The Elephant in the Room

A Speaker Series Dedicated to Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Topics

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Dismantling Systemic Racism in Healthcare


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Dr. Lakesha Butler is the CEO and Founder of Dr. Lakesha Butler, LLC, a consulting agency whose mission is to disrupt and dismantle inequities and injustices in healthcare and higher education. She is also a Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Clinical Pharmacist and Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) School of Pharmacy. Dr. Butler is a change agent with deep expertise in the area of diversity, equity, inclusion, bias and racial justice.

Dr. Butler is the immediate past president of the National Pharmaceutical Association (NPhA) in which she facilitated action with excellence through advocacy, building new collaborations, organizational excellence and transformational branding. Dr. Butler also led the collaboration of 14 national pharmacy organizations in taking action against racial injustice. Recently, she co-authored the peer reviewed article, “Systemic racism: Pharmacists’ role and responsibility.”

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