

JOHN W. HATCH LECTURE 2021 SPEAKERS



John W. Hatch, PH.D., M.S.W is William Rand Kenan Jr. Professor Emeritus, Health Behavior and Health Education, University of North Carolina (UNC) Gillings School of Global Public Health and served as Senior Program Development Officer for General Baptist State Convention of NC (GBSC) Office of Health and Human Services and the Center for Health and Healing, Inc. (A nonprofit affiliate of GBSC). Over the past fifty years, Dr. Hatch has been involved in teaching and research related to health and development with special interest in health promotion and disease prevention with community-based organizations as sponsor.

He believes that institutional supports are vital to maintenance of pro-family community values and sees the Black Church as the institution of primary importance in encouraging and supporting family friendly coherent communities. Highlights of Dr. Hatch's career include serving as:

- Commissioner and Moderator of the Christian Medical Commission of the World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland (1986-1992).
- Principal Investigator for a health intervention with the Ministry of Health in Cameroon, West Africa (1978-1983) that provided oversight to the development of preventive health curriculum with the medical college, school of nursing, and the agricultural extension service of the nation.
- Member of Tufts University Medical School's Team responsible for developing the nation's first and second comprehensive community health centers designed to serve respectively rural and urban low and modest income persons (1960's-early 1970's). His area was development of strategies to enable and mobilize people at the grass roots level. During this experience, he organized The Bolivar County Cooperative, a self-help nutrition project owned and directed by low and modest income persons in the Mississippi Delta.

Dr. Hatch has served as consultant, advisor, investigator, and/or board member for numerous state, national, and international organizations and programs including the Pan American Health Organization; World Health Organization; World Bank; United States Agency for International Development; Kaiser Family Foundation; W.K. Kellogg Foundation; Committee for Health in Southern Africa; Freedom from Hunger Foundation; Physicians for Human Rights; American Association for the Advancement of Science Health Professionals Ethics Task Force to the South Africa Truth and Reconciliations Commission; Baptist Foundation; New World Foundation; Ruth Mott Fund; Unitarian Universalists Service Committee; Public Health Planning Task Force in NC; National Task Force on Health Reform; Drew, Meharry, Morehouse Medical Schools' Cancer Research Consortium Advisory Board (Past Chair); Tuskegee Bioethics Center; Advisory Board of the Minority Health Research Center at the University of South Carolina; NC Foundation for Advanced Health Programs; National Medical Fellowship Advisory Board; and the End of Life Program Commission with GBSC (Co-chair). Academic appointments have included the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research (UNC-Chapel Hill); North Carolina Central University; UNC at Greensboro, Yale University School of Public Health, and Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life. He has written over forty articles and chapters for professional publications and has presented over 200 papers on matters related to health promotion and development. Dr. Hatch has been married to Fledra Carter Hatch for over fifty-five years. Son Allan is a cardiologist, daughter Leah is a speech pathologist, and son Bob is an orthopedic surgeon. He has 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.



Victor Armstrong serves as North Carolina DHHS Chief Health Equity Officer, with responsibility for leading the overarching strategy and operational goals to promote health equity, diversity, and inclusion across all the agency's health and human services. He is responsible for developing, implementing, facilitating, and embedding health equity strategic initiatives into every aspect of DHHS' programs, services, actions, outcomes, and internal employee culture; as well as overseeing the Office of Health Equity, Office of Rural Health, and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

Victor joined NC DHHS as Director of the NC Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, Substance Abuse Services in March of 2020, with responsibility and oversight of the public community-based mental health, intellectual and other developmental disabilities, substance use, and traumatic brain injury system in North Carolina. Prior to accepting this role, Victor spent six years as Vice President of Behavioral Health with Atrium Health. Based in Charlotte, NC Victor had responsibility for operations of Atrium's largest behavioral health hospital, Behavioral Health Charlotte. Victor has over 30 years of experience in human services, primarily dedicated to building and strengthening community resources to serve individuals living with mental illness. He is a nationally recognized speaker on issues regarding health equity and access to healthcare, particularly as it relates to individuals living with mental health challenges.

Victor currently serves on the board of directors for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) of NC. He is also former board chair of NAMI NC, and a member of National Association of Social Workers (NASW). Victor is a former member of the board of directors of National Council for Behavioral Health, i2i Center for Integrative Health, and RI International.

Victor's awards and recognitions include Mental Health America's 2021 H. Keith Brunner, Jr. Award for "Outstanding Mental Health Leadership", 2019 Black Mental Health Symposium -Mental Health Advocate of the Year, 2019 Atrium Health Excellence in Diversity & Inclusion Award, 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award from East Carolina University School of Social Work, Pride Magazine 2018 "Best of the Best", and i2i Center for Integrative Health 2018 Innovation Award for "Whole Person Care", 2012 National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) NC, Mental Health Professional of the Year.

Victor graduated, Magna Cum Laude, from North Carolina Central University with a bachelor's degree in Business Management and received a Master of Social Work (MSW) from East Carolina University. He is the husband of Dr. Charletta Armstrong and the father of 3 sons, Carter, Alonzo, and Victor Jr.



Bobby G. Baker is the Chief Community Engagement Officer for CHRIST Community Health Services, a Federally Qualified Health Clinic, serving more than fifty thousand patients annually in Memphis Tennessee.

He previously served as the Director of Faith and Community Partnerships at Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare, focusing on aligning and leveraging community health assets to improve health outcomes by addressing the Social Determinants of Health.

His work with the Congregational Health Network (CHN) documented by The Agency for Health Research and Quality (AHRQ). The CHN has been featured in many publications such as Salon.com, Sojourners Magazine and the New York Times. He is a co-author of Peer Reviewed Articles in The American Journal of Managed Care and The North Carolina Medical Journal.



Goldie S. Byrd is Professor of Social Sciences and Health Policy, and Director of the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity at Wake Forest School of Medicine in Winston Salem, North Carolina. At Wake, she directs the Integrating Special Populations Program for the Clinical Translation Science Institute. She is also co-lead of Outreach Recruitment and Engagement of the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center. Dr. Byrd also leads the state's largest African American Pastors Network for Healthy Aging. She is the founder of the Center for Outreach in Alzheimer's Aging and Community Health at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. While at North Carolina A&T, she served as Chair of the Department of Biology, the Nathan F. Simms Endowed

Distinguished Professor of Biology, and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Funded consistently by the National Institutes of Health, Dr. Byrd conducts research in the Genetics of Alzheimer's Disease in African Americans, and has made substantial contributions toward educating, engaging and recruiting African Americans for two of the largest Alzheimer's Genome Wide Association Studies in this population.

Dr. Byrd serves on several boards and panels including for the National Institutes of Health, the Alzheimer's Association, the National Science Foundation, the North Carolina Institute of Medicine, Senior Services of the Triad and Forsyth Futures.



In 2013, **Dr. Teresa Cutts was appointed as Research Assistant Professor, faculty at the Wake Forest School of Medicine's Public Health Sciences Division**, where she serves as a researcher, program developer and more for the FaithHealth Division completed her post-doctoral fellowship in Health Psychology from the University of Tennessee (UT) College of Medicine in 1987. From 1988-1994, she worked as a staff psychologist at Baptist Memorial Hospital. From 1993-2001, she was a private practitioner at Memphis Center for Women and Families, with a focus on health psychology. Since 1987, she served as a consultant to the NIH Gastroparesis multi-site consortium.

From 2001-2005, she was Director of Program Development at the Church Health Center, a comprehensive, faith-based health program for the underserved. She held a joint clinical appointment in Preventive Medicine and Psychiatry at UT, 2003-2008, University of Memphis' School of Public Health from 2009-2013 and still holds an appointment at Memphis Theological Seminary. She is a Visiting Professor at the University of Capetown's School of Family Medicine and Public Health and has co-authored/published numerous book chapters and articles. In 2016, with colleagues from Stakeholder Health, she was co-editor and helped co-author many chapters in the book *Stakeholder Health: Insights from New Systems of Health*, as well as the 2019 *See2See Road Trip: Soundings* and 2020 *See2See Inland Sea*.

In 2005, she moved to Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare's (MLH) Interfaith Health Program Center of Excellence in Faith and Health as **Director of Research for Innovation**. She worked explicitly in evaluation and program development for Methodist's **Memphis Model** Congregational Health Network, Religious Health Assets mapping, and Integrated Health for congregations, community and clergy. She is the academic liaison to the Stakeholder Health learning collaborative. Dr. Cutts has served as PI or Co-PI on dozens of grants since 2001, including those funded by RWJF, CDC, Komen and Avon Foundations, working often on projects to improve health equity and the lives of the under-served and most vulnerable.

She also holds appointments in the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity. Since 2017, she has served as the PI for the Empowerment Project's homeless outreach and case management at WFSOM. She is married to Rev. Dr. Gary Gunderson and, between them, have four daughters and two grandsons.



Gary Gunderson, M.Div, D.Min., D.Div., is Vice President for FaithHealth at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist which includes spiritual care, Clinical Pastoral Education, 35 counseling centers and an innovative "ground game" focused on training and deploying a variety of roles into the most vulnerable communities across the state. The Division is developing clinically relevant partnerships with thousands of faith groups through FaithHealthNC. Gunderson is secretary of Stakeholder Health, a learning group of 50 plus healthcare systems convened in collaboration with the White House and the Department of Health and Human Services. He represents Stakeholder Health on the Population Health Improvement Roundtable of the National Academies of Science. Gunderson has

faculty appointments with Wake Forest University School of Medicine and School of Divinity and is visiting faculty at the University of Cape Town Division of Family Medicine and Public Health and is one of the founders of the International Religious Health Assets Program. Gunderson has authored several books that have been pivotal in seminary and other trainings and global meetings. He is also an ordained Baptist minister.



Bryan Hatcher, President of CareNet Counseling at Wake Forest Baptist Health. Bryan has served CareNet for over 20 years as a therapist, clinical and program leader, and President. CareNet is the statewide community-based behavioral health program of FaithHealth. Bryan holds a B.A. from Mercer University, M.Div. from Duke University, M.S.W. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and is currently completing a Doctor of Public Health from UNC-Chapel Hill. He presents often on the topics of integrating behavioral health and primary health care services, and Adverse Childhood Experiences and Trauma Informed Care efforts.



Davida Loren Haywood, PhD serves as the Vice President of Student Affairs at Johnson C. Smith University (JCSU). In this capacity, she reports directly to the President, and is the chief student affairs officer responsible for developing a comprehensive program of services for traditional, non-traditional, evening/online and graduate students in the areas of Counseling Services, Dean of Students/Title IX, Educational Enhancement Services, the Health Plex, Health Services, Housing and Residence Life, Student Conduct and Student Leadership and Engagement. Prior to her appointment, she was the Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at Alabama State University for five years.

Always committed to the holistic development and transformational experiences of students, Davida earned a B.S. in Business Administration (*summa cum laude*) from Johnson C. Smith University; and, a M.A. in Higher Education and Student Affairs and Ph.D. in Educational Administration and Higher Education from The Ohio State University. Dr. Haywood has nearly twenty-three years of executive, administrative and instructive experience in the areas of Admissions and Recruitment, Enrollment Management, Student Activities and Multicultural/Diversity Affairs from an array of institutions of higher education. When not meeting the needs of her students, she is just “Mommy,” to two, very energetic and endearing sons: Kenneth, Jr. (19) and Kole (8).



M. Anita P. Holmes, JD, MPH is a consultant to the Division of FaithHealth, Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist and a member of Shaw University Divinity School’s Board of Visitors. She also presently serves as Co-Chair of the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health Alumni Inclusive Excellence Committee. Holmes has over 40 years’ experience in health promotion, community engagement, health planning, and health policy. She is a proponent of empowering individuals and communities to be participants in determining their own destinies. Her achievements include developing the first Education Research Division of the Duke-UNC Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center and establishing the Alzheimer’s Disease Statewide Visitors Program at Duke Medical Center.

Recognizing the relationship between health, spirituality and the African–American church, Holmes became Executive Director (ED) of the Health and Human Services Program, General Baptist State Convention of NC (GBSC). She later led development of the GBSC affiliated Center for Health and Healing (CHH). Under her leadership, GBSC and CHH conducted several successful faith-based health initiatives. Prior to her current position, she served as ED of the Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Legislative Task Force that played a significant role in the development and passage of NC’s tobacco free legislation and the development of a statewide stroke system of care plan. Holmes credits her successes to the collective work of many people united for a common cause.



Clifford A. Jones, Sr. was born in Philadelphia and reared in New Jersey. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Maryland State College (Princess Ann, MD), the Master of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (Wake Forest, NC); and of Doctor of Ministry from Boston School of Theology (Boston, MA). He has studied at Regents Park College in Oxford, England, and Baptist Theological Seminary, in Ruschlikon, Switzerland. He has served as the Senior Pastor of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina since October 1982.

Dr. Jones has led delegations of members from FMBC and formed a partnership in the Winterveldt community in South Africa. There, FMBC purchased land and developed a farm, built three greenhouses, dug a well, installed an irrigation system, bought a tractor and brick making machine as well as constructed a building for a sewing factory. The farming, brick making, and raising crops of vegetables were all designed to create jobs, have fresh vegetables for sale in the community and create economic interdependence with our South African brothers and sisters.

Dr. Jones has organized and led numerous medical and religious mission teams of preachers, doctors, nurses, technicians, and teachers to provide needed healthcare, medical supplies, and educational training in Jamaica, Africa, and Guyana, South America, for children and families struggling in poverty. God's blessings have indeed been manifested upon Dr. Jones' gifts and talents and the Friendship family with the ownership of 115 acres in Charlotte, NC. This land is also being developed to provide an Intergenerational Day Care, Commercial Block, Assisted Living for Seniors, Single Family Dwellings, and recently developed Friendship Sportsplex.

He has been a dedicated supporter of senior citizen programs, and under his leadership, Friendship provided the first satellite center for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Senior Centers, offering exercise and other classes for older citizens.

He is married to the former Carolyn Brenda Reynolds. Dr. and Mrs. Jones are the proud parents of Mrs. E. Renee Darity, Rev. Dr. Michelle A. Jones, Rev. Dr. C. Anthony Jones, Jr. (Courtney) and Miss Alexa Mariah Fortune-Jones. He is also the gratified and honored grandfather to Miss Michelle A. Jones (II), born June 25, 2018.

Dr. Jones has held numerous leadership positions including presently serving on the Board of Directors of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Partnership, Inc. and National USA Foundation, Inc. He also maintains several civic and community affiliations and has received numerous awards and recognitions. Dr. Jones has authored and contributed to several publications.



Dr. Brenda Latham-Sadler is the Sr. Associate Dean, Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, Associate Professor of Family and Community Medicine, is an Affiliate in the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity, is a member of the Wake Forest School of Medicine's Women in Science and Medicine (WIMS), and also holds faculty appointment in the Wake Forest University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. She earned a B.S. degree in Biology at Pace University in New York City and Doctor of Medicine degree at Wake Forest University-Bowman-Gray School of Medicine. Dr. Latham-Sadler has served in leadership roles at Wake Forest School of Medicine/Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, as well as a number of regional and national organizations including the Association of

American Medical Colleges, National Association of Medical Minority Educators and the North Carolina Medical Society. She is a Past-President of the Forsyth-Stokes-Davie County Medical Society where she served for more than 10 years on the Executive Board. She is also a member of the Twin City Medical Society Executive Committee. As a representative of the Association of American Medical Colleges' Group on Student Affairs' Committee on Diversity Affairs she was appointed to the Medical School Advisory Committee of the National Board of Medical Examiners.

She is involved in community service throughout the state of NC, and served on the Board of Directors of Appalachian State University Foundation, United Way of Forsyth County, Youth Opportunities, Inc., Winston-Salem Urban League, and the North Carolina Black Repertory Theater Company. Dr. Latham-Sadler is a member of the Women's Fund of Winston-Salem, was named one of Winston-Salem's Outstanding Women Leaders, has been honored by the National Association of Medical Minority Educators, as well as the Winston-Salem Legacy Foundation and received the Salem Lodge Community Award-Outstanding Female Leader. She served on the State Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) of North Carolina by appointment from Governor Beverly Perdue and continues to be active in a number of community service activities.



Leonzo D. Lynch has served as the pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC, since April 1997. Dr. Lynch comes from a lineage of great preachers, the fifth generation in his family. He accepted the call to preach in 1981 and has served as a Pastor since 1984. Born in Greensboro and raised in Durham, NC, Dr. Lynch received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, a Master of Divinity Degree from Duke University Divinity School, and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from the United Theological Seminary.

He is the former Pastor of Winn Chapel Baptist Church, Mt. Olive, NC, Rock Spring Baptist Church, Creedmoor, NC, Mt. Level Baptist Church, Durham, NC, & Long Branch Baptist Church, Greenville, SC.

A noted national revivalist, speaker and lecturer, Dr. Lynch is currently the President of the General Baptist State Convention of NC, Inc. (GBSC). He is the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and a member of the General Board. He is the past Vice President At-Large, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, and past President of the Minister's Council. He is the Vice Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. He is the former 3rd Vice Moderator and Institute Dean of the Mecklenburg General Baptist Association, and an instructor in the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Congress of Christian Education. He is married to NiCole Williams Lynch.



E. Benjamin Money, Jr. MPH – Senior Vice President, Public Health Priorities – National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), Alexandria, Virginia

Ben Money joined NACHC June 1, 2021 as the SVP for Public Health Priorities. In this new role, Mr. Money directs efforts in health center collaboration with public health at the national and state levels. Ben is the senior executive lead for the PRAPARE social drivers of health program and the environmental health/climate change initiatives at NACHC. Mr. Money is extensively involved in

organizational efforts to develop new models of care to advance health and social equity.

Prior to joining NACHC, Mr. Money was the Deputy Secretary for Health Services at the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) where he led the Divisions of Public Health, Health Services Regulation, and the Offices of Rural Health and Minority Health & Health Disparities and was directly involved in the COVID-19 emergency response.

Before his state appointment, Mr. Money was the President & Chief Executive Officer North Carolina Community Health Center Association. His work with health centers began in the late 80's as health care to the homeless program manager. Mr. Money's career began in community mental health in his hometown of Springfield, MA.

Ben is a graduate of Springfield College and received his MPH from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Most recently, Mr. Money completed a certificate in Health and Climate Change from the Yale University School of Public Health. Ben and his wife Monica have three children and two grandsons.



Emily Viverette, Director of Chaplaincy and Clinical Education at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist is an ordained minister affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Emily is a graduate of Elon University (B.S.) and Vanderbilt Divinity School (M.Div.). She is a former high school math teacher. Emily served as the Director of CPE at Alamance Regional Medical Center before joining the faculty at Wake Forest Baptist Health (now Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist) in 2009. She is a Certified Educator with ACPE, and Director of FaithHealth Chaplaincy and Education. She has served as a facilitator and trainer for several faith/health educational programs

for clergy, laity, chaplains, and community health workers. She has a special interest in bridging the divide between hospitals and communities through innovative approaches to chaplaincy.



Cornell P. Wright, MPA serves as the Executive Director of the DHHS Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities. He is a subject-matter expert around the areas of health equity and disparities, minority health, and community engagement.

Wright, an active member in the health community, serves various groups, organizations and boards including the Patient Centered Outcome Research Institute, where he serves on the Clinical Effectiveness and Decision Science Advisory Panel, and the Southeastern Health Equity Council, as part of the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities, serving as the Co-Chair to the Social Determinants of Health Committee.

He has received awards and recognition for his contributions to health from the National Institutes of Health, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, North Carolina Central University, and the National Minority Quality Forum.