

Frank Islam Athenaeum Symposia Fall 2022 Speaker Series

Social Justice: Community Wellness

Dr. Devlon N. Jackson

Digital Health: Connected
and Disconnected with
Communities of Color

Monday, September 19, 11:00 am
Germantown Campus, Globe Hall



Meet Our Speaker

Light refreshments will be served.

This event fulfills the Multicultural Diversity Training requirement for MC employees. Register for event using MC Learns to receive professional development credit. If you have questions, please email athenaeum@montgomerycollege.edu.

Dr. Devlon N. Jackson is a health communication scientist and scholarly activist who examines how digital health can improve the health of vulnerable populations. Within this work, she applies a health equity lens to identify communication inequalities that influence access and use. She also understands how mental health impacts physical wellness, and values the need for a more comprehensive health approach when communicating health information, especially if our nation hopes to eliminate health disparities and achieve health equity.

As a result, Dr. Jackson was awarded an NIH-National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities Investigator Diversity Research Supplement grant to explore how health information technology (HIT) can improve health for African Americans and Hispanics living with mental health issues and chronic diseases. In addition to this project, her research is also supported by other NIH-funded awards where she and her colleagues are addressing other important digital health issues such as co-designing culturally-tailored apps with Black and Hispanic communities to support their health information seeking and decision-making.

Dr. Jackson currently serves as an Assistant Research Professor in the School of Public Health's Department of Behavioral and Community Health at the University of Maryland. She is also a faculty affiliate with the Maryland Center for Health Equity and the Horowitz Center for Health Literacy.