



(pictured from left to right): Drs. Audrey Tanksley, Janelle White, Micah Nishigaki, Mark Mitchell, Venise Curry, Keisha Callins, Kathi Earles, Marshala Lee-McCall, Kimberly Williams

CHEF & PEECH Fellowships featured at the 123rd National Medical Association Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly

The CHEF and PEECH Fellowships were prominently featured at the NMA Annual Meeting through several keynote events, including the annual CHEF and PEECH Fellowship session hosted by the Community Health and Preventive Medicine Section, the first-ever Joint Plenary Session on Climate Change and Heat sponsored by nine specialty sections, and the inaugural Sustainability in Surgery Symposium presented by the Surgery Section.



2025 CHEF Fellows, Drs. Janelle White, Keisha Callins, Marshala Lee-McCall, Micah Nishigaki, Audrey Tanksley, and Kathi Earles presented on topics such as the impact of climate disasters on payors, heat and pregnancy, environmental justice in Delaware, food insecurity, impact of climate disasters on substance use disorders, and the impact of excessive heat on children. The session was moderated by Associate Fellowship Director, Dr. Venise Curry.

National Medical Association, July 21st, 2025 | Specialty Section: Community Health and Preventive Medicine

CHEF IN ACTION & PAST EVENTS



The first-ever NMA Sustainability in Surgery Symposium, led by Dr. Shaneeta Johnson - CHEF 2021 (pictured above), featured surgeons including Patricia Sylla, MD and Yewande Alimi, MD, as well as CHEF Fellows George Crawford Jr., MD, Class of 2023 (pictured center) and Charles Moore, MD, Class of 2024, (pictured far right) bringing environmental awareness and surgical innovation to the forefront.

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Dr. Roger A. Mitchell Jr., was installed as the 126th NMA President. Dr. Mitchell Jr.'s four pillars of his presidency include a focus on **Environmental Health and Justice**.



Dr. Mark Mitchell, Founding CHEF Director and Chair of The NMA Council of Environmental Health and Climate Change, Community Health and Preventive Medicine, Surgery, Pathology, Psychiatry, Podiatry, Family Medicine, Obstetrics & Gynecology and Aerospace & Military Medicine).

AWARDEE: PEECH FELLOW | DR. AL GLOVER



Dr. Alfred Glover DPM, 2023 CHEF Fellow and 2024/2025 PEECH fellow, received an award for excellence as the inaugural fellow of the Policy Experience in Environmental Changes and Health Fellowship.

(pictured) Dr. Williams, Dr. Glover, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Curry
July 21, 2025

CHEF Specialty Section: Community Health and Preventive Medicine, NMA 2025, Chicago, IL

SPOTLIGHT: CHEF FELLOWS TAKING ACTION DR. MICAH NISHIGAKI



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held a virtual public hearing on July 8th, regarding the EPA's proposed Repeal of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission Standards. **Dr. Micah Nishigaki, 2025 family medicine CHEF Fellow** gave public comments on connections of climate and health and impacts repealing standards.

SPOTLIGHT: 2025 FELLOWS TAKING ACTION (CONT.) SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS & OP-EDS

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DR. KHALIL SAVARY

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Brick City Asthma
Newark (/nju.ərɪk/ NEW-ərɪk, [24] locally [nɪrək][25]) is the most populous city in the U.S. state of New Jersey, the county seat of Essex County. It also has a terrible asthma problem

Our goal is to help equip professionals and parents to ensure healthy futures for children and our community.

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MEDPAGETODAY
Perspectives > Climate Checkup

Mental Health Is Melting
— How extreme heat hurts vulnerable communities

by Ifeanyi Olele, DO, MBA, MS

Webinar Series

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Health Benefits and North Carolina AHCC are offering a webinar series to help providers, practice managers, and quality managers succeed with Medicaid Managed Care.

Medicaid Managed Care Webinar Series: Fireside (Winter)/Back Porch (Spring) Chats on Hot Topics

Hosted by Dr. Janelle White, Chief Medical Officer, NC Division of Health Benefits. Moderated by Chris Washington, Director of NC AHCC Practice Support.

July 31, 2025 from noon-1 p.m. | Children and Families Specialty Plan (CFSP)

November 20, 2025 from noon-1 p.m. | Topic TBD

February 19, 2026 from noon-1 p.m. | Topic TBD

May 21, 2026 from noon-1 p.m. | Topic TBD

Heat Sensation: Protecting Mississippi's Youth in an Era of Rising Temperatures

BY JACKSON ADVOCATE NEWS SERVICE • LIFE-HEALTH • JULY 24, 2025

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By Dr. Selika Sweet

For many, climate change has long seemed like a far-off crisis—something playing out in melting glaciers or along coastal cities. But here in Mississippi, I've come to understand that climate change is not just global. It's local. It's personal.

2025 CHEF Fellow and New Jersey pediatric pulmonologist, **Dr. Khalil Savary** established a resident curriculum on environment and health

2025 CHEF Fellow and psychiatrist **Dr. Ifeanyi Olele**, published an op-ed on July 16, on the **connection between extreme heat and mental health**

Dr. Janelle White, 2025 CHEF Fellow and North Carolina pediatrician hosted a **webinar series on breaking information and guidance on Medicaid Managed Care**

Dr. Selika Sweet, 2025 CHEF Fellow and Family Medicine physician, published an op-ed on the **effects of extreme heat on Mississippian youth athletes**.

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Selika Josiah Talbott, J.D.
 Executive in Residence at Los Angeles Clean Tech Incubator
 Adjunct Professor, Sustainability and Transportation Technology at USC

Disclosures: None

Join us for the sixth session in our Climate & Health Equity Webinar Series, featuring Selika Josiah Talbott, Former Vice President of the Los Angeles Transportation Commission.

She is a distinguished transportation mobility advocate, author, and executive. Attorney Talbott has made significant contributions to the transportation sector as a former Senior Advisor at USDOT's FMCSA, and currently Executive in Residence at Los Angeles Clean Tech Incubator, and Adjunct Professor at USC. She is notably recognized for her work as the author of the "Sammie and Sally" book series, which aims to inspire and educate young readers about transportation and mobility.

In this session, she will explore how transportation policies and infrastructure decisions impact environmental outcomes and public health with an emphasis on creating sustainable solutions and inclusive transportation systems that promote health equity and climate resilience.

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3pm - 4pm EDT

2pm - 3pm CDT

12pm - 1pm PDT

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2021 Inaugural CHEF Fellow and Director of CHEF and PEECH, Dr. Shaneeta Johnson, **makes history as only the 7th female Chair of the Surgical Section.** She hosted the first Surgical Sustainability Symposium at NMA. She represents the legacy of **Meharry Medical College**, an institution that continues to advance health caring and transformation of lives as the first female chair of surgery at the institution.

Congratulations to Dr. Shaneeta Johnson