



## **Health Disparities Research Seminar Series**

### **“Successes, Challenges and Innovations in Advancing a Local and Statewide Health Disparities Research Agenda”**



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President’s Board Room**

Desiree Rivers, PhD is the Program Director of the *Florida Health Equity Research Institute*, a state-wide health disparities research and training collaborative involving more than twenty universities, health care organizations, and community groups throughout Florida. Dr. Rivers is also a faculty member in the Department of Family Medicine at the USF Health Morsani College of Medicine, with a joint appointment in the Department of Community and Family Health at the USF College of Public Health. Dr. Rivers was previously the Center Coordinator/Assistant Program Director for the *USF-Moffitt Transdisciplinary Center to Address Cancer Health Disparities*, a five-year, \$6 Million National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities-funded Center of Excellence (P-20 grant) serving medically underserved communities in Hillsborough, Pinellas & Pasco counties of Florida. As Program Director, Dr. Rivers oversees local and statewide administration, coordination, and strategic planning of the research, education, training, and community outreach activities. As a faculty member, Dr. Rivers teaches courses on health disparities and cultural competency to medical, pharmacy, and doctorate of public health students. Dr. Rivers received a PhD degree in Health Education from Texas A&M University. Dr. Rivers was a Senator Lister Hill Center for Health Policy Fellow and a Congressional Black Caucus Fellow, assigned to the Bureau of Primary Health Care at HRSA.