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**PRESENTER BIOS**

**ROBERT D. BULLARD, PH.D.**

Robert D. Bullard is the Ware Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Director of the Environmental Justice Resource Center at Clark Atlanta University. Professor Bullard is the nation's leading authority on race and the environment. He has served as an expert witness and testified on dozens of civil rights and environmental justice lawsuits and hearings. He is the author of twelve books that address environmental justice, community health, urban land use, industrial facility permitting, neighborhood reinvestment, housing, transportation, suburban sprawl, and smart growth. His award winning book, *Dumping in Dixie: Race, Class and Environmental Quality* (Westview Press, 2000), is a standard text in the environmental justice field. A few of his other recent books include *Sprawl City: Race, Politics, and Planning in Atlanta* (Island Press, 2000), *Just Sustainabilities: Development in an Unequal World* (MIT Press, 2003), *Highway Robbery: Transportation Racism and New Routes to Equity* (South End Press, 2004), and *The Quest for Environmental Justice: Human Rights and the Politics of Pollution* (Sierra Club Books, 2005). He is completing work on two new books: *Growing Smarter: Achieving Livable Communities, Environmental Justice, and Regional Equity* (MIT Press, forthcoming 2006) and *The Black Metropolis in the Twenty-First Century* (Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming 2006).

**GLORIA GRANTHAM, PH.D.**

Dr. Gloria Grantham is Superintendent of the Chester Upland School District of Pennsylvania. Most recently she was executive director of the District of Columbia Public Schools. She was also a Senior Consultant and Trainer for Tulin DiversiTeam Associates. Dr. Grantham led Tulin DiversiTeam consultations and trainings in Organizational Development Strategies and Tools, Culture Assessment Development and Implementation, Multicultural Diversity Issues and Sexual Harassment Prevention & Intervention for a wide range of organizations, including the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Loews Corporation and Kraft General Foods.

She was the Assistant Provost of Cheyney University in Pennsylvania and served as Dean of Off-Campus and Weekend Instruction for Delaware County Community College in Media, Pennsylvania. She is author and supervisor of the University Awareness Program (UAP) at the University of Delaware and has authored numerous other professional publications and programs. Dr. Grantham has served as an assistant high school principal, a school district supervisor, and instructor in public and private secondary schools. She received her doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

## **THE HONORABLE MATTIE HUNTER**

Mattie Hunter, Member, Illinois State Senate; Vice Chairman, Senate Health and Human Services Committee; Member, Senate Local Government and State Government Committees; Director, Chicago Housing Authority; Member, Illinois Sports Facility Authority Advisory Board, Council on Aging, Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency, Council on Disabilities; and Specialist, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs; Vice President, Office of External Affairs, Human Resources Development Institute, Inc; Managing Director, Center for Health and Human Services, Johannesburg, South Africa.

## **MICHELLE A. LOMBARDO, D.C.**

Michelle Lombardo is President of The OrganWise Guys Inc. In 1993, Dr. Lombardo founded Wellness Incorporated to promote the benefits of good nutrition and preventive health care practices to people of all ages. As the president and visionary for The OrganWise Guys Inc., Dr. Lombardo speaks publicly, writes books and articles and directs activities to further the company's mission. In her practice, Dr. Lombardo vowed to be a total health coach to her patients. To do this, she conducted extensive research into the literature on nutrition and preventive health care practices. Her enthusiasm for prevention and her creative presentation of the facts inspired her patients and produced remarkable results in their lives.

Dr. Lombardo believes that knowledge is power. If people are armed with the facts about nutrition and preventive health care practices and motivated to incorporate the practices into their daily lifestyles, they will improve their chances for longevity and enhance the quality of their lives. Her goal is to glean the facts from medical research, translate them for the general public, create appealing oral and visual presentations and make them widely available.

Working with Karen McNamara, Dr. Lombardo has written and delivered presentations throughout the Atlanta metro and surrounding areas: "Don't Gamble With Your Health" for adults and "The OrganWise Guys" for children. An acclaimed public speaker with a contagious enthusiasm for life, Dr. Lombardo and her company have reached more than 2 million children and adults during the past eleven years with innovative, motivational, educational talks.

Dr. Lombardo is the former chair of the Georgia Coalition on Physical Activity and Nutrition. She is a graduate of Life College of Chiropractic. An active member of the community, she lives in Atlanta, Georgia, with her husband and three children.

## **LINDA A. RANDOLPH, M.D., M.P.H.**

Linda A. Randolph, M.D., M.P.H. has worked to make things happen at the community level to promote, protect and support the health and well-being of mothers, children and families that link with changes in public policy. She has used the vehicles of government at the federal, state, and local levels; academia; and private philanthropy to foster partnerships and institutional change that can sustain gains made for long-term positive outcomes. Dr. Randolph is a graduate of the Howard University College of Medicine and the University of California's School of Public

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Health at Berkeley. Her experience includes completing a pediatrics residency at the Harlem Hospital Center; serving as the national director of health services for the Federal Head Start program; directing the New York State Department of Health's Office of Public Health; serving on the New York City Board of Health; serving as executive director of the Carnegie Corporation of NY's "Starting Points" initiative and as executive director of the National Women's Resource Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness. Dr. Randolph currently is President and CEO of the D.C. Developing Families Center, an innovative, comprehensive, one-stop center for childbearing and childrearing families in northeast Washington, DC.

Dr. Randolph served as Clinical Professor of Community Medicine, Pediatrics and Psychiatry at the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in NY and as Research Professor and Senior Health Advisor at the National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health within Georgetown University's Graduate Public Policy Institute. She serves on the board of directors of Children's Futures, a multi-million dollar Robert Wood Johnson-funded citywide initiative in Trenton, NJ focusing on the healthy growth and development of children birth-to-three. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the American Public Health Association's prestigious Martha May Eliot Award honoring exceptional health services to mothers and children. She is widely recognized for her leadership and commitment to eliminating health disparities and addressing the needs and building on the strengths of low-income and underserved populations.

**MARGARET C. SIMMS, PH.D., M.A.**

Margaret C. Simms is Interim President at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington, D.C. She began working at the Joint Center in 1986. Prior to joining the staff of the Joint Center, she was a program director at the Urban Institute, also in Washington, D.C. Dr. Simms was on the faculty of Atlanta University from 1972 to 1981, teaching first in the School of Business Administration and then serving as chair of the Department of Economics in the School of Arts and Sciences. Prior to her appointment at Atlanta University, she was a faculty member at the University of California at Santa Cruz. In 1977 and 1978, Dr. Simms was a Brookings Economic Policy Fellow at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. She has also served as a consultant to a number of organizations, including the U.S. Department of State, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Dr. Simms has edited many books and monographs on black economic well-being, including *Job Creation Prospects and Strategies* (with Wilhelmina A. Leigh) (Washington, D.C.: Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, 1998), *Economic Perspectives on Affirmative Action* (Washington, D.C.: Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, 1995); *Moving Up With Baltimore: Creating Career Ladders for Blacks in the Private Sector* (Washington, D.C.: Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, 1991); and *Slipping Through the Cracks: The Status of Black Women* (New Brunswick, New Jersey: Transaction Books, 1986), co-edited with Julianne Malveaux.

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Dr. Simms has a B.A. in economics from Carleton College (Minnesota) and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in economics from Stanford University (California). She currently serves as President of the Carleton College Alumni Council.

Dr. Simms was editor of the *Review of Black Political Economy* from 1983 to 1988 and chaired the Board of Directors of the Institute for Women's Policy Research from 1993 to 1998. She has been a member of the *Black Enterprise* Board of Economists since 1987. She currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Academy of Social Insurance (Vice President, 2005-2006). In 2005, Dr. Simms was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

**SHANITA WILLIAMS-BROWN, PH.D., M.P.H., A.P.R.N., B.C.**

Shanita Williams-Brown is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine at the Morehouse School of Medicine and was also named the National Center for Primary Care at the Morehouse School of Medicine's first Research Scholar. She received her bachelor's (1988) and master's (1991) degrees in Nursing from the University of South Carolina at Columbia, her doctorate (2001) in Nursing from Georgia State University in Atlanta, and a master's of public health degree from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health in 2002. She completed postdoctoral training as a Cancer Prevention Fellow at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, MD in the Division of Cancer Control and Populations Sciences, Surveillance Research Program. She received a fellow's merit award for outstanding performance as a Cancer Prevention Fellow in 2004.

Dr. Williams-Brown has also received a Minority Scholar Award for Cancer Research from the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), and is currently a National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD) Scholar. At the Morehouse School of Medicine, Dr. Williams-Brown is a cancer disparities researcher whose work involves epidemiological investigations of community, social, and economic factors that impact cancer risk, incidence, and mortality. Dr. Williams-Brown's primary research objectives are to develop a population-based surveillance research interests include developing databases of community social factors associated with disparities in cancer incidence and mortality in racial/ethnic minority, poor, and underserved populations.