

MAY 2025

CHEF Connection

CELEBRATING OUR 5TH YEAR

CHEF at the 2025 National Medical Association Annual Colloquium



(Pictured below)
CHEF Alumni join fellow NMA members to speak with their congressional offices on the Hill
March 29, 2025



CHEF was highlighted at the 2025 NMA Colloquium where the five year highlights, of the program, community impact and policy involvement in climate and health were showcased in a dynamic panel

From Left to Right: Al Glover, DPM 2023, Bethany Carlos, MD 2021, Shaneeta Johnson, MD - CHEF Fellowship Director, Mark Mitchell, MD - CHEF Fellowship Founding Director, Virginia Caine, MD - NMA 125th President, Doris Browne, MD - NMA 118th President, Kimberly Williams, PhD - MSCCH Director of Operations and Strategic Initiatives, Cheryl Holder MD, 2023) **March 29, 2025**

SPOTLIGHT:
CHEF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT NETWORK (CAEN)
DR. C. FREEMAN

CALIFORNIA POLLUTERS PAY CLIMATE SUPERFUND ACT

As a member of the California state network, Climate Health Now, Dr. Freeman contributed to the creation of a factsheet on California Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act (SB 684/AB 1243) to make polluters pay for the escalating costs of climate change in CA.

(pictured) Dr. Freeman presenting at Virginia Sea Grant's bi-annual symposium

October 2024

PRESENTER AT THE 2025 APA ANNUAL MEETING

On May 17th, Dr. Freeman spoke at this year's American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting session: "Understanding and Addressing the Mental Health Impact of Wildfires and Other Natural Disasters." exploring strategies to build resilience, address systemic inequities, and prepare for the increasing frequency of these events.

QUOTED IN ARTICLE

Dr. Freeman was quoted in an article published in Psychiatric News, on exploring the mental health toll of the L.A. wildfires. "As clinicians, we're trained to help others, but there are some occasions when we need to help ourselves, too, and there's no real way to prepare ourselves for that." - Dr. C. Freeman



Located in Los Angeles, CA, C. Freeman, MD, is a nationally recognized psychiatrist specializing in adult and geriatric psychiatry, and a 2024 CHEF graduate

CHEF IN ACTION & UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us for our 4th monthly webinar of the year, featuring **Jordan Curry Carter**, who will cover the key aspects of the U.S. history of land use, food, and water, looking at how the history has informed and led to inequities experienced by minority groups today.

Time Zones:
 3pm - 4pm EDT
 2pm - 3pm CDT
 1pm - 2pm MDT
 12pm - 1pm PDT
 11am - 12pm Alaska
 9am - 10am Hawaii

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CLIMATE & HEALTH EQUITY WEBINAR SERIES

400 YEARS OF U.S. LAND USE, WATER, AND FOOD

**Friday, June 13, 2025
 3:00pm - 4:00pm ET**

REGISTER NOW



Jordan Curry Carter
 Former CHEF Western Program Manager,
 Former Board Member of Instigator at
 Diverse City Fund



DR. ARMEN HENDERSON



Dr. Armen Henderson presented his work in the community through **Dade County Street Response (DCSR)** as panelist at the ACP meeting. His talk on providing care to those experiencing homelessness was both enlightening and deeply meaningful. "So proud to be part of this community of compassionate, forward-thinking physicians."

(pictured) Dr. Henderson presenting at ACP's Internal Medicine Meeting April 2025

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

[NATIONAL HISPANIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION \(NHMA\)](#)
[ANAHEIM, CA](#)
[JUNE 5-7, 2025](#)

[AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION \(AMA\)](#)
[CHICAGO, IL](#)
[JUNE 7-11, 2025](#)

[NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION \(NMA\)](#)
[CHICAGO, IL](#)
[JULY 19 - 23, 2025](#)

[GLMA: HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ADVANCING LGBTQ & EQUITY](#)
[MINNEAPOLIS, MN](#)
[OCTOBER 9-11, 2025](#)

SPOTLIGHT: CHEF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT NETWORK (CAEN) SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

BENJAMIN WIBONELE, MD



2025 CHEF Fellow, **Dr. Wibonele** presented at Grand Rounds at Emory University on his interest in applying to CHEF and on the **intersection of otolaryngology and climate change**.

KEISHA CALLINS, MD, MPH



Dr. Keisha Callins, CHEF 2025, presented at the **100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc.** Annual Meeting on Disaster Relief, Climate Change and Health

The **Medical Association of Georgia** recognized Dr. Callins as **Doctor of the Day at the Capitol**, in recognition of her dedication to caring for legislators and staff.

EARL STEWART JR., MD



Dr. Earl Stewart spoke at a press release for **Asthma Awareness Day with Georgia Clinicians for Climate Action** at the **CleanMed** conference in Atlanta, GA., May 2025