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Welcome to The New York Academy of Medicine's 173rd Annual Meeting of the Fellows

While 2020 has been a whirlwind of uncertainty, one unwavering constant we have all relied on is the dedication and leadership of so many frontline workers to keep New Yorkers healthy. At this year's virtual event, we will induct and celebrate our latest class of Fellows and Members and pay tribute to those who have helped to keep us healthy. We will also present a special public health award to New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo in recognition of his leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for joining us and for being part of NYAM's network of champions for health equity.



2020 ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

Welcome

Judith A. Salerno, MD, MS

President, The New York Academy of Medicine

Induction of New Fellows and Members

Dave A. Chokshi, MD, MSc, FACP

Commissioner of Health, NYC Department of Mental Health and Hygiene

Howard A. Zucker, MD, JD

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Statements from the 30-Year Fellows of The New York Academy of Medicine

Presentation of The Stephen Smith Medal for Distinguished Service in Public Health

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo Governor of the State of New York

Introduced by **Michael Dowling**

President and CEO, Northwell Health

A Special Conversation: Leadership in Health

Judith A. Salerno, MD, MS

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A Tribute to Frontline Workers

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THE STEPHEN SMITH MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTIONS IN PUBLIC HEALTH



**The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of the State of New York**

The New York Academy of Medicine's medal for lifetime achievement in public health, first awarded in 2005, was named for Stephen Smith, a NYAM Fellow and pioneer in the field of public health. Governor Andrew M. Cuomo was selected to receive the 2020 Stephen Smith Medal in recognition of his extraordinary leadership of New York State during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Andrew M. Cuomo is the 56th Governor of New York, having assumed office on January 1, 2011.

As Governor, Cuomo has fought for social, racial and economic justice for all New Yorkers. Under his leadership, New York passed marriage equality, a \$15 minimum wage, the strongest paid family leave program in the nation, the strongest gun safety laws in the nation, equal rights for women, greater protections for immigrants, the largest investment in education in state history, landmark election reforms, and a first-in-the-nation Green New Deal for New York. He cut taxes for the middle class, implemented a permanent 2 percent property tax cap, put more New Yorkers to work than ever before, and became the first state in the nation to offer free college tuition for middle-class families. He got the state building again – taking on projects all across the state that had been stalled for decades, and using union labor every step of the way. And he led the during the COVID-19 crisis, steering New York from the highest infection rate in the country to the lowest.

Governor Cuomo is the Dean of the nation's Democratic Governors, and currently serves as Chairman of the National Governors Association.

Prior to his election as Governor, Cuomo served as the 64th Attorney General of New York, where he fought discrimination in rental apartments, challenged corporate abuse of the middle class, and took on the big banks that were squandering billions of dollars in bail-out money.

From 1997-2001, Cuomo served as the 11th United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under President Bill Clinton, where he transformed the agency from a wasteful and inefficient bureaucracy to an effective driver of economic development and housing opportunities. His leadership as Secretary was a continuation of his lifelong fight to help the neediest and address homelessness, one of the most desperate situations of the time. Prior to joining HUD, Cuomo founded and led the Housing Enterprise for the Less Privileged (HELP), a not-for-profit that set a national model for serving the homeless, and chaired the New York City Homeless Commission during Mayor David Dinkins' administration.

Governor Cuomo's lifetime of public service began after he graduated from law school, when he served as campaign manager and headed the Transition Committee for then-Governor-Elect Mario Cuomo in 1982. Working as an advisor to the Governor – while taking a salary of \$1 a year – instilled in Cuomo the belief that government is the vehicle to bring about change, do justice, and make progress happen.

Born in Queens, New York City, Andrew Cuomo was the second child of Governor Mario Cuomo and Matilda Raffa Cuomo. His paternal grandparents, Andrea and Immaculato Cuomo, emigrated from Salerno, Italy to South Jamaica, Queens in the 1920s, where Andrea ran a small grocery store.

Governor Cuomo is a graduate of Fordham University and Albany Law School, and the proud father of three girls, Mariah, Cara, and Michaela.

PAST MEDAL RECIPIENTS

2019: Mary T. Bassett, MD, MPH

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Speaker and Guest Biographies



Dave A. Chokshi, MD, MPH, is the commissioner of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Dr. Chokshi most recently served as Chief Population Health Officer at NYC Health + Hospitals, where he built and grew an award-winning team dedicated to health system improvement, spanning innovative care models and analytics, primary care transformation, social determinants of health, community-based care management, and chronic diseases and prevention. He has taken care of patients as a primary care physician at Bellevue Hospital since 2014.

Dr. Chokshi's prior work experience spans the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, including positions with the New York City and State Departments of Health and the Louisiana Department of Health, before and after Hurricane Katrina. Dr. Chokshi served on the FEMA delegation to New York City after Hurricane Sandy in 2012. He also served as a White House Fellow and was the principal health advisor to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Dr. Chokshi has written widely on public health and medicine including in *The New England Journal of Medicine*, *JAMA*, *The Lancet*, *Health Affairs*, *Science*, and *Scientific American*. In 2016, President Obama appointed him to the Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion, and Integrative and Public Health.

He trained in internal medicine at Brigham & Women's Hospital, where he received the Dunne Award for Compassionate Care, and was a clinical fellow at Harvard Medical School. During his training, Dr. Chokshi did clinical work in Guatemala, Peru, Botswana, Ghana, and India. He received his MD with Alpha Omega Alpha distinction from Penn, where he was elected by his peers to win the Joel Gordon Miller Prize. He also earned an MSc in global public health as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, and graduated summa cum laude from Duke.



Michael Dowling is one of health care's most influential voices, taking a stand on societal issues such as gun violence and immigration that many health system CEOs shy away from. As president and CEO of Northwell Health, he leads a clinical, academic and research enterprise with a workforce of more than 72,000 and annual revenue of \$13.5 billion.

Mr. Dowling's leadership has been invaluable to Northwell's consistent expansion and prominence. In 2020, he successfully navigated the health system through the first COVID-19 epicenter in the US, detailing his experiences in *Leading Through a Pandemic: The Inside Story of Humanity, Innovation, and Lessons Learned During the COVID-19 Crisis*.

Prior to becoming president and CEO in 2002, Mr. Dowling was the health system's executive vice president and chief operating officer. Before joining Northwell Health in 1995, he was a senior vice president at Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Mr. Dowling served in New York State government for 12 years, including seven years as state director of Health, Education and Human Services and deputy secretary to the governor. He was also commissioner of the New York State Department of Social Services. Before his public service career, Mr. Dowling was a professor of social policy and assistant dean at the Fordham University Graduate School of Social Services, and director of the Fordham campus in Westchester County.

Mr. Dowling is past chair of the Healthcare Institute and the current chair of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI). He is a member of the National Academy of Medicine and the North American Board of the Smurfit School of Business at University College, Dublin, Ireland. He also serves as a board member of the Long Island Association, the National Center for Healthcare Leadership (NCHL), the Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA), the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS) and the League of Voluntary Hospitals of New York.



Wayne J. Riley, MD, MPH, MBA, MACP, is the 17th president of SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University.

Prior to his appointment at Downstate, Dr. Riley served as clinical professor of medicine and adjunct professor of Health Policy & Management at the Vanderbilt Owen Graduate School of Management and the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. Before that, Dr. Riley served from 2007–2013 with distinction as the 10th president

and chief executive officer and professor of medicine at the historic Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee.

An academic, primary care general internist, Dr. Riley has more than 25 years of progressively senior executive level management, policy, and leadership experiences in academic medicine, patient care, research administration, academic health center administration, healthcare management, health policy, biotechnology, the corporate sector, government service, advocacy, and organized medicine.

Dr. Riley holds a Master of Public Health in Health Systems Management from the Tulane University School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine, a Doctor of Medicine degree from the Morehouse School of Medicine, and a Master's in Business Administration from Rice University's Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Business. Dr. Riley completed his residency training in internal medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, rising from an instructor of medicine to vice president and vice dean for Health Affairs and Governmental Relations. He also held an associate professorship of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Riley is immediate past president and president emeritus of the 105,000-member American College of Physicians (ACP). He is an elected member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine, where he served as vice-chair and then chair of the NAM section on the Administration of Health Services, Education, and Research, and is a Master of ACP.

In October 2020, Dr. Riley was appointed Chair of The New York Academy of Medicine's Board of Trustees.



Judith A. Salerno, MD, MS, is the President of The New York Academy of Medicine and is leading its strategic vision for health equity. Dr. Salerno is one of the nation's pre-eminent leaders in health and healthcare and has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to assuring that everyone has the opportunity to live a healthy life. Health equity has been the unifying theme of her career, during which she has worked to improve care for veterans,

those living with metastatic breast cancer, Medicaid recipients, and Alzheimer's patients.

Dr. Salerno most recently served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Susan G. Komen™, the world's largest breast cancer organization. She also served as the Leonard D. Schaeffer Executive Officer of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies, Deputy Director of the National Institute on Aging at the National Institutes of Health, and Chief Consultant for Geriatrics and Extended Care for the U.S. Veterans Health Administration. Dr. Salerno is a board-certified physician in internal medicine and holds an MD degree from Harvard Medical School and a Master of Science in Health Policy from the Harvard School of Public Health.



Shaneah Taylor, MPH, is a spoken word artist, public health professional, storyteller, podcast host, and author that seeks to combine the delivery of important emotional, spiritual, social justice, and public health messages through the art of performance poetry. Shaneah is also a Program Officer supporting the community action portfolio in East Harlem at The New York Academy of

Medicine. She is well versed in Community Based Participatory Research practices and designing innovative ways to amplify the voices and leadership acumen of community residents. Prior to her NYAM arrival, Shaneah worked at Northwestern hospital in Chicago managing and implementing various NIH funded community based participatory research projects that focused on advancing cancer health equity, patient navigation practices, gestational diabetes, and breast and cervical cancer screening in low resourced communities of color. Shaneah is well versed in community capacity building, outreach, youth mentorship, and education. She holds a Master's Degree in Public Health and is passionate about sustainably eliminating health inequities among populations experiencing historic disinvestment through prevention education, patient navigation, performing arts, and empowering the next generation of healthcare professionals.



Howard A. Zucker, MD, is the Commissioner of Health for New York State. As the state's chief physician, he leads the Department of Health's public health initiatives and oversees its healthcare workforce and healthcare facilities. He has been working with Governor Cuomo to manage New York State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and has worked at the helm on such critical

issues as the 2018-2019 measles outbreak, vaping-related illnesses, Legionella, the Zika virus, Ebola, and medical marijuana. Dr. Zucker trained in pediatrics (Johns Hopkins), anesthesiology (University of Pennsylvania), pediatric critical care/pediatric anesthesiology (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia), and pediatric cardiology (Boston Children's Hospital) and is board-certified in six specialties. He has held academic appointments at Yale, Columbia, and Einstein medical schools; at Georgetown Law; and on the NIH faculty. He served as a White House Fellow, HHS Deputy Assistant Secretary of Health, Assistant Director-General of the World Health Organization, and Institute of Politics fellow at Harvard Kennedy School. He holds a BS (McGill), MD (George Washington), JD (Fordham), and LLM (Columbia).

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