



# BUILDING BELONGING

*at the National Institutes of Health*



**Session 2 — October 15, 2024, 3:00 pm–4:30 pm Eastern**

Virtual Event ([Click here to Register](#))

**3:00 p.m.**

## **Welcome**

Joy Postell

*Chief Diversity Officer, Cultural Climate Officer of the NIH National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research*

**3:05 p.m.**

## **Fireside Chat - Building Belonging Across HHS**

Karen T. Comfort

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service*

Joy Postell

*Chief Diversity Officer, Cultural Climate Officer of the NIH National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research*

**3:35 p.m.**

## **Audience Q&A with Karen T. Comfort**

Moderated by Joy Postell

**3:50 p.m.**

## **Building Federal Workplace Belonging: Stories from HHS Agencies Panel Discussion with Audience Questions**

Moderated by Matthew Merritt, MPH

*Diversity and Inclusion Resource Specialist of the NIH Sexual & Gender Minority Research Office*

- **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)**  
Jocelyn Route, MSW  
*President of The YARD HBCU Alumni Employee Resource Group*
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)**  
Sara Wolicki, MPH  
*Past President of GLOBE (Organization for LGBTQ+ Colleagues and Allies at CDC and ATSDR)*
- **Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)**  
Alita-Geri Carter, MSN, RN, CPNP-PC, BCPA  
*Advisory Board Member of BLAQUE: Black Leaders Advancing Quality, Unity, and Equity*

**4:25 p.m.**

## **Wrap Up & Closing**

Matthew Merritt, MPH