The Power of the Faith Community to Promote Health Equity

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

For Faith Leaders, Health Ministries, Educators, Researchers and Healthcare Providers

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Greetings and welcome to the second annual Community-Campus Partnership Conference to Address Health Disparities. We are thrilled you are able to join us. It has been a pleasure for the conference planning committee and staff to organize this conference themed “The Power of the Faith Community to Promote Health Equity.” I would like to thank each of you for attending our conference. You, as organization and faith leaders, health care providers, researchers and students have the vision, the knowledge, the wherewithal and the experience to help us address health disparities. You are truly our greatest asset today and tomorrow, and we could not accomplish what we do without your support and leadership. Throughout this conference, I ask you to stay engaged and keep us proactive as we work together to improve the health of Arkansans. Our hope is that during this time of shared learning, you will have an opportunity to connect, fellowship and network with others. We look forward to sharing this day with you and are confident you will leave the conference excited, renewed and energized to promote health equity!

Sincerely,

Keneshia Bryant-Moore, PhD, RN
Conference Planning Committee Chairperson
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<td>Service Learning: A tool to address health disparities and support career development</td>
<td>Ashley Bachelder, MPH, MPS, Moderator</td>
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<td>Presenters: Eric Gilmore, LMSW; Neil Sealy; Candace Williams, BS and Katy Allison Growing Our Own in the Delta (GOOD) Scholars: Rochelle McFerguson; Denise Kelley; Joseph Labonte; Lauren Rucker; Lauren Varnier; Stella Bowers; Pamela Reed; Devin Devlin; Valeria King &amp; Eric Peppers</td>
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<td>Faith in the Field: Improving clinical outcomes</td>
<td>Camille Hart, MPH, Moderator</td>
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<td>- Understand the importance of community assessments, analysis of gaps and available community resources when planning for care</td>
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<td>Faith Programs to Address Health Equity</td>
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| **Session 4** | **Faith and Research Collaborations**                                 | *Engaging faith organizations in research is not new: However, as good as our efforts are, collaborations are not common across Arkansas. Research is needed to address persistent and disparate health outcomes for planning targeted interventions. The connection between faith and health is strong; therefore, faith communities play a pivotal role in research as they have a greater understanding of both the health and social needs of individuals in their community. This session highlights research partnerships with faith-based community organizations to improve community health*
|            | **Objectives:** After this session, participants will:                | - Understand the role of faith-based organizations in health research    |
|            |                                                                    | - Identify ways to effectively engage faith-based organizations in health research |
|            |                                                                    | - Discuss ways to disseminate research results in the faith community     |  
|            | **Tiffany Haynes, PhD,** Moderator                                 |                                                                           |
|            | **Presenters:** Stephanie McCoy, MPH; MPS, Nakita Lovelady, MPH; Pastor Jerome Turner; Dr. Valandra German; Lisa Smith, BS and Williamina “Wana” Bing, BS |                                                                           |
|            | **Location:** Dean                                                    |                                                                           |
| **Session 5** | **The role of the faith community at critical intersections of race, identity and experiences of oppression** | *This session will focus on addressing oppression at critical intersections with race and racism, including the following topics: sexual orientation and gender identity, homelessness, mass incarceration and community re-entry, and #BlackLivesMatter as it relates to unjust police violence and/or other forms of structural violence. This interactive panel of faith leaders will exemplify how health disparities are worsened at the intersections of social identities and issues outside the healthcare realm and the role of the faith community.* |
|            | **M. Kathryn Stewart, MD, MPH,** Moderator                          |                                                                           |
|            | **Presenters:** Rev. Dr. Denise Donnell; Pastor Ryan Davis and Pastor William Holloway |                                                                           |
|            | **Location:** McArthur                                                |                                                                           |
| 2:45 – 3 p.m. | **Break**                                                              | Sammic Andrews with 3 Phase Fitness                                       |
| 3 – 4 p.m.   | **Afternoon Plenary Session:**                                        |                                                                           |
|             | **The Congregational Health Network**                                 |                                                                           |
|             | **Pastor Jerome Turner,** Moderator                                  |                                                                           |
|             | **Presenters:** Armika Berkley, MPH, program manager for the Congregational Health Network in partnership with Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare |                                                                           |
|             | **Pastor Bobby G. Baker, D. Min., M.Div., Director of Faith and Community Partnerships at Methodist Healthcare.** |                                                                           |
|             | **Location:** Ballroom                                                |                                                                           |
| 4 - 4:10     | **Closing Remarks & Door Prizes**                                     | Keneshia Bryant-Moore, PhD, RN                                             |
| 4:10 - 4:15 p.m. | **Closing reflection** to reflect on the day and all we learned, to leave in the spirit of collaboration and empowerment.** | Pastor Harry Li
Mosaic Church of Central Arkansas, Little Rock, AR |
| 4:15 - 6 p.m. | **Evening Networking Reception & Poster Session**                     | Entertainment By: All In One
Location: McArthur & Dean                                                   |
| 6 p.m       | **Conference ends**                                                   |                                                                           |
KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Creating Healthier Communities and congregations: How Faith and Community Groups Promote Health Equity

ACACIA BAMBERG SALATTI, MDIV
Director, Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, Department of Health and Human Services

Acacia Bamberg Salatti was appointed by the White House to the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (The Partnership Center) at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in 2009. She serves as director and her portfolio includes engagement on minority health outreach and health disparities reduction strategies. Salatti comes to this position from the office of U.S. Rep. James E. Clyburn, the Assistant Democratic Leader, where she was lead staffer for the House Democratic Faith Working Group. She also handled Clyburn’s education and agriculture portfolio. In addition, Salatti was also responsible for his agriculture, interior and foreign operations appropriation bills. Salatti holds a master’s in divinity and a certificate in black church studies from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. She is also a former adjunct professor of religion at Columbia College, her alma mater.

MORNING PLENARY SESSION: HEALTH DISPARITIES: THE STATE OF THE STATE

MICHEAL KNOX

Micheal Knox, M.S., M.P.H., Dr.P.H. candidate, was recently appointed director for the Arkansas Minority Health Commission in February 2015. Prior to this role, Knox worked in several capacities at the Arkansas Department of Health, including as public health administrator (Medicaid expansion facilitator); associate branch chief in the Preparedness and Emergency Response Branch; and senior epidemiologist. Knox received his undergraduate degree from Henderson State University in biology and two master’s degrees in physiology and biophysics, and public health, health behavior and health education, both from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. He will soon receive a doctorate in public health leadership, also from UAMS College of Public Health.

AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSION: THE CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH NETWORK

PASTOR BOBBY G. BAKER, DMIN., MDIV

Bobby G. Baker is the director of Faith and Community Partnerships at Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare and currently serves as senior pastor of Divine Faith Church in Memphis. His work with the Congregational Health Network has been recognized as a national best practice by the Department of Health and Human Services’ Agency for Health Research and Quality, as well as a 2015 Hospital Charitable Service Award winner. CHN has been featured in many publications such as Salon.com, Sojourners Magazine and The New York Times. Baker is a conference presenter and has presented at Johns Hopkins University’s Medical –Religious Partnerships symposium. He was awarded the 2014 Alumni of the Year at Memphis Theological Seminary. He earned his Master of Divinity at Memphis Theological Seminary in 1998. Baker completed 1,600 hours of clinical pastoral education with Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare and was awarded the distinction of certified chaplain by the Association of Professional Chaplains in 2000. He completed his doctorate in ministry at Memphis Theological Seminary in 2014.

ARMIKA BERKLEY, BA, MPH

Armika Berkley is the program manager for the Congregational Health Network in partnership with Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare. Her work centers on developing and integrating innovative, statistical approaches to advance faith-based public health initiatives and healthcare research specifically targeting underserved populations. She has been a key player for more than a decade in faith-based health care delivery initiatives. These initiatives include: operationalizing grant funded programs to increase access to quality health care, delivering health education in under-resourced communities, as well as intervening to address health disparities in Memphis. Berkley received her Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Christian Brothers University in Memphis and her Master of Public Health with an emphasis in behavioral studies from Capella University in 2012. Armika is a native of Memphis with a personal mission to serve diverse populations and remain in a key role in an effort to affect change in the health disparities in under-resourced communities.
Rev. Dr. Denise Donnell

Rev. Denise Donnell, Ph.D., was born and reared in Jackson, Mississippi. She received her Bachelor of Arts from Jackson State University, her Master of Arts from the University of Mississippi, her Master of Divinity from Perkins School of Theology and her Doctorate of Philosophy from Jackson State University. Denise is an ordained elder in the Mississippi conference of the United Methodist Church. Previously, she served a cross-racial appointment at Mississippi City United Methodist Church in Gulfport, as pastor of Revels Memorial United Methodist Church in Greenville, and associate pastor at Broadmeadow United Methodist Church in Jackson. She is currently the senior faith organizer for Human Rights Campaign in Arkansas, where she advocates for the religious rights of people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender, creating partnerships with faith leaders and engaging faith communities to create safer worship spaces.

Eric Gilmore

Eric Gilmore is the founding director of Immerse Arkansas and is a licensed master of social work. He and his wife, Kara, began Immerse Arkansas to meet the needs of youth transitioning from foster care to adulthood in 2010. Today, Immerse Arkansas provides help, hope and housing to a variety of youth in crisis including youth who are homeless, runaways, and/or victims of trafficking. Gilmore is passionate about working to make sure Arkansas youth in crisis are met with people, programs and systems that are prepared to meet their needs in a trauma-informed manner. Gilmore serves on the National Runaway Board as well as other local community efforts to better support youth in crisis.

Valandra L. German, Dr.P.H., a native of Crossett, became director of the Minority Research Center on Tobacco and Addictions in 2013. As such, German spearheads the development and implementation of the long-term research agenda of the Minority Research Center. German earned her doctorate in public health and community health education from the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, her master’s in public health and community health education from the Des Moines University’s College of Osteopathic Medicine, and her bachelor’s in community health education from Dillard University. Her research interests are health disparities with a particular focus on understanding the influence of spirituality and psycho-social mechanisms important to maintaining predisposing risk behaviors among underserved and vulnerable populations, in particular, related to tobacco use, cancer screening adherence, and community based participatory research. German is a member of the Society for Public Health Educators, American Public Health Association, Association of University Programs in Healthcare Administration, and Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Rev. Ryan Davis

Rev. Ryan D. Davis is an itinerant preacher at the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a native of Little Rock. He received Bachelor of Arts in liberal arts with concentrations in black studies and religion from Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Illinois. He studied African-American studies at the University of Wisconsin and at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock’s William H. Bowen School of Law. Davis is currently the director of UALR Children International. Davis is an advocate for children, who represent the only future we have. He subscribes to the Yoruba proverb “Plant a tree under whose shade you will never sit.”

Teresa Conner

Teresa Conner is the system Manager for the Baptist Health Community Outreach department. Her responsibilities include managing 20 community wellness centers, implementing school based and community based events and programs. She has more than 20 years of community health experience and holds a bachelor’s in community health from the University of Central Arkansas.

Lola Fish

Lola Fish has been a registered nurse since 1980. She graduated from the Baptist Health System School of Nursing and began her career at Baptist Health in the coronary care unit. She worked a variety of jobs in nursing including hospital nurse, home IV nurse but has spent the last 25 years working with Dr. Steve Hutchins in managing heart failure and heart transplant patients. She has been a part of Shepherd’s Hope Neighborhood Health Center since its opening and continues to be a regular volunteer as a nurse in the clinic as well and serving on the leadership team.

Wana Bing

Wanima “Wana” Bing serves as the project coordinator for the Marshallese faith-based community health programs for the Office of Community Health and Research at UAMS Northwest. She has a bachelor’s degree in management from John Brown University. Prior to joining UAMS Northwest, she worked as an administrative specialist and outreach worker for the Arkansas Department of Health’s Dr. Joseph Bates Outreach Clinic. She is a native of the Marshall Islands and is fluent in Marshallese.

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DR. KEITHA GRIFFITH

Keitha Griffith, D.N.P., has more than 35 years of nursing experience spanning clinical, education and managerial roles, including 20 years as a chief nursing officer at an acute care hospital. Griffith earned her associate’s and bachelor’s in nursing from University of Arkansas at Monticello and her master’s in nursing from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. She recently graduated with her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, also from UAMS. Griffith is a Johnson and Johnson Wharton Nurse Executive Fellow and holds nurse executive advanced board certification. Griffith is past president of Arkansas Organization for Nurse Executives and recipient of the UAMS College of Nursing Alumni 50th Anniversary Award for leadership in health care administration. Griffith currently serves as an adjunct faculty member at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia and is an active volunteer in a number of community organizations.

MARY GUPTON

Mary A. Gupton, M.P.H., CPHIT has more than 24 years of education and experience in health care. As an active quality specialist throughout the state, she successfully engages consumer and providers in healthy lifestyle changes. She has extensive experience as a health disparities collaborative manager. One of her primary responsibilities was to provide assistance and support to community health clinics on implementing system changes toward reducing disparities in the low-income and underserved populations with chronic diseases. Other experience and professional accomplishments include serving as a lead for the Hometown Health Initiative, Midtown Health Alliance and implementing the “Bless Your Heart” toolkit in faith-based programs throughout disparate populations within the state.

PASTOR WILLIAM HOLLOWAY

Pastor William Holloway, native of southern Illinois, became homeless at age 12 and spent many years traveling throughout the country finding odd jobs while staying at rescue missions. His experiences inspired him to persevere and, in 1998, he opened the Little Rock Compassion (LRCC). The LRCC has since grown to be the largest shelter in the state of Arkansas. The center provides 300 beds per night, 500 prepared meals per day, and offers a work program, and a drug and alcohol program to the men and women it serves.

DR. BRENDA JACOBS

Brenda Jacobs, D.N.P., A.P.R.N., was recently hired as the CEO and clinical director of Daughters of Charity of Arkansas. She is a lifelong resident of Monticello. Jacobs attended Monticello Public Schools. She received her bachelor’s in Nursing from the University of Arkansas at Monticello. She then attended Delta State University and received her Master of Science in Nursing. After a one year break to attend to her newborn son, she enrolled at Samford University to pursue her doctorate in nursing practice. She is board certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Jacobs is a lifelong learner and is currently enrolled in the National Association of Community Health Centers CEO Institute. She will complete that program in August.

NAKITA LOVELADY

Nakita Lovelady is a student in Health Promotion and Prevention Research Ph.D. program in the Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS). Her dissertation will focus on understanding culturally appropriate ways to address the mental health impact of gun violence among young African-American men. She currently works on the Faith in the Delta grant, specifically with the REJOICE (Renewed and Empowered for the Journey to Overcome in Christ Everyday) project, which is an evidence-based depression intervention for African-American adults of faith, funded by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. Lovelady has years of experience in community engaged research from her previous work with the Arkansas Children’s Hospital Research Institute and UAMS Translational Research Institute. Her work in community based research dovetails well with her passion for public service. She has served in various capacities on several community initiatives in Helena, Pine Bluff and Little Rock, many of which align with her life philosophy, “Lift as you climb. Build as you grow.”
Practitioners and Delta Sigma Theta.

Practice Nurse Association, American Association of Nurse the American Nurses Association, Gerontological Advanced lifestyles through health education. Moody is a member of Beth Salem Baptist Church in Forrest City, to promote healthy In addition, she works with the health ministry at her church, geriatric clients for Alliance Senior Health in West Memphis. and health promotion, and currently makes house calls to

Practice degree from the University of Arkansas for Medical University. This past year, she earned her Doctor of Nursing in the associate degree nursing programs at Arkansas State University, she taught several courses including introduction to nursing, health assessment, medical surgical and clinical practicum in the associate degree nursing programs at Arkansas State University. This past year, she earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Moody has a strong interest in gerontology and health promotion, and currently makes house calls to geriatric clients for Alliance Senior Health in West Memphis. In addition, she works with the health ministry at her church, Beth Salem Baptist Church in Forrest City, to promote healthy lifestyles through health education. Moody is a member of the American Nurses Association, Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurse Association, American Association of Nurse Practitioners and Delta Sigma Theta.

STEPHANIE MCCOY

Stephanie Ryan McCoy is a native of Little Rock. She attended Hendrix College and obtained her undergraduate degree in psychology and Africana studies. During her undergraduate years, she also studied in South Africa and did missionary work in Peru. After college, McCoy obtained a teacher’s license with Teach for America and taught fourth and fifth graders language arts at an alternative school in the Mississippi delta. After returning to Little Rock, she entered the UAMS College of Public Health and the Clinton School of Public Service and completed the concurrent Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) and Master of Public Service (M.P.S.) degree program. While completing these degrees, she accepted a public service assignment in Singapore and spent 4 months there working on a women’s health equity project. McCoy focused her M.P.H. and M.P.S. training on a health promotion project with African-American pastors and health ministry leaders in the Little Rock 12th Street Corridor. McCoy is a Gates Millennium Scholar and a doctoral student in the UAMS Health Promotion and Prevention Research program. She has worked with her mentors and colleagues to promote health in the Arkansas delta region and designed and piloted a mental health intervention in Phillips and Jefferson Counties using community based participatory research. She is currently researching the depression narratives of African-American pastors and congregation members in Jefferson County for her dissertation. She plans to finish her degree this year and has aspirations to teach at the collegiate level and to promote health equity with faith communities.

DR. TERRI PINKNEY MOODY

Terry Pinkney Moody, D.N.P., has 16 years of nursing experience. She completed her associate’s degree in nursing at East Arkansas Community College in Forrest City and obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Baptist College of Health Sciences in Memphis. She earned her master’s from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. As an advanced practice Nurse, she taught several courses including introduction to nursing, health assessment, medical surgical and clinical practicum in the associate degree nursing programs at Arkansas State University. This past year, she earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Moody has a strong interest in gerontology and health promotion, and currently makes house calls to geriatric clients for Alliance Senior Health in West Memphis. In addition, she works with the health ministry at her church, Beth Salem Baptist Church in Forrest City, to promote healthy lifestyles through health education. Moody is a member of the American Nurses Association, Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurse Association, American Association of Nurse Practitioners and Delta Sigma Theta.

NEIL SEALY

Neil Sealy works for Arkansas Community Organizations (ACO) and serves as executive director. ACO is a membership organization of low- to moderate-income people with chapters in Pulaski and Jefferson counties. ACO members are working to win greater access to quality health care, living wages, stronger public schools, balanced landlord tenant laws and other reforms important to the low- to moderate-income community. ACO is a community campus partner with the UAMS College of Public Health. Sealy also serves as the executive director for the Arkansas Community Institute (ACI). ACI is a non-profit organizations that provides services, research, technical assistance and leadership training to the low- to moderate-income community.

LISA SMITH

Lisa Fury-Smith serves as the project manager for the faith-based community health programs for the Office of Community Health and Research at UAMS Northwest. Smith has a bachelor’s degree in family and human services and is completing a master’s degree in business administration with a focus on leadership and ethics from John Brown University. Prior to joining UAMS Northwest, she worked for United Way of Northwest Arkansas as the manager of community impact, collaborating with Northwest Arkansas nonprofit organizations, foundations and other community organizations to improve services to populations in need.

STEVE SULLIVAN

Steve Sullivan, a native of Arkansas, graduated from Baylor University. Sullivan spent a year teaching conversational English in northern Thailand before earning his Master of Divinity from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City. He later received Master of Theology degree in world religions and missions from Princeton Theological Seminary. Sullivan is an ordained Baptist minister and endorsed by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. He has served as a hospital chaplain for 10 years. Currently, he is a chaplain for the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System. In 2009, Sullivan became the clergy coordinator for a VA pilot project, VA/Clergy Partnership for Rural Veterans. Sullivan now directs this project that seeks to build relationships between the faith community and the mental health community in rural areas in an effort to reach returning veterans and their families. Sullivan is also an adjunct professor for Memphis Theological Seminary where he teaches a course on pastoral care of veterans and their families.
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“The Power of the Faith Community to Promote Health Equity Part II”

PASTOR JEROME TURNER
Rev. Jerome Turner received his Bachelor of Science in community parks and recreation at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and his Bachelor of Arts in religious studies and theology from Arkansas Baptist College. Currently, Turner is the youth director for the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center (BGACDC), the community principal investigator of the WORD and the FAITH in the Delta projects, and pastor. Turner also serves as an advisory board member to the foundation of the Mid-South Visionary Leadership Institute, which is a faith-based initiative project to provide scholarships to pastors in the Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi area.

CANDACE WILLIAMS
Candace Williams holds a degree in family and consumer sciences from the University of Central Arkansas. She is from the small, Arkansas delta town of Elaine. Before working for Rural Community Alliance, she was employed by USDA Delta Obesity Prevention Research Unit where she evaluated the role of the dietary guidelines for Americans in preventing obesity in the lower Mississippi delta regions of Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. She served as a Rural Community Alliance youth board member, starting in 2007 until the time she became a staff member in 2013. As executive director, Williams works to empower community members to improve their schools and their communities, creating a better quality of life and more opportunity for themselves and their children. RCA works in state, regional, and national coalitions to promote education quality and equity as well as rural prosperity. Williams has 4-year-old son, Caleb.

KAMEEALA HARRIS
Kameelah Harris received a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from the University of Oklahoma and a Master of Business Administration from Webster University. As the executive director for WOW Fitness, Harris is a licensed zumba instructor and has several personal training certifications: National Council of Certified Personal Trainers, National Exercise Trainers Association and National Academy of Sports Medicine. Harris has a special passion for physical fitness and recognized the need for additional fitness education in the community. Never into sports or fitness, Harris started her fitness career when she hired a personal trainer. Eventually, she decided to obtain a personal training certification while working for a global Fortune 500 company. Ultimately, Harris chose to follow her passion for fitness and declared it’s a “War On Weight!” and launched WOW FITNESS and later organized WOW Foundation, a 501(c)(3) entity to focus on health and fitness in the community.

SAMMY ANDREWS
Sammy Andrews is the owner of 3 Phase Fitness Solutions. For more than 6 years, he has been a fitness trainer for athletes, corporate clients and children suffering from childhood obesity. ISSA and ACE certified, Andrews has helped countless men and women reach their fitness goals. A genius at teaching his clients how to set realistic goals in order to transform their lives, he also brings his sense of humor to his passion for helping others on the journey of healthy living.

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