

2024 Special Public Health Grand Rounds: 13th Annual Bernard Guyer Lecture



Featured Speaker: Michelle A. Williams, ScD

Date: Friday, April 19

Time: Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Location: School of Nursing Auditorium & Online

Presentation: “Bold Steps American Health Care Systems Must Take to Ensure an Equitable and Healthier Future”

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It’s time to take bold steps to prevent diseases caused by poverty, inequality, racism, and loneliness - those upstream drivers of poor health. Despite spending \$4 trillion a year on health, American health outcomes lag far behind our peers on critical metrics including avoidable deaths, obesity, and infant mortality. The problem isn’t how much we’re spending - the issue is how we are spending our money. In 2021, only 4.5% of our health care dollars were spent on the preventative measures associated with public health. That lopsided ratio has contributed to America’s worsening life expectancy – not just for people of color, but for all people.

We have the knowledge and resources to create a stronger, healthier, and more equitable America.

Michelle A. Williams, ScD, is a renowned epidemiologist, an award-winning educator, and a widely recognized academic leader. She recently stepped down as dean of the faculty at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health after seven years, and is currently spending a sabbatical year as a visiting professor at Stanford University. Following her sabbatical, she will return to the Harvard Chan School as the Joan and Julius Jacobson Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health.

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