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The Reede Scholars, Inc.  
Annual Health Equity Symposium

*Integrated Care:  
Oral Health's Role in Equity*

May 11, 2017  
3:30 pm — 6:30 pm

Joseph B. Martin Conference Center  
77 Avenue Louis Pasteur, Boston, MA 02115

## THE REEDE SCHOLARS

The Reede Scholars Annual Health Equity Symposium seeks to engage diverse perspectives, through a multidisciplinary forum, to create strategies that promote health equity. The 2017 Reede Scholars Health Equity Symposium, “*Integrated Care: Oral Health's Role in Equity*” will assemble panelists to explore the changing landscape for oral health focusing on: 1) structural changes in education and training, 2) innovative care delivery models, and 3) political and policy implications for achieving oral health equity.

In the US, oral health disparities are profound and pervasive for some populations despite improvements in oral health globally. Vulnerable populations continue to experience higher prevalence of tooth decay, periodontal diseases, and oral cancers despite efforts to address the social determinants contributing to these disparities. Vulnerable populations include the economically disadvantaged, racial and ethnic minorities, the uninsured, low-income children, the elderly, the homeless, those with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and those with other chronic health conditions, including severe mental illness.

Understanding the social determinants of health, the political, and environmental contributors among vulnerable populations, is paramount to developing effective strategies to achieve oral health equity. Conversations among stakeholders, including: regulators and policy makers, payers, providers, consumers, and advocacy organizations, have created innovative opportunities to address the multiple factors contributing to oral health inequity. We believe oral health is integral to overall health and addressing oral health inequities is central to achieving overall health equity.

## SYMPOSIUM NOTES

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## REEDE SCHOLARS, INC.

### History and Mission

The Reede Scholars Health Equity Symposium was established to honor Joan Y. Reede, a mentor, inspirational leader, and tireless advocate for vulnerable populations. The Reede Scholars, Inc. is the alumni organization of the Mongan Commonwealth Fund Fellowship Program in Minority Health Policy, California Endowment Scholars in Health Policy, and Joseph L. Henry Oral Health Fellowship programs at Harvard Medical School.



#### MISSION

The mission of the organization is to transform health policy through education, research, policy and practice to improve human health and well being.

#### GOALS

Our growing network of scholars seeks to achieve the following goals.

- Ensure high quality health care and public health services for all populations.
- Enhance measurement and surveillance of targeted public health and health care goals in disadvantaged/vulnerable populations.
- Develop, implement, and evaluate health policies that address social determinants of health and leading causes of morbidity and death.
- Engage communities we serve through dialogue, education, and civic participation to advocate for improved health, community empowerment, and health equity.
- Support endeavors to educate future Reede Scholars.

\*\*\*The Commonwealth Fund renamed the Fellowship as The Mongan Commonwealth Fund Fellowship in Minority Health Policy in honor of Dr. James J. Mongan, an innovative leader in health care delivery system transformation with a strong commitment to improving health care for vulnerable populations.

## PROGRAM

### 2017 Health Equity Symposium Program:

**3:30-3:35 Welcome**

**3:35-3:45 Introductory Remarks**

*Cynthia E. Hodge, DMD, MPH, MPA*

**3:45-4:45 Panelist Presentations**

*Caswell Evans, Jr., DDS, MPH*

*R. Bruce Donoff, DMD, MD*

*Inyang A. Isong, MD, ScD, MPH*

*Ralph Fuccillo, BS, MA*

**4:45-5:15 Discussion**

**5:15-5:25 Commentary & Closing**

*Brian J. Swann, DDS, MPH*

**5:30 Reception**

## MODERATOR

Cynthia Hodge, a Principal at DeSti Consulting, LLC is an academician, administrator, clinician, and mentor. She is a passionate advocate for enhancing care to underserved populations. She earned her Dental Medicine Doctorate (DMD) degree from Oregon Health Sciences University, followed by the Masters in Public Health (MPH) and a certificate in Oral Medicine from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Dentistry, and Memorial Hospital, respectively. She received the Masters in Public Administration (MPA) degree from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government and a certificate in Minority Health Policy from Harvard Medical School; and a certificate in Dental Public Health from Harvard School of Dental Medicine.

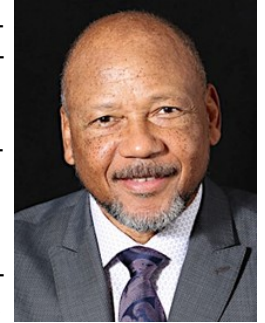


Hodge recently launched DeSti Consulting, LLC to provide subject-matter expertise to individuals and organizations. Formerly, National Dental Association (NDA) Foundation president, Hodge convened an Oral Health Summit, “*Succeeding in a Time of Change*”, and was instrumental in bringing to fruition the joint research project at Howard and Meharry, titled the “**Howard-Meharry Adolescent Caries Study**”, a \$1,000,000 research study funded by Colgate Palmolive.

Hodge is Past President of the NDA, a past member of the DeltaQuest Institute Board of Directors, and AAL faculty mentor for the Faculty Development Program at Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center. Her awards include “Dentist of the Year”, “Distinguished Service and Leadership”, and US Assistant Secretary for Health Award “*For outstanding leadership in providing care to people with HIV infection and AIDS*”.

## COMMENTATOR

Dr. Brian Swann graduated from the University of California San Francisco, School of Dentistry. After a 30-year career in public health and private practice, he realized he would make a greater impact by focusing on community dentistry and public health policy. This decision led him to Boston as the first Joseph L. Henry Fellow in Minority Health Policy. He earned certificates in Minority Health Policy (Harvard Medical School [HMS]) and Oral Health Policy and Epidemiology (Harvard School of Dental Medicine [HSDM]). Most importantly, the Harvard School of Public Health conferred a Master's in Public Health degree and he was presented with the Albert Schweitzer Award for his ongoing commitment to global outreach.



Currently, Dr. Swann is the Chief of Oral Health for the Cambridge Health Alliance. He also practices clinical dentistry and conducts the Oral Physician Program within the General Practice Residency. He implemented a shared appointment model, an innovative approach to providing dental care while increasing access to oral health services.

As an Instructor in The Practice of Medicine at HMS, he assisted with introducing oral health into that curriculum. Dr. Swann was also instrumental in having oral health questions included as part of the medical interview. At HSDM, he is an instructor, a mentor, and a member of the Dean's Oral Global Health Committee and the Oral Health and Primary Care Committee. Currently, he is involved with outreach projects in Boston and abroad, and directing an initiative to improve the overall health of the Wampanoag Tribe on Martha's Vineyard and Cape Cod.

## PANELIST

Mr. Ralph Fuccillo serves as the Senior Advisor, Office of the CEO at DentaQuest. He previously served as President of DentaQuest Foundation of DentaQuest Ventures, Inc. He has a passion for inspiring people to create conditions for healthier living. He guided the evolution of the DentaQuest Foundation from a small Massachusetts-focused grant maker into a philanthropic organization focused solely on oral health, and the DentaQuest Institute into the leading national voice in oral disease prevention and quality care.



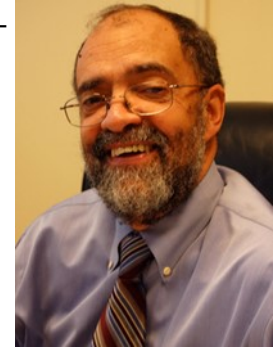
He is a founding board member of the U.S. National Oral Health Alliance and vice chair of the Road Scholar (formerly Elder Hostel) board. Ralph also serves on the boards of the Massachusetts Dental Society Foundation and Neighborhood Health Plan. In 2012, he was inducted into the Santa Fe Group, a think tank of internationally renowned scholars and leaders from business and the professions who are bound by a common interest to improve oral health and serve as catalysts of positive change.

He has worked with the Harvard School of Public Health, the Harvard Divinity School, and the CDC Prevention Research Center Program, and served as a Director of Neighborhood Health Plan, Inc. He holds a BS degree from the University of Massachusetts, Boston, and an MA degree from Fordham University.

Fuccillo received the 2016 Albert Schweitzer Prize for Humanitarianism, an honor bestowed for his work as a servant leader in public health and his lifelong commitment to health equity. The award is given annually to an individual or organization whose work positively affects health for those in need.

## PANELISTS

Dr. Evans is the Associate Dean for Prevention and Public Health Sciences at the University of Illinois, Chicago College of Dentistry; he is also a faculty member in the UIC School of Public Health. Previously he served as the Executive Editor and Project Director for *Oral Health in America: A Report of the U.S. Surgeon General*. He is a member of the National Academy of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences, and past president of the American Public Health Association, the American Association of Public Health Dentistry, and the American Board of Dental Public Health. Dr. Evans is Chairman of DentaQuest Foundation Board, and serves on the Chicago Board of Health, Oral Health America, and the Children's Dental Health Project.



Dr. Evans received the DDS degree from Columbia University, School of Dental and Oral Surgery, and the Masters in Public Health degree from the University of Michigan, School of Public Health. His research focuses on clinical, Translational and Community Health and Outreach, Prevention and Public Health. He was a member of NIH's workshop on *Integration of Oral Health and Primary Health Care*. A Fellow of the American College of Dentists and Academy of Dentistry International, he is a prolific writer with extensive publications.

Dr. Evans has received numerous awards, including the American Dental Education Associations *Gies Awards for Achievement – Dental Educator*. The Oral Health Section of the American Public Health Association recognized him with the John W. Knutson Distinguished Service Award in Dental Public Health.



## PANELIST

Dr. R. Bruce Donoff has served as Dean of HSDM since 1991. He received his DMD from Harvard School of Dental Medicine in 1967 and MD from Harvard Medical School in 1973. Dr. Donoff's professional career has centered on Harvard's Faculty of Medicine and the Massachusetts General Hospital's Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.



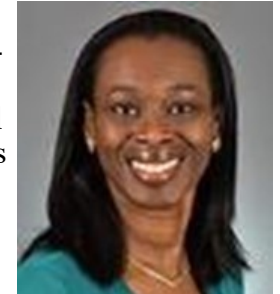
In addition to these responsibilities, Dr. Donoff has made major contributions in research to the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery with interests in wound healing, bone graft survival, sensory nerve repair, and oral cancer. He has published over one hundred papers, authored textbooks, and lectured worldwide. He recently helped launch a new Harvard Initiative - ***Integrating Oral Health and Medicine***.

He served twelve years on the Board of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation and is former President of the Friends of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. He is editor of the *MGH Manual of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* and a member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* and the *Massachusetts Dental Society Journal*.

Dr. Donoff has received numerous honors, including the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Research Recognition Award, the William J. Gies Foundation Award for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Alpha Omega Achievement Award and the Distinguished Alumni and Faculty Awards from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. In 2014, he was a Shils-Meskin awardee for leadership in the dental profession.

## PANELIST

Dr. Inyang Isong is a general pediatrician with clinical responsibilities at Boston Children's Hospital. She is an Instructor in Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, and is engaged in health services and policy research.



Dr. Isong attended medical school at the College of Medical Sciences, University of Calabar, Nigeria. She earned a Masters in Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a Doctorate in Social and Behavioral Sciences from the Harvard's TH Chan School of Public Health. She completed her training in pediatrics at Cook County Children's Hospital, Chicago and a fellowship in Health Services Research at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital. Before joining Boston Children's Hospital, she worked as a community-based pediatrician at Lawndale Christian Health Center in Chicago, and subsequently as a Medical Officer with the Office of Public Health and Science, US Department of Health and Human Services in Rockville, Maryland.

Dr Isong's research focuses on assessing barriers to health care access and delivery of clinical preventive services. In particular, she is interested in integrating oral health into pediatric primary care, and evaluating multi-level determinants of children's oral health status. She also conducts research that assesses determinants of early childhood obesity. She has published her research in several peer-reviewed journals.