

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**Leandris Liburd, PhD, MPH, MA**

## SPEAKER BIO

Dr. Leandris Liburd is the Director of the Office of Minority Health and Health Equity at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta. She has served as the Associate Director for Minority Health and Health Equity for CDC/ATSDR since 2011. In this capacity, she oversees the work of CDC's Offices of [Minority Health & Health Equity](#) and [Women's Health](#). She plays a critical leadership role in determining the agency's vision for health equity, ensuring a rigorous and evidence-based approach to the practice of health equity, and promoting the ethical practice of public health in communities vulnerable to health inequities. She has been instrumental in building capacity across CDC and in public health agencies to address the social determinants of health, and in identifying and widely disseminating intervention strategies that reduce racial and ethnic health disparities. In May 2020, she assumed the role of Chief Health Equity Officer for CDC's COVID-19 Response which was the first time in the agency's history that this role and function was added to the leadership of the Incident Management Structure during the activation of CDC's Emergency Operations Center. Dr. Liburd is a public health leader who has over the course of her career championed community health promotion, chronic disease prevention, community engagement, eliminating health disparities, and addressing the social determinants of health. She has worked in public health at the local, state, and federal levels, and has held a variety of leadership positions at CDC since joining the agency in 1987. She has published extensively on community-based public health approaches to chronic disease prevention and control, the influence of culture and gender on health beliefs and behaviors, and racial and ethnic health disparities. These and other accomplishments represent her tireless commitment to improve minority health and achieve health equity for all people. She earned her PhD in medical anthropology and MA in cultural anthropology from Emory University, her MPH in health education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and her BA degree from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.