



Joletta Belton

Co-chair IASP Global Alliance of Partners for Pain Advocacy

Joletta has lived with chronic pain since an injury sustained during her work as a firefighter paramedic. She is a writer and advocate for the integration of lived experience into the study, research, and treatment of pain. She is co-chair of IASP's Global Alliance of Partners for Pain Advocacy, and the first Patient and Public Partnerships Editor at the Journal of Orthopedic & Sports Physical Therapy.



Lauren Kornegay

Founder and Executive Director

Lauren R. Kornegay currently serves as Executive Director for Endo Black, Incorporated. In March of 2011, Lauren was diagnosed with endometriosis and struggled with getting answers about it through her early moments with the disorder. In October 2015, Lauren sought out to create an Instagram page to connect African American women and women of color affected by endometriosis named ENDO Black. From 2015 until 2019, the Instagram page grew, leaving the community wanting to engage more. Thus, Endo Black hosted its first event in April 2019 and launched its website.



Michael Falcon  
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Global Alliance of Partners for Pain Advocacy (GAPPA)

Michael is the Capstone Coordinator of an Occupational Therapy Doctorate program in Oregon. In the world of pain science, he is honored to be amongst the founding members of GAPPA, the Global Alliance of Partners for Pain Advocacy, of which is currently in taskforce status, assigned by the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP). He serves on IASP's Educational Programs Working Group, IASP's Council Task Force on the Global Burden of Pain and the newly founded IASP Presidential Task Force on Interdisciplinary Pain Treatment.