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Global Guardianship Initiative Biography

Julio Williams, MD

A gifted cardiothoracic surgeon, Doctor Williams graduated Cum-Laude from Madre & Maestra Catholic University in the Dominican Republic. During his training as a medical student, his rotations for "social medicine" involved treating the poor and disadvantaged in the city slums and the Sierra Mountains of the Caribbean Islands, and as a result he felt drawn to the holistic concept of medicine.

"Because economic and cultural influences were so obviously at play, I could not help but view the patients not only as the disease process they exhibited, but also from the holistic causative stand point: the Bio-Psycho-Social triad that allows us to access the root cause of the disease process. This early experience of medicine in an underdeveloped country awakened within me the sensitivity for serving those in need. From the day that I graduated I have perceived medicine and health care as a God given right belonging to all of humanity."

Dr. Williams then completed his residency in general surgery at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Bronx-Lebanon Medical Center in New York city, during the peak years of the Aids epidemic, and he shares, "This was a trying time emotionally and a time of enormously hard work, however I was a witness to the evolution of medicine and the disease process. I also had the privilege of working in scientific research for a year with Dr. Stanley Levenson, professor Emeritus of Surgery at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, who is considered to be a pioneer in wound healing research. Reading about the great minds of early science was mandatory prior to engaging our actual work project, and this inspired a keen interest in the work of Louis Pasteur, Dr. Dubois among others. But what I remember the most about Dr. Levenson was the wisdom he passed to us as surgeons, residents, and students, as he shared the stories of his exodus from Russia as an orphan Jewish immigrant traveling a post holocaust Europe and coming to America to become a leading authority in the world of academic Surgery and Basic Science research and the recipient of awards from the American College of Surgeons. His wisdom and perseverance instilled in me the courage to seek beyond conventional norms."

During his senior years in his surgical training, Dr. Williams received the mentorship of Dr. Robert Frater, Acting Chairman of the Cardiothoracic Surgery Department at Einstein, who introduced him to the world cardiothoracic surgery and who endorsed him as a potential candidate for fellowship training in cardiothoracic surgery. Dr. Williams then went on to train in cardiothoracic Surgery at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ- New Jersey Medical School) Newark campus.

"The cardiothoracic surgery training was intense and demanding but full of rewards for the heart. Again, working in the inner city and its population help me see the other part of society with its continuous problems like a vicious cycle with no end in sight. As I came face to face with this every day, it made me see clearly and first hand the problems that plague our health care system." Dr. Williams completed his board certification in General Surgery in 1997(American Board of Surgery) and Cardiothoracic Surgery in 2001(American Board of Thoracic Surgery)

After completion of his surgical training, Dr. Williams began his private practice.

It was during the beginning of my practice that "I heard the call to service".

It became clear that for him path of medicine would lead him to a higher purpose and that caring for those in need went far beyond the financial rewards in which our health care system is entangled at this time.

It was in the fall of 2000 when I first came into contact with Dr. Devra West, whom we graciously and fondly call "Surya Ma" (a name reflecting high honors on the spiritual path) during a transformational training at her retreat center in Montana. I quickly came to recognize that she is one of her kind among the few contemporary illumine minds here in the west. She is a modern day pioneer and visionary who lives her life as an example in service for the greater good of humanity. It was as if I had been ignited to see and know and experience at all new levels of possibility, and as a physician, I felt privileged to receive the gold that her teachings have to offer. And I have been inspired to pass on to society at large, the tools that have empowered me to engage the philanthropic spirit in service to humanity and more over into my medical practice. She is a Master Healer because she is a Master Soul. Her very presence is a healing presence. Because she heals from a greatness of heart, she has opened my sight to my own greater capabilities as a human being.

I am delighted and honored to further her work in all ways possible and for the opportunity to serve as board member of the Global Guardianship Initiative and look forward to becoming a dynamic force in the implementation of the different projects on a long-term basis.

The Living Waters Healing Center

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