

*In Memory of*  
***Renée Royak-Schaler, PhD, MEd***



This annual lecture is supported by a generous gifts from the family of the late Renée Royak-Schaler, PhD, MEd. Devoted to cancer prevention among African Americans and to the elimination of disparities across the continuum of cancer care, Dr. Royak-Schaler also directed the University of Maryland School of Medicine Master of Public Health (MPH) Program until her sudden death in 2011. The aim of her family's gifts is to bring the best scholars and policy makers in the country to the university to present their work on pressing issues in health disparities and health equity, and to bring much-needed visibility to this important topic.



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*20th Anniversary MPH Celebration*

*10th Annual Renée Royak-Schaler Lecture in Health Equity*

Luncheon, Lecture, and Reception



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April 11th, 2024  
1:00pm–5:00pm  
MSTF Atrium and Leadership Hall

## Event Includes

**1:00pm–1:45pm**

MPH 20th Anniversary Luncheon

**2:00pm–4:15pm**

*Public Health in the Making: Remarks by UMB and UMSOM Leadership and MPH Founding Leaders and Alumni moderated by*

**Diane Marie St. George, PhD**  
Associate Professor and Director, MPH Program  
University of Maryland School of Medicine

*The 10th Annual Renée Royak-Schaler Lecture in Health Equity  
Transforming Public Health to Achieve Health Justice*

**Ruqaiijah Yearby, JD, MPH**  
Kara J Trott Professor in Health Law,  
Moritz College of Law, The Ohio State University

**4:15pm–5:15pm**

Dessert, Coffee, Cocktail hour

## 20th Anniversary

### ***Master of Public Health (MPH) Program***

Founded in 2004, the Master of Public Health (MPH) Program is based in the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health within the School of Medicine at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. The MPH Program is a professional degree program and is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). Currently, the 42-credit hour program has three concentrations: Community & Population Health, Epidemiology, and Global Health and offers joint degree opportunities with the six professional schools on campus. The MPH Program is vibrant and growing because it is built upon the rich history and tradition of excellence of the School of Medicine as well as the dynamic academic community.

## 10th Annual

### ***Renée Royak-Schaler Lecture in Health Equity***

#### *Transforming Public Health to Achieve Health Justice*



Ruqaiijah Yearby, J.D., M.P.H is the inaugural Kara J. Trott Professor in Law at the Moritz College of Law, Professor in the Department of Health Services Management and Policy at the College of Public Health, and a faculty affiliate of the Kirwan Institute at The Ohio State University.

Professor Yearby has received over \$5 million in grant funding from the National Institutes of Health to study structural racism and discrimination in vaccine allocation and from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to study the equitable enforcement of housing laws and structural racism in the health care system.

Her work has been published in the American Journal of Bioethics, American Journal of Public Health, Emory Law Journal, Health Affairs, and the Oxford Journal of Law and the Biosciences.

#### *Past Lecturers*

- 2023 ~ Alyce Adams, PhD, MPP
- 2022 ~ Olufunmilayo Olopade, MD
- 2021 ~ Donald Warne, MD, MPH
- 2019 ~ Ichiro Kawachi, MBChB, PhD
- 2018 ~ Margarita Alegria, PhD
- 2017 ~ Anthony Iton, MD, JD, MPH
- 2016 ~ Paula Braveman, MD, MPH
- 2015 ~ Ana Diez Roux, MD, PhD, MPH
- 2014 ~ David Williams, PhD, MPH