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NYU McSilver Announces 2020-2021 Fellow-in-Residence Dr. Gary Belkin

The nationally recognized public health expert joins the poverty policy and research institute

NEW YORK, N.Y. (April 10, 2020) — The [McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research at New York University](#) has announced that public health leader and scholar **Dr. Gary Belkin** is the 2020-2021 McSilver Fellow-in-Residence. The fellowship engages nationally recognized social justice scholars and thought leaders across disciplines to conduct research projects, publish books and papers, conduct courses, and participate in seminars, conferences, and workshops.

“Dr. Belkin comes to us at the right time as we pursue our mission to disrupt generational poverty and address mental health needs that can perpetuate the cycle. He has had an enormous role in the evolution of mental health care in New York City and beyond. His expertise will be invaluable to NYU McSilver in this pivotal moment, as greater focus is given to how public health is shaped by inequality and social determinants.” said **Michael A. Lindsey**, PhD, MSW, MPH, executive director of the McSilver Institute.

Gary S. Belkin, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., is the Founder of the Billion Minds Institute, which aims to bring policy and practical attention to taking on the “social climate” crisis that is intertwined with the global climate crisis. He also is a Visiting Scientist at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health and an Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry at New York University School of Medicine. Dr. Belkin is the former Executive Deputy Health Commissioner for New York City and was Chief-Policy and Strategy for the Office of ThriveNYC, in the Office of the Mayor of New York City. He received his M.D. degree from the Brown University School of Medicine, his MPH degree from Harvard University School of Public Health and his Ph.D. in the History of Science from Harvard University.

“What an honor,” said Dr. Belkin. “First, to join the distinguished company of Fellows-in-Residence that preceded me. And second, to be part of the McSilver Institute, which pulls off a rare mix of critically conscious research and applied direct service, and rarer still brings that to bear on the connections between mental health, equity, and the flourishing of communities. The current pandemic, and further ecological challenges to come, especially demand we connect those dots with renewed seriousness and humanity.”

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