Dear Diversity Leaders & Ambassadors,

We are excited to kick off Black History Month with a host of events to celebrate and honor the accomplishments and sacrifices of leaders who fought for the human rights of this community. Last week, we hosted our Bold Leaders Series: How Women in Academic Medicine Can Survive and Thrive During Tumultuous featuring Dr. Julie K. Silver. Also, our affinity month celebration is going to start in mid-February and the careers and personal journeys of a few Black faculty members will be recognized so please take the time to review their stories when they become available. Lastly, we have also made available the Emory University School of Medicine African American History timeline and our Racism & Social Justice Webinar Series. We invite you to celebrate with us, reflect, and learn how to be a part of the continued effort to promote equity and justice across our community.

**Monday, February 8th**

Improving Health Equity with Urban Health Initiative will be presented via Zoom at 12pm. The featured speakers include: Charles E. Moore, MD, FAACE Director, Urban Health Initiative Professor, Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Chief of Service, Dept. of Otolaryngology, Grady Health System and Brittany Prince Evans, MHA Assistant Director, Urban Health Initiative. Registration not required.

**Tuesday, February 9th**

The Oxford Chaplain’s Lecture Series will host social advocate, author, and speaker, Taos Wynn 06Ox 009C on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 7:30 PM EST. As part of Oxford’s Black History Month events, he will talk about his advocacy work around human rights issues, including his work with the Perfect Love Foundation.
Thursday, February 11th

**The Privileged Poor: How Elite Colleges Are Failing Disadvantaged Students** The Office of Undergraduate Affairs is thrilled to host Dr. Anthony Jack, Assistant Professor of Education at Harvard and author for a virtual event on Thursday, February 11 at 5pm. Dr. Anthony Jack, sociologist and Assistant Professor of Education at Harvard University, is transforming the way we address diversity and inclusion in education. His new book, The Privileged Poor: How Elite Colleges are Failing Disadvantaged Students, reframes the conversation surrounding poverty and higher education.

**Beyond Belief: Merging Medicine and Faith to Survive a Pandemic** RYSE has partnered with the Atlanta Medical Association for another installment of the "Ask a Black Doctor" series. This webinar, scheduled for February 11, 2021 at 6:30 pm, will cover the COVID-19 vaccine, the coexistence of science and religion, and the role of the church during the pandemic.

**How ATL is Striving to Become an Economically Just & Inclusive Community** Emory University is hosting a conversation focused on how metro Atlanta is striving to become a more economically just and inclusive community on Thursday, February 11th at 4pm. A panel of exceptional leaders in the region will share their insights on how their efforts are improving economic access and opportunities for historically underrepresented business enterprises.

Please save the dates below:

- February 15th: Race & Ethnicity and the Employer Applicant Interface
- February 17th: The 17th Annual Hamilton E. Holmes Lecture. Please see attached flyer.
- February 18th: Racism in Medicine: Reconciling the Past, Present and Future
- February 19th – 24th: Black Men in White Coats Screening and Discussion

We have more to come! Stay tuned. We encourage you to share programs and initiatives mentioned above accordingly with your communities.
Please join us in welcoming Dr. Tracey Henry as the inaugural thread director for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Racial Advocacy for the MD program. Dr. Henry is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine and holds an affiliated faculty position with the Georgia State University School of Public Health. Before joining Emory, Dr. Henry received her MS degree from Tulane University, her MD degree from Georgetown University, and her MPH from the Johns Hopkins University.

Lastly, we are excited to announce the ACGME has recognized Emory University School of Medicine, Emergency Medicine Residency and Morehouse School of Medicine as the inaugural winners of the ACGME Diversity and Inclusion Award, recognizing their innovation, commitment, thought leadership to create physician workforce diversity, and efforts to promote inclusivity. Please join us in celebrating their efforts in the area of diversity and medicine.

Warm regards,

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