

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION WEEK

2023 SPEAKER BIO

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Dr. Walter Clair received undergraduate, medical and public health training at Harvard His post graduate training included a medical residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital and cardiology and cardiac electrophysiology fellowships at Duke. He served as the Executive Medical Director and Chief Medical Officer of the Vanderbilt Heart and Vascular Institute from 2015-2021 and is currently a Professor of Medicine at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine where continues to practice clinical cardiac electrophysiology.

Dr. Clair has received several community service awards and distinctions over the years. He has chaired the Social Action Committee of Chi Boule. Additionally, he has served in several leadership roles with the 100 Black Men of Middle Tennessee. In 2012 he received the Levi Watkins Faculty Award for Commitment to Diversity at Vanderbilt School of Medicine. Dr. Clair was a member of the Board of Overseers of Harvard University from 2009-2016. In 2021 he was awarded the Harvard Medal.

Having joined the Education Committee of the Heart Rhythm Society in 2009, the next year he became co-chair of its Patient and Care-givers Sub-committee and served in that role until 2014. In 2013 he was a national medical spokesperson for the Heart Rhythm Society's "Arrest the Risk" campaign to increase awareness of sudden death risk factors among minority patients. He serves on the boards of the Nashville chapter of the American Heart Association (President 2018-19), St Marks School (Southboro, MA) and the University School of Nashville Horizons Program.

Dr. Clair will speak at the following 2023 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Week event:

- **"Microaggressions in the Medical Setting"**
Tuesday, October 24 (Noon to 1 p.m., MCN CCC-1111 and Teams)