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BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Augustus-Wallace serves the LSU Health Sciences Center-New Orleans, School of Medicine (**SOM**), Department of Medicine, and Office of Community Engagement and Health Equity Programs as a Full Professor-Research, and as Director of Undergraduate Academic Pathway Programs for Health Equity. In this role, she is responsible for the creation, development, and implementation of current and future OCEHEP programs and operations, which involves data/statistics collection, compilation, analysis, and reporting related to institutional population metrics for medical education, graduate medical education, and faculty, as well as planning and evaluation of programs, projects, and services. Additionally, as the liaison between this office and Louisiana Undergraduate Institutions, she develops and facilitates undergraduate pathway programs for the recruitment and retention of all qualified students, including qualified underrepresented in medicine (**URM**) students, who are interested in attending medical school.

Likewise, she leads and has several roles & responsibilities regarding health equity affairs committees and educational efforts in the LSUHSC-New Orleans, Schools of Medicine and Graduate Studies for Faculty/Staff/Professional Students (Medical and Biomedical). These responsibilities include those with the SOM-Undergraduate Medical Education (**UME**) office, as well as a full member of the Graduate Faculty with the LSUHSC-NO, School of Graduate Studies (**SGS**), service as chairperson-SOM-Multicultural Affairs Committee, co-chairperson-SOM Women's Affairs, and also representing the faculty on both the Faculty Assembly and Faculty Senate. Additionally, she advises and mentors students-medical & biomedical, both academically and professionally, as well as participating in the development and implementation of health equity related medical education curricula.

The overarching impetus of her work seeks to improve health equity and access for all people via the use of justice & anti-discrimination enterprises, thereby yielding improved positive health outcomes of all populations, including underrepresented/historically excluded-vulnerable communities & populations, statewide, regionally, and nationally.

Dr. Augustus-Wallace is a Baton Rouge, LA native and is an alumna of the Louisiana State University and A & M College in Baton Rouge, LA, where she earned both her undergraduate and first Master's degrees in Biochemistry. She earned her second Master's degree from the University of New Orleans in Healthcare Management with Public Health/Epidemiology inclusion. She is a 2005 Ruth L. Kirschstein/NIH/NIGMS/MARC Faculty Fellow and earned her Doctor of Philosophy (**PhD**) degree from LSU Health Sciences Center-New Orleans, School of Graduate Studies (**SGS**), in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, where she studied the mechanism of ubiquitin E3 ligases, Nedd4.1 and Nedd4.2. Dr. Augustus-Wallace is an active-elected member of several professional organizations, such as the Association of American Medical Colleges, Group on Women in Medicine and Science Steering Committee (**AAMC-GWIMS**) and the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (**ASBMB**)-Maximizing

Access Committee (**MAC**). Additionally, she is an active member of the American Public Health Association (**APHA**)-Law and Health Administration Sections; the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education (**NADOHE**); the NIH-Women of Color Research Network; and the Association of Women in Science (**AWIS**)-National & LSUHSC Chapter. Moreover, she is a former faculty member of Delgado Community College (New Orleans), as an Instructor of Biology, as well as Dillard University (New Orleans), where as an Instructor of Biology (2000-2005), she led the creation of the institution's Pre-Dental School Program and served as its inaugural Pre-Dental School Advisor, and the inaugural Chairperson of its Dental School Placement Committee.