



Fourth Annual  
**JOHN W. HATCH**  
*FaithHealth Lecture*

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

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# PROGRAM AGENDA

## MORNING SESSION » PRESIDING: M. ANITA HOLMES, JD, MPH

### Welcome and Opening Prayer

Dr. Johnny Hill, *Dean, Shaw University Divinity School*

### The Occasion

Rev. Dr. Gary Gunderson

*Vice President, FaithHealth Division, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center*

*Professor, Division of Public Health Sciences, Wake Forest University School of Medicine*

*Professor, Faith and the Health of the Public, Wake Forest University School of Divinity*

### Introduction of Speaker

Rev. Dr. Johnathan Walton

*Dean and Presidential Chair in Religion and Society, Wake Forest University School of Divinity*

*Dean, Wait Chapel, Wake Forest University*

### 2019 John W. Hatch FaithHealth Lecture

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Howard Koh

*Harvey V. Fineberg Professor of the Practice of Public Health Leadership*

*Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and the Harvard Kennedy School*

*Faculty Co-Chair, Harvard Advanced Leadership Initiative*

#### Q&A

### Special Presentation

Rev. Dr. Gary Gunderson

### Introduction to “Table” Networking

Rev. Emily Viverette

*Director, Chaplaincy and Education*

*Wake Forest Baptist Health*

#### Lunch

## AFTERNOON SESSION » PRESIDING: M. ANITA HOLMES, JD, MPH

### Table Networking Highlights

#### Reflections with Dr. John W. Hatch

Dr. John W. Hatch

*William Rand Kenan Jr. Professor Emeritus, Health Behavior and Health Education*

*University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health*

*Senior Program Development Officer, Center for Health and Healing, Inc. (A Nonprofit Affiliate of General Baptist State Convention of NC, Inc.)*

Rev. Dr. Johnny Hill (Interviewer)

#### Q&A

### Climate Change and Environmental Justice Session

E. Benjamin Money, Jr., MPH (Moderator)

*Deputy Secretary for Health Services, NC Department of Health and Human Services*

### State of the State—NC Department of Environmental Quality

Secretary Michael Regan

*NC Department of Environmental Quality*

### Environmental Justice and Equity Panel

- Chandra Taylor, JD, *Senior Attorney, Southern Environmental Law Center*
- June Blotnick, M.Ed., *Executive Director, Clean Air Carolina*
- Ron Ross, *President, Northwood Estates Community Organization*

#### Q&A

### Call to Action and Adjournment

# SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

## John W. Hatch, DrPH, MSW

**Dr. John W. Hatch** is William Rand Kenan Jr. Professor Emeritus, Health Behavior and Health Education, University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health and serves as Senior Program Development Officer, Center for Health and Healing, Inc., a nonprofit affiliate of General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. (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:

- Commissioner and Moderator of the Christian Medical Commission of the World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland (1986-1992)
- Principal Investigator for a health prevention intervention with the Ministry of Health in Cameroon, West Africa (1978-1983)
- Member of Tufts University Medical School's Team responsible for developing the nation's first and second comprehensive community health centers for rural and urban populations (1960's-early 1970's)

Dr. Hatch has written over forty articles and chapters for professional publications and has presented over 200 papers on matters related to health promotion and development. He has been married to Fledra Carter Hatch for over fifty-five years. He has three children, ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

## Howard K. Koh, MD, MPH

Dr. Howard K. Koh is the Harvey V. Fineberg Professor of the Practice of Public Health Leadership at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and the Harvard Kennedy School. He previously served as the 14th Assistant Secretary for Health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2009-2014) after being nominated by President Barack Obama, and as Commissioner of Public Health for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (1997-2003) after being appointed by Governor William Weld. A graduate of Yale College and the Yale University School of Medicine, he trained at Boston City Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital, earned board certifications in four medical fields, has been Principal Investigator of research grants totaling \$24M, published more than 275 articles in the medical and public health literature and has received over 70 awards, including six honorary doctorate degrees. Dr. Koh and his wife Dr. Claudia Arrigg have three adult children and one granddaughter.



## Secretary Michael Regan

As Department of Environmental Quality secretary, Michael Regan oversees the state agency whose mission is to protect North Carolina's environment and natural resources. The organization administers regulatory and public assistance programs aimed at protecting the quality of North Carolina's air, water and land, its coastal fisheries, and the public's health. Regan joins the Cooper administration after more than 18 years of professional experience in environmental advocacy and regulation. He led the Environmental Defense Fund's efforts to reduce the impacts of climate change and air quality pollution. Prior to that, Regan worked with the Environmental Protection Agency's air quality and energy programs for the Clinton and Bush administrations. Regan also founded M. Regan & Associates, LLC, to help organizations find transformational solutions to complex energy, environmental and economic challenges. Regan has served on several boards and commissions focused on the environment. A native of Goldsboro, N.C., Regan has a bachelor's degree in Earth and Environmental Science from N.C. Agricultural and Technical State University and a master's degree in Public Administration from George Washington University. Regan and his wife, Melvina, and their son, Matthew, live in Raleigh.



**Since 2005, June Blotnick** has served as the Executive Director of Clean Air Carolina, a statewide nonprofit that combines education, research and advocacy to promote environmental justice, address climate change and restore clean air across North Carolina. Under her leadership, innovative programs and partnerships such as Clean Air for Kids, Medical Advocates for Healthy Air, and AirKeepers Citizen Science have been created. June also coordinates the Charlotte Mecklenburg Climate Leaders. She has received several honors including Women Who Shape Charlotte.

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**Gary Gunderson, M.Div, D.Min., D.Div.,** is Vice President for FaithHealth at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center 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. Gunderson is secretary of Stakeholder Health, and 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.

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**E. Benjamin Money, Jr., MPH** joined the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services in 2019 as the Deputy Secretary for Health Services. His portfolio includes the Division of Public Health, Division of Health Services Regulation, the Office of Minority Health, and the Office of Rural Health. Ben previously served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the North Carolina Community Health Center Association. He holds a master’s degree in public health nutrition from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

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**M. Anita P. Holmes, JD, MPH** is consultant to the Division of FaithHealth Ministries, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and a member of Shaw University Divinity School’s Board of Visitors. Holmes has over 40 years experience in health promotion, community engagement, health planning and health policy. Prior positions include Executive Director, Health and Human Services Program, General Baptist State Convention of NC and affiliated Center for Health and Healing and more recently former Executive Director of Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Legislative Task Force.

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**Ron Ross**, a citizen scientist and community leader in Charlotte, NC, is a retired banker, mortgage and financial services professional. Ron worked primarily in the Los Angeles, CA area and extensively in major cities throughout the United States. He returned to his hometown of Charlotte to be a caregiver for his aunt and mother. Ron is President of Northwood Estates Community Organization, which is active with Clean Air Corridor.

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**Chandra T. Taylor, JD**, Kinston native, is a Senior Attorney with the Southern Environmental Law Center. Her current practice is focused in water quality advocacy and NC water resources planning. Chandra’s experience includes teaching Environmental Justice Law, Policy and Regulation as adjunct faculty at the UNC School of Law, participation in the Vermont Law School Environmental Justice Young Fellows China exchange and serving on the Board of Directors for the North Carolina Justice Center.

Chandra graduated from UNC- Chapel Hill and its School of Law.

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**Emily Viverette** is an ordained minister with the Christian Church. Emily is a graduate of Elon University (B.S.) and Vanderbilt Divinity School (M.Div.). She is a former high school math teacher and served as the Director of Clinical Pastoral Education at Alamance Regional Medical Center before joining the faculty at Wake Forest Baptist Health in 2009. She is a Certified Educator with the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education and Director of FaithHealth Chaplaincy and Education. Viverette’s special interest includes bridging the divide between hospitals and communities through innovative chaplaincy.

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**Jonathan L. Walton** is Dean of the School of Divinity, Presidential Chair in Religion and Society, and Dean of Wait Chapel at Wake Forest University. Walton is a social ethicist whose scholarship focuses on evangelical Christianity and its relationship to mass media and political culture. His publications include, “Watch This! The Ethics and Aesthetics of Black Televangelism” (NYU Press, 2009) and “A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World” (Westminster John Knox Press, 2018). He is an outspoken advocate for social justice and civil rights.

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