DIALOGUES ON THE QUAD
ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE
A ZOOM EVENT | THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 9 – 10:30 AM

Is health care a right or a privilege? Is denying health care non-humanitarian? How do faith traditions inform the conversation? How are systemic racism and disparities in health care access and outcomes linked? Can costs be reduced without sacrificing quality?

MODERATOR
President John A. Nunes

KEYNOTE
CORONAVIRUS DEEPENS INEQUALITY
Dr. Jill Kalman, Cardiologist and Executive Director of Lenox Hill Hospital

PANELISTS
Amanda Gallipeau
Health Law Manager for Empire Justice

Tania Hammock
VP of Clinic Operations for the Mental Health Association of Westchester

Dr. Karen Bourgeois
Dean of the School of Health Sciences and Nursing

Ezequiel Ayala-Santos
Radiologic Technologies Student

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DR. JILL KALMAN is the Executive Director of Lenox Hill Hospital, and Medical Director for the office of patient and customer experience for Northwell Health. Dr. Kalman has dedicated her career to improving the quality and quantity of life in patients with all stages of heart disease. An expert in congestive heart failure, she has published extensively in that area. She began her career on faculty at Mount Sinai Hospital. After serving as chief of cardiac services of Tisch Hospital, she returned to Mount Sinai as the director of the Cardiomyopathy Program, where she oversaw quality, patient safety and health care delivery initiatives across the medical center. Dr. Kalman joined Northwell in 2014 and served as associate medical director in the Office of the Chief Medical Officer, and as the associate medical director at Long Island Jewish Medical Center before being promoted to her current positions. After graduating with honors from the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Kalman received her medical degree from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. She completed her internal medicine residency, chief residency and cardiology fellowship at the Mount Sinai Medical Center, including a research fellowship in heart failure and cardiac transplantation.

AMANDA GALLIPEAU is the Health Law Manager at Empire Justice Center, a legal services organization in Rochester, NY. Ms. Gallipeau holds a BS in Business, Management, and Economics, and is in the final semester of her MA in Social and Public Policy at SUNY Empire State College, where she will defend her thesis: Are Zero-Tolerance Discipline Policies Harmful to Children with High ACE Scores? Before working in the Health Law Unit, Ms. Gallipeau spent two years in the Foreclosure Prevention Unit. She serves on the University of Rochester Community Advisory Council, Community Voices for Health Systems Accountability (CVHSA), as well as the Partnership for Access to Healthcare (PATH), a community partnership through Common Ground Health, whose mission is to increase health insurance coverage and expand access to care, by promoting universal coverage, monitoring state policy, and tracking the impact of the lack of insurance in the region.

TANIA HAMMOCK is Vice-President of Clinic Operations for the Mental Health Association of Westchester. She received her BA in Psychology from Texas A & M University, graduating with honors, and went on to receive her Master of Social Work from Marywood University. Ms. Hammock is dedicated to developing and promoting person-centered policies in order to enhance MHA’s mission of mental health advocacy through trauma-informed care and recovery oriented policies.

DR. KAREN BOURGEOIS is the Dean of the School of Health Sciences and Nursing at Concordia College. She has dedicated her career to nursing education, primary care, and mental health. Dr. Bourgeois began her career in nursing education on the faculty of the College of Mount Saint Vincent after serving as a visiting nurse at the Visiting Nurse Service of New York and as a medical/surgical nurse at Cornell Medical Center. She joined Concordia College New York in the fall of 2011 and served as a faculty member, and then Interim Dean of Nursing before being promoted to her current position. After graduating as a Family Nurse Practitioner from Pace University, Dr. Bourgeois went on to receive her Ph.D. from the Graduate Center, the City University of New York.

EZEQUIEL AYALA-SANTOS is a junior in the Radiologic Technologies program of Concordia College New York. Ezequiel is currently both RA of Sieker Hall and the president of Concordia’s first co-ed fraternity, Omega Psi Eta. As the son of immigrants and a resident of the Bronx, Ezequiel has witnessed firsthand how marginalized groups experience inadequate and inaccessible health care. At the age of 15, Ezequiel lost his father to myocardial infarction, which inspires his current pursuit of a medical career. Ezequiel hopes that by living a life full of passion, purpose, and service, he can produce an impact on the people who need it most.