

MASSACHUSETTS PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY
Multicultural and Diversity Committee
Presents

A Virtual Town Hall ~ Structural Racism and Discrimination: Taking the First Steps Forward

Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2020

The past several months have been a whirlwind for us all. Initially, we were attempting to cope with COVID-19 and its seemingly immeasurable effects on our society. As COVID was wreaking most of its havoc on communities of color, these communities were further traumatized by the explicit video depicting the murder of George Floyd by a white police officer. Neither the disproportionate devastation of infectious disease or police brutality within communities of color are new phenomena. Both of these phenomena are perpetuated by the presence of systemic racism that is deeply embedded within our society. Please join the Massachusetts Psychiatry Society as we host a town hall to discuss the effects of systemic racism and steps the leaders within our psychiatric community are taking to ameliorate its effects.

6:30-6:35 pm **Introductions and Moderation:** Destiny Pegram, MD, PGY-3

6:35-6:40 pm **Opening Statements:** Sally Reyerling, MD, DFAPA, MPS President

6:40-6:50 pm **Tackling the Effects of Systemic Racism within the Psychiatric Community Nationally**
Jeffrey Geller, MD, MPH

6:50-7:00 pm **Systemic Racism from the Perspective of the Public Sector Psychiatry**
Kathy Sanders, MD

7:00-7:25 pm **Discussion with Audience Participation**

7:25-7:35 pm **Building Diversity into Residency Training**
Micaela Owusu, MD, MSc

7:35-7:45 pm **Structural Racism within the LGBTQIA+ Community - A Call for More Education**
Alex S. Keuroghlian, MD, MPH

7:45-7:55 pm **How does a Public Sector Institution address Structural Racism, Homophobia, and Transphobia as an issue of health equity and moral compass?**
Marshall Forstein, MD

7:55-8:20 pm **Discussion with Audience Participation**

8:20-8:30 pm **Closing Remarks:** Astrid Desrosier, MD, MPH

Featured Speakers:

Sally Reyerling, MD: President, Massachusetts Psychiatric Society

Jeffrey Geller, MD, MPH: APA President, Professor of Psychiatry, Director, Public Sector Psychiatry

Kathy Sanders MD: Deputy Commissioner for Clinical and Professional Services, State Medical Director, Department of Mental Health Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Instructor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, Former Training Director at MGH/McLean Psychiatry

Micaela Owusu, MD, MSc: Child, Adolescent, and Adult Psychiatrist, Associate Program Director, General Psychiatry Residency, Assistant Professor, Boston University School of Medicine

Alex S. Keuroghlian, MD, MPH: Director of Education and Training Programs at The Fenway Institute and Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School (HMS), Public and Community Psychiatry Curriculum Director for the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH)/McLean psychiatry residency program, Clerkship director for the fourth-year elective in sexual and gender minority

health at HMS, Director of the MGH Psychiatry Gender Identity Program, and Faculty co-director of the HMS Sexual and Gender Minority Health Equity Initiative

Marshall Forstein MD: Vice Chair for Education and Training, Program Co-Director, Adult Psychiatry Residency, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School

Astrid Desrosier, MD, MPH: Instructor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School

Destiny Pegram, MD, PGY-3: Integrated Adult/Child Resident at UMASS in Worcester