

# *Welcome!*

## Network of Minority Health Research Investigators

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National Institute of  
Diabetes and Digestive  
and Kidney Diseases



**Heather P. Tarleton, Ph.D., M.S., M.P.A.P.  
Chair, 2016 Planning Committee**

# *Network of Minority Research Investigators (NMRI)*

- Established in 1999 by The Office of Minority Health Research Coordination at the NIDDK
- Network of biomedical research investigators and technical personnel interested in minority health research, including individuals from traditionally underserved communities: African American, Hispanic American, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian, and other Pacific Islanders.

# ***Mission of NMRI***

- To encourage minority health investigators to be researchers in fields of interest to the NIDDK:
  - Diabetes, endocrinology, metabolism, digestive diseases, nutrition, kidney, urologic, and hematologic diseases.
- To promote two-way communication between members and NIDDK.
- To gather recommendations for strategies to enhance opportunities for, and support of, underrepresented and others in biomedical research.
- To advance scientific knowledge and contribute to the reduction and eventual elimination of racial and ethnic health disparities.

# Thank you for co-mentoring!



**Isabela Kuroyama**  
Attending Washington University in St. Louis  
Pursuing a Doctorate in Physical Therapy

**Rakiyah Johnson**  
Attending Emory University  
Pursuing a Masters in Public Health and will  
continue at Emory University for a PhD

# ***NMRI Leadership***



**Griffin P. Rogers, MD, MACP**

Director, National Institute of Diabetes  
and Digestive and Kidney Diseases



**Lawrence Agodoa, MD**

Director, Office of Minority Health  
Research Coordination  
Program Director, Division of Kidney,  
Urologic and Hematologic Diseases

**Winnie Martinez**

Program Analyst/Program Director, Office  
of Minority Health Research Coordination

# *Thank you to...*

- The NMRI Oversight Committee
- Professional Societies and Co-Sponsors
  - American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
  - American Diabetes Association
  - American Society of Nephrology
  - Council on Undergraduate Research
  - The Endocrine Society



# ***Congratulations!***

**The National Academy of Medicine, formerly the Institute of Medicine, announced the election of 70 regular members and 10 international members during its 2015 annual meeting.**

**Congratulations to two of our NMRI members:**

**Evan Dale Abel, M.B.B.S., D.Phil, John B. Stokes Chair in Diabetes Research, and director, Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center, Carver College of Medicine, University of Iowa, Iowa City**

**Glenn M. Chertow, M.D., M.P.H., Norman S. Coplion/Satellite Healthcare Professor of Medicine and chief, division of nephrology, department of medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, Calif.**



# In memory of Dr. Marion Sewer



- Dr. Sewer was an Associate Professor in the Skaggs School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of California San Diego. The overall focus of Dr. Sewer's research was defining the factors that regulate lipid metabolism. Her laboratory studied the signaling pathways and transcriptional mechanisms that control the production of cortisol and other steroid hormones.



# Your **CHARGE** For This Meeting!

- Networking...then collaboration.
- Make **TANGIBLE** progress on your research.  
(design and planning, collaborations toward implementation or data analysis, grant writing)
- Find a mentor...or become a mentor.

# Introductions

(Meet your new collaborators!)

Your Name and Institution

Your Research Area

What You Currently Need for Your Research