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Recently appointed as the Director for the Division of Biomedical Research Workforce (DBRW) within the NIH Office of Extramural Research (OER), Dr. Boone is tasked with providing leadership on the development, implementation and evaluation of policies and programs to train, sustain and enhance the diversity of the future of the biomedical research workforce. Prior to this position, she served as the Director of the NIH Division of Loan Repayment. While in that role, Dr. Boone was responsible for administering and providing leadership for the NIH Loan Repayment Programs (LRP) as well as representing NIH on matters related to the operations, policy development, and evaluation of the LRP. Dr. Boone has also served as a Health Scientist Administrator in the Office of Science Policy and Communications at the National Institute on Drug Abuse where she developed targeted science-based publications, outreach initiatives, and other activities to educate a variety of audiences about the science of drug use, abuse, and addiction. Currently, Dr. Boone also serves on [UNITE](#), NIH's initiative to identify and address structural racism. She co-chairs Committee E, which is charged with evaluating and changing NIH policies, cultures, and structures to promote enhanced workforce diversity.

For her role in these efforts, Dr. Boone has won several NIH Awards of Merit and NIH Director's Awards. Prior to coming to NIH, Dr. Boone conducted research at the University of Illinois at Chicago and Emory University. Dr. Boone's academic background includes a B.A. in Biology from Talladega College and a Ph.D. in Biobehavioral Health from The Pennsylvania State University.