

Public Health Lectures by Dr Mary Bassett

Commissioner of Health of New York City

Public Lecture

Title: Addressing diet-related Diseases through Policies to Improve the Food Environment in New York City: Lessons for South Africa

Tuesday, 7 July 2015. Time: 12:30-14:00. Refreshments to follow.
Venue: Room 1A Ground Floor, School of Public Health Building, UWC
RSVP: Lynette Martin. Email: lmartin@uwc.ac.za

Annual David Sanders Lecture

Title: #BlackLivesMatter- A Challenge to the Medical and Public Health Communities

Wednesday, 8 July 2015. Time: 17:30 – 19:30. Refreshments to follow
Venue: Room 1A Ground Floor, School of Public Health Building, UWC
RSVP: Tamlin Petersen. Email: soph-events@uwc.ac.za

Lunchtime Seminar

Title: Reflections on a Program to strengthen African Health Systems

Thursday, 9 July 2015. Time: 12:00-13:00. Followed by lunch
Venue: MRC, Bellville, Main Auditorium
Contact: Dr Tanya Doherty. Email: Tanya.Doherty@mrc.ac.za

Mary T. Bassett was appointed Commissioner of Health of New York City in February 2014. Her focus is on ensuring that every New York City neighborhood supports the health of its residents, with the goal of closing gaps in population health across this diverse city. Additionally, she promotes continued use of innovative policy tools to reduce tobacco use, unhealthy food and lack of physical activity that together drive contemporary mortality patterns. Originally from New York City, Dr. Bassett lived for nearly 20 years in Zimbabwe. Previously, she was a Program Director for the African Health Initiative and the Child Well-being Program at the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. From 2002-2007 Dr. Bassett served as deputy commissioner of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention at the Department. She received her B.A. in History and Science from Harvard University, her M.D. from Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons. She completed her medical residency at Harlem Hospital Center, and has a Master's degree in Public Health from the University of Washington.



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