





**DR. ROLAND
PATTILLO**
1933–2023

Morehouse School of Medicine cherishes the memory of Dr. Roland Pattillo, longtime MSM faculty member who placed a face on the source of cells that led to striking medical advances with the telling of Mrs. Henrietta Lacks' story.

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WOMEN'S HEALTH
SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, November 9, 2023

2:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Morehouse School of Medicine

Louis W. Sullivan National Center for Primary Care

CME ACTIVITY

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At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:

1. Identify the impact of uterine fibroids, polycystic ovary syndrome, and endometriosis on the quality of life.
2. Identify and differentiate treatment options available for uterine fibroids, polycystic ovary syndrome, and endometriosis
3. Report how race and ethnicity influence uterine fibroids, polycystic ovary syndrome, and endometriosis.

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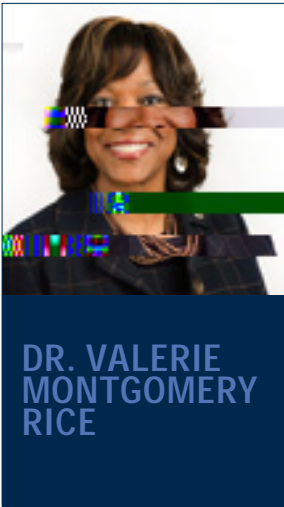
2023 HELA WOMEN'S HEALTH SYMPOSIUM CHAIRS

Dr. Roland Matthews is chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Morehouse School of Medicine, and a board-certified gynecologic oncologist and attending physician at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta. He graduated from Columbia College, and earned his M.D. degree, with a distinction in research, from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Dr. Matthews completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology, and completed a fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology at the State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center.

Dr. Matthews is a Georgia Cancer Coalition (GCC) Distinguished Cancer Scholar and is currently the Director of the Georgia Cancer Center for Excellence at Grady. He is Vice President of the Georgia Center for Oncology Research and Education (CORE) board, and serves on the executive committee of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Section of the National Medical Association. Throughout his career, Dr. Matthews' research, education and clinical activities have focused on reducing disparities in underserved communities.

Dr. Winston E. Thompson is a distinguished professor and researcher at the Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) in Atlanta, Georgia. He serves as the Professor and Chair of Physiology, Director of Research in Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Director of the Mentoring Academy.

Dr. Thompson received his Artium Baccalaureus in Biology from Lafayette College in Easton, PennntA005ETEMCtpc048004D0011TJETE4



Dear Conference Participants,

Welcome to the 26th Annual Morehouse School of Medicine HeLa Women's Health Symposium. This year's theme is "Addressing Racial and Ethnic Gynecological Health Disparities" as we explore the root causes of and potential solutions for systemic inequities in gynecology. As an infertility specialist, reproductive endocrinologist, and Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, I have a personal connection to this issue, and I look forward to the discussions that will take place during the forum.

Our HeLa symposium this year is also an opportunity to pay tribute to Dr. Roland Pattillo, who passed in May. A longtime faculty member here at MSM, Dr. Pattillo founded the HeLa Conference in 1996. He was instrumental in raising awareness of Henrietta Lacks as an individual, aside from her untold contributions to medicine and research through the use of her cancer cells.

A Black woman who was a wife and mother of five children, Mrs. Lacks died of cervical cancer at the age of 31, less than a year after she was diagnosed. Without the knowledge or permission of Mrs. Lacks and her family, her cells were harvested before her death and bec



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2:00–2:15pm	<i>Welcome</i>	Dean and Executive Vice President of Health Affairs Morehouse School of Medicine
2:15 – 2:25pm	<i>Honoring Dr. Roland A. Pattillo</i>	Professor and Chair, Obstetrics and Gynecology Morehouse School of Medicine
2:25 – 2:30pm	<i>History of Henrietta Lacks</i>	Director of Research, Obstetrics and Gynecology Morehouse School of Medicine
2:30 – 3:00pm	<i>The Health Disparities of Uterine Fibroids for African American Women: A Public Health Issue</i>	Roland A. Pattillo Lecturer Introduction by

4:00 – 4:10pm *Special Presentation*

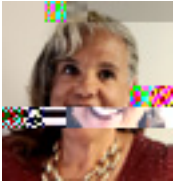
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Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo, in addition to being the widow of Dr. Roland A. Pattillo, is a former educator, and the founder/publisher of the *Milwaukee Community Journal*

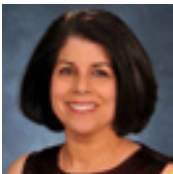
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Dr. Alicia Christy received her undergraduate degree from Princeton University, graduated from Northwestern University School of Medicine with honors, and received a masters degree in Health Science and Clinical Research from Duke University School of Medicine. She completed her residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and completed her fellowship training in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at the

National Institutes of Health. She is board certified in both obstetrics and gynecology and reproductive endocrinology and infertility.

She served as obstetrics and gynecology department chair, and Consultant to the Army Surgeon General while on active duty. She was a clinical researcher at NIH where her research focused primarily on the treatment of fibroids, and health disparities. She is a former co-editor of *Contraception and Reproductive Medicine*. She holds the rank of professor at the Uniformed Services University, and adjunct professor at Howard University School of Medicine. Dr. Christy is the former chair of the American Society of Reproductive Medicine Health Disparities Special Interest Group and was the VA liaison to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists committee on Healthcare for Underserved Women. Dr. Christy retired from the position of Deputy Director of Reproductive Health, Veterans Health Administration, in March of 2023.



Dr. Katherine Sherif is a leading expert on PCOS. As an internist in the 90's, she was studying insulin resistance when she discovered a special group of women with exaggerated insulin resistance: women with polycystic ovary syndrome. She started prescribing insulin sensitizers in the 90's based upon the work of Italian clinical investigators. In 2000, she co-founded the first academic center for Polycystic Ovary Syndrome with Dr. Shahab Minassian.

Dr. Sherif is also a top speaker and a writer in a number of areas including menopause, hormone replacement therapy, omega-3 fatty acids, and heart disease in women. She is author of *Women's Health in Clinical Practice: A Handbook for Primary Care and Hormone Therapy: A Clinical Handbook*.



Dr. Michael Neblett II graduated Summa Cum Laude from East Tennessee State University (ETSU). After receiving his medical degree from ETSU Quillen College of Medicine, he completed his GYN/OB Residency at Emory University. Dr. Neblett recently completed his Fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility along with a masters in biomedical sciences at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. During his fellowship training, he was

selected as an inaugural Society of Reproductive Surgeons surgical scholar. Now back in Atlanta, Dr. Neblett has joined the REI faculty at Emory University as an assistant professor specializing in reproductive surgery. His surgical interests include uterine leiomyomas, advanced stage endometriosis, adenomyosis, Asherman syndrome, tubal reversals, and complex Mullerian anomalies.



Lauren Kornegay, a proud Oxon Hill, MD native and Morgan State University graduate, was diagnosed with endometriosis at the age of 20, igniting a journey filled with pain and challenges. This diagnosis brought forth a journey filled with pain, challenges, exhaustion, and uncertainty, all commonly associated with this disorder. Driven by her mother's wise words—"If there's a void, fill it, and if you want something done, do it yourself"—Lauren decided to create a space where there was none. In April 2019, she established Endo Black Incorporated, a platform dedicated to connecting African American women and women of color living with endometriosis.

Under Lauren's leadership and steadfast guidance, Endo Black, Inc. has also forged impactful collaborations with George Mason University's College of Public Health, culminating in the successful completion of the research study, Endo-Served and two others underway. Lauren's influence transcends the bounds of Endo Black, Inc. and her expertise has been a valuable asset to the Society of Women's Health Research Endometriosis Education Working Group and ENACT Core B Stakeholders Advisory Board.

Lauren Kornegay's unyielding dedication and resolute advocacy have amplified the voices and experiences of the demographic they serve. Her mission is unequivocal: to ensure that no one feels isolated in their struggle with this condition and to galvanize tangible change and recognition within the community.

Sasha Ottey is the Founder and Executive Director of PCOS Challenge: The National Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Association. She started the organization after being diagnosed with PCOS (Polycystic Ovary Syndrome) and experiencing dissatisfaction with the

Tanika Gray Valbrun is an award-winning journalist, educator, and non-profit founder with a passion for

Director & Producer **Shannon Cohn** is a filmmaker, storyteller and social movement builder who is passionate about building awareness and activating change in global women's health. She has worked across Africa, Europe, the Middle East & the Americas on topics related to gender equity and combating stigma and taboo. Her new PBS film, *Below the Belt*, looks at each of these issues through the lens of endometriosis ("endo"), a condition that affects approximately 200 million girls and women around

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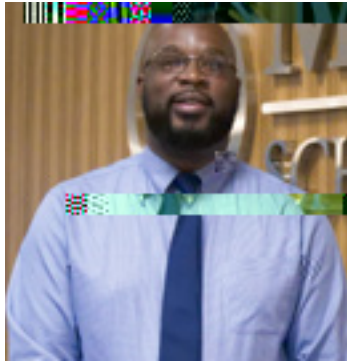
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REMEMBERING PADARRAH MOSS



Morehouse School of Medicine remembers our IT family member, **Padarra Moss**. Padarra was integral to the success of the HeLa Women's Health Symposium for many years. He is missed but his presence is felt.

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