

SPONSORED BY  
THE GUSTAVUS AND LOUISE PFEIFFER RESEARCH FOUNDATION AND  
CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN DIVERSITY IN MEDICAL EDUCATION

## Pfeiffer Visiting Scholar Winter Lecture



Jessica Halem, MBA  
LGBT Program Director,  
Harvard Medical School

Wednesday  
January 16, 2019  
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

LKSC-LK101/102

Open to the public

*“Transforming Medicine: One Difficult Moment at a Time”*

Jessica Halem, MBA, is the founding LGBT Program Director at Harvard Medical School and remains alone in her role among medical schools in the United States. Under her leadership, the first-year class has grown from 4% to 11% self-identified LGBTQ and the faculty and resident OutList has quadrupled in size. Most recently, she secured a major grant to overhaul the curriculum to integrate sexual and gender minority health equity. Prior to joining Harvard, Jessica ran the Lesbian Community Cancer Project in Chicago where she implemented the nation’s first cultural competency trainings for the CDC, served on then-candidate Barack Obama’s first LGBT Advisory Committee, and has fought for the inclusion of transgender health on the national agenda since 2001.

Jessica has published articles on treating transgender patients (*AMA Journal of Ethics*, 2016), Optimism (*Medical Care*, 2018), and mentoring across difference (*Mentoring Diverse Leaders*, Routledge, 2017). She coaches students, faculty, and administrators on dealing with difficult moments and is a sought-out speaker nationally on issues of workplace diversity and inclusion. She currently serves on the Board of the Tegan and Sara Foundation and can be found on social media at @jessicahalem.

**Please RSVP for the presentation at:**  
<https://pfeiffejessicahalemlgbt.eventbrite.com>