

UConn HEALTH

Department of Health Career Opportunity Programs

Aetna Health Professions Partnership Initiative

Doctors Academy Parental Seminar Series

Guest Speaker: Dr. Christine Crawford

Topic: Anxiety and Stress

Date and Time: March 14, 2018, 6 p.m.

Location: UConn Health, Keller Auditorium



Dr. Christine Crawford is currently a child and adolescent psychiatry resident physician at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, MA. Dr. Crawford grew up in East Hartford, CT where she attended East Hartford High School. While in high school, through the Department of Health Career Opportunity Programs, she participated in the High School Student Research Apprentice Program. She has also participated in the Medical/Dental Preparatory Program and has been a participant in other mentoring summer programs through the Department of Health Career Opportunity Programs.

She attended Boston College for her undergraduate studies and later attended graduate school at Boston University where she obtained a master's degree in public health with a concentration in social and behavioral Sciences. Dr. Crawford attended the UConn School of Medicine graduating in 2014. During her time in medical school she mentored 8th graders through the Great Explorations weekly Saturday Doctors Academy sponsored by the Department of Health Career Opportunity Programs. Dr. Crawford was selected as

a Gold Humanism scholar, received the UConn Excellence in Psychiatry Award and the UConn School of Medicine Inspiration Award.

During her time at Massachusetts General Hospital, she was selected by the American Psychiatric Association (APA) as an APA/SAMHSA Minority Fellow and was provided a grant to develop community based interventions to reduce mental health stigma within the African American community. She currently serves on the APA Council for Minority Mental Health and Health Disparities which advocates to reduce disparities in mental health within underserved populations.

She currently serves as the Community Outreach Director for Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Diversity and Inclusion and through this role has organized service opportunities through the Boys and Girls Club of Boston, NAACP and various community health centers throughout the city of Boston. She has authored numerous book chapters on mental health disparities and publications focused on stigma and depression. She has made appearances on PBS, WGBH TV programming as well as provides seminars at various community based settings.

Dr. Crawford has a strong interest in mentorship as well as reducing the stigma associated with mental health in communities of color.