

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.

The Homer G. Phillips Public Health Lecture Series

“Research, Scholarship and Social Responsibility: Imperatives for a Truly Democratic Society”



Honoring: Beyond Housing

Guest Speaker:

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6:00 p.m.
Cocktails
Atrium

6:30 p.m.
Dinner
Great Rooms

7:30 p.m.
Lecture
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Program

Welcome**Will Ross, M.D., M.P.H.**
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**Introduction of
Carol Camp Yeakey, Ph.D.****Bill Powderly, M.D.**
J. William Campbell Professor of Medicine
and Director of the Institute for Public Health

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Questions.....**Audience**

Carol Camp Yeakey, Ph.D.



Carol Camp Yeakey is the Marshall S. Snow Professor of Arts & Sciences and the Founding Director of the interdisciplinary program in Urban Studies and Center on Urban Research and Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis. She also holds faculty appointments as Professor of Education, of International & Area Studies, of American Culture Studies, and of Urban Studies & Public Policy. Additionally, she is a Faculty Scholar in the Institute for Public Health. She received her Ph.D. in Social Policy from Northwestern University in Social Policy.

Her primary area of research is social welfare policy and the ways said policy pertains to marginalized children, young adults and families and the neighborhood contexts in which they live. Her research examines

the nexus between the mal-distribution of human groups in dense urban spaces with reference to material resources and the consequential social, political, economic, and cultural patterns which evolve as a result of the sufficiency or insufficiency of those resources. She has served as Senior Research Scientist at the Kellogg Foundation, the Children's Defense Fund, the College Board, the Josiah Macy Foundation, and the Educational Testing Service.

Her past research awards and fellowships include a Rockefeller Fellowship and a Bush Fellowship at the Bush Center for Child Development and Social Policy in the Department of Psychology at Yale University, a Ford Fellowship of the National Academy of Education, and a Dartmouth Fellowship at the Center for the Study of Comparative Politics and Inter-group Relations in the Department of Sociology at Dartmouth College. She was elected a member of the National Academy of Education in 2016, awarded an American Council on Education Fellowship for higher education leadership development in 2004, received the Distinguished Career Contribution to Research Award by the American Education Research Association in 2012, and was elected a Fellow in 2013.

Similarly, she has presented her research at national and international venues, including invited presentations at Oxford University, Cambridge University and the University of Paris (Sorbonne). She has published more than fifteen (15) authored or co-edited book volumes including *Urban Ills: Twenty First Century Complexities to Urban Living in Global Contexts*, (2014). Volumes I, and II were published by Lexington books in the United Kingdom, in their sociology, criminology, and philosophy series. Her next co-authored volumes *Poverty and Place: Cancer Prevention among Lower Income Women of Color*, and *No Place to be Somebody: Urban Youth Marginality* will be published by Lexington Books and Palgrave/Macmillan respectively.

Dr. Yeakey has held media interviews on pressing urban issues with The New York Times, Washington Post, Al Jazeera, Russian (Sputnik) News, Agence France Presse, Canadian Broadcasting Company, ABC World News Australia, and St. Louis Public Radio.

As a member of several editorial boards and reviewer for government and nongovernment funding agencies, she is also a consultant for the Economic and Social Research Council in the United Kingdom, the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research and the Sao Paulo (Brazil) Research Foundation.

Beyond Housing

Beyond Housing is a nationally-recognized community development organization working in a defined geographic area – the 24 municipalities that make up the Normandy Schools Collaborative in North St. Louis County. The strategic vision of Beyond Housing is to help make entire communities better places to live. Beyond Housing helps communities by focusing on all the areas that make up a thriving community – housing, education, health, jobs and economic development. To complete this work, Beyond Housing brings residents, civic leaders, nonprofits, and corporate partners together, while taking an “ask, align, act” approach, continuously engaging community members to identify needs and drive action. Recently, Beyond Housing received an award from the Missouri Supreme Court for the work they are doing with the 24:1 courts. Beyond Housing currently has over 135 full time employees, a budget of almost \$14 million and controls assets worth nearly \$110 million.

Chris Krehmeyer has served as President/CEO of Beyond Housing since 1993. Since graduating from Washington University in 1986 with a degree in Urban Studies Chris has been actively involved in the field of family housing and community development in a variety of capacities. More recently, under Chris leadership he has steered the development of Pagedale Town Center, which includes Save a Lot grocery store, Midwest Bank Centre, a four-screen 350 seat movie theatre named 24:1 Cinema, senior housing, and a Wealth Accumulation Center which houses financial services from Excel Center, Red Dough, and St. Louis Community Credit Union. Beyond Housing also owns and manages over 500 service-enriched single family and senior rental units and provides additional homeownership opportunities through homeownership counseling, down-payment assistance and the 24:1 Community Land Trust. Finally, Beyond Housing leads collective impact work with partners throughout the region to increase kindergarten readiness, improve wellness among children and families, and support the Normandy Schools Collaborative by addressing basic needs among students and their families.

Mr. Krehmeyer has or currently sits on a variety of boards including Midwest Bank Centre and Midwest Bank Centre Holding Company, Community Builders Network of St. Louis, University of Missouri's Not-For-Profit programs and is the chair of the National NeighborWorks Association Board. Chris has been an adjunct faculty member at Washington University teaching a class in social entrepreneurship and recently taught at Webster University teaching a class on not for profit mergers, alliances and collaborations. In 2011 and 2012 he was named one of St. Louis' Most Influential by the St. Louis Business Journal and one of St. Louis' Most Inspiring by the NAACP. In 2013 Chris received the Lighting the Way Award from United 4 Children and was recently honored with the 2014 FOCUS St. Louis Leadership Award. In 2016 Chris received an honorary Doctorate from the University Missouri St. Louis.