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Topic: “Reproductive Health Disparities”

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Room 123 Howard University Research Building 1
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The goal of this seminar is to bridge knowledge across professional disciplines in the health and social sciences.

(*): The DC - Baltimore Research Center on Child Health Disparities www.howard.edu/healthdisparities was formed as collaboration between Howard University Department of Pediatrics, Children's National Medical Center and Johns Hopkins University. The mission of the Center is to improve pediatric health disparities through rigorous, multidisciplinary, and funded research addressing the issues of violence/injury, substance abuse, obesity, diabetes, asthma and other areas relevant to child health disparities.
Short Bio for Dr. Renaisa S. Anthony

**Renaisa S. Anthony, M.D., M.P.H.**, grew up in the inner city of Detroit, Michigan and witnessed first hand the disease burden that falls disproportionately on inner-city and minority populations. She made an early commitment to improve the health of disadvantaged populations through the practice of medicine. After completing her medical degree at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and master's of public health at the Harvard University School of Public Health she joined the Vanderbilt University Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology as a resident house officer. As a resident, Dr. Anthony witnessed first hand the limitations of the current health care system to care for those at highest risk and actively sought opportunities to integrate medicine, public health, and health policy to improve the overall health of disadvantaged communities.

Dr. Anthony moved to Washington, D.C. in 2007 as an American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Health Policy Fellow at the National Institutes of Health (NICHD) and the Office of the Surgeon General, where she led initiatives to improve the health of women and children. Her contribution to the U.S. Surgeon General's Conference on the Prevention of Preterm Birth was honored for outstanding service by the Surgeon General.

Dr. Anthony joined the faculty at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, Department of Prevention and Community Health in 2008. She is the Principle Investigator on the NIH supported "Chronic Hypertension in Pregnancy" (CHIP) study investigating variables that contribute to adverse pregnancy outcomes, and teaches undergraduate and graduate level courses in maternal & child health, preventive medicine, and health disparities. She is an advocate for women and children and consults across the government on issues related to maternal and child health.

In 2009, Dr. Anthony worked with Congressional Leaders to convene sessions in support of health care reform. Dr. Anthony testified before Congress on October 27, 2009 emphasizing the urgent need for health care reform and was present the evening of the historic passing of the Affordable Health Care for America Act (HR 3672).

Dr. Anthony has traveled the world on medical missions providing medical services and supplies to populations in need in South Africa, South America and the Caribbean. She is a member of multiple professional societies including the American Public Health Association (APHA), National Medical Association (NMA), Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).