

PHYSICIANS FOR A NATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM
ANNUAL MEETING 2023 RECLAIMING MEDICINE: PUSHING OUT THE PROFITEERS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 CROWNE PLAZA ATLANTA MIDTOWN

PNHP acknowledges the sacred land where we meet, home to the Muscogee Creek people, who were removed from this land through disease, violence, and governmental policies. We recognize the sustained oppression, land dispossession, and involuntary removals of the Muscogee and Cherokee peoples from Georgia and the Southeast. We also affirm that this acknowledgment is insufficient and does not undo the harm that has been done and continues to be perpetrated now against Indigenous people and their land, water, and air.



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POSTER PRESENTATIONS

EVALUATIONS

Face masks are recommended to be worn in conference spaces while not actively eating or drinking.
Slides and other conference materials will be posted at pnhp.org/atlanta23

All meeting rooms are on the second floor
Parents' nursing space is available in the Roswell room

- 7:30 AM **Registration for SNaHP students, with breakfast**
- 8:00 AM **Registration for all other attendees, with breakfast**
SNaHP Welcome: Building the single payer movement: Ryan Parnell; Constance Fontanet // Atlanta B
- 9:00 AM General Session // Georgia Ballroom
Welcome: Liliana Bakhtiari, Atlanta City Councilmember
Health Policy Update: Adam Gaffney, MD, MPH; with James Waters on Medicare Advantage
- 11:00 AM Break
- 11:10 AM General Session // Georgia Ballroom
Introduction: Ed Weisbart, MD
Messaging Medicare (dis)Advantage: Jay Marcellus
PNHP's MA Campaign: Jack Bernard
- 12:15 PM Lunch // Georgia Ballroom
- 12:45 PM **Building Progressive Power: Lessons from Georgia:** Keron Blair; Sanjeev Sriram, MD, MPH
- 1:30 PM Break
- 1:45 PM **Workshops I and SNaHP Plenary**

SNaHP Plenary: SNaHP's Moment to Move the Movement Forward: Belinda McIntosh, MD; Susan Rogers, MD; Sanjeev Sriram, MD, MPH; moderated by Robertha Barnes // **Georgia Ballroom**
Opportunities for federal action: Alex Lawson, MPP; Amirah Sequeira, MPhil // **Peachtree**
The "advantage" of stealth advocacy: George Bohmfalk, MD; Corinne Frugoni, MD; Patty Harvey; Ed Weisbart, MD // **Atlanta D**

Moral injury: What is it? How to talk about it and what the hell does it have to do with PNHP?: Carol Paris, MD; Diljeet Singh, MD, DrPH; Janine Petito, MD // **Atlanta A**
Lessons from the labor movement: Rose Roach; Rita Valenti, RN; // **Atlanta C**
Building a national movement through state and local organizing: Mallika Sabharwal, MD; Ashley Duhon, MD; Hugh Foy, MD; Henk Goorhuis, MD; moderated by Oliver Fein, MD // **Atlanta B**

2:50 PM Break

3:00 PM **Workshops II**

Opportunities for federal action: Alex Lawson, MPP; Amirah Sequeira, MPhil // **Peachtree**
Building your chapter's power through game changing resolution campaigns: Max Brockwell; Joey Ballard // **Atlanta C**
The intersection of reproductive justice and single payer: the work continues: Diljeet Singh, MD, DrPH; Martha Livingston, PhD; Michael Massey; Amir Jones; Ashley Duhon, MD // **Atlanta B**
Addressing racist blindspots in our movement: Sanjeev Sriram, MD, MPH; Robertha Barnes // **Atlanta A**
How Medicare for All can alleviate mass incarceration: Mark Spencer, MD // **Atlanta D**
Problems of commodification in health care: Martin Shapiro, MD, PhD, MPH; Erin Fuse Brown, JD, MPH // **Georgia Ballroom**

4:05 PM Break

4:15 PM Keynote address: Confronting Racism Denial: Naming Racism and Moving to Action // **Georgia Ballroom**
Camara P. Jones, MD, MPH, PhD, introduced by Robertha Barnes

5:15 PM **Social hour and member interest group (MIG) meetings (start at 5:30)**
Pediatricians MIG // **Peachtree**
Advanced Practice Providers MIG // **Atlanta D**
Reproductive Justice MIG social // **Georgia Ballroom Foyer (designated area)**

7:00 PM **35th Anniversary Dinner** // **Georgia Ballroom**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:30 AM **Regional Meetings**

North East: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA (East), RI, VT // **Atlanta A**
South: AL, AR, DC, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, OK, PR, SC, TN, TX, VI, VA, WV // **Atlanta B**
North Central: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, PA (West), SD, WI // **Atlanta C**
West: AK, AS, AZ, CA, CO, GU, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, MP, OR, UT, WA, WY // **Atlanta D**

10:30 AM Break
PNHP members are invited to attend SNaHP's workshop, Stop Cop City, at 10:40 AM, in the Georgia Ballroom.

11:00 AM **PNHP Board of Directors meet-and-greet for members** // **Georgia Ballroom Foyer**

12:15 PM **Board buses for public action**
Buses will return to the Crowne Plaza after the action around 2:45 PM

Thank you to the **planning committee**: Robertha Barnes, Shruthi Bhuma, Swathi Bhuma, Dr. Karen Hochman, Emily Huff, Dr. Belinda McIntosh, Jonathan Michels, Dr. Susan Rogers, Dr. Diljeet Singh, Dr. Sanjeev Sriram, Dr. Phil Verhoef, James Waters, and Dr. Ed Weisbart. Special thanks to Dr. Mindy Guo and Dr. Toby Terwilliger, co-chairs of PNHP Georgia, for their many contributions to the conference planning process.

PLENARY SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

CAMARA PHYLLIS JONES, MD, MPH, PHD: KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Camara Jones is a family physician, epidemiologist, and Past President of the American Public Health Association whose work focuses on naming, measuring, and addressing the impacts of racism on the health and well-being of our nation and the world. Her allegories on "race" and racism are celebrated for illuminating topics that are otherwise difficult for many Americans to understand or discuss: that racism exists, racism is a system, racism saps the strength of the whole society, and we can act to dismantle racism.

Dr. Jones taught six years as an assistant professor at the Harvard School of Public Health, developing the school's first course on "Race" and Racism, and served fourteen years as a medical officer at the CDC, leading the development of the six-question Reactions to "Race" module for use on CDC's surveillance systems.

As President of the American Public Health Association (2016), she launched the association on a National Campaign Against Racism that catalyzed the first of what are now 262 declarations by local jurisdictions across 41 US states and the District of Columbia that "Racism is a public health crisis."

She has since shared her expertise on "race", racism, and anti-racism in extended residencies as a Radcliffe Fellow, Harvard University (2019-2020), Presidential Visiting Fellow, Yale School of Medicine (2021), Presidential Chair, University of California, San Francisco (2021-2022), and Leverhulme Visiting Professor in Global Health and Social Medicine at King's College London (2022-2023), while continuing as an Adjunct Professor at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University and a Senior Fellow and Adjunct Associate Professor at the Morehouse School of Medicine.

She is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine, an elected member of the AAAS, and a commissioner on the recently launched O'Neill-Lancet Commission on Racism, Structural Discrimination, and Global Health.

Dr. Jones will be introduced by Robertha Barnes, a member of the executive board of Students for a National Health Program and a fourth year medical student at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

PHILIP A. VERHOEF, MD, PHD: MEETING CHAIR

Dr. Phil Verhoef is an adult and pediatric intensivist and Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii-Manoa. As a single-payer advocate, he is the current president (and a national board member) of Physicians for a National Health Program; past president of the Illinois Single Payer Coalition; past president of the PNHP-IL chapter; and was faculty advisor for the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine SNaHP chapter since its inception, prior to moving to Hawaii in 2019. His health care reform and single-payer-related publications include letters, op-eds, and editorials in the Annals of Internal Medicine, Chest, the Chicago Sun-Times, the Springfield Journal-Register, and kevinmd.com. Dr. Verhoef completed medical and graduate training at Case Western Reserve University, followed by residency in internal medicine and pediatrics at UCLA and subspecialty ICU fellowship training at the University of Chicago. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Physicians.

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE / MORNING PLENARY

Adam Gaffney, MD, MPH is an assistant professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, a pulmonary and critical care physician at the Cambridge Health Alliance, a health policy researcher, and a writer and commentator on issues of medicine and policy. His research focuses on national health care reform, health care equity, and disparities in lung health. Dr. Gaffney has authored or co-authored more than 60 journal articles, with first-author publications in such journals as the Lancet, Annals of Internal Medicine, British Medical Journal, JAMA Internal Medicine, Health Affairs, the American Journal of Public Health, and elsewhere. He is also the author of the book "To Heal Humankind: The Right to Health in History," published in 2017 by Routledge. A past-president of Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP), Dr. Gaffney is also a frequent writer on matters of health care and policy, and has published articles in outlets including the New York Times, Washington Post, Atlantic, New Republic, USA Today, and the Boston Globe. He is also a frequent media guest, and has appeared on

NPR, MSNBC, Fox Business News, the BBC, and elsewhere. Dr. Gaffney received his medical degree from New York University and his MPH from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. He completed his residency at the Columbia University Medical Center, where he served as chief resident, and his fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital, Brigham and Women's Hospital, and the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

James Waters grew up in south New Jersey and received a bachelor's degree in biology and a Spanish minor from The College of New Jersey. After graduating, he joined Americorps as a tutor for Match Charter school in Boston, Massachusetts. Currently he is a 3rd year medical student at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University in Camden, NJ, with interests in surgery, public policy, and local community initiatives. He is also an executive board member of Students for a National Health Program and coordinated the student poster presentations for PNHP's Annual Meeting.

MEDICARE (DIS)ADVANTAGE / MORNING PLENARY

Ed Weisbart, MD is the national board secretary and Missouri chapter chair of Physicians for a National Health Program. After practicing family medicine for 20 years at Rush Medical Center in Chicago, he moved to St. Louis in 2003 to serve as chief medical officer of Express Scripts until retiring in 2010. He volunteered as an assistant professor of clinical medicine at Washington University in St. Louis from 2004 until retiring clinically in 2021. He also serves as president of the Consumers Council of Missouri, a nonprofit organization that works to build a more inclusive and equitable community through advocacy, coalition building, collaboration, and community education. Dr. Weisbart received his medical degree at the University of Illinois in Chicago and completed his family medicine residency and a fellowship in family medicine education at Michigan State University.

Jay Marcellus crafts narratives to realize the future we deserve. They are Director of Narrative at ASO Communications, which applies tools from cognition and linguistics to uncover where people are capable of going and how to use our words, images, and stories to move them. ASO has more than a decade's experience creating, testing, and implementing narratives to achieve progressive wins in the U.S., Australia, and elsewhere. Prior to joining ASO, Jay focused on storytelling for gender and racial justice in various roles, including several years as Director of Communications at Transgender Law Center (TLC), the largest national trans-led organization working to keep transgender people alive, thriving, and fighting for liberation.

Jack Bernard was Georgia's first Director of Health Planning. Jack became an executive with national health care corporations. He is Chair of the Fayette County Board of Health. He also chaired the Jasper County, GA Board of Commissioners and was chair of the state ACCG Tax Committee. Jack's other board participation include the Jasper County Board of Health, Georgia's Public Health Association Executive Board, the national NALBOH board, and the Georgia Steering Committee of the Physicians for a National Health Program. He has published 1500 columns.

BUILDING PROGRESSIVE POWER: LESSONS FROM GEORGIA / LUNCH SESSION

Keron Blair is an experienced organization leader, campaign, and public speaker, having worked on close to 50 different campaigns and organizing projects. He is currently Chief of Field and Organizing at the New Georgia Project, a nonpartisan effort to register, civically engage, and build power in Georgia for its growing population of Black, brown, young, and other historically marginalized voters. Keron has a great deal of experience working with organizations at the neighborhood, city, state, and national levels. He has worked with and trained organizers from such groups as BYP 100, United We Dream, Dream Defenders, Grassroots Leadership, National Education Association, American Federation of Teachers, Service Employees International Union, and the NAACP. An immigrant from Jamaica, Keron is committed to organizing and developing leaders that advance the cause of Black liberation.

Sanjeev Sriram, MD, MPH practices general pediatrics in Maryland at a federally qualified health center. He is a nationally known advocate for health care justice and racial equity, serving on the board of Physicians for National Health Program, as a Senior Advisor for Social Security Works, and as the leader of the "All Means All" campaign to make racial equity a cornerstone of a future national health program. Dr. Sriram has been a contributor to The Huffington Post, The Hill, Common Dreams, Rewire, We Act Radio, and ACT-TV. Dr. Sriram completed his medical degree and residency at UCLA, where he served as chief resident at the Department of Pediatrics. He earned his masters in public health after completing the Commonwealth Fund Fellowship in Minority Health Policy at the Harvard School of Public Health.