



Dr. Melissa Gilliam Inducted into the 2015 Class of the National Academy of Medicine

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(Washington, DC) On Saturday, Oct. 17, 2016, Ci3 founder, Melissa Gilliam, MD, MPH, was inducted into the 2015 Class of the National Academy of Medicine during its 46th Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

Gilliam, an authority on contraception and adolescent health, is the University of Chicago's Vice Provost for Academic Leadership, Advancement and Diversity. She is also Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Pediatrics and is the Ellen H. Block Professor of Health Justice.

In November 2012, Gilliam launched Ci3 at the University of Chicago to create research to describe and address the well-being of adolescents and young adults. Ci3, which is the umbrella organization for three labs – The Game Changer Chicago Design Lab, the Transmedia Story Lab, and the center's newest lab the Design Thinking Lab – works with and on behalf of young people marginalized by race, class, and sexual orientation taking an asset- rather than risk-based approach to addressing sexual and reproductive health, educational attainment, physical safety, and economic security.

Induction to NAM is considered one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine. It recognizes individuals who have made major contributions and demonstrated outstanding professional achievement and commitment to service.

Election to membership in the National Academy of Medicine is based upon distinguished professional achievement in a field related to medicine and health; demonstrated and continued involvement with the issues of health care, prevention of disease, education, or research; skills and resources likely to contribute to achieving the Academy's mission; and willingness to be an active participant in the work of the Academy. The NAM has more than 2,000 members elected in recognition of professional achievement and commitment to volunteer service in activities of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine ("the Academies"). The NAM elects no more than 70 regular members and 10 international members annually. For those at the top of their field, NAM membership reflects the height of professional achievement and commitment to service.

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