



Division of Biology and Medicine

Dear Colleagues,

I am happy to announce that Emma M. Simmons, MD, MPH, from the Department of Family Medicine, has been named Assistant Dean for Minority Medical Affairs, effective immediately. Dr. Simmons succeeds Dr. Alicia D.H. Monroe, who held the position as Associate Dean for Diversity in the Division of Biology and Medicine.

Dr. Simmons brings extensive experience in medical education, research, and practice. She received a degree in chemistry, *magna cum laude*, from Tougaloo College before graduating from Brown Medical School in 1991. Dr. Simmons completed an internship and residency in family medicine at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island and went on to serve on the staffs of regional health centers and hospitals, including the Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital.

Joining the faculty as a clinical assistant professor in 1998 she has served as a research fellow of the National Cancer Institute in the Department of Community Health from 2001 to 2004. She was named assistant professor of family medicine in 2002, and two years later received her master's in public health.

Dr. Simmons' has been named Preceptor of the Year in the family medicine residency program at Memorial Hospital, and is the recipient of numerous distinctions, including the Dean's Teaching Excellence Award, the Fleet Community Fellow Award, as well as awards for her work in minority faculty development and community AIDS prevention. The recipient of a World AIDS Foundation Grant for HIV research in Manila in 1994, Dr. Simmons conducts research on health disparities in minority populations, particularly in relation to HIV/AIDS preventing its spread through understanding and eliminating barriers to testing.

Dr. Simmons has demonstrated her dedication to patient care throughout her career, not least through her work in the National Health Service Corps in the Mississippi Delta and her years in community health centers. Improving the health of the underserved has always been a priority. I have personally worked side by side with Dr. Simmons and find her to be an outstanding and caring physician.

An active and committed member of the Alpert Medical School community, Dr. Simmons sits on the boards of the Brown Medical Alumni Association and the Office of Women in Medicine. She is a member of the Brown-Tougaloo Advisory Committee, the Brown University Community Council, the Medical Faculty Executive Committee, the

Research Advisory Committee of the Center of Excellence in Women's Health, and the Center for AIDS Research Minority Working Group. She also serves on the National Institutes of Health Data and Safety Monitoring Board.

I am very pleased that Dr. Simmons is now supporting the development of Alpert Medical School in a new and essential role. Please join me in welcoming her as Assistant Dean for Minority Medical Affairs and wishing her well.

Sincerely,

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