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ADDRESSING RACIAL TRAUMA AND POLICE VIOLENCE IN MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCIES

Moderated by Pamela Montano Arteaga, Kenneth Fung, and Anna Fiskin

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Panelists

**Cheryl D. Wills**, MD, DFAPA, Director, Child and Adolescent Forensic Psychiatric Services, UH Cleveland Medical Center; Chairperson of APA Presidential Task Force on the Effects of Structural Racism Throughout Psychiatry

**Steven Marans**, MSW, PhD, Director, National Center for Children Exposed to Violence/Childhood Violent Trauma Center at the Yale Child Study Center; Founder, Child Development-Community Policing Program

**Ronnell A. Higgins**, MA, Chief of Police & Director of Public Safety at Yale University

**Tracey-Ann George**, LCSW, MHA, Psychotherapist and Consultant

**Matthew Goldman**, MD, MS, Medical Director for Comprehensive Crisis Services in the San Francisco Department of Public Health

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Matthew L. Goldman, MD, MS (PANELIST), is the Medical Director for Comprehensive Crisis Services in the San Francisco Department of Public Health, and he is a Volunteer Clinical Assistant Professor in the UCSF Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Dr. Goldman is an early career psychiatrist board member of the American Association of Community Psychiatry, he is a member of the American Psychiatric Association’s Council on Advocacy and Government Relations and he sits on the National Council for Behavioral Health’s Medical Director’s Institute, where he co-chairs the Crisis Services Committee. He is Co-Editor of the Editor’s Choice Collections for the journal Psychiatric Services and co-leads the Psychiatric Services Policy Advisory Group. He is an early career physician scientist with grant funding to study mental health and substance use crisis services and suicide prevention. He is the Principal Investigator on a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant to conduct a mixed-methods evaluation of the implementation of a Street Crisis Response Team to better serve low-income San Francisco residents with mental illness and substance use disorders experiencing homelessness. He also received a Young Investigator Innovation Grant from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to study referral decision-making by mobile crisis clinicians. He has formal training in qualitative research methods and has led multiple qualitative and mixed-methods studies of innovative health practices using implementation science frameworks. From 2018–2019 he was a Policy Fellow in the Office of the Chief Medical Officer at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration through the Health and Aging Policy Fellowship and the Congressional Fellowship Program, and from 2019–2020 he completed the UCSF Public Psychiatry Fellowship. He completed his residency and chief residency in psychiatry at Columbia University and the New York State Psychiatric Institute.

Mrs. Tracey-Ann George, LCSW, MHA (PANELIST), is an experienced professional with over sixteen years of varied and diverse experience in Social Work, Therapy, and Healthcare Administration. Her career began with a bachelor’s degree in Social Work from Tuskegee University in 2001. Post-graduation she gained valuable experience in child protection, fostering and adoption while working in London, England. In 2004, she further enhanced her professional skills by obtaining a master’s degree in Social Work, with a focus on Advanced Generalist Practice and Programming from Columbia University in New York City. During her time at Columbia she interned with an Assertive Community Treatment Team and became well-versed in treating individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. In the sixteen years since obtaining her master’s degree Mrs. George’s career has become more focused and specialized in treating behavioral health conditions and promoting wellness. In 2013 she obtained her license as a Clinical Social Worker and increased her therapeutic skills through engagement in clinical practice in various inpatient and outpatient behavioral health treatment organizations throughout Connecticut. Of important note are her work as a Clinical Team Leader and Program Director in medication assisted treatment at Connecticut Counseling Centers; her work as a Clinician with the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Yale University School of Medicine in the treatment of first episode psychosis; and her work with Yale-New Haven Hospital as a Clinical Social Worker in the emergency department. She currently utilizes cognitive behavioral therapy, motivational interviewing and solution-focused brief therapy modalities to engage and work with people experiencing mental health and substance use disorders. Specialty behavioral treatment areas include treatment for psychosis, trauma, anxiety/panic attacks, depression, substance use disorders, women’s and change in life issues. Throughout her career, especially in her roles as Clinical Team Leader and Program Director, Mrs. George developed an affinity for leadership and administration. To aid in the development of these skills, and with an interest in pursuing an administrative position in a healthcare organization, she completed a master’s degree in Healthcare Administration from Utica College in December 2019.

Ronnell A. Higgins, MA (PANELIST). Chief Ronnell Higgins has served as Yale University’s Chief of Police since 2011 and, concurrently, as Director of Public Safety since 2015. In these roles, he oversees a department comprising 92 sworn officers and a Public Safety Department with more than 150 staff—all working to ensure and maintain the safety of students, faculty, and staff throughout the campus. Fiscal responsibility includes managing a $30M operating budget and oversight of 3 collective bargaining units Chief Higgins has served in leadership roles with Yale for more than 23 years, from his initial work as a Police Officer to progressive positions leading to Assistant Chief of Police in 2008. As Yale University’s Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety, Chief Higgins has spearheaded numerous initiatives that have been instrumental in significantly reducing crime on campus, reducing UCR crimes to their lowest levels since Yale began reporting in 1985. He has spearheaded numerous programs supporting excellence in on-campus safety, community policing, and deep collaborations with stakeholders, leaders, and members of the New Haven community. At the same time, ensuring leading-edge focus on efforts to thwart terrorism as a result of state, national, and global threats. Additionally, he has led initiatives capitalizing on 21st century policing principles that have enhanced on-campus practices, including appropriate handling of numerous high-profile situations.

Steven Marans, PhD (PANELIST), is a child and adult psychoanalyst at the Yale School of Medicine where he is the Harris Professor of Child Psychoanalysis and Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Childhood Violent Trauma Center at the Yale Child Study Center. Dr. Marans has devoted much of his career to developing and implementing psychoanalytically informed responses to children, families and communities traumatized by violent and catastrophic events, including mass-casualty school shootings and natural disasters. He is the co-developer of the Child Development-Community Policing (CD-CP) Program, a national model for police-mental health partnerships that aimed at diminishing the impact of traumatic events to which police regularly respond. Dr. Marans is also the co-developer of the Child and Family Traumatic Stress Intervention (CFTSI), the only evidence-based early, brief intervention for children and families that interrupts and prevents the development of PTSD and related longer-term disorders associated with failures of recovery from trauma. CFTSI is now being broadly disseminated and implemented around the US and abroad. Additionally, Dr. Marans has consulted extensively with local, state and federal leaders as well as news media regarding policy and practices that best address childhood trauma. Dr. Marans served on a National Advisory Committee on Children and Terrorism (2002–2003) and on the U.S. Attorney General’s National Task Force on CEV
(2011–2012). Dr. Marans has been a lead investigator on numerous studies on the impact of acute/early brief interventions. Dr. Marans is the lead author of Enhancing Police Responses for Children Exposed to Violence: A National Toolkit for Law Enforcement and training, developed jointly by the Yale School of Medicine Child Study Center, the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the US Department of Justice and now available to law enforcement agencies throughout the US. He also authored, Listening to Fear: From Nightmares to the Nightly News, Holt, 2005 as well as numerous articles and chapters on developmental considerations in the psychoanalytic psychotherapeutic treatment of children, adolescents and adults.

Cheryl D. Wills, MD, DFAPA (PANELIST), is Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Case Western Reserve University Director of Child and Adolescent Forensic Psychiatric Services at University Hospitals of Cleveland. Her interests include community and correctional psychiatry. She has consulted with the U.S. Department of Justice, Southern Center for Human Rights, and other human rights organizations to improve psychiatric service delivery to youths and adults, who are disproportionately racial and ethnic minorities, who are confined in jails and prisons. She serves on the Board of Trustees of the American Psychiatric Association (APA) and the Finance and Budget Committee. She has coauthored treatment guidelines with the APA Guideline Writing Group. She represented the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law in the APA Assembly. Also, she serves on the editorial board of the Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law. Her publications focus on forensic and clinical aspects of psychiatric practice. Dr. Wills teaches locally and nationally on matters of mental health and law. Her skill set makes her an effective advocate for the profession and an effective consultant to healthcare professionals, medical boards, human rights organizations, and legislators.

Pamela Montano Arteaga, MD (MODERATOR), is Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at New York University Medical School. She is the director of the Latino Bicultural Clinic at Gouverneur Health/NYC Health + Hospitals and the Chair of the Structural Cultural Competence Committee at the same department. She completed her Psychiatric Residency at Northwell Hofstra School of Medicine at Zucker Hillside Hospital. After residency, she completed a fellowship in Public Psychiatry at Columbia University and served as the program director and psychiatrist for a first episode program at Rockland Psychiatric Center/New York State Psychiatric Institute. Dr. Montano Arteaga was born and raised in Colombia and completed her medical school training at Universidad del Valle in Cali, Colombia. During her trainee years, she was selected for the competitive American Psychiatric Association (APA) Minority Fellowship program (2014–2016). She is a consultant member for the APA Council Minority Mental Health and Health Disparities for 2019–2021 and the current Chair of the Infrastructure and Advocacy of the APA Hispanic Caucus. Dr. Montano Arteaga was one of the recipients of the 2018 Young Physicians of the Year Award given by the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA). In that same year, she also served as a consultant for OBGYN Integrated Care and worked for the Empower Program for victims of Human Trafficking and Sexual Trauma. She has served as consultant for the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. She is a board member of the American Society of Hispanic Psychiatry (ASHP) and was elected as Secretary for 2020–2022 at the same organization. One of her main areas of interests has been advocacy for improving the health care access and quality of care for the Latinx population and other minority groups. Dr. Montano Arteaga is an advisor for WARM, an international collaborative network of professionals focusing on improving the mental health of Women in Latin America. She is the national chairwoman for the Council of Young Physicians of the NHMA.

Kenneth Fung, MD FRCPM MSc FAPA DFCPA (MODERATOR), is Staff Psychiatrist and Clinical Director of the Asian Initiative in Mental Health Program at the Toronto Western Hospital, University Health Network and Associate Professor with the Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto. His research, teaching, and clinical interest include both cultural psychiatry and psychotherapy, especially Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), CBT, and mindfulness. He conducts research in stigma, resilience, mental health promotion, and immigrant and refugee mental health. He is psychiatric consultant to the Hong Fook Mental Health Association and Mon Sheong Scarborough Long-Term Care Centre. He is the President of the Society of the Study of Psychiatry and Culture and Past Chair of the Transcultural Section of the Canadian Psychiatric Association. He is the past Chair and current Historian of the Federation of Chinese American and Chinese Canadian Medical Societies. He is the past Chair of the Ontario Chapter of the Association of Contextual Behavioral Science (ACBS). He is a Distinguished Fellow of the Canadian Psychiatric Association, Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, and Fellow of Association of Contextual Behavioral Science (ACBS). He has received numerous awards including the 2015 Social Responsibility Award from the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine; the 2016 American Psychiatric Association Foundation Award for Advancing Minority Health; the 2017 College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario Council Award; the 2018 Psychotherapy Award for Academic Excellence from University of Toronto; and the 2020 Colin Woolf Award For Sustained Excellence in Teaching; and the Canada 150 Medal.

Anna Fiskin, MD (MODERATOR), is a psychiatrist who specializes in cultural psychiatry and global mental health. She is an Assistant Clinical Professor at UCSF and Assistant Medical Director at Chintatown North Beach Mental Health Services in San Francisco, California, where she works with a diverse patient population from China, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam. She is the Cultural Psychiatry faculty lead for UCSF Psychiatry HEAL Fellowship in Global Mental Health and a cochair of the Cultural Psychiatry Area of Distinction for UCSF Psychiatry residency program. She is also a board member of the Society for the Study of Psychiatry and Culture.