

# REEDE NEWS

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## Southern Soul features Mary Fleming

**A**ug — *Southern Soul* featured Mary Fleming on the air with Southern Soul!! Dr. Fleming, an Ob/Gyn discussed the Black maternal health crisis. A formidable advocate for women's health, Fleming highlighted the alarming disparity between black and white women maternal mortality. According to the CDC, Black women are three times more likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause than White women. Multiple factors contribute to these disparities, such as variation in quality healthcare, underlying chronic conditions, structural racism, and implicit bias. Social determinants of health have historically prevented many people from racial and ethnic minority groups from having fair opportunities for economic, physical, and emotional health.



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**G**REETINGS fellow Reede Scholars! Like most of us, I was hopeful that the spring COVID-19 vaccine roll-out would bring us back to a new normal this fall. However, the Delta and impending Lambda variant continue to threaten the health and well-being of our country. Our hospitals and critical care centers are overwhelmed and the politicized debate regarding vaccination ensues. Schools and universities have re-opened, as many try the balance education, socialization and risk of transmission of the virus.

As with any national crisis, the opportunity for leadership and innovation arises. Reede Scholars have taken on new roles, created new positions, and responded to media requests on a national level. Our 2021 Health Equity Symposium focused on policing reform in response to the social justice issues that the United

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## Warne Named to Health Equity Advisory Committee

July — Congratulations to Reede Scholar Donald Warne for his appointment to the Health Affairs' Health Equity Advisory Committee.

The purpose of Health Affairs' Health Equity Advisory Committee is to guide the journal with developing and implementing strategies to advance equity within scholarly publishing of health services and health policy research. An accomplished scholar and author, Warne participated in the Inaugural Annual Reede Scholars Leadership Retreat.

He is well known for his dedicated advocacy for Indian healthcare equity and higher education. Currently, he serves as Associate Dean of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Director, INMED and Public Health Programs at University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

We wish Don much success in his role at Health Affairs!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### APHA

Annual Meeting & Expo  
Denver, CO & Online  
October 24-27, 2021

<https://www.apha.org/annualmeeting>

#### Reede Scholars Board of Directors Virtual Meeting

October 26, 2021

RSVP: [thereedescholars@gmail.com](mailto:thereedescholars@gmail.com)

#### Leadership Development to Advance Equity in Health Care

<https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/ecpe/programs/leadership-development-to-advance-equity-in-health-care>

Online

November 9-12, 2021

#### 5th Annual Reede Scholars Leadership Retreat "Re-charge, re-imagine, & re-engage"

March 25-27, 2022

Atlanta, GA

## OPPORTUNITIES

**Exact Sciences** seeks a Medical Director, Hepatobiliary Cancers

For additional information:

<https://careers-exactsciences.icims.com/jobs/9509/medical-director%2c-hepatobiliary-cancers/job?mode=view>

**Harvard School of Dental Medicine** seeks an Assistant/Associate Dean of Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging.

For additional information:

Interested individuals must apply online via: <https://academicpositions.harvard.edu/postings/10501>

**Penn State Health Hershey Medical Center and Penn State College of Medicine**

(Hershey, PA) are currently recruiting for a Vice Dean for Educational Affairs.

For additional information:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/3/#inbox/WhctKKWxdNWthlZZKLSsNNZzjTg-jSbSWRQMLvDGVGkWnDMMwWZsbkJK-MHFvhQnctZSXZGPq?projector=1&message-PartId=0.1>

**The Lexington-Fayette County Health Department (LFCHD)** seeks a

Commissioner of Health to serve as Chief Executive Officer and Chief Medical Officer

For additional information:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/3/#search/opportunity/WhctKKWxdNWthlZZKLSsNNZzjTg-jSbSWRQMLvDGVGkWnDMMwWZsbkJK-MHFvhQnctZSXZGPq?projector=1&message-PartId=0.1>

**Charles R. Drew University of Medicine & Science** is recruiting an Associate Dean for Medical Education

For information visit:

<https://jobs.cdrewu.edu/postings/4230>

## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

HHS -NIH

National Cancer Institute Youth Enjoy Science Research Education Program

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=335516>

HHS -NIH

A Multilevel Approach to Connecting Underrepresented Populations to Clinical Trials

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=335518>



**CELEBRATING  
HARVARD ALUMNI  
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Join in the final program of the Unity Webinar series, a conversation with Harvard University President Lawrence S. Bacow JD '76, MPP '76, PhD '78 and Judge Ketanji Jackson AB '92, JD '96 on October 6.

**A Conversation with President Bacow and Judge Jackson**  
October 6, 2021 | 1:00–2:00 p.m. (ET)

**REGISTER NOW**

# CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

*August* — The Reede Scholars, Inc. is pleased to welcome our newest Platinum Sponsor! Formerly known as the DentaQuest Partnership for Oral Health Advancement, the DentaQuest Foundation, and the DentaQuest Institute, is now CareQuest Institute for Oral Health!

CareQuest Institute is a non-profit committed to building a future in which equitable systems promote excellent health, allowing people everywhere to reach their full potential. CareQuest Institute is also an-

nouncing the creation of CareQuest Innovation Partners, a for-profit affiliate dedicated to advancing innovation to transform oral health access and outcomes for underserved populations. CareQuest Innovation Partners will officially launch later this year.

Many Reede Scholars will recognize Dr. Minter-Jordan from previous engagements with the “Minority Health Policy Program”. She has been and continues to be a dedicated supporter of the Fellowship!



Myechia Minter-Jordan, MD, MBA  
President and CEO  
CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

## Why Teledentistry Will Help Shape the Future of Oral Health

CareQuest — The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted inequities in the United States and, at the same time, increased awareness of technologies that can help address those inequities. One such technology?

Teledentistry, a set of virtual tools that allow for electronic communication and delivery of oral health services. A new visual report from CareQuest Institute highlights four reasons why teledentistry is here to stay.

# Essence Names Women to Watch

September — Nwando Olayiwola, Chief Health Equity Officer & Senior Vice President at Humana, was among 8 women to be named in Essence magazine 8 Black Women to Watch in Corporate America! Dr. Olayiwola shared the news on Linkdn, stating, “I cannot explain how thrilled I am to be named among Essence

magazine’s 8 Black Women to Watch in Corporate America! As a young girl, I started devouring my parents’ issues of Essence and learning so much from and about Black women role models across the country and the world. I aspired to be them because I could see them. To be on this list is really the stuff that dreams are made of!

I am proud to represent Humana and honored to be among these other inspiring Black women movers and shakers from some of the largest companies in the nation.” She thanked Kimberly N. Wilson, JD for the powerful story! She is featured in the Sep/Oct 2021 of Essence on sale now.



## WELCOME NEW REEDE SCHOLARS

Congratulations to the 2021 graduates of the Commonwealth Fund Harvard University and Joseph L. Henry Oral Health Fellows! Hats off to this cohort that endured a virtual 2020-2021 program. We look forward to in person greetings in 2022! Welcome: **Siobhian Sprott, DDS, MPA, MPH, Shelly Taylor, DMD, MPH, Magdala Chery, MBS, DO, MPH, Yamicia Connor, MD, PhD, MPH, Carine Davila, MD, MPH, Sarimer Margarita Sánchez, MD, MPH, Carmela Socolovsky, MD, MPH, and Frinny Polanco Walters, MD, MPH**

Bios available at: <https://reedescholars.org/Reede-Scholar-Bios>

We encourage you to be active members and invite you to join a committee of your choice, register on our website at: <https://reedescholars.org/Join-us> to enjoy \$0 dues for the first year, and continue to use our phenomenal network! We hope you will stay connected to your Reede Scholars family. We are here for you! See you soon!!

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States continues to grapple with as the pandemic surges. We have made it a priority to interact with each other via our general body meetings, virtual social hours and Reede Scholars Live,

our interactive podcast, that discusses health equity topics ranging from Maternal Health to Adolescent Medicine to Palliative Care.

These last two years have been unlike any others in our lifetime, but the Reede Scholars are primed and ready to confront the public health, social justice and health policy concerns

on the front lines clinically and administratively. With that being said, I implore each of you to remember to take care of yourselves and your families while taking care of the country’s most vulnerable populations.

*With Health and Grace,  
Mary*

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## Reede Scholars Live!



Hosted by:  
**Mary E. Fleming, MD, MPH**



Audio Only  
<https://anchor.fm/reede-scholars>

Video  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRtT3G76jdIEoY0uDis1-g>