

# Cornell Center for Health Equity

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual

# Cornell Center for Health Equity Symposium

Program

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## Healthy People 2030: Shifting Power to Communities

### **Belfer Research Building**

Conference Room 302-ABCD  
413 East 69<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10021

**October 21, 2022** | 8:30am–5:00pm



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# October 21, 2022

## 8:30am–9:00am

Breakfast | Belfer 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Common Area

## 9:00am–9:30am

Opening Remarks | Belfer Rooms 302CD

### **Jamila Michener, Ph.D.**

Co-Director, Cornell Center for Health Equity  
Senior Associate Dean for Public Engagement,  
Jeb E. Brooks School of Public Policy,  
Cornell University

### **Susana Morales, M.D.**

Co-Associate Director,  
Cornell Center for Health Equity  
Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine,  
General Internal Medicine  
Vice Chair of Diversity,  
Weill Department of Medicine,  
Weill Cornell Medicine

### **Augustine M.K. Choi, M.D.**

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

### **Colleen Barry, Ph.D.**

Inaugural Dean, Cornell  
Jeb E. Brooks School of Public Policy,  
Cornell University

## 9:30am–10:30am

**Keynote Speaker:**

### **Tyson Brown, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology,  
Duke University

**Talk Title:**

*Health Equity Research on Structural Racism:  
Challenges, Innovations and Opportunities*

## 10:30am–12:00pm

### **CONCURRENT SESSION ONE**

#### **Panel One (A)**

#### **Economic Stability**

Belfer Rooms 204A

**Moderator:**

### **William Schpero, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor, Population Health  
Sciences, Weill Cornell Medicine

**Speakers:**

### **Jose Ortiz, Jr.**

Senior Advisor, Office of the Deputy Mayor  
for Economic & Workforce Development  
Baruch College

### **Ben Thomases, M.B.A.**

Executive Director, Queens Community House  
Social Enterprise, Management  
Columbia Business School

### **Christopher Wimer, Ph.D.**

Director, Center on Poverty and Social Policy,  
Columbia University School of Social Work  
Ph.D., Sociology and Social Policy  
Harvard University

#### **Panel One (B)**

#### **Education Access and Quality**

Belfer Rooms 204B

**Moderator:**

### **Susana Morales, M.D.**

Co-Associate Director,  
Cornell Center for Health Equity

**Speakers:**

### **Melissa Clarke**

New York Policy Director of New York's uAspire

### **Christopher Bonastia, Ph.D.**

Professor and Chair of Sociology, Lehman  
College, City University of New York (CUNY)

## 12:00pm–1:15pm

Lunch / Poster Session | Belfer 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Common Area & Belfer Room 302AB



1:15pm–2:45pm

## CONCURRENT SESSION TWO

### Panel One (A)

Health Care Access and Quality  
Belfer Rooms 204A

#### Moderator:

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### Jamila Michener, Ph.D.

Co-Director, Cornell Center for Health Equity

#### Speakers:

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### Zahirah McNatt, Dr.P.H.

Assistant Commissioner, Brooklyn  
Bureau of Neighborhood Health, NYC Dept.  
of Health & Mental Hygiene

### Anne Williams-Isom, J.D.

NYC Deputy Mayor, Health & Human Services

### George Aumoithe, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of History,  
Harvard University

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### Panel Two (B)

Neighborhood, Housing and Environment  
Belfer Rooms 204B

#### Moderator:

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### Erica Phillips, M.D.

Co-Associate Director,  
Cornell Center for Health Equity

#### Speakers:

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### Brandi Calvert, M.P.H.

Vice President, Housing Operations,  
Center for Housing and Health

### Charley Willison, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Public &  
Ecosystem Health, Weill Cornell Medicine

### Ingrid Gould Ellen, Ph.D.

Director, Furman Center for Real Estate  
and Urban Policy, NYU Wagner

2:45pm–4:30pm

Oral Presentation — Grant Recipients  
Belfer Rooms 302CD

### Onyinye Balogun, M.D.

### Amelia Greiner Safi, Ph.D.

#### Project Title:

*Centering the Marginalized Voices of  
Black Patients with Gynecological  
Cancer as a First Step in Healthcare  
Curriculum Development*

### Eloise Chapman, M.D.

#### Project Title:

*Use of a Web-Based Platform (Patient  
Activated Learning System) to Promote  
Knowledge, Uptake and Completion  
of HPV Vaccination in the Era of COVID*

### Tashara Leak, Ph.D., R.D.

### Marisa Censani, M.D.

#### Project Title:

*Addressing Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus  
Disparities Among Low-Income Households  
with Adolescents Using a Novel Telehealth  
Lifestyle Intervention*

### Aditya Vashistha, Ph.D.

### David Scales, M.D., Ph.D.

### Antonio DeRosa, Ed.D.

#### Project Title:

*Supporting Community Health Workers  
in Fighting COVID-19 Misinformation in  
Low-Resource Environments*

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4:30pm–5:00pm

Closing Remarks

### Monika Safford, M.D.

Co-Director, Cornell Center for Health Equity  
Chief, Division of General Internal Medicine,  
Weill Cornell Medicine

### Jeff Niederdeppe, Ph.D.

Co-Director, Cornell Center for Health Equity  
Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Development,  
Jeb E. Brooks School of Public Policy,  
Cornell University



# Our Speakers



## **Tyson Brown, Ph.D.**

is an Associate Professor of Sociology at Duke University, where he holds the W.L.F. endowed chair and directs the Center on Health and Society. His research examines the who, when, and how questions regarding ethnoracial inequalities in health and wealth. Professor

Brown has authored numerous articles in leading sociology and population health journals, with research contributions recognized by the American Sociological Association. Dr. Brown investigates macro-level factors and psychosocial mechanisms that underlie social inequalities in health. He is actively engaged in service at the university and national level and has served in leadership positions, including the Board of Directors of the Population Association of America and editorial boards of top journals such as *Social Forces*, *Demography*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, and the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*.



## **Jamila Michener, Ph.D.**

is an Associate Professor of Government and Public Policy at Cornell University. Her work explores the conditions under which economically and racially disadvantaged groups engage in the political process, the effects of that engagement, and the role of the state

in shaping the political and economic trajectories of marginalized communities. Dr. Michener is the Senior Associate Dean for Public Engagement at the Brooks School of Public Policy, Co-Director of the Cornell Center for Health Equity, Co-Director of the Politics of Race, Immigration, Class and Ethnicity initiative, and board chair of the Cornell Prison Education Program. Her book, *Fragmented Democracy: Medicaid, Federalism, and Unequal Politics* (2018) won the 2019 Virginia Gray Best Book Award for best political science book published on US state politics or policy.



## **Susana Morales, M.D.**

is an Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine and Vice Chair for Diversity in the Weill Department of Medicine. She received her undergraduate degree from Harvard University in Biology. She obtained her medical degree from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons

and completed her residency training in Internal Medicine at the NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital. She is the recipient of numerous honors, including the J. James Smith Memorial Award presented annually by the Weill Cornell Medicine housestaff to a member of the attending staff who exemplifies the qualities of Teacher, Scholar, and Physician; and of the National Medical Fellowships Community Service Award, presented for extraordinary commitment in the area of public health.



## **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. He has a longstanding commitment to the training of physician-scientists. His research interest has focused on the regulation and function of stress response genes

in response to oxidative stress. He has translated the two decades of basic discoveries made in the signaling pathway and function of HO/CO to human patients with lung and vascular diseases. His research team has recently completed 2 NIH supported Phase II clinical trials, in the treatment for human sepsis and lung fibrosis. Dr. Choi has authored more than 377 peer-reviewed manuscripts and is currently the Principal Investigator of multiple NIH RO1's.



## **Colleen Barry, Ph.D.**

is the Inaugural Dean of the Cornell Jeb E. Brooks School of Public Policy. Dr. Barry's research focuses on how health and social policies affect outcomes for individuals with mental illness and substance use, including access to medical care and social services, health care spending, and mortality.

She conducts empirical research to understand how persuasive communication can influence public opinion about addiction, mental illness, food systems, obesity, and violence. A focus of this work involves identifying evidence-based approaches for reducing stigma. Dr. Barry has authored over 225 peer-reviewed publications and led large-scale research studies. She is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and the National Academy of Social Insurance, and serves as a member of the governing board of Sandy Hook Promise.



## **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 Cornell 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. With more than 260 papers published in top tier journals, she is an expert in patient-centered research on diabetes, cardiovascular epidemiology and prevention, and health disparities.



## **Jeff Niederdeppe, Ph.D.**

is the Senior Associate Dean of Faculty Development in the Jeb E. Brooks School of Public Policy and a Professor of Communication and Public Policy at Cornell University. He is the Director of Cornell's Health Communication Research Initiative and Co-Director of the Cornell Center for Health Equity.

His research examines the mechanisms and effects of mass media campaigns, strategic messages, and news coverage in shaping health behavior and social policy. Dr. Niederdeppe has published more than 180 peer-reviewed articles in communication, public health, health policy, and medical journals.

