Anniversary Celebration for Noted Health Care Journal

The Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved started as an idea by noted health researcher and physician Dr. David Satcher, former U.S. Surgeon General and former Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Twenty-five years later, the journal celebrates its silver anniversary as a well-respected peer-reviewed journal focused on exploring health disparities in the North and Central America and the Caribbean.

“The journal has thrived through decades of shifting economic and political winds,” said Editor Virginia Brennan, Ph.D., MA. “We’re proud to reach this milestone as an important source of information in the cause of social justice as it relates to health.”

The journal, published by the Johns Hopkins University Press, published the first issue of its 25th volume earlier this year. A celebration at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., highlighted the milestone, and a historical timeline covering the journal’s growth and development is now available at http://www.press.jhu.edu/timeline/hpu/index.html. Brennan was also interviewed in a podcast available at http://www.press.jhu.edu/journals/podcasts.html.

The issue included a retrospective from Dr. Satcher as well as articles on federal health care reform initiatives. The journal also published a special supplement on the Affordable Care Act, known colloquially as Obamacare. Dr. Claudia Baquet of the University of Maryland School of Medicine and The Honorable Thomas (“Mac”) Middleton, Chairman of the Maryland State Senate Finance Committee co-edited the supplement.

“The 25th Anniversary of the Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved is a time that is rich with potential and promises. Before there was the goal of eliminating disparities in health, there was the Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved. Although it is clear that we have come a long way, we have a long way to go to reach the promises of quality health care for all people in this country,” Satcher wrote in his reflection.

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