

Healing in Medicine: Ways Beyond Structural Racism and Discrimination in the Medical Field Expert Panel

Are you interested in learning more about health equity in medicine, particularly about how we can build a new future that is anti-racist and justice-centered in the medical field? Please join Dr. Carmen Black, Dr. Amanda Calhoun, and Dr. Marco Ramos in a moderated panel by Lisbette Acosta to discuss what a healing medical profession looks like, particularly healing individuals and groups systematically affected by structural racism and discrimination in psychiatry, medical education, and related fields. A catered dinner will be provided.

When: February 27th, 2024 from 5-7 PM (Panel begins at 5:30 PM; participants are welcome to come at 5 PM to mingle and get food)

Where: Linsly-Chittenden Hall (LC) 102, 63 High Street OR Zoom.

Registration is required for both in-person and virtual components. In-person attendance is fulfilled on a first-come, first-serve basis. [Register to attend here.](#)

[Amanda Joy Calhoun](#), MD, MPH, is the Chief Resident of the Yale Albert J. Solnit Integrated Adult/Child Psychiatry program, renowned for her dedication to social justice and health equity. With degrees from Yale University and Saint Louis University, she is a distinguished fellow in various leadership programs. Dr. Calhoun's research, focusing on the mental health effects of anti-Black racism in children, has received significant funding and resulted in numerous publications and presentations. Additionally, she is a prolific writer and media commentator, addressing the impact of medical racism on Black Americans in outlets such as the Boston Globe and TIME magazine, and has appeared on major TV platforms including CBS News and MSNBC.

[Carmen Black](#), MD hails from Augusta, Georgia, and boasts a distinguished background as a second-generation graduate of the Medical College of Georgia (MCG). She is a seasoned psychiatrist, having received training from the University of Pennsylvania and MCG. Currently serving as an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the Yale School of Medicine since 2019, she also holds a primary clinical appointment at the Connecticut Mental Health Center. Dr. Black's professional ethos is deeply anchored in advocating for historically marginalized communities, particularly as a proud Black American physician with roots tracing back to enslaved ancestors. She is a vocal proponent for socio-historical racial representation in medicine and is actively engaged in research aimed at promoting racial justice within academic medicine and addressing the detrimental impacts of racism and mental health discrimination in clinical settings.

[Marco Ramos](#), MD PhD, is an Assistant Professor in the History of Medicine and Psychiatry at Yale University, distinguished for his pioneering work in mental health history. His research delves into health activism and the history of drugs in Latin America, including a forthcoming book on Cold War violence and health justice in Argentina. He also explores the history of psychedelics, particularly ayahuasca, in the Amazon. Dr. Ramos's writings have been featured in esteemed journals such as The American Historical Review, and he brings a critical historical perspective to anti-racism interventions in science, medicine, and public health through his teaching.

Please reach out to the event moderator and organizer, Lisbette Acosta, with questions and comments at lisbette.acosta@yale.edu.