

Dr. Maureen Lichtveld named as member of prestigious National Academy of Medicine

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A Tulane University professor has been elected as a member of the National Academy of Medicine, considered one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine. Dr. Maureen Lichtveld is professor and chair in the Department of Global Environmental Health Sciences at Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

National Academy of Medicine membership recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding professional achievement and commitment to service. Dr. Lichtveld is one of 70 regular members and nine international members to be elected during NAM's annual meeting.

"We are tremendously proud of Dr. Maureen Lichtveld's election to the National Academy of Medicine," says Pierre Buekens, dean of Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

"Maureen has built an outstanding record of accomplishment throughout her public health career, and we are pleased that her hard work and dedication, especially in addressing health disparities, is being recognized by one of the most prestigious medical academies in the world. We know she will represent the school exceptionally well in her future efforts with the academy."

Dr Lichtveld's career in environmental public health spans more than 30 years. Her research focuses on environmentally induced diseases including asthma and cancer, health disparities, environmental health policy, disaster preparedness, and public

health systems. She is the Freeport McMoRan Chair of Environmental Policy.

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