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Candace Robertson-James, DrPH is an assistant professor, director of the Master of Public Health Program and Chair of the Department of Urban Public Health and Nutrition at LaSalle University. Dr. Robertson-James' research interests include health disparities and the promotion of racial equity. She has led and evaluated community participatory research initiatives involving multiple sectors (health, community, school, faith, etc.) promoting health in diverse communities for over 10 years. Dr. Robertson-James has participated in research exploring the role of discrimination and gender differences in health risks as well as the role of faith institutions in sexual and relationship violence prevention. She has also served as the program evaluator for programs assessing the role of gender in health, programs integrating HIV risk reduction into domestic violence services, health education initiatives targeting women with a history of incarceration as well as other groups of women and heart health initiatives. In addition, she teaches on a variety of public health, health promotion and research topics. She published her first children's book, *Reflections of Me*, in July 2019 to honor the stories of the women who participated in her dissertation research exploring the role of racism and sexism in self-reported health status. *Reflections of Me*, integrates messages participants shared they wish they would've received as young girls and seeks to promote a positive self-concept. Dr. Robertson-James' goal is to serve passionately, promote endearing change and to leave a lasting impression that will inspire action.