

Lift Every Voice and Sing

By James Weldon Johnson

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 has 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.

Fierce Urgency of Now

*Honoring the Legacy of Dr. Shalon Irving
and Advancing the Agenda to Eliminate
Racial Disparities in Maternal Health*



*Johns Hopkins School of Public Health
February 25, 2019
3:00PM – 5:00PM*

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Event Agenda

3:05 PM: Opening Remarks and Event Objectives

- **Dr. Tanjala Purnell**, Assistant Professor and Associate Director of Education, JH Center for Health Equity @tpurnell1908
- **Dr. Janet DiPietro**, Vice Dean for Research and Faculty, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

3:15 PM: Lift Every Voice and Sing

- **Cory Bradley, MSW, MPH**, PhD(c), JH School of Public Health

3:20 PM: Welcome Remarks

- **Dr. Marie Diener-West**, Helen Abbey and Margaret Merrell Professor of Biostatistics and Director of the Johns Hopkins Master of Public Health (MPH) Program
- **Dr. Lisa Cooper**, Bloomberg Distinguished Professor and Director, JH Center for Health Equity @LisaCooperMD

3:30 PM: Dr. Shalon Irving – A Dear Friend and Public Health Scholar

- **Congresswoman Lauren Underwood (IL-14)**, JHU Public Health and Nursing, MSN/MPH Alum @LaurenUnderwood

3:35PM: Promising NIH Research to Promote Maternal Health Equity

- **Dr. Janine Austin Clayton**, Director, NIH Office of Research on Women's Health @JanineClayton
- Interviewed by **Dr. Nakiya Showell**, Assistant Professor and Core Faculty, JH Center for Health Equity @JHhealthequity

3:50 PM: Dr. Shalon Irving – A Brilliant Health Equity Researcher

- **Dr. Janice Bowie**, Professor and Director of the Johns Hopkins Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) Program
- **Dr. Jeffrey E. Hall**, Deputy Associate Director for Science, Office of Minority Health and Health Equity, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

4:00 PM: Health Care System and Racial Disparities in Maternal Mortality

- **Dr. Joia Crear-Perry**, Founder and President, National Birth Equity Collaborative and Steering Committee Member, Black Mamas Matter Alliance @doccrearperry
- Interviewed by **Dr. Chidinma Ibe**, Assistant Professor and Associate Director of Stakeholder Engagement, JH Center for Health Equity @ChidinmaIbePhD

4:15 PM: The U.S. Policy Agenda to Promote Maternal Health Equity

- **Mia Keeyes, MA**, Health Policy Advisor to Congresswoman Robin L. Kelly (IL-02) @RepRobinKelly
- Interviewed by **Dr. Serena Michelle Ogunwole**, JHU General Internal Medicine Postdoctoral Fellow @drshellol

4:30 PM: Dr. Shalon Irving – A Champion for Women's Health

- **Dr. Raegan McDonald-Mosley**, Chief Medical Officer, Planned Parenthood of MD and JHU Public Health Alum @DrRaegan
- **Reverend Debra Hickman**, Co-Founder and CEO of Sisters Together and Reaching, Incorporated (STAR)

4:40 PM: Community Initiatives to Promote Maternal Health Equity

- **Stacey Tuck, MS**, Director of Maternal and Infant Care Systems Operations, Baltimore City Health Department @BmoreforBabies
- **Andrea Williams-Muhammad**, Program Coordinator, Baltimore Community Doula Program @bmoredoula
- **Maxine Reed-Vance, PhD(abd), MSN, RN**, Director of Clinical Affairs, Baltimore Healthy Start @Bmohealthystart
- Interviewed by **Dr. Kelly Bower**, Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins School of Nursing @KellyBowerRN

4:55PM: Concluding Remarks

- **Wanda Irving, MPA**, Mother of Dr. Shalon Irving

5:00PM: Networking Reception (Feinstone Hall)