

Personal Statement: Courtney Bonner, PhD

I am excited about the opportunity to serve as a Member Delegate for the Society for Behavioral Medicine and leverage my passion for equity and experience in strategy and program development and implementation to support SBM.

SBM has been my professional home for almost 15 years and I have had the pleasure to serve as an abstract reviewer, the HIV/AIDS Topic Chair, and a member of the planning committee for the Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions. I also served as one of the founding board members of the HIV and Sexual Health Special Interest Group and was on the Diversity in Leadership Taskforce. Most recently, I have had the pleasure of serving on the Education, Training, and Career Development Council, where I was the Founding Chair of the Monica Baskin Diversity Institute for Emerging Leaders (2019 – 2021). Within my business unit at RTI, I was a Founding Co-Chair of the Committee on Diversity and Equity (2020- 2023), which leads the development and implementation of our equity strategy.

These experiences have helped me to develop skills related to teamwork, leadership, and strategy. I will use these skills to engage the membership and support SBM's impact on behavioral medicine.