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**UConn Schools of Medicine and Dental Medicine
Alumni Speaker Seminar Series**

“The Tips and Tricks on Starting a Practice”

Thursday, March 25, 2021 | 7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Guest Speakers:

Akin Beckley, MD, MBA; Lenora B. Sampson Williams, MD; David Woods, DMD; and Michael Woods, DMD

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Akin Beckley, M.D., M.B.A., is an alumnus of the University of Connecticut, School of Medicine Class of 2006. He completed his residency at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. He then transitioned into Academic Medicine at Columbia University affiliation at New-York Presbyterian Hospital where he is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Rehabilitation and Regenerative Medicine.

Dr. Beckley currently serves as associate program director of the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Residency Program at Columbia University in New York City, New York where he is a member of the Board of Deans Council for Diverse Faculty. He is the Medical Director of the Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit, and Director of the Vascular and Amputee Rehabilitation Program at New York-Presbyterian Hospital affiliation with Columbia University in New York City, New York.

Dr. Beckley's clinical interests include amputee care, post stroke spasticity, and management of neuropathic diseases.



Lenora B. Sampson Williams, M.D. is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at UConn Health and a proud graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Medicine Class of 1986. Prior to returning to UConn Health in 2015, Dr. Williams was president and owner of Ellington Obstetrics and Gynecology, a very successful private practice for 27 years.

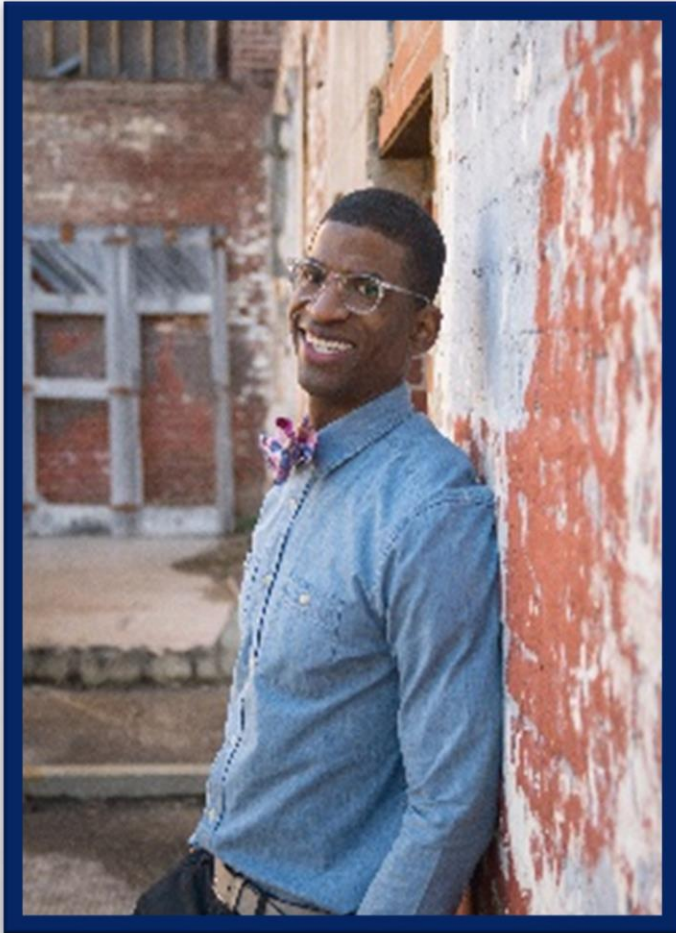
Dr. Williams was born in Bronx, New York and spent her early years growing up in Spanish Harlem before moving to the north Bronx when school aged. She attended New York City public schools graduating from the Fiorella H. La Guardia High School of Music and the Arts. She received her Bachelor of Arts and Master's degrees with Honors in Music from Wesleyan University in Middletown CT. Prior to entering medical school, Dr. Williams taught high school science for 3 years.

While at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine Dr. Williams received The Lyman Stowe Award and Award for Excellence in OBGYN from the Connecticut State OBGYN Society. Dr. Williams is married with 3 adult sons and 1 adult daughter.



David Woods, D.M.D. is a dual-trained dental specialist in Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics. Dr. David Woods attended Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia from 2001-2005. Upon completing his undergraduate studies with Magna Cum Laude in 2005, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. Dr. David Woods participated in the National Institutes of Health Academy Post-baccalaureate Fellowship Research and Health Disparities Program for one year, from 2005-2006, undertaking research on Wnt Signaling and Secreted Frizzled-Related Proteins. Dr. David Woods is an alumnus of the University of Connecticut School Of Dental Medicine Class of 2010.

In the year 2014, Dr. David Woods received the American Board of Orthodontics Certification. In 2015, he graduated from Maryland School of Dentistry in Baltimore, Maryland with a Doctor of Medicine degree in the specialty of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. David Woods has also worked to build the Johns Hopkins Craniofacial Dental Clinic that treats children with craniofacial anomalies and syndromes in Baltimore, Maryland. He currently serves as an associate of Main Street Pediatric Dentistry and Children's Orthodontics in Elkton, Maryland and Havre de Grace, Maryland for the past five years, and also serves at Johns Hopkins Pediatrics in Baltimore, Maryland as a Craniofacial Orthodontist providing orthodontic services for pediatric patients undergoing corrective jaw surgery on an as-needed basis for the past seven years.



Michael Woods, D.M.D. graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine in 2010. Dr. Michael Woods attended Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia from 2001-2005 for his undergraduate education. In the summer of 2005, Dr. Woods participated in the Health Career Opportunity Programs' Medical/Dental Preparatory Program. Dr. Michael Woods also participated in the National Institutes of Health Academy Post-baccalaureate Fellowship Research and Health Disparities Program for one year, from 2005-2006, undertaking research in Vitamin D Signaling Regulates Oral Keratinocyte Proliferation in Vitro and in Vivo. Upon graduating from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine Class of 2010, Dr. Michael Woods attended the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) for a three year Orthodontics Residency from 2010-2013. In 2014, Dr. Michael Woods received the American Board Orthodontics Certification. He is currently in private practice for the past three years outside of Charlotte, North Carolina. Outside of work, Dr. Michael Woods enjoys spending time with his wife, Dr. Jennifer Bailey-Woods a Pediatric Cardiac Intensivist, and three lovely daughters Grace, Eden and Noelle.