

The Homer G. Phillips Public Health Lecture Series

Previous Honorees and Lecturers

<u>Year</u>	<u>Honoree</u>	<u>Lecturer</u>
1996	William L. Smiley, M.D.	LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr. M.D.
1997	Henry Hampton, M.D.	Henry Hampton, Jr.
1998	Andrew Spencer, M.D.	Henry Foster, M.D.
1999	Frank Richards, M.D.	Clive Callender, M.D.
2000	John Gladney, M.D.	Levi Watkins, M.D.
2001	Homer Nash, M.D.	Audrey Forbes Manley, M.D.

Homer G. Phillips and the Legacy of Public Hospitals in St. Louis

In 1905 Dr. John Green, President of the St. Louis Medical Society, with a keen understanding of the plight of public hospitals in other cities issued this charge to St. Louis physicians on the eve of opening a new City Hospital:

"Will it vouchsafe to the pauper a medical care equivalent to that which his pecuniarily more fortunate fellow citizens receive? Will it fulfill to the utmost its function of providing instruction in practical medicine to the undergraduate student? And will our hospital be thoroughly in accord with the spirit of medical enlightenment?"

Presidential Report, St. Louis Medical Review
January 14, 1905

A succession of public hospitals failed in that charge -- City Hospital No. 1 (Max C. Starkloff), City Hospital No. 2, and St. Louis County Hospital, despite their professed missions, opened as segregated facilities. Only under duress, and toward the twilight of their existence, did they admit and treat irrespective of race, creed or color. There is one bright exception, the Homer G. Phillips Hospital. It opened its doors as a truly "public" facility in 1937, still shrouded in intrigue after the mysterious assassination of its main advocate and benefactor, attorney Homer Gilliam Phillips. At a time in American society when people of color were restricted from most medical training programs, the Homer G. Phillips Hospital became the premier training ground for African American medical professionals -- many of whom remained to deliver high quality health care in the St. Louis area and who later assumed prestigious positions throughout the nation. The successes of its subsequent years of operation (as well as the complex issues surrounding its closure) became legendary in the annals of public hospitals. It closed its doors on August 17, 1979, followed by St. Louis City No. 1 in 1985, St. Louis County Hospital in 1987, and St. Louis Regional Hospital in 1997. While we cannot now walk the halls of Homer G. Phillips Hospital, we can learn much from its history, presented by the very people who strived diligently to provide culturally sensitive care to the patients who so deeply trusted and loved them and their hospital. This lecture series is named in honor of the historic Homer G. Phillips Hospital in St. Louis.

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Honoring
Mary A. T. Tillman, M.D.

Former Director, Newborn and Premature Nurseries
Homer G. Phillips Hospital
Clinical Professor of Pediatrics
Washington University School of Medicine

"An Anatomy Lesson: Health Care Disparities from the Inside Out"

Guest Speaker: Beverly Coleman-Miller, M.D.

Visiting Scholar, Harvard School of Public Health
Editorial Director, Minority Health Today

Friday, October 18, 2002
Chase Park Plaza
212 North Kingshighway
St. Louis, Missouri 63108

5:30 p.m.
Cocktails
Regency Room

6:30 p.m.
Dinner
Khorassan West Room

7:30 p.m.
Program
Khorassan West Room

Honoree: Mary A. T. Tillman, M.D.



Dr. Mary A. T. Tillman, a champion of children's rights, maintains a private pediatric practice in St. Louis and serves as Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Washington University School of Medicine. Born in Bristow, Oklahoma, Dr. Tillman received her medical degree at Howard University College of Medicine in 1960 and a Bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1956 at Howard University. She completed a rotating internship as well as a residency in pediatrics at Homer G. Phillips Hospital. She held the position of Director, Newborn and Premature Nurseries from 1963-1979 and served as President of the Homer G. Phillips Hospital Medical Staff from 1975-1977.

Dr. Tillman is the 2002 recipient of the National Medical Association's Women in Medicine Award. She joined the National Medical Association in 1964 and has been active on the local and national level. Dr. Tillman has served as President of the Mound City Medical Forum and the Missouri State Pan Medical Society. She is a longstanding and current member of the House of Delegates and served as Chairperson of the Committee on Officers Reports. Dr. Tillman is active in the Pediatric Section of the National Medical Association and is credited with reviving the prestigious Grace James Award for Outstanding Service to the section. A cornerstone of the Council on Concerns of Women Physicians, Dr. Tillman served from 1987 – 1994 and began her second term in 1997. She holds the rich history of the council and offers her guidance to the leadership while continuing to actively work towards the betterment of women physicians.

Dr. Tillman is very active in numerous organizations and is well respected throughout the country. In 1998, she was recognized as Board Member of the Year by the Annie Malone Children and Family Service Center. She is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and served as a member of the National Committee on Adoption and Dependent Care. Dr. Tillman is married to Judge Daniel Tillman and is the mother of two children, Dana Tillman Chee and Dr. Daniel Tillman, Jr., and the grandmother of two grandchildren. Dr. Tillman serves as a role model for all physicians as she has successfully combined her dedication to her practice, her community and her family.

Speaker: Beverly Coleman-Miller, M.D.



Dr. Beverly Coleman-Miller is an internal medicine physician with a long history of direct patient care. She is the editorial director of the journal Minority Health Today that is distributed to approximately 10,000 health care professionals who provide medical care to minority patients. The journal is a tool for the provider that serves to improve medical interventions for this unique population.

Prior to this position, Dr. Coleman-Miller served in the city government health commission, delivered health care in small community clinics and large private institutions and delivered care as a registered nurse for 11 years. She has been interviewed extensively in the media, including *60 Minutes* and CNN. She has testified frequently before Congress and has been chosen as one of the 25 best African American female physicians in the country.

In 1996, she became a Visiting Scholar at the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston and works closely with them on a number of initiatives. She lectures and advises at Harvard on a regular basis. She recently assisted in the production of a set of six satellite broadcasts for Harvard that went to 800 cities.

Dr. Coleman-Miller assists the federal government and private foundations in determining the distribution of resources to community-based organizations. She serves on the faculty of the REACH 2010, an initiative aimed at the elimination of the health disparity among minorities, sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

She served as a discussant in the White House-sponsored initiative on "Racial Trends in America", which was facilitated by the National Science Foundation. Dr. Coleman-Miller is considered a national expert advisor in the field of minority health. She was invited by the Health Care Finance Administration to present and then publish a paper on her suggestions for research into financing future health disparity interventions. She served as the moderator in the town meeting for the Health Disparities in the New Millennium Conference for the National Institutes of Health in April 2000.

Dr. Coleman-Miller is a nationally known expert on the issue of youth violence prevention and serves on the faculty for the Violence Against Women Act. She consults with and lectures extensively to universities, health care institutions, federally funded agencies, private industry, community-based organizations, religious institutions, criminal justice agencies, educators and the military. She has just joined the advisory board of a communications arm of the World Bank. She has been appointed by the judiciary as an advisor to the Superior Court of Washington, D.C. in support of recent federal mandates involving placement of children in foster care.

Dr. Coleman-Miller graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a dual degree in nursing and pre-med. She graduated from Temple University School of Medicine.