A LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

The month of June is a time to recognize and celebrate the achievements of the LGBTQ community. On June 28, 1969, police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar located in New York City. The raid sparked a rebellion among bar patrons and neighborhood residents, leading to six days of protests and violent clashes with law enforcement. The Stonewall Rebellion served as a catalyst for the modern LGBT rights movement in the United States. This historical event inspired past and present LGBT health advocates’ fight for health equity.

Eight years ago, BNGAP furthered the mission of LGBT health equity by organizing the first annual LGBT Health Workforce Conference. The conference gathers leaders in LGBT health to share best practices in clinical care, education, research and leadership. The conference has grown in reputation and recognition to include participants from across the United States and the world. Each year, graduate health students, residents, and fellows present their achievements in LGBT health through seminars or poster presentations. Trainees have a unique opportunity to network with “out” faculty, leaders, and mentors. The conference success has produced three peer-reviewed publications relevant to academic workforce development and inspired the development of an NIH-sponsored grant to develop SGM cancer research education (http://bngap.org/sgm-cancer-care-2/). We welcome trainees and health care professionals to join our conference planning committees and future BNGAP scholarly projects.

Join us today in the effort to build a diverse academic medicine workforce. During the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us are searching for new ways to build community during a time of self-isolation. Stay connected with us through our YouTube and social media accounts. We will also organize several virtual events throughout the year. I hope that BNGAP can serve as a resource to bring you closer to professional peers and mentors that will further your personal and career goals. Most importantly, stay safe and healthy where you are. When we can safely come together, we will need your help leading us forward.

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Organization Leadership Award
University of Arizona Health Sciences and Banner Health
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Health Professional Leadership Award
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Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians & Surgeons

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Michael Solotke, MD Candidate
Yale University School of Medicine
The Journal of the National Medical Association, in collaboration with BNGAPs LGBT Health Workforce Conference, is seeking submissions for scholarly work focused on Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) health and new strategies to support SGM persons of African descent.

“Sexual and gender minority” is an umbrella phrase that encompasses individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, asexual, transgender, two-spirit, queer, and/or intersex. Individuals with same-sex or -gender attractions or behaviors and those with a difference in sex development are also included. These populations also encompass those who do not self-identify with one of these terms but whose sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or reproductive development is characterized by non-binary constructs of sexual orientation, gender, and/or sex.

Articles that address the following topic areas will be of interest:
- Health education initiatives for SGM persons of African descent, including examples of graduate health curricular innovations, community-based organization educational outreach to local residents, government health initiatives focused on SGM persons of African descent;
- Medical society initiatives supporting SGM persons of African descent, including examples of resolutions supporting SGM persons of African descent, medical society programming supporting SGM persons of African descent;
- Health disparities research among SGM persons of African descent, including cancer research, mental health research, resiliency data, cardiovascular research;
- Trainee, faculty, or senior leader perspectives on inclusion in academia, including ways diversity offices and the national organizations (e.g. AAMC, ACGME, LCME) can support broad inclusion.


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June 30 – Ch 11. Health Policy and Academia

Register for the Zoom-based webinar series
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