

## COVID-19: Impact and Update Vulnerable Communities

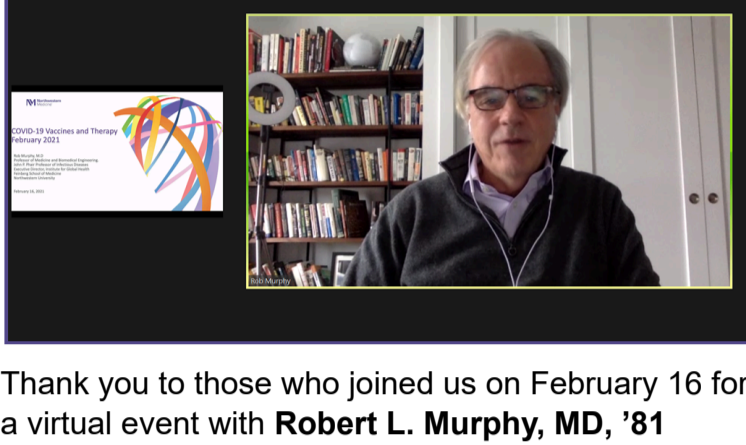


On February 1, over 360 alumni and friends joined us as we hosted Clyde W. Yancy, MD, MSc (vice dean of Diversity and Inclusion, Magerstadt Professor of Medicine, and chief of the Division of Cardiology) and Mercedes Carnethon, PhD (vice chair of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Mary Harris Thompson Professor) for a presentation on COVID-19 and Vulnerable Communities.

Drs. Yancy and Carnethon shared compelling presentations about the general impact of COVID-19 and, more specifically, how it is affecting marginalized communities. They were able to answer many of the audience questions that were submitted ahead of the event, as well as some that came in during the presentation. Their perspectives on the topic provided us with valuable insights on how to navigate prevention and treatment of this virus in a more equitable manner across all populations.

Thank you to everyone who joined us!

## Where We Are Now and What's Next



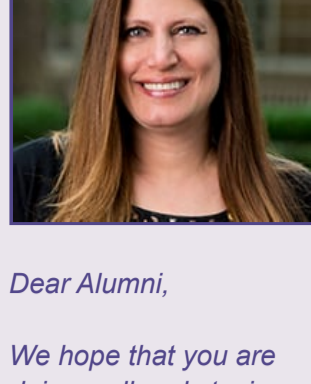
Thank you to those who joined us on February 16 for a virtual event with **Robert L. Murphy, MD, '81 GMER, '84 GMEF**, executive director of the Institute for Global Health, John Philip Phair Professor of Infectious Diseases, and professor of Medicine and Biomedical Engineering.

The presentation was rich with information about the progress being made in the fight against COVID-19.

A special thank you to our regional alumni in the Naples and Phoenix areas who joined us in great numbers on the call!

If these COVID conversations were of special interest to you, please feel free to connect with us at [medalum@northwestern.edu](mailto:medalum@northwestern.edu) for additional resources.

### From the Director's Desk:



Dear Alumni,

We hope that you are doing well and staying safe. We miss seeing you all in person! We have a great webinar coming up in March. Our very own historian, **Joseph Gugenheim, '72 MD**, will host a webinar, "Who's Who in the Northwestern Neighborhood—The Names Behind the Buildings," on March 10 at 4 p.m. CST. Dr. Gugenheim produces some wonderful historical content for our monthly newsletter's digital series, and we are thrilled to have him host this webinar. So for those of you who are missing campus, this interesting discussion should bring back some great memories of campus life. We encourage participants to submit questions for Dr. Gugenheim in advance. Registration information can be found in this newsletter, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Babette

#### Babette Henderson

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## NUPT'S 2020 Distinguished Alum Celebration

2020 Distinguished Alumnus Celebration

# LIVING HISTORY WITH ROBERT BABBS JR.

In honor and celebration of Black History Month and NUP's 2020 Distinguished Alumnus, join us over zoom for a viewing of the Robert Babbs, Jr. living history video and for a time of reflection & Q&A!

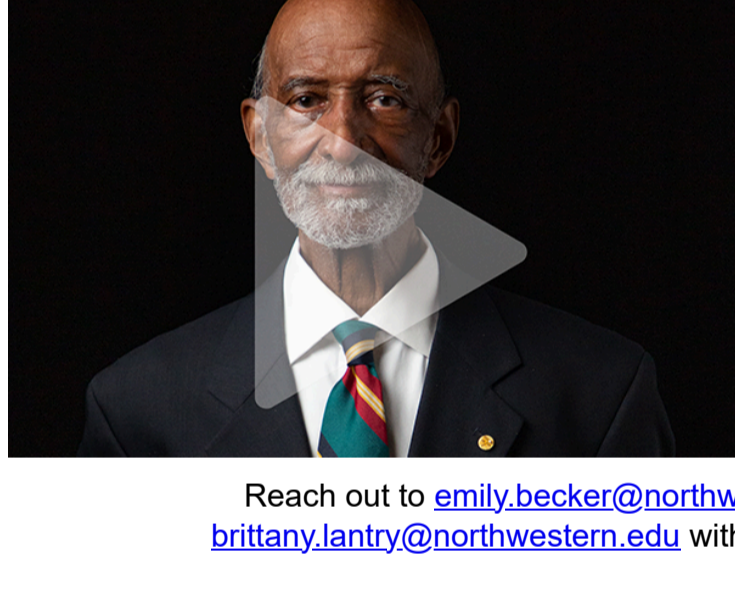
Friday, February 26, 2021

4-5pm CST

Reach out to [emily.becker@northwestern.edu](mailto:emily.becker@northwestern.edu) or [brittany.lantry@northwestern.edu](mailto:brittany.lantry@northwestern.edu) with any questions!

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Friday, February 26, 2021  
4:00–5:00 p.m. CST



### VIEW THE TRAILER:

[Living History with Robert Babbs, Jr.](#)

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JOIN THE ZOOM EVENT:  
LIVING HISTORY WITH ROBERT BABBS, JR.

## MAA Digital Series: Hosted by Joseph Gugenheim, '72 MD

"Maternity Care at Northwestern: Part II"

### Maternity Care at Northwestern



Joseph J. Gugenheim, '72 MD

We're thrilled to share with you the newest installment of the MAA digital series from our favorite historian, alum **Joseph Gugenheim, '72 MD!**

In this fantastic conclusion to our very special two-part presentation, Dr. Gugenheim walks us through the evolution of maternity care at Northwestern, including the history, architecture, and demolition of the first Prentice hospital. This closure would give way to the present Northwestern Medicine Prentice Women's Hospital which stands at the corner of East Superior Street and North Fairbanks Court on the downtown medical campus today.

Dr. Gugenheim presents "[Maternity Care at Northwestern: Part II.](#)"

Thank you, Dr. Gugenheim!

VIEW "MATERNITY CARE AT NORTHWESTERN: PART II"

ZOOM EVENT | REGISTRATION OPEN NOW:

"That Was Then, This Is Now: The Names Behind the Buildings" with Joseph Gugenheim, '72 MD

Wednesday, March 10, 2021  
4:00–5:00 p.m. CST

Next month, we'll be hosting an exciting Zoom event featuring the second installment in our virtual "That Was Then, This is Now" series.

Plan to join us as Dr. Gugenheim sheds light on the famous names behind the buildings found on the medical campus.

*Advanced registration required.*

Do you have a question for Dr. Gugenheim about the medical campus building namesakes that you hope he'll answer in this presentation? Email it to us at [medalum@northwestern.edu](mailto:medalum@northwestern.edu).

REGISTER FOR DR. GUGENHEIM EVENT

SUBMIT A QUESTION TO DR. GUGENHEIM

## You're Invited: Commitment to Scholarships Virtual Celebration

We have a unique offering this year and are excited to share this opportunity with you!



## CELEBRATE *Scholarships*

Marianne M. Green, MD  
Vice Dean for Education and  
Raymond H. Curry, MD, Professor of Medical Education

and the Student Scholars of  
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

invite you to the

### Commitment to Scholarships Virtual Celebration

**Thursday, March 11, 2021**

**4:00 – 5:00 p.m. CST\***

*\*Please plan to join 5 minutes early.*

We very much hope you can join us for this event, held via Zoom, that will feature an engaging and interactive panel discussion with Dr. Green, student scholars—past and present—and a generous alumnus who supports scholarships.

REGISTER FOR THE  
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CELEBRATION

#### Have Questions About Zoom?

Want to participate in one of our Zoom webinars or virtual events but aren't familiar with the platform? Have some technical questions?

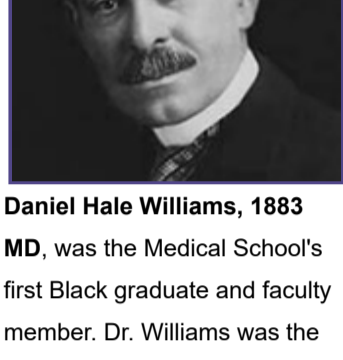
The [Zoom Help Center](#) offers a series of FAQs, live training webinars, tutorial videos, and recorded training sessions to help users learn how to get started and navigate the platform.

Our team also is happy to help! If you have questions about Zoom or any of our events, email us at [medevents@northwestern.edu](mailto:medevents@northwestern.edu).

## Celebrating Black History Month

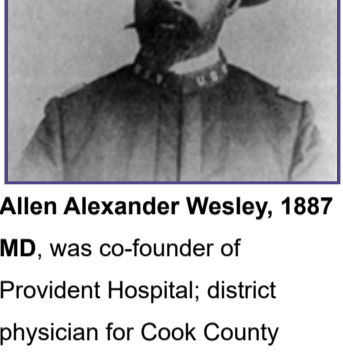


***In celebration of Black History Month, we honor our alumni and the transformative contributions that they have made to medicine and to the betterment of human health...***

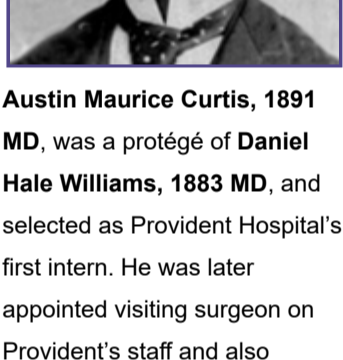


**Daniel Hale Williams, 1883 MD**, was the Medical School's first Black graduate and faculty member. Dr. Williams was the first Black fellow of the American College of Surgeons, principal founder of the National Medical Association, and founder of Chicago's Provident Hospital and Training School for Nurses—the first Black-owned and -operated interracial hospital in the country. Regarded as the first Black cardiologist, he also performed one of the world's first successful heart operations in 1893.

Learn more about the [Daniel Hale Williams Society](#), established in 2018 to address the need for greater recruitment of Black men in medicine.



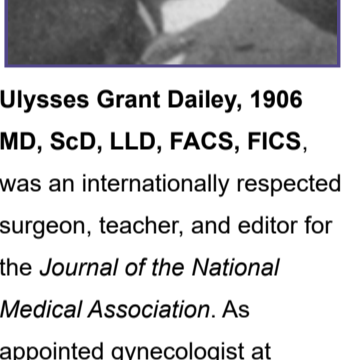
**Allen Alexander Wesley, 1887 MD**, was co-founder of Provident Hospital; district physician for Cook County Hospital; and gynecologist, surgeon-in-charge, secretary to the medical staff, and chief surgeon at Provident. In 1898, Dr. Wesley enrolled in the 8th Regiment and volunteered to examine recruits for the Black 8th and white 9th Illinois Regiments. Commissioned a major, he was deployed to Cuba. There, he was appointed acting brigade surgeon in charge of the post hospital at San Luis and became the medical officer in charge of medical care for several infantry regiments and commanded 40 members of the hospital corps. He also was appointed one of three physicians to examine all medical officers appearing in Santiago—the first Black person to hold that position in the Army.



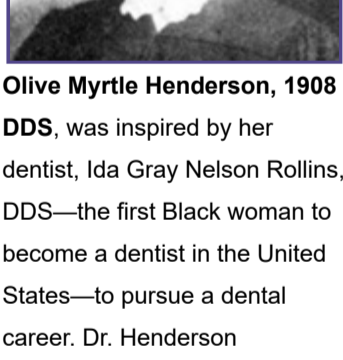
**Austin Maurice Curtis, 1891 MD**, was a protégé of **Daniel Hale Williams, 1883 MD**, and selected as Provident Hospital's first intern. He was later appointed visiting surgeon on Provident's staff and also opened a private practice in Chicago. In 1896, Dr. Curtis was the first Black appointee to Cook County Hospital's surgical staff. He would later succeed Dr. Williams as surgeon-in-chief at Freedman's Hospital in Washington, D.C. Held in high regard for his bedside and operating room teaching skills, Dr. Curtis accepted an instructor position at Howard University and was named professor in the Department of Surgery.



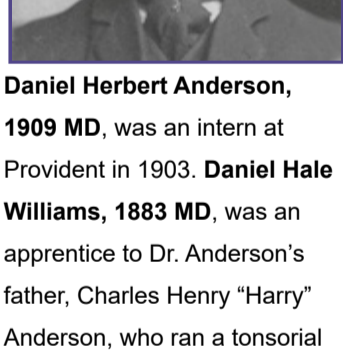
**Emma Ann Reynolds, 1895 MD**, became interested in pursuing a medical career after witnessing severe healthcare disparities among Black Americans during her teaching career. She applied to nursing schools, only to experience repeated rejection because she was Black. Determined to overcome barriers, she approached **Daniel Hale Williams, 1883 MD**, about the lack of training opportunities for Black women. Dr. Reynolds would graduate from the first nursing class of Provident Hospital in 1892 and become the first Black woman to earn a medical degree from Northwestern University. Dr. Reynolds practiced in Texas and Louisiana, where her expertise in treating contagious diseases was noted. Dr. Reynolds would later establish a private practice in her home state of Ohio.



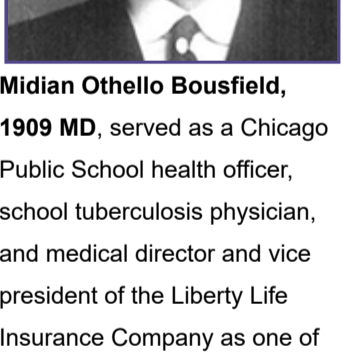
**Ulysses Grant Dailey, 1906 MD, ScD, LLD, FACS, FICS**, was an internationally respected surgeon, teacher, and editor for the *Journal of the National Medical Association*. As appointed gynecologist at Provident Hospital's dispensary, he later became associate surgeon and attending surgeon after **Daniel Hale Williams, 1883 MD**, invited Dr. Dailey to be his surgical assistant. Dr. Dailey also served as an instructor in Clinical Surgery at Northwestern and attending surgeon at Fort Dearborn Hospital. He would later open Dailey Hospital and Sanitarium, providing affiliations for young Black specialists and excellent care for Black patients. Dr. Dailey was an elected member of the American College of Surgeons, the International College of Surgeons, and the National Medical Association where, in 1932, he presented one of the association's first scientific exhibits and served as chair of the Surgical Section, National Program Committee and, later, its youngest president.



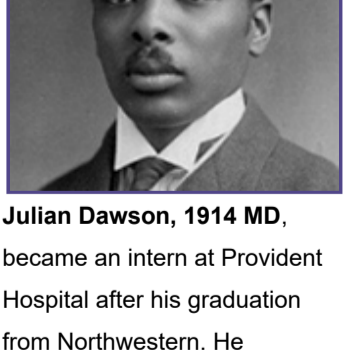
**Olive Myrtle Henderson, 1908 DDS**, was inspired by her dentist, Ida Gray Nelson Rollins, DDS—the first Black woman to become a dentist in the United States—to pursue a dental career. Dr. Henderson completed her dental education at Northwestern University Dental School and was the first Black woman to graduate from Northwestern with a dental degree and the second Black woman to practice dentistry in Chicago. Dr. Henderson opened a private practice on the South Side in 1912, was active in the National Association of Colored Women, and retired in 1948 after 40 years in practice.



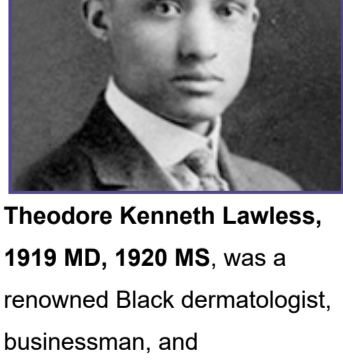
**Daniel Herbert Anderson, 1909 MD**, was an intern at Provident in 1903. **Daniel Hale Williams, 1883 MD**, was an apprentice to Dr. Anderson's father, Charles Henry "Harry" Anderson, who ran a tonsorial parlor and bathing rooms in Janesville, Wisconsin. While studying to become a barber, Dr. Williams began a preceptorship in medicine and lived with the Anderson family. Dr. Anderson was originally named Daniel Hale Anderson in honor of Dr. Williams and had a private practice in Chicago.



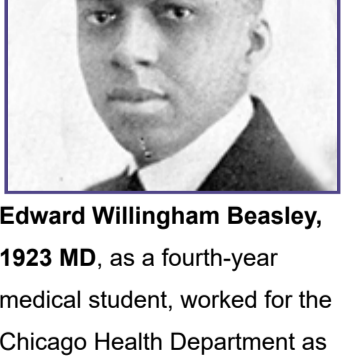
**Midian Othello Bousfield, 1909 MD**, served as a Chicago Public School health officer, school tuberculosis physician, and medical director and vice president of the Liberty Life Insurance Company as one of its original incorporators. Dr. Bousfield was director of Negro Health with the Julius Rosenwald Fund, president of the National Medical Association, and the first Black speaker at the meeting of the American Public Health Association. He was elected president of the Chicago Urban League and was the first Black person appointed to the Chicago School Board. During World War II, as the first Black colonel in the Army Medical Corps, Dr. Bousfield commanded the first Black army hospital. He also was instrumental in organizing the Provident Medical Association, an organization of prominent Black physicians in Chicago who supported and funded medical specialists' education.



**Julian Dawson, 1914 MD**, became an intern at Provident Hospital after his graduation from Northwestern. He established private practices in Jacksonville and Galesburg, Illinois. During World War I, he was called to active service and would later return to Chicago to join the staff at Provident. He retired as senior attending surgeon in 1951. Dr. Dawson also was active in the Illinois National Guard, joining the "Old Eighth" Infantry in 1922, where he attained the rank of brigadier general.

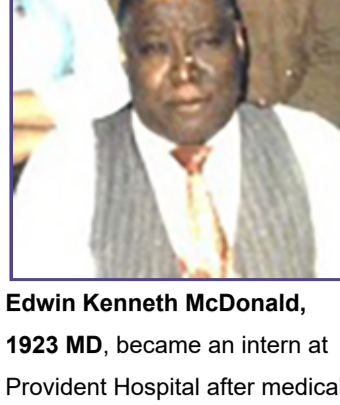


**Theodore Kenneth Lawless, 1919 MD, 1920 MS**, was a renowned Black dermatologist, businessman, and philanthropist. Dr. Lawless was one of the first faculty members to receive an Elizabeth Ward research fellowship at Northwestern, focused on treatment for leprosy, skin conditions, and syphilis. He taught dermatology at Northwestern until 1940 when he left to focus on his practice. Dr. Lawless held leadership positions at several banks and corporations, donating funds toward educational institutions across the southern United States, to youth organizations in Chicago, and to Jewish institutions because, as a young physician, he had received help, advice, and camaraderie from peers of Jewish heritage. Dr. Lawless received five honorary degrees and was awarded the Springarn Medal, the NAACP's highest honor, in 1954.

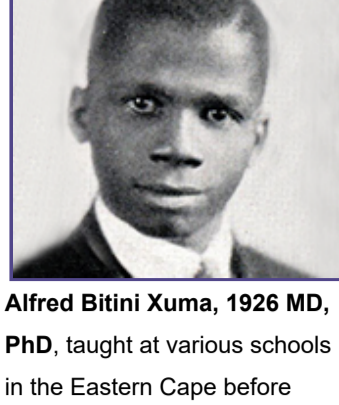


**Edward Willingham Beasley, 1923 MD**, as a fourth-year medical student, worked for the Chicago Health Department as a bacteriologist from 6 p.m. until midnight while maintaining a high scholastic record. Through a competitive examination, he qualified for a coveted intern position at Cook County Hospital and later opened a general medical practice, saving toward future study. To supplement his income, he took on a physician role at Liberty Life Insurance. Later, he was appointed chair of the division of Pediatrics at Provident Hospital and also assisted in building a large pre-natal clinic there. In 1935, he was appointed instructor of Pediatrics at Northwestern and attending physician at Children's Memorial Hospital—the first Black person to hold that position. He was one of the first two Black physicians to join the medical staff at Northwestern Memorial Hospital's predecessor, Chicago Wesley Memorial Hospital. He also was active as supervisor

for the Infant Welfare Bureau in Chicago and elected medical director of the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Company after the death of **Midian Othello Bousfield, 1909 MD**. Dr. Beasley was awarded a citation for distinguished service from the Chicago Pediatric Society.



**Edwin Kenneth McDonald, 1923 MD**, became an intern at Provident Hospital after medical school graduation. A native of Birmingham, Alabama, Dr. McDonald was a pediatrician for more than 44 years, operating a private practice on Chicago's South Side, as well as serving as associate pediatrician-in-residence at Provident Hospital. He also was founder and director of the hospital's Children's Heart Clinic. Dr. McDonald's great-grandson, **Edwin Kenneth McDonald, IV, '08 MD, '11 GMER**, also is a Feinberg graduate.



**Alfred Bitini Xuma, 1926 MD, PhD**, taught at various schools in the Eastern Cape before leaving South Africa in 1913 to study agriculture in the United States. After completing his courses of study, he was encouraged by one of his instructors to continue his education at the University of Minnesota. He decided on a medical career and was accepted to Minnesota's medical department. He was later encouraged by the Methodist Episcopal (ME) Church to transfer to Northwestern, as the University was affiliated with the ME Church at that time. After completing his medical studies in Chicago, he continued his education in the United Kingdom, where he became the first Black South African to graduate with a PhD from the London School of Tropical Medicine. Dr. Xuma returned to South Africa in 1928 to practice as a physician in Johannesburg but soon became involved in political activities that led to his election as vice-president of the All-African Convention and president of the African National Congress.



**Allwyn H. Gatlin, MD, 1953 GMER**, was born in Texas and completed his fellowship in Obstetrics and Gynecology in 1953 at Northwestern, where he later joined the faculty. He was one of the first two Black physicians to join the medical staff at Northwestern Memorial Hospital's predecessor, Chicago Wesley Memorial Hospital. He also directed the Ambulatory Care Clinic at Northwestern Medicine Prentice Women's Hospital. A popular teacher and colleague, he was honored with Emeritus status in 1984.

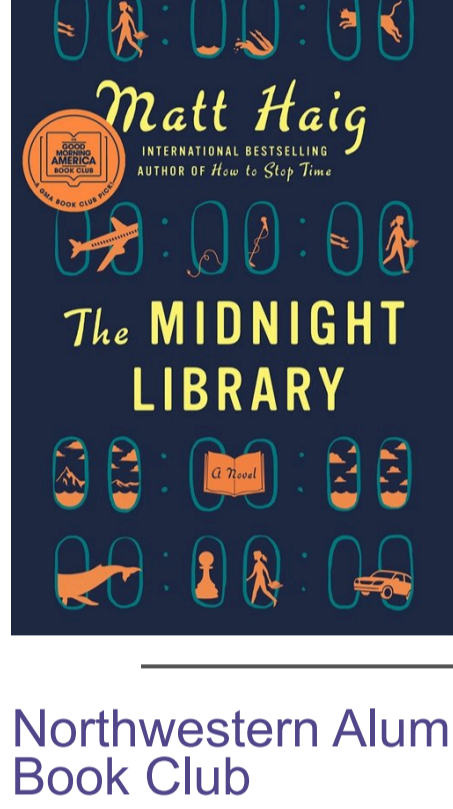
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## You're Invited: Alumni Book Clubs

### Northwestern University Alumni Book Club

The Northwestern Alumni Association (NAA) invites you to join the [Northwestern University Alumni Book Club](#).

In this online community, alumni and friends can connect with each other and read books from a range of genres, including fiction, memoir, lifelong learning, and more.



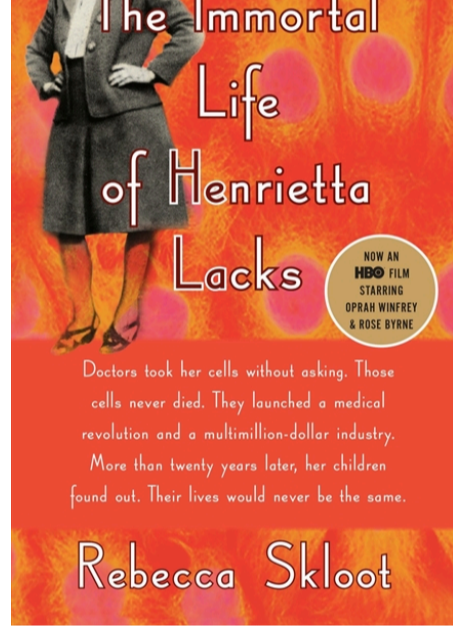
Participate in the discussion of ***The Midnight Library: A Novel*** by Matt Haig.

"In this novel, Nora Seed finds herself faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one—following a different career, undoing old breakups, realizing her dreams of becoming a glaciologist. She must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place."

To learn more about the book club and to register, visit the [NAA Book Club website](#).

## Northwestern Alumni iN Focus: Social Justice Book Club

Following the success of the Northwestern University Alumni Book Club, the Northwestern Alumni Association (NAA) also invites you to join [iN Focus](#), an additional book club for engaged readers.



Participants will spend a year discussing books that share a common theme or genre, starting with social justice reads. Their second selection, ***The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*** by Rebecca Skloot, is a "New York Times bestseller [that] takes readers on a journey, from the 'colored' ward of Johns Hopkins Hospital in the 1950s to stark white laboratories with freezers filled with HeLa cells, from Henrietta's small, dying hometown of Clover, Virginia, to East Baltimore today, where her children and grandchildren live and struggle with the legacy of her cells."

Join the [iN Focus Book Club](#) today to participate in the virtual conversation!

Northwestern alumni are welcome to join both of the NAA's book clubs and choose to read one or both books per reading cycle. You only need to sign up once for each club to participate. Discussions will take place on separate online forums. There is no cost to participate—you just need a copy of the book.

## Join Us Online!



### Virtual Event | NUPT'S 2020 Distinguished Alum Celebration

Friday, February 26, 2021 | 4:00–5:00 p.m. CST

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JOIN THE ZOOM EVENT

### Virtual Event | 2021 Midwinter Dental Alumni Virtual Reception

Saturday, February 27, 2021 | 6:00 p.m. CST

Calling all dental alums! Join the Northwestern University Dental School Alumni Club for the 2021 Midwinter Alumni Virtual Reception. "Please gather with us to share stories from dental school, how you are managing the pandemic, or any accomplishments you may have achieved. 'Rooms' will be available for individual class years."

Questions or suggestions can be directed to **Adrian Codel, '01 DDS**, at [nuds@alumni.northwestern.edu](mailto:nuds@alumni.northwestern.edu).

RSVP TODAY

### Virtual Event | Northwestern Pritzker School of Law Alumni Association Presents: A Conversation with Jerry Reinsdorf, '60 JD

Thursday, March 4, 2021 | 3:00–4:00 p.m. CST

The Northwestern Pritzker School of Law Alumni Association invites members of the Medical Alumni Association to an expansive discussion with **Jerry Reinsdorf, '60 JD**, chair of the Chicago White Sox and Chicago Bulls, on athletics in the time of COVID, emerging legal issues in professional and collegiate athletics, and for a behind-the-scenes glimpse of *The Last Dance* documentary. Moderated by Pritzker Interim Dean Jim Speta.

Advanced registration required. For questions about this event, email [law-alumni@northwestern.edu](mailto:law-alumni@northwestern.edu).

REGISTER TODAY

### Webinar | That Was Then, This Is Now: The Names Behind the Buildings

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 | 4:00–5:00 p.m. CST

Take a virtual "biographical tour" through the Feinberg neighborhood with **Joseph Gugenheim, '72 MD**, as your guide. The tour will highlight neighborhood landmarks and the people for whom they are named. Dr. Gugenheim will go back to the time before the 1871 fire when much of the area was owned by Nathaniel Kellogg Fairbank (Fairbanks Court), to 2012, when Lurie Children's Hospital opened. Many of these names were innovators, finding unfulfilled niches in medicine, business, and commerce.

Advanced registration required.

REGISTER TODAY

### Virtual Event | Commitment to Scholarships Virtual Celebration

Thursday, March 11, 2021 | 4:00–5:00 p.m. CST\*

Marianne M. Green, MD (vice dean for Education and Raymond H. Curry, MD, Professor of Medical Education), and the Student Scholars of Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine invite you to the Commitment to Scholarships Virtual Celebration. Held via Zoom, the event will feature an engaging and interactive panel discussion with Dr. Green, student scholars—past and present—and a generous alumnus who supports scholarships.

\*Please plan to join 5 minutes early. Advanced registration required.

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### Virtual Event | Northwestern Pritzker School of Law Alumni Association Presents: The Pope & John Lecture Series on Professionalism Featuring the Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr.

Friday, March 12, 2021 | 12:00–1:00 p.m. CST

The Northwestern Pritzker School of Law Alumni Association invites members of the Medical Alumni Association to the Pope & John Lecture Series on Professionalism, which focuses on professional responsibility, including legal ethics, public service, professional civility, pro bono representation, and standards of conduct. The lecture was established in 1991 by the Chicago firm of Pope & John, Ltd. This year's lecture features the Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr., 82nd Attorney General of the United States (2009-2015) and partner, Covington & Burling, LLP.

Advanced registration required. For questions about this event, email [law-alumni@northwestern.edu](mailto:law-alumni@northwestern.edu).

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## Lecture Series | Northwestern Women in Medicine: Thriving in the Virtual World

Monthly; Dates Below | 5:00 p.m. CST

Women physicians face unique challenges and obstacles throughout their professional careers. These challenges may affect leadership development and opportunities for women in medicine, resulting in a gender gap in the governance of academic medical centers. The third annual Northwestern Women in Medicine Conference will help to identify the obstacles that contribute to gender inequity and start the discourse to bridging it by hosting a virtual lecture series monthly.

**Thursday, March 18, 2021** | “Guiding Trainees to a Fulfilling Career in Medicine”

**Thursday, April 22, 2021** | “Being an Inclusive Leader”

**Thursday, May 20, 2021** | “Pathways to Leadership in Academic Medicine”

**Thursday, June 17, 2021** | “Leveraging Social Media for Education and Professional Development”

**Thursday, July 22, 2021** | “Building a Pipeline of Women Leaders Through Promoting Gender Equity”

*Advance registration required. CME credit available.*

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