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The **Kellogg Connection** is a monthly electronic newsletter that connects W.K. Kellogg programs: Kellogg Health Scholars, Scholars in Health Disparities, Community Health Scholars, Kellogg

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SOUNDING BOARD

Congratulations Kellogg Scholars and Fellows

Dr. Keon Gilbert, finishing Kellogg Health Scholar, has accepted a tenure-track faculty position at Saint Louis University's School of Public Health at the Department of Community Health Sciences within the Division of Behavioral Science and Health Education.

Dr. Cheryl Brewster, Community Health Scholars Program (CHSP) alum, was recently offered a 3 year tenured seat on the editorial board for a bi-monthly journal entitled Gender Medicine. She would like to invite anyone interested in submitting to this journal to go online at www.gendermedjournal.com/ to review the submission guidelines. If interested, please let Dr. Brewster know (cbrewster@med.miami.edu or cheryl.brewster@gmail.com) and she will do all that she can to assist in the process. The following is a brief synopsis of the journal: ***Gender Medicine*** is a peer-reviewed, rapid publication that focuses on the impact of sex and gender on normal physiology, the pathophysiology and clinical features of disease, and therapeutics outcomes. The journal publishes reports of original scientific investigations that use biological sex and/or gender as a significant variable in the experimental protocol.

Dr. Joseph Gone, Scholars in Health Disparities Program alum, was recently promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in the Department of Psychology and the Program in American Culture at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Clarence Gravlee, CHSP alum, has been promoted to Associate Professor with tenure at the University of Florida, Gainesville

Dr. Shalon M. Irving, current KHSP Community Track scholar, has just passed the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing CHES exam and is now a Certified Health Education Specialist!

Dr. Latrice Pichon, finishing KHSP Community Track scholar, has published: **Pichon LC**, Landrine H. Corral I. Hao Y. Maver JA. Hoerster KD. Measuring skin cancer risk in African Americans: is the

Fellows in Health Policy Research and H. Jack Geiger Congressional Health Policy Fellows.

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Do We Have Your Most Updated Contact Information?

Please update our files if your email or mailing address has changed or will change. We want to keep our Scholars network as up-to-date and well-connected as possible! Please send any changes to mbjones@cfah.org or healthscholars@cfah.org

Fitzpatrick Skin Type Classification Scale culturally sensitive? *Ethn Dis.* 2010 Spring;20(2):174-9.

Dr. Besangie C. Sellars, finishing Kellogg Health Scholar, married William T. White on May 29, 2010 in Decatur, GA.

Dr. Kellee White, finishing Kellogg Health Scholars, has accepted an offer for a tenure track faculty position at the University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health at the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics.

Dr. Natasha Williams, H. Jack Geiger Congressional Health Policy Fellows Program alumna, has an article "Ex-Offenders' Right to Health: HIV/AIDS and Reentry" published in the American Bar Association (ABA) Human Rights Magazine entitled "HIV/AIDS and The Rule of Law." This article will be posted shortly on her website, drnatashahwilliams.com.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CFAH receives \$98,000 of funding from Kaiser Permanente to establish the Kaiser Permanente Burch Leadership Development Program. The program will support various activities of junior minority alumni of the KHSP Scholars and Fellows programs to continue work with policy developers around their research expertise and to showcase their research in various briefings and symposia to enhance their visibility in their areas of expertise.

You are invited to attend the 8th Annual Health Disparities Summer Workshop, June 21-26, 2010. Dr. Lovell Jones, Professor & Director, Center for Research on Minority Health (CRMH) and Kellogg Health Scholars Program, Multidisciplinary Track Site Director at the University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center, invites you to attend this workshop that will be held at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX., Clark Clinic Bldg., Hickey Auditorium, 11th Floor, Rm. 11.1400. This is the 10th Anniversary of Congress mandating the creation of the Center for Research on Minority Health. You can find out more about this year's workshop at <http://www.mdanderson.org/crmh> or call Cynthia Clark at 713-563-4005 (cyclark@mdanderson.org).

The "**Kevin J. Robinson Scholarship Fund**" at Bryn Mawr is an award made to entering students who embody all that Kevin stood for in terms of social justice for community well being. Clayton Ade-Andrew Ruley takes great pride in being Bryn Mawr Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research's first annual Kevin J. Robinson award winner. "As I sit in Los Angeles starting a fellowship with The Black AIDS Institute in their African American HIV University department I know Kevin would be excited for the opportunity it would give to me and the possible impact I can help make on the community. Kevin will be with me and I'm thankful for his energy." Checks are to be made out to that fund, and can be sent directly to:

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SPOTLIGHT ON KELLOGG SCHOLARS NETWORK

Meet Kellogg Scholars in Health Disparities Program alumnus, **Lester K. Spence, PhD...**

Dr. Lester Spence is Assistant Professor of Political Science and Africana Studies at Johns Hopkins University. He is the author of the forthcoming book, *Stare in the Darkness: Rap, Hip-hop, and Black Politics* (University of Minnesota Press 2011). He is currently at work on a new book: *Can't Knock the Hustle: Black Neoliberal Politics*.

His academic research is inspired by a desire to chart the various challenges that race poses for democratic practice, as well as by a desire to show that "another world is possible"-that citizens here and abroad can work together to deal with these fundamental challenges.

Professor Spence's teaching, like his research is motivated by the practical political and racial issues of our time. The recipient of Johns' Hopkins prestigious Excellence in Teaching Award (given yearly to the best teacher as judged by faculty, staff, alumni, and students), Dr. Spence is known for his ability to not only explain complex information in ways that diverse populations can understand and appreciate, but also for his willingness to mentor students.

Professor Spence appears regularly on NPR and provides expert commentary on black politics, racial politics, urban politics, and public opinion. His work can be found in a variety of media outlets, including Salon.com, Blackvoices.com, The Urbanite, The Washington Post, The St. Louis Post-Dispatch. He received both his bachelor's and doctoral degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. A proud native of the Detroit area, he is also a husband and a father of five.

When asked what the impact of the Scholars in Health Disparities Program has had on his career, Dr. Spence replied, "Political scientists are primarily concerned with the competition over scarce resources -- votes, tax dollars, committee assignments. While we now pay attention to the way race shapes the competition, we've largely ignored health as a resource." He added, " The fellowship has uncovered an entirely new field of research for me. And in as much as my goal as a social scientist is not only to study reality but to help create a new one, understanding the politics of health is crucial to achieving that goal."

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Archived KHSP E-Workshops

The archived KHSP e-workshops are taped from the live e-workshops of the Kellogg Health Scholars. These live electronic workshops are intended to bring Kellogg Health Scholars together

between face-to-face networking meetings to explore topics of mutual interest. Its purpose is to form closer networks between the Kellogg Health Scholars and to provide to them and the Kellogg Community of Scholars support and resources for career development.

Access to archived e-workshops is STRICTLY LIMITED to Kellogg Health Scholars, Kellogg Fellows in Health Policy Research (current and alumni), Scholars in Health Disparities and Community Health Scholars program alumni and H. Jack Geiger Congressional Health Policy Fellows program alumni. The contents of these e-workshops are confidential. These archived presentations should not be accessed, copied or forwarded by/to any individuals other than group of scholars, fellows and scholar/fellow alumni that have been identified.

To listen to the archived presentations and download materials, visit the KHSP members area at <http://www.kellogghealthscholars.org/members/login.cfm>. For login and passcode information, please contact Brandon Moore (bmoore@cfah.org) or Marie Briones-Jones (mbjones@cfah.org).

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FUNDING

2010 Addiction Research Training Institute -- Call for Applications

http://www.kellogghealthscholars.org/news/kconnection/Volume8-2010/ARTI_Call_for_Applications.pdf

Morehouse School of Medicine

Atlanta, GA

Deadline: June 21, 2010

The Special Populations Office of NIDA and the NIDA African American Researchers and Scholars Workgroup (AARSWG) are sponsoring an Addiction Research Training Institute (ARTI) designed to train early/new investigators to become funded researchers in the area of substance abuse and addiction among African Americans. The four day training institute will be held on July 20 - 23, 2010 at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia. The ARTI will increase researchers' knowledge and skills on conducting research in the Black population. Topics include: developing research skills, mental health, cultural competency, health disparities, grant writing and funding, and career development.

There is no fee for enrollment. NIDA will cover travel, lodging, and meal costs (per diem) for applicants invited to attend the ARTI. Participants who live within a 50 mile radius of Morehouse School of Medicine are ineligible for lodging support. **ELIGIBILITY:** The ARTI is open to investigators who are underrepresented in substance abuse and addiction research and plan to submit a grant application to NIDA or other NIH institutes within one year of the training date. Applicants should have a terminal degree (i.e. Ph.D., M.D., DSW) and a strong interest in developing a research career in substance abuse and addiction, HIV/AIDS, or mental health issues effecting the Black population. We strongly encourage investigators who are ready to submit a grant application, or have submitted a grant application to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and did not receive funding to apply. Investigators who have attended a NIDA sponsored training workshop within the past two years or who have received independent funding (e.g. R01) are ineligible to attend. **INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS:** Applicants interested in attending the ARTI must submit a completed application no later than May 31, 2010. Applications will be reviewed by a NIDA

committee and selected applicants will be notified by June 18, 2010. NOTE: The application deadline has been extended to early in the week of June 21, 2010. To apply applicants must:

- Include a general information cover sheet with your name, title, degree, area of research interest, and academic institution or organization.
- Identify your affiliation with an academic institution or organization that permits submission of research applications.
- Submit a current curriculum vitae
- A statement indicating your intent to submit a grant application to NIDA or other NIH institute within one year.
- Submit a three page concept paper describing your proposed research study (http://www.kellogghealthscholars.org/news/kconnection/Volume8-2010/ARTI_Concept_Paper_Guidelines.pdf) Research concept papers should address substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, or other substance abuse related health related issues (e.g. depression, PTSD) that effect Black Americans. Concept papers should minimally include:
 - A statement of the problem(s) and significance of the proposed research.
 - The specific aims and research question(s) or hypotheses.
 - The methodology including research design describing the subject population, and data analysis.

For more information, please contact Ms. Keisha Harville (kharville@msm.edu).

**American Medication Association Foundation
Fund for Better Health**

<http://www.ama-assn.org/>

The Fund for Better Health administered by the American Medical Association Foundation is offering \$5,000 seed grants for grassroots, public health projects that target healthy lifestyles. Funding opportunities can cover a wide range of public health issues including substance abuse; disability; STDs; teen pregnancy; and health care for women, youth, seniors, and the uninsured. There are 20 grants available, and applications are selected on a rolling basis. For more information, [click here](#).

**California Breast Cancer Research Program -- Travel Scholarships
Symposium on "From Research to Action: Tools for Change
Oakland Marriott & Convention Center
September 24-25, 2010
Deadline: July 1, 2010**

The California Breast Cancer Research Program (CBCRP) is pleased to announce the availability of travel scholarships for the upcoming symposium - "From Research to Action: Tools for Change" at the Oakland Marriott & Convention Center, September 24 - 25. The scholarships will cover travel within California and two nights (9/23 & 9/24) double occupancy), accommodation at the Marriott for breast cancer advocates and community members who otherwise might not be able to attend. Scholarships will be awarded on a first come basis. Special consideration will be given to applicants who have not previously received CBCRP symposium scholarships. In order to offer this opportunity, we will need to take full advantage of the double occupancy; therefore, we suggest that you tell a friend so that they might also apply and/or attend the symposium and become your *preferred* roommate. Application Deadline: July 1. To apply for a scholarship, please use our online registration form ([click here](#)) which includes space for a one-page description of what motivates you

to attend our symposium, "From Research to Action: Tools for Change." Be sure to include your name, address, and phone number.

If you prefer to apply for a scholarship via US Mail or by fax, please send a one-page description of what motivates you to attend our symposium, "From Research to Action: Tools for Change" to:

Brenda Dixon-Coby

California Breast Cancer Research Program
University of California Office of the President
300 Lakeside Drive, 6th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-3550

All attendees must register for the symposium: [Register online](#)

To register via US Mail or by FAX, please call: (888) 313-2277 for a registration form.

California Breast Cancer Research Program

"A Partnership to Advance Breast Cancer Research"

Deadline: July 22, 2010

The CBCRP is seeking a well-established California researcher with expertise in the science of cancer disparities, environmental health, and interventions for known and suspected breast cancer risk factors. The successful PI will work with the Program to develop and implement a planning process for the second phase of the Special Research Initiatives (SRI). A single Investigator with an experienced team will be awarded up to \$1,000,000 in a cooperative agreement to develop and carry out a detailed strategy development plan. This process will build on and be informed by the initial SRI strategy development process. The researcher, in collaboration with the CBCRP, will provide sound and innovative recommendations to the Breast Cancer Research Council for researching breast cancer disparities and primary prevention in California. The Request for Qualifications information and the application forms are available on our website at: [SRI Call for Applications](#).

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Active Living Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity

Letters of Intent Deadline: July 1, 2011

Active Living Research is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) that supports research to inform policy and environmental strategies for increasing physical activity among children and adolescents, decreasing their sedentary behaviors and preventing obesity. The program places special emphasis on reaching children and youths ages 3 to 18 who are at highest risk for obesity: Black, Latino, American Indian and Asian/Pacific Islander children, as well as children who live in under-resourced and lower-income communities. This call for proposals will support opportunistic, time-sensitive studies on emerging or anticipated changes in physical activity-related policies or environments. Rapid-response grants are expected to accelerate progress toward policy and environmental strategies to prevent and reduce childhood obesity. For maximum impact, studies should be completed in as short a time frame as realistically possible, and results disseminated using methods designed to reach local, state or national decision-makers in time to help inform key policy decisions. Detailed results of these studies, including methodologies and data analyses, along with the outcome of the efforts to reach policy audiences, also should be subsequently reported in peer-reviewed publications. For more information, visit:

<http://www.activelivingresearch.org/grantsearch/grantopportunities/current>.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy Assistant Professor of Public Policy Health Disparities

The Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University seeks applicants for a tenure-track assistant professorship with research and teaching interests dealing with racial/ethnic and/or socioeconomic health disparities and their policy implications. Scholarly interests may include social, economic or political factors that give rise to population health disparities or disparities in health care inputs and outcomes. In addition to offering policy-oriented courses in their specialty area, candidates should be prepared to teach at least one course central to the public policy curriculum. The position requires commitment and ability to good teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate level. Candidates should possess a Ph.D. in health policy, public policy, economics, political science, sociology, social epidemiology, or related fields. Secondary appointments are possible in other departments and the Duke Global Health Institute. Applications received by November 1, 2010 will be guaranteed full consideration. All candidates should submit a letter of application, CV, writing sample, and three letters of reference to Professor Sherman A. James, Health Disparities Search Committee Chair, via the following website: <http://www.facsearch.sanford.duke.edu>. Separate letters of reference can be sent to susan.alexander@duke.edu. Please reference Health Disparities Search when sending them.

George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services 2 Tenure earning positions

1) Assistant/Associate Professor, Community Oriented Primary Care

The George Washington University Department of Prevention and Community Health is seeking an individual to serve as a faculty member in its Community Oriented Primary Care (COPC) track and in the Department. This position is a fulltime, tenure-accruing faculty appointment. Appointment at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor will be commensurate with experience. Expertise in particular is sought in COPC, community medicine, family medicine, medical sociology, primary care medicine, community-based participatory research, health disparities, health care for the underserved, and/or immigrant health. Responsibilities may include: teaching graduate courses in the degree programs of the Department (MPH and DrPH); undertaking scholarship and obtaining external funding in the specific area of expertise; and advising graduate students. Participation in clinical activities in the GWU Medical Center and/or the District of Columbia community is encouraged.

2) Associate/Full Professor, Director of Community-Oriented Primary Care

The Department is seeking an individual to serve as the director of the Community-Oriented Primary Care (COPC) Track and to serve as a faculty member in the Department of Prevention and Community Health in the School of Public Health and Health Services at the associate or full professor level, depending on experience and qualifications. This position is a full-time, tenure-accruing faculty appointment.

Expertise in particular is sought in COPC, community medicine, family medicine, medical sociology, primary care medicine, community-based participatory research, health disparities, health care for the underserved and/or immigrant health. Responsibilities may include: teaching graduate courses

in the degree programs of the Department (MPH and DrPH); undertaking scholarship and obtaining external funding in the specific area of expertise; and advising graduate students. Participation in clinical activities in the GWU Medical Center and/or the District of Columbia community is encouraged. Opportunities exist for the appointed faculty to maintain a part-time clinical practice and to build a research portfolio utilizing affiliated community partners such as the D.C. Department of Health, The GW Cancer Institute, Chartered Health Plan, and clinical practices such as Unity Health Care.

Visit our website for more info: <http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/faculty/facultyPositions.cfm>

Friends Community Center, Los Angeles, CA
Research Scientist

Friends Community Center is the Los Angeles community site of Friends Research Institute, Inc. Friends Community Center provides service programs and conducts behavioral research studies focusing on HIV and substance abuse prevention and treatment, working specifically with high-risk gay and bisexual men and transgender women.

Specific Responsibilities: Under the direction of the Senior Research Scientist, the Research Scientist (RS) will be responsible for the supervision of project-related activities including managing the resources assigned to research projects. The RS will be responsible for overseeing the daily operations of projects including research sites and staff; providing supervision and training to the Research Assistants (RA) and staff, as necessary, regarding research protocol and data; conducting performance appraisals of the RA and research staff, as necessary; ensuring the security and confidentiality of participant and research information; and serving as a liaison between community sites, research team, and other additional support agencies. In addition to supervising efforts on the project to which the RS is assigned, the RS must maintain a visible research trajectory with respect to his/her independent research career. The RS will work closely with the Senior Research Scientist to develop ongoing programs and studies of independent externally funded research and to provide scientific oversight of funded research. As such, the RS will be expected to develop his/her own individual studies and analyses of available datasets for publication in peer-reviewed journals, presentation at scientific conferences, and collaborate with other investigators on research studies. The RS will be expected to develop and demonstrate the capacity to seek funding for studies that relate to the concept area (HIV and substance abuse prevention and treatment) and target population (high-risk gay and bisexual men and transgender women) of Friends Community Center. **Job Qualifications:** Doctoral degree in social sciences, public health, or related field.

Evidence of a successful record of publications of scholarly quantitative/qualitative research and/or program evaluation in peer reviewed journals. Experience in implementing complex community-based studies and multi-site studies, as well as all aspects of research; data analyses, supervision of research staff, preparation of research reports and publications, and in-depth knowledge and experience of human subjects protection is required. Experience in developing interdisciplinary collaborations and working closely with all levels of researchers is preferred.

Salary: Commensurate with experience

Closing Date: Until filled

Contact Information: Please email, fax or mail CV and a one-page cover letter to (*absolutely no phone calls*):

Cathy J. Reback, Ph.D.

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**Montana State University, Center for Native Health Partnerships
Postdoctoral Fellowship**

The Center for Native Health Partnerships (CNHP) invites applications for a one-year postdoctoral fellowship. The mission of the Center is to create an environment to improve Native American health through community-based participatory research. CNHP is committed to developing true partnerships between tribal communities and academic partners to conduct health disparities intervention research. We focus on building research capacity within tribal and academic communities. We are funded by the National Institutes of Health National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities through a P20 grant mechanism. This is a unique opportunity to apply and build CBPR skills with tribal communities.

For more information on the Center for Native Health Partnerships, please go to:

www.cnhp.montana.edu. For the full position description, please go to: <http://www.montana.edu/cgi-bin/msuinfo/fpview/p/1075-3>

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Evaluation Fellows Program
Deadline: July 31, 2010**

We would like to bring to your attention the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Evaluation Fellows Program. It is an opportunity that could be of interest to some of your current or former students. The

program is entering its third year now and the opportunity exists for qualifying individuals to participate in this third cohort of fellows. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Evaluation Fellows Program is designed to diversify the evaluation field by providing individuals from historically disadvantaged and underrepresented communities with the necessary skills and training to become program evaluators. The Evaluation Fellows program invites emerging professionals who have graduated from a master's or doctoral degree program within the last three years to apply for a one-year, full-time fellowship with an organization that specializes in evaluation. Individuals from historically disadvantaged and underrepresented communities include ethnic or racial minorities, those from low-income communities, first-generation college graduates, or others who have been historically underrepresented in the evaluation field. The program's ultimate goal is to infuse the evaluation field with well-trained individuals from diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives to meet the increasing diversity of programs and communities that the profession serves with approaches that are culturally responsive in conceptual and practical demonstration. A call for applicants was just posted at: <http://www.rwjf-evaluationfellows.org/application-page>. The deadline for applying is July 31, 2010. Current students should be scheduled to graduate by December 2010. The fellowship year begins March 1, 2011.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

2010-2011 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars Program

The *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars* program provides two years of support to postdoctoral scholars at all stages of their careers to build the nation's capacity for research and leadership to address the multiple determinants of population health and contribute to policy change. The program is based on the principle that progress in the field of population health depends upon multidisciplinary collaboration and exchange. For more information and to apply, visit <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21001>.

Society Aetiology of Mental Illness (SAMI)

SAMI CIHR Fellowship Postdoctoral/Post-Graduate MD Training Program, CAMH/University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

Deadline: June 30, 2010

The Social Aetiology of Mental Illness (SAMI) Training Program announces its first call for Fellowship applications. SAMI is based at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health and the University of Toronto, but includes international partners from across the globe. It is a unique centre of excellence for the study of the social determinants of mental illness and addictions. Fellowships are for one year, fully funded, research-based, and will help top class research students further develop their skills in investigating the social aetiology of mental illness. The application form may be downloaded at: <http://knowledgex.camh.net/researchers/areas/sami>.

The Center for Human Nutrition, Omaha, NE

Obesity Prevention Researcher/Scientist

Our Mission: The Center for Human Nutrition is committed to the enhancement of human health, performance, and quality of life through better nutrition.

Organization Summary: The Center provides scientific expertise and technical assistance in areas of childhood obesity prevention, anti-hunger, local food systems and health, and survey development and program evaluation. This is accomplished through outreach and research efforts often partnering with various entities such as universities, nonprofits, and other community organizations. In addition to an endowment, the Center garners further funding through the submission of grants and contracts to build the research infrastructure at the local, state, and national levels.

Position Description: The Center is seeking a talented and highly motivated Researcher/Scientist with strong leadership skills and advanced analytical abilities to conduct research in the area of childhood obesity prevention for a nonprofit research organization. This person must have the ability to work both collaboratively and independently, and in an academically supportive environment. The Researcher will report directly to the Executive Director, but will also need to work collaboratively with all staff and overall be committed to the Center's mission. The candidate must possess a high level of professionalism and strong team orientation, as this position requires the ability to interact with internal and external contacts (at all levels) in a fast-paced environment.

Primary Job Duties and Responsibilities:

- Identify funding opportunities and develop grant applications for funding
- Project management and coordination, and assisting with the development of funding opportunities
- Structure and execute components of research including data analyses of national health surveys

- Provide project support to various Center initiatives
- Write and prepare manuscripts for publication in peer reviewed journals
- Direct, supervise, train, mentor and evaluate assigned staff

Experience and Qualifications:

- Ph.D. degree in public health, health promotion, behavioral sciences, epidemiology, nutrition, physical activity, health psychology or a related field with at least 3-4 years of work experience conducting research in the area of childhood obesity prevention required (post-doctoral level and above)
- Expertise in survey development and/or evaluation
- Excellent organizational, planning, writing and project management skills
- Experience with extramural research grant funding
- Demonstrate exceptional commitment to accuracy and attention to detail
- Ability to work collaboratively and independently utilizing excellent interpersonal skills
- Support the Executive Director on all research-related projects
- Willingness to travel both locally and nationally

Salary and Benefits: Salary commensurate with experience and education; competitive health, dental, 401(k) benefits.

How to Apply: Please submit a cover letter, resume or vitae to Dr. Amy Yaroch, Executive Director, The Center for Human Research, 505 Durham Research Plaza, Rm. 1024, Omaha, NE 68105 or ayaroch@cfhnutrition.org. Applications must be received by July 1, 2010.

The Commonwealth Fund

2011-12 Australian-American Health Policy Fellowship

Deadline: August 15, 2010

On behalf of the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, The Commonwealth Fund is pleased to announce the 2011-12 Australian-American Health Policy Fellowship. The deadline for receipt of applications is August 15, 2010.

[The Australian-American Health Policy Fellowship](#) offers a unique opportunity for outstanding, mid-career U.S. professionals-academics, government officials, clinical leaders, decision-makers in managed care and other private health care organizations, and journalists-to spend up to 10 months in Australia conducting research and working with leading Australian health policy experts on issues relevant to both countries. The Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing hopes to enrich health policy thinking as fellows study how Australia approaches health policy issues, share lessons learned from the United States, and develop an international perspective and network of contacts to facilitate exchange and collaboration that extends beyond the fellowship experience. The fellowship is structured around mutual areas of interest, such as health care quality and safety, the private/public mix of insurance and providers, fiscal sustainability of health systems, management and efficiency of health care delivery, health care workforce, and investment in preventive care strategies. Applicants' proposals should address one of the program's areas of interest and clearly demonstrate: the intention to combine research and practical experience; the relevance to both the United States and Australia; achievable outcomes, given the duration of the placement; and the potential to advance policy in Australia and the United States. U.S. citizenship is a requirement for eligibility. For further information on the 2011-12 Australian-American Health Policy Fellowships and to obtain an application please see

<http://www.commonwealthfund.org/fellowships/>. Please direct questions to Robin Osborn of The Commonwealth Fund (tel.: 212-606-3809; e-mail: ro@cmwf.org).

University of Colorado Denver, School of Public Affairs

Postdoctoral/Postgraduate Fellowship in Public Health Systems and Service Research

The PARTNER (Program to Analyze, Record, and Track Networks to Enhance Relationships) project (www.partnertool.net) invites applications for a postdoctoral/postgraduate fellowship position in the School of Public Affairs at the University of Colorado Denver, with an available start date of July 1, 2010. This project, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, is part of the growing body of work in Public Health Systems and Services Research. PARTNER links an evidence-based approach for system assessment and planning to the practice of intersectoral collaboration in public health. The applicant who fills this position will provide support to users of PARTNER, contribute to future development of PARTNER, provide project management for ongoing PARTNER projects, and take responsibility for completing a research project suitable for publication by the end of the fellowship position. Applying social network analysis methodology, the PARTNER model entails a standardized survey and automated analysis tool. The primary goal of the PARTNER project is to provide a resource for planning and evaluation in the area of collaboration and partnerships in public health practice. The results from the analysis of PARTNER help collaboratives strategically plan ways to work together in order to address health issues facing their community, specifically to implement performance improvement and action planning. Additionally, the PARTNER program includes several ongoing research projects, making a substantial contribution to the growing PHSSR community. Each survey that is launched through PARTNER has the potential to contribute to an unprecedented project to build the largest, whole network dataset on public health collaboratives, fostering new capacity to answer pressing research questions in the field. The applicant that fills this position will have a strong analytic background, coupled with an interest and experience in applied public health systems and services research in the area of collaboration and partnership. While a PhD is preferred, applicants with a Master's in Public Health, Public Administration, or a related discipline will be reviewed. We are looking for someone with interest and some expertise in all or some of the following areas: social network analysis, public health systems and services research, organization theory, survey research, and project management. We are also especially interested in applicants with practical experience in public health, specifically in collaboration and partnerships. This salaried position includes full benefits from the University of Colorado Denver, office space and computing equipment at UC Denver, as well as travel support for presentation of research at professional conferences for up to two years. The fellowship responsibilities will include:

- Providing support to the PARTNER project through training and technical assistance;
- Management and analysis of the PARTNER database including consolidating PARTNER data from all uses of the tool into one comprehensive database;
- Creating new opportunities for informing and educating potential users on PARTNER as resource;
- Grant writing support;
- Completing an ongoing (or initiating a new) research project that results in conference and academic journal submission.

Applicants should submit the following to Dr. Danielle Varda at danielle.varda@ucdenver.edu: 1) a curriculum vitae; 2) statement of overall research experience and interests, specifically as it relates

to SNA and PHSSR; 3) contact information for three references; and 4) a writing sample (working paper or published work). The position will remain open until filled.

**Women's Policy Institute
Fellowship**

Deadline: July 9, 2010

We are now accepting applications for the 2010-2011 year of the Women's Policy Institute. Each year, the Institute increases the number of women leaders who are actively involved in the public policy process. Fellows are leaders from multiple sectors who have experience in women's issues and deep connections to the grassroots community. Since 2003, the Women's Policy Institute has trained over 185 women who have helped to pass eleven laws that positively impact women's lives throughout California. Areas of focus for the 2010-2011 year are: economic justice, environmental justice, reproductive justice, criminal justice and aging justice. **NEW THIS YEAR!** The Women's Policy Institute (a program of the Women's Foundation of California) is now accepting applications from individuals working in academia, philanthropy, labor unions and the media, in addition to in nonprofit community-based organizations. The Women's Foundation was founded on the belief that social change is accelerated when we form partnerships across issues and sectors, and in that spirit, we are expanding our Policy Institute to reflect those early values. We realize that individuals from Universities would be limited in their ability to lobby but have worked out how those fellows can fully participate without needing to lobby on behalf of their University. Please visit our website (www.womensfoundca.org/wpihome) to learn more about the Women's Policy Institute, the application process and informational calls. The deadline for applications is Friday, July 9, 2010.

**Yale University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, Division of Prevention and
Community Research and The Consultation Center
Postdoctoral Fellowship**

The Division of Prevention and Community Research, Department of Psychiatry, Yale University School of Medicine and the Department of Psychology, Yale University invite applications for a two-year postdoctoral fellowship, beginning between July 1 to September 1, 2010, in a research training program on the prevention of substance abuse. The program combines didactic, mentored, and independent research experiences to prepare fellows as future prevention scientists. Three fundamental areas of learning are emphasized in the training program: 1) an ecological framework for the conceptualization, design, and implementation of prevention research; 2) knowledge development and application through three phases of prevention science - pre-intervention, intervention, and diffusion or going-to-scale; and 3) use of state-of-the-art methodologies and data analytic approaches. Learning occurs through seminars, focused research activities, and close mentorship with faculty scientific advisors. Postdoctoral fellows participate in three core seminars taught by training program faculty - Research Methods, Data Analysis, and Grant Development - as well as additional seminars and colloquia at Yale that cover related topics, such as the ethical conduct of research and current topics in substance abuse prevention. Fellows also participate in mentor-based training *on two scientific projects* with core faculty who serve as scientific advisors. Scientific projects available for fellows include: 1) interventions addressing sexual trauma and substance use among HIV-positive adults, including individual therapy for sexual abuse, care-based HIV prevention for newly diagnosed men, and behavioral and pharmaceutical alcohol reduction interventions; 2) the daily dynamics of intimate partner violence, posttraumatic stress, and

substance use among women; 3) the examination of individual/family risk and protective factors, including maternal substance use and depression, and their relationship to behavioral and developmental outcomes in children aged birth through 11 years; 4) a school-based prevention trial that combines CBT, emotion regulation, and mindful awareness to reduce substance use initiation and progression and enhance academic performance among adolescent girls; 5) the examination of the role of social processes and child characteristics on the health (i.e., social, emotional, and cognitive development as well as physical health) of children aged 3 through 5 years from racial/ethnic minority and/or low socioeconomic status backgrounds; and 6) interdisciplinary research that involves neurobiological, pharmacological, genetic, behavioral, and policy approaches to examine the effects of stress and self control on smoking, drinking, and/or overeating. Competitive candidates will have a Ph.D. in clinical, community, developmental, or counseling psychology or in public health, a strong research background, and interest in pursuing an academic career. Interested applicants should forward a CV, representative manuscripts, statement of interests and future goals, 2-3 project preferences of those listed above, and three letters of recommendation to: David L. Snow, Ph.D., Director, Division of Prevention and Community Research, Department of Psychiatry, Yale University School of Medicine, 389 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511, or email materials to david.snow@yale.edu. Reviews of applications will begin immediately and continue until the positions are filled. Yale University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and minority group members are encouraged to apply.

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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Call for Case Abstracts - Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Institute of Population and Public Health (IPPH) and Canadian Population Health Initiative (CPHI) Population Health Intervention Research

Deadline: June 21, 2010

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) - Institute of Population and Public Health (IPPH) and Canadian Population Health Initiative (CPHI) of the Canadian Institute for Health Information

(CIHI) are partnering to develop a casebook on population health intervention research (PHIR). Among the proposed objectives, the casebook is expected to help increase awareness about PHIR, showcase different approaches to conducting PHIR, highlight lessons learned from these initiatives and promote uptake. A call for case abstracts is now open to solicit examples of PHIR to be included in the casebook. If you are interested in submitting a case abstract please go to the following link:

<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/41599.html>.

Call for Proposals - Community-University Partnerships: Bringing Global Perspectives to Local Action (CU Expo 2011)

Deadline: July 1, 2010

On the heels of the successful Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) conference last week in Portland, OR, we're delighted to announce the call for proposals for the conference "Community-University Partnerships: Bringing Global Perspectives to Local Action," also known as "CU Expo 2011." The conference takes place May 10-14, 2011 in Waterloo Region, Ontario.

Canada. The lead organization for the conference is the Centre for Community Based Research in Kitchener, ON. As a major partner, CCPH is fully supporting CU Expo in lieu of our own major conference in 2011. A discounted registration rate will be offered to CCPH members. We hope you will plan to participate!

Proposals are due July 1, 2010. We're also looking for reviewers from community and academic organizations, also with a July 1 deadline. For more details, see below and visit the CU Expo 2011 website at www.cuexpo2011.ca. Please contact Bonnie McCutcheon at the Centre for Community Based Research with any questions, by phone at (519) 741-1318 ext. 226 or email at bonnie@communitybasedresearch.ca. CU Expo 2011 is a Canadian-led conference designed to showcase the exemplars in community-university partnerships worldwide, and together to introduce creative ways of strengthening our local communities. Complex social issues require global perspectives to inform local action. Community-university (CU) partnerships can be an effective way to stimulate innovative solutions for the pressing concerns within our communities.

Conference Objectives: The overarching objective of the conference is to strengthen the community dimension of CU partnerships. This involves sharing stories, experiences, and enhancing skills and capacities:

- * To engage diverse segments of both the community and the university in Waterloo Region, Ontario, Canada and around the world.
- * To raise awareness of effective and innovative community-university strategies.
- * To showcase how global perspectives can contribute to addressing local concerns.
- * To create spaces for participants to develop strategies for action on common issues facing local communities.
- * To leave a legacy of new and stronger global networks and a renewed understanding of the potential of community-university partnerships as a means for social action.

Conference Themes: The Conference themes will broadly organize presentations and events into a number of important content areas. Inspired by the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, these themes are expressed both in the local and global context. We encourage those presenting and attending to think about how these themes play out in your projects and local realities, and how they are related

to broader regional, national or international issues:

- * Environmental Sustainability
- * Income Security and Affordable Housing
- * Community Development
- * Education
- * Gender Equality
- * Child Development
- * Health Equity
- * Diversity and Migration

Conference Streams: Within the context of those broad themes, we invite proposals to consider the following three streams around which the conference will be organized.

1. Community Voice and Relevance - Community needs and concerns drive the CU partnership agenda, with research activities beginning with a topic of relevance to the community, carried out in a participatory fashion, in community settings. Presentations and workshops in this stream will explore how collaborations and partnerships can be designed and carried out to include community voices and perspectives

2. Partnership and Collaboration - CU partnerships bring diverse people together to form collaborations around common goals. Participatory processes and reciprocal relationships are valued. In some collaborations community members and academics equitably share control of the research and partnership agenda. Developing and sustaining these partnerships is often challenging. Presentations and workshops in this stream will explore these issues and reveal strategies and techniques for collaboration.

3. Action and Change - CU partnerships envision a better future, through ongoing learning, reflection and action. The process and results of the partnerships are useful to community members and university partners in promoting social equity and making positive social and institutional change. This stream will reveal the impacts and social transformations of partnership, and will include specific techniques in developing policy and implementation strategies as well as broader knowledge mobilization and translation efforts.

Again, for the details, visit www.cuexpo2011.ca

Call for Nominations -- Society for the Analysis of African American Public Health Issues (SAAPHI)

Deadline: July 9, 2010

The Society for the Analysis of African American Public Health Issues (SAAPHI) is accepting nominations for open positions on the Governing Board. All nominees must be members of SAAPHI. Terms begin at the SAAPHI Annual Meeting on November 6, 2010 in Denver, CO. Nominees will serve to promote the SAAPHI mission:

- To initiate and assist in the improvement, development, maintenance and utilization of appropriate databases for the understanding of health problems and needs of African American communities.
- To promote the utilization of scientific information on African Americans in program and policy decisions.
- To formulate and advocate appropriate public policies for health promotion and disease prevention among African Americans.
- To facilitate professional development, social welfare and leadership skills among its members.

Current SAAPHI Officers:

President: Chandra Ford, 2008-2010

President Elect: Rebecca Hasson, 2008-2010

Immediate Past President: Dorothy Stephens, 2008-2010

Secretary: Melissa Burnside, 2009-2011

Treasurer: Cheryl Blackmore Prince, 1991 - 2010

Board Member: Laurie Elam-Evans, 2008-2011

Board Member: Okey Enyia, 2008-2010

Board Member: Tiffany Gary, 2008-2011

Board Member: Warren Hewitt, 2008-2010

Board Member: Adelbert James, 2008-2011

Board Member: Camara Phyllis Jones, 2008-2011

Board Member: Loretta Jones, 2008-2010

Board Member: Joanna Koskinen 2008-2011

Board Member: Jessie Richardson-Hood, 2008-2010

Board Member: Patricia Thompson-Reid, 2008-2011

Open Positions:

-One (1) Treasurer (2-year term). Responsibilities include: Keep regular accounts and pay the bills of SAAPHI as authorized by the President.

-One (1) President-Elect (2-year term, rotates up to President the Immediate Past President of SAAPHI). The President -Elect shall cooperate with the President in promoting the general interest and welfare of the SAAPHI; shall perform all duties of the President in his/her absence; and succeed to the office of President in the event of vacancy and serve until the term expires.

- Eleven (11) Board members (2-year term). Responsibilities include participating in monthly conference calls, generating ideas for the annual meeting, represent SAAPHI at APHA section meetings and committees.

Self-nominations should be submitted by July 9th, 2010 with a CV and a brief 1-paragraph bio of the nominee outlining: Background and experience (students and faculty are both encouraged to apply Involvement with SAAPHI and APHA (if you are new to both organizations please state accordingly) Vision for SAAPHI

Example Statement: "Jerry Smith is an Associate Professor at Vanderbilt University, who does research on community-based interventions to prevent type 2 diabetes in African Americans. He has been an APHA member for 5 years, and a SAAPHI member for 2 years. He has served as a member of the diversity committee. His vision includes increasing the prominence of SAAPHI and bringing a prevention focus to the organization"

Call for Presentation and Paper Abstract -- Active Living Research (ALR)

ALR Annual Conference Theme -- Partnerships for Progress in Active Living: From Research to Action

San Diego, CA

February 22-24, 2011

Deadline: August 6, 2010

Active Living Research (ALR) is a national program office of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation building the evidence to prevent childhood obesity and support active communities. ALR has announced a call for presentation and paper abstracts, and a call for award nominations for its next annual

conference, February 22-24, 2011 in San Diego, CA. The conference theme, Partnerships for Progress in Active Living: From Research to Action, recognizes the importance of engaging experts from multiple disciplines to address critical public health issues, especially active living and obesity. Conference submissions are due August 6, 2010. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/c9QAhb>

Call for Abstracts -- The Society for the Analysis of African American Public Health Issues in conjunction with the American Public Health Association 138th Annual Meeting

November 6-10, 2010

Denver, CO

Deadline: August 15, 2010

The Society for the Analysis of African American Public Health Issues (SAAPHI) is soliciting abstracts for our 2010 annual scientific symposium, which will be held in conjunction with the American Public Health Association annual meeting in Denver, CO. The SAAPHI symposium will be

Saturday, November 6, 2010 in Ballroom H of the Hyatt Regency.

Topics of Interest -- SAAPHI's 2010 theme is "Critical Race Theory and Emancipatory Public Health: Moving towards Social Justice". While abstracts reflecting new and innovative information on any public health issue that disproportionately affects African Americans will be reviewed, the following topics are of particular interest:

- Coverage for the Uninsured
- Critical Race Theory and Health Equity
- Epidemiology of Racism and Health
- Health Disparities/Health Inequities
- Social Determinants of Health

In addition, abstracts that reflect integrative approaches to individual and community health promotion using evidence-based research, interventions, intervention guided-research, and health policy advocacy are also encouraged. All abstracts will be peer-reviewed and ranked for quality, topic applicability,

and relation to SAAPHI issues. Students are strongly encouraged to submit abstracts. Abstracts submitted by students or postdoctoral fellows will automatically be considered for the SAAPHI Student Achievement Award. To be eligible, the student or postdoctoral fellow submitting the abstract must:

(1) be the first and presenting author on the contributed abstract and (2) indicate that the abstract is based on work completed while a student or post-doctoral fellow. Following delivery of the presentations, two student finalists will be selected. The 1st place winner will be awarded \$250 and the 2nd place winner will be awarded \$125. Awards will be determined based on the quality of the abstract, the presentation quality and style, and the presenter's knowledge of the subject matter. Presenters must be current members of SAAPHI or become members at the time of the meeting.

Instructions for Submitting Abstracts

- Abstract submission deadline: Sunday, August 15, 2010
- Abstracts must be submitted online to: rebecca_hasson@yahoo.com
- Abstracts must be 250 words or less
- Abstracts should follow the format: Purpose/Objective, Methods, Results and Conclusion
- Students: to compete for the SAAPHI Student Achievement Award, please indicate that the work was completed while a student or post-doctoral fellow
- Presenters will be notified by September 15, 2010

**Call for Nominations -- Active Living Research (ALR)
Fourth Annual Translating Research to Policy Award
February 22-24, 2011**

Deadline: August 25, 2010

Active Living Research (ALR) is a national program office of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation building the evidence to prevent childhood obesity and support active communities. ALR is also seeking nominations for the fourth annual Translating Research to Policy Award that recognizes innovative teams or individuals representing research, policy and/or advocacy who have had success in catalyzing policy or environmental change of relevance to youth physical activity, sedentary behavior and obesity prevention. Nominations are due August 25, 2010. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/c9QAhb>

Call for Papers -- Health Services Research (HSR) and Yale University

Theme Issue: Global Health Systems

Deadline: October 23, 2010

Health Services Research (HSR) and Yale University are partnering to publish a Theme Issue on Global Health, with a specific focus on global health systems. Global health - the study of improving human health and achieving equity in health worldwide - has attracted the attention of key stakeholders at multiple levels including policy-makers and politicians, international corporations, and international non-governmental agencies. Likewise, research, policies and financial resources have been increasingly focused on global health, most notably over the past decade. For example, in 2001, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) provided \$7.2 billion in funding related to global health. By 2007, OECD funding had nearly quadrupled to \$22.1 billion. Yet as funding has grown, so has a consensus that we lack solid evidence about the effectiveness of efforts supported by such funding, particularly with regard to improvements in and impacts on health systems. The World Health Organization (2000) broadly defined health systems as not only providing services, but also organizing human and physical resources, generating needed funds, and acting as stewards over the "resources, powers, and expectations entrusted to them." Global health systems, which need to recognize and embrace the health needs and services and monetary flow that transcend national boundaries, are critical to the long-term success and sustainability of any global health efforts. As more attention and funding are directed towards global health issues, it is both appropriate and necessary that attention also be paid to creating a body of evidence to guide efforts to strengthen health systems needed to implement efforts to promote global health. For this Theme Issue, we are soliciting studies, evaluations, policy analyses and simulations that use rigorous and scientific research methods to assess the impact of systems to improve global health, including delivery, financing, and regulatory systems. We define global health broadly as an area of research and practice that focuses on improving human health and achieving equity in health for all people worldwide, not just those in developing countries or economies. Global health emphasizes transnational issues, determinants, and solutions to human health problems. The study and practice of global health involves many disciplines and benefits from interdisciplinary collaboration. We therefore encourage work from a variety of fields including economics, organizational behavior and theory, political science, anthropology, sociology, history of science, and others. Global refers to the scope and approach to the problems, not their location (Koplan, 2009). Accordingly, we are interested in papers pertaining to low-income, middle-income, and high-income settings and to their interconnectedness as appropriate. All papers must pertain to health services and health systems and must report the results of original research, whether addressing a single country or several. Papers that focus only on medical or public health discoveries and that do not involve health services or health systems will not be accepted for publication. Similarly, papers that are primarily editorial or opinion-based will not be considered. Illustrative examples of topics include but are not limited to:

- Impact of new financing reforms internationally
- Distribution and impact of alternative methods for funding health care
- Improving quality of care in low-income, middle-income, and high-income countries
- Engaging community efforts in health and their impact on community economic wealth
- Regulatory interventions and their influence on health disparities in growing economies
- Transnational experiments in health promotion

- Valuing health: new methods for assessing impact
- Models for financing health that improve access or ensure value for services

The deadline for initial submission of manuscripts is October 23, 2010. Criteria for selection of manuscripts include: (1) quality, rigor and originality, (2) significance and usefulness for informing global health systems design; (3) and clarity of writing and presentation. All manuscripts must follow the "Instructions for Authors" listed at:

<http://www.hsr.org/hsr/information/authors/instruauthors.jsp>. Manuscripts submitted for the Theme Issue will first undergo the same HSR peer review process as all regular manuscripts. However, due to the timeline for publishing the Theme Issue, HSR will monitor the progress of manuscripts through the review process and thereby will try to shorten the overall review process; likewise, authors should expect to be especially timely in returning revisions. All accepted articles will be published electronically within a few weeks of acceptance using Blackwell-Wiley's Early View process. Articles published through Early View are fully published, appear in PubMed, and can be cited. Accepted articles submitted for the Theme Issue will then undergo an additional selection process for inclusion in the printed Theme Issue. Approximately 8 to 10 articles will be selected, based on the most original and significant work addressing the theme. Accepted manuscripts that are not selected for the Theme Issue will be automatically scheduled for print publication in a regular issue. The print publication date for the Theme Issue will be December 2011.

References:

Koplan, JP, TC Bond, MH Merson, KS Reddy, MH Rodriguez, NK Sewankambo, and JN Wasserheit. "Towards a Common Definition of Global Health." *Lancet* 2009; 373: 1993-1995.
World Health Organization. *Health Systems: Improving Performance*. Geneva: The World Health Organization, 2000.

Key dates for authors:

October 23, 2010: Submission deadline of manuscripts for the Theme Issue.

August 15, 2011: Notification of assignment of accepted papers to the Theme Issue or Regular Issue.

December 2011: Print Publication Date for Theme Issue.

For questions, please email HSR Managing Editor, Meighan Schreiber at mschreiber@aha.org.

**Call for Survey Response - University of Pittsburgh
Building Trust Between Minorities and Researchers: A National Bioethics Infrastructure Initiative**

Online Survey: <http://www.healthdisparity.pitt.edu/buildingtrust.asp>

The University of Pittsburgh has been awarded a two-year grant from the NIH National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities and Office of the Director at NIH as part of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA). This Grand Opportunity Award launches the Building Trust Between Minorities and Researchers: A National Bioethics Infrastructure Initiative. Our goal is to increase the participation of African Americans/Blacks, Hispanics/Latinos and other minority populations in public health and biomedical research, including clinical trials. To achieve our goal, we are conducting research with the research community to determine best practices in the recruitment and retention of ethnic and racial minority populations in research. Our partner in this initiative is the organization, Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R). The representation of racial and ethnic minority populations in public health and biomedical research still lags behind that of whites and has been identified by the NIH as a serious problem. According to

the NIH, "this deplorable situation represents an ongoing challenge to the validity and generalizability of research findings, which consequently contributes to disparities in health status and medical care, both of which constitute an injustice to unrepresented minority groups." Because you are a researcher, research staff, institutional review board (IRB) member and/or IRB staff involved with human subjects research, we would like to invite you to take part in the Building Trust Survey. We know that many of you are committed to improving the recruitment and retention of minorities, and have lessons from your own experience to share. We would like to invite you to participate in this initiative, so please take a moment to learn more and register. Once you register, we urge you to take 20-30 minutes to complete the online survey.

<http://www.healthdisparity.pitt.edu/buildingtrust.asp>. With your help, the results of this work will be used to produce effective, sustainable tools that can be implemented and evaluated to determine the extent to which they contribute to the increase in minority participation in NIH-sponsored research and increase the efficacy of investigators dedicated to this goal. If you would like more information regarding our initiative or you have any questions or comments, please e-mail us at BuildingTrust@gsph.pitt.edu.

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CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research

Webinar: Distrust, Race, and Research: Overcoming Barriers to Recruitment and Retention of Minority Populations

July 14, 2010, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (eastern)

Please note that fees range from \$145-\$375 to participate. Details at <http://bit.ly/94Mq1h>

During this webinar, you'll learn about...

- * The National Bioethics Research Infrastructure Initiative: Building Trust Between Minorities and Researchers;
- * Selected cases of research abuse involving racial and ethnic minority populations;
- * Background and context of the U.S. Public Health Service Syphilis Study at Tuskegee, the subsequent presidential apology, and NIH supported research initiatives designed to repair the damage caused by this study;
- * Preliminary data from a qualitative study of investigators, as well as survey data from institutional review board (IRB) members, IRB staff, and researchers; and
- * A new conceptual model of the research continuum that serves as a viable framework for designing, implementing, and evaluating measures that aim to overcome barriers to minority recruitment.

Faculty:

Stephen B. Thomas, PhD, Inaugural Philip Hallen Professor of Community Health and Social Justice, Associate Dean for Diversity Graduate School of Public Health University of Pittsburgh
Sandra Crouse Quinn, PhD, Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Education, Director of the Peace Corps Master's International Program, Associate Professor Graduate School of Public Health University of Pittsburgh

American Public Health Association
The 138th Annual Meeting & Expo

Denver, CO November 6-10, 2010

Register early and save! Don't miss the most important public health event of the year. Now is the time for the public health community to come together and embrace the opportunities and potential for change facing our nation. Register at www.apha.org/meetings/registration. During the APHA Annual Meeting, Public Health professionals take advantage of countless opportunities from networking to continuing education and much more. Benefits of attending the APHA Annual Meeting include....

- New Trends and Best Practices - Over 1,000 scientific sessions cover topics from all fields of Public Health. Join the full day [Summit on Health Reform](#) to discuss implementation and planning of the new health reform legislation signed into law this year.
- Networking - Each year over 12,000 public health professionals attend the Annual Meeting. Don't miss the opportunity to meet with your peers in the Mix & Mingle Lounge or at the many social and business events held during the Annual Meeting.
- Industry Leaders -Hear from numerous industry leaders in sessions, especially the [Opening](#), [Special](#), and [Closing Sessions](#).
- State of the Art Products and Services -Over 700 booths of public health information are located in the [Public Health Expo](#).
- Section & SPIG Pavilion -Don't miss the opportunity to meet with members of APHA Sections and Special Interest Groups at the new Section & SPIG Pavilion.
- Career Opportunities - Employers and job seekers meet face-to-face at the [Public Health CareerMart](#).
- Continuing Education - Earn CE contact hours in CHES, Nursing, CME (physicians and non-physicians) and CPH. View specific accreditation statements, abstracts, objectives, contact hours and more [online](#).
- An escape from the daily routine - Three hundred days of sunshine await travelers to Denver. Take a break from your daily routine and head to Denver to meet, learn and have a little fun. [See what Denver has to offer](#).

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RESOURCES

Publications

A Network Assessment of Community-Based Participatory Research: Linking Communities and Universities to Reduce Cancer Disparities

Thomas W. Valente, Kayo Fujimoto, Paula Palmer, and Sora Park Tanjasiri Am J Public Health 2010;100 1319-1325 <http://ajph.aphapublications.org/cgi/content/abstract/100/7/1319?etoc>

Objectives. We sought to determine whether a community-based initiative designed to reduce cancer disparities among Pacific Islanders in Southern California increased communications between community-based organizations and university researchers.

Methods. We conducted network analysis among 11 community-based organizations (CBOs) and 5 universities by interviewing 91 and 56 members of these organizations, respectively, at 2 points in time. We estimated random effects probit regression and stochastic actor-oriented network dynamic

models.

Results. We found that, during the 2-year study period, CBOs increased their connectedness with one another ($b = 0.44$; $P < .05$) and to the universities ($b = 0.46$; $P < .05$), but that university researchers did not increase their connectedness to each other or to CBOs.

Conclusions. Cancer awareness, cancer education, and access to cancer services are low among Pacific Island groups, and this study provides an initial attempt to reduce these disparities.

Community-based initiatives can strengthen a CBO network, creating the potential for increased community-informed cancer research and improved community access to cancer research resources.

Addressing the Intersection: Preventing Violence and Promoting Healthy Eating and Active Living
Prevention Institute

<http://preventioninstitute.org/component/jlibrary/article/id-267/127.html>

Addressing the Intersection: Preventing Violence and Promoting Healthy Eating and Active Living
Prevention Institute finds that we must prevent violence if we are to be successful in preventing chronic disease.

<http://tinyurl.com/2e6299a>

Healthy eating and active living has become a national priority, but when people don't feel safe in their communities, they are less likely to use local parks, access public transportation or let their children walk to school or play outside. Until now, very little research on the impact of community violence on healthy eating and activity--and potential solutions--has been done. The Kaiser Permanente-funded report conducted interviews with community advocates as well as strategy sessions with national experts. *The final product makes a compelling case for embedding safety strategies into community efforts to promote healthy eating and physical activity.

[America's Future: Latino Child Well-Being in Numbers and Trends](#)

Population Reference Bureau and National Council of La Raza

Population Reference Bureau and National Council of La Raza published [America's Future: Latino Child Well-Being in Numbers and Trends](#), which provides an overview of current national- and state-level trends for Latino children under age 18 relative to non-Hispanic white and black children, documenting both regional variations and changing trends since 2000.

Enhancing the Capacity of Community Health Centers to Achieve High Performance: Findings from the 2009 Commonwealth Fund National Survey of Federally Qualified Health Centers

Michelle M. Doty, Ph.D., Melinda K. Abrams, M.S., Susan E. Hernandez, M.P.A., Kristof Stremikis, M.P.P., and Anne C. Beal, M.D., M.P.H.

<http://www.commonwealthfund.org/Content/Publications/Fund-Reports/2010/May/Enhancing-the-Capacity-of-Community-Health-Centers-to-Achieve-High-Performance.aspx>

Contact: Michelle M. Doty, Ph.D., Assistant Vice President and Director of Survey Research, The Commonwealth Fund, mmd@cmwf.org ; **Editor(s):** Liz Galst

Overview: Federally Qualified Health Centers are community-based health centers that provide comprehensive primary care and behavioral and mental health services to patients regardless of ability to pay. This report highlights methods for strengthening FQHCs' ability to provide care. These include formalizing partnerships with hospitals, improving office systems, adopting the medical

home model, and increasing use of HIT.

Engaging Parents as Partners to Support Early Child Health and Development

[Download this Report \(PDF/9 pages\)](#)

Ensuring and coordinating services that support young children's healthy development requires strong and effective partnerships between families and health care providers. This brief puts forth a three-part framework for engaging parents in supporting healthy child development. It describes each level of engagement, explains why each is critical, and gives examples of how states can incorporate parent partnerships into their work.

Equity, social determinants and public health programmes

Edited by Erik Blas and Anand Sivasankara Kurup 2010, 300 pages

PDF [300p] Available online at: http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2010/9789241563970_eng.pdf

ISBN 978 92 4 156397 0

World Health Organization 2010

"...This book is a collection of analyses of the social determinants of health that impact on specific health conditions. Stemming from the recommendations of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health, promising interventions to improve health equity are presented for the areas of: alcohol-related disorders, cardiovascular diseases, child health and nutrition, diabetes, food safety, maternal health, mental health, neglected tropical diseases, oral health, pregnancy outcomes, tobacco and health, tuberculosis, and violence and injuries. The book was commissioned by the Department of Ethics, Equity, Trade and Human Rights as part of the work undertaken by the Priority Public Health Conditions Knowledge Network of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health, in collaboration with 16 of the major public health programmes of WHO. In addition to this, through collaboration with the Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction, the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases, and the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research, 13 case studies were commissioned to examine the implementation challenges in addressing social determinants of health in low-and middle-income settings...."

To order the book, please visit: <http://www.who.int/bookorders>

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Focusing on Obesity Through a Health Equity Lens - Second edition

Yoline Kuipers - EuroHealthNet

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This report has been compiled by EuroHealthNet with the aim of producing an accessible source of ideas and inspiration for practitioners and policy makers about counteracting obesity and improving health equity. The report demonstrates the strong link between health inequalities and rising rates of obesity, and how existing measures to tackle the condition might be able to take this into account.

The document contains descriptions of nearly 100 projects running in 28 countries, from the international level to local community initiatives.

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Future Directions for the National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Reports
Institute of Medicine
<http://tinyurl.com/2dxdlcn>

Institute of Medicine (IOM) released a report, [Future Directions for the National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Reports](#), which recommends priority areas, ways to make the inclusion criteria more transparent within the reports, and suggestions to increase understanding of the reports' content and to refocus the scope of the data collected. IOM has provided a [summary](#) of the report and a [report brief](#).

Health Equity and Prevention Primer

Website: <http://www.preventioninstitute.org/tools/focus-area-tools/health-equity-toolkit.html>

Created as part of Prevention Institute's project: Advancing Public Health Advocacy to Eliminate Health Disparities

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Health inequities are more than disparities or differences in health and safety outcomes. Inequity describes unfairness and the systematic nature of disparities. The Health Equity and Prevention Primer (HEPP) serves as a web-based training series for public health practitioners and advocates interested in policy advocacy, community change, and multi-sector engagement to achieve health equity. The Primer helps practitioners integrate a health equity lens into their initiatives in pursuit of overall health and safety.

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[Module 1](#) *Achieving Equity in Health and Safety through Primary Prevention* describes how Primary Prevention is a key strategy for eliminating inequities in health and safety. It provides an overview of Primary Prevention and previews material that will be covered later in the series. *Duration: 14 minutes*

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Socioeconomic disparities in health in the US: what the patterns tell us.

Braveman PA, Cubbin C, Egerter S, Williams DR, Pamuk E. Am J Public Health. 2010 Apr 1;100 Suppl 1:S186-96. Epub 2010 Feb 10.

ABSTRACT

Background. Routine reporting of U.S. data on socioeconomic patterns in health, which can inform policies to reduce disparities, has been limited.

Methods. Using recent nationally-representative data on five child (infant mortality, health status, activity limitation, healthy eating, sedentary adolescents) and six adult (life expectancy, health status, activity limitation, heart disease, diabetes, obesity) health indicators, we examined levels of each indicator across multiple income and/or education categories, overall and within racial/ethnic groups.

Results. The lowest-income and least-educated groups consistently were least healthy, but for most indicators even persons with intermediate income/education levels were less healthy than the wealthiest/most-educated. Gradient patterns were seen often among non-Hispanic blacks and

whites but less consistently among Hispanics.

Conclusions. Health in the United States is often, although not invariably, patterned strongly along socioeconomic as well as racial/ethnic lines, suggesting links between hierarchies of social advantage and health. Worse health among the most socially-disadvantaged argues for policies prioritizing those groups, but pervasive gradient patterns indicate additional need to address a wider socioeconomic

spectrum--which may help garner political support. Routine health reporting in the U.S. should examine socioeconomic and racial/ethnic disparity patterns, jointly and separately.

Solving the Problem of Childhood Obesity Within a Generation

US White House Task Force on Childhood Obesity

Report May 11, 2010

Available online [PDF 124p.] at: <http://bit.ly/8YoxsT>

".....The childhood obesity epidemic in America is a national health crisis. One in every three children (31.7%) ages 2-19 is overweight or obese. The life-threatening consequences of this epidemic create a compelling and critical call for action that cannot be ignored. Obesity is estimated to cause 112,000 deaths per year in the United States, and one third of all children born in the year 2000 are expected to develop diabetes during their lifetime. The current generation may even be on track to have a shorter lifespan than their parents. Along with the effects on our children's health, childhood obesity imposes substantial economic costs. Each year, obese adults incur an estimated \$1,429 more in medical expenses than their normal-weight peers. Overall, medical spending on adults that was attributed to obesity topped approximately \$40 billion in 1998, and by 2008, increased to an estimated \$147 billion. Excess weight is also costly during childhood, estimated at \$3 billion per year in direct medical costs.....

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Uncommon Common Ground: Race and America's Future

Angela Glover Blackwell, Stewart Kwoh, Manuel Pastor,

The authors take deep and critical look at race in America today and propose an agenda that will lead us all to a more equitable nation.

Website

When was the last time you checked out what's happening in your zip code?

<http://bit.ly/axL4Ty>

Others

HHS, Centers For Medicare and Medicaid Services Announces Funding To Enroll Eligible American Indian And Alaska Native Kids In Health Care

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2010pres/04/20100416a.html>

On April 16, the Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced \$10 million in grant funding to health programs operated by the Indian Health Service (IHS), tribes, tribal organizations, and urban Indian groups. Forty-one health programs were given funding to improve outreach to American Indian and Alaska Native communities to increase the enrollment of eligible but uninsured children in Medicaid or CHIP. The Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) of 2009 appropriated these grants specifically for increasing the enrollment and retention of American Indian and Alaska Native children in public health programs. For more details and a list of grantees, [click here](#).

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius Launches Let's Move Cities and Towns

Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius today launched the Let's Move Cities and Towns component of the Let's Move! campaign at the U.S. Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting in Oklahoma City, OK. Addressing an audience of more than 400 mayors and municipal staffs, Secretary Sebelius encouraged local officials to adopt a long-term, sustainable and holistic approach to fight child obesity in their communities.

How Will Community Health Centers Fare Under Health Reform?

The Commonwealth Fund Podcast

A podcast [How Will Community Health Centers Fare Under Health Reform?](#) features interviews

with report authors Michelle M. Doty, Ph.D., and Melinda K. Abrams, M.S., and with Paul Kaye, M.D., chief medical officer of Hudson River HealthCare, which operates a number of health centers in southeastern New York State.

Maryland-College Park Unveils New Center on Health Equity

Last week the University of Maryland, College Park unveiled plans for the Maryland Center on Health Equity, the vision of five new faculty members with the School of Public Health. Drs. Stephen Thomas, Sandra Crouse Quinn, James Butler, Craig Fryer and Mary Garza come from the University of Pittsburgh, and the expertise they bring will expand upon the school's ongoing effort to bring equal opportunities for healthy living to all residents of Prince George's County and throughout Maryland.

Dr. Thomas will serve as the Center's director. "Our challenge and mission is to find new ways to bring the fruits of health care reform to the underserved, poorly served and never served segments of our community," he said. "We're all in this together, and the people in these communities must be fully engaged as equal partners in establishing a new community-based health infrastructure."

The center could serve as a model for other states, because, as Dean Robert S. Gold of the School of Public Health pointed out at the unveiling ceremony, the issue of health equity is not specific to Maryland. "Inequalities of health status in the United States are large, persistent and increasing," he said.

The Center's mission emphasizes the role of community-level research and outreach to reduce health disparities among a highly diverse Maryland population. What is most unique about this center is that its founding members will take positions across three different academic units at the School of Public Health: Health Services Administration, Public and Community Health and Family Science. The Center will also draw from other academic expertise on campus, like engineering, urban planning, sociology, public policy and journalism, making this initiative truly interdisciplinary.

"This center will extend the School of Public Health's commitment to eliminating health disparities among minorities and underserved populations," President C.D. Mote said.

Some of the ongoing initiatives at the School of Public Health addressing health equity issues are:

- [University of Maryland-Prevention Research Center](#), focusing on reducing health disparities in Maryland along the national capital border;
- [City of Seat Pleasant-University of Maryland Health Partnership](#), working to improve the health of Seat Pleasant residents and enhance learning and research for students and faculty of the University of Maryland;
- [Herschel S. Horowitz Health Literacy Center](#), addressing health literacy and its effect on health outcomes and focuses on closing the health disparities gap;
- [Cultural Competency in Healthcare initiative](#), under the direction of Dr. Olivia Carter-Pokras, aggregating cultural competency curricula, information on language services and requirements, self-awareness exercises, key reports on health disparities, interactive web sites to retrieve data and create tables, related courses, as well as other resources;
- [Madiou Williams Center for Global Health Initiatives](#), funded by alumus and Viking's free safety Mr. Madiou Williams, addressing health issues common in both Prince George's County and Sierra Leone; and
- [University of Maryland Summer Training and Research](#), providing traditionally under-represented undergraduate students with research training and career development to enhance their potential to apply for and complete graduate degrees in biomedical and

behavioral science relevant to preventing and treating cardiovascular disease. Read more about the Center on Health Equity [here](#). Watch a video clip from the unveiling ceremony at The Healthy Turtle at <http://sph.umd.edu/news/blog.cfm>.

Tackling Health Inequities Through Public Health Practice -- Theory to Action Second Edition

A Project of the National Association of County & City Health Officials

Edited by Richard Hofrichter and Rajiv Bhatia Oxford University Press, 2010

<http://tinyurl.com/2brqrm>

Social justice has always been a core value driving public health. Today, much of the etiology of avoidable disease is rooted in inequitable social conditions brought on by disparities in wealth and power and reproduced through ongoing forms of oppression, exploitation, and marginalization. Tackling Health Inequities raises questions and provides a starting point for health practitioners ready to reorient public health practice to address the fundamental causes of health inequities. This reorientation involves restructuring the organization, culture and daily work of public health. Tackling Health Inequities is meant to inspire readers to imagine or envision public health practice and their role in ways that question contemporary thinking and assumptions, as emerging trends, social conditions, and policies generate increasing inequities in health.

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Tutorial: Conducting Research with Online Query Tools

Kaiser Family Foundation

In this narrated slide tutorial, Anthony Damico, M.H.S., statistical analyst for the Foundation, provides an overview of useful health policy data sources and explains how to use three online query tools to analyze data. He provides step-by-step instructions on how to use the CDC's Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS); AHRQ's Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS); and USAID's Development's Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) to answer basic questions about health care and health policy. Best practices and guidelines for interpreting and using the data are also discussed.

W.K. Kellogg Foundation

[America Healing initiative](#)

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation recently unveiled the [America Healing initiative](#) -a \$75 million effort to tackle structural racism and promote racial healing. The Kellogg Foundation received a great response to a request for proposals for the America Healing grants and as a result awarded 119

grants. The grantees include community-based organizations that are working to address historic burdens, disparities, and barriers to opportunity among racial and ethnic groups. Their efforts will focus within local communities to increase opportunities for children in education, health, and economic areas.

World Progress in Maternal and Child Health, and the Future Role for the U.S.

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