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ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

ABOUT THE COBB INSTITUTE

The W. Montague Cobb/National Medical Association (NMA) Health Institute (The Cobb Institute), a 501(c)(3) in Washington, DC, engages in innovative research and knowledge dissemination for the reduction and elimination of racial and ethnic health disparities. Founded in 2004, the Institute is named in honor of the late William Montague Cobb M.D., Ph.D., LL.B., physician, anthropologist, distinguished professor of medicine and anatomy at the Howard University School of Medicine, and noted architect of the National Hospital Desegregation Movement. The Cobb Institute boasts an established journal, the *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, and regularly collaborates with public agencies, private entities, academic medical centers, and—equally important—communities. In close partnership with Morehouse School of Medicine



and the Association for Academic Minority Physicians (AAMP), the Institute also provides opportunities for early career doctorates to receive intensive mentoring and networking in the areas of research, policy and practice. With funding from governmental agencies such as the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as well as significant in-kind contributions, the Institute continues to cultivate a trusted and proven network of diverse stakeholders committed to solving racial inequities in health. Concerned with the social and environmental determinants of health, the institute benefits from a close relationship with the NMA Commission on Environmental Health.

ABOUT FLORIDA CLINICIANS FOR CLIMATE ACTION

The Florida Clinicians for Climate Action (FCCA) was formed in January of 2018 at the Florida Climate & Health Equity Symposium, which was a collaboration between the National Medical Association, the W. Montague Cobb/NMA Health Institute, the Florida State Medical Association and The Medical Society Consortium on Climate & Health. At the conclusion of the symposium, a group of about 30 physicians agreed to create Florida Clinicians for Climate Action and issued the Tampa Declaration on Climate & Health. In 2020, FCCA has grown to over 175 member clinicians, including

doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other valued health professionals who are concerned

about climate impacts among Floridians, especially vulnerable populations. FCCA engages Florida health professionals to learn about the health harms of climate change and advocate alongside communities for equitable solutions that protect human ecosystems and support a healthy and sustainable future.



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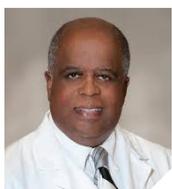
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LETTER FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Friends and Colleagues

On behalf of the W. Montague Cobb/NMA Health Institute (Cobb Institute), I welcome you to the Virtual 2021 Cobb/FCCA Climate, Health & Equity Symposium with hopeful anticipation for this convening, especially as we celebrate the three-year anniversary since the launch of the Florida Clinicians for Climate Action (FCCA) and their “Tampa Declaration on Climate and Health” in Greater Tampa. With the twin crises of the Coronavirus pandemic and social unrest due to violent anti-Black racism, strengthening our understanding of climate impacts and the role of the social and environmental determinants of health proves critical—the latter encompassing the heart of our work. The recent events in Texas due to extreme weather provide additional concerning confirmatory evidence for that need. Whether joining us for the first time or participating as a new colleague, you will benefit from tremendous knowledge and enthusiasm for action in support of climate justice and against the structural drivers of climate change.

We are also thrilled to feature the accomplished Professor Robert Bullard and “Father of Environmental Justice” who is a 2020 recipient of the prestigious UN Environment Programme (UNEP) Champion of the Earth - Lifetime Achievement Award, the UN’s highest environmental honor, recognizing outstanding leaders from government, civil society and the private sector. Professor Bullard is one of six laureates announced in December 2020, on the cusp of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021–2030. The Robert D. Bullard Center for Environmental and Climate Justice (CECJ) was also recently established at Texas Southern University in his honor. Now spanning 4 decades, Dr. Bullard’s dedication of effort

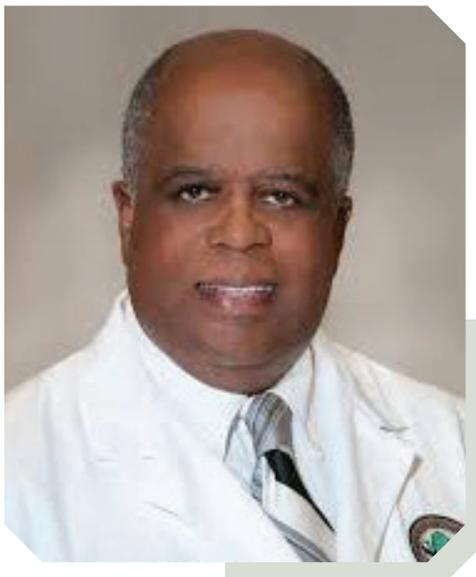
remains a relevant and central source that inspires the protection of human health and environmental public health among a broad range of constituents around the world.

The Lancet Countdown, which tracks progress on health and climate change and is led by its technical experts and 35 leading academic centers and UN agencies, suggests a need for continued leadership from the health profession in the area of environmental public health and climate justice, based on a variety of indicators. Spending on health system adaptation continues to increase, rising by 12.7% in 2019 to \$18.4 billion (indicator 2.4). As another example, original research on health and climate change has increased by a factor of eight in just more than 10 years (indicator 5.3). (See our Statement of Needs Assessment for a full listing of those indicators).

Our faculty, staff and network are committed to addressing pressing, timely themes related to health and health disparities, also providing health professionals and the general public with tools for coordinated action, including an Action Toolkit. Now especially, with the added public health and financial effects of COVID-19, health professionals alongside affected communities will be vital for supporting efforts to protect and rebuild local communities and to strengthen our system of hospitals and clinics and public health infrastructure. In addition, your combined efforts toward mitigating climate change are needed to start to reverse disruptive weather patterns such as extremes of heat or precipitation, tropical storms, and wildfires, as well as food and water insecurity and changing patterns of infectious disease.

Our goals for you as a symposium participant are two-fold:

- First, you will be equipped with actionable knowledge, tools, and community toward achieving *The Lancet's* “triple win” of improving public health, creating a sustainable economy and protecting the environment.
- Second, by participating, you will be compelled to drive urgent action in response to climate change and COVID-19 to help realize “cleaner skies, healthier diets, and safer places to live—as well as reduce the risk factors of future infectious diseases.”



We hope that this Symposium will serve as a hopeful backdrop for action against the tremendous loss of life observed this past year from Coronavirus and other troubling events due to systemic anti-Black racism.

Our thoughts also are with Texas and other states impacted by the recent winter storm, this catastrophic event further invigorating our work to decrease existing vulnerabilities to worsening climate extremes.

To learn about the Cobb Institute and the ways in which you can become involved with our various initiatives, you are also encouraged to visit www.thecobbinstitute.org. At this time, we offer programs and opportunities for a variety of categories, from externships for medical students through collaborative and transdisciplinary partnerships for senior leaders in health, medicine and research.

Thank you for accompanying us on this journey to impact climate change. In the spirit of friendship and fellowship, please enjoy your time with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randall C. Morgan Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Randall C. Morgan Jr., M.D., M.B.A., FACS, FAAOS
President and CEO
W. Montague Cobb/NMA Health Institute

STATEMENT OF CREDIT AND PURPOSE

OVERVIEW

This activity is designed to highlight the promise of climate action by health professionals on behalf of communities, in Florida and elsewhere, that are disproportionately impacted by climate change. Planned with leadership from the Florida Clinicians for Climate Action (FCCA), which was formed three years ago in partnership with the National Medical Association (NMA) Commission on Environmental Health and the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health (MSCCH), the Symposium features expert physician and non-physician speakers who will share their findings and recommendations toward eliminating climate-related health disparities with a focus on informing the public, physicians and policymakers about environmental public health and the impacts of climate change.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

This program is designed for health professionals, specifically physicians, nurses, health professionals-in-training, public policy advocates, legislators and others who have the potential to improve the health of vulnerable communities and populations disproportionately impacted by climate change. Participating healthcare providers will benefit from a seminar informed by leadership from the Cobb Institute, FCCA, NMA, as well as physicians, public health professionals and university faculty who are involved with research and policymaking. Findings and recommendations for clinical and public health practice will be a major component of this symposium. Practitioners

will additionally gain tools for improved clinical decision-making and partnership opportunities around the health impacts of climate change and with communities and populations that are disproportionately impacted.

FORMAT

Moderated panel discussions involving physician, health professionals, and climate change experts will be utilized in order to have a robust discussion around clinical and public health practices for populations and communities with health vulnerabilities related to climate change. The latest climate resilience and intervention strategies will be highlighted with a focus on the potential of climate action to impact relevant health outcomes. The intended goals of this seminar format are to facilitate collaborations for the elimination of climate-related health disparities and informed clinical and policy recommendations and statements for improved screening, diagnosis and treatment around the health impacts that are linked to climate change.

RESEARCH GOAL

Conduct ongoing assessment of participant knowledge and progress toward adopting and perpetuating practical use and practical knowledge and use of the most current and advanced clinical and public health practice available to lessen the climate change burden within the United States, in general, and among populations and communities that are disproportionately impacted, in particular.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION CREDIT

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the National Medical Association and the W. Montague Cobb/ NMA Health Institute in partnership with the Florida Clinicians for Climate Action. The National Medical Association is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The National Medical Association

is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The National Medical Association designates this educational activity for a maximum of 6 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of participation in the activity. The National Medical Association has reviewed and approved as an Authorized Provider by the International Association for Continuing Medical Education and Training (IACET), 8405 Greensboro Drive, Suite 800, McLean, VA 22102-5120. The NMA will award 5 hours of CEUs to participants who successfully complete the program.

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ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the symposium the participant should be able to:

1. Describe climate impacts as social determinants of health, and consider a variety of impacts of extreme heat on health from the perspective of physicians practicing within the areas of obstetrics, emergency medicine and psychiatry.
2. Share strategies at the intersection of COVID-19 and climate health, with a focus on the response of the federal government, and the potential role of oncology and pediatrics as well as infectious disease specialists.
3. Discuss the link between climate change, health and poverty.
4. Identify resources for career development in climate science and research.
5. Participate in solutions such as heat legislation and lawmaker education around climate change.

DISCLAIMER

All speakers participating in CME activities provided by the National Medical Association Department of Continuing Medical Education are required to disclose to the audience any relevant Financial Relationship in the past 24 months related to the content of their presentations. This program is open to general public and specifically designed for physicians, scientists, nurses, physician assistants, residents, fellows and other healthcare professionals interested in strengthening the voice of clinicians in national and state level discussions on climate and health as well as advocating for climate resilience especially on behalf of vulnerable communities that are disproportionately impacted.

STATEMENT OF NEEDS ASSESSMENT

“No country—whether rich or poor—is immune from the health impacts of climate change. Right now, people around the world face increasing extremes of heat, food and water insecurity, and changing patterns of infectious diseases. Unless urgent action is taken, the health impacts of climate change will bring further disruption, threaten lives and livelihoods and compromise the hospitals and clinics we depend on.”

- The *Lancet* Countdown

Deemed the “biggest global-health threat of the 21st century” by *The Lancet*, this statement from *The Lancet* Countdown underlines the widespread health and other challenges we face globally due to the broad-ranging impacts of climate change. In addition, climate change further worsens existing health vulnerabilities in communities of color and low-income communities globally, and as we have observed in the United States within the state of Florida and other Gulf Coast communities. The current COVID-19 pandemic further complicates that picture. Florida in particular faces more severe climate and health equity issues compared to most states as a result of complex factors longstanding and new, which should serve to inform efforts nationally.

Not only does Florida face the threat of climate change, COVID-19 compounds existing inequities and highlights how communities of color are uniquely at risk. Because of location and terrain, Florida receives more rain, hurricanes, sea-level rise, heat and humidity thereby leading to more flooding, molds, mosquitoes and water contamination. These include higher incidence and prevalence of heat-related deaths, allergies, infectious diseases, water and shellfish contamination, heart and

lung related illness and death, and emotional stress from these disruptions. Florida also recently hit the unfortunate landmark of over 1.8 million Coronavirus cases, and as expected, black and brown communities are seeing higher rates of infections and higher death rates.

As trusted health messengers who regularly interact with the general public and marginalized communities, clinicians have a role to play in advocating for an equitable transition to a clean-energy and healthy future. As we have seen with the successes of the Florida Clinicians for Climate Action (FCCA), physicians and health professionals represent a significant asset for informing the conversation and action around environmental climate change and the co-benefits of a healthier clean energy future. And involving those who serve predominantly minority and medically underserved communities in climate change solutions can increase responsiveness to climate justice and health equity concerns

Indeed, “aligning the global recovery from COVID-19 with our response to climate change offers a triple win: improve public health, create a sustainable economy, and protect the environment. (*The Lancet* Countdown 2020) As noted in the *The Lancet* Countdown, the COVID-19 pandemic and the wildfires and tropical storms associated with climate change observed this past year represent converging crises and share common drivers. The promising news is that acting on climate can lower pollution, improve air quality, encourage healthier diets, and create safer places to live—as well as reduce the risk factors of future infectious diseases.

But time is short. Failure to tackle these converging crises in tandem would move out of reach the world’s

1.5C target to limit temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius, thereby promising to damage the health of the world's 7.8 billion citizens in the short and long-term.

At this symposium, participants including clinicians and the general public will benefit from learning best practice around climate and health as informed by leadership from the Cobb Institute, FCCA and National Medical Association (NMA) Commission on Environmental Health, Union of Concerned Scientists, as well as additional invited expert speakers. They will also be equipped with an Action Toolkit for further engagement around solutions.

Our seminar format will facilitate education of physicians on the health effects of climate change, specifically impacts on communities of color, as well as potential actions for climate change mitigation and adaptation. More specifically, transfer of information on climate

change impacts on health disparities and health equity will support the following:

- application to practice,
- discussions with the public and policymakers, and
- involvement of low-income communities and communities of color in climate action efforts.

Ultimately over the course of the conference practitioners will gain tools for educating patients, the public and policymakers on actions that can be taken to address the negative health effects of climate-change. This process will involve discussion of the details learned and plans for incorporating that knowledge into their clinical practice or public health practice with added focus on identifying needed resources and support. Utilization of our Action Toolkit as well as informed strategies for policy advocacy and outreach to mainstream and ethnic media outlets will be offered.

PANEL 2: THE INDICATORS OF THE 2020 REPORT OF THE LANCET COUNTDOWN

Climate change impacts, exposures, and vulnerabilities

- 1.1. health and heat
 - 1.1.1: vulnerability to the extremes of heat
 - 1.1.2: exposure of vulnerable populations to heatwaves
 - 1.1.3: heat-related mortality
 - 1.1.4: change in labour capacity
- 1.2: health and extreme weather events
 - 1.2.1: wildfires
 - 1.2.2: flood and drought
 - 1.2.3: lethality of extreme weather events
- 1.3: climate-sensitive infectious diseases
 - 1.3.1: climate suitability for infectious disease transmission
 - 1.3.2: vulnerability to mosquito-borne diseases
- 1.4: food security and undernutrition

1.4.1: terrestrial food security and undernutrition

1.4.2: marine food security and undernutrition

1.5: migration, displacement, and rising sea levels

Adaptation, planning, and resilience for health

- 2.1: adaptation planning and assessment
 - 2.1.1. national adaptation plans for health
 - 2.1.2: national assessments of climate change impacts, vulnerability, and adaptation for health
 - 2.1.3: city-level climate change risk assessments
- 2.2: climate information services for health
- 2.3: adaptation delivery and implementation
 - 2.3.1: detection, preparedness, and response

to health emergencies

2.3.2: air conditioning: benefits and harms

2.3.3: urban green space

2.4: spending on adaptation for health and health-related activities

Mitigation actions and health co-benefits

3.1: energy system and health

3.1.1: carbon intensity of the energy system

3.1.2: coal phase-out

3.1.3: zero-carbon emission electricity

3.2: clean household energy

3.3: premature mortality from ambient air pollution by sector 3.4: sustainable and healthy transport

3.5: food, agriculture, and health

3.5.1: emissions from agricultural production and consumption

3.5.2: diet and health co-benefits

3.6: mitigation in the health-care sector

Economics and finance

4.1 the health and economic costs of climate change and benefits from mitigation

4.1.1: economic losses due to climate-

related extreme events

4.1.2: costs of heat-related mortality

4.1.3: loss of earnings from heat-related reduction in labour capacity

4.1.4: costs of the health impacts of air pollution

4.2: the economics of the transition to zero-carbon economies

4.2.1: investment in new coal capacity

4.2.2: investments in zero-carbon energy and energy efficiency

4.2.3: employment in low-carbon and high-carbon industries

4.2.4: funds divested from fossil fuels

4.2.5: net value of fossil fuel subsidies and carbon prices

Public and political engagement

5.1: media coverage of health and climate change

5.2: individual engagement in health and climate change

5.3: coverage of health and climate change in scientific journals 5-4: government engagement in health and climate change

5.5: corporate sector engagement in health and climate change

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:00 AM Welcome & Overview

Welcome

Randall C. Morgan, Jr., M.D., M.B.A., FACS,
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*95th President of the National Medical
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Cheryl Holder, M.D., FACP
*Co-Chair, Steering Committee – The Florida
Clinicians for Climate Action (FCCA)*

An Intro to Environmental Justice and Climate Change

Robert Bullard, Ph.D.

“Father of Environmental Justice”

2020 UN Environment Programme (UNEP)

Champion of the Earth - Lifetime Achievement Award

*Distinguished Professor of Urban Planning and
Environmental Policy*

*Former Dean of the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland
School of Public Affairs*

Texas Southern University

Climate Impacts in Florida

Katharine Mach, Ph.D.

*Associate Professor, Department of Marine
Ecosystems and Society*

*Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric
Science*

University of Miami

9:40 AM Extreme Heat: A Deadly Climate Risk

Moderator

Catherine Toms, M.D., M.P.H.

Steering Committee

Florida Clinicians for Climate Action (FCCA)

Pregnancy and Heat

Washington Hill, M.D., FACOG

Maternal-Fetal Medicine Specialist

Sarasota Memorial Hospital

Emergency Medicine and Heat

Armen Henderson, M.D., M.B.A.

Assistant Professor of Medicine

University of Miami

Mental Health and Heat

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Drew University

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Health Center, Inc.

Chairman of the Board of Directors, The Cobb

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10:30 AM 15-Minute Break

10:45 AM COVID-19, Equity & Environmental Justice

Moderator

Doris Browne, M.D., M.P.H.
 President & CEO
 Browne and Associates, LLC
 117th President of the NMA

What to Expect from the Federal Government

Mark Mitchell, M.D., M.P.H., FACPM
 Professor of Climate Change, Energy, and Environmental Health Equity
 George Mason University

Cancer and Environmental Health

Edith Mitchell, M.D., FACP, FCPP, FRCP (London)
 Clinical Professor of Medicine and Medical Oncology
 Director, Center to Eliminate Cancer Disparities
 Associate Director, Diversity Affairs
 Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson
 116th President of the NMA

Pediatrics and Environmental Health

Winston Price, M.D., FAAP, FACPE
 Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
 Chief Information & Technology Officer
 W. Montague Cobb/NMA Health Institute
 105th President of the NMA

COVID-19 and Climate Change

Virginia Caine, M.D.
 Associate Professor of Medicine, Indiana University School of Medicine
 Director, Marion County Public Health Department

12:00 PM Career Development in Science & Research

Moderator

Cedric Bright, M.D.
 Associate Dean for Admissions
 Interim Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion
 Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University
 112th President of the NMA

Medical Student Research Project

Miranda Ricart and Samantha Rodriguez,
 M.D. Candidates
 Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine
 Florida International University (FIU)

The Cobb Scholars & Research Opportunities in Environmental Health & Justice

Randall C. Morgan, Jr., M.D., M.B.A., FACS, FAAOS
 President and CEO, The Cobb Institute
 95th President of the NMA

Cobb Scholars Research Project on the Environmental Health Equity Implications of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Maisha Standifer, Ph.D., M.P.H.
 Director of Health Policy
 Satcher Health Leadership Institute
 Morehouse School of Medicine

1:00 PM Focus on Solutions

Moderator

Melissa Baldwin
 Director, Florida Clinicians for Climate Action

Heat Stress Protection Legislation

Oscar Londoño, J.D.
 Executive Director, We Count

Lawmaker Meeting Training

Alicia Race, M.A.
 Outreach Coordinator, Union of Concerned Scientists

2:00 PM Closing: TEDMED Viewing

Watch TEDMED.com talk-
 The link between climate change,
 health and poverty

Cheryl Holder, M.D., FACP
 Co-Chair, Steering Committee – The Florida Clinicians for Climate Action (FCCA)

2:30 PM Optional Networking Event for the Florida State Medical Association

FACULTY BIOGRAPHIES

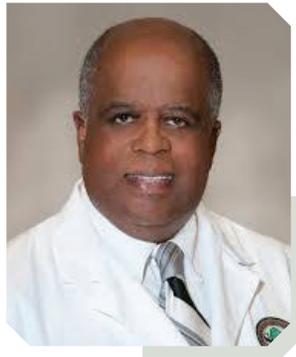
SYMPOSIUM CO-CHAIR:

Randall Morgan

President and CEO of the W. Montague Cobb/NMA Health Institute, 95th President of the National Medical Association (NMA)

Randall C. Morgan, Jr., M.D., M.B.A., FACS, FAAOS is President and CEO of the W. Montague Cobb/NMA Health Institute, which launched and hosts the *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*.

In addition to bringing together a staff of scholars and research specialists who are concerned with identifying solutions for racial and ethnic disparities in health and healthcare, the Institute also supports the development of early-career faculty and investigators from groups underrepresented in science and medicine through its Cobb Scholars Program. For the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM), he Co-Chairs the Committee on Mentoring and Advising for the Roundtable on Black Men and Black Women in Science, Engineering, and Medicine. An actively practicing orthopedic surgeon, he serves as founder and President of University Park Orthopedics in in Sarasota and Bradenton, Florida. He is also Clinical Associate Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at Florida State School of Medicine and is also a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Community Medicine at the University of Connecticut.



He was the first board-certified orthopedic surgeon to hold that position. A true pioneer in his profession, Dr. Morgan was among the first surgeons to perform total joint replacement surgery at Northwestern University. Prior to his relocation to Sarasota, Dr. Morgan practiced general orthopedic surgery and pediatric orthopedics in Evanston, Illinois, and as well in his hometown of Gary, Indiana, for more than 30 years. With the assistance of his father, Mr. Randall C. Morgan, Sr., he founded the Orthopedic Centers of Northwest Indiana and served as its president from 1975 to 1999. At one time, this was the largest minority-owned orthopedic practice in the United States. He is a Diplomat of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery and the American Board of Managed Care Medicine, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and a member of Alpha Omega Alpha honorary medical society. A graduate of Grinnell College with a B.A. in Chemistry and the Howard University College of Medicine, he completed an Orthopedic Surgery Residency at Northwestern University and a Pediatric Orthopedic Fellowship at Children's Hospital in Cincinnati. He later received an MBA from the University of South Florida. Dr. Morgan served as the 95th President of the National Medical Association (NMA) during the years 1996 and 1997.

SYMPOSIUM CO-CHAIR:

Cheryl Holder

Co-Chair; Interim Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity, and Community Initiatives; and Associate Professor - University of Miami Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine

Cheryl Holder, M.D., FACP, is Co-Chair of Florida Clinicians for Climate Action, where she works to increase climate literacy and enhance awareness of the impact of climate change on



vulnerable populations. Dr. Holder is board-certified in Internal Medicine and has dedicated her medical career to serving underserved populations. As President of the Florida State Medical Association—which is the state affiliate of the National Medical Association—Dr. Holder works with nine local Florida Medical Societies to address health disparities and increase the viability of African American physicians. Since 2009, Dr. Holder has served as a faculty member at Florida International University (FIU) Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine. Her focus is on teaching medical students about working in underserved communities and promoting diversity in the health professions through pipeline programs.

Dr. Holder's work also assesses the impact of social determinants of overall health on health outcomes. Dr. Holder is the recipient of: 2016 FIU Medallion Cal Kovens Distinguished Community Service Award; 2017 Faculty Convocation Award in Service, and 2019 Tow Humanism in Medicine Award.

FEATURED SPEAKER:

Robert Bullard

Robert D. Bullard, Ph.D. is widely known as the father of environmental justice. At Texas Southern University (TSU) he is a Distinguished Professor of Urban Planning and



Environmental Policy and the former Dean of the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs. Prior to coming to TSU, he was founding Director of the Environmental Justice Resource Center at Clark Atlanta University. His book, *Dumping in Dixie: Race, Class and Environmental Quality*, is a standard text in the environmental justice field, and he is the author of 18 additional books addressing sustainable development, environmental racism, urban land use, industrial facility siting, community reinvestment, housing, transportation, climate justice, disasters, emergency response, and community resilience, smart growth, and regional equity. Additionally, As Co-founder of the [HBCU Climate Change Consortium](#), he raises awareness about the disproportionate impact of climate change on marginalized communities and works to develop from historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) student leaders, scientists and advocates on issues related to environmental and climate justice policies, community resilience, adaptation and other major climate change topics. Recently the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) honored him with its [Champions of the Earth Lifetime Achievement Award](#), the UN's highest environmental honor, recognizing outstanding leaders from government, civil society and the private sector whose actions have a transformative impact on the environment. His influence on environmental justice and climate change has also been additionally acknowledged with a *WebMD Health Heroes Trailblazer Award*, *Apolitical* 100 Most Influential People in Climate Policy, Washington State University William Julius Wilson Award for the Advancement of Justice, Climate One Stephen H. Schneider Award for Outstanding Climate Science Communication, Global Climate Action Summit's 22 Climate Trailblazers, Children Environmental Health Network's Child Health Advocate Award, Iowa State University Alumni Association's Alumni Merit Award recipient—an award also given to George Washington Carver (1894 ISU alum) in 1937, a new Sierra Club Environmental Justice Award named after him, Sierra Club's John Muir Award—the first African American to win the

award, *The Griot's 100 Black History Makers in the Making*,” *Planet Harmony's Ten African American Green Heroes*,” *Newsweek's 13 Environmental Leaders of the Century*, CNN's People You Should Know, “Bullard: Green Issue is Black and White”; and by Co-op America Building Economic Alternatives Award (BEA). He received his Ph.D. degree from Iowa State University. He is also a proud U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

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Melissa Baldwin

Melissa Baldwin is the Director of Florida Clinicians for Climate Action. Melissa has worked on climate change issues in Florida for over 15 years, with experience advocating for local, state, and



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Medicine. He was previously Associate Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine and Community and Family Medicine at Duke University and a staff physician at the VA Medical Center in Durham. Dr. Bright also served on the North Carolina Medical Society Patient Safety Taskforce; chaired the board of directors at the Lincoln Community Health Center; has spoken about health disparities before the Congressional Black Caucus; was a medical ambassador to Ghana; and has served as a mentor for the Student National Medical Association. He is graduate of the UNC-Chapel Hill School Of Medicine and Brown University. He is the 112th President of the NMA.

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WeCount! builds the power and leadership of its members to win fair jobs and papers for all. As a movement lawyer and organizer, Oscar's work focuses on challenging labor exploitation and abuses in Florida's low-wage immigrant-dense industries. Oscar's work includes supporting low-wage workers and their campaigns to win labor protections around wage theft, discrimination, health and safety, and heat stress. Born and raised in Miami, Oscar received his J.D. from New York University School of Law, where he was a Root-Tilden-Kern Public Interest Scholar and Derrick Bell Scholar for Public Service. He received his B.A. in Sociology, *summa cum laude*, from Cornell University.

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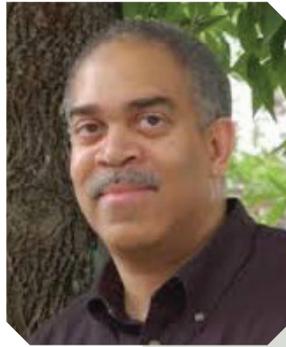
Director of Diversity Programs for the Kimmel Cancer Center, and Director of the Center to Eliminate Cancer Disparities for the Kimmel Cancer Center. Mitchell has spent her career helping individuals in medically underserved areas. She conducts research on minority participation in clinical trials and barriers to accrual, including ethnic and socioeconomic factors. Her research in breast, colorectal, and pancreatic cancers and other gastrointestinal malignancies involves new drug evaluation and chemotherapy, development of new therapeutic regimens, chemoradiation strategies for combined modality therapy, patient selection criteria, and supportive care for patients with gastrointestinal cancer.

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Winston Price

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Maisha Standifer

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empower disenfranchised populations to make healthy informed decision-making life choices. Dr. Standifer continues to administer, develop and conduct studies and evidence-based prevention initiatives that effectively implement targeted strategies to reduce social determinants within vulnerable populations throughout the Diaspora. Dr. Standifer received her Bachelor's degree at Spelman College, her Master of Public Health from Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, and a doctorate in Applied Anthropology with a concentration in Medical Anthropology from the University of South Florida.

Catherine Toms

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TAMPA DECLARATION ON CLIMATE AND HEALTH

At the Climate and Health Equity Symposium sponsored by the W. Montague Cobb/NMA Health Institute, National Medical Association, the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health, and Physicians for Social Responsibility-Florida, on January 27, 2018, in Wesley Chapel, Florida, members of health professional organizations, hospitals, public health organizations and health systems convened to discuss the health impacts of climate change in Florida. The physicians formed a new group, Florida Clinicians for Climate Action, in response to what health professionals are experiencing in patient care settings throughout Florida.

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We are forming Florida Clinicians for Climate Action and issue this statement due to concerns about what we are experiencing in patient care. As Florida clinicians, we know:

- Human influence on the climate is clear
- Climate change is real
- It is already affecting the health and lives of Floridians, and these impacts will increase in the future
- The State of Florida is vulnerable already to the effects of climate change including: excessive heatwaves; sea level rise; frequent, more severe hurricanes; and insect vectors spreading diseases such as the Zika virus.
- It is imperative that Floridians take steps to reduce heat-trapping pollution in order to shift to a healthy, sustainable future with a stable climate.

As leading healthcare providers, professionals and organizations, we know that the health impacts of climate change, such as heat stroke, severe weather injuries, and increased asthma and allergies, will continue to rise if we don't take action. The burden will fall on the most vulnerable, such as the elderly, children, and pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions and those with fewer resources. Ironically the people who are most economically vulnerable have typically contributed the least to greenhouse gas emissions.

According to a prestigious medical journal, *The Lancet*, climate change is the greatest global health threat of the 21st century. Its 2017 report recognizes that Florida has taken great steps in strengthening its infrastructure to make it more climate-resilient, which resulted in less damage than expected from Hurricane Irma. However, there remains much to be done to address the impacts of climate change, including its health effects.

We must prevent more catastrophic health effects, including infections from water- and foodborne agents or insect vectors; exacerbation of cardiac and respiratory conditions from heat or poor-quality air; and psychological dysfunction from loss of property or social networks.

What is good for the climate is good for health. By decreasing greenhouse gases through clean energy solutions such as energy efficiency, wind and solar energy, we can address the causes of climate change and generate health benefits for Florida residents and people who live in other states.

Given the gravity and urgency of the situation—and the opportunity to promote public health by addressing climate change—we call on our colleagues in public health organizations, health professional associations, hospitals, and health systems to act in concert with the 2011 Durban (South Africa) Declaration on Climate and Health and endorse this Call to Action.

We commit that we will:

1. **Provide Leadership:** As representatives of our organizations, we will drive the agenda for climate and health, promoting this Call to Action throughout Florida.
2. **Engage and Inform:** We will engage and inform our constituencies of doctors, nurses, public health workers, hospitals, health systems and health policymakers about the health risks from climate change, and the health benefits of climate action. As health professionals, we will also serve as messengers to our patients, our communities and our governments about the major health impacts of climate change and the steps they can take to both limit their impact and to prevent the problem from worsening.
3. **Mitigate:** We will lead by example and reduce the carbon footprint of our own institutions, practices, and activities. We will strive to make our hospitals greener and

healthier by reducing waste and investing in energy efficiency and clean energy while promoting sustainable transport and resource consumption. By doing so, we commit to demonstrating how our societies can move toward carbon neutrality.

4. **Adapt:** We will strive to make our health systems more resilient and capable of withstanding and responding to the human toll of natural disasters and the shifting burden of disease.
5. **Advocate Locally and Statewide:** We will work within our communities and throughout Florida to advocate for emissions reductions and/or low-carbon development strategies that promote both a healthy climate and public health. We will call for solutions that reduce the local health impacts of fossil fuels; solutions that foster clean energy and social justice; and solutions that save lives and money while protecting public health from climate change.

In furtherance of these goals, we hereby establish the Florida Clinicians for Climate Action and pledge to work with like-minded organizations to advocate to preserve and improve the health of all Floridians who are likely to be negatively impacted by climate change, especially vulnerable populations and communities.



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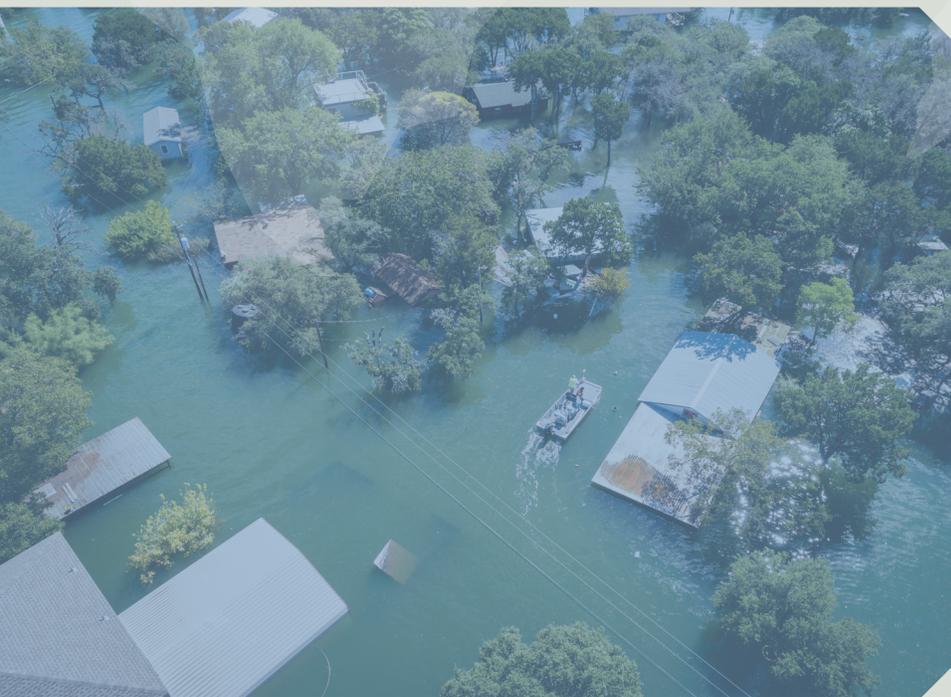
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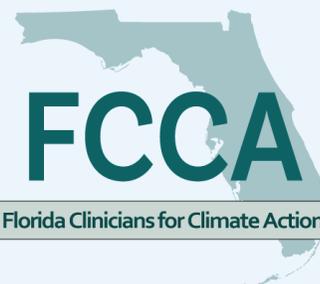


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