

## Lisa Ramos

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Dear Mrs. Ramos,

Again, I must apologize for missing the deadline, due to other commitments. I am hoping that it is not too late to submit Dr. Riddle-Jones. If so, would you hold for next year? BTW, she is also a SEEN Magazine "Changemakers" Finalist in the Medicine category and an HOUR Magazine Top Doc - Internal medicine.

Sincerely,  
Melanie Hanna-Johnson

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Reminder. Deadline October 31.

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Hi Dr. Riddle-Jones.

Just wanted to remind you that the deadline for this nomination is October 31.

Lisa

## Bio for Dr. Latonya Riddle-Jones, MD

Dr. Riddle-Jones is an Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at Wayne State University School of Medicine. She knew that medicine was her calling at a young age due to early interactions with the healthcare system and the care of her younger brother. Growing up in Inkster, Michigan, her brother was taken to a community hospital that could not meet her brothers' emergent medical needs, and he had to be airlifted to a major academic hospital 30 minutes away. She observed the care of children with multiple medical needs from the outpatient clinical setting to the intensive care units by the age of 7. She also observed a severe lack of diversity in the healthcare staff, especially the medical students, residents, and physicians, which has greatly influenced her current work.

Her studies in Chemical Engineering at Michigan State University, Human Medicine at Wayne State University School of Medicine, and current studies in Epidemiology at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health have and continue to equip her with the tools needed to approach healthcare in the 21st century. Dr. Riddle-Jones has also completed the Leadership in Health Policy Program certification with the Society of General Internal Medicine (LEAHP).

She is focused on using and teaching health systems science to medical students and residents to empower a new generation of physicians and clinical leaders to tackle Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) to improve the overall health of our nation. In addition to being an Assistant Professor at Wayne State University School of Medicine, she is the medical director of Corktown Health Center, Michigan's first LGBTQ focused health center.

"Being the medical director for Corktown Health Center is the culmination of everything I have worked to achieve... An ideal healthcare center where everyone is served, equally."

Her primary clinical and research interests are in preventative health, health equity and health literacy in education. She has developed curriculum for medical students and residents in teaching how the social determinants of health effect outcomes, more than direct interventions from clinicians. She serves as associate director of the Tri-County Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) which provides free and low cost screening, diagnostic, and access to treatment services for breast, cervical, and colon cancer. These programs, along with smoking cessation and lung cancer screening programs, are available at Corktown Health Center. She also serves as the Vice-chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee for the Department of Internal Medicine at WSU.

She is a proud wife, and mother of two. She loves seeing patients in clinic, and her goal is to keep patients out of the hospital by staying on top of their preventative health needs mind, body and spirit.

Date of Preparation: 09/20/2019

# Latonya Riddle-Jones, MD

## Clinician Educator

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### EDUCATION

Harvard T. Chan School of Public Health  
Boston, MA  
Master of Public Health, Epidemiology  
Anticipated graduation May 28, 2020  
06/2018 - Present

Wayne State University School of Medicine  
Detroit, MI  
Doctor of Medicine  
08/2002 - 06/2008

Michigan State University - School of Engineering  
East Lansing, MI  
Bachelors of Science, Chemical Engineering with Biochemical Option  
08/1997 - 05/2002

Cranbrook Kingswood Middle and Upper School  
Bloomfield Hills, MI  
High School Diploma  
09/1991 - 06/1997

### POSTGRADUATE TRAINING

Midwest Fellowship for Primary Care Champions Fellowship  
One-year fellowship in health care transformation, and special topics: opiates, depression,  
And childhood obesity  
University of Illinois - Chicago - HRSA  
01/2019 - present

HIV Clinician Scholars Program  
Midwest AIDS Training & Education Center (MATEC)  
One-year HIV training and certification program for primary care providers  
Wayne State University/ Detroit, MI  
09/2018 - 09/2019

AAMC Minority Faculty Development Seminar  
Phoenix, AZ  
09/ 2018

Leadership in Health Policy Fellowship (LEAHP)  
National 1-year long Health Policy Leadership development program focused on health policy  
knowledge and advocacy skills via Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM)  
Washington, DC  
04/2018 - 05/2019

Stanford Medical Education Teaching Program  
2014

Combined Residency, Department of Internal Medicine & Department of Pediatrics 07/2008 –  
09/2012 Wayne State University Detroit Medical Center, Detroit, MI

### **FACULTY APPOINTMENTS**

Assistant Professor, Adjunct 01/2019 - present  
Michigan State University, School of Nursing, E. Lansing, MI

Assistant Professor, Department of Internal Medicine 04/2015 - present  
Division of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics  
Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, MI

Adjunct Clinical Instructor, Department of Internal Medicine 05/2013 - present  
University of Michigan School of Medicine, Ann Arbor, MI

### **HOSPITAL OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

Vice-Chair, Diversity & Inclusion 11/2018 - present  
Department of Internal Medicine, Wayne State University School of Medicine

Medical Director, Corktown Health Center 08/2017 - present  
LGBTQ+ Focused Health Center (Collaborative with Wayne State University)

Associate Medical Director, Tri-County BCCCP 10/2015 - present  
Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program  
Karmanos Cancer Institute  
Providing Breast, Cervical, and Colon Cancer screening for uninsured & underinsured women  
aged 40-65 in S.E. Michigan, funded by Michigan Department of Health & Human Services & CDC

Physician, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics 09/2014 - present  
Wayne State University Physicians Group- University Pediatrics

The Detroit Medical Center 09/2014 - present

Children's Hospital of MI  
Detroit Receiving Hospital  
Harper University Hospital  
Hutzel Women's Hospital  
Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital

St. Joseph Mercy - Ann Arbor 11/2012 - present

Physician, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics 11/2012 - 08/2014  
Haab Neighborhood Family Health Center  
St. Joseph Mercy Health System, Ann Arbor, MI

## MAJOR PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Gold Humanism Honor Society	02/2018 - present
Academic Pediatrics Association Member	02/2011 - present
American Academy of Pediatrics Member	07/2008 - present
American College of Physicians	07/2008 - present
Michigan State Medical Society Member	07/2008 - present
Wayne County Medical Society Member	07/2008 - present
Detroit Medical Society	07/2003 - present
American Medical Association Member	07/2002 - present

## BOARD CERTIFICATION

American Board of Pediatrics - Board Eligible	12/2019
American Board of Internal Medicine - Board Eligible	12/2020

## MEDICAL LICENSURE

State of Michigan Medical License #4301092759	08/08/2012 - 01/31/2021
State of Michigan Controlled Substance License #5315057282	08/08/2012 - 01/31/2021
Basic Life Support	Certified through 5/2020
USMLE Series	Passed/Completed 2010

## Certification

Michigan Caries Prevention Program	08/2016
Altrium Institute University of Michigan School of Dentistry Michigan Department of Health and Human Services - Certified Physician	
MIAAP Childhood Obesity Screening & Treatment Training (COSTT) Certified Physician	04/2013

## HONORS/AWARDS

Med-Peds Faculty - Trailblazer Award	06/2019
Med-Peds Faculty - Most Compassionate Attending Award	06/2019
Leadership in Health Policy Fellow (LEAHP) National 1-year long Health Policy Leadership development program focused on health policy knowledge and advocacy skills via Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM)	04/2018 - 05/2019
Gold Humanism Honor Society Wayne State University School of Medicine	2018
Faculty Teaching Award - Internal Medicine and Pediatrics Awarded annually to faculty by residents of combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics Department	2016, 2015
Medical Education Research Scholars Program (MERSP) Scholars 12-month program in which 8 faculty members are chosen to learn about and develop medical education research to faculty of Wayne State University School of Medicine with \$10,000 grant given to designated faculty department.	2014

<b>Resident of the Year Award</b>	2012
Selected by the combined Medicine-Pediatrics residents in recognition of excellence as a Med-Peds senior by exhibiting humanism, professionalism and service.	
<b>Community Service Resident of the Year</b>	2011
Detroit Medical Center Wayne State University Internal Medicine Pediatrics Residency Program	
<b>Black Medical Association Scholar</b>	2006
Selected by the members of the BMA in recognition of exceptional leadership, service and mentorship	
<b>SERVICE</b>	
<b>Wayne State University</b>	
PM&R Chair Search Committee	
Breast Cancer PSA Radio Ad – 92.3FM Karmanos Cancer Institute/Sista Strut	01/2019 - present
WSU Medical Student Research Symposium Judge	06/2018 – 08/2018
Student Senate Representative	2019, 2018, 2017
Reach Out to Youth Coordinator	05/2007 – 06/2008
Black Medical Association (SNMA) – Vice President	08/2006 – 02/2007
Project Medical Education - Southeast Michigan Center for Medical Education	07/2003 – 06/2005
Meetings with State of Michigan legislators discuss implications of state government decisions on undergraduate and graduate medical education	04/2005 & 04/2007
Each One Teach One – Young Doctors of Detroit	
Medical Political Action Committee (MPAC)	04/2006
	07/2002 – 06/2008
<b>Professional</b>	
Southeast MI Center for Medical Education	
Wayne County Medical Society – Michigan State Medical Society AMA Delegate	09/2019 - present
Clinical and Quality Improvement Committee – Detroit Medical Center – DRH	09/2016 – present
09/2014 - present	
<b>Community</b>	
Women and Girls HIV Awareness Symposium – Detroit Recovery Project – Keynote Speaker	03/08/2019
Stroke Awareness & Young – Interview in Response to Luke Perry's Death 107.5FM	03/07/2019
Black Doctors in White Coats – New York Mutual Providence Hospital – Keynote Speaker	07/2018
Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Association Board of Directors – Member	
Healthy Living – Project Re-Entry (Juvenile Detention Center for Boys)	04/2016 – present
Cranbrook Kingswood Committee on Alumni Relations – Member	07/2015
	09/2014 - present
<b>TEACHING</b>	
<b>Teaching at Wayne State University School of Medicine</b>	
<b>Attendings/WSU Faculty</b>	
How I Serve – SEMCME Innovative Tools for Meeting ACGME Req. on Social Determinants of Health - Speaker	09/2019
“What we can gain from Professional Development Conferences” – WIMS	
Women In Medicine Presentation	02/2019
LGBTQ Healthcare Disparities - Dr. Marjorie Peebles-Meyers Symposium on African-American Women's Health.	10/2017
Binge Eating Disorder in Adults: Reviewing a Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis – Internal Medicine Faculty Journal Club	12/2016
<b>Medical Students</b>	
Populations, Patients, Physicians, and Professionalism – Service Learning Co-Course Director	07/2018 - present
Community Engagement Elective (5150) – Co-Course Director	
Translational Medicine - Instructor	01/2018 - present
	08/2018 – present

First Patient - Instructor 12:2018 - present  
Continuity Clinic Clerkship - Instructor 01:2013 - present

**Residents**

Med-Peds Service-Learning Community Medicine Elective - Course Director 03:2017 - present

**Teaching at Michigan State University School of Nursing  
Nurse Practitioner Students**

Clinical Preceptor for Nurse Practitioner students

01:2018 - Present

**Teaching at University of Michigan School of Medicine  
Residents**

Internal Medicine and Pediatric Residency Continuity Clinic

07:2012 - 08:2014

**COURSE/CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT**

Service-Learning Curriculum for P4 Course M2, Co-Chair  
Wayne State University School of Medicine

09:2018 - Present

Community Engagement Elective - M2  
Wayne State University School of Medicine

12:2018 - Present

Community Engagement Elective (5150)- M1  
Wayne State University School of Medicine

10:2017-06:2018

Service-Learning Curriculum for P4 Course M1, Co-Chair  
Wayne State University School of Medicine

10:2017- 06:2018

Service-Learning Community Elective - Internal Medicine and Pediatrics  
Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, Course Director

05:2017- 12:2017

**PEER REVIEW**

MedED Portal

Journal of the National Medical Association

2018, 2019  
2017

## REPORTS OF ORIGINAL WORK

1. Riddle-Jones, Latonya. "Physicians Working with Medical Students, Law Enforcement, and Politicians to Push Gun Safe Storage Legislation." SGIM FORUM Society of General Internal Medicine. 2019 July; 42 (7):8-9. 07/2019
2. Riddle-Jones, Latonya. "Healthcare Needs of L.GBTQ population continue to evolve." The Oakland Press 3 Mar. 2019; Print & On-line 03/03 2019
3. Providing Competent L.GBTQ: Mental & Health Care in a Small Clinical Setting Workshop Presenter - National GLMA Conference, Las Vegas, NV 09/2018
4. Presented Poster Abstract. Teaching HDL/DL measures to residents in ambulatory clinic BMI measures Rachael Pettapiece-Phillips, Latonya Riddle-Jones, Erin Miller, Teresa Holtrop Principle Investigator 10/2017-present  
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine Conference Skills Development Conference
5. STI Reinfection Rate Among Adolescents & Frequency of STI Screening Children's Hospital of Michigan 04/2017 - present  
K. Barnes, S. Chaudry, N. Al-Husayni, L. Riddle-Jones - Principle Investigators
6. Evaluation of Anthropometric and Behavioral Outcomes after Completion of FitKids360 Detroit: A Collaborative Pediatrics Obesity Program 11/2016 -present  
American Academy of Pediatrics - Section on Obesity - Poster Abstract 2018  
Principle Investigator
7. Abstract Poster Presentation: Clinic Playbook: Huddle for Success 08/2016  
Erin Miller, Allie Dakroub, Latonya Riddle-Jones, Eric Ayers, Wayne State University  
AAIM Clinical Skills Conference 2016
8. Evaluation of Engineering Majors in their First Year of Medical School Principle Investigator 02/2016- present
9. Barriers to Physical Activity in Black Women in Metropolitan Detroit Principal Investigator, Harvard MPH Practicum Project 06/2015 - present
10. Published abstract: Appendix to the Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis, 2005, V.93, No 4, A30-A31. Komissarov AA, Riddle LA, Ibarra CA, Anagli JY. "Exosite interaction of histidine at the PAI-1/tPA interface independent of Glutamates at position P4 and P5 of reactive center loop" 2012
11. Gitleman's Syndrome Case Report 04/2012  
ACP Teaching Conference, New Orleans, LA



## GRANTS

Role: Co- Principle Investigator, Percent Effort: 20%  
Group: Corktown Health Center, SAGE  
Title: Silver Rainbow Health Initiative -- Health Clinic focused on needs  
Of LGBTQ+ older adults integrating primary care, mental health, specialty care,  
and supportive services.  
Source: Michigan Health Endowment Fund  
12/2018 -- 11/2021  
\$500,000

Role: Co-Investigator  
Group: Corktown Health Center, Fenway Institute (Boston), AIDS United  
Title: AIDS United E2i -- Evidence 2 Intervention -- Integration of Behavioral Health and Tele-psych in  
Primary Care  
Source: HRSA  
08/2018 -- 07/2023  
\$700,000





October 31, 2019

## 'It just makes me want to work harder and never stop'

Commission on the Status of Women honors Dr. LaTonya Riddle-Jones

Wayne State  
University  
School of  
Medicine  
physician-  
educator  
LaTonya Riddle-  
Jones, M.D.,  
M.P.H., will  
receive the  
Alumna Woman  
of Distinction  
Award from the  
President's  
Commission on  
the Status of  
Women at an



LaTonya Riddle-Jones, M.D.

awards dinner to be held Nov. 7 at the Eugene Applebaum College of  
Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

The award is presented annually to a Wayne State alumna who has demonstrated a sustained commitment to women and/or issues of diversity, equity and inclusion after earning a degree.

“I have always been an advocate for gender equity, and receiving this honor makes me feel more than ever that it is my duty to work harder to promote and engage in research, innovation and educational endeavors to elevate these issues,” she said.

Dr. Riddle-Jones, an assistant professor of Internal Medicine, graduated from the School of Medicine in 2008, and completed a WSU Med-Peds residency in 2012. She is medical director of Corktown Health Center in Detroit, Michigan’s first nonprofit medical home dedicated to serving adult LGBTQ patients and their families. She sees her role as a physician and medical educator as an opportunity to improve public health nationally and globally, beginning with the work she does as co-director of Service Learning within the medical degree curriculum’s Population, Patient, Physician and Professionalism course. Her colleague, the medical school’s Director of Community Engagement Jennifer Mendez, Ph.D., nominated her for the COSW award.

“I enjoy teaching and public service. The work that my colleagues and I do is not easy, and we do it because we care and we want the next generation of clinicians to be better than us,” Dr. Riddle-Jones said. “We do it quietly, and I prefer to work behind the scenes. Sometimes we do not get credit for the hard work, and we usually do not care. This award shows us that our work is actually being seen and valued. That feels tremendous, and it is revitalizing. It just makes me want to work harder and never stop.”

She views medicine and life as a continuum.

“I believe that medical education is also a continuum, so undergraduate medical education and graduate medical education, and the faculty and trainees for both, should all be working together. We are working on this type of integration with the new curriculum at the School of Medicine. All parties have to be open to this type of collaboration for maximum benefit,” she said. “There is so much talent here at WSU, and if we can bring the various frameworks from disciplines such as business, engineering, medicine, policy and more together, we do have a chance at improving the public health of our nation and the global society that we live in.”

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April 30, 2018

## Alumna Latonya Riddle-Jones wins spot in health policy fellowship and Harvard public health program

Wayne State University School of Medicine faculty member and alumna Latonya Riddle-Jones, M.D., '08, was accepted to the Society of General Internal Medicine's Leadership in Health Policy program for the 2018-2019 year. The LEAHP fellowship is a competitive program designed to develop faculty leaders in health policy and advocacy.



Additionally, she was accepted to the Master of Public Health program at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health in Epidemiology. In June, she will start the two-year program, a mix of online and on campus classes in Boston.

Dr. Riddle-Jones is an assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine's Division of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. She also is medical director for Corktown Health Center in Detroit, Michigan's first nonprofit medical home dedicated to serving adult LGBTQ patients and their families. The center is a collaboration of Health Emergency Lifeline Programs, WSU and the Wayne State University Physician Group.

"Being a LEAHP Scholar for just a short period of time, I have learned so much about how health policy is created and pushed through or stalled in Congress and the Senate, advocacy, graduate medical education spending and appropriations," she said. "It has

affirmed for me that I need to do more as an educator, clinician and American to improve public health in this country, and I believe I will have a greater impact using health policy as my vehicle."

She is a member of the SGIM's Health Policy Committee and that committee's Education and Clinical Subcommittees.

Dr. Riddle-Jones also is associate medical director for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute's Tri-County Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program, which provides breast, cervical and colon cancer screenings for uninsured and underinsured woman 40 to 65 years old. The program is funded by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"She is committed to improving the health of the underserved and advocating on their behalf," said Professor and Vice Chair of Education for Internal Medicine Diane Levine, M.D. "She is a star."

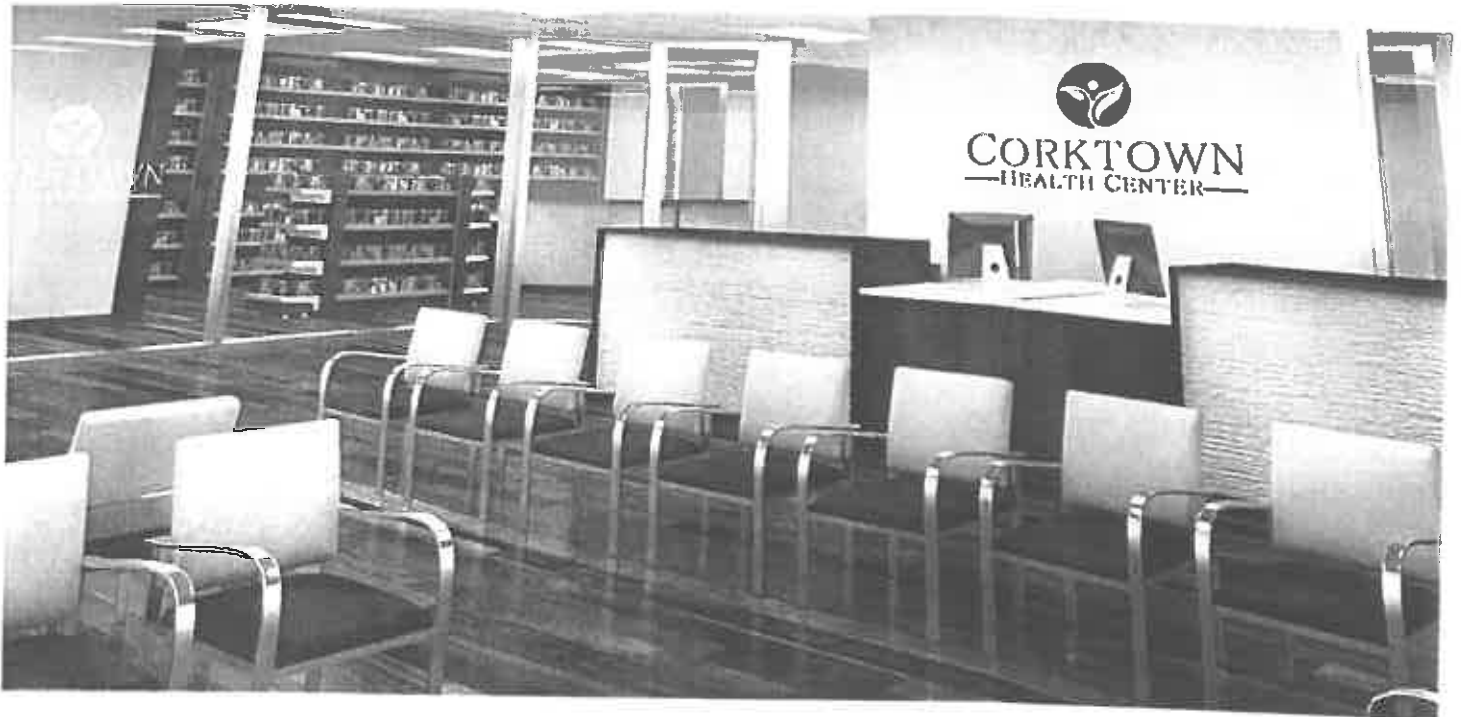
Dr. Riddle-Jones completed her Combined Internal Medicine-Pediatrics Residency at the School of Medicine in 2012. She is board certified in Pediatrics and Internal Medicine. She is a member of the Gold Humanism Honor Society, Academic Pediatrics Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Physicians, Michigan State Medical Society, Wayne County Medical Society, Detroit Medical Society, American Medical Association and the Student National Medical Association/Black Medical Association.

She was named Community Service Resident of the Year in 2011 and Resident of the Year in 2012. She received the Internal Medicine and Pediatrics Faculty Teaching Award, chosen by residents, in 2015 and 2016.



November 2, 2017

## Collaboration fills health care gap for LGBTQ community



Wayne State University and the Wayne State University Physician Group are pleased to announce an agreement with Health Emergency Lifeline Programs to collaborate with Corktown Health Center. This new affiliation will bring increased capacity, scale and resources to CHC's operations.

The Corktown Health Center is Michigan's first nonprofit medical home dedicated to serving adult LGBTQ patients and their families. The goal of this affiliation is to:

- Design and deliver medical services that address the health needs of LGBTQ persons in the Detroit area, including our students, trainees, faculty and staff.
- Pioneer treatments and care for transgender persons.



- Develop and implement programming designed to mitigate health disparities in the LGBTQ community.
- Establish education and clinical training for medical students, residents and other health care providers to deliver equitable, effective and patient-centered care for LGBTQ patients.

"This important association will leverage the unique strengths of each organization," said Teresa Roscoe, chief operating officer of HELP/CHC. "It is an opportunity to harness these critical resources to serve the LGBTQ community in a way that's never been done before."

Latonya Riddle-Jones, M.D., medical director, said, "Our ultimate goal is to inclusively improve the overall health and well-being of all members of our society, and this collaboration finally allows us to work with the patients and community in a fully integrated, interdisciplinary team to nurture body, mind and spirit."

Diane Levine, M.D., vice chair of Education for the Department of Internal Medicine at Wayne State University, said, "Our goal is not only to develop best practices, but to ensure we train the next generation of physicians to provide outstanding care to LGBT persons and their allies to decrease health disparities in Michigan and across the country."

The clinic is in a newly-renovated 24,000-square-foot facility in Detroit's historic Corktown neighborhood. CHC will initially provide primary care, integrated behavior health services, comprehensive HIV care and treatment, health insurance navigation and enrollment, and pharmacy services. In close collaboration with community members, CHC will consistently evolve and expand its programs and services.

Health Emergency Lifeline Programs is a Michigan-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that empowers members of the community to manage their health needs. Through innovative programs and services, HELP ensures individuals have access to resources that promote healthy, productive lives. A subsidiary of HELP, Corktown Health Center is a primary care provider offering comprehensive, compassionate care to the LGBTQ community in a culturally-affirming environment. CHC seeks to eliminate longstanding health disparities and promote equitable access to high-quality health care services.

To arrange an appointment, call 313-832-3300 or click [here](#).

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## Corktown Center partners with WSU to bring health care to underserved

By Debra Kaszubski For Digital First Media Oct 28, 2018



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Wayne State medical student Brianna Sohl (left) and Dr. Latonya Riddle Jones examine a patient at Corktown Health Center in Detroit. Courtesy of Corktown Health Center.

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Brianna Sohl, 23, a 2013 graduate of Rochester High School, is among a group of Wayne State University Medical School students involved with furthering health care for LGBT patients.

Sohl volunteers at the Detroit-based Corktown Health Center, the first clinic of its kind in Metro Detroit to offer a safe, affirming space for people in the lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender community.

"As I fall into the role of a physician, I want to be a health care provider that helps all patients, and I want to serve people who are LGBT specifically," she says. "I think it's a community that's underserved in terms of health care."

Many patients who self-identify as members of this community have not found physicians or clinics where they feel comfortable, says Latonya Riddle-Jones, M.D., the medical director at Corktown and an assistant professor of internal medicine and pediatrics at Wayne State.

"They may have had encounters with members of care teams that they perceived to be negative, either because of poor quality care, or lack of knowledge on the part of those providing care. These experiences can be traumatizing, and cause people to lose trust in the health care system," Riddle-Jones says.

Health-care providers at the 24,000-square-foot Corktown clinic, which opened last year, offer primary-care services to all patients, but specialize in the issues facing LGBT community. Comprehensive HIV care, hormone treatments, breast and cervical cancer screenings, behavioral health services and health insurance navigation are some of the services.

Students at the Wayne State University School of Medicine volunteer in the community to gain hands-on experience. At Corktown the students provide HIV screening and gain experience treating and interacting with the patients.

In addition, the Wayne State University School of Medicine has added curriculum to provide further training in the specific needs of LGBT patients. Training in LGBT health averages just one to two hours, says Dr. Diane Levine, associate professor of internal medicine at WSU School of Medicine. "Wayne State's curriculum revision will add a lot more," she says.

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Wayne State medical student Brianna Sohl and Dr. Latonya Riddle Jones examine test results at Corktown Health Center in Detroit. Courtesy of Corktown Health Center

These topics have been neglected in medical schools in the past because of stigma, fear and politics, and that needs to change, Riddle-Jones says.

"Doctors are trained to take care of people, shouldn't they be trained to take care of all people, no matter what their gender, ethnicity, or religion, etc?" Riddle-Jones says. "Physicians should not discriminate. In order to be qualified to take care of all human beings, students must attain broad and diverse training to prepare to take care of all people and demonstrate competency in that care."

Sohl, who is a member of LGBT People in Medicine at Wayne State, said educating future physicians in this area is especially important.

"There's a history of LGBT patient discrimination, and I think it's awesome that Wayne State, a medical school with such history, has formed a relationship with a clinic like Corktown," Sohl says. "Ultimately, it makes the students that are at Wayne better students. By having this exposure in our training it's imperative to closing these health care gaps."

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Medical Director, Corktown Health Center

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It's not the fear of needles or medical tests that keeps some of Dr. Latonya Riddle-Jones' patients away from traditional doctors.

They're more concerned about discrimination and mistreatment. Some have avoided doctor visits for 15 years. Those patients, who are members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community, perceive that medical professionals don't treat them with respect.

"They are coming in with uncontrolled hypertension (and) uncontrolled diabetes," said Riddle-Jones, an Inkster native who is medical director for Corktown Health Center in Detroit. "They open up to us and we're able to give them good, quality medical care."

The nonprofit center, which is open to everyone, is a safe space for LGBTQ people, Riddle-Jones said. Patients, some from Ohio and northern Michigan, are greeted by artwork and magazines featuring same-sex couples, lapel pins with preferred pronouns and medical professionals trained to understand diverse needs.

"One of the reasons I wanted to learn more about this population is because of the disparities," said Riddle-Jones, a 2008 Wayne State University School of Medicine graduate who is certified in caring for transgender people. "About 50 percent of trans people have attempted suicide at some time in their life."

Riddle-Jones' patients tell stories of clinicians — perhaps well-intentioned in learning about an unfamiliar type of patient — treating them like guinea pigs, she said. Others report more offensive behavior.

"They've been told they have a disease because they are gay or they were refused treatment because of gender identity," Riddle-Jones said. "They feel like they have not had their dignity respected."

The Corktown center contracts with Riddle-Jones' employer, the Wayne State University Physician Group, for her services. At the center, Riddle-Jones, also an assistant professor at Wayne State, trains some of her students how to care for LGBTQ patients.

"We will talk to the students about how to introduce themselves," she said. "You may have a legal name, but it may not be the name you prefer. (It's) just asking people how they prefer to be identified."

Lessons students learn can be applied beyond the LGBTQ community — things such as requesting permission before performing a physical exam or asking whether diabetes may be linked to lack of access to fresh fruit and vegetables.

The COVID-19 crisis, which has prevented students from working at Corktown and other clinics, has created an unexpected positive outcome. Use of telemedicine to check in on patients is leading to better compliance.

"What we're finding is just about everybody has a phone and just about everybody is able to text," Riddle-Jones said. "Patients who are shy about coming into the office or (who are) high-anxiety are a lot more comfortable with telemedicine. We're thinking we're going to continue using (it) as a tool."

In addition to her work at Corktown and Wayne State, Riddle-Jones is associate director for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute's Tri-County Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program. Part of a Michigan Department of Health and Human Services effort, the program is aimed at improving health for low-income women.

Besides being uninsured or underinsured, patients may be afraid to go to the doctor because of immigrant status, for example, Riddle-Jones said. Free, mobile mammogram units are welcomed by patients.

Riddle-Jones, who recently earned a master's degree in public health from Harvard University, also is active in influencing Michigan State Medical Society practices. One initiative she's involved with is teaching physicians



how to talk to patients about safe gun storage in the home.

"I'm trying to change policy," she said.

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## Physicians publish article calling to end legacy of scientific racism



Ijeoma Nnodim Opara, M.D.; Latonya Riddle-Jones, M.D., M.P.H.; and Nakia Allen, M.D.

A trio of Wayne State University School of Medicine physicians is calling upon the medical and scientific communities to confront and end a legacy of scientific racism in research, medical education, clinical practice and health policies by “de-pathologizing and humanizing” American Black bodies.

In “Modern Day Drapetomania: Calling Out Scientific Racism,” published in the Journal of General Medicine, the authors – Ijeoma Nnodim Opara, M.D., FAAP, assistant professor of Internal Medicine-Pediatrics; Latonya Riddle-Jones, M.D., M.P.H. assistant professor of Internal Medicine-Pediatrics; and Nakia Allen, M.D., FAAP, clinical associate professor of Pediatrics – note that racism in medicine has “deep historical roots in white supremacy and anti-Blackness, particularly the pathologizing of Black bodies through pseudoscientific c

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of the biological significance of the sociopolitical construct that is 'race,' which is often incorrectly conflated with 'genetic ancestry.'"

Those roots, they write, have developed branches that continue to reach into medical science and medicine to this day, particularly in the ways science frames racial health disparities as a result of biological differences among racial categories.

"Racism, not race, is the vector of disease and health disparities. Racist policies, such as redlining and the 'war on drugs' and 'war on crime,' inform systems of housing, education, criminal justice, health and the economy, and determine a community's exposure to the social and environmental factors that drive health disparities through direct effects, chronic toxic stress and epigenetic mechanisms," the authors said. "This is the contemporary version of pathologizing Blackness and normal responses to chronic intergenerational trauma, oppression and exploitation. It reinforces the bogus theory of supposed Black inferiority. It is the modern Drapetomania."

Now recognized as pseudoscience nonsense, Drapetomania was first concocted by Dr. Samuel Cartwright in 1851 to pathologize runaway enslaved Blacks. He claimed that enslaved Blacks had inherently smaller brains and blood vessels that accounted for "indolence" and "barbarism." His prescribed "cure" and prophylactic treatment for the faux condition was "whipping the devil out of them."

The nonsensical condition remained in some medical texts into the early 1900s, and was used – along with other false claims – to support racist perceptions and attitudes toward Black Americans.

Some of those perceptions continue in medicine, the authors write, despite the fact that in 2003 the Human Genome Project showed race has no genetic basis and human beings are 99.9% identical genetically.

"The belief that differences in disease outcomes are due to genetic differences between racialized groups still plagues contemporary medicine and science, and unfortunately continues to be funded, published, taught and practiced," they state. "The use of race to measure human biological differences stubbornly persists and, consequently, these stru

and systems are absolved of responsibility, reinforced and perpetuated.”

To eliminate scientific racism, they call for identifying and excising it from clinical algorithms and medical decision-making equations; expunging it from the publication process through anti-racist peer review and editorship; transforming medical and scientific education from undergraduate studies through faculty development; and advocacy among academic partnerships with patients, marginalized communities and policymakers that prioritize the social and structural determinants of health to positively impact health outcomes.

“By so doing and in the spirit of professional humility, we can dismantle scientific racism in the norms, policies, processes and practices of our current research, clinical practice, public health and medical education systems,” the physicians wrote. “Then, we can demonstrate our trustworthiness and build equitable partnerships with BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) communities as we provide quality and humanizing care to all members of the human family.”

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## Latonya Riddle-Jones, M.D.

Latonya Riddle-Jones, M.D., Class of 2008, is an assistant professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at the Wayne State University School of Medicine and serves as vice chair, chief of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion officer for the Department of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Riddle-jones knew medicine was her calling at a young age after early interactions with the health care system and the care of her younger brother. Growing up in Inkster, Mich., her brother was taken to a community hospital that could not meet his emergent medical needs, and he had to be airlifted to a major academic hospital 30 minutes away. She observed the care of children with multiple medical needs from the outpatient clinical setting to the intensive care units by the age of 7. She also observed a severe lack of diversity in health care professionals, which has greatly influenced her current work.

Her studies in Chemical Engineering at Michigan State University, medicine at the Wayne State University School of Medicine and Epidemiology at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health have equipped her with the tools needed to approach health care in the 21st century. Dr. Riddle-Jones has also completed the HIV Clinician Scholars Program, Leadership in Health Policy Program certification with the Society of General Internal Medicine and the Midwest Fellowship for Primary Care Champions at the University of Illinois – Chicago.

She focuses on using and teaching health systems science to medical students and residents to empower a new generation of physicians and clinical leaders to tackle health inequities and injustice to improve the overall health. In addition to her role as assistant professor, she is the medical director of the Corktown Health Center, Michigan's first LGBTQ-focused health center.

Her primary clinical interest, teaching and research efforts are focused on preventive health, health equity and health literacy in education. She serves as associate director of the Tri-County Breast and Cervical Cancer Control

Program operated in partnership with the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and sponsored by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which provides free and low-cost screening, diagnostic services and access to treatment for breast and cervical cancer. Dr. Riddle-Jones is a board member of the Wayne County Medical Society and serves as the Wayne County Medical Society Young Physician Committee chair. This work is collaborative with her role as co-course director for Service Learning and Community Engagement, co-area director for the Public Health, Advocacy and Community Engagement Scholarly Concentration at the School of Medicine, and member of the Health Equity and Justice in Medicine Steering Committee.

Dr. Riddle-Jones has been a leader in the evolution of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council for the Department of Internal Medicine. She was recently named a Healthcare Hero by Crain's Business Detroit and a finalist for SEEN Magazine's Changemaker in Medicine Award two years in a row.

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## 'It just makes me want to work harder and never stop'

Commission on the Status of Women honors Dr. LaTonya Riddle-Jones

Wayne State University School of Medicine physician-educator LaTonya Riddle-Jones, M.D., M.P.H., received the Alumna Woman of Distinction Award from the President's Commission on the Status of Women at an awards dinner held Nov. 7, 2019 at the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

The award is presented annually to a Wayne State alumna who has demonstrated a sustained commitment to women and/or issues of diversity, equity and inclusion after earning a degree.



LaTonya Riddle-Jones, M.D.

"I have always been an advocate for gender equity, and receiving this honor makes me feel more than ever that it is my duty to work harder to promote and engage in research, innovation and educational endeavors to elevate these issues," she said.

Dr. Riddle-Jones, an assistant professor of Internal Medicine, graduated from the School of Medicine in 2008, and completed a WSU Med-Peds residency in 2012. She is medical director of Corktown Health Center in Detroit, Michigan's first nonprofit medical home dedicated

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serving adult LGBTQ patients and their families. She sees her role as a physician and medical educator as an opportunity to improve public health nationally and globally, beginning with the work she does as co-director of Service Learning within the medical degree curriculum's Population, Patient, Physician and Professionalism course. Her colleague, the medical school's Director of Community Engagement Jennifer Mendez, Ph.D., nominated her for the COSW award.

"I enjoy teaching and public service. The work that my colleagues and I do is not easy, and we do it because we care and we want the next generation of clinicians to be better than us," Dr. Riddle-Jones said. "We do it quietly, and I prefer to work behind the scenes. Sometimes we do not get credit for the hard work, and we usually do not care. This award shows us that our work is actually being seen and valued. That feels tremendous, and it is revitalizing. It just makes me want to work harder and never stop."

She views medicine and life as a continuum.

"I believe that medical education is also a continuum, so undergraduate medical education and graduate medical education, and the faculty and trainees for both, should all be working together. We are working on this type of integration with the new curriculum at the School of Medicine. All parties have to be open to this type of collaboration for maximum benefit," she said. "There is so much talent here at WSU, and if we can bring the various frameworks from disciplines such as business, engineering, medicine, policy and more together, we do have a chance at improving the public health of our nation and the global society that we live in."

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