

## 4th Annual cultural Competency Symposium for Medical/Dental Students (2009)



This year, the 4th Annual University of Louisville Health Sciences Cultural Competency Symposium was held November 12, 2009. This year's theme was Increasing Cultural Competency in our Changing World. The learning objectives for this symposium were:

- Describe the cultural beliefs, values, perceptions and health practices of varying diverse populations, and strategies that promote cultural sensitivity for enhanced healthcare delivery and improved patient outcomes.
- Discuss the origins of Remote Area Medical (RAM) and describe basic demographics and types of assistance offered by RAM programs.
- Explore facts, myths and special needs of people with disabilities.
- Discuss the impact of stereotyping through nonverbal communication and perceptions of race, gender and socioeconomic status on health care delivery.
- Describe socioeconomic, educational and neighborhood characteristics as the root causes of health disparity and illness.
- Discuss the disproportionate distribution of poor health outcomes among racial minorities.

**A special Thank you to our Keynote Speakers Dr. Fox and Stan Brock.**



Dr. Mary Pauline Fox



Stan Brock with RAM (Remote Area Medical)

**This year's breakout sessions included such topics as:**

- Subconscious Bias- Implications for Health care
- Cultural Issues in the Mennonite Community
- Working Effectively with LGBT Patients
- The Culture of Poverty and Health Outcomes: A Facilitated Discussion
- Cultural Considerations in Women's Health: Perspectives from Practice in Pakistan
- Vocational Rehabilitation