



National Black Caucus

of

Health Workers

Hildrus Augustus Poindexter Award Dinner

Morehouse School of Medicine

National Center for Primary Care

720 Westview Drive Southwest

Atlanta Georgia 30310

November 7, 2017

7:00pm

*THE BLACK CAUCUS OF HEALTH
WORKERS'
GOALS AND PURPOSES*

- To monitor and evaluate health data and policy issues at the federal, state, and local levels.
- To conduct research and implement direct service programs that seek to better understand and improve the African American community's health status.
- To establish and maintain ongoing working relations with the American Public Health Association, its sections, and other affiliated groups.
- To work to eliminate institutional racism in the health care industry and maintain the quality of life for minority groups.
- To disseminate employment opportunities and to engage in professional development activities that enhances BCHW's members' skills and abilities.
- To increase the number of African American students who successfully complete academic study in public health programs.
- To increase the number of African American health care professionals through targeted recruitment, professional development and mentoring programs.
- To provide a forum in which African American health care workers can exchange views, develop strategies, and implement programs.

HISTORY OF THE BLACK CAUCUS OF HEALTH WORKERS

The Black Caucus of Health Workers (BCHW) is an independent organization, officially affiliated with the American Public Health Association (APHA). The BCHW was organized to serve as a catalyst for influencing the recognition of the health care needs of Black people in America by APHA and other health related organizations.

The BCHW was organized by a small group of Black health workers concerned with the plight of the Blacks within the APHA organization at the 1968 APHA annual convention in Detroit. It was agreed that the Black voice would not be heard without a strong organization to support its' position. Over the last ten years, the BCHW has developed into the forceful voice it is today.

BCHW represents professionals and non-professionals working in the various health fields. To properly function, committees were established similar to the structure of the APHA, such as, Programs, Resolutions, etc. These committees stimulate the BCHW to direct its attention, on an ongoing basis, to the needs, concerns and experiences of the Black health professional and other minorities in America.

A steering committee composed of the officers and the chairpersons of the various committees and the chairpersons of the regions serve as the governing arm of the BCHW.

***The Black Caucus of Health Workers (BCHW) is the oldest
Caucus of the American Public Health Association.***

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Friends and Colleagues:

On behalf of the APHA Black Caucus of Health Workers (BCHW), I welcome you to partake in the 49th Hildrus Augustus Poindexter Award and Ceremony Dinner graciously hosted by Morehouse School of Medicine as we kick off celebrating our BCHW Jubilee 50th Anniversary (1968-2018). Furthermore, I hope that you will enhance your knowledge of public health issues pertaining to people of the African Diaspora during the 2017 APHPA Annual Meeting & Exposition poster, oral, and roundtable scientific sessions sponsored by the Black Caucus of Health Workers. After the conclusion of this year's gathering, please refer to the BCHW BlogSpot and Facebook for the dissemination of pertinent information.

Established in 1968, BCHW was formed during a time of national turbulence and struggle. It was the foresight and vision of our founding members to establish a place where health professionals could address the issues and policies that impact the black community. In the spirit of our founding members, we celebrate their contributions and move towards the future with a renewed sense of commitment to speak out against health inequalities and discrimination. Social justice and health equity has always been our public health imperative.

BCHW's mission is to improve, advance, and maintain the quality of life for African Americans. Our goal is to ensure that our health related issues are brought to the forefront through advocacy, policy making, research, and collaborative efforts which include the Governing Council of APHA and diverse health forums to work in achieving health equity.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your BCHW President as we look forward to engaging in another 50 years of working toward eliminating health disparities, increasing health equity and improving health outcomes in our community.

Enjoy Atlanta, Georgia and safe travels.
Sincerely,

Rev. Apryl R. Brown
President/Chair, Black Caucus of Health Workers

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Hildrus Augustus Poindexter, MD, PhD
1901-1987



Hildrus A. Poindexter, author, scholar, educator, and physician was the sixth of eleven children born to Fred and Luvenia Gilberta Poindexter, in Memphis, Tennessee on May 10, 1901. Dr. Poindexter spent his life serving others.

He graduated from Swift Memorial High School in Rogers, Tennessee where he excelled in Mathematics, Latin, Greek, Bible and baseball. He financed these studies by working in nearby coal mines.

Dr. Poindexter completed his bachelor degree at Lincoln University in Philadelphia in 1924, graduating cum laude and was the first all-American guard in the CIAA championships. He was also a track and field champion.

"Pig-iron" as he was called in those days, identified Paul Roberson, as his coach. After graduating from Lincoln in 1924, he taught school for one year. He then attended Dartmouth Medical School for two years and received his MD degree from Harvard University in 1929.

His graduate education was carried out at Columbia University, where he received AM, PhD, and MSPH degrees aided by a Rockefeller Fellowship with special concentration and research in parasitology, immunology, rural sanitation, venereal disease control and tropical medicine. He supported his family and supplemented his fellowship with summer jobs in factories and foundries in Detroit, Michigan. He also tutored divinity students in Greek and Latin, and translated the New Testament Bible from Greek to English.

In 1931, he accepted his first full-time professional appointment as Assistant Professor of Bacteriology, Preventive Medicine and Public Health in the College of Medicine at Howard University and remained there until 1943. At age 42, he joined the U.S. Army as a major in the Medical Corps. He served on the staff of General Douglas MacArthur in the Pacific as an epidemiologist, malariologist and tropical disease specialist. He was awarded four major battle stars for "courage beyond the call of duty" and the rank of Lt. Colonel>

In January of 1947, Dr. Poindexter became a senior surgeon reservist in the U.S. Public Health Service and was assigned to West Africa. For the next sixteen years he traveled, worked and conferred with groups, governmental agencies and people in Africa, Asia, South America, the Caribbean, Europe and the Middle East. He was promoted to Medical Director of the Public Health Service and was reclassified from serve to regular status. He served on several official international delegations abroad as "tropical medicine specialist" and party chief. In 1963 he was presented the National Civil Service Award Citation by President John F. Kennedy. He retired from the Public Health Service after 30 years and began a new post-retirement career at age 65.

Dr. Poindexter returned to Howard University as a part time professor, concentrating on three elective courses: Laboratory Diagnosis of Tropical Disease, Global Epidemiology and International Health. He also taught senior medical students gerontology and geriatrics. Dr. Poindexter had more than 150 official publications in professional journals and books in his lifetime. His major affiliations were: The Presbyterian Church; Masonic Order; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and many national and international medical associations and societies.

On September 15, 1986, Dr. Poindexter was featured at Howard University Living Legend Series. That day, he was described as "Today's Legend - Tomorrow's History." To all Black Americans he is legend and history.

*Past Recipients
of the
Hildrus A. Poindexter Distinguished Award*

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| 1973 Wesley Mack | 1996 ----- |
| 1974 Arthur Grist | 1997 Diane Adams |
| 1975 Williams A. Darity | 1998 Iyanla Vanzant |
| 1976 Rosalyn Cain King | 1999 Linda Rae Murray |
| 1977 E. Frank Ellis | 2000 Shaffdeen A. Amuwo |
| 1978 William R. Montgomery | 2001 Margaret A. Davis |
| 1979 June Jackson Christmas | 2002 ----- |
| 1980 John Hatch | 2003 William Jenkins |
| 1981 Iris Shannon | 2004 Jamila Rashid |
| 1982 Dorothy W. Summer | 2005 Justin Odulana |
| 1983 Frederick C. Green | 2006 Virginia Caine |
| 1984 Mildred K. Dixon | 2007 David Satcher |
| 1985 George L. Lythcott | 2008 Georges Benjamin |
| 1986 ----- | 2009 Camara Jones |
| 1987 Theodore H. Clarke | 2010 Garth A. Graham |
| 1988 Bailus Walker Jr. | 2011 Jocelyn Elders |
| 1989 Joseph Patterson; George
"Mickey" Leland (<i>posth.</i>) | 2012 Damon Arnold |
| 1990 Effie O. Ellis; Lorna Scott
McBarnette | 2013 Marilyn Hughes-Gaston |
| 1991 Virginia Davis-Floyd | 2014 Regina M. Benjamin |
| 1992 Deborah Prothrow-Stith | 2015 Shirley G. Fleming |
| 1993 Edgar N. Duncan | 2016 Joseph A. West |
| 1994 Linda A. Randolph; Ellis J.
Bonner | |
| 1995 James Ford | |

Program Order

Welcome	Rev. Apryl Brown, MD, MPH <i>BCHW President</i>
Presentation of Colors	NROTC Morehouse Battalion
Selection	Black National Anthem <i>Please Rise</i>
Invocation	Rev. Miriam Burnett, MD, MDiv, MPH <i>Medical Director of the AME International Health Commission Alumna of Morehouse School of Medicine</i>
Remarks	Barbara Norman, PhD, MPH <i>BCHW President Elect - Jubilee 50th Anniversary</i>
Honor	Georges C. Benjamin, MD, FACP, FACEP (E) <i>APHA Executive Director</i>
Honor	Captain Arlene Lester, DDS, MPH, FACD <i>Region IV Minority Health Consultant US Department of HHS Office of Minority Health</i>
Acknowledge/Speaker	Matthew Lin, MD <i>Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health and Director Director of the Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health</i>
Keynote	William Jenkins, PhD, MPH <i>SAAPHI Founder</i>
Honor	William Jenkins, PhD, MPH <i>25th SAAPHI Anniversary</i>
Awards	
Announcements	
Closing	Dana Reed Wise, MPH, REHS, JD(c) <i>BCHW Vice President</i>
Benediction	Rev. Miriam Burnett, MD, MDiv, MPH <i>Medical Director of the AME International Health Commission Alumna of Morehouse School of Medicine</i>
Dinner	Buffet Dining <i>Atrium</i>

Honorees



Georges C. Benjamin, MD, FACP, FACEP (E)

Dr. Benjamin earned his BS and MD degrees from the Illinois Institute of Technology and the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine, respectively. Subsequently, he began his career at the Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Washington where he managed a 72,000-patient visit ambulatory care service as chief of the Acute Illness Clinic and he was an attending physician within the Department of Emergency Medicine. He transferred to the Walter Reed Army

Medical Center serving as the chief of Emergency Medicine in Washington, DC. After his discharge from the United States Army, Dr. Benjamin was appointed Chair of the Department of Community Health and Ambulatory Care at the District of Columbia General Hospital, serving in that capacity until 1990. He was promoted as the Acting Commissioner of the District of Columbia Department of Health, and as Director of the Emergency Ambulance Bureau in the District of Columbia Fire Department from 1990 to 1991. He returned to serve as the Director of the Emergency Ambulance Bureau from 1994 to 1995. In 1995, Dr. Benjamin was appointed as Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services at the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene serving in that post until his appointment as Secretary four years later until 2002.

Dr. Benjamin who is a member of the National Academy of Medicine is board-certified in internal medicine, a fellow of the American College of Physicians, a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration, a fellow emeritus of the American College of Emergency Physicians, and an honorary fellow of the Royal Society of Public Health serves on the boards for many organizations including Research America, Partnership for prevention, and the Reagan-Udall Foundation. He is the author of more than 100 scientific articles and book chapters. His recent book *The Quest for Health Reform: A Satirical History* is an expose of the nearly 100-year quest to ensure quality affordable health coverage for all through the use of political cartoons.

During 2014 and 2008, Dr. Georges C. Benjamin was named one of the top 25 minority executives in health care by *Modern Healthcare* magazine, in addition to being voted among the 100 most influential people in health care from 2007-2013 and one of the nation's most influential physician executives from 2009-2015.



Dr. Arlene Lester, DDS, MPH

United States Department of Health and Human Services,
Region 4
Atlanta ,GA

Dr. Arlene Lester serves as the Regional Minority Health Consultant, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS-Region IV). In this capacity she facilitates policies and activities targeted at the achievement of health equity and elimination of health disparities in the southeastern United States. Before taking the helm as HHS Region IV minority health consultant, she served as a Senior Program Management Consultant with the Division of Diabetes Translation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). During her tenure at CDC the US Public Health Service awarded her the Commendation Medal for establishment of effective partnerships.

Dr. Lester was one of the first visionaries, advocates, and supporters of the University of South Carolina's Institute for Partnership to Eliminate Health Disparities. She saw the potential that the Institute had in establishing, facilitating, and maintaining strategic community and academic partnerships focused on eliminating health disparities and achieving health equity. She served as an advisor and provided guidance that lead to the Institute developing its first major partnership initiative, the African American Public Health Faculty Development Institute, which was designed to train and develop a cadre of minority public health researchers who could address the many health conditions and disparities that exist in minority communities. This initiative included research and teaching faculty from USC and South Carolina's Historically Black Colleges and Universities, as well as faculty from other research institutions in South Carolina. Ten years later and as a result of that first Project, the IPEHD has managed and provided leadership for several research, education, and training partnerships, which have been funded by private foundations and government agencies.



William C. Jenkins, PhD, MPH
2017 Keynote Speaker

For nearly four decades, Dr. William "Bill" Jenkins has devoted himself to eliminating racial/ethnic health disparities and expanding opportunities for racial/ethnic minorities to enter and succeed in careers in bio-statistics and epidemiology. Dr.

Jenkins earned a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Morehouse College, a masters degree in Bio-statistics from Georgetown University, and an MPH and PhD in Epidemiology at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill (UNC). While at UNC, he helped to found the School of Public Health Annual Minority Health Conference. He has also completed post-doctoral work in Bio-statistics at Harvard University School of Public Health.

For 30 years, Dr. Jenkins previously worked at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, where he helped to end the infamous and unethical Tuskegee Study of Untreated Syphilis in the Negro Male and to establish initiatives to improve public health for African Americans and Native Americans. Dr. Jenkins currently works with the UNC Institute of African American Research and as co-director of the Minority Health Project.

In addition to founding the Society for the Analysis of African American Public Health Issues (SAAPHI) in 1991, Dr. Jenkins has been instrumental in founding the Institute for African American Health; establishing Project IMHOTEP; the Public Health Sciences Institute at Morehouse College; the Master of Public Health program at Morehouse School of Medicine, the first such program at a historically black institution.

Awardees

2017 Hildrus A. Poindexter Award

Adewale Troutman, MD, MPH, MA, CPH

Outstanding Public Health Consortium Recipient

The Consortium of African American Public Health Programs

Cynthia Harris, PhD, DABT, President

Outstanding Academic Institution

Morehouse School of Medicine

Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD, President and Dean

Outstanding Faith-Based Organization

The African Methodist Episcopal Church International Health Commission

AME Bishop Harry L. Seawright, Chairman

Rev. Miriam Burnett, MD, MDiv, MPH, Medical Director

Rev. Natalie Mitchem, MDiv

2017 Community Service Award

Spelman College

Mary Schmidt Campbell, PhD, President

2017 Representative Louis Stokes Legislative Service Award

The African Methodist Episcopal Church International Social Action
Commission

AME Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, Chairman

Jackie Dupont-Walker, Executive Director

2017 Hildrus Agustus Poindexter Award Recipient



Adewale Troutman, MD, MPH, MA, CPH, a Past President of the American Public Health Association (APHA) and Past President of the APHA Black Caucus of Health Workers identifies himself through his commitment to social justice, human rights, community activism, health equity and national and global health. His life's work has been a testimony to this fact. Dr. Troutman has over 40 years dedicated to the principles of universal freedoms and the elimination of racism, injustice and oppression. His unique educational background has been a major factor in this quest. Dr. Troutman has an MD from New Jersey Medical School, a Masters in Public Health from Columbia University, Masters in Black Studies from the State university of New York in Albany, and as of October 2009, board certification from the National Board of Public Health Examiners. He is a trained family physician graduating from residency at the medical university of South Carolina. His career has included clinical emergency medicine, hospital administration, academic and public health practice. He served as an Associate Professor in the University of Louisville's School of Public Health and Information Sciences while directing the Metro Louisville Department of Public Health and Wellness.

His experience includes special consultancies with the World Health Organization in Thailand and Japan, health assessment missions in Angola, Jamaica and Zaire and training in India and Austria. His commitment to justice has evolved into his nationally recognized efforts to create health equity and the supremacy of the social determinants of health, the founding of the first Center for health Equity at a local health department and the creation of the Mayors Healthy Hometown Movement. He is also credited with the passage of one of the strongest anti-smoking ordinances in the country.

Dr. Troutman has had multiple publications including "What if We Were Equal", co-authored with the former US Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary of Health Dr. David Satcher. His awards and recognitions include the Mediastar Physician of the Year Award, the St. Stephens Community Man of the Year Award, the Ottenheimer Award for Social Justice, The Power to End Stroke Award and numerous others.

He is featured in the nationally televised PBS series; *Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?* Dr. Troutman has served as a member or past member of the National Board of Public Health, the Academy for Health Equity, the Health and Human Services Secretary's Advisory Committee on Health

Promotion Disease Prevention Healthy People 2020, the Health and Human Services Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality, the Board of Directors of Public Health Law and Policy, the Executive Board of the American Public Health Association, the African American Heritage Center and the National Association of County and City Health Officers.

2017 Representative Louis Stokes Legislative Service Award Recipient



The AME Church International Social Action Commission serves to promote health among its members as an integral part of their faith. The AME Social Action Commission recently presented a Climate Change Resolution that was adopted at the 2016 General Conference. As a result of this Resolution, the Commission now seeks to develop and support faith-based communities that are positioned as environmental stewards for all its members and church buildings across our 20 connectional districts. With approximately 4,000 congregations and over 3 million members, spanning North America, the Caribbean, sub-Saharan Africa and parts of South America, the Commission is uniquely positioned to lead this effort. CHES, LLC has a signed agreement to provide Solar Project within the AME Church Organization Worldwide.

Collaborations that have been developed or expanded included the National Kidney Foundation, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society and American Red Cross. Work with the US Department of Health and Human Services continues. Partnerships with other AME Departments and Commissions were expanded. Many local churches have developed or expanded their health ministries. Several presiding elder districts have organized Health Commissions.

The Health Commission "One Stop Shop" website (amehealth.org) continues to expand and provides a wealth of information on a variety of topics. The Facebook group has grown to the point that it is now being upgraded to a full page. The Twitter account has linked to the website and the new Facebook page will also be linked. A new app and online store containing fitness, disaster preparedness, and first aid. Text4Wellness, is health messaging campaign, offered by technology partner, UPRISCorp that seeks to improve the healthy lifestyle choices of participants by leveraging mobile technology to deliver culturally appropriate informational and motivational health messages to members of participating churches. Through a two-way text messaging campaign, Text4Wellness will encourage participants to make healthier nutrition, exercise and wellness choices for themselves and their families.

Lift Every Voice And Sing

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise,
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come treading our path through the blood of the
slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest, our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee,
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

James Weldon Johnson

**Special thanks and recognition
to all the presenters and
attendees of our symposium
and scientific sessions.**

Thank you for coming—
we'll see you next year at
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Next Year's Theme:
Creating the Healthiest Nation: Health
Equity Now