Monday, September 17, 2018 • 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Location: 4th floor, New Guyton Building Conference Room

Objectives:

1. Describe HIV/AIDS Disparities in the US
2. Describe steps of the HIV “neutral” care continuum
3. Identify challenges to HIV prevention in the South

Dr. Leandro Mena is a clinician-educator-researcher with expertise in the prevention and clinical management of sexually transmitted infections including HIV/AIDS. He is professor and founding chair of the Department of Population Health Science in the School of Population Health and is professor of medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases at UMMC. Dr. Mena directs the Center for HIV/AIDS Research, Education & Policy at the Myrlie Evers-Williams Institute for Elimination of Health Disparities and serves as Mississippi’s STD Medical Director. He also co-founded Open Arms Healthcare Center (a community based clinic that focuses on the health needs of LGBT populations). In recognition of his work developing a model program of culturally-competent HIV prevention and care for Black men who have sex with men, which is being replicated in other cities around the country, Dr. Mena was awarded the 2016 Achievement Award by the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA). Dr. Mena’s interests include understanding dynamics of HIV transmission in racial/ethnic, gender and sexual minorities as well as the development and provision of culturally competent quality health services to these populations.