



David Geffen
School of Medicine

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Dear Colleagues:

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Drs. Kathleen Brown and Valencia Walker as Assistant Deans for Equity and Diversity Inclusion, following a rigorous search process. Drs. Walker and Brown will join the leadership team in the Office of Equity and Diversity Inclusion Office, led by Dr. Lynn Gordon, Senior Associate Dean for Diversity Affairs. They will also work closely with Dr. Clarence Braddock, Vice Dean for Education and the entire medical education team. Their primary focus will be to develop and support programs that enhance the academic successes, inclusive climate, and welcoming culture for all of the trainees affiliated with the David Geffen School of Medicine. This portfolio will include medical students in all of the affiliated programs and, in conjunction with the Office of Graduate Medical Education, the Office of Graduate Programs in Bioscience, and the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, will include residents and fellows, graduate students, and postdoctoral trainees. They will also participate in ongoing faculty and staff efforts regarding diversity and inclusion.

Dr. Brown is Professor of Clinical Radiologic Sciences and Section Chief of Thoracic Imaging in the Department of Radiological Sciences. She joined the UCLA faculty in 1986, where she quickly distinguished herself as an outstanding educator. Dr. Brown's career includes a list of impressive teaching accomplishments. She has taught medical students ranging from PBL to our Doctoring program and third year radiology clerkships, and serves as the Vice-Chair of the College of Applied Anatomy. She has made contributions to graduate medical education and has served as a preceptor in our pre-medical pipeline programs. She is the recipient of multiple teaching awards including the Excellence in Education Award and the Serge and Yvette Dadone Clinical Teaching Award. Dr. Brown is past president of the Association of Black Women Physicians, and served on the American College of Radiology Imaging Network Special Populations Committee. She is currently the Vice-Chair for the Section of Radiology and Radiation Oncology of the National Medical Association. She is widely known as a thoughtful physician leader and consummate mentor, both of which are critical to this role in Diversity and Equity Inclusion.

Dr. Walker is a Health Sciences Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Neonatology. She also serves as Medical Director for the NICU at UCLA Santa Monica Medical Center. Dr. Walker joined UCLA's faculty after finishing her neonatology fellowship at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. She has since completed the Medical Education Fellowship at UCLA and recently received a MPH in Health Policy from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Throughout her career, Dr. Walker has distinguished herself as an outstanding clinician educator and garnered a national reputation for her efforts in diversity, equity and inclusion. She has been an invited speaker at the AAMC Learn Serve

Lead Annual Meeting and is the immediate past president for the Association of Black Women Physicians. At DGSOM, Dr. Walker co-chairs the Pediatric Faculty Committee on Diversity. Additionally, she serves as the chairperson for California Medical Association's Council on Legislation. Dr. Walker is the recipient of numerous awards including the DGSOM Outstanding PBL Tutor Award, a Congressional Certificate of Recognition from US Representative Karen Bass, and the Physician Diversity and Outstanding Community Service Award from the California Shriners. She provides critical expertise in unconscious bias training and experience in academic scholarship for diversity programming to her new role.

We would like to thank the members of the Search Committee whose names are listed below. We are incredibly grateful for their dedication and commitment to the selection process for this important role in medical education at David Geffen School of Medicine.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Brown and Dr. Walker on their exciting new leadership positions in Diversity Affairs!

Sincerely,

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