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**MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE HOSTS A LECTURE ABOUT
“BUILDING A HEALTHY NATION: INTEGRATING PRIMARY CARE IN EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE HEALTH
DISPARITIES”**

John Ruffin, Ph.D., Director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, Featured Speaker

Atlanta – September 16, 2013 – Morehouse School of Medicine will host the fourth annual James Reed Lectureship, Wednesday, September 18, 2013, beginning at noon in the National Center for Primary Care auditorium, 720 Westview SW, Atlanta.

The featured speaker is John Ruffin, Ph.D. director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD). A well-respected leader and visionary in the field, Dr. Ruffin will discuss the complexity of health disparities, and the importance of integrating multiple disciplines, particularly primary care in eliminating health disparities. In his current role, Dr. Ruffin leads the minority health and health disparities research programs for the National Institutes of Health (NIH). His leadership as the federal official for minority health disparities research at the NIH spans more than two decades, and during that time he has planned and implemented the largest biomedical research program in the nation aimed at eliminating health disparities.

The James Reed Lectureship series, which began in 2010, is in honor of James W. Reed, M.D., a long-term MSM professor of medicine, associate chair of medicine for research and chief of endocrinology at Grady Memorial Hospital, Atlanta. Dr. Reed's tenure with MSM spans twenty-eight years and because of his dedication of service and admirable list of accomplishments, he is credited with contributing to the school's overall success. A highly respected member of the medical community, Dr. Reed is most noted for his work with the MSM residency programs and extensive work with diabetes and hypertension.

Dr. Reed has published and lectured extensively on issues relating to the diagnosis and management of diabetes mellitus, hypertension, and dyslipidemia. He received his medical degree from Howard University College of Medicine, Washington, DC, and was subsequently appointed to a research fellowship in endocrinology and metabolism at the Metabolic Research Unit of the University of California Medical Center, San Francisco.

To register and learn more about The James Reed Lectureship series please visit:

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About Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM)

Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) was founded in 1975 in Atlanta, Georgia, as a two-year medical education program at Morehouse College, with clinical training affiliations with several established medical schools for awarding the M.D. degree. In 1981, MSM became an independently chartered institution and the first medical school established at a Historically Black College and University in the 20th century. MSM is among the nation's leading educators of primary care physicians and was recently recognized as the top institution among U.S. medical schools for our social mission. Our faculty and alumni are noted for excellence in teaching, research and public policy, as well as exceptional patient care.

Morehouse School of Medicine is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award doctorate and master degrees.

About the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD): NIMHD is a part of the NIH. It leads scientific research to improve minority health and eliminate health disparities by conducting and supporting research on minority health and

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health disparities; planning, reviewing, coordinating, and evaluating all minority health and health disparities research at NIH; promoting and supporting the training of a diverse research workforce; translating and disseminating research information; and fostering collaborations and partnerships. For more information about NIMHD, visit www.nimhd.nih.gov.

About the National Institutes of Health (NIH): NIH, the nation's medical research agency, includes 27 Institutes and Centers and is a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. NIH is the primary federal agency conducting and supporting basic, clinical, and translational medical research, and is investigating the causes, treatments, and cures for both common and rare diseases. For more information about NIH and its programs, visit www.nih.gov.

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