

Barbara Ross-Lee, D.O., FACOFP



Current Positions: **Immediate Past President American Osteopathic Foundation (AOF)**
President (proposed) Maryland College of Osteopathic Medicine (MDCOM) at Morgan State University

Expertise

- Osteopathic Medicine
- Health Care Policy
- Health Care Workforce Issues
- Medical Education
- Health Professions Leadership Development

Biography

Barbara Ross-Lee, DO served as Vice President for Health Sciences and Medical Affairs (VPHSMA) at NYIT from 2001 until 2017. Additionally, during that time, she served as interim Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine and interim Dean of the School of Health Professions. In November 2014, Dr. Ross-Lee became the Inaugural Dean for NYITCOM at A-State, where she also served as CEO of its Academic Health Centers and President of its Faculty Practice Plan while continuing service as VPHSMA of NYIT. Dr. Ross-Lee is a nationally recognized expert on health policy issues and serves as an advisor on primary care, medical education, minority health, women's health, and rural health care issues on the federal and state levels. She is the founding director of the AOA Health Policy Fellowship Program, which prepares mid-career osteopathic physicians for leadership roles in health care. Dr. Ross is also the Founding Director of the Training in Policy Studies (TIPS) for osteopathic resident physicians.

Dr. Ross-Lee is the first African American woman to serve as dean of a United States medical school (Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, 1993 - 2001). She is also the first osteopathic physician to participate in the Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowship. Dr. Ross-Lee served as a commissioned officer, United States Naval Reserves Medical Corps, achieving the rank of Captain. She lectures both nationally and internationally and has published numerous scholarly articles on a variety of medical and healthcare issues. She is the recipient of nine honorary degrees and many national awards. Most recently, the ACGME Annual Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award was named the Barbara Ross-Lee, DO DEI Award in her honor.

Ross-Lee has served as: Chair of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) Council of Presidents; Chair of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Council on Pre-doctoral Education (pre-dating COCA); and Chair of the Board of the Association of Academic Health Centers (AAHC). In 2012, Dr. Ross-Lee was appointed by the Institute of Medicine to serve as a member of the Consensus Committee on Governance and Financing of Graduate Medical Education which was responsible for recommending reforms to the GME system. Dr. Ross-Lee assumed the position of President of the American Osteopathic Foundation in January 2022 and currently serves as Immediate Past President of the AOF effective January 2023.