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Where Compassion Meets Innovation



VIRTUAL EVENT

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This transplant dialogue, **“Where Compassion Meets Innovation”**, is a powerful educational forum that brings together leading experts, donor families, and community advocates to explore the life-saving impact of organ donation, advances in transplant research, and strategies to support mental health and wellness. Through inspiring personal stories and cutting-edge insights, this dialogue highlights how compassion, science, and community partnership work together to improve health outcomes and save lives in multicultural communities.

Healing the mind is community work. Brain donation turns lived experiences into a gift that research can build on for generations.

— Remonia Chapman

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PIONEERS IN MEDICINE



SAMUEL L. KOUNTZ, MD (1930 - 1981)

One of the pioneering kidney transplant specialists in the country, Samuel Kountz was born on October 30, 1930 in Lexa, Arkansas. He graduated in 1952 from the Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College of Arkansas and obtained a chemistry degree from the University of Arkansas. With the backing of Senator J. W. Fulbright, he won a scholarship to the University of Arkansas Medical School, becoming the first African American to study there.

While training at the Stanford Medical Center, he discovered that large doses of methylprednisolone stopped the rejection of transplanted kidneys. In addition, Kountz performed the first kidney transplant between patients who were not identical twins in 1964. This transplant, between a mother and a daughter, made kidney transplants possible for thousands of ailing patients. In the following eight years, 5,000 kidney transplants were performed.

At the University of California in 1967, Kountz and colleague Folker Belzer produced a machine capable of preserving donated human kidneys for more than two days while they were delivered to a suitable recipient.

Dr. Kountz died on December 23, 1981 at the age of 51.

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CLIVE O. CALLENDER, MD, FACS

Dr. Clive O. Callender is the senior African American Transplant Surgeon in the United States. He is a transplant pioneer who helped develop the first minority directed dialysis and transplant center and histocompatibility and immunogenic laboratory in the country.

Callender received his Bachelor of Science degree from Hunter College in New York City. He received his doctorate in medicine from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1963. After completing a series of residencies, Callender returned to Howard University Hospital in 1968 to become chief resident and later became an instructor at Howard University.

In 1971, he received a postdoctoral fellowship through the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to study organ transplant medicine. In 1973, Callender earned the rank of assistant professor at Howard University and founded the Howard University Hospital Transplant Center. In 1991, he founded the National Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP). He is the author of numerous publications and a national spokesperson as it relates to minority donation and transplantation. Callender serves as a participant on the White House Physicians Forum on Health Reform.

Photo of Dr. Clive Callender © National MOTTEP



CHARLES R. DREW, MD (1904 - 1950)

Dr. Charles Drew was a pioneer in the field of blood plasma preservation. Born in Washington, D.C., he earned a BA from Amherst College in 1926, a medical certificate from Montreal's McGill University in 1933 and a doctorate in medical science from Columbia University in 1940. While studying at Columbia, he theorized that blood plasma could replace whole blood in transfusions because of its long shelf life.

During the early days of World War II, Drew became project supervisor of a joint American Red Cross and Blood Transfusion Betterment Association (BTBA) program to supply war-torn Great Britain with plasma. By January 1941, Drew's efforts proved so successful that Britain no longer needed American blood. Shortly thereafter, he briefly served as assistant director in a project supported by the Red Cross, the National Research Council, BTBA and U.S. armed forces.

Previous historical accounts have considered Drew's resignation of his directorship in March 1941 as a protest against a Red Cross and military edict that ordered blood supplies be separated by race. Although evidence suggests that Drew voiced displeasure at the racial mandate, his departure was also shaped by the desire to pursue a surgical and teaching career at Howard University. Drew died in an automobile accident in 1950.

Photo of Dr. Charles Drew used courtesy of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center.

DIALOGUE AGENDA

2026 Kountz Callender Drew Transplant Dialogue • Friday, April 2026

“Where Compassion Meets Innovation”

- 10 - 10:30 a.m. **Welcome & MOTTEP’s Intersection of Compassion and Innovation in the Transplant Community**
- Jason Denny, M.D.**, Director, Center for Living Donation, Surgical Director, Living Donor Kidney Transplant Program, Henry Ford Transplant Institute; Past Chair, Detroit MOTTEP Foundation
- Silas P. Norman, M.D.**, Associate Transplant Center Director; Co-Medical Director, Kidney Transplant, Medical Director, Transplant Ambulatory Care Unit, University of Michigan Health; Board Chair, Detroit MOTTEP Foundation
- Clive Callender, M.D., D SC, FAC**, Founder, National MOTTEP; Professor of Surgery, Howard University
- 10:30 - 10:45 a.m. **Connect to Purpose**
- Priscilla Agnew-Hines**, CEO/Founder, Serenity II Life Changing Skills and Dynamics; CEO/Founder Healthy2Connections
- 10:45 - 10:50 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:50 - 11:30 a.m. **From Brain Donation to Therapeutic Targets: The Role of Postmortem Human Brain Tissue in Neuropsychiatric Research**
- Thomas M. Hyde, M.D., Ph.D.**, Chief Medical Officer, Lieber Institute for Brain Development
- 11:30 - 11:40 a.m. **Q&A**
- Jason Denny, M.D.**, Director, Center for Living Donation, Surgical Director, Living Donor Kidney Transplant Program, Henry Ford Transplant Institute; Past Chair, Detroit MOTTEP Foundation
- 11:40 - 11:55 a.m. **Stress Management and Mental Health Wellness**
- Heather L. Farrow, PsyD, LP**, Clinical Psychologist, Department of Veterans Affairs
- 11:55 a.m. - noon **Recap and Closing Comments**



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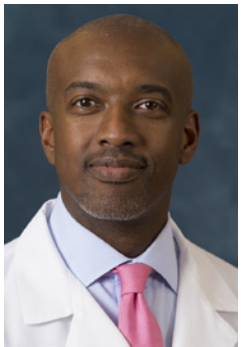
MODERATOR



Jason Denny, MD

Dr. Jason Denny has been a senior staff surgeon at the Henry Ford Transplant Institute since 2005. He holds a medical degree from Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. Dr. Denny is licensed to practice medicine in Ohio, Michigan and New York and has received numerous honors and awards, including at the Advances in Organ Transplantation Conference in Irving, Texas, in 2004. He has been involved in professional organizations that include the National Medical Association, the American Medical Association and the American Society of Transplant Surgeons. Dr. Denny continues to expand his research, publications and presentations in both renal and pancreas transplantation. He is the past chair of the Detroit MOTTEP Foundation.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

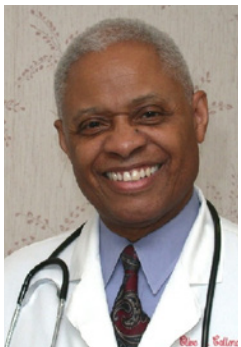


Silas P. Norman, MD

Dr. Silas Norman is the Associate Transplant Center Director; Medical Director, Transplant Ambulatory Care Clinics; Co-Medical Director, Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation; and Professor, Nephrology at University of Michigan Health.

Dr. Silas Norman received his medical degree from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. He completed his internal medicine residency at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. He completed his fellowships in nephrology and transplant nephrology at the University of Michigan. Dr. Norman also completed graduate training in Epidemiology at the University of Michigan in 2010. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2003.

Dr. Norman directs the program to transplant HIV+ candidates as well as the Outreach Clinics. Since 2016, he has served as the medical director of the transplant multidisciplinary ambulatory care clinics. His clinical interests include improving access to care and transplant allocation. Dr. Norman's research interest is in evaluating medical frailty in transplant candidates.



Clive O. Callender, MD, DSc, FACs

Dr. Clive Callender is a professor of surgery at Howard University College of Medicine. In 1973, Dr. Callender helped develop the first minority-directed dialysis and transplant center and histocompatibility and immunogenetic laboratory in the United States. In 1991, he founded the National Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP) to increase minority donation rates nationally. His media appearances have included the Oprah Show and the CBS Evening News. Dr. Callender has authored more than 150 scientific publications. This symposium is named in his honor.



Remonia A. Chapman, BS, MDiv, D. Min

Remonia Chapman is the program director for the Gift of Life Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP) and director of Public Education & Community Outreach at Gift of Life Michigan. National MOTTEP has honored Gift of Life MOTTEP as a model program because of its community collaborations, partnerships, and community empowerment. Chapman earned a bachelor's in biology and psychology from Wayne State University. She has completed post-graduate health education programs at Wayne State University and Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. Chapman earned graduate studies at Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, Leadership Detroit, Class XXXIII, and Harvard University's Divinity School. Chapman is a minister and member of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church in Detroit.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Priscilla Agnew

Priscilla Agnew-Hines is a visionary leader, author, and dedicated community advocate whose work focuses on healing, empowerment, and purposeful living. She is the CEO and Founder of Serenity II Life Changing Skills and Dynamics 501(c)(3) and Healthy 2 Connections Voice Up, organizations committed to advancing mental health awareness, neuroscience education, youth empowerment, and meaningful community engagement. Through her leadership, Priscilla equips individuals and families with practical tools that promote emotional wellness, resilience, and personal transformation.

Serving as a Community Outreach Engagement Coordinator, Recovery Coach, and Youth Mental Health First Aider (YMHFA), Priscilla brings a unique blend of professional expertise, lived experience, and compassionate insight to every audience she reaches. A 21-year lung cancer survivor, her personal journey has strengthened her commitment to encouraging others to persevere through adversity and embrace their purpose with courage and faith.

Priscilla is also the author of *Crystallizing Your Leap: Stepping into Your Soul Purpose*, a work that reflects her belief that every individual possesses a divine calling waiting to be activated. Deeply committed to community service, she continues to inspire youth, families, and leaders to pursue healing, growth, and transformation through education, advocacy, and intentional living.



Heather L. Farrow, PsyD, LP

Dr. Heather L. Farrow is a clinical psychologist who currently works at the Detroit VA Medical Center where she provides individual and group therapy to veterans who have been diagnosed with substance use and mental health disorders. She is trained in hypnosis, Cognitive Processing Therapy (PTSD), Motivational Interviewing and Social Skills Training. Dr. Farrow also taught undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Detroit-Mercy and Fisk University in Nashville, TN. Prior to her role at the Detroit VA, Dr. Farrow worked at the Murfreesboro, TN VA, Atlanta VA and Saginaw VA. She has also worked as a school psychologist in Lincoln Park, Michigan and taught English to middle, high school and adult education students, as well as a middle school special education resource room teacher for children with learning disabilities, autism, cognitive and emotional impairments in Detroit Public Schools. Dr. Farrow is also the owner of Genesis Psychological Services and conducts psychological intakes and evaluations virtually and in person.

Dr. Farrow received her undergraduate degree in English and Secondary Education from Spelman College, a Master's degree in Special Education from University of Detroit-Mercy, a Specialist degree in School Psychology from University of Detroit-Mercy and a Doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Dr. Farrow is an avid reader and researcher who has presented her research at conferences and whose works have been published in several scientific journals.

In her spare time, Dr. Farrow is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, a member of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, and enjoys gardening, listening to audio books and true crime podcasts, sewing, and cooking.



Thomas M. Hyde, M.D., Ph.D.

Thomas M. Hyde, M.D., Ph.D., is Chief Medical Officer at the Lieber Institute for Brain Development and an Associate Professor of Neurology and Psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He oversees the world's largest postmortem human brain repository dedicated to neuropsychiatric research, now comprising more than 5,000 donated brains. Under his leadership, the Institute has developed one of the most extensively curated human brain tissue collections in the world, supporting research into major psychiatric and neurodevelopmental disorders. Dr. Hyde has co-authored more than 190 peer-reviewed publications, with a strong emphasis on postmortem human brain research.

Central to this work are the donor families who choose, often within hours of a profound loss, to contribute their loved one's brain to research. Many donors were affected by conditions such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or suicide, and their families view donation as both a meaningful part of their healing and a vital contribution to science. They hope their generosity will help advance understanding, diagnosis, and treatment of psychiatric disorders that affect countless patients and families.

VIRTUAL VENDORS

National Kidney Foundation of Michigan

(800) 482-1455
www.nkfm.org

Timothy D. Robinson Foundation

(313) 722-4040
www.timothyrobinsonfoundation.org

Michigan Donor Family Council

(313) 549-0415
www.michigandonorfamilycouncil.org

Aarolyn's House of Hope

(248) 497-0475
www.aarolynshouseofhope.org

Healing Matters Counseling Services, PLLC

(313) 900-5461
www.hmcounselingservices.org

CHASS Center

(313) 849-3920
www.chasscenter.org

Donate Life Coalition of Michigan

(248) 701-2323
www.donatelifemichigan.org

Transplant House of West Michigan

(616) 550-5787
www.mitransplanthouse.org

Henry Ford Health Transplant

(313) 916-3982
www.henryford.com/services/transplant

University of Michigan Health Transplant Center

(800) 333-9013
www.uofmhealth.org/transplant

Detroit MOTTEP Foundation

(313) 875-9055
www.dmfdetroit.org

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JOIN US

Lifesavers Leadership Breakfast

THURSDAY

APRIL 30
Detroit Golf Club

A Celebration
of community and leadership

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Sounds of Saving Lives Concert

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 8

Sharing the message of organ and
tissue donation through music.

29th ANNUAL

LIFE Walk/Run



SATURDAY

AUGUST 1st

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16th ANNUAL

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