

BERNARD LOWN AWARD FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Lown Institute

The Lown Institute is an independent think tank advocating bold ideas for a just and caring system for health. We envision a healthcare system focused on what's best for people, like hospitals caring for those most in need, patients living without fear of financial distress, and health professionals finding joy in their roles.

We believe that a radically better American health system is possible. Through our bold ideas, we are leading the movement towards this next system for health. We conduct research, convene experts, and spark public debate to bridge the gap between existing public policy solutions and the care that Americans want and need.

Bernard Lown and the BLASR



Dr. Bernard Lown, founder of the Lown Institute, was one of the most accomplished physicians and activists of the 20th century. Not only did he create medical innovations that saved countless lives, he repeatedly risked his career to stand up against racial injustice, nuclear war, and the industrialization of healthcare. To honor Dr. Lown's memory, and because our society needs more leaders like him, we created the **Bernard Lown Award for Social Responsibility (BLASR)**.

The BLASR is given each year to a young clinician who demonstrates bold leadership in social justice, health care reform, environmental justice, global peace, or other humanitarian efforts. With this award we recognize and lift up these extraordinary clinicians, who are dedicating their time, skills, and energy to tackle the most important health issues of our time, in a world that desperately needs healing.

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Previous Honorees



Dr. Lilia Cervantes, winner of the 2024 Bernard Lown Award for Social Responsibility, has fought to give immigrants and marginalized communities access to lifesaving care. She has combined her clinical research of kidney disease with outreach and advocacy in the immigrant community. Dr. Cervantes' efforts were instrumental in the change of Colorado's law to allow undocumented immigrants to gain access to dialysis treatment.

Dr. Altaf Saadi, the 2023 BLASR awardee, works as a health justice advocate for immigrants and others impacted by trauma. Dr. Saadi has been advocating for health justice for her entire career. From protesting war at her own college graduation to calling out sexual abuse in medicine to volunteering as a medical expert to assist in granting asylum to immigrants, she is dedicated to compassionate care for all.



Our inaugural honoree, **Dr. Mona Hanna**, is a Michigan-based pediatrician who helped expose the Flint water crisis. A pediatrician, scientist, and activist, Mona Hanna, MD, MPH, FAAP, is a Charles Stewart Mott Endowed Professor at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. In 2015, she uncovered high levels of lead in the Flint, MI water supply and risked her career to bring this information to the public.

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2025 BLASR Winner

**Dr. Reshma Ramachandran,
M.D., M.P.P., M.H.S**

*Assistant Professor at Yale School of
Medicine; Co-Director of the Yale
Collaboration for Regulatory Rigor,
Integrity, and Transparency; Chair of
the Doctors For America Drug
Affordability Action Team*

The Lown Institute is proud to announce that Dr. Reshma Ramachandran has been named the recipient of the 2025 Bernard Lown Award for Social Responsibility. This prestigious award honors physicians who exemplify Dr. Bernard Lown's legacy of civic leadership, social justice, and commitment to the health and well-being of all people.

Dr. Ramachandran, a physician, policy advocate, and researcher, has emerged as a leading voice in the movement to ensure equitable access to medicines and greater accountability in health policy. Her work focuses on mobilizing physicians nationwide to challenge pharmaceutical industry influence and advance legislative reforms that prioritize the public's health over corporate profit.

"Reshma Ramachandran represents the very best of what it means to be a socially responsible physician," said Dr. Vikas Saini, President of the Lown Institute. "She's unafraid to speak the unvarnished truth, fights for systemic change, and always keeps the needs of patients and communities at the heart of her work. She embodies the spirit of Dr. Lown in both word and action."

Currently an Assistant Professor at the Yale School of Medicine, Dr. Ramachandran leads research that promotes fairness in drug policy and regulatory reform. She is also the Chair of the Doctors for America Drug Affordability Action Team, where she mobilizes clinicians across the country to advocate for more just and transparent pharmaceutical policies.

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Sponsorship Levels

The Bernard Lown Award for Social Responsibility is awarded each year to a young clinician who demonstrates bold leadership in social justice, health care reform, environmental justice, global peace, or other humanitarian efforts. Sponsorship will grant you prominent visibility among an influential audience and align your organization with a cause dedicated to driving positive change within the healthcare sector. Thank you for your generous support!

Bernard Lown Award for Social Responsibility Dinner

Thursday, June 5th, 2025

Cocktail Reception, Dinner, and Award Presentation

Glass House Restaurant

450 Kendall Street, Cambridge, MA 02472

6-9PM

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\$10,000

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Premier recognition in printed event program
VIP Meet & Greet with the honoree ahead of cocktail hour
Branded table top sponsor recognition
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Changemaker \$5,000

Designated table, seating for up to 6 guests
Logo on event and award landing page

Partner

\$2,500

Premier recognition in printed event program
Branded table top sponsor recognition

Enthusiast

\$500

Seating for up to 4 guests
Logo on event and award landing page
Recognition in printed event program

Designated table, seating for up to 8 guests
Logo on event and award landing

Seating for up to 2 guests
Recognition in printed event program

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**or scan our QR code to secure a sponsorship for this
year's event.**