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THE 19th ANNUAL MAURICE B. FURLONG, J.R., M.D.
MEMORIAL LECTURE**

"The Thing Has Not Become Known:"
**THE DESEGREGATION
OF HOSPITALS IN
BALTIMORE**



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

"This is a historical study of hospital desegregation in Baltimore, Maryland, in the 1940s through 1960s. My research objective was to account for the voluntary desegregation of hospitals in Baltimore prior to the passage of the Civil Rights Act and the Social Security Amendments of 1965, which legally and financially compelled hospitals to desegregate. Historians have claimed that voluntary desegregation, where it happened, proceeded "quietly behind the scenes" and was driven by institutional imperatives (Barton Smith, 2005). This aligns with internal histories of multiple Baltimore-area hospitals.

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Guest Speaker:

**Alicia
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