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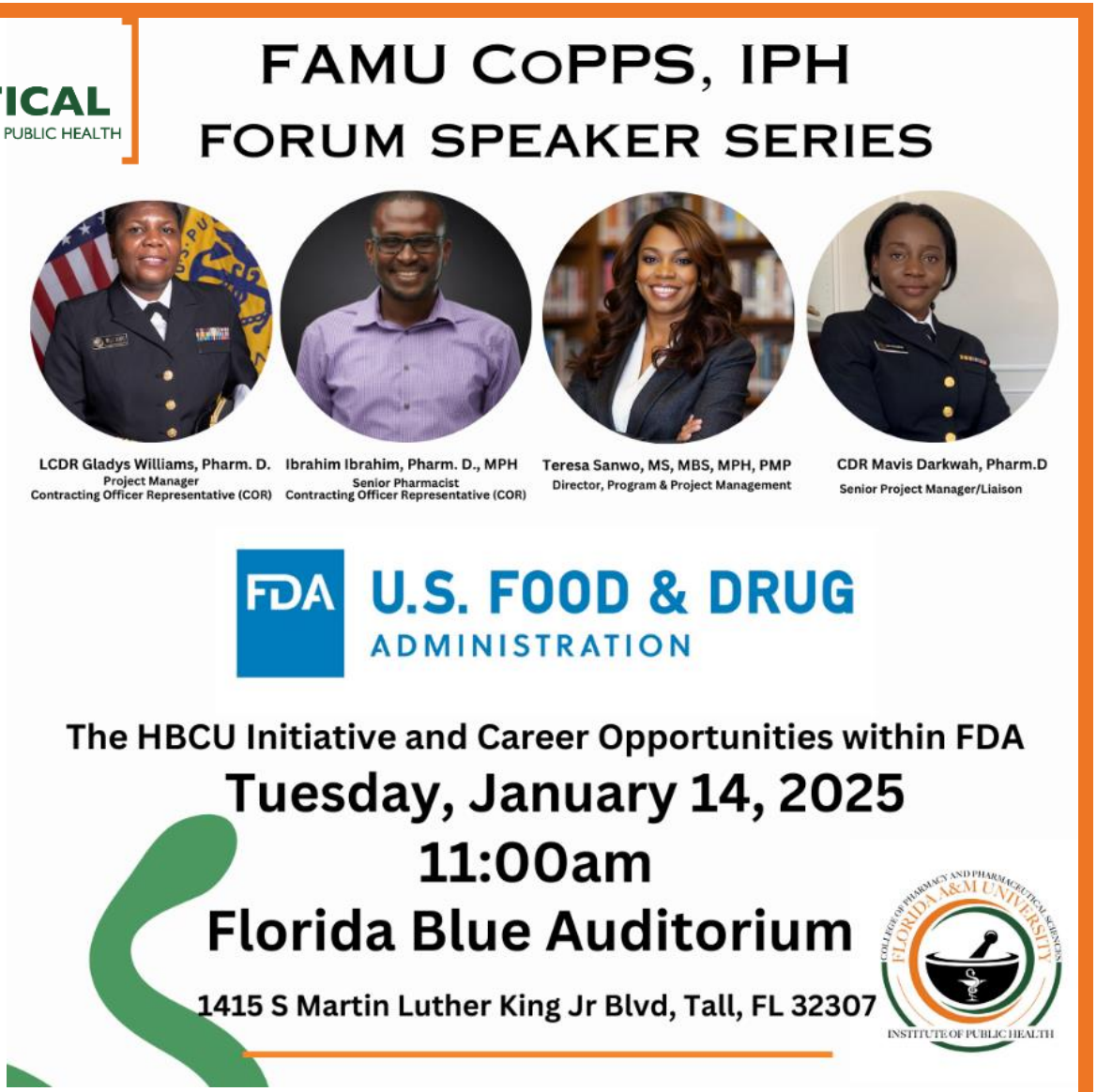
FAMU CoPPS, IPH Forum to feature some formidable forces

Tallahassee, FL – The FAMU College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Institute of Public Health (CoPPS, IPH), along with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) hosts the HBCU Initiative and Career Opportunities within FDA this Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 11:00 am in the FAMU CoPPS, IPH Florida Blue Auditorium. According to Experiential Education Director, Darice E. Richard-Mitchell, PharmD, these four presenters bring the energy and expertise to help our learners kick-start this new year.



Bio: Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Gladys Williams, Pharm.D. is an active-duty pharmacist with the United States Public Health Service, (one of the eight uniform services of the United States). She has served for 11 years with experience working as a clinical pharmacist with Indian Health Service on the Navajo Nation in Arizona, Program Analyst with Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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LCDR Williams currently works with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology (OSE) as a Project Manager and a Contracting Officer Representative with the Regulatory Science Staff. LCDR currently serves as the workgroup team lead for the OSE Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility: HBCU Initiative.

She obtained her Doctor of Pharmacy from the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine School of Pharmacy in Erie, Pennsylvania. She's also a Certified Diabetes Educator. In her spare time, she enjoys spending quality time as a first-time mother with her one and half year-old daughter, her family, and taking road trips

Bio Ibrahim Ibrahim, Pharm.D., MPH is a pharmacist with Regulatory Science Staff (RSS), a division within the Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology (OSE). He serves as a Drug Use expert and engages in research utilizing drug data. He serves as an expert for RSS to support drug safety reviews, legal and enforcement actions, policy development, market surveillance, and assists FDA executives' public statements and congressional testimonies.

Dr. Ibrahim previously served as a Consumer Safety Officer (CSO) from the Office of Compliance (OC), Division of Compounding Policy and Outreach (DCPO) in the Office of Compounding Quality and Compliance (OCQC). He served as the lead reviewer for nominations and comments for bulk drug substances proposed for inclusion on both the 503A and 503B Bulks List as well as the reviewer responsible for the monitoring and disposition of comments submitted by the public to the General Compounding Comments docket for 503A. He also served as the co-lead for the development of two guidance's in progress from OCQC. Before that, he worked as a Drug Use Analyst from the Division of Epidemiology (DEPI) within OSE. He has worked on several Advisory Committee meetings both as a presenter, reviewer, and organizer. He helped develop several templates to minimize the clearance pathways for several documents both as a Drug Use Analyst and CSO. He is a trained pediatric pharmacist with over ten years of extensive experience in pharmacoepidemiology, hospital and the retail pharmacy settings.

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Ibrahim obtained both his Doctor of Pharmacy and master's in public health degrees from the University of Maryland, Baltimore. He is also a board-certified pharmacotherapy specialist who enjoys playing soccer, hiking, traveling, and trying out new cuisines in his spare time.

Bio: Teresa Sanwo, MS, MBA, MPH, CPMP is an accomplished leader with extensive experience in program and project management within the life sciences, healthcare, and government sectors. She specializes in streamlining operations, fostering collaboration across teams, and ensuring compliance with regulatory standards.

With a strong background in clinical research, healthcare operations, and federal contract management, Teresa has led diverse teams and initiatives to success. Her expertise includes process improvement, stakeholder engagement, and strategic planning.

Teresa holds advanced degrees in business administration, public health, and information systems management and is a Certified Project Management Professional (CPMP). She is passionate about driving innovation and creating impactful solutions that advance healthcare and life sciences.

Bio: Commander (CDR) Mavis Darkwah, Pharm.D. is an active-duty pharmacist with the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. She is stationed at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in Silver Spring, Maryland where she is currently a Senior Project Manager/Liaison with the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), Office of Executive Programs, Executive Operations Staff. In this role, she facilitates information exchange between the Office of the Center Director and the offices and divisions throughout CDER and FDA and independently and collaboratively respond to requests for information to the Center Director from the media, Congress, HHS, international regulatory partners, and state and federal agencies on high profile, complex and/or controversial issues.

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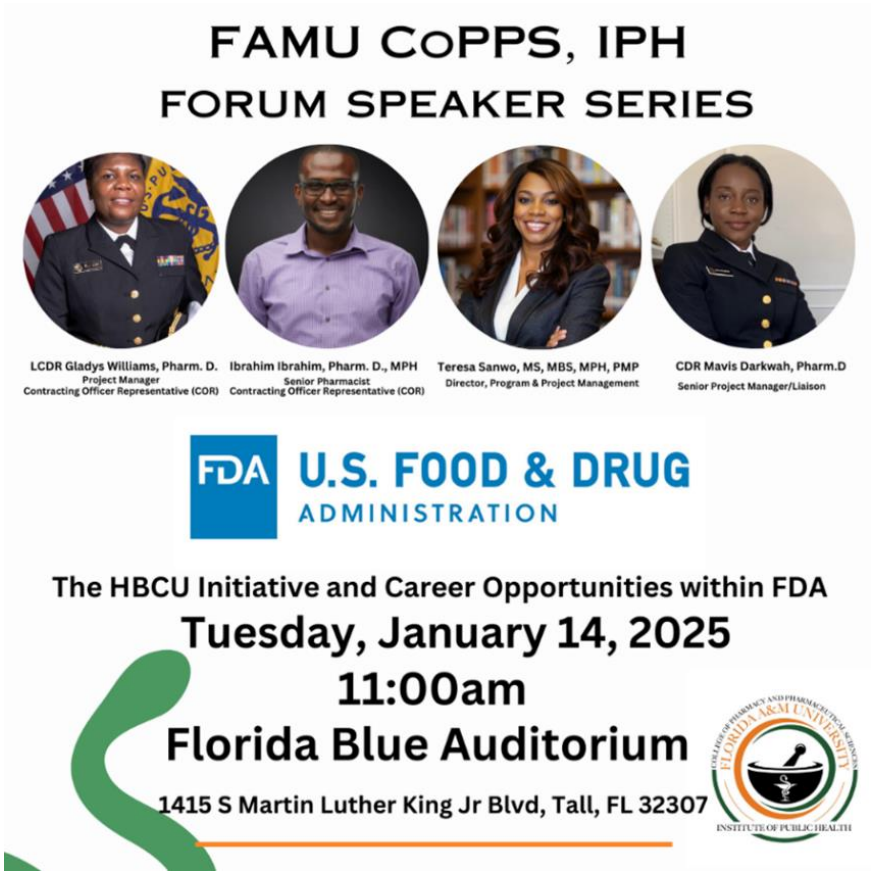
Before joining the Executive Operations Staff, CDR Darkwah worked with CDER Office of New Drugs, Division of Anesthesiology, Addiction Medicine, and Pain Medicine (DAAP) as a Senior Regulatory Project Manager for 9.5 years where she managed and coordinated review and regulatory activities of Investigational New Drugs and New Drug Applications.

CDR Darkwah obtained her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, Baltimore, where she serves as preceptor for fourth-year pharmacy students and currently serves as a workgroup team member of the OSE DEIA HBCU initiative.

Again, we warmly welcome:



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