

# VACCINE

## EQUITY and CONFIDENCE

Beyond Tuskegee

racism  
distrust  
hesitancy

COMMUNITY HEALTH FORUM  
March 30  
7:30 pm – 9 pm

**PROVIDENT CLINICAL SOCIETY**



**REGION 1 NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**



**MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS**



### Speakers

**Uché Blackstock MD**

Founder and CEO  
Advancing Health Equity

**Torian Easterling MD, MPH**

First Deputy Commissioner and  
Chief Equity Officer  
NYC DOHMH

**Rachel Villanueva MD**

President Elect  
National Medical Association

### Moderators

**Camille Clare MD, MPH**

Professor and Chair  
OB/GYN  
SUNY, Downstate  
Medicine and Public Health

**Monica Sweeney MD, MPH**

Public Health Consultant  
Professor Emeritus  
SUNY, Downstate  
School of Public Health

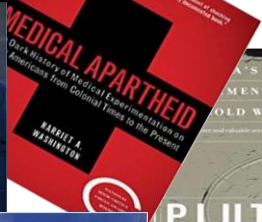
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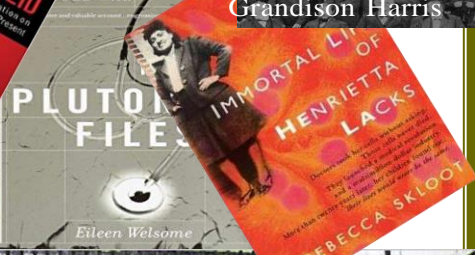
Grandison Harris



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Eileen Welsome

Dr Albert Kligman

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# *Beyond Tuskegee:*

## *COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence and Equity*

*Program Director: Donald E Moore MD, MPH*



**Uché Blackstock M.D.** is a Harvard trained physician and thought leader on bias and racism in health care. She is the Founder and CEO of Advancing Health Equity, which partners with healthcare and related organizations to dismantle racism in healthcare and to close the gap in racial health inequities, through training and consulting services. She has been a Yahoo News Medical Contributor and appears regularly on cable and broadcast news programming to discuss the Coronavirus pandemic and to amplify the message around racial health inequities. She is a former Associate Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine and the former Faculty Director for Recruitment, Retention and Inclusion in the Office of Diversity.



**Camille A. Clare, MD, MPH.** Dr. Clare is Chair and Professor at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of SUNY-Downstate Health Sciences University College of Medicine and School of Public Health. She received her medical degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and completed her obstetrics and gynecology residency at the State University of New York at Buffalo. She obtained a Master of Public Health in Health Policy and Management at New York Medical College. Dr. Clare previously served as the Associate Dean of Diversity and Inclusion at New York Medical College and attending physician at New York City Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan. Dr. Clare has served in leadership roles in the National Medical Association (NMA) and currently she is the NMA Region 1 Trustee and the Secretary of the NMA Board of Trustees. Dr. Clare has also been an active member of American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), serving in leadership roles on the section, district, and national levels. She currently serves as the ACOG District 2 Chair.



### **TORIAN EASTERLING M.D., M.P.H.:**

Dr. Easterling currently serves as the First Deputy Commissioner and inaugural Chief Equity Officer. Dr. Easterling has also served as the Deputy Commissioner of the Center for Health Equity and Community Wellness (CHECW) at the Health Department. During his time as Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Easterling led the restructuring of Center for Health Equity and Community Wellness and has led the agency's equity plan in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.



**Rachel Villanueva, M.D.** Dr. Villanueva earned her B.S. degree from Yale University, and her M.D. degree from Yale University School of Medicine. She completed internship and residency training at the New York Hospital. She is a board certified obstetrician/gynecologist and is a women's health expert and advocate currently affiliated with New York University Langone Medical Center. Dr. Villanueva is President Elect of the National Medical Association and Past Speaker of the House of Delegates. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the Association of Alumni in Yale Medicine.

### **M. Monica Sweeney, MD, MPH**

Dr. Sweeney received her medical degree from SUNY Downstate College of Medicine and a Master of Public Health degree in health services management from Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. She completed her residency training in internal medicine at Kings County Hospital Center/Downstate Medical Center. Dr. Sweeney served as vice dean for global engagement and clinical professor and chair of the Department of Health Policy and Management in the School of Public Health at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. Dr. Sweeney has also served as the assistant commissioner for the Bureau of HIV/AIDS and medical director and vice president for medical affairs at the Bedford Stuyvesant Family Health Center in Brooklyn. Dr. Sweeney is the immediate past chair of the SUNY Downstate Council, and served on the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA), and as president of the Medical Society of the County of Kings. She has served as co-chair of the Physician Advisory Council of the New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute, and as president of the Clinical Directors Network. In the fight against HIV/AIDS, Dr. Sweeney led the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's prevention and control efforts for several years in new initiatives to control the disease globally.

