



National Medical Fellowships Announcement

James McCune Smith, MD Lecture and Award for Excellence, Innovation, Diversity, and Research in Health Disparities in Medicine

This reception scheduled for **Wednesday, May 6, 2020**, is canceled.

On **Wednesday, March 4th, 2020**, National Medical Fellowships (NMF) and the Founding Committee members of the James McCune Smith, MD Lecture and Award Reception for Excellence, Innovation, Diversity, and Research in Health Disparities in Medicine, selected Mr. Marcus Mosley as the first recipient of the James McCune Smith, MD Medical Student Award.

Recent New York State mandates about COVID-19 has impacted us all. Our primary concern is for the health and well-being of the people and communities we serve. Out of an abundance of caution given the latest guidelines from federal, state, and local authorities, NMF has cancelled the James McCune Smith, MD Award Reception for originally scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2020. This was not an easy decision to make, but we believe it to be in the best interest of both our cherished supporters and the community at large.



Meet Mr. Marcus Mosley, 2020 James McCune Smith, MD Scholar 2nd Year Medical Student The City University of New York (CUNY) School of Medicine

Second-year medical student, Mr. Marcus Mosley is committed to reducing healthcare disparities. He earned a Master in Narrative Medicine from Columbia University and is trained in qualitative research methods. Currently, Mr. Mosley is conducting research examining the presentation of race in the medical curriculum and how its construction influences students' beliefs, attitudes, and conceptualization of race. As a future clinician scientist, Mr. Mosley is also interested in developing ways in which narrative medicine can be used as a pedagogical tool to promote racial literacy and teach medical students to tackle the societal determinations of health. He has volunteered throughout his professional career with numerous organizations through Hope for New York, and currently facilitates narrative medicine sessions for undergraduate students at The Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education Program at CUNY. Additionally, Mr. Mosley conducts research in the CUNY School of Medicine Laboratory of Urban Community Health, focused on developing community-level strategies to reduce HIV and stigma among black men who have sex with men (MSM).

Please [Click Here](#) to view Mr. Mosley's acceptance of the 2020 James McCune Smith, MD Medical Student Award and his presentation on his latest research in healthcare disparities in medicine.

Thank you to all the donors who purchased tickets or made donations to this important new initiative. NMF extends its appreciation to the Founding Committee members for all their dedication. Although, this scholarship honors James McCune Smith, MD as the first African American medical doctor in the United States. Your support now will help NMF continue to recognize talented young people who hold promise as healthcare leaders. Please donate now [Press Here](#).

Wishing you, your family and colleagues good health. We look forward to "seeing" you for our **2021 James McCune Smith, MD Lecture and Award Reception for Excellence, Innovation, Diversity, and Research in Health Disparities in Medicine** reception next year. Should you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Edwin Madera at 212.483.8880 (x309), or via email at emadera@nmfonline.org. Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Esther R. Dyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a light-colored background.

**Dr. Esther R. Dyer
President & CEO**

On behalf of the James McCune Smith, MD Lecture and Award Reception Committee members

James McCune Smith, MD
**Lecture and Award Reception for Excellence, Innovation,
Diversity, and Research in Health Disparities in Medicine**



Fig. 1: NYAM Fellow New Portrait of **James McCune Smith, MD** Nov. 1, 2018, donated by Daniel Laroche, MD NYAM Fellow.

Dr. McCune Smith was born in New York. Yet he could not gain admission to a medical school in New York, therefore, he left for the **University of Glasgow** in **1832**, earning a **BA** in **1835**, an **MA** in **1836**, and his **MD** in **1837**. He returned to New York, where he became the **first** university-trained practicing **African American physician in the United States**.

Dr. McCune Smith maintained a general medical and surgical practice in Lower Manhattan, treating both **black and white patients**. He also served as a physician at the **Colored Orphans Asylum of New York**, where he became its **Medical Director** in **1846**. He held that position when the asylum was destroyed during the **Draft Riots of 1863**.

Author of the **first** case report by an African American physician, Dr. McCune Smith was denied

membership in, and the opportunity to present his work before, the New York Medical and Surgical Society in **1840** because of his race. A second series of case reports by Dr. Smith published in the *New York Journal of Medicine* in **1844**, were the first medical scientific papers published by an African American physician in the United States. He also published several papers that demonstrated a sophisticated use of statistical analysis to disprove prevailing theories of racial inferiority. An **outspoken abolitionist**, he regularly contributed articles to the abolitionist press.



Fig. 2: Award of Academy Fellowship granted to **James McCune Smith, MD** Photo, Nov. 1, 2018, the New York Academy of Medicine.

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James McCune Smith, MD
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