

Nadine J. Barrett, PhD, MA, MS

Dr. Nadine J. Barrett is a medical sociologist and an assistant professor in the Department of Community and Family Medicine, within Duke University's School of Medicine. She is the inaugural director of the Office of Health Equity at the Duke Cancer Institute and serves as the director of the Duke Community Engagement Core, within the Center for Community and Population Health Improvement. Dr. Barrett is a health equity and stakeholder engagement strategist, and applies her expertise across three interrelated areas: (1) linking vulnerable communities to health services and research, (2) leveraging community and health system assets and services to align priorities and improve community and population health, and (3) convening diverse stakeholders to develop community and patient centered programs and research.

She is the recipient of several awards including a 2017 ACCC National Innovator Award, the American Sociology Association's Minority Fellowship Award, an NIH Postdoctoral Fellowship in Health Services Research, and the MLK Southern Christian Leadership Conference Drum Major for Justice Award. Her national appointments include the PCORI Health Disparities Advisory Panel Board and the Association of Community Cancer Centers' Board of Trustees.

Dr. Barrett holds a Bachelor of Arts with concentrations in Business Administration, Women's Studies, and Sociology, and a Master of Arts in Applied Sociology, both from the University of Central Florida. At Texas Woman's University, she completed her doctorate in Medical Sociology with a focus on social inequality, race and ethnic relations, and women's studies, and acquired a second Master's degree in Health Sciences with a concentration in community and population health. Dr. Barrett is both passionate and committed to improving population health and advancing health equity.



"Dr. Barrett has been instrumental in helping to rebuild Duke's reputation and trust in the Durham community. She is passionate about inclusion, diversity and health equity and that passion is evident in everything she does."

"Her work inside of Duke, in Durham and across our nation demonstrates a deep commitment to excellence in serving our broadly diverse community. Whether it's focus groups with Latinos within the Durham community or engagement with our Muslim neighbors. She models the inclusive behavior that was a hallmark of Michelle Winn's contributions to Duke."