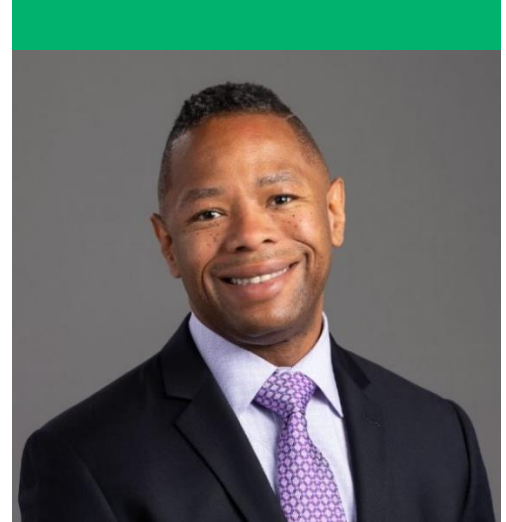




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Advancement of Medicine

As a physician, scholar and chairperson of the Department of Emergency Medicine, my work focuses on advancing emergency medicine through health equity, trauma-informed care, inclusive leadership and rigorous scholarship — while cultivating a culture of kindness and support for patients and care teams.

In 2025, my efforts centered on strengthening the clinical, academic and community-facing impact of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Rush. A major area of focus was the continued development and expansion of Healing Hurt People at Rush, a trauma-informed hospital-based violence intervention program modeled on my prior work in Philadelphia. This program integrates emergency care with behavioral health support, case management and community partnerships to address the long-term consequences of exposure to violence. During 2025, we enhanced staffing, training, and coordination and continued developing outcome measures to rigorously evaluate patient and community impact.

As chairperson, I aligned departmental strategy with Rush's I-CARE values, emphasizing faculty development, innovation in social emergency medicine and institutional leadership in equity-centered care. We expanded educational pathways for residents and fellows, supported faculty scholarship, and strengthened collaboration with the RUSH BMO Institute for Health Equity. Collectively, this work advances patient-centered care, strengthens the health care workforce, and contributes to national conversations about trauma, violence and equity in medicine.



Research, Workforce Development and Education

Philanthropic support from my endowed position has been essential in advancing our research and our academic and community-based initiatives. In 2025, endowment funds supported:

- Faculty development, including advanced training in public health and health equity
- Leadership roles in social emergency medicine, behavioral health emergency medicine, and diversity, equity and inclusion
- Fellowship and pipeline programs that train the next generation of clinician-scholars
- Recruitment initiatives focused on attracting diverse, mission-driven learners and faculty
- Educational programming, visiting professorships and national collaboration

The [Population Health Equity Fellowship](#) and [Behavioral Health Emergency Medicine Fellowship](#), both established at the intersection of my work, recognize that trauma fuels the cycle of violence and equip students to identify broader structural opportunities to address the determinants of health for our population.

Also, our [Rush Integration for Success and Excellence Program](#) focuses on developing and building skills among our junior faculty.

These investments allow us to build sustainable programs that integrate clinical excellence with research, education and community partnership.

Grants

Activities supported by the endowment helped secure external funding to advance our mission. This includes a Justice Advisory Council grant from Cook County, which supports the launch and early expansion of Healing Hurt People at Rush. We continue to pursue local and national funding opportunities — including federal, foundation and private philanthropic sources — to expand health equity-focused research and community-based interventions.



Selected Achievements

My work and leadership received national recognition in 2025, including ongoing engagement as a national speaker and continued service on key institutional committees shaping ethics, faculty affairs and clinical quality. My other achievements included:

- Continued leadership as chairperson, Department of Emergency Medicine, Rush University Medical Center
- Ongoing expansion of Healing Hurt People at Rush
- National invited lectures and keynote presentations on trauma, violence and healing
- Publications in peer-reviewed journals addressing trauma-informed care, equity in emergency medicine and youth violence prevention
- Sustained collaboration with the RUSH BMO Institute for Health Equity
- Service on institutional committees, including ethics, faculty affairs and medical executive leadership
- Gun lock distribution to emergency department patients
- Expansion of equity-focused educational tracks for residents and fellows
- Faculty recruitment
 - Arthur Pope, MD, PhD
 - Shagun Berry, DO
 - Benjamin Karfunkle, MD
 - Trenika Williams, MD, MS

Publications

Szoke, D., Diaz, A., Rich, J., Corbin, T., Purim-Shem-Tov, Y., Escalante, E., & Held, P. (2024). Increasing treatment engagement by combining cognitive processing therapy for PTSD with simultaneous care management services: A case study. *Cognitive and Behavioral Practice*.



The Year Ahead: 2026 and Beyond

In the coming year, my priorities include:

- Continued growth and evaluation of Healing Hurt People at Rush and related trauma-informed programs
- Expansion of research infrastructure to support equity-centered, grant-funded scholarship
 - Recruitment of an established clinical scientist
- Strengthening faculty and advanced practice provider recruitment, retention and professional development
 - Emergency Leadership Workshop for Early- to Mid-Career Faculty
- Enhancing virtual consultation models and quality operations across emergency services
- Launching a Community Advisory Board to guide research and ensure community accountability
- Advancing interdisciplinary collaboration across education, research and clinical care

These efforts reflect our commitment to shaping health care systems that are equitable, evidence-based and responsive to the communities we serve.

With Gratitude

I am deeply grateful to the donors who support my endowed position and Rush's mission. Your generosity makes it possible to invest in people, programs and partnerships that extend far beyond the walls of the emergency department. Because of your support, we are advancing compassionate, trauma-informed care, addressing health inequities and training future leaders who will carry this work forward. I am honored to serve in your name.