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Health Communications Specialist

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EDUCATION & TRAINING

TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY, NATIONAL BIOETHICS CENTER FOR RESEARCH & HEALTHCARE

Visiting Scholar
2020 - 2022

HARVARD SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Bioethics Research Fellow
Narrative Medical Ethics Fellow
2018

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

Master of Science in Public Health
2017

ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY, GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF BIOETHICS

Certificate of Health Care Ethics (CHCE)
2014

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Health Systems Planning/Pre-Med
1971-1975

APPOINTMENTS & AFFILIATIONS

THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF PHILADELPHIA

Fellow

THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM

Institution Review Board Member (former)

DREXEL UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM

Institution Review Board Member (former)

MERCY HEALTH SYSTEM

Ethics Committee Member, Institution Review Board Member, Executive Continuing Medical Education Committee (former)

THE ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH CARE JOURNALISTS

Member

ASSOCIATION OF CLINICIANS FOR THE UNDERSERVED

Associate Member

HEALTH EQUITY INITIATIVE, INC.

Board of Directors (former)

Black AIDS Institute

Media Delegation

Pennsylvania Office of Health

Health Equity Advisory Committee

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Data Safety Monitoring Board

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PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF BIOETHICS

"I'm in Pain; Why Don't You Believe Me?" Pain Management in Sickle Cell Disease

January 2021

SAUDI JOURNAL OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE

COVID-19 and African Americans: Ethical considerations on the inappropriate burden on emergency rooms caring for chronic conditions

January 2020

THE WILEY BLACKWELL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF FAMILY STUDIES

Families in Cuba

March 2016

ACADEMIC MEDICINE: JOURNAL OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN MEDICAL COLLEGES

Viewpoint: Cultural Competence and the African American Experience with Health Care: The Case for Specific Content in Cross-Cultural Education

March 2007

AWARDS & HONORS

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

Honorary Doctorate in Science, 2023

PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION OF BLACK JOURNALISTS

Community Impact Award, 2018

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Distinction Award in Mass Media, 2018

FAMILIES USA

Health Policy for Journalists Fellowship, 2014

PAUL ROBESON HOUSE

Paul Robeson Health and Wellness Award, 2013

PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL

Recognition for Accomplishments in and Service to the Field of Medicine and Public Health Education, 2012

PENNSYLVANIA NAACP

Award for Health and Medicine, 2011

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH)

Medicine in the Media Fellowship, 2010

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ACADEMIC LECTURES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

IV INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON BIOETHICS, KYIV, UKRAINE

Cultural and Ethical Considerations in End-of-Life Care

AAMC GROUP ON RESEARCH ADVANCEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FOR RESEARCH DEANS AND DEANS OF CLINICAL RESEARCH, BETHESDA, MARYLAND

Partnering with Communities in Clinical and Translational Research

THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER, PHILADELPHIA, PA

Retention and Recruitment of Underserved Populations in Clinical Research

FACULTY OF LAW, GHENT UNIVERSITY, BELGIUM

Ethical Approaches to Addressing Asthma in American Urban Youths

ALBERT SCHWEITZER SYMPOSIUM, THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY, PHILADELPHIA, PA

Healthcare for African Immigrants in Philadelphia

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO STRITCH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE NEISWANGER INSTITUTE OF BIOETHICS

Health Disparities and Cultural Competence in Ethics Consultation (Guest Faculty)

UNESCO CHAIR IN BIOETHICS 9TH WORLD CONFERENCE, NAPLES, ITALY

Ethical Considerations in Racial Inclusion for Clinical Research

PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY IN MEDICINE AND RESEARCH (PRIM&R), BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

The Role of Community Representatives on an Institutional Review Board

MERCY HEALTH SYSTEM MEDICAL EDUCATION GRAND ROUNDS LECTURE, PHILADELPHIA, PA

Socio-Cultural Consideration in Care for African American Patients

NURSING ETHICS RESOURCE COMMITTEE THOMAS JEFFERSON HOSPITAL, PHILADELPHIA, PA

Cultural Considerations in Ethics Consultations in Hospital Settings

THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA, DREXEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, TEMPLE UNIVERSITY AND THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY

Productive Relationships between Researchers and Communities Philadelphia, PA

TWELFTH POPULATION HEALTH COLLOQUIUM, THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF POPULATION HEALTH PHILADELPHIA, PA

Considerations of Race and Ethnicity in Clinical Research

MERCY HOSPITAL MEDICAL RESIDENCY EDUCATION PROGRAM GRAND ROUNDS LECTURE, PHILADELPHIA, PA

Race and Ethnicity in Clinical Settings

DEFINITION OF DEATH INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BIOETHICS, MIRAMAR, CUBA

Cultural Concerns at End of Life

MAGI'S CLINICAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE, BOSTON, MA

COVID-19, Patient Recruitment & Retention, and the Black Experience in American Clinical

NATIONAL BIOETHICS CENTER AT TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY PUBLIC HEALTH INTENSIVE, TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA

Race, Ethics, and Clinical Research

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ACADEMIC LECTURES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

MEDICAID HEALTH PLANS OF AMERICA CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Utilizing Social Media to Improve Health Literacy

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Breaking the Silence: PTSD in Urban Youth

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY GRAND ROUNDS LECTURE, CITY, STATE

Ethical Considerations at End of Life in Neurodegenerative Diseases

CENTER FOR GENETIC AND BIOTECHNOLOGICAL ENGINEERING (CIBG), HAVANA, CUBA

Identifying Ethical Issues in Biotechnology Research

ARCADIA UNIVERSITY, GLENSIDE, PENNSYLVANIA

Social Justice in Philadelphia Healthcare

ROTHMAN INSTITUTE, THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY, PHILADELPHIA, PA

Clinical Trial Management Course Lecture

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTH DISPARITIES OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Prevention and Personal Responsibility: Major Themes in Reducing Health Disparities

HOWARD UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, WASHINGTON, DC

CME Cultural Competency Lecture

MACCS SCHOOL NURSES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA

Grief, Trauma & Loss on School-aged Youth

LAZAREX CANCER FOUNDATION & MEDIDATA WASHINGTON, DC

Disrupting the System IV

HEALTH EQUITY INITIATIVE SUMMIT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Pitching the Media on Health Equity

BOOKS

The Heart of the Matter: A History of Medicine and its Messengers (2025)

A Rising Tide Lifts All Boats: Narrative Essays on Bioethical Dilemmas (2024)

This is My Story, this is My Song: A Photojournalistic Record of COVID-19 And Black America (2024)

Information is the Best Medicine (2012)

Which Doctor?: What You Need to Know to Be Healthy (2008)

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MEDIA

Journal of Philosophy and Ethics

Journal of Academic Medicine

American Journal of Public Health

Managing the Nonprofit Health Organization in the New Economy (Chapter)

Black AIDS Institute Newsletter

National Medical Association Healthy Living Magazine

Real Health Magazine

The Philadelphia Tribune

Hazel Trice Edney Newswire (weekly national syndication)

Wiley Encyclopedia of Family

Al-Jazeera

BBC

The Los Angeles Times

Proceedings – Examining Ethical and Other Implications for a Culture of Health

The Journal of Healthcare, Science and The Humanities

WURD Radio weekly program – “Information is the Best Medicine”

iHeart Radio – weekly Health Commentary

KJLH-FM Los Angeles – weekly Health Commentary

Amistad Radio Louisiana – weekly Health Commentary

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS & SPECIALIZATIONS

- *Medical Writer/Syndicated Columnist*
- *Clinical Trials Protocol Reviewer*
- *Media Commentator/Host*
- *Grand Rounds Lecturer*
- *Patient/Consumer Advocate*
- *Hospital Ethics Consultant*
- *Integrative Medicine Clinical Consultant*
- *Clinical Research Patient Recruitment/Retention Strategist*