

**W. K. Kellogg Health Scholars Program and Networking Meeting
June 13-15, 2007**

Meeting Summary

The third networking meeting of the Kellogg Health Scholars Program (KHSP) was held June 13-15, 2007, in Washington, DC. Through this two and a half day meeting, Program leadership continued to foster dialogue and facilitate interaction and collaboration between Multidisciplinary and Community Track researchers, to develop and apply skills in translating research into policy/advocacy and to strengthen leadership development skills.

The first day of the meeting consisted of five Multidisciplinary Track site faculty providing their perspective on the multidisciplinary aspects of the social determinants of health and health equity research at global, national, metropolitan and community levels, with Community track discussants, followed by an interactive discussion with the meeting attendees; Kellogg Health Scholars (KHS) providing brief individual presentations on their research; The Joint National Advisory Committee co-chairs, Jack Geiger and Linda Randolph, and KHSP policy consultants, Bonnie Lefkowitz and Jen Martin, leading discussions on Federal health policy development; KHSP policy advisors working with KHSP Scholars on their policy profiles; KHS poster presentations, which provided an opportunity for the Scholars to provide more in depth information on their research projects, to gather feedback on their work from the meeting attendees, and to establish potential research collaborations.

The second day featured a variety of activities, it included: KHS meeting with House and Senate health staff; some program mentors, faculty and alumni visiting the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies; and other Scholars attending the Latino/Immigrant Data and Policy workshop organized by Dolores Acevedo-Garcia. Lunch meetings by track were followed by more Community Track Hill visits and an afternoon meeting hosted by the Opportunity Agenda at its offices for all program participants. At the Opportunity Agenda, meeting participants met with the Program's partners, representatives from the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies' Health Policy Institute, Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum, and Families USA. The day was capped with a reception at Busboys and Poets, which provided KHS and mentors a chance to meet informally with the Friends of the Program for more networking.

The meeting concluded mid-day on the third day with workshops on writing for journals and grants.