Diversity and Social Equity Lecture Series

Addressing the Role of Privilege in the Healthcare Delivery System

Professor Ruqaijah Yearby, J.D., M.P.H.

On Monday, September 23, 2019, the Diversity and Social Equity Committee, along with several other sponsors hosted a lecture series discussing Privilege and Discrimination in Healthcare with guest lecturer was Professor Ruqaijah Yearby from the School of Law. Professor Yearby is the co-founder of the Institute for Healing Justice and Co-Director of the Center for Policy and Equity. In her lecture, she provided data regarding the various levels of inequity in healthcare and how that inequity could affect the quality of care provided and how inequity affected the health of the individual provider. For example, racism has been shown to increase rates of obesity and binge drinking.

Over 50 guests were in attendance and those guests represented various levels within the School of Medicine: students, residents, faculty, staff, department chairs, and administrators. Feedback from the event was extremely positive and many requested that more events like it would be planned in the future.

Click here for the recorded lecture or visit: https://slu.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=1fc019c4-b324-44cf-9bf1-aad101715648
Professor Yearby gives her lecture on “Privilege and Discrimination in Healthcare”

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