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new Homer G. Phillips Hospital in St. Louis, where they were given beds for the night. As it turned out, one of the Phillips interns did not show up, and Dr. Smiley stayed on.

Dr. Smiley became one of five Rosenwald fellows at Phillips and completed his residency in ob/gyn. During World War II, he was acting director of laboratories and pathology at the hospital, while also practicing in ob/gyn. After the war, he became one of the first physicians employed full time at the hospital and was supervisor of ob/gyn in a program affiliated with Washington University School of Medicine. As such, he helped develop a training program for house staff, and he joined the medical school faculty.

When St. Louis Regional Health Care Corporation was formed in 1985, Dr. Smiley became a member of its ob/gyn staff. He filled in briefly as chief of the ob/gyn service at the hospital, then took his present position as chief of ob/gyn for Regional's ambulatory care division. In his position, he sees clinic patients, recruits doctors and serves as a senior colleague and valued adviser to staff.

Had he been born of a different race, Dr. Smiley might have amassed as many honors and dollars as his modesty and sense of proportion would have allowed. As it is, he counts achievements that many a physician can envy, not the least of which is the admiration of virtually everyone he has encountered during a life of service. For many years, race alone prevented Dr. Smiley from joining the staffs of most St. Louis hospitals. He was the first black physician to operate at DePaul Hospital and the first black president of the St. Louis Gynecological Society.

Dr. Smiley's service to the St. Louis community, delivered with good will and without fanfare, makes him fully deserving of the Washington University School of Medicine's lecture series in his honor.

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He has received many honors and awards including; Presidential Award, Metropolitan Washington Chapter, American College of Surgeons; honorary fellow, International College of Surgeons; Commander's Award for Public Service, Walter Reed Army Medical Center; "Washingtonian of the Year" and "Best Doctors in Washington, D.C.," *Washingtonian* magazine; surgical oncologist in "America's Best Doctors," *Town and Country* magazine; "Exceptional Black Scientists" poster series, Ciba Geigy Corp.; outstanding cancer specialist, cover of *Black Enterprise* magazine; Humanitarian Award, D.C. Branch, NAACP; Outstanding Service Award, National Medical Association; National Achievement Award, Black Caucus, Democratic National Committee; Howard University Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Award, Health Affairs Division; Human Service Award, National Task Force for Senior Citizens, Inc.; knighted by President William Tolbert of Liberia, Knight Great Band, Liberian Humane Order of African Redemption; honorary fellow, West African College of Surgeons, and honorary fellow, College of Surgeons of South Africa in 1996.

In addition, Dr. Leffall has been a visiting professor and guest lecturer at more than 200 medical institutions in the United States and worldwide. He has authored or co-authored more than 120 articles and chapters.



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William L. Smiley, M.D.

For more than 50 years, William L. Smiley, M.D., has worked closely with women in the greater St. Louis area, helping them to have healthy pregnancies and healthy babies. At the same time, he has provided an exemplary model of professionalism for all of those with whom he works.

His service continues. Now 83, he works full time as an obstetrician/gynecologist for St. Louis Regional Medical Center's ambulatory care division. In his Hush Puppies and khaki pants, Dr. Smiley looks and acts several decades younger than his age as he moves lithely through a busy schedule, lending his expertise to patients and colleagues alike, charming them with his self-deprecating humor; guiding them with his soft-spoken good sense, and impressing them with his sharp mind, his grasp of his subject matter and his commitment to patient welfare.

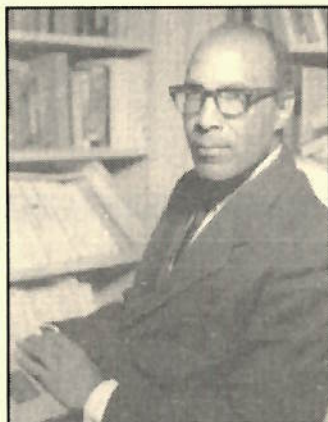
In the late 1960s, Dr. Smiley was St. Louis' chief innovator in the health care division of the War on Poverty. He also designed policies and protocols for the St. Louis Department of Health and Hospital's first maternal-child health clinics, developing prenatal, in-hospital and community assistance for women and babies up to one year old.

Perhaps even more impressive, Dr. Smiley presided over the establishment of the first family planning clinics in St. Louis, a city known for conservative attitudes on matters of reproduction. Hardly a word of dissent was uttered as the clinics began dispensing family planning information and counseling, and city officials credited the calm reaction to Dr. Smiley's integrity, reputation and professional approach. When the city obtained a Robert Wood Johnson grant in 1978 to expand its clinics, Dr. Smiley became chief of outpatient ob/gyn services, while remaining project director of the St. Louis Maternal-Child Health Project.

During those years, changing social patterns left Dr. Smiley "dumbfounded by the rise in pregnancies among young black women." He was convinced that the trend would affect all of society and, since then, he has spent many hours trying to devise ways to encourage very young women to delay motherhood until they are more mature.

Born in Alabama, Dr. Smiley grew up in Akron, Ohio, receiving both his undergraduate and medical degrees at Ohio State University. The state university had a policy of admitting just two African Americans to each matriculating class, a position thought to be extremely liberal during the 1930s. Dr. Smiley obtained one of the positions reserved for blacks, and he graduated in 1937.

After graduating, Dr. Smiley and his roommate applied for internships at Kansas City General Hospital. On their way to Kansas City by automobile, they stopped at the



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LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr., M.D., F.A.C.S.

LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr., M.D., F.A.C.S., the Charles R. Drew Professor of Surgery, Howard University College of Medicine, is a surgeon, oncologist and medical educator, as well as a leader in professional and civic organizations.

Born on May 22, 1930, in Tallahassee, Florida, Dr. Leffall grew up in Quincy, Florida, where he attended the public schools. In 1948, at the age of 18, he was awarded a bachelor's degree summa cum laude from Florida A&M University. Four years later, he received a medical degree from Howard University College of Medicine, ranking first in his class.

Dr. Leffall continued his medical training as an intern at Homer G. Phillips Hospital, St. Louis (1952-53); assistant resident in surgery at Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D.C. (1953-54 and 1955-56); assistant resident in surgery at D.C. General Hospital, Washington, D.C. (1954-55); chief resident in surgery at Freedmen's Hospital (1956-57) and senior fellow in cancer surgery, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, New York (1957-59).

In 1960, Dr. Leffall entered the U.S. Army as a captain in the medical corps, serving as chief of general surgery, U.S. Army Hospital, Munich, Germany. He joined Howard's faculty in 1962 as an assistant professor, later served as both acting dean and professor, and was named chairman of the Department of Surgery in 1970, a position he held for 25 years. In 1992, he was named the Charles R. Drew Professor, the first endowed chair in the Department of Surgery at Howard University.

Dr. Leffall's professional life has been devoted to the study of cancer, especially as it relates to African Americans. In 1979, as national president of the American Cancer Society, he launched a program on the challenge of cancer in black Americans, paying special attention to the increasing incidence and mortality of cancer in this population group.

Dr. Leffall has served at the highest levels of numerous professional and civic organizations and boards. These include: president, American College of Surgeons (1995-96), president, American Cancer Society (1978-79); president, Society of Surgical Oncology (1978-79); president, Society of Surgical Chairmen (1988-90); president, Washington Academy of Surgery (1981-83); vice president, Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract (1980-90); second vice president, American Surgical Association (1989-90); chairman, executive committee, board of governors, United Way of America (1989-92), and member, board of directors, Medical Education for South African Blacks (1986-92);

Notably, Dr. Leffall was the first African American president of the American Cancer Society, Society of Surgical Oncology, Society of Surgical Chairmen, Washington Academy of Surgery and American College of Surgeons.



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