Meharry’s Center for Health Policy Hosts Summer Institute

NASHVILLE, TN — Meharry Medical College will host the 2014 Summer Institute on Health Policy on June 16 – 27, 2014, in Nashville, Tennessee. The annual summer program is sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Center for Health Policy at Meharry Medical College, a multi-million dollar academic research center aimed at developing health policy leaders and diversifying the healthcare workforce.

The Summer Institute on Health Policy is a two-week, rigorous training program that offers intensive, accelerated coursework related to health policy, public health, health economics, law and public policy. Courses are taught by nationally-renowned scholars, researchers, executives and public officials who bring a wealth of knowledge on how to tackle real-world health policy challenges.

The Institute’s first week will be taught by former Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Mayor Bill Purcell, who currently practices law at Nashville-based firm, Jones Hawkins & Farmer, PLC. Mr. Purcell has spent more than 30 years in law, public service and higher education as a two-term mayor and five-term representative in the Tennessee General Assembly. His course, “Public Health, Public Policy and the Law,” runs from Monday, June 16 through Friday, June 20, 2014.

Teaching the second week is famed economist Julianne Malveaux, Ph.D., whose progressive—and sometimes controversial—thoughts on race, class, gender, health disparities and their economic impacts can be seen and heard on numerous cable news and talk radio shows. Dr. Malveaux has been a constant contributor to academic life, having most recently served in 2007 as the 15th president of Bennett College for Women for five years. Her course, “Race, Class, Health and Health Policy,” runs from Monday, June 23 through Friday, June 27, 2014.

The Summer Institute on Health Policy is free and open to the public. Each course spans one week, meeting daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To register or for more information, visit www.meharryhealthpolicy.org or call 615.327.6202.