6th Annual WCM Diversity Week April 15 to April 19, 2024
Agenda

PRELUDE EVENTS

MONDAY, APRIL 8TH

5:30PM – 8:00PM  
**Diagnosing Antisemitism, Islamophobia and Racism with Empathy**  
| Belfer Research Building BB 204-A, BB 204-B, BB 204-C and Zoom  
*Ross Brann*  
Milton R. Konvitz Professor of Judeo-Islamic Studies  
Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellow  
Department of Near Eastern Studies  
Cornell University

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH

4:00PM – 6:00PM  
**Breaking Bread Beyond the Individual: Health and Wellbeing from an Indigenous Perspective**  
Diversity Town Hall | Belfer Research Building BB 302-C, BB 302-D and Zoom  
*Cash Ahenakew, PhD*  
Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Peoples' Well-being  
Associate Professor, Department of Education, University of British Columbia

DIVERSITY WEEK EVENTS

MONDAY, APRIL 15TH

7:00AM – 8:00AM  
**Prostate Cancer Practice as it Pertains to the LGBTQ Community**  
Urology Grand Rounds | Zoom  
*Channa Amarasekera, MD*  
Assistant Professor of Urology  
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
7:30AM – 8:30AM  Serenity in Spanish Harlem: A Street Anthropologist’s View of Education for a Traumatized Community  
Neurological Surgery Grand Rounds  |  Belfer Research Building BB 204-A, BB 204-B (Breakfast Reception to Follow)  
Mr. Ivan M. Hageman  
Head of School  
The East Harlem School at Exodus House

7:30AM – 8:30AM  Application of Race Conscious Medicine to Clinical Practice in Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Obstetrics and Gynecology Grand Rounds | Griffis Faculty Club/ Zoom  
Camille Clare, MD  
Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at SUNY Downstate Medical.

8:00AM – 9:00AM  Elucidating the Hispanic Paradox in Cancer  
Cardiothoracic Surgery | CT Conference Room M407  
Jonathan Villena-Vargas, MD  
Assistant Professor of Clinical Cardiothoracic Surgery

8:00AM – 9:00AM  Nurturing an Inclusive Surgical Workforce: What's in our Toolkit?  
Surgery Grand Rounds | Uris Auditorium  
Nancy L. Gantt, MD FACS  
Professor of Surgery, Northeast Ohio Medical University  
First Vice-President Elect, American College of Surgeons  
Chair, Association of Women Surgeons Foundation  
Co-Medical Director, Joanie Abdu Comprehensive Breast Care Center  
Mercy St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital

11:00AM – 12:00PM  Adventures in Quorum Sensing Across Domains: From Viruses to Bacteria to Eukaryotes  
Cyma Rubin Women in Science Lectureship 2024 | Weill Auditorium (C-200) / Zoom  
Bonnie L. Bassler, PhD  
Squibb Professor in Molecular Biology  
Chair, Department of Molecular Biology  
Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator  
Princeton University
1:00PM – 3:00PM  **Volunteerism Showcase**
Office of Student Diversity |  *Belfer Research Building BB 204-A, BB 204B, BB 204-C and Skylight Lounge*

5:00PM – 6:00PM  **ELIZABETH WILSON-ANSTEY DIVERSITY WEEK KEYNOTE LECTURE**
*My Journey to Discover Why African Americans Live Sicker and Die Younger* |  *Uris Auditorium and Zoom*
*Thomas LaVeist, Ph.D*
Dean, Weatherhead Chair, & Professor
Tulane University, School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

6:00PM – 8:00PM  **Celebration of Diversity** |  *Griffis Faculty Club*
- Pioneer in Diversity Awards
- Ritu Banga Healthcare Disparities Research Awards
- Jessica M. & Natan Bibliowicz Award for Excellence in Mentoring Women Faculty

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH**

12:00PM – 1:00PM  **We Assess What We Value: The Role of Physician Language Proficiency Assessment in Health Equity**
Emergency Medicine |  *Zoom*
*Pilar Ortega, MD*
Vice President, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine
University of Illinois at Chicago

12:00PM – 1:00PM  **Making the Case for DEI**
Pediatrics | Pediatric Library
*Clyde Yancy, MD, MSc*
Vice Dean of Diversity and Inclusion
Professor of Medicine and Chief of Cardiology
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Associate Director of the Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Magerstadt Endowed Professor Chair, Department of Medical Social Sciences
3:00PM – 4:00PM  
**Experiences of First-Generation Students at Elite Campuses**  |  *Weill Greenberg Center, 1305 York Ave., 2nd Floor, Conference Rooms A and Zoom*  
Keith LaScalea, MD  
Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine Weill Cornell Medicine  
Mehrose Ahmad, Medical Student, MS1  
Steven Persaud, Medical Student, MS1  
Parhesh Kumar, Medical Student, MS1  
Michelle Ho, Medical Student, MS1  
Serena Zampino, Medical Student, MS1

5:00PM – 6:00PM  
**WOMEN IN MEDICINE AND SCIENCE DIVERSITY WEEK KEYNOTE LECTURE**  
Sex and Gender Medicine: Science, Policy and Health Disparities in CVD  
*Uris Auditorium and Zoom*  
C. Noel Bairey Merz, MD, FACC, FAHA, FESC  
Irwin and Sheila Allen Chair in Women’s Heart Research  
Director, Barbra Streisand Women's Heart Center  
Director, Linda Joy Pollin Women's Heart Health Program  
Erika J Glazer Women’s Heart Research Initiative  
Director, Preventive Cardiac Center  
Professor of Medicine  
Cedars-Sinai Heart Institute

6:00PM – 7:30PM  
**Women in Medicine and Science Keynote Lecture Reception**  |  *Griffis Faculty Club*

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17th**

11:00AM – 12:30AM  
**Community Based Treatment and Research for Substance Use Disorders in Black and Latinx Communities: Forging a Brighter Future**  
Psychiatry Grand Rounds  |  *Uris Auditorium and Zoom Information*  
Contact Monica Fortsch: mof4007@med.cornell.edu  
Ayana Jordan, MD, PhD  
Barbara Wilson Associate Professor, NYU Grossman School of Medicine  
Pillar Co-Lead, Institute for Excellence in Health Equity  
PI, Jordan Wellness Collaborative
1:00PM – 2:00PM  **Sharper Images, Clearer Ethics: Illuminating Bias in AI-Powered Digital Health & Imaging**
David Rogers Health Policy Colloquium | Belfer Research Building
BB302A & 302B (Lunch Buffet Available ) or Zoom Link Details Contact
Paul Howell  [plh4001@med.cornell.edu](mailto:plh4001@med.cornell.edu)

4:00PM – 6:30PM  **Unsung Heroes Gallery: A Showcase of Weill Cornell Medicine Employees Making a Difference**
Office of Staff Diversity, Inclusion & Engagement | Griffis Faculty Club

4:00PM – 5:00PM  **Approaches to Launch a Health Disparities Research Agenda**
Population Health Sciences | [Zoom](https://medcornell.sharepoint.com/sites/SOD/_layouts/15/Event.aspx?ListGuid=0f029281-2656-4928-bd77-60f9ccfecd2&ItemID=32)
Maria Isabel Roldós, DrPH
Associate Professor
Department of Health Sciences
Lehman College

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH**

12:00PM – 1:00PM  **Inqueeries” into intersectional identity and invisibility: An LGBT health research journey**
LGBTQ+ | Weill Greenberg Center, 1305 York Ave., 2nd Floor, Conference Rooms A and [Zoom](https://medcornell.sharepoint.com/sites/SOD/_layouts/15/Event.aspx?ListGuid=0f029281-2656-4928-bd77-60f9ccfecd2&ItemID=32) (Reception to Follow)
Jennifer L Glick, PhD MPH
Adjunct Associate Professor
Department of Health Behavior and Society
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

12:00PM – 1:30PM  **Fireside Chat on Intersections of DEI and Professionalism**
Office of Staff Diversity, Inclusion & Engagement | Uris Auditorium
Register Here
H. David Jaramillo Gil, Ph.D.
Program Manager in Diversity, Health Equity and Inclusion
Department of Radiology
Jamal D. Lopez, JD, CDP, SHRM-SCP
Director Office of Professionalism
5:00PM – 6:00PM  **My Journey in Psychiatry and Use of Social Media as An Extension of My Professional Identity**  
Office of Student Diversity | Griffis Faculty Club  
**Jessica Clemons, M.D. ’15**  
Board-Certified Psychiatrist

5:30PM – 6:30PM  **Innovations in the Treatment of Corneal Endothelial Disorders**  
Ophthalmology Grand Rounds | *Weill Greenberg Center, 1305 York Ave., 2nd Floor, Conference Rooms B & C* and **Zoom**  
**Deepinder Kaur Dhaliwal, MD, L.Ac**  
Professor of Ophthalmology, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine  
Vice Chair, Department of Ophthalmology, Wellness and Communications  
Chief of Refractive Surgery  
Director and Founder, Center for Integrative Eye Care  
Associate Director, Campbell Ocular Microbiology Laboratory  
Clinical Co-Director, Corneal Stem Cell Task Force  
President-Elect, Cornea Society  
Chair, International Council, International Society of Refractive Surgery

5:30PM – 7:30PM  **Students Diversity Mixer**  
Office of Student Diversity | **Student Hearth: Feil Center**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH**

12:30PM – 2:00PM  **The Role of Restorative Justice in EDI and Anti-Racism**  
Radiology | **TBD**  
**Paula Cashin, MD**  
Canadian Medical Association

1:30PM – 2:30PM  **Diversity Week Faculty- Student Mentoring Mixer**  
Blackwell Society and Office of Student Diversity | **WCMC Campus; 1305 2nd Floor; WGC-A**
SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

9:00AM-1:30PM  Black and Latino Men in Medicine (BLMiM) Annual Conference
      Fifth Annual Conference
      The Trusted Messenger:
      Increasing Health Literacy through Social Media
      Virtual

9:00 am  Welcome Remarks
      Ikenna Onyekwere, MS4 – General Welcome
      Kevin Holcomb, MD

10:00am  Keynote Address by Russell J. Ledet, MD, PhD, MBA,
      Co-founder of the 15 White Coats, Activist, Physician-scientist, Veteran

10:45am  Questions for Keynote

11:00am  Break

11:45am  Breakout Small Group Sessions

  11:45 am – 1:00 pm
  Separating the Real from the Fake: Social Media Health Advice
      Ikenna Onyekwere, MS4
  Session focuses on how to navigate public health advice on social media,
  determining credibility, and identifying conflicts of interest.

  12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
  Being a Healthcare Messenger on your own Platform
      Benjamin Grant, MS4
  Small group session geared towards teaching participants how they too can share
  credible health information to their following.

1:00pm Celebration of Science and leadership in Medicine (SLiM) Students
      Kevin Holcomb, MD

1:20 pm Closing Remarks
      Ikenna Onyekwere, MS4

1:30pm End of program
MONDAY, APRIL 22nd

7:00AM – 8:00AM  **Affect contagion: Physiologic synchrony among strangers and close others**
Anesthesiology | A-950 Conference Room &  [Zoom](#)
Wendy Mendes, PhD
Charles C. and Doraethea S. Dilley Professor of Psychology
Yale University

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24th

1:00PM – 2:00PM  **Implicit Bias Recognition and Management: Addressing Faculty Needs as Both Learners and Teachers**
Medicine Grand Rounds- Dr. Louis Wade Sullivan Diversity Department of Medicine Lectureship Speaker and Visiting Professor | [Uris Auditorium](#) and Zoom Details Contact Jaklien Samaan at  jas2033@med.cornell.edu
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