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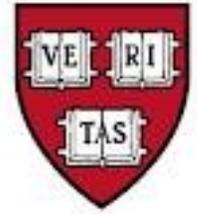
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The Reede Scholars, Inc. Annual Health Equity Symposium

Crossing the Line: An Interdisciplinary Conversation on Immigrant Children

Thursday May 7, 2015
3:30 pm — 6:30 pm

Joseph B. Martin Conference Center
Harvard Medical School

Co-Sponsor :

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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.

MODERATOR

Robert P. Marlin, MD, PhD, MPH

Robert P. Marlin, MD, PhD, MPH is the Director of Coordinated Care Program for Political Violence Survivors, Director of the Refugee Health Assessment Program, and staff physician in the Department of Medicine at the Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA). He is a primary care internal medicine physician at CHA's East Cambridge Health Center in Cambridge, MA, where he also previously served as interim Medical Director. Dr. Marlin is an Instructor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School. At CHA he also serves as a member of the Diversity Council and directs the Seminar on Global Health and Human Rights. Dr. Marlin received his medical degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook School of Medicine, his Ph.D. in anthropology from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, and his M.P.H. in healthy policy from the Harvard School of Public Health. His training includes an internal medicine residency at the Cambridge Health Alliance and the Mongan Commonwealth Fund Fellowship in Minority Health Policy at Harvard Medical School, where he focused on the intersection of U.S. health and immigration policy. Dr. Marlin's current work focuses on the integration of care for vulnerable patients, the use of information technology to improve the care of limited English proficient patients, and the development of community-based interventions to advance the health and well-being of vulnerable populations.



PANELIST

Laurie Carafone, JD

Laurie Carafone is the Supervising Attorney for Pro Bono Programs for the Boston office of Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), where she trains and mentors pro bono attorneys representing unaccompanied immigrant children. Prior to KIND, Laurie represented asylum seekers at Community Legal Services and Counseling Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts. In 2008, Laurie was selected as a fellow in the Boston Bar Association Public Interest Leadership Program, and in 2009 she received the Women of Justice award from the Women's Bar Association. Laurie was named by Boston Magazine as the Rising Star in the Non-Profit sector in 2010 and 2013, and as a Top Women Attorney Rising Star in 2014. Laurie earned her law degree, cum laude, from the University of Michigan Law School, where she was chosen as a Ford Outstanding Woman Law Scholar and a Bergstrom Child Welfare Fellow. She earned her B.A. in literature, cum laude, from Dartmouth College and a master's degree in theological studies from Harvard Divinity School.



COMMENTATOR

Maria Portela Martinez, MD, MPH

Maria Portela is a Family Medicine Physician and a former 2013 Mongan Commonwealth Fund Fellow. Currently, she works at Health Resources Services Administration where she serves as the Branch Chief of Medical Training and Geriatrics at the Division of Medicine and Dentistry within the Bureau of Health Workforce. Previously, Maria worked as a full time clinician and was a Harvard Medical School Appointee for the Office of Diversity Inclusion and Community Partnership. Maria is passionate about reaching vulnerable populations and has led community outreach programs that serve the underserved and immigrant populations such as the former Migrant Health Educational Program and the Healthy Avondale Partnership. In 2012, Maria worked on a picture-audio documentary called “En Sus Zapatos” that raised awareness by highlighting the challenges that Hispanic immigrants face when accessing the health care system. Later in 2014, Maria presented during her fellowship year her practicum project to America’s Essential Hospitals entitled: Immigrants: Waiting for Health and Immigration Reform. Maria is passionate about increasing health equity and volunteers in boards and committees belonging to the Reede Scholars Alumni, the National Hispanic Medical Association, and Building the Next Generation of Academic Physicians. Her most recent publication consisted of a comparative assessment of insurance and access to care in Puerto Rico and the United States.



PANELIST

Rebecca Lowenhaupt, PhD

Dr. Rebecca Lowenhaupt, PhD is an Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership in the Lynch School of Education at Boston College. She holds a bachelor's and master's degree from Harvard University and a PhD in educational leadership and policy analysis from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Northwestern University. Drawing on multiple methods of empirical research, including survey methods, social network analysis, and qualitative analysis, her work investigates educational leadership and policy in the context of immigration, with a focus on new immigrant destinations. Her scholarship has appeared in several academic journals, including the *American Education Research Journal*, *Education & Urban Society* and the *Journal of Educational Administration*. She has received funding for her research from the Spencer Foundation and the National Science Foundation. A former middle-school teacher, she remains committed to helping schools design meaningful, equitable educational opportunities for immigrant youth.



PANELIST

Rebecca Lambert, MD

Rebecca Lambert, MD is a primary care pediatrician at the MGH Chelsea Healthcare Center and Instructor in Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School. A large proportion of her patients are recent immigrants from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. Dr. Lambert serves as the school physician for the Chelsea Public Schools. From 2008-2009 she worked in the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's District Public Health Office in East Harlem, where her projects focused on school health, asthma and obesity initiatives. Dr. Lambert received her medical degree from Weill Cornell Medical College in 2010 and completed her pediatrics residency at Massachusetts General Hospital in 2013.



PANELIST

Lisa Fortuna, MD, MPH

Dr. Lisa Fortuna, MD, MPH, is a child and adolescent psychiatrist and a mental health services researcher. Her work includes the development of community and school based prevention and mental health interventions for youth at risk of gang or juvenile detention involvement, the development of therapies for addressing trauma and addictions in adolescents and the creation of mental health services for immigrant refugee youth and their families including the Refugee Immigrant Assistance Center Community Counseling Program in Boston. She is currently a co-investigator on a National Institute on Drug Abuse supported international study on Latino immigrant mental health and substance use disorders with the Center for Multicultural Mental Health Services Research at Cambridge Health Alliance. She is the incoming medical director of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Boston Medical Center.



PANELIST

Kiara Alvarez, PhD

Kiara Alvarez, PhD, is a researcher and clinician focused on improving adolescent behavioral health outcomes, with a particular emphasis on Latino/a and immigrant youth and their families. She is an NIMH-funded postdoctoral fellow at the Center for Multicultural Mental Health Research at Cambridge Health Alliance, where she studies the social and cultural context of depression and suicidality. She has extensive bilingual clinical experience providing evidence-based interventions to children, adolescents, and caregivers, including interventions for trauma, substance use, and coping with chronic medical conditions. Her experience spans outpatient, inpatient, primary care, school, and community settings. She has a particular interest in the design of collaborative mental health interventions delivered by multidisciplinary teams. Dr. Alvarez completed her psychology internship training at Boston Children's Hospital/Harvard Medical School and received her doctorate from the APA-accredited School Psychology program at the University of Texas at Austin. She is a fellow of the American Psychological Association's Minority Fellowship Program in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. She also holds an Ed.M. in Human Development and Psychology from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and a B.A. in Literature from Harvard University.

