

## Virtual Summer Academy 2020

### Bio Sketches - *In order of Presentation*

### Wednesday August 12, 2020: Anti-Racism Town Hall

#### **Valeria Ramdin PhD, APRN-BC, CNE**

Dr. Ramdin is an Assistant Clinical Professor & Director of Global Health Nursing in the School of Nursing at Northeastern University, as well as a Board Certified Nurse Practitioner. She is a Policy Committee member of the Association of Black Nursing Faculty. Dr. Ramdin sits on the Board of Directors for Boston Healthcare for the Homeless Population. Her research focus includes Vitamin D and link with socioecology of health; self-care/self-management to improve and sustain individual health, and the use of service design to effect population well-being.

#### **Brenda Lormil, MSN, RN, FNP-C**

Brenda is the founder of the Haitian American Medical Association (HAMA). She graduated with a BSN in nursing from Regis College in Weston, MA in 2011. She then returned to Regis College for her MS degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner, graduating in 2015. She always envisioned creating an organization that would improve the health and wellbeing of the Haitian community. During her experience as an RN and NP, she has had multiple opportunities to care for wonderful Haitian patients. However, those vital interactions allowed her to witness how the lack of basic health education can cause a lifetime of health complications that could have otherwise been detected earlier or prevented. For this reason, it is her goal for HAMA to be the premier platform for providing culturally specific health information to Haitian American communities to improve health literacy and achieve optimal health outcomes.

#### **Audrey Murph Brown EdD, MSW, BA**

Audrey is Director of Training and Professional Development at the Massachusetts Teachers Association. As a 25-year veteran School Social Worker in the Springfield Public Schools, she worked closely with school nurses, families, and community mental health agencies. She teaches at Cambridge College and Springfield College.

#### **Sheila Caldwell BSN, RN, CSN-NJ**

Sheila is a New Jersey School Nurse. Sheila currently holds a position as Community Discussion Monitor for the National Association of School Nurses, a position she has held since April 2012. Sheila is a Johnson & Johnson School Health Leadership Program Fellow, and has presented at the local, state and national level and held a number of leadership positions within school nursing.

**Roselaine Charlucien-Koech, DNP, MEd, RN**

A registered nurse with more than 30 years of clinical experience, Roselaine has practiced in a variety of clinical settings and is currently working as a school nurse in a large urban school district with over 18 years of experience in school health. Roselaine has a history of using a collaborative approach for developing ideas that excite and inspire peers around a common purpose. Her focus is to inform the development of a policy that supports age-focus self-management skills for middle and high school students with chronic illnesses in urban schools.

**Brianna Cormos, MEd, BSN, RN**

Brianna Cormos is a Registered Nurse with a Masters of Education in School Nurse Education from Cambridge College. Brianna received her Bachelors of Science in Nursing from Regis College. Her past experience includes community health, home health, nursing informatics, camp nursing and school nursing. Brianna found her passion within school health. Brianna has been practicing as a school nurse since 2013 and is dedicated to providing the best care possible to the members of her school community. Most recently, Brianna has been an active member of the Covid-19 District Nurse Planning Team and assisted the Board of Health with Covid-19 contact tracing efforts. Brianna is also member of the Northeastern University School Health Academy (NEUSHA) Advisory Group and is in the NEUSHA Leadership Series program.

**Jamy Gaynor, EdD, MS, RN, NCSN**

Jamy Gaynor has 14 years of experience providing care in both hospital and community settings. She was originally trained as a neuroscientist at UMass Amherst where she was the recipient of a Howard Hughes undergraduate fellowship. She left her career in neuroscience to pursue a career in nursing. Originally working in an intensive care unit at a level one teaching and research hospital in Massachusetts, she left her hospital-based career to pursue her passion of providing care and education in the community setting. For the past three years, she has worked as a school nurse where she continues to pursue best-practices for collaboration with families and community. For her work within the school community she received runner-up *Masonic Teacher of the Year Award* in 2018. She received her EdD from Regis College in 2018 with a focus on identification of tools to reduce stress and burnout in school nurses. In addition to her current school nursing position and research pursuits, she also guest lectures in the Graduate School of Nursing Program at Elms College.

**Tracey Rowe, MEd, BSN, RN, NCSN**

Tracy Rowe received a Bachelor of Science Nursing degree from Boston College, with a Masters of Education in School Health from Cambridge College. She has been an elementary school nurse for more than twenty years at Marlboro Public Schools. She has worked the past 37 years at UMass Memorial in ICU and PACU. She is a member of the Medical Reserve Corp for the City of Marlboro. Rowe served as the acting Board of Health nurse assisting in the management of COVID in the absence of the public health nurse.

### **Kara Nowak, MEd**

Kara Nowak is currently the assistant principal at the Charles J. Jaworek Elementary School in Marlborough, Massachusetts. Previously she taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade in public school in rural Texas. There she was fortunate enough to work with a staff that closely resembled the Latinx population they were serving. This experience piqued Kara's interest in cultural proficiency and how our schools need to monitor how they serve these traditionally marginalized populations.

### **Ron Sanborn, MEd**

Ron Sanborn is currently the principal at the Charles J. Jaworek Elementary School and has been in education for 22 years and has been an elementary administrator for 12 years. He has served on several state and local committees and is very active in both the state and local administration organizations. Ron currently serves on the executive board for the Massachusetts School Administrators Association and is the Massachusetts state representative for the National Elementary School Principals Association.

### **Adebisi Adebowale MSIST**

A native Washingtonian and two-time graduate of the George Washington University, Adebisi Adebowale is a Speaker, Coach, and the world's only Upliftologist™. She is passionate about working with college-bound students and those new in their career, and through her company, Upliftology™, she works to help students transition from debt and doubt to scholarship and success. To date, Adebisi's clients have earned over \$2.5 million dollars in scholarships for their educational pursuits, and boast of attending schools such as Columbia University, Syracuse University, and University of California – Berkeley, among others. Her work has been featured in MadameNoire, BET Awards events, Essence Music Festival, and TEDx. She loves pizza, football and the city of Paris! You can find her on social media at @upliftology and @adebisidotco.

### **Breakout Room Facilitators**

**Veronica Webb Barrett, MSN, MA Ed Psych, RN, HNB-BC**

**Sheila Caldwell BSN, RN, CSN-NJ**

**Roselaine Charlucien-Koech, DNP, MEd, RN**

**Brianna Cormos, MEd, BSN, RN**

**Liz Flaherty, MS, RN, PHNA-BC**

**Jamy Gaynor, EdD, MS, RN, NCSN**

**Tracey Rowe, MEd, BSN, RN, NCSN**

**Mary Ellen Zappulla, MSN, RN**