

**2011 Kellogg Health Scholars Program Annual Meeting  
Hotel Palomar  
Washington, DC**

**Thematic Group Meetings Abstracts**

**Thursday, June 2, 2011**

<b>9:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Hospitality Suite 2</b>
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**Thematic Group: Aging**

**Organizers/Facilitators: *Angelica Herrera and Besangie Sellars***

Over the next 20 years, 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%. In addition, federal policy initiatives, including provisions in the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (H.R. 3590), have responded to the critical need for workforce development in gerontology and geriatrics. It is an exciting time to focus on health disparities in older adulthood. The goal of the Thematic Group on Aging is to encourage scholars, alumni, and guests to explore gaps in research and health policy which limit progress toward reducing disparities in older adulthood. Areas 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.

As a small group, the Thematic Group on Aging has typically ventured off-site to learn about opportunities in the field of aging and health policy. During the 2010 Networking Meeting, members of the group traveled to American Psychological Association (APA) headquarters to receive one-on-one advocacy training at APA's Public Policy Office before going to Capitol Hill to meet with key players in legislation related to minority aging. **In 2011, we are scheduled to meet with senior staff at the Administration on Aging (AoA) on June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**

The goals of the 2011 meeting with the AoA are to:

- 1) Fully understand the mission of the AoA;
- 2) Engage in a discussion about AoA health policy activities;
- 3) Learn about the data and resources that are available through the AoA, and
- 4) Hear about the directions for AoA in the President's 2012 budget.

The afternoon will be spent debriefing and coordinating plans for future Thematic Group on Aging activities, including the formation of writing groups to encourage continued collaboration and increase the scientific productivity of group members. We will also discuss the National Institute on Aging Strategic Plan to Reduce Health Disparities and engage in a conversation about challenges and funding opportunities for research on minority aging.

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**Thematic Group: Child Health**

**Organizers/Facilitators:** *Dionne Smith Coker-Appiah, Karen Ertel, Jessica Ruglis, and Briana Woods*

This year's Child Health Thematic Group has been refocused by the overarching theme of **"Social Determinants of Health in the Lifecourse Perspective."** At June's meeting, we will use our efforts to create a cohesive community of scholars with a wide range of interests in child and adolescent health by building a framework that links diverse individual interests across lifecourse and social determinants of health (SDOH) approaches to research, policy, prevention and intervention, health and development. In particular, objectives of this meeting are to develop working collaborations and relationships amongst members of the group and the larger Kellogg community around this overarching theme. We will have three guest speakers during the thematic group: Dr. Paula Braveman will discuss the relationships of education and health as it relates to child, adolescent and lifecourse health (disparities). Dr. Carl Hill to discuss the National Children's Study and its implications for federal child health disparities research and funding (NIHD). And Dr. Len Syme, who will discuss child health and social determinants of health.

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

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

"The social determinants of health are the circumstances in which people are born, grow up, live, work, and age, as well as the systems put in place to deal with illness. These circumstances are in turn shaped by a wider set of forces: economics, social policies, and politics."<sup>[1]</sup> Within this framework, it is important to ensure that policy-makers and planners at all levels of government understand and consider social determinants in their decision-making processes if health inequities within and across communities are to be addressed, particularly given the current political and economic climate.

The purpose of the 2011 NACEM session is to sponsor an interactive environment for KHSP scholars, mentors, alumni and others who are actively involved with or interested in employing effective procedures, methods and tools to evaluate, promote and protect the health of diverse communities and neighborhoods across the U.S., as well as the potential impact of policies or programs on these populations. Participants should come prepared to engage in interactive discussions and work collaboratively with others to define and discuss NACEM thematic group

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interests/objectives. The session will include three key focus areas: 1) using data in small area research; 2) Health in All Policies; and 3) publishing.

- 1) **Using Data to Conduct Small Area Research:** In this segment, we will discuss NCHS, CDC and other potential data sources that may be appropriate for small area research (county, city, etc.), as well as potential issues/barriers to using these data (patient confidentiality, sampling/statistical methods, costs, etc.)
- 2) **Health in All Policies (HIAP):** In this segment, we will learn about HIAP in the Atlanta area, and discuss funding mechanisms that may be of interest to researchers interested in conducting health impact assessments in their communities.
- 3) **Publishing:** In this segment, we will discuss strategies and receive feedback regarding developing/submitting a proposal for a special NACEM-themed issue of *Social Science and Medicine*.

Following these presentations/interactive discussions, participants will break out into small groups and discuss the next steps needed to advance NACEM thematic group interests throughout the year.

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to (1) identify and understand how to access data that can be used to conduct health impact assessments (2) understand/communicate the role of HIAP in addressing health inequities; and (3) collaborate with other NACEM group members to conduct/publish research that links health determinants, policies and interventions to health outcomes.

<sup>1</sup>CSDH (2008). Closing the gap in a generation: health equity through action on the social determinants of health. Final Report of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health. Geneva, World Health Organization.

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**Thematic Group: Place, Migration and Health  
Organizers/Facilitators: Darrell Hudson and Lisa Goldman Rosas**

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:

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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. Learn strategies and approaches for successful writing at different career stages.
4. Become familiar with funding priorities and mechanisms that may support research on Place, Migration and Health.

We will achieve the above objectives through introductions and discussion of our research interests, a panel of experts in scientific writing at different career stages, and presentations on funding priorities and mechanisms at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the newly founded National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. Attendees will also have an opportunity to work in small groups with colleagues on continuing projects.

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**Thematic Group: Sexual and Reproductive Health  
Organizers/Facilitators: *Ndidi Amutah-Hardrik and Suzanne Grieb***

Health disparities in sexual and reproductive health outcomes are extensive, and numerous Scholars, Alumni, Advisors, and Community Mentors are working to address these disparities through their research, projects, and advocacy efforts. The purpose of this session is to enhance the ability of participants to translate research to policy and to promote a sustainable collaboration between Scholars, Alumni, Advisors, and Community Mentors who are dedicated to improving sexual and reproductive health outcomes in diverse communities.

During the first part of the group meeting, participants will meet with Gregorio Millett, Senior Policy Advisor in the Office of National AIDS Policy, to discuss the translation of research and advocacy efforts into policy.

The second part of the meeting will allow for collaboration between Scholars, Alumni, Advisors, and Community Mentors. We will break into small groups based on shared desired outcomes (i.e. manuscript production, conference panel organization, or policy paper production). Scott Rhodes, Alum (2003) and thematic group mentor, will provide support for the small group collaborations as needed.

Through participation in this session, thematic group members will (1) gain knowledge and skills in translating our research into policy, and (2) establish sustainable collaborations with other group members.