

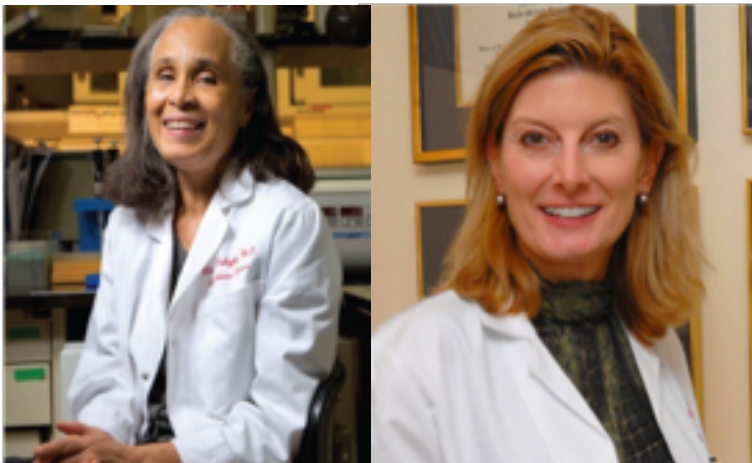


# Weill Cornell Medicine Diversity & Inclusion

## OCTOBER 2017

### MESSAGE OF ASSOCIATE DEANS OF DIVERSITY

5th  
NEWSLETTER  
EDITION



Dr. Linnie Golightly

Dr. Rache Simmons

Greetings,

Welcome to our October newsletter. We hope that you enjoy the new format.

Dean Augustine Choi has declared the week of April 23rd to 27th, 2018 **Diversity Week**, to celebrate diversity and enrich our community. This inaugural celebration will feature a keynote address by Dr. Hannah Valentine, the Chief Officer for Scientific Workforce Diversity at the NIH. Other events will include departmental diversity grand rounds. Please SAVE THE DATE and send us your ideas! We want to ensure that this celebration reflects our collective vision for diversity and inclusion at WCM.

And our hearts are with those affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose, and Maria. WCM leadership has reached out to our alums to inquire about their families and safety. In addition, there is an ongoing dialogue regarding how WCM can assist on a humanitarian basis as well as help our sister educational institutions ravaged by the hurricanes. We wish all a safe recovery.

Kind Regards,

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**Weill Cornell Medicine**

**Featured Presenters:**

**Joan M. Lakoski, PhD**

Director of Proposal Development  
West Virginia Clinical and Translational  
Science Institute  
Adjunct Professor, WVU School of  
Pharmacy

**Robert J. Milner, PhD**

Associate Vice Provost for Professional  
Development, Professor of Neurology,  
University of Massachusetts Medical  
School

**DEVELOPING AND USING  
AN INDIVIDUAL  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP)  
&  
HOW TO FIND RESEARCH  
MENTORS AND SUSTAIN  
THE RELATIONSHIP**

**Tuesday, October 17, 2017  
8:00am-3:30pm  
Griffis Faculty Club  
1300 York Avenue, New York,  
NY 10065**

***\*Advance registration is required\*  
Breakfast and lunch will be provided***

Hosted by Clinical & Translational Science Center  
Please RSVP: <http://bit.ly/2fRmX7f>

**WE WISH THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY OF THE JEWISH FAITH  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

*Shana  
Tova*

# WEILL CORNELL EVENTS

Muslims in Medicine invites you to:

## Muslim Students & Residents Meet and Greet

**Wednesday, October 4th**

**6PM | FREE Afghani Food  
Olin Student Lounge**

Olin Hall (across from hospital)  
445 E 69th St, New York, NY 10021

Sponsored by the WCM Graduate School of Medical Sciences,  
MSEC, and Department of Medicine

CONTACT (317) 640 2576 or [nsz2001@med.cornell.edu](mailto:nsz2001@med.cornell.edu) with questions



 **Weill Cornell Medicine**  
Office of Student Diversity

## Coffee Hour 2017

Every other Friday starting 10/6



Come by to talk and have coffee and pastries!

Friday, October 6th	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Olin Library
Friday, October 20th	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Olin Lounge
Friday, November 3rd	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Olin Lounge
Friday, November 17th	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Olin Library
Friday, December 1st	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Olin Library
Friday, December 15th	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Olin Library

[studentdiversity@med.cornell.edu](mailto:studentdiversity@med.cornell.edu)

# MAKE YOUR MATCH OPEN HOUSE

On September 9th, the Department of Medicine Minority Housestaff Committee, Residency Training Program and Office of Diversity and Inclusion hosted a Residency Diversity Open House for medical students. The students were welcomed by the Co-Chairs of the Minority Housestaff Committee, Dr. Susana Morales (Department of Medicine Vice Chair of Diversity), Dr. Linnie Golightly (Associate Dean of Diversity and Inclusion), and Dr. Lyuba Konapasek (the NYPH Graduate Medical Education Designated Institutional Official). Students had an opportunity to attend different sessions regarding the residency process.

The open house provided the opportunity for medical students to ask panels questions about the application process for residency and hear experiences from current residents. In addition, students were able to network with residents from an array of departments: Anesthesia, Medicine, OB-GYN, Neurology, Pediatrics, Radiology, Dermatology, Radiation Oncology, Psychiatry, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, and Surgery.



## GOVERNOR GENERAL OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

On September 20th, Sir Rodney Williams visited WCM hosted by the Brain and Spine Center. He spoke regarding "Honor Above Wealth, Healing the Body and the Society" and shared his experiences as a physician serving in Antigua and Barbuda. Sir Williams has ongoing collaborations with Dr. Caitlin Hoffman in Pediatric Neurosurgery. He met with Dean Choi and other faculty to discuss future additional collaborations with WCM. He also met with members of the WCM community at a reception in the Griffis Faculty Club following his talk.



"REALIZING WE DID NOT HAVE MANY CONSULTANTS IN ANTIGUA AT THE TIME, I REALIZED I HAD TO COVER MOST OF THE AREAS. I DID EAR, NOSE, THROAT, SURGERY, MEDICINE, OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY....YOU HAD TO HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE YOURSELF TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TO DO AND WHEN TO REFER TO GIVE THE PEOPLE THE BEST POSSIBLE CARE."

**Sir Rodney Williams, MBBS**

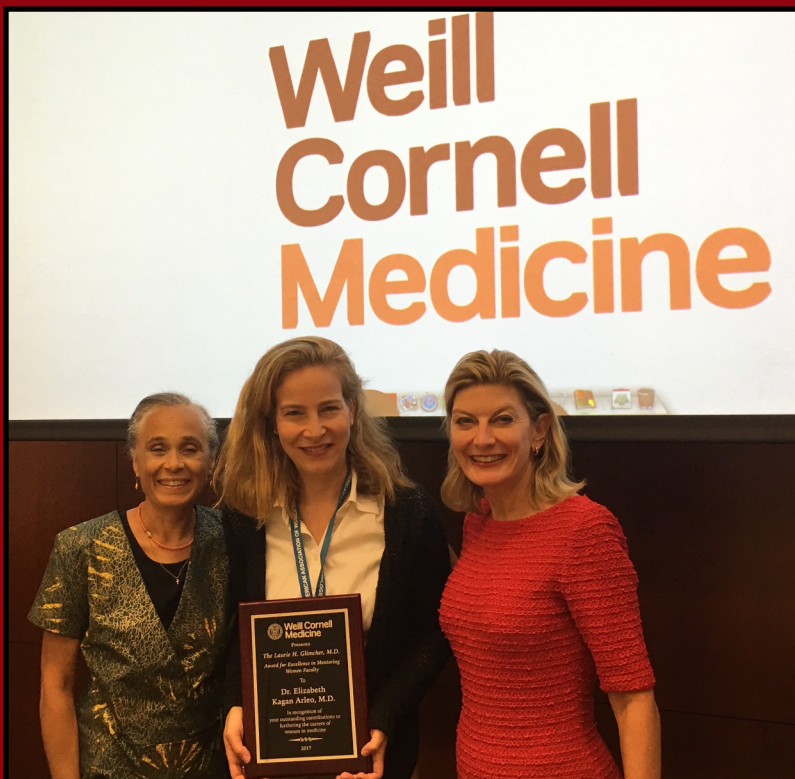
# FACULTY AND STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



## DR. CISSE JOINS AS FACULTY

Babacar Cisse, MD, PhD was recently appointed as Assistant Professor of Neurological Surgery and Assisting Attending Neurosurgeon at the New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medicine. Originally from Senegal, Dr. Cisse joined the Weill Cornell Medicine/NYPH community initially for his neurological surgery residency.

Congratulations, Dr. Cisse!



## DR. ARLEO RECEIVES GLIMCHER AWARD

Dr. Elizabeth Kagan Arleo received the plaque honoring her as the 2017 Laurie Glimcher Awardee for Excellence in Mentoring Women Faculty. She was initially recognized at the 2017 Diversity Celebration in May.

Congratulations, Dr. Arleo!

# GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## Mentored Career Development Award to Promote Faculty Diversity in Biomedical Research (K01)

**Application Due Dates:** October 15, 2017 and February 20, 2018 by 5:00PM local time of applicant organization

### Eligibility:

- ▶ Applicants from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in basic, clinical, and translational biomedical research.
- ▶ Research interests in the advanced methods and experimental approaches related to cardiovascular, pulmonary, hematologic diseases, and sleep disorders in the general and health disparities populations

The award will provide:

- ▶ Salary (\$75,000)
- ▶ Research support (\$30,000) for 3-5 years under the guidance of an experienced mentor, or sponsor

### For more information, please visit:

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HL-16-006.html>

## NIH Career Development & Training Award Workshop

### Two workshop sessions:

- ▶ General Workshop: Steps to a Competitive Application (9:30-11:30 AM)
- ▶ Know Your Awards (1:00-4:00 PM)

### Speakers:

**Joan M. Lakoski, PhD**  
West Virginia University

**Robert J. Milner, PhD**  
University of Massachusetts

**Location:** Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Rockefeller Research Laboratories, RRL Auditorium, 430 East 67th Street

### Register by October 25, please RSVP:

<https://www.mskcc.org/research-advantage/support/rtm/tri-institutional-event-registration>

## TOPICS IN DIVERSITY

Recommended by Dr. Lia Logio (Associate Dean for Faculty Development) "Working Mom, MD: Always on Call," features Dr. Katherine Chretien highlighting her personal experiences as a mother and MD. She discusses the obstacles women face in the medical profession along with the demands of being a mother. AAMCNews, Sept 19, 2017, by Dinah Wisenberg Brin, <http://bit.ly/2wVgzGK>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RELIGIOUS/CULTURAL EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS

**SEP. 15–OCT. 15**

National Hispanic Heritage Month

**OCT. 5–6**

Sukkot

**OCT. 11**

National Coming Out Day

**OCT. 12–13**

Simchat Torah/Shimini Atzeret

**OCT. 19**

Diwali (Festival of Lights)

**OCT. 31–NOV. 1**

Samhain

**OCT. 31–NOV. 2**

Dia de los Muertos

## OFFICE OF STUDENT DIVERSITY



**DR. MARCUS LAMBERT**

Assistant Dean of  
Diversity and Student Life



**DR. ELIZABETH  
WILSON-ANSTEY**

Assistant Dean of  
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**SAHIRA TORRES, MS**

Community Service  
Coordinator



**JOIN US ON  
FACEBOOK**



**Weill Cornell Medicine**  
Diversity & Inclusion

- ▶ Private Facebook group
- ▶ Interested in fostering diversity and inclusion
- ▶ Requirements: Active Facebook account and must be affiliated with WCM either as a current or past trainee or faculty member

**\*\*For more information, please contact the social media administrator, Elaine Barfield, [elb2020@med.cornell.edu](mailto:elb2020@med.cornell.edu)\*\***

## OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION STAFF

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion recently expanded its staff (left to right): Fatima Doumbia (administrative assistant), Angelica Patterson (research coordinator), and Elizabeth Omondi (program coordinator and administrator).