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WIMSC LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

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Women in Medicine & Science Committee (WIMSC)

ABOUT THE EVENT

The WIMSC Leadership Summit is an immersive, interactive leadership development opportunity focused on gender equity in medicine, science and leadership. Attendees hear from leaders and participate in discussions and workshops.

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AGENDA

12:00 p.m.	Welcome and Introduction
12:15 p.m.	Phyllis Marciano, MD, 2023 Woman in Medicine Award Presentation honoring Marla J. Gold, MD, Senior Vice Provost of Community Health and Chief Wellness Officer, Drexel University
12:45 p.m.	<u>Defining Priorities for Career and Personal Goals</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chiquita Collins, PhD, MA. Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer, UT Health San Antonio; Associate Professor/Research, Department of Population Health Sciences, Long School of Medicine; Chair, AAMC Group on Diversity and Inclusion Sharon Hull, MD, MPH, PCC. Executive Coach, Founder and Chief Coaching Officer, Metta Solutions, LLC Ana López-Fuentes, DMD, MPH, FACD, FICD. Professor and Former Dean, School of Dental Medicine, University of Puerto Rico
1:45 p.m.	<u>Individual and Structural Strategies to Overcome Inequities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marie Bernard, MD. Chief Officer for Scientific Workforce Diversity, NIH Janine Clayton, MD, FARVO. NIH Associate Director for Research on Women's Health; Director, NIH Office of Research on Women's Health Mira Irons, MD, FACMGG, FAAP, FCPP. President and CEO, Thomas W. Langfitt Chair, The College of Physicians of Philadelphia Kenya McNeal-Trice, MD, FAAP. Chief Graduate Medical Education Officer, ACGME Designated Institutional Official, Sr. Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education, Professor and Vice Chair of Education, Department of Pediatrics, University of North Carolina
2:45 p.m.	<u>Tools for Negotiation for Women and People With Intersectional Identities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anees Chagpar, MD, MSc, MPH, MA, MBA, FRCS(C), FACS. Professor, Department of Surgery, Yale University Leslie McClure, PhD, MS. Professor and Chair, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, Drexel University Anne Converse Willkomm, MFA. Associate Dean, Graduate College, Associate Teaching Professor, Department of Communication, College of Arts and Sciences, Drexel University
3:45 p.m.	Final Discussions and Closing Remarks

PHYLLIS MARCIANO, MD, 2023 WOMAN IN MEDICINE AWARD



RECIPIENT:

*Marla J. Gold, MD, Senior Vice Provost of
Community Health and Chief Wellness Officer, Drexel
University*

For her history of service to Drexel, to the field of public health, and to the Philadelphia region, as well as for her tireless dedication to advancing the next generation of medical and public health providers, Marla Gold, MD, is a most deserving recipient of the 2022-2023 Phyllis Marciano, MD '60, Woman in Medicine Award.

Dr. Gold is an inspiring physician leader who makes a tangible difference in the lives of countless others through work with philanthropy, government, educational institutions, business leaders, non-profits and individuals to leverage opportunities and achieve optimal outcomes. In her role as senior vice provost and chief wellness officer, she oversees University population health and wellness including COVID-19 operations and campus wellness. Gold is dean emerita of the Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health and a tenured professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management.

Gold served as assistant health commissioner for infectious disease control in Philadelphia's Public Health Department, where she was responsible for all reportable and communicable diseases and conditions in Philadelphia. In that role she served as director for the city immunization program and as the regional grantee for the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act. She oversaw all grant-making related to CARE Act funding in the region. During her tenure in the Philadelphia Health Department, she worked

to establish a comprehensive system of HIV care for under- and uninsured Philadelphians at the City's ambulatory health centers and addressed challenging programs and issues including the availability of needle exchange programs in the city and comprehensive sexual health education in Philadelphia high schools.

In 1993, she created and led an innovative, interdisciplinary integrated clinical practice for persons with HIV/AIDS, containing a full complement of linked services. Today the Partnership Comprehensive Care Practice is one of the largest regional comprehensive HIV programs and recently celebrated its 29th anniversary. She served as chief of the Division of HIV/AIDS Medicine and vice chair of the Department of Medicine at the former MCP-Hahnemann Medical School, a predecessor of Drexel University College of Medicine.

Gold assumed the deanship of the Drexel University School of Public Health in 2002. Under her leadership, the school became established as the first highly ranked, fully accredited school of public health in the greater Philadelphia region. The school has a longstanding commitment to issues of health equity and an education, research and practice focus on the elimination of racial and ethnic health disparities. She believes deeply in the importance that academic enterprises serve the region in which "they live." She continues her commitment to improving the lives of Philadelphians directly and through collaborative work with faculty, students, staff, administration and residents of Drexel's surrounding neighborhoods. The school established an Autism Research Institute, the only such place in the nation where autism is studied through the lens of public health. A Center for Hunger Free Communities addresses the connectedness of poverty and hunger and works toward policy solutions, and a Center for Violence Prevention and Social Justice addresses the need for trauma-informed approaches to victims of violence.

Through her leadership, Dr. Gold has trained, advised and graduated hundreds of social service, public health and medical professionals, many of whom have kept their roots in the region. She has taught public health leadership, service delivery and advocacy to public health graduate and doctoral students and devotes time to numerous community organizations and issues in the region.

ABOUT THE MARCIANO AWARD

The Marciano Award is given annually to a female physician scientist or staff member in recognition of her leadership, teaching of students, care of patients and status as a role model for women in medicine. The award is named after Phyllis Marciano, MD, a noted pediatrician, ardent proponent of women in medicine, and a former WMC/MCP Trust Fund trustee. At the time of Marciano's death in 2003, she was intended to be the recipient of the Woman in Medicine Award. The award was presented to her posthumously and renamed in her memory.

SESSION OBJECTIVES & CONTENT

DEFINING PRIORITIES AND NEEDS TO ACHIEVE CAREER AND PERSONAL GOALS

Moderators: Andréia Mortensen, PhD, and Stephanie Matt, PhD

Objective: The objectives of this panel are to develop strategies to define priorities in our careers and personal lives and to create an understanding that priorities and goals evolve across our careers.

Content: This panel will feature a dialog between experts in career development and leaders in academic medicine. It will include an audience question and answer.

INDIVIDUAL AND STRUCTURAL STRATEGIES TO OVERCOME INEQUITIES

Moderators: Ellen Mitchell, MD, and Elise Mosser, PhD

Objective: The objective of this panel is to identify inequities faced by women and historically excluded individuals across careers in academic medicine and research. We will identify resources to overcome those inequities and discuss strategies to leverage national programs and our won positions to negotiate for more equitable outcomes.

Content: This interactive panel will provide insight from experts in disparities in academic medicine and leaders with active roles in promoting diversity in science and medicine, including both question and answer and audience engagement components.

TOOLS FOR NEGOTIATING FOR WOMEN AND PEOPLE WITH INTERSECTIONAL IDENTITIES

Moderators: Jessica Barson, PhD, and Jill Lawrence

Objective: The objective of this panel is to provide attendees resources and strategies to successfully prepare to negotiate and to destigmatize negotiation.

Content: This interactive panel will provide insight from experts and leading voices in negotiation. This will include both question and answer and an opportunity for audience engagement

SPEAKER BIOS

DEFINING PRIORITIES FOR CAREER AND PERSONAL GOALS



Chiquita Collins, PhD, MA

Chiquita Collins, PhD, MA, vice president for diversity, equity, and inclusion and chief diversity officer, and associate professor/research within the Department of Population Health Sciences at UT Health San Antonio, is one of the most sought-

after keynote speakers on academic and health topics including: women leadership, diversifying the biomedical workforce, intersectionality, and social determinants of health

Dr. Collins has been actively involved in national and regional organizations in various leadership roles to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion. She has more than 25 years of experience in race relations and social epidemiology, research and practice; she serves as chair of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Group on Diversity and Inclusion (2021-2023), immediate past chair of Texas Medical Schools Diversity Consortium (2020-2021), and Steering Committee member, AAMC Group on Women in Medicine and Science Member (2013-2018). She is an appointed board member, National Diversity Council Healthcare and Time's UP Healthcare.

Dr. Collins earned her master's and doctorate degrees in sociology from the University of Michigan. She completed postdoctoral training in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Scholars Program at the University of California at Berkeley/UC San Francisco and received certification credentials

from the AAMC Healthcare Executive Diversity and Inclusion Certificate (HEDIC) program. She is also a graduate of the prestigious Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) program at Drexel University, cohort 2019-2020.

She joined UT Health San Antonio in September 2017 as the inaugural vice dean for inclusion and diversity at the Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long School of Medicine. In March 2022, she was promoted to vice president for diversity, equity, and inclusion for the university, including all five schools: nursing, dental, medicine, health professions, and the graduate school. Prior to 2017, she served five years as the associate dean of diversity and cultural competency and assistant professor of medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.



Sharon Hull, MD, MPH, PCC

Sharon Hull, MD, MPH, PCC, has worked as a physician and held leadership roles in clinical medicine, academia, research and teaching for over 30 years. This includes stints

at Southern Illinois University, the University of North Carolina, Northeast Ohio Medical University and Duke University. She started her independent coaching business over 10 years ago and transitioned to full-time in the last three years. Her major focus is on health care professionals. As the founder of Metta Solutions, Sharon has nine years of experience as a professional executive leadership coach, and she is the founding director of the Duke University School of Medicine Executive Coaching

Program. She has been a family physician for over 30 years and is dually board certified in family medicine and in general preventive medicine and public health. Her clinical and academic medicine career spans roles in solo rural private practice, academic and organizational practice, and administrative leadership as a member of the dean's staff, an active teaching faculty member, a clinical division chief and a department chair. Her areas of coaching expertise include physician leadership development, career strategies, communication skills, organizational and institutional awareness and time and energy management. She has a particular passion for working with women leaders in academic medicine. Her primary goal as a coach is to help clinician leaders become the best version of themselves, in service to their own values, and to the benefit of their patients, stakeholders, organizations and the broader community.



Ana López-Fuentes, DMD, MPH, FACP, FICD

Ana López-Fuentes, DMD, MPH, FACP, FICD, is a tenured professor at the Community Dentistry Section of the University of Puerto Rico School of Dental Medicine (UPRSDM). She

was dean of the UPRSDM from 2014-2018. Dr. López-Fuentes was elected as the 2022-23 chair-elect of the ADEA Board of Directors. At the UPRSDM, she serves as president of the Infection Control and Quality Assurance Standing Committees with a certificate in dental infection prevention and control from OSAP and the DALE Foundation. She is a member of the ADEA Collaborative on Dental Education Climate Assessment (CDECA),

and UPRSDM's ADEA Women Liaison Officer since 2006. She is site visitor for the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), and member of the Board of Trustees of the Hispanic Dental Association (HDA). Dr. López serves as faculty advisor to the HDA and the American Association of Women Dentists Student Chapters.

Dr. López-Fuentes served as co-chair of ADEA's Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee from 2014-2021, ADEA's Annual Session Program Committee (2018-2021), immediate past chair of ADEA's Women in Leadership Section, and councilor to the Council of Sections representing the Women in Leadership Section. From 2018 to 2019, she represented the HDA in the American Dental Association Presidents' Summit for Diversity and Inclusion. She served as faculty advisor to the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM), fellowship from 2018-2022.

Dr. López-Fuentes has served as faculty representative to the Academic Senate at the UPR Medical Sciences Campus, to ADEA's Council of Faculties, UPRSDM curriculum director, Community Dentistry Section chief and UPRSDM associate dean. At the university level, she has been representative of the Medical Sciences Campus (MSC), Academic Senate at the President's Board and was appointed executive secretary to the UPR President's Board (2013). She directed the first dental assistant program at the University of Granada, Spain, resulting from a collaboration between the University of Puerto Rico and the University of Granada, Spain. Dr. López-Fuentes is an alumnus of several leadership programs: ADEA's Summer Program for

Emerging Academic Leaders, ELAM and the Bell Leadership Institute.

As dean of the UPRSDM, she was instrumental in amending the local dental law, implementing the electronic health record, and obtaining approval for the Periodontics Graduate program, and she was the first dean of the UPRSDM to be elected to ADEA's Council of Deans Administrative Board. She is the recipient of the 2018 Chair of the ADEA Board of Directors Citation for significant contributions to dental education.

INDIVIDUAL AND STRUCTURAL STRATEGIES TO OVERCOME INEQUITIES



Marie Bernard, MD

Marie A. Bernard, MD, is the National Institutes of Health (NIH) chief officer for scientific workforce diversity (COSWD). As COSWD, she leads NIH thought regarding the science of scientific workforce diversity, assuring that the full range of talent is accessed to promote scientific creativity and innovation, both intramurally and extramurally. Dr. Bernard also co-leads NIH's newly announced UNITE initiative to end structural racism. Prior to being selected as the COSWD in May 2021, she was deputy director of the National Institute on Aging (NIA). As NIA's senior geriatrician, she served as the principal advisor to the NIA director. She also led a broad range of activities, including co-chairing two Department of Health and Human Services Healthy People 2020/2030 objectives – 1) Older Adults, and 2) Dementias, including Alzheimer's disease. She co-

led the NIH-wide Inclusion Governance Committee that ensures appropriate inclusion of individuals in clinical studies, including by sex/gender, race/ethnicity, and inclusion of children and older adults. She also led the Women of Color Committee of the NIH-wide Working Group on Women in Biomedical Careers. Her national leadership in geriatrics research, teaching, and clinical practice has been recognized by the Clark Tibbits award from the Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education (2013), the Donald P. Kent award from the Gerontological Society of America (2014), and the John A. Hartford Foundation Trustees award (2022). Her work within NIH has been recognized with NIH Director's Awards (2018, 2019), including the NIH Director's Award for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in 2020; and NIH Director's Awards for leadership of the NIH-wide UNITE initiative and Anti-Racism Steering Committee in 2022.

Until October 2008 she was the endowed professor and founding chairman of the Donald W. Reynolds Department of Geriatric Medicine at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, and associate chief of staff for geriatrics and extended care at the Oklahoma City Veterans Affairs Medical Center. She has held numerous national leadership roles, including chair of the Department of Veterans Affairs National Research Advisory Committee, chair of the Clinical Medicine (now Health Sciences) Section of the Gerontological Society of America, board member of the American Geriatrics Society, president of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, and president of the Association of Directors of Geriatric Academic Programs. She has lectured and published widely in her area of research,

nutrition and function in older adults, with particular focus on underrepresented minority populations.

Dr. Bernard completed her undergraduate education at Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, and received her MD from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. She trained in internal medicine at Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, where she also served as chief resident. She received additional training through the Association of American Medical Colleges Health Services Research Institute, the Geriatric Education Center of Pennsylvania, and the Wharton School Executive Development program.



Janine Clayton, MD, FARVO

Janine Austin Clayton, MD, associate director for research on women's health and director of the Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), is the architect of the NIH policy requiring scientists to consider sex as a biological variable across the research spectrum. This policy is part of NIH's initiative to enhance reproducibility through rigor and transparency. As co-chair of the NIH Working Group on Women in Biomedical Careers with the NIH Director, Dr. Clayton also leads NIH's efforts to advance women in science careers. In 2021, Dr. Clayton was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

Prior to joining the ORWH, Dr. Clayton was the deputy

clinical director of the National Eye Institute (NEI) for seven years. A board-certified ophthalmologist, Dr. Clayton's research interests include autoimmune ocular diseases and the role of sex and gender in health and disease. She is the author of more than 120 scientific publications, journal articles, and book chapters.

Dr. Clayton, a native Washingtonian, received her undergraduate degree with honors from Johns Hopkins University and her medical degree from Howard University College of Medicine. She completed a residency in ophthalmology at the Medical College of Virginia. Dr. Clayton completed fellowship training in cornea and external disease at the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins Hospital and in uveitis and ocular immunology at NEI.

Dr. Clayton has received numerous awards, including the Senior Achievement Award from the Board of Trustees of the American Academy of Ophthalmology in 2008 and the European Uveitis Patient Interest Association Clinical Uveitis Research Award in 2010. She was selected as a 2010 Silver Fellow by the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology. In 2015, she was awarded the American Medical Women's Association Lila A. Wallis Women's Health Award and the Wenger Award for Excellence in Public Service. Dr. Clayton was granted the Bernadine Healy Award for Visionary Leadership in Women's Health in 2016. She was also selected as an honoree for the Woman's Day Red Dress Awards and the American Medical Association's Dr. Nathan Davis Awards for Outstanding Government Service in 2017.



Mira Irons, MD, FACMGG, FAAP, FCPP

Mira Bjelotomich Irons, MD, is the president and CEO and the Thomas W. Langfitt Chair of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

Prior to coming to the College of Physicians as its first female CEO, she held the positions of chief health and science officer, and group vice president, health science and ethics, at the American Medical Association (AMA) and senior vice president for academic affairs at the American Board of Medical Specialties.

Dr. Irons spent 30 years in academic medicine in Boston, initially at Tufts Medical Center and more recently at Boston Children's Hospital where she oversaw clinical operations of the Division of Genetics and Metabolism, served as the residency director for Medical Genetics and fellowship director for the Harvard Laboratory Genetics programs, led a clinical research program, and served as an associate professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, in addition to running a busy clinical practice.

She has held numerous local and national roles in both undergraduate, graduate, and continuing medical education, including service as the chair of the ACGME Residency Review Committee for Medical Genetics; serving on the Boards of Directors of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) and the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG); and serving as the president of the Association of Professors of Human and Medical Genetics (APHMG) and first chair of the Medical Genetics Program

Directors group. She has over 100 publications in the medical literature and is the co-author of the 4th edition of the textbook *Human Genetics and Genomics* (2013).

Her current faculty position is as adjunct professor of medicine, Division of Translational Medicine and Human Genetics and adjunct professor of pediatrics, Division of Human Genetics in the Associated Faculty of the Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania. She has previously held faculty positions at Tufts, Harvard, and Northwestern Feinberg medical schools.



Kenya McNeal-Trice, MD, FAAP

Dr. Kenya McNeal-Trice is professor and vice chair of education in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of North Carolina (UNC) School of Medicine. She earned a BS in biology from Spelman College and an MD from Wayne State University School of Medicine. She completed pediatric residency training at UNC Hospitals' North Carolina Children's Hospital, and afterwards served as a pediatric chief resident at an affiliate teaching hospital. In 2007, Dr. McNeal-Trice joined the faculty at UNC School of Medicine as an assistant professor and assumed a leadership role as associate director of medical student education in pediatrics. In 2010, she was appointed Director of Medical Student Education Programs in Pediatrics and became the Pediatric Residency program director in 2014. She has served in numerous committees and leadership roles within UNC School of Medicine, including two years as interim

associate dean of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Dr. McNeal-Trice was appointed the chief graduate medical education (GME) officer and ACGME designated institutional official at UNC Hospitals, and the senior associate dean for graduate medical education at the UNC School of Medicine in January 2021. She is responsible for the educational components, accreditation and operations of all GME programs at UNC Hospitals and UNC School of Medicine - Chapel Hill campus. In her role, Dr. McNeal-Trice oversees an academic health care center with more than 100 GME programs and over 1,000 trainees. Dr. McNeal-Trice is a member of the Education and Training Committee for the American Board of Pediatrics and has been appointed to the ACGME's Pediatric Residency Review Committee. In addition, she currently serves as an elected member of the AAMC Steering Committee for the Group in Women in Science and Medicine, chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee of the Academic Pediatric Association, and the president-elect of the North Carolina Pediatric Society (NC Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics). Dr. McNeal-Trice has dedicated her career and scholarly work to implementing curricula and policies dedicated to promoting an equitable and inclusive learning environment at all levels of academic medicine.

TOOLS FOR NEGOTIATION FOR WOMEN AND PEOPLE WITH INTERSECTIONAL IDENTITIES



Anees Chagpar, MD, MSc, MPH, MA, MBA, FRCS(C), FACS

Anees Chagpar, MD, MSc, MPH, MA, MBA, is a professor in the Department of Surgery, Yale School of Medicine. She completed her BSc in honors biochemistry and

MD with honors in research at the University of Alberta, and her general surgery residency training and MSc at the University of Saskatchewan. She went on to complete the Susan G. Komen Interdisciplinary Breast Fellowship at the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, an MPH at Harvard School of Public Health, an MA in bioethics and medical humanities at the University of Louisville, and an MBA for executives with a focus on leadership in healthcare from Yale's School of Management. She is a busy breast surgeon who participates in clinical trials, as well as translational and clinical research, is the Breast Surgery Section editor for UpToDate, the assistant director for the START@Yale Program, and co-leads the Yale Global Surgery Faculty Network. She has published over 170 papers, including in the prestigious *New England Journal of Medicine*. She has given hundreds of talks and workshops all over the world, and teaches a course called "An Introduction to Breast Cancer" on Coursera with over 40,000 learners worldwide. She is as a surveyor for the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers, and is committed to quality improvement in health care. In addition, she is passionate about leadership development and promoting equity. To this end,

she teaches workshops on negotiation at the AAMC Mid-WIMS course, Johns Hopkins, and UPenn among others. In 2019, she won the AMA's Joan Giambalvo Award for the Advancement of Women, that resulted in a widely available online Negotiation Workshop for female faculty and trainees that has been rigorously evaluated and found to improve negotiations skills.



Leslie McClure, PhD, MS

Leslie McClure, PhD, is professor and chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and associate dean for faculty affairs at the Dornsife School of Public Health at Drexel

University. She earned a Bachelor of Science in mathematics from the University of Kansas; an MS in preventive medicine and environmental health from the University of Iowa, and her PhD in biostatistics from the University of Michigan. Dr. McClure does work to try to understand health inequities, particularly racial and geographic, and the role that the environment plays in them. Her methodological expertise is in the design and analysis of multicenter trials, as well as issues of multiplicity in clinical trials. She is currently the director of the Coordinating Center for the Diabetes LEAD Network, and the director of the Data Coordinating Center for the Connecting the Dots: Autism Center of Excellence. Dr. McClure is a fellow of the American Statistical Association, the Society for Clinical Trials, and the American Heart Association and completed the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Fellowship. In addition to her research, Dr. McClure is passionate about increasing diversity in the math sciences and devotes considerable time to mentoring younger scientists.



Anne Converse Willkomm, MFA

Anne Converse Willkomm is the associate dean of the Graduate College and an associate teaching professor in the Communications Department within the College of Arts & Sciences

at Drexel University. In her role as the associate dean, she oversees the Academic Administration Team along with providing strategic leadership on all Graduate College initiatives benefiting the student population at the University. She also serves as an advocate for the general welfare of graduate students, including academic counseling for graduate students individually and/or in groups, building relationships between the Graduate College and graduate students, staff, and faculty across the University, and promoting a culture of diversity and inclusion throughout the graduate student life cycle. Finally, she is the primary point of contact and escalation point for all graduate student related issues.

In her faculty role, she teaches communication courses utilizing her years of experience in both the corporate and nonprofit sectors. She also maintains a blog – the Professional Buzz – where she explores relevant topics to working professionals and students about to fully enter the workforce. She has presented on a wide range of topics including: communication, empathy, leadership, influencing others, nonprofit management, soft skills and effective presentations.

As a volunteer, she currently serves as an Alumni Fund director for her undergraduate alma mater, Bowdoin College. She also serves as an executive board member of the West Philadelphia Alliance for Children (WePAC). She earned her bachelor's from Bowdoin College and her MFA in creative writing from Rosemont College.

WOMEN IN MEDICINE & SCIENCE COMMITTEE (WIMSC)

The mission of the Women in Medicine and Science Committee (WIMSC) is to support and promote the professional development, career advancement and leadership of women in medicine and science at Drexel University College of Medicine.

The WIMSC supports the mission by providing resources in professional career development and leadership skills to all faculty and trainees in medical and scientific disciplines through seminars, networking events and related informative links on this website. The WIMSC is led by a multidisciplinary group of faculty with expertise and interest in faculty development, clinical medicine, education and research with the goal of aiding in the success of other faculty and trainees at Drexel University College of Medicine.

The WIMSC serves to facilitate communication and networking through special events and to provide support to all women faculty and trainees in order to build a supportive community of women physicians and scientists that will nurture the professional development of current and future women in academic medicine. WIMSC programs are open to all genders with the belief that all faculty benefit from career development training and enhanced mentoring and networking.

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