

Biographical Sketch for Victoria A. Cargill, M.D., M.S.C.E.

Dr. Victoria A. Cargill was recruited to the Office of AIDS Research at the National Institutes of Health in May 1998 by Dr. William Paul. Prior to her arrival at the OAR she achieved the rank of Professor of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, the second African-American woman to do so in the history of the university. The Founding Executive Director of an AIDS education and intervention program for adolescents of color called SAMM, Stopping AIDS Is My Mission, the program had reached thousands of teens with AIDS prevention education through peer education. The program was replicated in several cities, reached national recognition, and was site visited by Secretary of Health and Human Services Shalala. The recipient of many awards, and a funded NIH investigator, Dr. Cargill came to the OAR initially to work in the area of Natural History and Epidemiology. However, due to the growing health disparity in the area of HIV/AIDS and the increasing attention to the impact of HIV infection upon racial and ethnic minorities, Dr. Cargill became the Director of Minority Studies and Clinical Research. In that role she has worked closely with other federal agencies, community constituency groups, advocacy organizations, minority investigators and academic institutions to identify growth areas in the NIH AIDS research portfolio with special attention to minorities. Working in conjunction with an Ad Hoc Minority working group she assists in developing the scientific agenda and research plan in this area. She also served as the Acting Director of the Office of HIV/AIDS Policy for the Department of Health and Human Services in 2001, while fulfilling her NIH duties.

Dr. Cargill completed her medical education at Boston University School of Medicine, receiving awards for clinical excellence, and compassionate care. She completed her residency at the Brigham and Women=s Hospital of Harvard University, and worked for two years at an inner city health center before returning to academic medicine. After an Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Clinical Epidemiology at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Cargill was recruited to Case Western Reserve University, serving as teacher, clinician and researcher until her departure in 1998 after achieving the rank of full Professor. She has been on local and national programs, such as Morning Edition of National Public Radio, and in popular magazines such as Ebony. She continues to publish articles, as well as care for people living with HIV/AIDS and other general medical problems in Southeast Washington, DC. The anchors of Dr. Cargill=s world are her two children, ages 10 and 13, as well as her partner, Mr. Scott Swiren.