

2010 Kellogg Health Scholars Program Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 10

Concurrent Thematic Group Meetings Abstracts

9:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Palomar Board Room

Thematic Group I: Aging

Organizers/Facilitators: *Besangie Sellars and Mindi Spencer*

The synthesis of the fields of gerontology and health disparities has been largely ignored in the past, and assuming a leadership role in minority aging will be critical over the next 20 years. During this time, the U.S. Census estimates that the number of Americans age 65 years and older will double, and the proportion of the older population who are members of a racial/ethnic minority group will increase from approximately 16% to 36%. The overarching goal of this collaborative workgroup is to encourage scholars, alumni, and guests to explore gaps in research and health policy which limit progress toward reducing disparities in older adulthood. Themes of special interest include: Social Determinants of Successful Aging; Caregiving among Racial/Ethnic Minority Families; Social Support across the Life Span; Disability Prevention; Long-Term Care Policy, and the Translation of Evidence-Based Research into Practice.

Specific objectives of the 2010 session are to:

1. Solicit input from colleagues on specific grant proposal and manuscript ideas;
2. Discuss challenges and opportunities for NIH research funding in minority aging that align with Institute-specific strategic plans;
3. Develop advocacy skills through hands-on mentoring that will help maximize the impact of our policy visits;
4. Reflect upon and discuss the implications of health policies, bills, and initiatives referenced during the group visit to Capitol Hill; and
5. Identify areas for future collaboration and professional development.

During the 2010 Capitol Hill visit, members of the group will travel to American Psychological Association (APA) headquarters to meet with Dr. Diane Elmore, Senior Legislative and Federal Affairs Officer in APA's Public Policy Office. She has agreed to provide the group with advocacy training before accompanying us to Capitol Hill to meet with key players in legislation related to minority aging. The afternoon will be spent debriefing with Dr. Elmore and coordinating plans for future workgroup efforts, including the formation of writing groups to encourage collaboration and increase the scientific productivity of group members.

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Thematic Group II: Child Health

Organizers/Facilitators: *Lisa Goldman Rosas and Briana Woods*

The purpose of this workshop is to support the development of research proposals and collaborations in Child Health among Scholars, Alumni and Mentors of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation's Kellogg Health Scholars Program. This interactive workshop will include discussion regarding the history of major child/adolescent health initiatives as well as the current administration's goals around child health. Participants will actively engage in the workshop by

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preparing brief abstracts of their research proposal ideas to be critiqued and further developed. Workshop leaders will provide feedback to participants as well as guide participants in potential funding mechanisms and advocacy initiatives related to their research.

During this interactive session participants will address the following objectives:

1. Learn about the history of Child Health initiatives and the current administration's goals related to Child Health.
2. Learn about current funding priorities and mechanisms in Child Health.
3. Share and describe current research interests, ideas, and/or projects in Child Health.
4. Receive individualized feedback related to research interests and projects.
5. Learn how to translate research interests and findings into policy/advocacy work.

The workshop will be facilitated by Peggy McManus, Harriet Fox, and Len Syme.

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Corcoran A & B

Thematic Group III: Neighborhood Assessment and Community Engagement Methods (NACEM)

Organizers/Facilitators: *Donna Almario Doebler, Cheryl Brewster, Josh Garoon*

In their research, projects, and advocacy efforts, numerous past and present KHSP scholars, mentors, and other stakeholders employ methods to assess neighborhoods and engage communities, with the goal of improving health outcomes. The purpose of this session is to promote these interests and build a sustainable collaboration among workshop participants. Participants should be prepared to engage in interactive discussion, and are encouraged to bring copies of any work or collaborative ideas they may want to share.

The first part of this interactive session will encourage participants to discuss NACEM-related aspects of their work, and to discuss possible opportunities for collaboration.

The second part of the session will involve preparation for the group's afternoon policy visit to the Health Policy Institute of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, where we will discuss the Place Matters initiative. The goal of Place Matters, as described by the Joint Center, is "to improve the health of participating communities by addressing social conditions that lead to poor health." We will quickly review the goal, scope, and current status of Place Matters, with a focus on the Baltimore "Equity Matters" team. (Two or three members of that team will join the NACEM group for its afternoon visit to the Joint Center.)

The third and final part of the session will comprise an overview of Health Impact Assessment (HIA). A panel of speakers will describe their experiences with HIA at the federal, state, and local levels. They will explain how communities can incorporate Health Impact Assessment into their methods of assessing their health, and how policymakers and programmers can be encouraged to incorporate health impact assessment into their decision-making processes.

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At the conclusion of this session, participants will have (1) gained knowledge and skills in neighborhood assessment and community engagement methods (2) learned about the way these methods are being employed in the Place Matters Initiative and in Health Impact Assessment; and (3) established potential and sustainable collaborations with other session attendees.

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Thematic Group IV: Place, Migration and Health
Organizers/Facilitators: *Dolly John and Renée Walker*

Research on migration and place is complicated by many issues, including racial and ethnic affiliations, as well as group identities that are spatial, public, private, and socio-politically motivated. Moreover, groups with migration and place identities are often burdened by disparities in healthcare access and quality, and well-being. We intend to explore multiple levels of migration (international, intra-state, and inter-state), and the effects that place, space, and migration have upon health disparities. The overall purpose of this workshop is to support and promote collaborative research and advocacy work on Place, Migration and Health. During this interactive session, participants will address the following objectives:

1. Share and describe current research projects and interests in Place, Migration, and Health.
2. Become acquainted with the research and research interests of other group participants.
3. Identify cross-cutting interests and effective ways to collaborate with one another on future research, presentations, policy/advocacy work and publications.
4. Explain the strategies and approaches used to conduct Place, Migration, and Health research and health-policy advocacy.

We will achieve the above objectives through introductions and discussion of our research interests, development of a strategic agenda to move PMH forward during the year, development of sub-groups by common research interests to explore the potential for collaboration, preparation for our policy visit with Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez, and the integration of expert insights and guidance from senior mentors who attend.

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Hospitality Suite (Room 239)

Thematic Group V: Sexual and Reproductive Health
Organizers/Facilitators: *Shani Harris Peterson and Shalon Irving*

The goal of this workshop is to promote a sustainable, productive collaboration between Scholars, Alums, Advisors, and Community Mentors whose work addresses Sexual and Reproductive Health. To support this goal, the thematic group will provide opportunities for participants to consider how their individual work can be supported or extended through specific collaborative efforts linked to tangible outcomes. During the annual networking meeting, thematic group members will:

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1. Identify potential collaborations which may result in manuscript drafting and publication. Areas of expressed interest include: HIV interventions, infant mortality, African American women and adolescents;
2. Identify areas of collaboration that extend beyond manuscripts (workshops, conference presentations, grant writing, project management).
3. Plan strategy for continuing communications, resource-sharing, and productivity in the coming year;
4. Discuss ways in which local and national policy impacts the goals of our work and identify points of influence;
5. Discuss the feasibility and interest in developing a special journal issue or special journal section related to sexual health to honor the life and work of Kevin Robinson, scholar-alum and friend.

At the conclusion of this workshop, participants will establish potential and sustainable collaborations related to current and future projects, publications, and policy initiatives.