Letter from the Editor

The end of this year will mark two years that I have served as the Assistant Director for Diversity and Health Equity at Yale Cancer Center, and in this time, much has been achieved. We made it through our P30 renewal, demonstrating that the population we serve is diverse, and that our patients (regardless of race and ethnicity) participate in clinical trials. We celebrated as YNHH was recognized as a leader in LGBT Healthcare by the Human Rights Commission. We held a "Towards Health Equity" conference, where we heard from national and local leaders alike, and brainstormed how we can do better. And we started Kaleidoscope, which I hope you have found educational. Please send me your feedback! I would love to hear from you as to what you would like to see in 2014!

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Clinical Corner

Equity as a Value in Value-Based Health Care
Whether you like it or not, health reform is here...this interesting article in Academic Medicine looks at how health reform can specifically address diversity and health equity issues.
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How does cause of death influence racial differences in life expectancy in the United States?
Data from the National Vital Statistics System (NVSS) has shown that racial differences in life expectancy have narrowed, but still exists. Interestingly, cancer remains one of the causes of death that is significantly different between black and white people, regardless of gender.
Read the full report >>

Education Corner

Forget Mentorship, Find a Sponsor
Many thanks to Leon McDougle, Chair-elect of the AAMC Group on Diversity and Inclusion for passing along this video. It is an insightful look into why women, and people of color, stall before reaching the top ranks...
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of promotion and leadership. I encourage you to watch this, and then think about (a) who your sponsors are, and (b) who you sponsor. As you'll see, sponsorship benefits not only those who are sponsored, but more often those who sponsor others, and the institutions they represent.

See the C-SPAN BOOKTV program >>

Crooked Path Made Straight
In the last issue of Kaleidoscope, I told you about an article in the American Journal of Medicine that discussed medical education of African Americans in Mississippi. More recently, there have been some follow up articles discussing the role of gender and race in medical education over the past 150+ years.

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Healthcare Executive Diversity and Inclusion Certificate Program
For anyone interested in getting truly involved in diversity and inclusion from an administrative perspective, the AAMC is once again offering a "Healthcare Executive Diversity and Inclusion Certificate Program."
Application deadline is November 15.

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Research Corner

LGBT Issues in Cancer Care
Many thanks to the American Cancer Society for their grant support of a project to evaluate issues in access to cancer care among LGBT people. A team from the National LGBT Cancer Network, oSTEM, LGBT students, and researchers from Yale Cancer Center are working on an expanded national effort to obtain these data. Keep your eyes open for this important survey and help us make a difference!

REAL Data
This is a great resource on using Race, Ethnicity and Language (REAL) Data to reduce health care disparities.

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Women's Health 2014
For those who are doing research into women's health and sex differences - whether from a basic, translational, behavioral, epidemiologic, disparities, or health services perspective - the Academy of Women's Health is looking for abstracts!

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