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Will Ross, MD, MPH, is an associate professor of medicine in the kidney division and associate dean for diversity at Washington University School of Medicine. As a senior fellow in the center for health policy his work has focused on knowledge mapping and construction of conceptual frameworks to reduce health-care disparities. His strategic planning white papers have been presented internationally, most recently at Oxford University.

Over the past two decades he has worked to expand cultural diversity and cultural competence throughout the medical center, recruited minority medical students, residents and faculty, and endeavored to reduce health care inequities nationally and globally. Dr. Ross is a charter and founding member of the St. Louis Regional Health Commission, which promotes accessible health care for the medically underserved. As a past board chairman of the Missouri Foundation for Health, one of the nation's largest healthcare foundations, he spearheaded the State-wide health literacy initiative that led to the creation of Health Literacy Missouri.

Dr. Ross is a member of the Institute of Medicine Health Literacy Roundtable, where he constructed a conceptual model for health literacy program development and implementation in developing countries. He is a member of the Centers for Disease Control Health Disparities Subcommittee and a member of the St. Louis City Board of Health. He serves on the White House Business Council Forum, where he continues to advocate for workforce diversity as a method of reducing health disparities, and he promotes public health workforce diversity as the associate editor of the journal, *Frontiers in Public Health*. He has received numerous honors and awards, including the 2009 Washington University Medical Center Alumni Faculty Award, the 2010 St. Louis American Foundation's Stellar Achiever in Healthcare Award, and the 2013 Samuel Goldstein Leadership in Medical Education Award. A Yale University graduate, he completed his medical training at Washington University School of Medicine and Vanderbilt University.