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12:00 PM – 1:00 PM EST | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM CST

The Expert Panel Includes:

- **Dr. Carol Neil**
Host and Moderator
Chair, NBNA Population Health Committee
President, First Coast Black Nurses Association
Professor, RN to BSN Program, Florida State College at Jacksonville, School of Nursing
- **Dr. Joan Smith**
Vice President, Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington DC Area
- **Dr. Pier Broadnax**
President, Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington, DC Area
- **Sydney McKinney, PhD, MPH, MA**
Executive Director of the National Black Women's Justice Institute
- **Janaé Bonsu-Love, PhD, MA, LMSW**
Director of Research and Advocacy of the National Black Women's Justice Institute
- **The Honorable Phil Caroom, Esq.**
Maryland Trial Court Judge

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Joan E. Smith, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

Dr. Joan E. Smith has more than 15 years in the nursing profession. Currently, she is a nurse practitioner in pre-anesthesia testing where she provides preoperative assessment for patients undergoing surgery. She is entrusted to make sure patients are in the best condition for surgery, minimize their risk of postoperative complications, and enhance their overall health and surgical experience. Dr. Smith collaborates with surgeons, anesthesia providers, and nurses to ensure best possible outcomes.

As a nurse practitioner, Dr. Smith is passionate about health promotion and disease prevention especially in marginalized communities. She engages in formal and informal teaching aimed to improve patient outcomes. Dr. Smith is a proponent of health justice and health equity. One of the most palpable passions of Dr. Smith is being a fierce advocate for her patients, particularly the underserved and vulnerable.

As a servant leader, Dr. Smith is recognized as an Equity Champion by the Satcher Learning Institute at Morehouse Medical School. Focused on meeting the unmet needs of members in the community. Dr. Smith spearheaded the partnership of the Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington DC and DC Food Project Pantry Program to address food insecurity in children. She is an active member of several local, national, and international organizations, whose primary focus is public service including Alpha Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. where she serves as co-chair of the Northeast Region Health and Wellness Committee, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, American Association of Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Practitioner Association of the District of Columbia, Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington DC Area Chapter where she serves as Vice President, American Public Health Association, and Maryland Responds Medical Reserve Corps where she served as a volunteer to administer the COVID19 vaccine in Prince George's County. In addition, Dr. Smith received the 2019 Nurses' Choice Advanced Provider Collaboration Award for Perioperative Services.

Dr. Smith holds a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree from Chatham University, a Master of Science in Nursing from Marymount University, and Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Bowie State University. In her free time, Dr. Smith enjoys reading, walking, hiking, cooking, and spending time with family and friends.



Sydney McKinney, PhD, MPH, MA

Dr. Sydney McKinney, Executive Director of the National Black Women's Justice Institute (NBWJI), is deeply committed to advancing rigorous research, policy, and technical assistance that lifts up the voices of system-impacted Black women, girls and gender-nonconforming people.

Under her leadership, NBWJI's research and advocacy will demonstrate the importance of centering the experiences of Black women, girls, and gender nonconforming people in efforts to end mass incarceration and how critical it is that our society advance new models of justice that are rooted in honoring the dignity of all people and promote individual and collective healing.

Dr. McKinney has over 15 years of experience in the areas of child welfare and justice reform, leading and implementing research and evaluation in applied settings. She holds a PhD in Sociology and an MA in law and society from New York University, and an MPH from Columbia University.



Janaé Bonsu-Love, PhD, MA, LMSW

Dr. Janaé Bonsu-Love, Director of Research and Advocacy of the National Black Women's Justice Institute (NBWJI), is an activist, researcher and Licensed Master Social Worker committed to Black women and nonbinary people through research, policy, and practice.

Dr. Bonsu-Love comes to NBWJI with a decade of pertinent research experience in the fields of criminal legal reform, youth justice, and child welfare. She has extensive experience designing, implementing, analyzing, and sharing research in a variety of community-based and institutional settings. She found a passion in providing strategic research support for grassroots campaigns concerned with gendered and racialized policing.

Dr. Bonsu-Love completed a PhD in Social Work at the University of Illinois-Chicago where her dissertation research focused on the intersection of gender-based interpersonal and institutional violence in Black communities and the impact of that violence on safety-related empowerment. She also earned a Bachelor's in experimental psychology and criminal justice from the University of South Carolina and an MA in social work, social policy, and social administration from the University of Chicago.



Phil Caroom, Esq.

The Honorable Phil Caroom served as a Maryland trial judge for 17 years with prior experience as prosecutor, defense attorney and general practitioner. Over time, becoming concerned about the ineffectiveness of the state's & the U.S. corrections system, he initially sought reform via an internal Judiciary committee to address sentencing.

Approaching retirement, Judge Carrom worked with Quakers, African-American leaders and other advocates to establish Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform (MAJR - www.ma4jr.org), a statewide, all-volunteer, bipartisan group, seeking to reduce incarceration and promote less-costly, more effective alternatives. MAJR actively invites input and advocacy from those impacted by the system.



Pier Angeli Broadnax, PhD, RN

Dr. Pier A. Broadnax has over 40 years of experience in professional nursing as a direct provider, educator, mentor and administrator. In these roles, she has been an advocate for vulnerable populations, including those in inpatient and community – based settings and mentored junior faculty as well as all levels of nursing students. She is a recognized leader in nursing and how evolving health care trends impact nursing education and the delivery of quality health care services to all citizens. Dr. Broadnax has also conducted research projects, locally and internationally, on the breast cancer experiences of minority women.

Dr. Broadnax believes that in today's healthcare environment, developing partnerships with peers in other Schools of Nursing, communities and legislators is essential to improving the health outcomes of residents living in under-resourced communities.

Dr. Broadnax has assumed leadership roles and as a health policy advocate through participation in health policy councils, professional organizations, and national initiatives. She is in demand as a guest speaker on topics ranging from the *Future of Nursing*, nursing education and health disparities.

Dr. Broadnax was recognized as the 2013 Black Nurse of the Year by the Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington, DC. She has been the Chapter President for the last three (3) years.

Dr. Broadnax obtained her undergraduate degree from Winston-Salem State University, earned her graduate degree in adult health nursing/administration from Hampton University, and earned a PhD in nursing and health policy development from George Mason University.