



MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

THIRTY-SEVENTH  
COMMENCEMENT  
EXERCISES

*Saturday, The Fifteenth of May,  
Two Thousand and Twenty-one  
Ten o' Clock in the Morning*

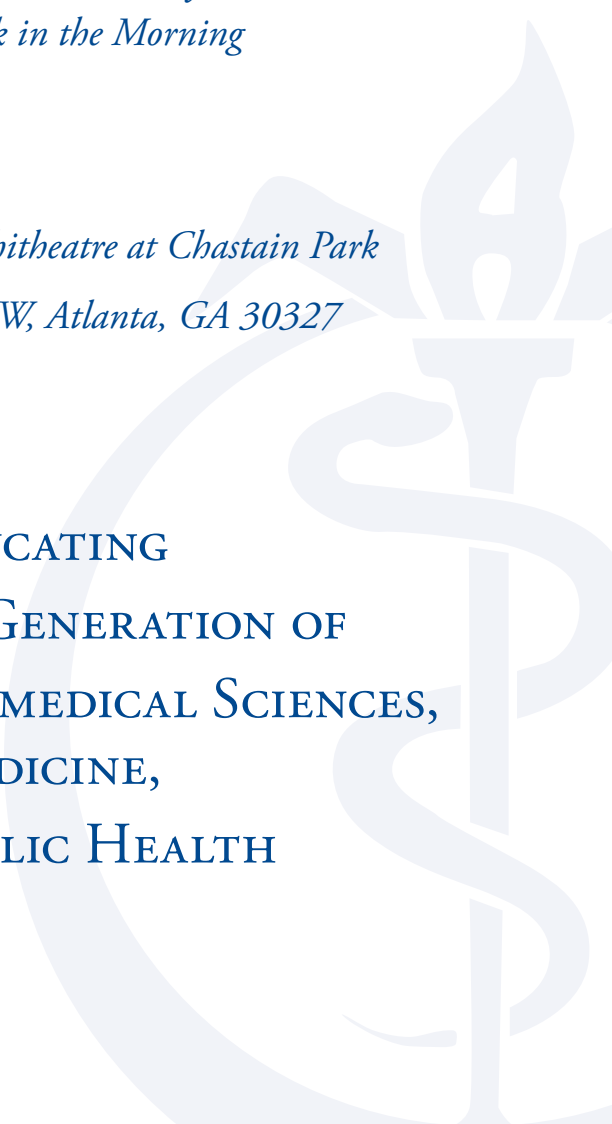
CADENCE BANK AMPHITHEATRE AT CHASTAIN PARK  
4469 STELLA DR NW, ATLANTA, GA 30327

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EDUCATING  
THE NEXT GENERATION OF  
LEADERS IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES,  
MEDICINE,  
AND PUBLIC HEALTH



# PROGRAM FOR COMMENCEMENT

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May 15, 2021

**Valerie Montgomery Rice, M.D., F.A.C.O.G.**  
President & Dean, Morehouse School of Medicine  
*Presiding*

*Prelude* . . . . . **“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”**  
*Arrangement: David E. Oliver D.M.A*

*Call to Order* . . . . . **Michael D. Powell, Ph.D.**  
*Grand Marshal*  
*Professor of Microbiology, Biochemistry, and Immunology*

*\*Processional* . . . . . **“War March of the Priests”**  
*Felix Mendelssohn*

*Invocation* . . . . . **Marvin L. Crawford, M.D., M.Div. , F.A.C.P.**  
*Chaplain*  
*Associate Professor, Internal Medicine*  
*Senior Pastor, First St. Paul AME Church*

*National Anthem* . . . . . **“The Star Spangled Banner”**  
*Performed by Ida Mhunduru*  
*Words by Francis Scott Key*

*Hymn* . . . . . **“Lift Every Voice and Sing”**  
*Performed by Nikki Jones*  
*President*  
*MD Class of 2021*  
*Words by James Weldon Johnson*  
*Music by John Rosamond Johnson*

*The Occasion* . . . . . **President & Dean Montgomery Rice, M.D.**

*Greetings* . . . . . **Arthur R. Collins**  
*Chair, Board of Trustees*  
*Morehouse School of Medicine*

*Class Remarks* . . . . . **Kamron Robinson**  
*President, Student Government Association*

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*Conferring of Honorary Degrees.....* **President & Dean Montgomery Rice, M.D.  
and Sandra Harris-Hooker, Ph.D.**

*Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters*  
**The Honorable Johnny Isakson**  
*Former U.S. Senator (R-GA)*

*Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters*  
**The Honorable Louis W. Sullivan, M.D., M.A.C.P**  
*President-Emeritus  
Morehouse School of Medicine*

*Introduction of the Speaker . . . . .* **President and Dean Montgomery Rice, M.D.**

*Commencement*

*Address. . . . .* **The Honorable Raphael G. Warnock, M.Div., M.Phil., Ph.D.**  
*U.S. Senator (D-GA)*  
*Senior Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church*

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\* The audience is requested to remain seated at this time. We request that you remain seated during the processional and recessional so we may all see the graduates. The audience is requested not to come forward to take pictures during the Commencement Ceremony. The school's photographer will take individual photos of the graduates during the awarding of degrees.

+ You may enter the amphitheater at this time.

# CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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*Conferring the Master of Public Health Degree . . . . .* **President & Dean Montgomery Rice, M.D. and Vice President & Executive Vice Dean Harris-Hooker, Ph.D.**

*Conferring the Executive Master of Public Health Degree . . . . .* **President & Dean Montgomery Rice, M.D. and Vice President & Executive Vice Dean Harris-Hooker, Ph.D.**

*International Declaration of Health Rights. . . . .* **Stephanie Miles-Richardson, D.V.M., Ph.D. Associate Dean, Graduate Education in Public Health**

*Conferring the Master of Science in Biomedical Research . . . . .* **President & Dean Montgomery Rice, M.D. and Vice President & Executive Vice Dean Harris-Hooker, Ph.D.**

*Conferring the Master of Science in Biotechnology . . . . .* **President & Dean Montgomery Rice, M.D. and Vice President & Executive Vice Dean Harris-Hooker, Ph.D.**

*Conferring the Master of Science in Clinical Research Degree . . . . .* **President & Dean Montgomery Rice, M.D. and Vice President & Executive Vice Dean Harris-Hooker, Ph.D.**

*Conferring the Master of Science in Medical Sciences Degree. . . . .* **President & Dean Montgomery Rice, M.D. and Vice President & Executive Vice Dean Harris-Hooker, Ph.D.**

*Conferring the Master of Science in Neuroscience Degree. . . . .* **President & Dean Montgomery Rice, M.D. and Vice President & Executive Vice Dean Harris-Hooker, Ph.D.**

*Conferring the Doctor of Philosophy Degree . . . . .* **President & Dean Montgomery Rice, M.D. and Vice President & Executive Vice Dean Harris-Hooker, Ph.D.**

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<i>A Scientist's Pledge</i> . . . . .	<b>Ward Kirlin, Ph.D.</b> <i>Acting Associate Dean for Graduate Studies</i>
<i>Conferring the Doctor of Medicine Degree</i> . . . . .	<b>President &amp; Dean Montgomery Rice, M.D. and Vice President &amp; Executive Vice Dean Harris-Hooker, Ph.D.</b>
<i>Oath of the Hippocrates</i> . . . . .	<b>Martha L. Elks, M.D., Ph.D., F.A.C.P., F.A.C.E</b> <i>Senior Associate Dean, Educational Affairs</i>
<i>Alumni Induction</i> . . . . .	<b>Rose E. Blackburne, M.D., '92</b> <i>President, Morehouse School of Medicine National Alumni Association</i>
<i>Charge to the Class</i> . . . . .	<b>President &amp; Dean Montgomery Rice, M.D.</b>
<i>The Morehouse School of Medicine Hymn</i> . . . . .	<b>"SOAR"</b> <i>Performed by Ida Mhunduru Words and Music by Jerry E. Peters</i>
<i>Benediction</i> . . . . .	<b>Marvin L. Crawford, M.D., M.Div. , F.A.C.P.</b>
<i>*Recessional</i> . . . . .	<b>"Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1"</b> <i>Composed by Sir Edward Elgar</i>
<i>Postlude</i> . . . . .	<b>"Jesus Shall Reign"</b> <i>Words and Music by Keith Gentry</i>
<i>Grand Marshal</i> . . . . .	<b>Michael D. Powell, Ph.D.</b> <i>Professor, Microbiology, Biochemistry &amp; Immunology</i>
<i>Mace Bearer</i> . . . . .	<b>Ngozi F. Anachebe, Pharm.D., M.D. '98, F.A.C.O.G.</b> <i>Associate Dean, Admissions &amp; Student Affairs; Associate Professor, Clinical Obstetrics &amp; Gynecology</i>

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## **Marshals**

Elaine Archie-Booker, Ed.D., M.S., I.C.P.S.  
Danita Eatman-Daniels, Ph.D.  
Gemechu Gerbi, Ph.D., M.Sc.  
Janice Herbert-Carter, M.D., M.G.A., F.A.C.P.  
Khadejah J. Johnson, M.D.  
Ward Kirlin, Ph.D.  
David Levine, M.D., F.A.A.P.  
John Patrickson, Ph.D.  
Rajagopalan Sridaran, Ph.D.  
Gianluca Tosini, Ph.D.  
Reinetta Waldrop, D.PH., M.S.H.S, F.A.C.H.E.

## **Organist**

David Oliver, D.M.A.  
Morehouse College

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## Overview

Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM), located in Atlanta, Ga., was founded in 1975 as the Medical Education Program at Morehouse College. In 1981, MSM became an independently chartered institution. MSM is among the nation's leading educators of primary-care physicians and was recently recognized as the top institution among U.S. medical schools for its social mission. MSM faculty and alumni are noted in their fields for excellence in teaching, research, and public policy.

MSM is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, Council on Education for Public Health, Liaison Committee on Medical Education, and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

## Mission

We exist to:

- Improve the health and well-being of individuals and communities.
- Increase the diversity of the health professional and scientific workforce.
- Address primary health care through programs in education, research, and service.

*With emphasis on people of color and the underserved urban and rural populations in Georgia, the nation, and the world.*

## Vision

Leading the creation and advancement of health equity



## SEN. RAPHAEL G. WARNOCK, M.DIV., M.PHIL., PH.D.

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Rev. Raphael Warnock grew up in the Kayton Homes public housing complex in Savannah. The family was short on money, but long on faith, love, and humor. Raphael and his 11 brothers and sisters were taught the meaning of hard work.

Rev. Warnock's father was a veteran, a small businessman, and a preacher. He spent the week hauling old cars to the local steel yard, and on Sundays he preached at a local church. Rev. Warnock's mother grew up in Waycross, where she spent summers picking tobacco and cotton, and still lives in Savannah today. She worked hard to raise Raphael and his siblings to know that they could do anything they put their mind to.

When he enrolled at Morehouse College, Rev. Warnock did not know how he would pay the full tuition. With the help of low-interest student loans and Pell Grants Raphael graduated, earned a Ph.D., and was ordained in the ministry. Fifteen years ago, he was chosen to serve as Senior Pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, the former pulpit of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He was the youngest pastor selected to serve in that leadership role at the historic church.

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Rev. Warnock made history on Jan. 5 when he won closely watched run-off to become Georgia's first Black U.S. senator. He was recently named chair of the senate subcommittee that has oversight over financial institutions and monitors federal consumer protection efforts. In the Senate, Rev. Warnock is focused on the concerns of struggling Georgia families who wonder why no one is looking out for them. He has pledged to focus on fighting for quality, affordable health care, for the dignity of working people who are paid too little as our government works more for Wall Street, and to make sure every voice is heard.

Rev. Warnock graduated from Morehouse College with a degree in psychology in 1991 and later earned Master of Divinity and Master of Philosophy degrees, as well as a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

He has two children: daughter Chloé and son Caleb.

# MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2021

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## *Master of Public Health*

### Honorary Class Member Mechelle Claridy

#### **Dionne Jordan Bailey**

*Research Title: An Advocacy Campaign for a Rent Control Policy in NPU-T*

#### **Kourtney Jovita Benton**

*Research Title: Black Mamas NPU-(L)IVE: A Patient-Focused, Intersectional-Educational Model Aimed to Empower Black Mothers with Knowledge of Postpartum Warning Signs*

#### **Idalis Koshnique Boyd**

*Research Title: Association Between Condom Use and HIV Testing Among Adolescents Between the Ages of 12 and 17 Years in the United States*

#### **Muchaneta Nicole Matinyanya Chikawa**

*Research Title: EMPOWER: An Intervention Initiative to Address the Intersection of Intimate Partner Violence and HIV Among Black Women*

#### **NaKia Sharnae Cross**

*Research Title: Family Life and Sexual Health (FLASH) Intervention Plan for Adolescents Aged 15-19 in NPU-T*

#### **\*\*\*+Raven Jomauri Crowder**

*Research Title: Predictors of Self-Reported Asthma Among Adults Aged 18 Years and Older in the United States*

#### **Jada Estacy Symone Dauphin**

*Research Title: An Advocacy Campaign for Assisting Youth Everyday (AYE) Alcohol Prevention Advocacy Program*

#### **\*\*\*\*Paul Brandon Larkin**

*Research Title: A Systematic Literature Review of Health Interventions Targeting African American Men in the United States*

#### **Tyler Duane Lites**

*Research Title: Self-Reported Depressive Disorders and Engagement in Risky Behaviors for HIV Infection Among United States Adults*

#### **Kayla Alexis Lloyd**

*Research Title: An Advocacy Campaign for a Healthy Food Education Initiative: Leveraging Available Food Options into Healthy Meals*

#### **Andrew Tyler McGhee**

*Research Title: Geographic and Racial/Ethnic Differences in Self-Reported Adult Obesity Prevalence in the United States: Implications for the Implementation of Evidence-Based Interventions*

#### **Vanessa Charisse LaVerne Morman**

*Research Title: The Prevalence and Factors Associated with Hypertension Among Adults Aged 18 Years and Older in the United States*

#### **Aravia Arrielle Patterson**

*Research Title: Sacred Births: A Community-Based Doula Program Serving Low-Income African American Women in NPU K*

#### **\*\*\*+Miranda Chae Perry**

*Predictors of Heart Attack Among Adults Aged 18 years and Older in the United States*

#### **Capella Andrea Sagastume**

*Research Title: Impact of Substance Abuse on the Health and Welfare of NPU-T Residents*

#### **Frantz Devon Soiro**

*Research Title: Sociodemographic and Regional Disparities in the Prevalence of Self-Reported History of Coronary Heart Disease Among Persons 18 Years and Over in the United States*

#### **\*\*\*+Joi Christina Franklin Stinson**

*Research Title: STAR Connection: A School-Based Mentoring Program for Children with Incarcerated Parents in NPU K*

#### **Darryl Maurice Whitehurst**

*Research Title: An Advocacy Campaign to Address the Impact of Housing Affordability on Delayed Health Care*

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## *Executive Master of Public Health*

\*\*\*\*+ Tesfaye Mekonnen Bayleyegn, M.D.  
\*\*\*\* Annette Ann Marie Dandy  
\*\*\*\* Jay Frederick Morgan, M.D.  
\*\*\*\* Kendra Suggs Richardson, M.D.  
\*\*\*\* Alandra Michelle Sheffield  
\*\*\*\* L'Bertrice Solomon, JD  
Marquita Andrea Taylor, Ph.D.  
\*\*\*\*+\*\*\* Tramaine Wilkinson, M.D.

## *Graduate Education in Biomedical Sciences*

**Honorary Class Member**  
Danita Eatman-Daniels, Ph.D.

## *Master of Science in Biomedical Research*

### **Krista Cabret**

*Thesis Title: VCG-MECA Candidate Vaccine Determining Noncanonical and Canonical Inflammasome Activation Route*

**Research Advisor: Yusuf Omosun, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor, Microbiology, Biochemistry, and Immunology

### **Alexis Jimmia Clark**

*Thesis Title: Mechanism Based Precision Diagnostics for BRCA1-associated TNBC*

**Research Advisor: Veena Rao, Ph.D.**

Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Co-Director, Cancer Biology Program

### **Fatima Zahra Garba**

*Thesis Title: Delineation of THE molecular Function of ZW10 in Parietal Cell Physiology and Pathophysiology*

**Research Advisor: Xuebiao Yao, Ph.D.**

Professor, Physiology

### **Pendelton Alston King**

*Thesis Title: The Role of Transient Receptor Potential Melastatin 7 (TRPM7) as a Prognostic Biomarker in Glioma*

**Research Advisor: Mingli Liu, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor, Microbiology, Biochemistry, and Immunology

### **KeAsiah McLaughlin**

*Thesis Title: Exosomes from Adipose-Derived Stem Cells Promote Angiogenesis in Mouse Ischemic Hindlimb via Delivery of MicroRNA-31*

**Research Advisor: Dong Liu, MD, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor, Physiology, Cardiovascular Research Institute

### **Daniel Joseph Walters**

*Thesis Title: The Obesity-associated Leptin Restricts Anti-Cancer Drug, Bortezomib, -Induced Death in LNCAP Prostate Cancer Cells*

**Research Advisor: Karen Russell Randall, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor, Pharmacology/Toxicology, Microbiology, Biochemistry, and Immunology

\* Residency to begin in July 2022

\*\*\* Delta Omega Honor Society in Public Health

\*\*\*\* December 2020 Graduate

+ M.P.H. Honor Graduate

++ Cum Laude

+++ Magna Cum Laude

++++ Summa Cum Laude

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## *Master of Science in Biotechnology*

\*\*\*\*Reauxqkwanzyyia Jzafvarica Chantelise Nehkhyia C'lay-Pettis

\*\*\*\*Shantricia L. Colbert

\*\*\*\*James A. Washington III

## *Master of Science in Clinical Research*

### **Christopher T. Chambliss**

*Dissertation Title: Effect of Neuregulin-1 on Hemolysis- and Ischemia Induced-Cerebrovascular Inflammation in Sickle Cell Disease*

**Research Advisors: Jonathan Stiles, Ph.D.**

Professor, Microbiology, Biochemistry, and Immunology;

**Beatrice Gee, M.D.**

Professor, Pediatrics Emory University

### **Courtney Denise Dill**

*Dissertation Title: Network Analysis Identifies Driver Genes Associated with Triple Negative Breast Cancer Patient Survival*

**Research Advisor: James Lillard, Ph.D.**

Associate Dean for Research, Professor, Microbiology, Biochemistry, and Immunology

### **Jessica Morgan Jordan**

*Project Title: Addressing Barriers to Telemedicine in a Predominantly Minority Underserved Community*

**Mentor: Walitra Smith, M.D.**

Assistant Professor, Family Medicine; Director, Morehouse Healthcare Telemedicine Services

### **Keri Oxendine Harp**

*Dissertation Title: Sickle Hemoglobin Genotypes, microRNAs, Inflammation, And Plasmodium Replication*

**Research Advisor: Adel Driss, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor, Physiology

### **Zerak Kabir**

*Project Title: Role of Elk-1 (ets-like) Gene in Breast and Androgen-Independent Prostate Cancers*

**Mentor: Veena Rao, Ph.D.**

Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Co-Director, Cancer Biology Program

### **Ronald Magembe, DDS**

*Project Title: Are Altered Expressions of Extracellular Micorna Associated with Cardiovascular Health (CVH) Among African Americans Living in The Atlanta Metro Area?*

**Mentor: Herman A. Taylor, M.D.**

Endowed Professor, Physiology; Director, Cardiovascular Research Institute

### **Annette M. Nti**

*Dissertation Title: Effects of Heme on Placental Barrier Integrity and Birth Outcomes*

**Research Advisor: Jonathan Stiles, Ph.D.**

Professor, Microbiology, Biochemistry, and Immunology

### \*\*\*\***Cynthia Ines Mantho Tchio**

*Dissertation Title: The Role of Melatonin Receptors in Lipid Metabolism*

**Research Advisor: Gianluca Tosini, Ph.D.**

Chair, Pharmacology/Toxicology, Professor, Pharmacology/Toxicology, Neuroscience Institute

### **Yusuf Oseobhunu Omosun, Ph.D.**

*Project Title: Determining the Role of SARS-COV-2 Membrane Protein in Disease Pathogenesis*

**Mentors: Lilly Immergluck, M.D.**

Professor, Microbiology, Biochemistry, and Immunology;

**Francis Eko, Ph.D.**

Professor, Microbiology, Biochemistry, and Immunology

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## *Master of Science in Medical Sciences*

Justin Deion Baker  
Yailee Milan Bangura  
Autiana Renee Brooks  
Alexis Yvonne Cole  
Chelsea Ariana Green  
John Dallas Hammond  
Talajha M. Haynes  
Jabari Ayo Jackson  
Alex Trenton Ladd  
Andrew Legall  
Daryl Keith Moore II  
Keana A. Murray  
Onyinye Anthony Okonma  
Adetokunboh Oluwa  
Ifeoluwani Gabrielle Oyeleye  
Rodney B. Whitney Jr.

## *Master of Science in Neuroscience*

### **Tamarah Joi Bratcher**

*Thesis Title: The Role of Cimetidine on Lead-Induced Neurotoxicity*

#### **Research Advisor: Kennie Shepherd, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor, Pharmacology/Toxicology, Neuroscience Institute

### **Kai Noelle Brady**

*Thesis Title: Localizing Ubiquitin Ligase Degradation Sites on RevErb $\alpha$*

#### **Research Advisor: Jason DeBruyne, Ph.D.**

Pharmacology/Toxicology  
Neuroscience Institute

### **Lacey Danielle Foster**

*Thesis Title: Effect of Endogenous Modulators of ASICs on Acidosis-Mediated Neuronal Injury*

#### **Research Advisor: Zhigang Xiong, MD, Ph.D.**

Professor, Neurobiology, Neuroscience Institute

### **Tionna Johnson-Meertins**

*Thesis Title: Validating the Expression of TRIM2 in the Human SH-SY5Y Neuroblastoma Cell Line*

#### **Research Advisor: Robert Meller, D. Phil**

Professor, Neurobiology, Neuroscience Institute

### **Ashley Mona' Middlebrooks**

*Thesis Title: The Effect of Serotonin on Long Term Potentiation in the Dentate Gyrus:*

*Characterization of Possible Sex Differences*

#### **Research Advisor: Morris Benveniste, Ph.D.**

Professor, Neurobiology, Neuroscience Institute

### **Affra Nazineen Mohamed**

*Thesis Title: Sex Differences in The Relationship Between Sleep Homeostasis and Behavioral Responses to Social Stress*

#### **Research Advisor: Christopher Ehlen, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor, Neurobiology, Neuroscience Institute

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# *Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences*

**Christopher T. Chambliss**

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Professor, Microbiology, Biochemistry, and Immunology

**Beatrice Gee, M.D.**

Professor, Pediatrics Emory University

**\*\*\*\*Eugene Chun**

*Dissertation Title: Structural and Functional Consequences of Targeted Hippocampal GABA Neuron Ablation by Stable Substance P-saporin in Rats*

**Research Advisor: Robert Sloviter, Ph.D.**

Professor, Neurobiology, Pharmacology/ Toxicology, Neuroscience Institute

**\*\*\*\*Christopher John DeVera**

*Dissertation Title: The Role of Circadian Rhythm Disruption in the Retinal Pigment Epithelium and its Effect on Retinal Health*

**Research Advisor: Gianluca Tosini, Ph.D.**

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**Research Advisor: Alec Davidson, Ph.D.**

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**McKay Miles Saladin Mullen**

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**Research Advisors: Xuebiao Yao, Ph.D.**

Professor, Physiology

**Hadiya-Nicole Green, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor, Surgery

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# *Doctor of Medicine Residency Programs and Hospitals*

## **Honorary Class Member**

Isaiah Kettles, M.H.A.

### **Suhaib Abaza**

*Residency Program: Emergency Medicine*  
**Emory University School of Medicine**  
Atlanta, Georgia

### **++Oreoluwa Victoria Adekunle**

*Residency Program: Internal Medicine*  
**University of Alabama Medical Center**  
Birmingham, Alabama

### **Ghazal Ahmad**

*Residency Program: Neurology*  
**Medical College of Georgia**  
Augusta, Georgia

### **Shaina Aifuwa**

*Residency Program: Psychiatry*  
**University of Central Florida College of  
Medicine**  
**Graduate Medical Education Consortium**  
Gainesville, Florida

### **++Radhika Amin**

*Residency Program: Obstetrics and Gynecology*  
**University of Hawaii**  
Honolulu, Hawaii

### **David David Anwanwan**

Residency Program TBA

### **++++Alex Chap Wee Aw**

*Residency Program: Internal Medicine*  
*Preliminary*  
**Cedars-Sinai Medical Center**  
Los Angeles, California  
*\*Residence Program: Neurology*  
**Cedars-Sinai Medical Center**  
Los Angeles, California

### **Jabez Kis'lev Beazer**

*Residency Program: Internal Medicine*  
**Morehouse School of Medicine**  
Atlanta, Georgia

### **Candice S. Blacknall**

Residency Program: TBA

### **++++Georges Bouobda Tsemo**

*Residency Program: Neurological Surgery*  
**University of Alabama Medical Center**  
Birmingham, Alabama

### **Victor Aaron Bowden**

*Residency Program: Orthopaedic Surgery*  
**University of South Alabama Hospitals**  
Mobile, Alabama

### **++Sancia Elizabeth Bredy**

*Residency Program: Emergency Medicine*  
**Louisiana State University School of  
Medicine**  
New Orleans, Louisiana

### **Nijah Monet Burris**

*Residency Program: Family Medicine*  
**Morehouse School of Medicine**  
Atlanta, Georgia

### **++Jeffrey Collin Byrd**

*Residency Program: Orthopaedic Surgery*  
**Virginia Commonwealth University Health  
System**  
Richmond, Virginia

### **Bianca Jene Channer**

*Residency Program: Family Medicine*  
**AdventHealth**  
Orlando, Florida

### **++Bernard Paulkid Cheng**

*Residency Program: Internal Medicine*  
*Preliminary*  
**Northside Hospital Gwinnett**  
Lawrenceville, Georgia  
*\*Residency Program: Interventional Radiology*  
**University of Texas Health Science Center**  
San Antonio, Texas

### **Derek Lamont Darby Jr**

*Residency Program: Internal Medicine*  
**Morehouse School of Medicine**  
Atlanta, Georgia



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**+++Jacob A. Dautel**

*Residency Program: General Surgery*  
**University of Central Florida College of  
Medicine**  
**Graduate Medical Education Consortium**  
Kissimmee, Florida

**Llewellyn Rachel Delsarte**

*Residency Program: Family Medicine*  
**Northside Hospital Gwinnett**  
Lawrenceville, Georgia

**Sara G. Demian**

*Residency Program: Emergency Medicine*  
**Eastern Virginia Medical School**  
Norfolk, Virginia

**\*\*\*\*Ketki Desai**

*Residency Program: Psychiatry*  
**Gateway Behavioral Health Community  
Service**  
Savannah, Georgia

**Devika Dixit**

*Residency Program: Internal Medicine*  
**University of Florida College of Medicine**  
**Shands Hospital**  
Gainesville, Florida

**Michelle Ijeoma Edward**

*Residency Program: Internal Medicine/  
Pediatrics*  
**University of South Florida Morsani  
College of Medicine**  
Tampa, Florida

**Jaclyn Rachelle Gaffey**

*Residency Program: General Surgery*  
**University of Texas Medical Branch**  
Galveston, Texas

**Linda Ingridson Gamo Gougou**

*Residency Program: Emergency Medicine*  
**Yale New Haven Hospital**  
New Haven, Connecticut

**Jasmine Nicole Gentry**

*Residency Program: Emergency Medicine*  
**Emory University School of Medicine**  
Atlanta, Georgia

**++Destini Ariel Goodly**

*Residency Program: Obstetrics and Gynecology*  
**University of Texas Medical School**  
Houston, Texas

**Laura C. Gordon**

*Residency Program: Emergency Medicine*  
**Coliseum Medical Centers**  
Macon, Georgia

**++Tilcia Analy Granados**

*Residency Program: Psychiatry*  
**Olive View-UCLA Medical Center**  
Los Angeles, California

**Khadija Haq**

*Residency Program: Pediatrics*  
**Morehouse School of Medicine**  
Atlanta, Georgia

**++Dolphurs Mandale Hayes**

*Residency Program: Internal Medicine*  
**Massachusetts General Hospital**  
Boston, Massachusetts

**Michelle Andrea Hemer**

*Residency Program: Pediatrics*  
**Morehouse School of Medicine**  
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### HEALTH REQUIRES PEACEFUL AND EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT AND COLLABORATION OF ALL PEOPLES

**T**he enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being. It is not a privilege for those with power, money, or social standing.

**H**Health is more than the absence of disease, but includes prevention of illness, development of individual potential, a positive sense of physical, mental, and social well-being.

**H**Health care should be based on dialogue and collaboration between citizens, professions, communities, and policy makers. Health service should be affordable, accessible, effective, efficient, and convenient.

**H**Health begins with healthy development of the child and a positive family environment.

**H**Health must be sustained by the active role of men and women in health and development. The role of women and their welfare must be recognized and addressed.

**H**Health care for the elderly should preserve dignity, respect, and concern for a sustainable environment with balanced human populations growth and preservation of cultural diversity.

**H**Health depends on availability to people of basic elements: Food, safe water, housing, education, productive employment, protection from pollution, and prevention of social alienation.

**H**Health depends on protection from exploitation without distinction of race, religion, political- belief, economic or social condition.

**OATH:** WE as people concerned about health improvement in the world do hereby commit ourselves to advocacy and action to promote the health rights of all human beings.

# A SCIENTIST'S PLEDGE

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**I** accept this opportunity to follow the difficult and rewarding path of biomedical science and clinical research.

**I** will endeavor to honor all those who have contributed to this opportunity by always working to the utmost of my abilities and by increasing those abilities when possible.

**I** will strive to advance fundamental knowledge about all living things.

**I** pledge to use my energy, intellect and education to enhance the lives of all mankind, understanding that often the greatest strides are made through efforts to assist the dispossessed and underprivileged in our world.

**I** will carefully consider and remain mindful of the ethical implications of my work.

**I** will never use my gifts and skills to intentionally harm any individual, or group.

**I**n planning and carrying out my work, I will treat this planet and all its life forms with honor and respect.

**I** will honor and respect the efforts of my teachers, taking great care always to give credit where credit is due and always humbly understanding that all that I see, I see by standing on the shoulders of the many scientists who have gone before me.

**I** will also honor and respect my students and all who rely on that which I have learned, striving to truthfully and openly disclose all my methods, findings, and conclusions

***S**o long as I adhere to this pledge, may I have continued success in the field of biomedical science and clinical research.*

# THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH

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**The Oath of Hippocrates was demanded of the young physician of ancient Greece as he was about to enter his profession. The following is a modern version of the original.**

**I** solemnly swear that as a graduate of Morehouse School of Medicine, according to my ability and judgment, I will keep the following oath:

**I** will consider dear to me those who have taught me this art and will teach the art to all those who qualify as students;

**I** will follow that method of treatment which, according to my ability and judgment, I consider for the benefit of my patients, and will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous;

**I** will preserve the purity of my life and my art. In every house where I come, I will enter only for the good of my patients, keeping myself from all intentional ill doing and seduction;

**A**ll that may come to my knowledge in the exercise of my profession, which ought not to be spread abroad, I will keep secret and will never reveal;

**I**f I keep this oath faithfully, may I enjoy my life and practice my art, respected by all people and in all times; but if I trespass and violate this oath, may the reverse be my lot.

# ACADEMIC SYMBOLS

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The banner and flag show the Morehouse School of Medicine logo. The original logo was designed in 1976 by artists David and Delores Cato of D'Cato of Atlanta, Ga. The mace is carried by the Mace Bearer in the procession and is the medieval symbol of the office and the authority of the president. The head is made from sterling silver and gold, and the shaft carved from Australian Rosewood. Morehouse School of Medicine's original logo forms the head. The names of the presidents of the institution will be carved in the silver sleeves of the shaft, depicting the continuity of institutional leadership over the years. The mace was designed and crafted by Mr. Richard Mafong of Georgia State University and presented as a gift to the school by Dr. and Mrs. Theodore P. Ritota of South Orange, N.J.

The academic dress worn by those in the procession includes the cap, gown, and hood. The cap, made of black serge or broadcloth, is worn by holders of all degrees, but the cap of the doctor may be of velvet. Gowns are usually black, but the color is determined by the university from which the highest degree was obtained. The doctor's gown is round, has bell sleeves, and is faced down in front and barred on the sleeves with black velvet. Doctors' hoods are in the full shape with a rounded base. Their hoods are four-feet long and have a five-inch silk, satin, or velvet border on the outside. The border represents the faculty from which the wearer has received his/her degree. The color of the border representing medicine is green. Throughout the United States, there has not been a change in the standard colors which represent the disciplines. The color facing the hood, whether it is black or colored, indicates the following:

Kelly Green:	Medicine
Science Gold:	Science
Dark Blue:	Philosophy
Lilac:	Dentistry
Scarlet:	Theology
Purple:	Law
Olive:	Pharmacy
Lemon:	Library Science
Light Blue:	Education
Drab:	Business
Citron:	Social Work
Salmon Pink:	Public Health

Each hood is lined with silk in colors representative of the institution granting the degree. The colors for Morehouse School of Medicine are blue and ivory.



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# “THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER”

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*Francis Scott Key*

O say can you see by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;  
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,  
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,  
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,  
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?  
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,  
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream:  
'Tis the star-spangled banner, O! long may it wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

# “LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING”

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*James Weldon Johnson*

Lift Every voice and sing  
‘Til the 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 ‘til victory is won.

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# “SOAR”

## (TO THE HIGHEST PLACE OF DREAMS)

*Jerry Peters*

Voice

Sol - emn - ly, we are poised to pur - sue our jour - ney to that

6 pri - vi - leged place. \_\_\_\_\_ Hum - bly, we will ans - wer to our

12 call as we walk through these hall - owed halls of hope. \_\_\_\_\_ For with our

17 hearts willed to serve by com - mit - ment \_\_\_\_\_ and with our minds built to

22 solve mys - ter - ies, \_\_\_\_\_ though we seem bound for one end - less des - ti - na -

28 tion, yet we will bold - ly \_\_\_\_\_ spread our wings \_\_\_\_\_ as we soar \_\_\_\_\_

34 \_\_\_\_\_ to the high - est place of dreams. **9**

48 Proud - ly, we will stand for - e - ver tall, as we face the giants of

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life then watch them fall. \_\_\_\_\_ Brave - ly, we will fight to end-

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ure, as we seek some earth - ly cure for all man - kind. For as we

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stand on the shoul - ders of o - thers, \_\_\_\_\_ whom all have graced this no-ble

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place from a - ges past, \_\_\_\_\_ we know with God on our side we can

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bold - ly take our strides, as we soar \_\_\_\_\_ to the high - est place of dreams. \_\_\_

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\_\_\_ As we soar \_\_\_\_\_ to the high - est place of dreams. \_\_\_ As we soar \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_ to the high - est place of dreams. Soar! \_\_\_\_\_

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More - house soar! \_\_\_\_\_



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