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SUMMARY

EXPERTISE

Bioethics; Civil Rights; Health Care Law; Health Justice; & Public Health Law

SELECT ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Temple University Beasley School of Law

Philadelphia, PA

Judge Clifford Scott Green Professor (Endowed Chair), August 2025 – present

Member, Center for Public Health Law Research, August 2025 - present

The Ohio State University (2022 – 2025)

Columbus, OH

Kara J Trott Professor in Health Law (Endowed Chair), Moritz College of Law, August 2022 – August 2025

Professor, Department of Health Services Management and Policy, College of Public Health, August 2022 – August 2025

Harvard Medical School (2020 – 2022)

Cambridge, MA

Course Instructor, Center for Bioethics, December 2020 – June 2022

Saint Louis University School of Law (2018 – 2022)

Saint Louis, MO

Co-Founder and Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Healing Justice & Equity, Saint Louis University, July 2022 – present (Executive Director, July 2018 – June 2022)

Professor, Center for Health Care Ethics, Saint Louis University, October 2020 – August 2022

Tenured Professor of Law, Saint Louis University School of Law, July 2018 – August 2022

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

Chicago, IL

Law Clerk for the Honorable Ann Claire Williams, August 2002 – December 2002

Duane Morris, LLC

Chicago, IL

Health Care Associate, August 2001 – August 2002; January 2003 – June 2003

Assumed primary drafting responsibility for pleadings regarding nursing home compliance

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Chicago, IL

Assistant Regional Counsel, June 2000 – August 2001

“Performance Award” for Job Rating of Excellent from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the General Counsel, August 2001

CURRENT GRANT WORK

Co-Principal (Multiple) Investigator, NIH/NIAID R01 (\$3,776,351) (2022 – present)

Co-Principal Investigator, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant (\$1,372,496) (2021 – 2025)

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center

JD; May 2000

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

MPH; May 2000

University of Michigan

BS; August 1996

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Kara J Trott Professor in Health Law (Endowed Chair), Moritz College of Law, August 2022 – August 2025

Professor, Department of Health Services Management and Policy, College of Public Health, August 2022 – August 2025

Courses Taught

- Health Equity, Policy, and Advocacy; Advanced Health Equity, Policy, and Advocacy

Select Service and Honors

- *Symposium Chair*, First Annual Health Equity Symposium (2025)
- [One of the ten most cited scholars](#) at Moritz College of Law, The Ohio State University (2024)
- *Advisory Committee Member*, Urban Institute and O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, Georgetown University (2024-present)
- *Fellow*, The American Bar Foundation (global honorary society of lawyers, law faculty, and others who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in the legal profession and service to society; limited to 1% of lawyers admitted to US practice) (2023- present)
- *Committee Member*, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections (2023-2025)(Committee terminated)
- *Committee Member*, [The Use of Race and Ethnicity in Biomedical Research](#), The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (2023 – 2024)
- *Planning Committee Member*, [Health Disparities in the Medical Record and Disability: A Workshop](#), The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (2023-2024)
- *Awardee*, McDonald-Merrill-Ketcham Award, Indiana University (IU) McKinney School of Law and IU School of Medicine (2023)
- *Reviewer*, National Institutes of Health Interventions to Address Structural Racism to Reduce Kidney Health Disparities (U01 and U24) (2023)
- *Co-Founder*, [Collaborative for Anti-Racism and Equity \(CARE\)](#) created to support the movement to address Racism as a Public Health Crisis (2022-present)
- *Co-Advisor*, [Structural Racism](#) theme issue, HEALTH AFFAIRS (2022-2023)
- *Co-Editor*, [Race Adjustment in Clinical Algorithms and Other Clinical Decision-making Tools](#) special issue, HEALTH EQUITY (2022- 2023)
- *Member*, Editorial Board, AMERICAN JOURNAL OF BIOETHICS (2021 – present)
- *Co-Chair and Co-Sponsor*, [Health Justice: Engaging Critical Perspectives in Health Law & Policy Initiative](#) (2020-present)

Funded grant work

- *Co-Principal (Multiple) Investigator*, Using Disadvantage Indices to Address Structural Racism and Discrimination in Pandemic Vaccine Allocation and Beyond, NIH/NIAID R01 (\$3,776,351) (2022 – 2027)
- *Co-Principal Investigator*, Developing an Equity-Centered Approach to Enforcing Housing Laws, RWJF grant (\$1,372,496) (2021 – 2025)
- *Co-Principal Investigator*, Using partnership and consensus building to transform health and the health care system, RWJF planning grant (\$715,323) (2021– 2023)

SELECT RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

1. *Committee Member*, [The Use of Race and Ethnicity in Biomedical Research](#), The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (2023 – 2024)
 - a. Selected to participate in webinar briefings for sponsor and the public
 - b. Publications and Media
 - i. [Rethinking Race and Ethnicity in Biomedical Research](#)
 - ii. [Interactive Website](#)
 - iii. [Webinar](#)
2. *Co-Principal Investigator*, Using partnership and consensus building to transform health and the health care system, RWJF planning grant (\$715,323) (2021– 2023)
 - a. Grant publications and materials
 - i. [Anti-Racism Consortium](#), a national panel of content experts, community advocates and organizations who partnered with the Institute for Healing Justice & Equity to complete the grant
 - ii. [Final Report](#)
 - iii. [Community Report](#)
 - iv. [Resources](#)
 - v. [Podcasts](#)
 - vi. [Policy Briefs](#)
3. Lindsay F. Wiley, **Ruqaiijah Yearby**, and Andrew Hammond, *United States: Legal Response to Covid-19*, in Jeff King and Octávio LM Ferraz et al (eds), The Oxford Compendium of National Legal Responses to Covid-19 (OUP [2024](#), 2023, 2021)
 - a. **Cited in:**
 - i. European Parliament, Directorate-General for Internal Policies of the Union, Andreas, M., [Improving urgency procedures and crisis preparedness within the European Parliament and EU institutions – Rationales for democratic, efficient and effective governance under emergency rule](#), European Parliament, 2022
4. **Ruqaiijah Yearby**, Brietta R. Clark, and Jose F. Figueroa, *Structural Racism in Historical and Modern U.S. Health Care Policy*, 41(2) HEALTH AFFAIRS 187-194 ([2022](#))
 - a. **Cited in:**
 - i. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, [Ending Unequal Treatment: Strategies to Achieve Equitable Health Care and Optimal Health Care for All](#) (2024)
 - ii. Gideon Lukens and Laura Harker, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [Closing Medicaid Coverage Gap Would Help Diverse Groups and Reduce Inequities](#), July 15, 2024
 - iii. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, [Nondiscrimination in Health Programs and Activities \(Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act\) final rule](#), listed as a comment reference, May 6, 2024
 - iv. Sarah McNeilly and Vivian Kim, [U.S. Social Policy is in Crisis. Academic Medicine Should Address It](#), Newsweek, Feb. 6, 2024
 - v. RWJF, [Addressing the Harms of Financialization in Healthcare](#) (2024 Call for Proposals), Jan. 23, 2024
 - vi. Urban Institute, [Advocates Guide to Equity in Medicaid](#), Dec. 20, 2023
 - vii. Keren Landman, [How a fight over data made South Dakota's bad syphilis outbreak worse](#), VOX, Dec. 19, 2023
 - viii. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, [Combating Racism Through Research, Training, Practice, and Public Health Policies](#), July 20, 2023
 - ix. National Science and Technology Council (part of the U.S. Executive Branch), [NSTC: Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances \(PFAS\) Report](#), March 2023

5. **Ruqaiijah Yearby**, *Structural Racism and Health Disparities: Reconfiguring the Social Determinants of Health Framework to Include the Root Cause*, 48 J. OF L. MED. & ETHICS 518-526 (2020)
 - a. **Cited in:**
 - i. Urban Institute, [A Conceptual Map of Structural Racism in Health Care](#), October 25, 2023
 - ii. Urban Institute, [Measuring Structural Racism](#), Aug. 17, 2023
 - iii. Framework featured in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' [Health Equity and Health Disparities Environmental Scan](#), March 2022

6. **Ruqaiijah Yearby**, Nathan Gardner, Spencer Davis, Kate Tomey, Anat Goss, Maya Lawson, Josie Finch, Katelyn Garland, Laura Doud, Crystal Lewis, Fawn Pettet, Chereka Klutz, Hannah Clark, and Sara Reinoso, *Wage Pass-Through Report* (2020)
 - a. **Cited in:**
 - i. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services-Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (HHS-ASPE), [Issue Brief](#), Jan. 9, 2024
 - ii. HHS-ASPE, [State Efforts to Improve Direct Care Workforce Wages: Final Report](#), Jan. 2024
 - iii. The [AWARD Network](#) report on the [Direct Care Workforce Data Compendium](#) Feb. 2024
 - iv. Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission, [Issue Brief](#), March 2022

7. **Ruqaiijah Yearby**, *Racial Disparities in Health Status and Access to Health Care: The Continuation of Inequality in the United States Due to Structural Racism*, 77 AM. J. ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY 1113-1152 (2018)
 - a. **Cited in:**
 - i. Aspen Institute, [Benefits Beyond Measure: The Role of Workplace Benefits in Improving Job Quality](#), Jan. 8, 2024
 - ii. State of California-Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission, [Well and Thriving: Advancing Prevention and Early Intervention in Mental Health](#), Feb. 10, 2023
 - iii. State Health Access Data Assistance (University of Minnesota), [Systemic Racism Underlying Factors of Medicaid Inequities](#), August 2021

SELECT PAST ACADEMIC AND LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Harvard Medical School

Boston, MA

Course Instructor, Center for Bioethics, December 2020 – June 2022

Course Co-taught

- Race, Gender, and Sexuality in Bioethics

Saint Louis University School of Law

Saint Louis, MO

Co-Founder and Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Healing Justice & Equity, Saint Louis University, July 2022 – present

Tenured Professor of Law, Saint Louis University School of Law, July 2018 – August 2022

Professor, Center for Health Care Ethics, Saint Louis University, October 2020 – August 2022

Executive Director, Institute for Healing Justice & Equity, Saint Louis University, July 2018 – June 2022

Courses Taught

- Health Care Regulation; Health Equity, Policy and Advocacy; Race, Health, and Justice

Select Service and Honors

- *Member*, William C. Wefel Center for Employment Law (2020 – 2022)
- *Member*, Center for Health Studies (ranked within top two health law program in the country by U.S. News & World Report for 20 consecutive years) (2018 – 2022)
- *Granter Reviewer*, Swiss National Science Foundation (2022)
- *Member*, Health Equity Task Force, Satcher Health Leadership Institute, Morehouse School of Medicine (2020 – 2021)
- *Moderator and Participant*, [American Health Law Association Convener on Racial Disparities in Health Care](#) (2021)
- *Awardee*, University of Iowa College of Law Innovation, Business & Law Award (with Ana Santos Rutschman) (2020)
- *Panelist*, [RAND Corporation Health Care Resource Allocation Decisionmaking During a Pandemic Report](#) (2020)
- *Journal Reviewer*, Bioethics; New England Journal of Medicine; Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities; American Journal of Bioethics; and Medical Humanities

Funded grant work

- *Co-Principal Investigator*, [Are Cities and Counties Ready to Use Racial Equity Tools to Influence Policy?](#), RWJF's Policies for Action grant (\$345,000) (2018 – 2021)
 - In partnership with the Center for Health Law Studies, [conducted](#) research to evaluate the effects of racial equity tool use on local governmental policy change
 - Issued a [fact sheet](#) and a [report](#) identifying the 107 jurisdictions working with national organizations to use racial equity tools (2021)

Select Service as Executive Director of the [Institute for Healing Justice & Equity](#) (2018 – 2022)

- Grants
 - Institute received over \$1.6 million from Saint Louis University
 - Institute faculty awarded over \$7.1 million from government and philanthropy groups, including the RWJF and U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration
- Research
 1. *Racism as a Public Health Crisis*
 - Published two reports tracking Racism as a Public Health Crisis declarations: [Racism is a Public Health Crisis: How Local Governments are Responding](#) (2022) and [Racism is a Public Health Crisis. Here's How to Respond Report](#) (2020)
 - Report used to support the passage of the University of Connecticut's Faculty Senate resolution declaring racism as a public health crisis
 - Testified in support of and Report used to support the [passage](#) of Connecticut [House Bill No. 6662](#), that declares racism as a public health crisis (2021)
 2. *Community Engaged Work*
 - [Worked](#) with clinic students at Yale Law School to testify in support of the passage of [hotel worker](#) recall legislation in New Haven, CT, which was enacted, and in the [state](#) of Connecticut (2020)
 - Provided contributions to the St. Louis Racial Equity Fund, which supports efforts to develop capacity and infrastructure in the St. Louis region (2021)

Case Western Reserve University School of Law**Cleveland, OH***David L. Brennan Professor of Law (Chair), March 2017 – June 2018**Associate Dean of Institutional Diversity and Inclusiveness, January 2016 – June 2018**Oliver C. Schroeder Jr. Distinguished Research Scholar, April 2015 – March 2017**Tenured Professor of Law, July 2011 – March 2017**Associate Director of the Law-Medicine Center, July 2011 – October 2016***Courses Taught**

- Administrative Law, Bioethics, Contracts, Health Care Regulation, Health Care Regulation Lab, and Public Health Management and Policy

Awards

- Distinguished Teacher Award, Case Western Reserve University, Alumni Association, October 2017
- Women Achievement Award, Case Western Reserve University, School of Law, October 2012 (An award that honors one woman from each school at Case Western Reserve for their excellence in research and scholarship)

Select Honors

- Created position and served as the first Associate Dean of Institutional Diversity and Inclusiveness (2016-2018)
- *Member*, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's Advisory Group on Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives (2016 – 2018)
- *Proclamation issued by the Mayor of the City of Cleveland celebrating my appointment as Associate Dean of Institutional Diversity and Inclusiveness* (January 2016)
- *Invited Speaker*, Oxford Global Health and Bioethics International Conference, Oxford, England (2015)
- Book Proposal Reviewer, Oxford University Press (2013) and Cambridge University Press (2011)

Select Associate Dean Service (2016 – 2018)

- Third Year (2017 – 2018)
 1. Increasing Diversity and Inclusion
 - Increased the inclusion and diversity of student representatives on faculty governance committees
 - Worked to create a student government association for international L.L.M. and S.J.D students in collaboration with the Co-Deans and the L.L.M. and S.J.D Directors
 2. Presentations
 - *Panelist*, Ohio Diversity & Leadership Conference (2018)
- Second Year (2016 – 2017)
 1. Human Resources
 - Created diversity pipeline plan for faculty and staff hiring
 - In collaboration with Co-Deans drafted and implemented hiring procedures and evaluation forms for faculty and staff
 - Drafted faculty annual review evaluation form adopted by Co-Deans
 - Created an Employee of the Month Award
 2. Increasing Diversity and Inclusion
 - Created and implemented the Diversity and Inclusion Scholars Program, which provided a small diverse group of 1L students with academic and career support

- First Year (2016)
 1. Increasing Diversity and Inclusion
 - In collaboration with the Law School Diversity Committee, the University Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Equal Opportunity, and the University Office of Multicultural Affairs, completed annual diversity training of all full-time faculty, 1L, L.L.M. and S.J.D students, and staff
 - Created Diversity and Inclusion development plan
 - Co-Sponsored the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's 2016 Diversity and Inclusion Conference
 2. Presentations
 - *Keynote*, National Diversity Pre-Law Conference (2016)

Select Service

- *Member*, Law School Appointments Committee (2011 – 2012, 2016 – 2018)
- *Member*, Law-Medicine Center (ranked among the top ten health law programs in the country by U.S. News & World Report) (2011 – 2018)
- *Member*, CWRU Social Justice Institute Leadership Team (2016 – 2018)
- *Member*, President's Advisory Committee on Promotion and Tenure (2015 – 2017)
- *Member*, University Diversity Leadership Council (2014 – 2018)
- *Member*, University Faculty Senate Committee on Minority Affairs (2014 – 2018)
- *Symposium Chair*, Law-Medicine Symposium, entitled "Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired: Putting an End to Separate and Unequal Health Care in the United States 50 Years After the Civil Rights Act of 1964" (2014)(Day 1 [part 4](#), Day 2 [part 2](#), [part 3](#), [part 4](#), and [part 5](#)).

University of Connecticut School of Law
Visiting Professor, January 2011 – May 2011

Hartford, CT

Courses Taught

- Bioethics

University at Buffalo Law School, The State University of New York
University at Buffalo School of Public Health and Health Professions
Associate Professor, July 2008- August 2011

Buffalo, NY

Director of the J.D. and Master of Public Health Program, July 2008 – August 2011
Director of the J.D. and Pharm.D. Program, July 2008 – August 2011
Co-Director, Health Law Concentration, July 2008 – August 2011

Courses Taught

- Bioethics, Health Care Regulation, and Public Health Law

Select Honors

- *Grant Reviewer*, Wellcome Trust (2010) (United Kingdom's largest non-governmental source of funds for biomedical research)
- "Summer Research Fellowship," Univ. Buffalo Law School (2009 – 2010)
- *Invited Presenter, Facilitator, and Moderator*, Tarrytown Meeting, Tarrytown, NY (Three year Initiative that brought together renowned scholars and others working to ensure that new human biotechnologies supported a healthy human future) (2010-2012)

Select Service

- *Member*, Law School Appointments Committee (2009 – 2010)
- *Member*, Accreditation Process Committee for successful accreditation of School of Public Health and Health Professions (2009)

Loyola University Chicago, School of Law**Chicago, IL***Secondary Appointment, Stritch School of Medicine, June 2006 – June 2008**Assistant Professor, July 2003 – June 2008**Adjunct Professor, January 2002 – July 2003***Courses Taught**

- Access to Health Care, Bioethics, Criminal Law, Health Care Regulation, Introduction to Health Law, and the Summer Institute on Aging

Award

- “Norman Amaker Award of Excellence,” Loyola University Chicago, January 2007 (A competitive award granted to an individual who embodies the true spirit and commitment of service to others in the community and in legal education)

Select Honors

- “Mid-American Public Health Fellowship,” Mid-America Regional Public Health Leadership Institute, University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health, August, 2004 (A competitive training award for leaders in the public health field to write and publish three public health research projects)

Select Service

- *Member*, Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy (ranked among the top ten health law programs in the country by U.S. News & World Report) (2003 – 2008)
- *Symposium Chair*, First Annual Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy Symposium (2007-2008)

Duane Morris, LLC**Chicago, IL***Health Care Associate, August 2001 – August 2002; January 2003 – June 2003***Duties**

- Assumed primary drafting responsibility for pleadings regarding nursing home compliance filed in state and federal administrative agencies including motions, briefs, affidavits, and reports of readiness

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**Chicago, IL***Assistant Regional Counsel, June 2000 – August 2001***Duties**

- Acted as co-counsel in successful defense before the Departmental Appeals Board
- Assumed primary drafting responsibility for pleadings filed in federal nursing home compliance cases including motions, briefs, affidavits, and reports of readiness

Awards

- “Performance Award” for Job Rating of Excellent from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the General Counsel, August 2001

CLERKSHIP**U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit****Chicago, IL***Law Clerk for the Honorable Ann Claire Williams, August 2002 – December 2002*

- Assisted in drafting opinions concerning various topics including the economic loss doctrine, federal sentencing guidelines, and loan receipt agreements
- Advised Judge Williams regarding issues in petitions for rehearing en banc, certificates of appealability, and petitions for rehearing

EDUCATION

Case Western Reserve University Weatherhead School of Management

Cleveland, OH

Courses (Fall 2017): Accounting and Health Economics

4.0 GPA

Georgetown University Law Center

Washington, DC

Juris Doctor; May 2000

Honors

- *Staff Editor, Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law & Policy* (1998 – 2000)
- *Policy Analyst, Harrison Institute for Public Law Clinic* (1998 – 1999)
- *Research Assistant, Professor Lawrence Gostin*, researched and drafted summaries concerning partner notification laws for HIV/AIDS articles and public health law book
- *Research Assistant, the Healthy Privacy Project*, researched privacy protections under state law and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
 - The work, I conducted as a Research Assistant is cited in:
 - *The State of Health Privacy: An Uneven Terrain*, 607 PRACTISING L. INST. 621, June 2000 (*cited in the Preamble of the Final Privacy Regulations for the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act*)

Awards

- Dean's List (1999)

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Baltimore, MD

Master of Public Health in Health Policy and Management; May 2000

Honors

- Certificate in Health and Human Rights
- *Thesis*: "Maryland Medicaid Managed Care Organizations: Barriers to Access for Low Income African-American HIV/AIDS Patients"

Awards

- Minority Student Support Scholarship (1998)
- International Health Scholarship (1997)

University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, MI

Bachelor of Science in Honors Biology; August 1996

Honors

- *Senior Honors Thesis*: "The Characterization of Mutant *Arabidopsis thaliana* Plants that Produce Abnormal Root Hairs in Response to Low Phosphorus Availability"
- *Research Assistant, National Science Foundation Minority Research Training Program*, researched the effect of lead pollution from the use of leaded gasoline on school age children in South Africa (1995)
 - The work, I conducted as a Research Assistant is cited in:
 - *Atmospheric lead population in KwaZulu/Natal, South Africa*, 191 SCIENCE OF THE TOTAL ENVIRONMENT 69-76 (1996)
 - *Lead poisoning of children in Africa II. KwaZulu/Natal, South Africa*, 197 SCIENCE OF THE TOTAL ENVIRONMENT 1-11 (1996))

Awards

- Academic Scholarship covering four years of college (1992 – 1996)
- Sophomore Honors Award (1994)
- Class Honors (1993)

PUBLICATIONS

Articles and Essays

1. Neil Powe, **Ruqaiijah Yearby**, and M. Roy Wilson, *Race and Ethnicity in Biomedical Research: Changing Course and Improving Accountability*, JAMA ([2024](#))
2. *The Return of Jim Crow: Government Discrimination Against Women, LGBTQIA+ Individuals, and Racial/Ethnic Minority Individuals*, 114(2) AM. J. PUBLIC HEALTH 1331-1334 ([2024](#)) (featured in the American Journal of Public Health Newsletter and on the cover of the issue)
3. Brooke DiPetrillo, Paris B Adkins-Jackson, **Ruqaiijah Yearby**, Crystal Dixon, Terri D. Pigott, Ryan J. Petteway, Ana LaBoy, Aliza Petiwala, and Margaret Leonard, *Characteristics of interventions that address racism in the United States and opportunities to integrate equity principles: a scoping review*, 13(1) BMC SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS 266-289 ([2024](#))
4. Marcella Alsan and **Ruqaiijah Yearby**, *Health Equity in the 2024 U.S. Presidential Election*, 391(15) NEW ENG. J. MED 1374-1377 ([2024](#))
5. Lindsay Wiley, **Ruqaiijah Yearby**, Brietta R. Clark, and Seema Mohapatra, *Introduction: What is Health Justice?*, 50(4) J. OF L. MED. & ETHICS 636-640 ([2023](#))
6. *The Social Determinants of Health, Health Disparities, and Health Justice*, 50(4) J. OF L. MED. & ETHICS 641-649 ([2023](#)) (lead article)
7. **Ruqaiijah Yearby**, Crystal Lewis, and Charysse Gibson, *Incorporating Structural Racism, Employment Discrimination, and Economic Inequities in the Social Determinants of Health framework to Understand Agricultural Worker Health Inequities*, 112(Supp. 1) AM. J. PUBLIC HEALTH S65-71 ([2023](#))
8. **Ruqaiijah Yearby**, Brietta R. Clark, and Jose F. Figueroa, *Structural Racism in Historical and Modern U.S. Health Care Policy*, 41(2) HEALTH AFFAIRS 187-194 ([2022](#))([In the top 5% of all research outputs ever tracked](#) by Altmetric), ([One of the top ten read articles of 2022 in HEALTH AFFAIRS](#)), ([podcast](#): One of the [top twelve podcasts](#) of 2022 in HEALTH AFFAIRS; cited in the CDC's report on [Combating Racism](#))
9. Kayte Spector-Bagdady, Holly Fernandez Lynch, Barbara Bierer, Luke Gelinias, Sara Chandros Hull, David Magnus, Michele Meyer, Richard Sharp, Jeremy Sugarman, Benjamin Wilfond, **Ruqaiijah Yearby**, and Seema Mohapatra, *Allocation of Opportunities to Participate in Clinical Trials during the Covid-19 Pandemic and Other Public Health Emergencies*, 52(1) HASTINGS CENTER REPORT 51-58 ([online](#) December 15, 2021)
10. Charlene Galarneau and **Ruqaiijah Yearby**, *Reinforcing Racial Hierarchies: Racism and Crisis Standards of Care in the COVID-19 Pandemic*, 14 ST. LOUIS. J. HEALTH LAW AND POLICY 211-249 (2021)
11. **Ruqaiijah Yearby** and Seema Mohapatra, *Systemic Racism, The Government's Pandemic Response, and Racial Inequities in COVID-19*, 70 EMORY LAW J. 1419-1473 (2021)(cited in Peter Coy, [The Legacy of the Lost Year Will Be Devastating Inequality](#), BLOOMBERG NEWS on Mar. 10, 2021)

12. Phillip Sloane, **Ruqaiijah Yearby**, R. Tamara Konetzka, Yue Li, Robert Espinoza, and Sheryl Zimmerman, *Addressing Systemic Racism in Nursing Homes: A Time for Action*, 22(4) JAMDA 886-892 (2021)(Cited in Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, [Proposed rule for minimum staffing standards for Long-Term Care Facilities and Medicaid Institutional Payment Transparency Reporting](#) (footnote #25), 2023)
13. *Employment Discrimination, Breastfeeding, and Health Justice*, 57 CALIFORNIA WESTERN L. REV. 279-289 (2021)
14. *Race Based Medicine, Color Blind Disease: How Racism in Medicine Harms Us All*, 21(2) AMERICAN J. OF BIOETHICS (AJOB) 19-27 ([online](#) Dec. 5, 2020; in print 2021)(On Oct. 23, 2023, listed as [one of the top two cited articles](#) in the last three years (2020-2023) in the AJOB)(cited in NANCY M.P. KING ET AL, BIOETHICS REENVISIONED, 1st ed, 2022)
15. *Lack of Enforcement, Political Influence, and Meat and Poultry Processing Workers' Disproportionate Rates of COVID-19 Infections and Deaths*, 35 ABA J. OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW 41-51 (2020)
16. Emily Benfer, Seema Mohapatra, Lindsay Wiley, and **Ruqaiijah Yearby**, *Health Justice Strategies to Combat the Pandemic: Eliminating Discrimination, Poverty, and Health Inequities During and After COVID-19*, 19 YALE J. HEALTH POLICY, LAW, AND ETHICS 125-171 (2020) (cited in Ed Young, [Where Year Two of the Pandemic Will Lead Us](#), THE ATLANTIC on Dec. 29, 2020)
17. *Structural Racism and Health Disparities: Reconfiguring the Social Determinants of Health Framework to Include the Root Cause*, 48 J. OF L. MED. & ETHICS 518-526 ([2020](#)) ([In the top 5% of all research outputs ever tracked](#) by Altmetric), (Framework featured in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' [Health Equity and Health Disparities Environmental Scan](#), and in a [brief by](#) AcademyHealth, the leading US health service research association; cited in ALLISON L ROWLAND, ET AL, eds, COVID AND ... HOW TO DO RHETORIC IN A PANDEMIC, Michigan State Univ. Press, 2023; AND BEVERLY MALONE, ET AL, SHAPING NURSING HEALTHCARE POLICY: A VIEW FROM INSIDE, ELSEVIER SCIENCE, 2022)
18. **Ruqaiijah Yearby** and Seema Mohapatra, *Law, Structural Racism, and the COVID-19 Pandemic*, 7 OXFORD J. OF LAW AND THE BIOSCIENCES 1-20 ([online](#) June 29, 2020) (Jan-June 2020) (cited in Llezlie L. Green, [Race and the Workplace](#), THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF THE LAW OF WORK, Oxford Univ. Press, 2024; Ed Young, [We're Already Barreling Toward the Next Pandemic](#), THE ATLANTIC, September 29, 2021; Brian Resnick, [Police Brutality is a public health crisis](#), VOX on Jun. 1, 2020; and in a [blog post](#) on the National Association of Local Boards of Health, Jan. 2021)
19. *Internalized Oppression: The Impact of Gender and Racial Bias in Employment on the Health Status of Women of Color*, 49 SETON HALL LAW REV. 1037-1066 (2019)
20. Nisha Malhorta, Ann Nevar, **Ruqaiijah Yearby**, Lawrence Klienman, and Sarah Ronis, *Medicaid's EPSDT Benefit: An Opportunity to Improve Pediatric Screening for Social Determinants of Health*, MED. CARE RES. AND REV. 1-26 (Sept. 2019)
21. *When Equal Pay is Not Enough: The Influence of Employment Discrimination on Health Disparities*, 134 PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS 447-450 (July/August 2019)

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Georgetown University Law Center and Urban Institute

Invited Speaker, March 21, 2025

ChangeLab Solutions

Invited Speaker, March 19, 2025

University of Buffalo

Buffalo, NY

Inclusive Excellence Symposium

Invited Keynote Speaker, February 28, 2025

Association of American Law Schools

Invited Speaker, January 9, 2025 – Panel topic: Impact of 2024 election on Health Equity

Invited Speaker, January 10, 2025 – “Expanding Policy Surveillance”

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Financialization in Healthcare Research Meeting

Invited Speaker, November 8, 2024

Structural Discrimination and Financialization”

American Public Health Association

Invited Speaker, October 29, 2024 - “Champion Conversation VIII: The Role of Law and the Courts on Improving the Health of the Public”

Invited Speaker, October 29, 2024 - “Collaborative for Antiracism and Equity Roundtable”

University of Minnesota, School of Public Health, Center for Antiracism Research for Health Equity

Minneapolis, MN

2024 Ignite the Spark National Convening

Invited Speaker, October 25, 2024

“Health Justice: Community Informed Research & Policy”

**Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health , Department of Health Policy and Management and
New England Journal of Medicine** **Boston, MA**
Invited Speaker, September 27, 2024
Panel title: “Healthcare Challenges for the Next U.S. President: Health Equity”

Fordham University and Local Solutions Support Center **New York, NY**
Research Gathering to Address Abusive Preemption
Planning Committee and Invited Moderator, September 17, 2024

UC San Francisco Law **San Francisco, CA**
Co-Planner and Moderator, Health Care Segregation: Exposing Modern Day Jim Crow
Symposium
Keynote Speaker, April 19, 2024
“Health Justice: Addressing Modern Day Health Care Segregation”

University of Maryland, School of Medicine **Baltimore, MD**
10th Annual Renée Royak-Schaler Lecture in Health Equity
Keynote Speaker, April 11, 2024
“Transforming Public Health to Achieve Health Justice”

Nationwide Children’s Hospital **Columbus, OH**
2024 Center for Child Health Equity and Outcomes Research Summit
Panel Speaker, April 3, 2024
Panel Title: “The State of Structural Racism and Health Research: Where Are We Now?”

The Ohio State University, Family and Community Medicine **Columbus, OH**
Weddington Lecture
Keynote Speaker, February 23, 2024
“Health Justice: Fulfilling the Promise of Medicine”

University of Minnesota, School of Public Health **Minneapolis, MN**
Health Policy Management Seminar Series
Invited Speaker, February 17, 2024
“Structural Discrimination, Health Inequities, and Health Justice”

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law **Chicago, IL**
Invited Speaker, January 17, 2024
Panel Title: “A Conversation on Racial Disparities”

American University Washington College of Law **Washington, DC**
Invited Speaker, November 16, 2023
Panel Title: “Genomics, AI, and the African Diaspora”

NYU Division of Medical Ethics, NYU Grossman School of Medicine
Invited Speaker, November 15, 2023
“Health Justice: Using Social Science to Eliminate Racism”

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities **Baltimore, MD**
Invited Speaker, October 12, 2023- “Using Disadvantage Indices to comply with the 14th
Amendment and the Civil Rights Act of 1964”
Invited Speaker, October 12, 2023 - “Disadvantage Indices, Discrimination, and Health Equity”

**Penn Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics and Health Affairs
Health Equity and the Role of Racism-Conscious Policymaking**

Invited Speaker, October 6, 2023

“Structural Racism, the Supreme Court, and Health Justice”

Health Affairs

Tackling Structural Racism in Health

Invited Speaker, October 3, 2023

“Structural Racism, Law, and Health Justice”

UC San Francisco Law

San Francisco, CA

Beyond Disparities: Advancing Health Care Reparations

Invited Speaker, September 22, 2023

“Structural Racism, the Healthcare System, and Health Justice”

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

The Impact of the Dobbs Decision Cancer Care-Webinar 2: Health System and Workforce Effects

Invited Speaker, July 24, 2023

“Pregnancy Discrimination, the Dobbs Decision, and Cancer Care”

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

Atlanta, GA

2023 Health Equity Summit

Invited Speaker, April 26, 2023

“Understanding Public Health Social Intersections to Advance Health Equity”

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

St. Louis, MO

Catalyze: A Race and Health Equity Summit

Invited Speaker, April 20, 2023

“Transforming Public Health to Achieve Health Justice”

University of Michigan School of Public Health

Ann Arbor, MI

36th Annual Health Equity Summit

Invited Keynote Speaker, April 1, 2023

“Policy and Practice: Reckoning with a health system that harms”

Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law and Indiana University School of Medicine

Indianapolis, IN

McDonald-Merrill-Ketcham Award Lecture

Awardee and Invited Speaker, February 24, 2023

“Structural Racism in Law and Medicine: The Root Cause of Health Inequities”

UCLA Law

Los Angeles, CA

Invited Speaker, February 10, 2023

“Pregnancy Discrimination and Reproductive Health Justice”

Association of American Law Schools

San Diego, CA

Invited Speaker, January 7, 2023

“Health Equity, Structural Racism, and Health Justice”

Alliance for Health Policy (A DC based nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping policymakers and the public better understand health policy)

Invited Speaker, December 9, 2022

Panel title: “Examining the Social Determinants of Health: Measures, Evidence, and Policy Solutions”

Health Impact Project (A collaboration of the RWJF and The Pew Charitable Trusts)

Invited Speaker, December 7, 2022

“Systemic Racism, the Social Determinants, and Racism as a Public Health Crisis Declarations ”

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and FXB Center for Health & Human Rights at Harvard University **Boston, MA**

Invited Speaker, November 3, 2022

Panel title: “A Toxic Legacy: How the History of Systemic Anti-Black Racism Shapes Health”

University of Michigan School of Public Health

Ann Arbor, MI

Invited Speaker, October 31, 2022

“Structural Racism and Health Disparities: Reconfiguring the Social Determinants of Health Framework to Include the Root Cause”

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and National Association of County & City Health Officials **Chicago, IL**

Public Health Law Practitioners Convening

Invited Speaker, August 18, 2022

Health Equity and Research in Practices - “Racism is a Public Health Crisis”

National Governors Association

Invited Participant, June 1, 2022

State Strategies to Address Wages for Direct Care Workers

ELSI Congress

5th Annual Conference: Innovating for a Just and Equitable Future

Invited Keynote Speaker, May 31, 2022 - “The Fallacy of Biological Race: Systemic Racism in Genomics”

Invited Keynote Speaker, June 3, 2022 – Closing Plenary Panel

American Health Lawyers Association

Invited Speaker, March 24, 2022

“COVID-19 Disproportionate Impact on Minority Populations: An Update”

George Washington University School of Law **Washington, DC**
2022 Health Law Symposium

Invited Speaker and Moderator, March 18, 2022

“Equality in Housing/Neighborhoods”

Association of American Law Schools

Invited Speaker, January 9, 2022 - “Justice and the Equitable Allocation of Covid-19 Vaccines”

Invited Speaker, January 7, 2022 - “Systemic Racism, Covid-19, and Racial Capitalism”

American Constitution Society

Invited Speaker, October 26, 2021

“Law, Health Disparities and Health Equity”

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities

Invited Speaker, October 16, 2021

“Pandemics, Structural Barriers, and Health Equity”

2021 Health Law Institute – Minnesota CLE

Invited Speaker, June 15, 2021

“Racial Ethnic Inequalities in Healthcare – What Every Health Lawyer and Healthcare Organization Needs to Understand”

Northeastern Law – Center for Health Policy and Law

American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics Annual Health Law Conference

Invited Speaker, June 7, 2021

“Are Cities and Counties Ready to Use Racial Equity Tools to Influence Policy?”

AcademyHealth

Invited Speaker, June 2, 2021

“Health Equity and COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution”

Boston University School of Law and Duke University

12th Annual Empirical Health Law Conference

Invited Speaker, May 28, 2021

“Using Racial Equity Tools to Address the Social Determinants of Health & Systemic Racism”

American Constitution Society

Invited Speaker, May 4, 2021

“Founding Failures: Reckoning with our Constitution’s Generational Impacts on Health and Well-Being”

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Center for Chronic Disease and Health Promotion

Invited Speaker, April 13, 2021

“Operationalizing Health Equity”

American Public Health Association – National Public Health Week

Invited Speaker, April 6, 2021

[“Gaps in Worker Protections that Increase Essential Workers’ Exposure to COVID-19”](#)

Kaiser Permanente

Invited Speaker, April 1, 2021

“Equity in Participation and the Benefits of Medical Research”

The American Journal of Bioethics

Invited Speaker, March 29, 2021

[“Reifying Racism in the COVID-19 Pandemic Response”](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Center for Chronic Disease and Health Promotion

Invited Speaker, March 24, 2021

“Racism, Health Equity and Health Justice”

University of Florence

Invited Speaker, March 23, 2021

“Race Based Medicine, Color Blind Disease: How Racism in Medicine Harms Us All”

University of Detroit Mercy Law

2021 Dewitt C. Holbrook Social Justice Lecture

Invited Speaker, March 22, 2021

“Systemic Racism, Health Inequities, and Health Justice”

Harvard Medical School Center for Bioethics, Organizational Ethics Consortium

Invited Discussant, March 19, 2021

“Securing Workers’ Health During COVID-19”

Center for Black Health & Equity

Invited Speaker, March 3, 2021

“Racism as a Public Health Emergency”

Texas Tech University

Invited Speaker, March 3, 2021

“Health Law and Racial Inequities in Health”

University of Arizona, College of Public Health

Invited Speaker, February 26, 2021

“Health Disparities, Racism, and Health Justice”

United States District Court for the Southern District Court of Florida

Invited Speaker, February 24, 2021

“Health Disparities, Structural Discrimination, and COVID-19”

University of Maryland Carey Law

Rothenberg Health Care Law & Policy Speaker Series

Invited Speaker, February 23, 2021

“[Now or Never: Eradicating Structural Racism in the Government’s Pandemic Response](#)”

**Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School
and the Solomon Center for Health Law and Policy at Yale Law School**

COVID-19 and the Law: Disruption, Impact, and Legacy Seminar Series

Invited Speaker, February 2, 2021

“[COVID-19 Health Inequities, the Social Determinants of Health, and Health Justice](#)”

PHI Michigan Direct Care Workforce Convening

Invited Speaker, February 2, 2021

“Structural Racism and Direct Care Workers”

Association of American Law Schools

Invited Speaker, January 9, 2021 - “Incorporating COVID-19 and the Socioeconomics of Race into Health Law Pedagogy”

Invited Speaker, January 6, 2021 - “How Structural Discrimination, Wealth Inequalities, and Lack of Access to Health Care Cause Health Disparities for Elderly Women of Color”

Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

Keynote Speaker, December 14, 2020

["Systemic Racism and the Government's Pandemic Response"](#)

PRIM&R Conference

Invited Speaker, December 9, 2020

"Applying the Justice Principle to Human Subjects Research"

ABA and German Marshall Fund Conference

Invited Speaker, December 9, 2020

"Systemic Racism, the Government's Pandemic Response, and Racial Inequities in COVID-19"

National Student Bioethics Association

Keynote Speaker, December 4, 2020

"Race Based Medicine, Colorblind Disease: How Racism in Medicine Harms Us All"

PHI New Jersey Direct Care Workforce Conference

Invited Speaker, November 10, 2020

"Direct Care Workers, Emergency Preparedness, and Disparities in COVID-19"

University of Iowa College of Law

Innovation, Business & Law Award (with Ana Santos Rutschman)

Awardee presentation, October 29, 2020

"Mapping Structural Racism in the Intellectual Property Ecosystem"

Washington and Lee University School of Law

Washington & Lee Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice Symposium

Invited Speaker, October 29, 2020

"Structural Racism, COVID-19, and Essential Workers"

American Bar Association – State and Local Government Meeting

Invited Speaker, October 28, 2020

"Direct Care Workers and Disparities in COVID-19"

American Public Health Association

Invited Speaker, October 26, 2020 - "COVID-19 legal briefings: A conversation with the experts"

Invited Speaker, October 26, 2020 - "Using disparities data to spur local policy change to improve social determinants of health"

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections (SACHRP)

Considerations of the Role of Justice as an Ethical Principle 45 CFR Part 46

Invited Speaker, October 20, 2020

"Applying the Justice Principle to Human Subjects Research"

(<https://videocast.nih.gov/watch=38837>, my presentation begins at 2:11:33)

Society for Bioethics and Humanities

Invited Speaker, October 17, 2020 - COVID-19 and inequities- Law and Bioethics Affinity Group Discussion

Invited Speaker, October 16, 2020 - "Whose Justice? Whose Flourishing? Diabetes and Race in Maryland"

Harvard Law School – Petrie Flom Center
Health Law Policy, Bioethics, and Biotechnology Workshop

Invited Speaker, October 13, 2020

“Health Justice Strategies to Combat the Pandemic: Eliminating Discrimination, Poverty, and Health Inequities During and After COVID-19”

American University Washington College of Law
Health Justice Engaging Critical Perspectives in Health Law and Policy Workshops and Conference

Presenter, October 2, 2020 – [Critical Perspectives in Health Law & Policy](#)

Moderator, August 14, 2020 – Just Distribution of Benefits and Burdens

Participant, July 29, 2020 – Valuing Human Dignity

Organizer and Moderator, July 10, 2020 – Empowering Communities

SMU Dedman School of Law

Invited Speaker, September 23, 2020

“Health Justice Strategies to Combat the Pandemic: Eliminating Discrimination, Poverty, and Health Inequities During and After COVID-19”

2020 Public Health Law Summit
Network for Public Health Law

Invited Speaker, September 17, 2020

“Protecting Workers that Provide Essential Services”

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8BYkBx4KDww>, my presentation begins at 30:08)

Georgia State University
Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics

Invited Speaker, September 9, 2020

“Structural Discrimination and Essential Workers”

(<https://ethics.gsu.edu/2020/08/26/health-care-access-and-the-2020-elections/>)

American Society of Bioethics

Invited Speaker, July 29, 2020

“Health Equity and Justice in the COVID-19 Pandemic”

American Journal of Bioethics

Invited Speaker, July 14, 2020

“Black Bioethics: Racism, Police Brutality, and What it Means for Black Health”

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2xOaLMYVRW8>)

George Washington University
Milken Institute School of Public Health

Invited Speaker, July 7, 2020

“Ethics & COVID-19: Ethnic and Racial Disparities”

(<https://publichealth.gwu.edu/research/policy-procedure-guidance#webinars>)

University of Virginia School of Law
The Equity Center

Charlottesville, VA

Invited Speaker, January 30-31, 2020

“Humanizing Equity: Moving Past Equality to Achieve Equity”

MEMBERSHIP

Greensboro Health Disparities Collaborative

Member, August 2022 – present

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities

Member, Policy Committee, August 2019 – August 2022

American Public Health Association, Aging & Public Health Section

Member, Policy Committee, February 2020 – March 2022

Abstract Reviewer, March 2020 – March 2021, March 2009 – October 2012

Website Editor, August 2010 – October 2012

- Editor of Aging & Public Health Section website and reviewer of abstracts for three annual conferences and created Aging & Public Health Section Facebook page

American Association of Law Schools

African Section

Executive Committee Member, January 2023 – present

Law, Medicine, and Health Care Section

Executive Committee Member, January 2021 – December 2022

Chair, January 2020 – December 2020

Chair-Elect, January 2019 – December 2019

Secretary, January 2018 – December 2018

- In collaboration with the Executive Board, instituted member of the month program and Junior Scholar Service Award

Generate Health STL

Member, Advocacy Advisory Committee, September 2019 – August 2021

- Reviewed and provided feedback regarding Advocacy Agenda
- Assisted in creating Health Equity Impact Report

Healthy Improvement Partnership – Cuyahoga County Health Department

[\(http://hipcuyahoga.org/\)](http://hipcuyahoga.org/)

Steering Committee Member, January 2017 – June 2018

Subcommittee Member, August 2014 – June 2018

- Participated in Eliminating Racism as a Social Determinant of Health Subcommittee meetings and assist in drafting partnership narrative

BAR ADMISSION

United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Supreme Court of Illinois (inactive)

District of Columbia Court of Appeals

Court of Appeals of Maryland