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Bio

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Dr. Sarah Y. Vinson is a triple board-certified child & adolescent, adult, and forensic psychiatrist. She received her Bachelor of Science from Florida A&M University and her medical degree from the University of Florida College of Medicine. There she was an inductee in the Chapman Humanism Honors Society and with Research Honors. She completed her general psychiatry training at Cambridge Health Alliance/Harvard Medical School, followed by fellowships in both child & adolescent and forensic psychiatry at Emory School of Medicine.

After completing her post-graduate training, Dr. Vinson joined the faculty of Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM). She currently serves as Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics and Interim Chair of the Dept. of Psychiatry. Dr. Vinson was the co-course creator for MSM's medical student forensic psychiatry elective, which she continues to direct, and the initiator of the institution's partnership with the Department of Juvenile Justice. Additionally, she serves as the Medical Advisor for the SAMHSA African American Behavioral Health Center of Excellence at MSM. Dr. Vinson was the lead architect of and is the Program Director for the Child Psychiatry Fellowship, the first at an HBCU medical school. Dr. Vinson has been elected by her peers to President of the Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association.

Dr. Vinson is a national thought leader regarding the intersections of social justice, criminal justice and mental health. She is on the boards of the American Association of Community Psychiatry and of the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law. She serves as a Psychiatry Advisor for the Judges Psychiatry Leadership Initiative and was appointed to the National Judicial Task Force to Examine State Courts' Response to Mental Illness. She is the co-editor of two texts, *Pediatric Mental Health for Primary Care Providers* and *Social (In)Justice and Mental Health*.