

# REEDE NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF REEDE SCHOLARS, INC.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Equity Symposium focuses on Digital Health



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Cynthia Hodge, DMD, MPH, Symposium Chair  
Paul Manos, Dental Director for United Concordia Dental

### President's Corner



Greetings Scholars. As the fall came to a close and winter looms, a few of us were able to find a little warmth in sunny San Diego. APHA allows us an opportunity to be enriched by the work of Reede Scholars around the country, others who are also working in the realm of health equity and also we had the opportunity to fellowship with one another during the Harvard Alumni reception and Reede Scholars Dinner. The closing session of this year's APHA

Dec—The future of healthcare is digital. **Digital technologies** have transformed how people globally communicate, socialize, learn, work, and increasingly intersect with the healthcare system.

Touted as the ‘equalizer’, the expansion of cellphone technologies ease pressure on limited healthcare resources and democratize access to health care worldwide. Patients and consumers use digital health to access to their health information, and better manage their health and wellness activities. Providers and stakeholders are using digital health technologies to reduce inefficiencies, improve access, reduce cost, and increase quality. Analysis of electronic data can help tailor care to patients’ unique characteristics and circumstances.

rang close to my heart. The panelists discussed challenges in women's health especially as they relate to maternal mortality in this United States.

Our Fall Board of Directors meeting took place on November 12th. We had the opportunity to orient the new board members to the Executive Agenda for Reede Scholars, hear updates from the committees and plan for the 2019 Leadership Retreat.

We are excited about the 10th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Health Equity Symposium. Our dynamic panel is composed of both nationally renowned speakers as well as two of our own Reede Scholars. Please visit our website to **REGISTER**.

I continue to look forward to your continued participation on our bi-monthly general body meetings and committee calls.



Above 1: Luis Castellanos, Mary E Fleming, Anthony Chen, Kamillah Wood, Laquandra Nesbitt

Right: Yvette Robideaux, Mary E Fleming, Kimberly Narain, Kamillah Wood

On May 19, 2019, Reede Scholars, Drs. A. Seiji Hayashi and Rhea Boyd, joined by Dr. Jonathan Woodson and Sally A. Frank, will identify the health and health care disparities amenable to digital technology intervention, and elaborate the health equity advocates role in leveraging digital health technologies to eliminate disparities. Registration for the symposium is now open. For more information and to register, visit us at **HERE**



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**Dr. Kim Rhoads to Lead Office of Community Engagement at Helen Diller Family Cancer Center**





Sep--Kim Rhoads, MD. MS. MPH., colorectal surgeon, author, researcher, academician, community advocate, has been chosen to lead the Office of Community Engagement, at the University of California - San Francisco's Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Currently, she is an Associate Professor, Epidemiology & Biostatistics at UCSF. She has an extensive research background with experience in translational basic science research, qualitative methods, and secondary data analysis. In addition to publishing many peer-reviewed journal articles and case reports, she has authored multiple book chapters, in both general and colorectal surgery texts.

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**Reede Scholar, Dr. Kim Narain Appointed New Chair of Committee on Women's Rights**



Dec---At APHA's November meeting, Kim Narain, MD, PhD, MPH, RS '11, was appointed Chairperson of the APHA's Committee on Women's Rights. Kim has been a member of the Committee for 4 years. Reede Scholar Dr. Kimberly Chang is also a

**Capt Felicia Collin, Acting Director, Office of Minority Health, US Dept. HHS**



Nov—Reede Scholar Dr. Felicia Collins was appointed as Acting Director of the Minority Health on November 19, 2018. Her most recent position was Senior Advisor in the Bureau of Primary Health Care at the Health Resources

member of the committee.

In accepting the appointment, Kim stated, "my goal is to continue to infuse an equity lens throughout the committee by highlighting groups that have been in the shadows, emphasizing structural barriers to health, showcasing solutions, and bringing new voices to the table."

The core mission of the committee, is combating 'gender inequities as it relates to health, health services and health career opportunities, taking a comprehensive approach that considers social, cultural, economic, educational, environmental and political factors.'

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### **Reede Scholars, Inc.**

Reede Scholars, Inc. is a 501(c)3 foundation, comprised of graduates of the Mongan/Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy, the California Endowment Scholars in Health Policy, and the Joseph L. Henry Oral Health Fellowship programs at Harvard Medical School, under the leadership of Dr. Joan Reede, our organizational namesake. "The mission of The Reede Scholars is to engage and nurture a network of diverse leaders for collective action to achieve health equity. We shall effect change through research, education, policy, practice, and charitable endeavors."

### **Reede Scholars Executive Leadership**

President: Mary E Fleming, MD, MPH  
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and Services Administration. In that role she co-led programmatic monitoring and oversight of more than 700 Federally Qualified Health Centers, receiving \$2 billion in grants to provide healthcare services to over 14 million vulnerable and underserved patients annually in 30 US states and two territories.

Felicia received her undergraduate degree from Yale, her medial degree from Harvard Medial School, and then completed a residency in primary care pediatrics at Children's Hospital in Boston, MA. Additionally, she received her M.P.H. from Harvard School of Public Health as a Commonwealth Fund Fellow in Minority Health Policy.

Since completing the Minority Health Policy Fellowship Program she has had increasingly demanding positions within the nations Department Health and Human Services. In 2010, Offices of Minority Health were established within six agencies at HHS: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS); Food and Drug Administration (FDA); Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA); and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

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### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Leadership Retreat March 29th-31st  
Health Equity Symposium May 9th

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Join us for the 10th Annual Health Equity Symposium  
May 9, 2019  
Boston, MA

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  - 2) By Mail: Reede Scholars, Inc. 164 Longwood Ave., 2nd floor Boston, MA 02115
- A big thank you to those who have already submitted dues!

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