

2021 Fusion Talk

Saturday, January 16
7:00-8:30 pm

WHO GOES FIRST?: COVID-19 & THE VACCINE

As the world waits for the COVID-19 vaccine, there are a flood of questions. Who will the vaccine be available to first? Was it ethically developed? Is it safe? Will it end COVID-19? Can we trust the information?

Come hear Ed Bednarczyk, PharmD, John Crane, MD, PhD and Rev. Julian Cook respond to these and many other questions related to the vaccine from a Christian worldview.

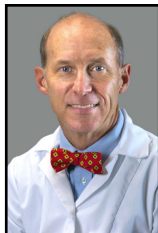
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Format for Event

- 7:00 Introduction
- 7:10 Panel Discussion with speakers
- 8:00 Questions & Responses
- 8:25 Wrap up & Conclusion



Ed Bednarczyk, PharmD is an expert in pharmacy practice who serves as Director at the Center for Health Outcomes, Pharmacoinformatics and Epidemiology. His research is largely focused on the use of molecular imaging to explore drug effects, with his clinical responsibilities divided between nuclear medicine and neurology. He was recently elected to the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Board of Trustees as president of the APhA Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science for the 2018-2019 term.



John K. Crane, MD, PhD is a Professor of Medicine and Adjunct Professor of both Microbiology & Immunology and of Pharmacology & Toxicology at the University at Buffalo. Beyond teaching, Dr. Crane cares for patients who are hospitalized at Erie County Medical Center where he serves as the hospital epidemiologist addressing infection control. He also conducts laboratory research on diarrhea-producing strains of E. coli bacteria. This year, his research focus has been on COVID-19 where he participated in a clinical trial of Sarilumab for COVID-19. Sarilumab is a monoclonal Ab against the Interleukin -6 Receptor. Dr. Crane has been a member of CMDA since 1978.



Julian Cook, Rev. is an ordained Baptist clergyman, sought-after speaker, writer, educator and public thinker. Cook was recently appointed the Director of the Houghton College Bethel program in Buffalo, NY – an Associate of Arts degree program providing underserved students a low-cost, high-quality college education that promotes the intellectual, moral and spiritual development of a cadre of emerging leaders who are academically excellent and spiritually rooted, locally connected and globally minded, socially aware and courageously creative. In addition to serving as the proud Senior Pastor of Buffalo's historic Macedonia Baptist Church, he is also a Ph.D. student in Religion and Social Ethics at Drew University.