



# *iCURE* Welcome Ceremony

November 4, 2020

“Attracting, training, and retaining a talented and innovative research workforce for the future is one of the NCI’s most important responsibilities. *iCURE* recruits scientists from the populations that suffer from cancer disproportionately—the same populations that are traditionally underrepresented in science careers—to produce research that can successfully reduce that burden.”

— Norman E. “Ned” Sharpless, MD, NCI Director



“The *iCURE* program has enormous potential for identifying and training outstanding scientists from underrepresented minorities.”

— Douglas R. Lowy, MD, NCI Principal Deputy Director

“We are excited to expand the highly successful extramural CURE program into the intramural community. *iCURE* scholars will gain a valuable research experience and an understanding of how to navigate an NIH intramural research career path—and, in the process, they will help enrich the intramural environment.”

— Sanya A. Springfield, PhD, CRCHD Director



“We are looking forward to welcoming a diverse group of highly talented *iCURE* students and postdocs to our laboratories. Diversity of thought and culture is essential for the innovative and creative environment we pride ourselves on in the NCI intramural program.”

— Tom Misteli, PhD, CCR Director

“We have been fortunate to have an increasing number of *iCURE* scholars coming to DCEG. Diversity—of background, thought, and approach—improves the scientific community and the quality and impact of our research. Our trainees work collaboratively with DCEG’s investigators to uncover the causes of cancer in human populations.”

— Stephen J. Chanock, MD, DCEG Director



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## Agenda

- 2:00 PM **Welcome Remarks**  
**Dr. Sanya A. Springfield**  
*Director, NCI Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (CRCHD)*
- Dr. Tom Misteli**  
*Director, NCI Center for Cancer Research (CCR)*
- Dr. Stephen J. Chanock**  
*Director, NCI Division of Cancer Epidemiology & Genetics (DCEG)*
- 2:20 PM **Gift of Words for the Scholars**
- 2:30 PM **Coming to iCURE: Chapter 3**
- 2:40 PM **In Their Words: Meet the 2020 iCURE Scholars**
- 3:20 PM **Keynote Address**  
*Introduction by Dr. Emmanuel Taylor*  
*NCI Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities*
- Dr. Rueben Warren**  
*Director, National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care*  
*Professor of Bioethics*  
*Tuskegee University*
- 3:55 PM **Closing and Adjourn**

# 2020 iCURE Scholars



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**Kylynda C. Bauer, PhD**

**Tim F. Greten, MD**  
Thoracic and GI Malignancies Branch

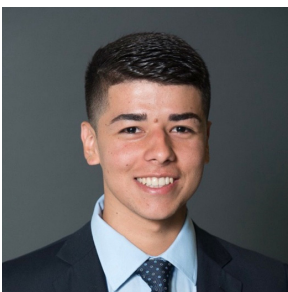
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**Theodore Busby III, PhD**

**Tom Misteli, PhD**  
Laboratory of Receptor Biology and Gene Expression

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**Frank Jesús Colón-Matos**

**Maria Teresa Landi, MD, PhD**  
Integrative Tumor Epidemiology Branch

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**Nadine Dogbe**

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**Danielle A. Duarte**

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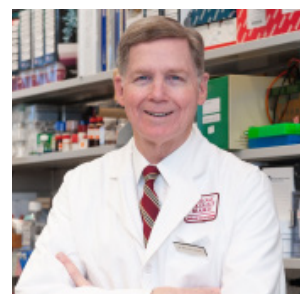
**Princess Ekpo**

**Christine M. Heske, MD**  
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**Dionna M. Gamble, PhD**

**W. Marston Linehan, MD**  
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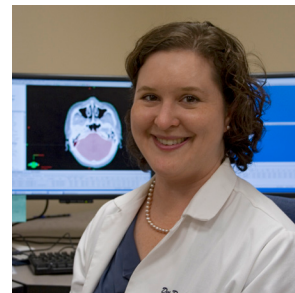
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**Garis A. Grant**

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**Sasheen P. Hamilton, PhD**

**Freddy E. Escorcia, MD, PhD**  
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**André Rashad Kydd, MD, PhD**

**Andrea B. Apolo, MD**  
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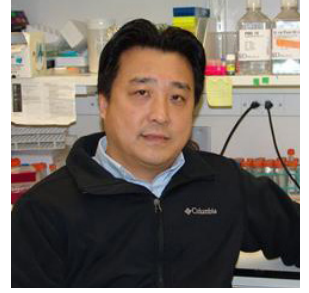




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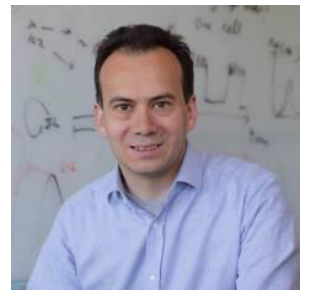


**Justin Mirazee**

**Naomi Taylor, MD, PhD**  
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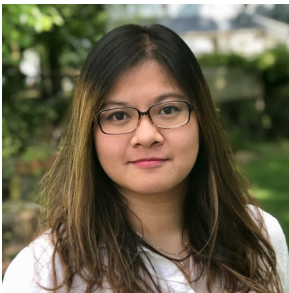




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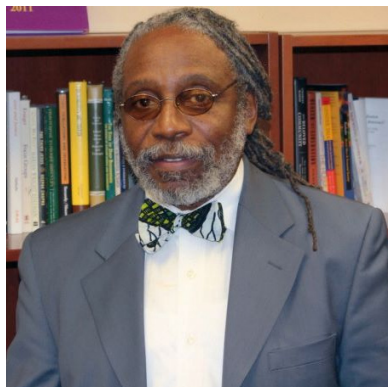
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## Keynote Speaker



### **Rueben Warren, DDS, MPH, DrPH, MDIV**

*Executive Director, National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care, Tuskegee University*

Dr. Rueben C. Warren is currently the Director of the National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care and Professor of Bioethics at Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, AL. He is also former Director of the Institute for Faith-Health Leadership and Adjunct Professor of Public Health, Medicine and Ethics at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) in Atlanta, GA. From 1988 to 1997, Dr. Warren served as Associate Director for Minority Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). From 1997 to 2004, he was Associate Director for

Urban Affairs at the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). From 2005 to 2007, Dr. Warren served part-time as the Director of Infrastructure Development for the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. From 2004 to 2009, he was on leave from the National Center for Environmental Health-CDC/ATSDR in Atlanta, where he served as Associate Director for Environmental Justice.

As Associate Director at CDC/ATSDR, Dr. Warren had lead agency responsibility for Environmental Justice and Minority Health. Prior to joining CDC, Dr. Warren served as Dean and Associate Professor in the School of Dentistry, Department of Preventive Dentistry and Community Health, at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN. He is currently Clinical Professor, Department of Community Health/Preventive Medicine, Morehouse School of Medicine, and Adjunct Professor, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Health Education, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, both in Atlanta, GA. Dr. Warren is also Adjunct Professor in the Department of Dental Public Health, School of Dentistry, and Adjunct Professor in the School of Graduate Studies and Research at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN and Georgia Health Sciences University in Augusta, GA, respectively.

Dr. Warren earned his undergraduate degree from San Francisco State University, his dental degree from Meharry Medical College, and both master's and doctorate degrees from the Harvard School of Public Health. He also completed a two-year residency at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine in Dental Public Health. He is board certified in Dental Public Health. Dr. Warren also completed a Master of Divinity (M. Div) from the Interdenominational Theological Center with a concentration in theology and ethics, and is an ordained minister. In June 1990, Dr. Warren received the Distinguished Harvard Alumni Award. In May 1999, he was awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Medical Science from Meharry Medical College.

In 2000, Dr. Warren received the President's Distinguished Service Award, Meharry Medical College. In October 2003, his academic status at Meharry's dental school was elevated to Dean Emeritus. Later in October of that same year, he was inducted into the American College of Dentists. In 2009, he received a certificate through an Intensive Bioethics Course at Georgetown University, Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Washington, DC. In May 2010, Dr. Warren received the Michael C. Alfano Award from New York College of Dentistry for Promoting Diversity in Dental Education. In 2011, he was inducted (Honorary) into Delta Omega Public Health Honorary Society. In 2013, Dr. Warren was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Meharry Medical College.

Dr. Warren's extensive public health experience at community, state, local, national, and international levels ranges from clinical and research work in the Lagos University Teaching Hospital in Lagos, Nigeria, to heading the Public Health Dentistry Program at the Mississippi State Department of Health. Dr. Warren has contributed to the scientific literature in public health, oral health, ethics, and health services research. His professional associations include: the Health Braintrust of the Congressional Black Caucus of the United States, National Dental Association, American Board of Dental Public Health, American Public Health Association, United Nations Children's Fund, and World Health Organization. Dr. Warren's membership in health-related associations has expanded his perspective on health. In 1996-97, he served as Chairperson of the Caucus on Public Health and Faith Communities, an affiliate of the American Public Health Association.

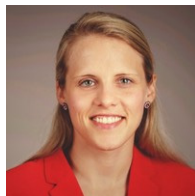
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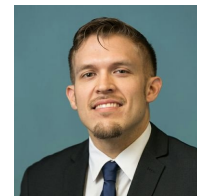
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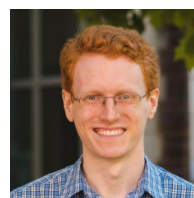
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