



American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training

Dr. Iverson Bell, Jr. Faculty Fellowship Award

The Dr. Iverson Bell, Jr. Faculty Fellowship Award promotes the professional growth of outstanding Underrepresented in Medicine (URiM) psychiatrists to create a pipeline for involvement within AADPRT and to provide recognition of the awardee's potential to contribute to the field of psychiatry. There is a need for mentorship, support and recognition of faculty who are URiM, especially junior and mid-career faculty, to not only lift them up, but to hear their voices and acknowledge their contributions. AADPRT will benefit from supporting a diverse group of members to engage in the organization and increase pathways to leadership.

2025

Committee Chair: Theadia Carey, MD, MS

Aisha Omorodion, MD, MPH

Aisha Omorodion, MD, MPH is a board-certified physician in General and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. She received her Bachelor of Science (BS) in Biology and Nutritional Sciences from Cornell University, and then obtained a master's in public health (MPH) in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from State University of New York (SUNY) at Albany School of Public Health. For medical school, she attended Albany Medical College before completing residency there, followed by completion of her fellowship training at University of California San Diego (UCSD). She now works as an Assistant and Clinical Professor at UCSD and an Attending Physician at Rady Children's Hospital.



Dr. Omorodion has a special interest in working with disadvantaged and vulnerable populations. She recognizes their unique struggles and how certain obstacles can negatively influence the care received. To combat this, she promotes the importance of diversity and equity within the health care system, and advocates for cultural competency, patient empowerment, and education. She enjoys teaching medical students at all levels and it allows her to provide mentorship to interested students as they navigate the complexities of medical school and beyond.

As a lifelong learner, she frequently pursues opportunities to learn more about topics she is passionate about. She completed the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Program and is now working to establish a Multidisciplinary Neuropsychiatry Clinic between the Psychiatry and Neurology Departments. She aspires to make a substantial impact within the field of medical education while providing the best treatment for her patients.

Patricia Malone, MD, PhD

Dr. Patrice K. Malone received her Ph.D. in Molecular Cellular and Developmental Biology from the University of Michigan and medical degree from Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She completed her general psychiatry residency at Columbia University and her child and adolescent psychiatry training at NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia and Cornell Universities (NYPH/Columbia/Cornell) as a public psychiatry track fellow. Upon completing training, she joined the Department of Psychiatry at Columbia University as a faculty member.



Dr. Malone founded and is Director of the Dr. June Jackson Christmas (JJC) Program, which exposes medical students from historically underrepresented groups in medicine to the breadth of what a career in psychiatry has to offer in hopes that they too will become psychiatrists. She is co-chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Alliance committee which serves the Columbia/NYPH clinical system and co-advisee of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice, and Belonging committee for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellows across NYPH/Columbia/Cornell. Dr. Malone is also co-chair of AACAP's Substance Use Committee and treats young people suffering from substance use disorders at the Smithers Center as part of Columbia's Faculty Practice Organization. This academic year, Dr. Malone was promoted to Associate Director of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry for Professional Development and joined the adult psychiatry residency training team as an Associate Program Director.

2024 (Inaugural)

Committee Chair: *Theadia Carey, MD, MS*

Sidney Hankerson, MD, MBA

Dr. Sidney Hankerson is Associate Professor and Vice Chair of Community Engagement in the Department of Psychiatry at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. He is also Director of Mental Health Equity Research in the Institute for Health Equity Research (IHER) at Mount Sinai. His research focuses on reducing racial/ethnic disparities in mental health treatment. He is a nationally recognized expert at engaging faith- and community-based organizations to increase access to culturally relevant mental health care.



Dr. Hankerson has presented at the White House, United Nations, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Gracie Mansion (NYC Mayor's Office), and numerous national academic conferences. He currently serves on the National Football League's (NFL) Mental Wellness Committee. The National Academy of Medicine selected Dr. Hankerson as one of 10 physicians in the U.S. for its Emerging Leaders in Health and Medicine Program in 2021. He was an inaugural member of the American Psychiatric Association's (APA) Council of Faith and Community Partnerships and served on the APA Council of Minority Mental Health and Health Disparities. Dr. Hankerson completed a dual MD/MBA program from Emory University and completed a NIMH-funded post-doctoral research fellowship at Columbia University Medical Center.