing Latino Disparities
in End of Life Care”*

Urshila Sriram, M.S.P.H.

Cornell University—College of
Human Ecology
*“Civic Engagement and Action to
Promote Health Equity”*

Nicola Dell, Ph.D.

Cornell Tech—Department of Information &
Computer Science
*“Health Technology Interventions and
Health Equity”*

Program—Friday, March 16, 2018 *Continued*

8:30AM–10:00AM | Room: B
Session A: Concurrent Panel Sessions

PANEL SESSION II: **Health Equity in the Basic Sciences**

Marcus Lambert, Ph.D.

(Panel Leader)

Assistant Dean of Diversity and Student Life
Assistant Professor of Education Research in Medicine
Weill Cornell Medicine

Panelists:

Rhonda Kost, M.D.

Rockefeller University—Center for
Clinical and Translational Science
*“Helping Basic Scientists Engage
With Community Partners to
Enrich and Accelerate Translational
Research”*

Olorunseun Ogunwobi, Ph.D.

Hunter College—Department of Biological
Sciences, WCM Adjunct and Belfer
Faculty Member
*“Introduction to Cancer Research and
Underserved Minority Populations”*

Kristy Richards, M.D.

Cornell University—College of
Veterinary Medicine
*“Community Engagement by
Cancer Scientists”*

Jackie Gottshall, Ph.D.

Weill Cornell Graduate School
*“Bridging Basic Science and Health
Disparities Research Training”*

Program—Friday, March 16, 2018 *Continued*

8:30AM–10:00AM | Room: C
Session A: Concurrent Panel Sessions

PANEL SESSION III: **Building Academic Community Partnerships for Scholarly Projects**

Erica Phillips, M.D.

(Panel Leader)

Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine
Joan and Sanford I. Department of Medicine
General Internal Medicine
Weill Cornell Medicine

Panelists:

Madeline Sterling, M.D.

Weill Cornell Medicine—Division of
General Internal Medicine
*“Learning the Etiquette of
Community Engagement”*

Desiree Walker, B.A.

Outreach and Ambassador
SHARE Organization
*“Formulating a True Community
Engaged Partnership from Soup to Nuts”*

Jennifer Tiffany, Ph.D.

Cornell University—College of
Human Ecology
*“Building a Sustainable
CEnR Program”*

Tapan Parikh, Ph.D.

Cornell Tech—Department of
Information Science
*“The Design and Evaluation of
Information Technologies for
Community-Engaged Research
Programs”*

10:00AM–10:15AM | Rooms: ABC
Break

10:15AM–11:45AM *(Bring your laptop)*
Session B: Brainstorming Session
Groups of Investigators Develop Their
Ideas for Projects

11:45AM–12:30PM
Working Lunch & Reports from
Research Groups

12:30PM–1:00PM
Next Steps & Closing Remarks

Speakers



Martha Pollack, Ph.D.

is the fourteenth President of Cornell University and professor of computer science, information science, and linguistics. She took office on April 17, 2017. In her first year in office, Pollack has worked to sustain and enhance Cornell's academ-

ic distinction. She supports investing in faculty and encourages openness to new approaches to teaching and learning. She also works to develop synergies among and within Cornell's major campuses in Ithaca and New York City. Among her highest priorities is creating a community that is truly diverse, inclusive, and egalitarian. Previously the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at the University of Michigan, Pollack earned a bachelor's degree in linguistics at Dartmouth College and an M.S. and Ph.D. in computer and information science at the University of Pennsylvania.



Augustine M.K. Choi, M.D.

is the Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean of Weill Cornell Medicine and Provost for Medical Affairs of Cornell University. Dr. Choi is an internationally renowned physician-scientist whose

research has focused on the molecular regulation and function of antioxidant enzymes in lung and vascular diseases. He has a longstanding commitment to the training of postdoctoral fellows and physician-scientists, especially in the field of lung disease. He is a member of the American Society of Clinical Investigation and the Association of American Physicians. Among his many awards and honors are the 2011 Ho-Am Prize in Medicine, which is often referred to as the Korean Nobel Prize, and the 2015 J. Burns Amberson Lecture, which recognizes a career of major lifetime contributions to pulmonary research.



David Satcher, M.D.

is a physician-scientist and public health administrator with an extensive track record of leadership, research, and community engagement. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Morehouse College and holds MD and PhD degrees from

Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Satcher served as the 16th Surgeon General of the United States (1998-2002) and the 10th Assistant Secretary for Health in the Department of Health and Human Services (1998-2001). He also served as Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). Dr. Satcher has also held top leadership positions at the Charles R. Drew University for Medicine and Science, Meharry Medical College, and the Morehouse School of Medicine. He has received over 50 honorary degrees and has received numerous awards from diverse organizations and agencies. Currently, Dr. Satcher is the Founding Director and Senior Advisor for the Satcher Health Leadership Institute at the Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia.

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Speakers



Monika Safford, M.D.

is a Clinician-Scientist with clinical expertise in preventive healthcare, treatment of acute and chronic illness and the coordination of care for those with complex diseases. Dr. Safford has served as Chief of General Internal Medicine at Weill Cor-

nell Medicine since January 2016. Her research program focuses on health equity in cardiovascular diseases, and includes clinical epidemiology as well as stakeholder engaged implementation trials in vulnerable populations. Dr. Safford earned a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College and her medical degree from Cornell University. She completed her internal medicine training at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Safford is the Founding Director of the Cornell Center for Health Equity.



Deborah Estrin, Ph.D.

is Tisman-Founder's-Chair Professor of Computer Science and Associate Dean for Technical Programs at Cornell Tech. She directs the Health Tech Hub in the Jacobs Institute, which is the joint venture of Technion and

Cornell. Her research focus is on mobile health and small data, leveraging the pervasiveness of mobile devices and digital interactions for health and healthcare. Estrin sits on several scientific advisory boards for early stage digital health startups. She is an elected member of The American Academy of Arts and Sciences and The National Academy of Engineering and joined Cornell Tech from UCLA as the first external faculty hire in 2013.



Avery August, Ph.D.

is a HHMI Professor and Professor of Immunology in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University. He is also Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at Cornell

University. He received a BS in Medical Technology from California State University at Los Angeles, and a PhD in Immunology from Cornell University's Weill Graduate School of Medical Sciences working with Dr. Bo Dupont. Following the receipt of his PhD, he moved to the Rockefeller University as a National Science Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Laboratory of Molecular Oncology with Dr. Hidesaburo Hanafusa. After a brief stint in industry at the R.W. Johnson Pharmaceutical Research Institute as a Scientist in Drug Discovery, he moved to Pennsylvania State University before moving to Cornell as Chair of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology in the College of Veterinary Medicine. At Cornell, he is PI of the Cornell Broadening Experiences in Scientific Training (BEST) program, and Co-Director of the Cornell Center for Health Equity.

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