David Williams, PhD, creator of the Everyday Discrimination Scale, which is the original and still recommended scale for measuring perceived racism will deliver the keynote address for the Office of Health Equity Research Strategic Planning Retreat in honor of National Minority Health Month.

Dr. Williams is the Florence Sprague Norman and Laura Smart Norman Professor of Public Health and Chair of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. An internationally recognized authority on social influences on health, his research has enhanced our understanding of the way in which race, racism, socioeconomic status, stress, health behavior, and religious involvement can affect health.

The Office of Health Equity Research, part of the University's Clinical and Translational Science Institute, is an important component of URMC’s Equity and Anti-Racism Action Plan. The office supports innovative health equity research across URMC to foster a deeper understanding of the root causes of health disparities and the burdens experienced by excluded groups, and to facilitate the translation of findings into more equitable care.

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