The Pfeiffer Visiting Scholar Lecture Series brings distinguished faculty members and scholars from across the country to deliver academic presentations on topics relating to minority health. The lecture series provides an opportunity for the Stanford and greater bay area community to learn about the health care needs of minority groups in the US.

Dr. David A. Acosta, MD, has been invited to be the Spring Quarter 2020 Pfeiffer Visiting Scholar. Dr. Acosta provides strategic vision and leadership for the AAMC’s diversity and inclusion activities across the medical education community and leads the association’s Diversity Policy and Programs unit.

Dr. Acosta, a family medicine physician, joined the AAMC from the University of California (UC), Davis School of Medicine where he served as senior associate dean for equity, diversity, and inclusion and associate vice chancellor for diversity and inclusion and chief diversity officer for UC Davis Health System. He previously served as the first chief diversity officer at the University of Washington School of Medicine, where he established the Center for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and was the founder of the University of Washington School of Medicine’s Center for Cultural Proficiency in Medical Education.

Dr. Acosta earned his bachelor’s degree in biology from Loyola University and his medical degree from the UC, Irvine, School of Medicine. He completed his residency training at Community Hospital of Sonoma County in Santa Rosa, California, an affiliate of UC San Francisco School of Medicine, and a faculty development fellowship at the University of Washington Department of Family Medicine.