



2021 Schedule of Events

September 17 – 25

Friday, September 17: The kickoff

4:45-6 p.m.: Orientation meeting for fellows

6-8:30 p.m.: Evening program

Introduction of the fellowship: **Audrey Shelto**, President, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation

Introduction of the fellows and keynote speaker: **Larry Tye**, Fellowship Director

2021 Fellows: Brianna Abbott of the *Wall Street Journal*, Benjamin Bragdon of the *Kennebec (Maine) Journal/Morning Sentinel*, Jenna Carlesso of the *Connecticut Mirror*, Caroline Covington of Texas Standard-KUT Radio, Alli Fam of New Hampshire Public Radio, Beth Healy of WBUR Radio in Boston, Ana Ibarra of *CalMatters*, Nadia Kounang of CNN, Fenit Nirappil of the *Washington Post*, Deanna Pan of the *Boston Globe*, Jennifer Portman of *USA Today*, and Will Stribling of *Mississippi Today*.

Keynote: ***Healing Journalism***

Judy Woodruff, the anchor and managing editor of the PBS NewsHour, may be the most trusted journalist in America. A veteran of NBC, CNN and Bloomberg, she has moderated presidential debates, produced documentaries, advocated for the rights of women and of families with spina bifida, taught courses on both politics and the media, and written a memoir.

Saturday, September 18: Pointing the way

9-10:15 a.m. *Side-by-side and up closer*

An inspired journalistic couple talks about lessons from the past and for the future. **Judy Woodruff** was mainly in broadcast. Her husband **Al Hunt** cut his reportorial teeth in print, spending much of his career in the Washington bureau of the *Wall Street Journal*.

10:30-11:45 a.m. *Can the public's health survive climate change?*

Not unless we act fast, say Drs. **Georges Benjamin** and **Aaron Bernstein** and Senator **Ed Markey**. Benjamin has spent 20 years running the American Public Health Association. Bernstein runs the Center for Climate, Health, and the Global Environment at the Harvard School of Public Health. Markey, the junior senator from Massachusetts, is a longtime leader in battling climate change.

Noon-1:45 p.m. *Laying out the challenges*

Few people have thought more creatively about what lies ahead in health care than our two guests: **Drew Altman** is president and CEO of the Kaiser Family Foundation. **Wright Lassiter III** is President and CEO of Henry Ford Health System and incoming chair of the American Hospital Association.

2-5:30 p.m. *Rest up, work out, cool down.*

5:45 'til we're full: *Clambake*

We get to know one another over classic New England fare, cooked in and, if our finicky New England weather allows, eaten out.

Sunday, September 19: Worrying about forgetting and about a place to sleep

11 a.m.-1 p.m. ***Alzheimer's and other aging challenges***

Over lunch, we discuss challenges of aging with **Andrew Dreyfus**, president of Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA; **Dr. Douglas Kiel**, director of musculoskeletal programs at the Marcus Institute for Aging Research; and **Yakeel Quiroz-Gaviria**, director of Mass. General Hospital's Multicultural Alzheimer's Prevention Program.

1:15-5:15 p.m. ***Down time***

We catch our breaths and get ready for the long night ahead – exercising, napping or whatever we want.

5:30-7:30 p.m. ***Homelessness: Who, why and what to do***

Setting a context for what we'll see on Boston's streets are Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program (BHCHP) Medical Director **Denise De Las Nueces**, Pine Street Inn Director **Lyndia Downie**, Boston Shelter Commission Director **Jim Greene**, Boston EMS Chief **Jim Hooley**, former National Institute of Mental Health director Dr. **Tom Insel**, former MA public health commissioner and HHS assistant secretary **Howard Koh**, and BHCHP President **Jim O'Connell**.

8:30 p.m.-midnight ***Street stories***

We ride with the Pine Street vans or EMS ambulances, or divide into groups to tour the McInnis House respite center or the streets of Boston on foot.

Monday, September 20: Gains and gaps in mental health

9-10:45 a.m. *The big picture*

Dr. **Joshua Gordon** is director of the National Institute of Mental Health. Dr. **Tom Insel** was Gordon's predecessor at NIMH and is now developing a non-profit digital publication focusing on mental health.

11 a.m.-1:15 p.m. *Suicide: An epidemic and an enigma*

Matthew Nock, a psychologist at Harvard and MacArthur fellow, is researching ways to predict and prevent suicides. Dr. **Jordan Smoller**, head of psychiatric genetics at MGH, is studying how big data and genomics can identify suicide risks. **Rheeda Walker**, a psychologist at the University of Houston, focuses on preventing suicides among African Americans.

4:15-5:45 p.m. *Meditations*

We get a hands-on look at complementary medicine with **Sarah Ernst-Edwards** and **Lisa Gorman** from 360 NeuroMuscular Therapy, Reiki practitioner **Judith Frazier**, **Chris Householder** and **Rachel Jenkins** from Perfect Postures, **Lisa Keyes** from Dedham Acupuncture, Dr. **Darshan Mehta** from the Benson-Henry Mind-Body Institute, and **David Sholemson** of 3 Body Healing Arts.

6-8 p.m. *Health care as a civil right*

Our dinner speaker, *New York Times Magazine* writer **Nikole Hannah-Jones**, helped launch the *1619 Project*, which inspired a fiery national debate on racism and won her the 2020 Pulitzer Prize for commentary. Three years before, she won a MacArthur genius grant.

Tuesday, September 21: It's Epidemic

8:30-10 a.m. *New ways to understand and attack obesity*

Dr. **Dariush Mozaffarian** is dean of Tufts School of Nutrition Science. Dr. **Walter Willett** is professor of epidemiology and nutrition at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. *New ways to see and battle the opioid epidemic*

Haner Hernandez is in recovery from addiction and an addiction counselor. Dr. **Ayana Jordan** is an addiction psychiatrist at Yale Medical School and runs its Global Mental Health Program. Dr. **Nora Volkow** heads the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

4-5 p.m. *Debrief*

We talk among ourselves about what we've seen and heard, and start thinking about how to translate that into stories.

5-7 p.m. *Med errors and mea culpas*

Over dinner, we focus on medical errors and patient safety. Dr. **Amy Boutwell** is president of Collaborative Healthcare Strategies. **Linda Kenney** is director of peer support at the Betsy Lehman Center for Patient Safety. Dr. **Rick van Pelt** is vice president of clinical practice transformation at the University of Alabama-Birmingham Health System.

Wednesday, September 22: The Era of the Virus

8:45-10:15 a.m. *A view from the homefront*

We talk about lessons from the pandemic that need to be applied now with **Dr. Mandy Cohen**, North Carolina's secretary of health and human services; California Congresswoman **Anna Eshoo**, who chairs the powerful Subcommittee on Health; and Dr. **Elisabeth Rosenthal**, editor-in-chief of Kaiser Health News.

10:30-12:30 p.m. *Sounding alarms abroad*

We extract lessons for the future from countries that handled the pandemic right – and those that demonstrably didn't. Dr. **David Heymann** is former chairman of Public Health England and was a senior official at the WHO and CDC. **John Nkengasong** is director of the Africa CDC. **Jennifer Nuzzo** is chief epidemiologist at the Johns Hopkins Covid-19 Testing Insights Initiative.

1-3 p.m. *Controlling Covid and whatever comes next*

We look at divergent strategies for staying safe, now and forever, with CDC Director **Rochelle Walensky**.

5 p.m.-last out *1918, 2004, 2007, 2013, 2018 and 2021!*

We head to Fenway to tour the park with Sox President **Sam Kennedy**, and *Boston Globe* baseball writers **Peter Abraham** and **Alex Speier**, then watch Boston crush the New York Mets, with guests including **Kitty and Michael Dukakis**, **Jim O'Connell** and others.

Thursday, September 23: Stories that need telling inside medicine and out

10-11:45 a.m. *Cutting-edge health challenges*

Diane Davey, director of McLean Hospital's Obsessive Compulsive Disorders Unit, introduces us to her program and residents. Others visit Mass General's Cancer Center, where director **Daniel Haber** takes us on a guided tour of the latest in oncology research. At the Ragon Institute we learn about the wars against HIV, Covid and other diseases from Director **Bruce Walker** and his colleagues **Amy Barczak** and **Doug Kwon**. At Whittier Street Health Center, CEO **Frederica Williams** show as well as tell us about their push for health equity and social justice, and at Fenway Health, EVP **Carl Sciortino** does the same.

12:30-2:00 p.m. *Beyond the pandemic – a world of public health challenges*

Over lunch, we hear about new directions in public and oral health from Boston University School of Public Health Dean **Sandro Galea** and Tufts School of Dental Medicine Dean **Nadeem Karimbux**.

2:15-5:45 p.m. *An afternoon off*

You earned it. Shop or swim, sleep or play tourist.

6-8 p.m. *Long-form storytelling*

Deb Brody is the publisher at Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. **Lucy Cleland** is a literary agent at Boston-based Kneerim & Williams. **Margaret Engel** directs the Alicia Patterson Journalism Foundation. Nobel Laureate **Paul Krugman**'s latest book is *Arguing with Zombies*.

Friday, September 24: The art and science of reporting

8:30-10 a.m.

Why we do it

Over breakfast, **Paul Krugman** reminds us why journalism matters.

10:15 a.m.-noon

Digging deep

Two of the *New York Times*' best investigative reporters – Pulitzer-winning **Sharon LaFraniere** and paradigm-shifting **Sarah Kliff** – tell us how they do what they do.

12:45-2:15 p.m.

Making sense of the data

Charlie Ornstein is a managing editor at ProPublica, a Pulitzer Prize winner and an expert on data-driven journalism.

2:30-5:30 p.m.

Take a break.

5:45-9:30 p.m.

Toasting our time together

With a surprise guest(s).

Saturday, September 25: Wrapping up

9:00-11:30 a.m. *Translating your lists into stories*

We break into three groups, with each journalist presenting her or his list of stories while the rest of us suggest sources, storytelling strategies and other ways to make those ideas resonate with readers, listeners and editors. Group leaders are **Karen Brown, John Lauerman** and **Larry Tye**.

Brown is a reporter at New England Public Radio, focusing on health, mental health, children's issues, poverty and other ways of looking at the human condition.

Lauerman is a reporter-at-large for Bloomberg News, recently returned from London to Boston and focusing on health and higher education.

Noon-1:00 p.m. *Goodbyes*

Lunch with our group, then you can head home or anywhere.