



Please join us for the virtual Elizabeth Kirk Rose, M'26, INT'30 Women in Medicine Celebration honoring:

Marie A. Bernard, M'76

Dana Beyer, M'78

Carmen E. Guerra, GM'06

ELIZABETH KIRK ROSE, M'26, INT'30

WOMEN IN MEDICINE

CELEBRATION

Thursday, February 4, 2021 | 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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Virtual Event

Register and submit a question

You are encouraged to contribute to the discussion by submitting a question when you register!

Honoring

Marie A. Bernard, M'76

Deputy Director of the National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health



Marie A. Bernard, MD, serves as Deputy Director of the National Institute on Aging (NIA) at the National Institutes of Health. As NIA's senior geriatrician, she is the principal advisor to the NIA director. She additionally serves as the acting NIH Chief Officer for Scientific Workforce Diversity. For the Department of Health and Human Services, she has co-chaired two Healthy People 2020/2030 objectives: 1) Older Adults and 2) Dementias, including Alzheimer's Disease. Within NIH she co-chairs the Inclusion Governance Committee that oversees inclusion in clinical research by sex/gender, race/ethnicity, and age-inclusive of pediatric and older adult subjects. She chairs the Women of Color Committee of the NIH Working Group on Women in Biomedical Careers. She also serves on the Diversity Working Group and was a founding member of the NIH Equity Committee. She has been recognized for her leadership by receipt of the Clark Tibbitts Award from the Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education (2013), the Donald P. Kent Award from the Gerontological Society of America (2014), and NIH Director's Awards in 2018 and 2019. She is the 2020 recipient of the NIH Director's Award for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.

Until October 2008 she was the endowed professor and founding chairman of the Donald W. Reynolds Department of Geriatric Medicine at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and Associate Chief of Staff for Geriatrics and Extended Care at the Oklahoma City Veterans Affairs Medical Center. She has held numerous national leadership roles, including serving on the National Institute on Aging Advisory Council, during which she chaired the Council's Task Force on Minority Aging Research; chair of the Clinical Medicine Section of the Gerontological Society of America; chair of the Department of Veterans Affairs National Research Advisory Committee; board member of the American Geriatrics Society; president of the Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education; and president of the Association of Directors of Geriatric Academic Programs. She has lectured and published widely in her area of research, nutrition, and function in older populations with special focus on underrepresented minorities, as well as related to geriatric education.

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

Dana Beyer, M'78

Former Executive Director of Gender Rights Maryland



Dana Beyer, MD, is a retired eye surgeon who served for eight years as Executive Director of Gender Rights Maryland, the state's trans political organization, which worked the Maryland gender identity bill to passage in 2014. She served a term as a senior adviser for Councilmember Trachtenberg on the Montgomery County Council. She was the long-time chair of the national advisory board of Freedom to Work and wrote a weekly column for the Huffington Post from 2012 - 2018. She has served on the Rules Committee of the national Democratic Party and has twice run for state delegate and twice for state Senate in Maryland's District 18. She was inducted into the Montgomery County Human Rights Hall of Fame in 2014 and served on the county's Committee on Hate/Violence from 2015 - 2018.

She has been an advocate on public health issues, including research on the effects of DES and endocrine disruptors on human sexuality and reproduction, and was lead staffer passing the first county-wide ban of artificial trans fats in the U.S., helping to lead to the disappearance of trans fats from the national marketplace. She has been VP of Equality Maryland and Maryland NOW, a Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Governor, a board member of Mobile Med and the National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE), Vice Chair of the Civil Rights Coalition of Maryland, a member of the Maryland NARAL board, and a member of the President's Council of Cornell Women. She served nine years on the board of Keshet, the national Jewish LGBT organization, ten years on the steering committee of Progressive Neighbors, Montgomery County's leading progressive advocacy organization, and is currently a director on the national board of A Wider Bridge, building relationships among the Jewish LGBT communities here and abroad.

In 2009, she helped organize and co-authored The Dallas Principles. She led the coalitions that passed the Baltimore, Howard, and Montgomery County gender identity anti-discrimination laws, and successfully defended the Montgomery County law against the first national right-wing "bathroom bill" attack in 2008. She was a member of the workgroup at the Washington Psychiatric Society that wrote the Gender Dysphoria text for the DSM 5 and the ICD-11 of the World Health Organization (WHO), declassifying being transgender as a mental disorder. She was the first out trans graduate of the Senior Executive Program in State and Local Government at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government in 2008.

She was Regional Advocacy Chair from 2015 - 2018 for J Street, the pro-Israel, pro-peace, pro-two-state-solution national advocacy group, and also serves on its national Finance Committee. She works in the field of venture capital and the start-up economy while in retirement.

She is a proud mother of two sons and grandmother of two very cute young granddaughters.

Carmen E. Guerra, GM'06

Ruth C. and Raymond G. Perelman Associate Professor

Vice Chair of Diversity and Inclusion in the Department of Medicine Associate Director of Diversity and Outreach, Abramson Cancer Center

Advisory Dean of Students for the Dr. Helen O. Dickens House, Perelman School of Medicine



Carmen E. Guerra, MD, MSCE, FACP, is the Ruth C. and Raymond G. Perelman Associate Professor. She is also the Vice Chair of Diversity and Inclusion in the Department of Medicine and Associate Director of Diversity and Outreach at the Abramson Cancer Center at the Perelman School of Medicine. She also serves as the Advisory Dean of students for the Dr. Helen O. Dickens House at the Perelman School of Medicine. Her research is supported by the National Institutes of Health and foundations and focuses on better understanding and eliminating access to cancer screening, prevention, and clinical treatment trials for underserved populations. She is the founding co-director of the Penn Medicine Colorectal Cancer Screening Navigation Program and the Penn Breast Health Initiative/Healthy Woman Program, programs that have improved access to cancer screening tests for thousands of underserved patients in the Philadelphia region.

She serves as the Board Scientific Officer for the American Cancer Society's National Board of Directors. For her work to help underserved patients, she received the prestigious St. George National Award from the American Cancer Society in 2017 and the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Patient Advocate Award in 2018.

She has brought local and national media attention to the exacerbation of health disparities by COVID-19. She testified at a Pennsylvania Senate Hearing on COVID-19 disparities in Black communities and proposed strategies to state senators and their teams for reducing COVID-19 racial disparities.

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