YOLANDA OGBOLU, PhD, NNP, FNAP, FAAN
The Bill and Joanne Conway Dean of the University of Maryland School of Nursing

Dr. Yolanda Ogbolu was appointed the Bill and Joanne Conway Dean of the University of Maryland School of Nursing in July 2023. She is a tenured professor and is the first alumna to serve as the School of Nursing's dean.

She served as chair of UMSON's Department of Partnerships, Professional Education, and Practice beginning in 2019 and as co-director of the School of Nursing's Center for Health Equity and Outcomes Research as of 2021. After 21 years in clinical practice as a board-certified neonatal nurse practitioner, she was appointed to the UMSON faculty in 2010 as deputy director of the School's Office of Global Health and became its director in 2015.

Dean Ogbolu's interprofessional and community-engaged research and scholarship, teaching, and professional activities have focused on addressing disparities in care locally and globally. Her projects have centered on strengthening nurses' capacity to impact global health, improving the provision of culturally and linguistically appropriate care in rural and urban hospitals, and addressing social isolation and social determinants of health in low-resource communities. Her international efforts have sought to improve nursing practice in such communities in Nigeria, Rwanda, and Liberia, and later to apply lessons learned from communities in Brazil to issues of social isolation in West Baltimore.

She has garnered more than $12 million in funding from various state and federal agencies and foundations. She has received funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for three global learning projects and leads the West Baltimore RICH (Reducing Inequities in Cardiovascular and Mental Health) 2.0 Collaborative, funded by the state of Maryland. This project includes a network of community and faith-based organizations, academic institutions, and health care organizations working together to address cardiovascular and mental in West Baltimore.

Dean Ogbolu has served nationally on projects with the American Association of Nursing, the National Quality Forum, the National League for Nursing, and the Surgeon General's Office. She has consulted internationally with the World Health Organization.

She has received numerous honors and awards, including as a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, a fellow of the National Academies of Practice, and a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholar.

She earned her Associate of Arts in Nursing at Baltimore City Community College and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from the University of Maryland School of Nursing. She is a native of West Baltimore, a wife, and the mother of four.