



25TH ANNIVERSARY & ANNUAL MEETING  
SOCIETY FOR THE ANALYSIS  
OF AFRICAN AMERICAN  
PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES

*Celebrating 25 Years of Excellence in  
Advocacy, Research, & Leadership*



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## President's Welcome

On behalf of the Society for the Analysis of African American Public Health Issues, we welcome you to the 25th anniversary celebration of our organization and the 2017 Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium. SAAPHI is a national, related organization of the American Public Health Association, and is comprised of students, researchers, practitioners, physicians, and health advocates. SAAPHI's mission is to provide leadership in the promotion of health and well-being across the African Diaspora through student mentorship, professional development and policy advocacy.

The theme of this year's meeting, Celebrating 25 Years of Excellence in Advocacy, Research, & Leadership, allows for reflection on where our organization began, the resulting accomplishments of the hard work and dedication of our membership in bringing the issues of racial/ethnic health disparities, health equity, and racism to the forefront of the general public health discourse. We will discuss the role of our organization during this time of uncertainty and the very real threats to minority health and health equity.

It's been 25 years and the struggles continue. We have had a significant impact on moving forward the agenda of achieving health equity and reducing health disparities. However, there is a lot more work ahead. Thinking about the future, there is so much at stake. We are at a critical juncture, one that presents opportunities and challenges for public health. Now more than ever we need strategic engagement that serves the three tenets of the SAAPHI mission to continue to contribute to the goal of achieving health equity and reducing health disparities.

We have an exciting program planned for today. This year we have the Past President's Panel with four past presidents representing key time periods in the organization. We are fortunate to have Dr. Derek Griffith as our key note speaker who will give a presentation entitled "Lest we forget, the duality of Blackness: The art of pursuing health equity". For the first time during the annual meeting we will host a Policy Forum entitled "Navigating Uncertainty: Working Towards Achieving Health Equity. As an organization, we recognized the need for strategic organization and leadership. Thus, our mentoring and professional development is focused on leadership development with a panel of exemplary leaders within APHA. We also have an excellent scientific program consisting of oral presentations and posters, and we kindly ask that you take time to engage with our student presenters.

We encourage you to interact with our speakers and your fellow attendees and seek out opportunities for networking and collaboration. It is our hope that you leave today's meeting with new partnerships, ideas for advocacy and research, and inspiration to take action. In addition, we hope that you will consider joining us at the Cocktail Reception later this evening as we continue to celebrate our 25th anniversary. Culmination of months of planning, deliberation and hard work have brought us today. I would like to express my deepest appreciation for current SAAPHI board members and committee members who willingly donate their time and resources to support SAAPHI. Finally, we would like to thank you for participating in this year's event. Your continued support contributes to the success of the meeting.

Sincerely,



Keshia Baptiste-Roberts, PhD, MPH  
SAAPHI President 2016-2018





*Keynote  
Speaker*

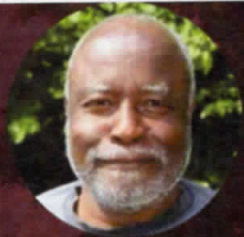
## Derek Griffith, PhD

Vanderbilt University



Dr. Derek M. Griffith is the Founder and Director of the Center for Research on Men's Health at Vanderbilt University. The Center for Research on Men's Health is one of the first university-wide centers in the US that focuses on men's health. Launched in September 2016, the center has the three-pronged mission of improving men's health, reducing unjust differences in health among men, and improving the health of African American men and other men in the US and across the globe. Dr. Griffith specializes in examining and promoting African American men's health, and he also studies how racism affects population health and public health institutions. At Vanderbilt, he is an Associate Professor of Medicine, Health, and Society and has secondary appointments in the departments of American Studies, Health Policy, Medicine, and Sociology. Dr. Griffith is a social scientist, trained in clinical-community psychology and public health, specializing in understanding and addressing social determinants of racial, ethnic and gender disparities in health through an intersectional lens. Dr. Griffith's research has been funded by the American Cancer Society, the Aetna Foundation, and several institutes within the National Institutes of Health.

# Panelist



Dr. William "Bill" Jenkins



Dr. Camara Jones



Dr. Rebecca Hasson



Dr. Chandra Ford

**Bill Jenkins, PhD, MPH, SAAPHI** Founder, is professor of Public Health Sciences at Morehouse College and Associate Director of its Research Center on Health Disparities. Dr. Jenkins instructs medical, graduate, and undergraduate students in biostatistics, epidemiology, and public health at Morehouse School of Medicine and Morehouse College.

**Camara Phyllis Jones, MD, MPH, PhD,** is research director on social determinants of health and equity in the Division of Adult and Community Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Dr. Jones received her B.A. degree (Molecular Biology) from Wellesley College, her M.D. from the Stanford University School of Medicine, and both her MPH and PhD (Epidemiology) degrees from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health..

**Rebecca Hasson, PhD,** is an Assistant Professor in the Schools of Kinesiology and Public Health and Director of the Childhood Disparities Research Laboratory at the University of Michigan. Using a transdisciplinary research approach, Dr. Hasson integrates her previous training in exercise physiology, energy metabolism, pediatric endocrinology, health disparities, and social epidemiology to identify causes and consequences of pediatric obesity.

**Chandra L. Ford, PhD, MPH, MLIS** is Associate Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences. Her areas of expertise include HIV/AIDS prevention and care; HIV testing among older adults; the social determinants of health/social epidemiology; conceptualizing and measuring racism, race and ethnicity; Public Health Critical Race Praxis (PHCRP)/Critical Race Theory; and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) health disparities.

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**Jammie Hopkins, DrPH, MS**  
MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
Moderator



**Oscar Alleyne, DrPH, MPH**  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND  
CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NACCHO)



**Angelica Geter, DrPH, MPH**  
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL &  
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**Stephanie Miles-Richardson, PhD,  
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**Keith Elder, PhD, MPH, MPA**  
SAMFORD UNIVERSITY

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Policy Forum

# Presenters

**Poster #    Poster Title | Author**

- SP2017-1 Navigating Sexual Liberation And Shame:  
A Young Black Woman's Path To Sexual  
Wellness | *Bradley, Lilanta*
- SP2017-2 Increase Obamacare Access By  
Promoting The - "Free Preventive Health  
Services" | *Bronner, Yvonne*
- SP2017-3 Social Vulnerability Index As A Predictor  
For Neighborhood-Level Obesity &  
Physical Inactivity Prevalence | *Evans, Donoria*
- SP2017-4 The Impact Of The Affordable Care Act On Trends In  
Utilization Of Health Services For Management And  
Prevention Of Type 2 Diabetes Among African  
Americans | *Murphy, Monica*
- SP2017-5 Using Data To Drive State-Level Health Equity  
Collaborations | *Smith, Bianca*
- SP2017-6 The Impact Of The Affordable Care Act On The  
Utilization Of Primary Care Services Related To  
Hypertension Control & Management Among African  
Americans | *Stigger, Cagney*
- SP2017-7 Components & Experiences Of Doulas Working With  
Disadvantaged Mothers | *Wint, Kristina*

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- SS2017-8    Predicting self-care and self-rated health for Black women | *Adkins-Jackson, Paris*
- SS2017-9    Facilitators and barriers to prenatal care in African-American first-time mothers | *Azugbene, Ehiremen*
- SS2017-10    Influence of Prenatal Care on Infant Birth Outcomes | *Azugbene Ehiremen*
- SS2017-11    Exploring PrEP Attitudes, Barriers and Facilitators of Use, Sexual Risk Behaviors and Communication Channel Preferences of Self-Reported Heterosexual African American/Black Students Enrolled in a Jefferson County, Texas College | *Bennett, Donica'*
- SS2017-12    Survey Says? : Differences in perceptions of policing between African American and White residents in Durham, North Carolina | *Efird, Caroline*
- SS2017-13    A Systematic Review of HIV Testing Barriers and Intervention Strategies Among Key Populations in the Caribbean | *Hamilton, Akeen*
- SS2017-14    LIFE: Life-course Interactive Game for Interaction | *Perkins, Hallie*
- SS2017-15    Exploring the Perceptions of Caregiving Resources Among African American Dementia Family Caregivers | *Strayhorn, Shaila*

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# SAAPHI HISTORY

Founded in 1991 by William "Bill" Jenkins, Ph.D. in Atlanta, GA, the first SAAPHI meetings were held at the First Congregational Church, UCC. What started as a small but mighty group of African American leaders concerned about the public health issues facing communities across the African Diaspora, has grown to be what you see today. As a community of public health professionals and practitioners, SAAPHI members continue to lead efforts focused on the elimination of disparities and the promotion of health equity through leadership, advocacy and research.

## SAAPHI LEADERSHIP 2016-2018

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## CELEBRATE WITH US!

Join us where it all began!

*25th Anniversary Cocktail Reception*

NOVEMBER 4, 2017

6 PM - 8 PM

First Congregational Church, UCC

105 Courtland St. NE

Atlanta, GA 30303

