

**Ellington Charles Hawes**  
**August 1, 1894 - April 9, 1963**



Grace Steell Hawes established the Ellington Charles Hawes Chair in Pediatrics at the Medical College of Georgia in honor and recognition of her husband in February, 1985. The Annual Hawes Lectureship was established in Pediatrics in April, 1996.

Mr. Hawes, fondly known as “Mr. Charlie,” was an outstanding citizen who loved children, family, church and community. Mr. Hawes began working at the Bank of Thomson in 1911 as a teller. Over the years he was promoted to Chairman of the Board of Directors and President of the bank. An active member of the First United Methodist Church, Mr. Hawes served as the Superintendent of the Sunday school. He was Chairman of the Banking Committee in the 1953-1954 Georgia State Senate. He spent much time and energy working for a hospital facility in Thomson. When the McDuffie County Hospital opened in 1952 he was Chairman of the Hospital Authority.

He is remembered as a very kind and compassionate man who always “wanted things done right and wanted them done in the right way.”

**Past Hawes Lecturers**

2016

*Richard F. Jacobs, MD*

2014

*Ram Kairam, MD*

2013

*Michael P. Diamond, MD*

2012

*Kenton Holden, MD*

2011

*Mark L. Batshaw, MD*

2010

*Seema Csukas, MD*

2009

*Frank O. Richards, MD*

2005

*Larry K. Pickering, MD*

2003

*Stan L. Block, MD*

Medical College of Georgia  
Department of Pediatrics

**Ellington Charles Hawes  
Lectureship**



**Brenda Fitzgerald, MD**

“Early Brain Development”

**May 12, 2017 • 8 a.m.**  
Children’s Hospital of Georgia  
BT 1810  
Augusta University



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## ***Brenda Fitzgerald, MD***

***Commissioner, Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH)***

***State Health Officer***

***Board Certified Obstetrician-Gynecologist***

***ASTHO President-Elect***

**B**renda Fitzgerald, M.D., serves as the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) and State Health Officer. Dr. Fitzgerald, a board-certified Obstetrician-Gynecologist, has practiced medicine for three decades. Dr. Fitzgerald is the ASTHO President-Elect.

As Commissioner, Dr. Fitzgerald oversees various state public health programs including Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Maternal and Child Health, Infectious Disease and Immunization, Environmental Health, Epidemiology, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Emergency Medical Services, Pharmacy, Nursing, Volunteer Health Care, the Office of Health Equity, Vital Records and the State Public Health Laboratory. Dr. Fitzgerald also directs the state's 18 public health districts and 159 county health departments.

Prior to joining DPH, Dr. Fitzgerald held numerous leadership positions. She served on the board and as president of the Georgia OB-GYN Society and she worked as a health care policy advisor with House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senator Paul Coverdell. She has served

as Chairman of the Board for the Georgia Public Policy Foundation and remains a Senior Fellow.

Dr. Fitzgerald holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology from Georgia State University and a Doctor of Medicine degree from Emory University School of Medicine. She completed post-graduate training at the Emory-Grady Hospitals in Atlanta and held an assistant clinical professorship at Emory Medical Center. As a Major in the U.S. Air Force, Dr. Fitzgerald served at the Wurtsmith Air Force Strategic Air Command (SAC) Base in Michigan and at the Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C.

