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

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**Dr. Carlotta Arthur**, Scholars in Health Disparities Program alumna, recently published an article: **Arthur CM**, Hickling FW, Robertson-Hickling H, Haynes-Robinson T, Abel W. "Mad, Sick, Head Nuh Good" : Mental Illness Stigma in Jamaican Communities. *Transcultural Psychiatry*, Volume 47 Issue 2, April 2010. To view the article abstract: [http://www.kellogghealthscholars.org/news/Mad\\_Sick\\_Head\\_Nuh\\_Good\\_abstarct\\_8-5-10.pdf](http://www.kellogghealthscholars.org/news/Mad_Sick_Head_Nuh_Good_abstarct_8-5-10.pdf).

**Dr. Chandra Ford**, Kellogg Health Scholars Program alumna, has a paper that was recently accepted for publication: **Ford CL** and Airhihenbuwa CO. The Public Health Critical Race Methodology: Praxis For Antiracism Research. *Social Science & Medicine* (In Press). As several of you may know, Dr. Ford has been attempting to develop a model that helps public health investigators draw on Critical Race Theory (CRT) as they conduct research on health inequities. This paper introduces the model, which the authors call the Public Health Critical Race praxis (PHCR). Speaking of CRT, Dr. Ford and incoming Kellogg Health Scholar, **Dr. Jay Pearson**, will join Collins Airhihenbuwa and Camara Jones on a panel promoting this theory at an upcoming workshop, sponsored by the Society for the Analysis of African American Public Health Issues, at this year's APHA meeting.

**Dr. Latrice Pichon**, finishing KHSP scholar, has been accepted to the 2-year APA Cyber Mentorship program. The goal is to train junior investigators to develop independent research careers in HIV/AIDS prevention. Dr. Pichon will be able to build from her CBPR experiences in Michigan through this additional mentoring/training.

**Dr. Jessica Ruglis**, Kellogg Health Scholar, recently published an article and a new book chapter:

- **Ruglis, J.** & Freudenberg, N. (2010). Towards a healthy high schools movement: Strategies for mobilizing public health for educational reform. *American Journal of Public Health*; 100(9):1565-1571.

- Fox, M, Mediratta, K, **Ruglis, J**, Stoudt, B, Shah, S & Fine, M. (2010). Critical youth engagement: Participatory action research and organizing. In: Sherrod, Torney-Purta & Flanagan (Eds.). *Handbook of Research and Policy on Civic Engagement in Youth* (pp. 621-649). Hoboken, NJ: Wiley & Sons, Inc.

**Dr. Brian Smedley**, NAC member, has recently been named one of the 14 members of the newly convened Health Equity Leadership Commission, assembled by the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Health Braintrust.

**Dr. Kellee White**, Kellogg Health Scholars Program alumna, recently accepted an Assistant Professor position at the University of South Carolina's School of Public Health.

**Dr. Karen Kim Yeary**, CHSP alum, and her husband are proud parents of a daughter, Madilynn Kim Yeary, born August 6<sup>th</sup>.

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To contribute information, resources or announcements to Kellogg Connection, e-mail [kconnection@cfah.org](mailto:kconnection@cfah.org).

CFAH identifies and disseminates state-of-the-science evidence about the influence of behavioral, social and economic factors on disease and well-being. Its purpose is to support health decision-making by the public and strengthen relationships among researchers and policymakers. CFAH receives unrestricted funding from a number of foundations, principally The Annenberg Foundation, and restricted funding from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. To contact CFAH, e-mail [info@cfah.org](mailto:info@cfah.org), call (202) 387-2829 or visit our web site at [www.cfah.org](http://www.cfah.org).

**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](mailto:mbjones@cfah.org) or [healthscholars@cfah.org](mailto:healthscholars@cfah.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SAVE THE DATE! The 2011 Kellogg Health Scholars Program Annual Meeting will be held on June 1-3, 2011 at the Hotel Palomar in Washington, DC. Details will follow.**

**Special Alert for KHSP Related Meetings! Please email Barbara Krimgold ([bkrimgold@cfah.org](mailto:bkrimgold@cfah.org)) if you will attend any of these meetings and if you would like to be a facilitator for a Kellogg Scholar and Fellow get-together, so we can facilitate a meet-up at these events:**

**(1) Call for Abstracts -- 11th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Health Behavior**

**The Art and Science of Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR): Methods, Measures and Evidence for Health Behavior Change**

**Westin Hilton Head Island Resort and Spa**

**Hilton Head, South Carolina**

**March 20-23, 2011**

**Deadline: October 27, 2010 (11:59 p.m. Eastern)**

**<http://bit.ly/cKT9Xc>**

Please consider submitting an abstract to be peer-reviewed for poster presentation at the 2011 annual meeting. AAHB will accept submissions until October 27, 2010 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time. Non-members are encouraged to submit abstracts. Authors will be notified of the disposition of their submissions by November 22, 2010. For more information about the conference and to submit an abstract, visit <http://bit.ly/cKT9Xc>. If your abstract is accepted, it is expected that you or a co-author will register for the meeting and be present for the session. Conference organizers are particularly interested in abstracts describing original health behavior and health promotion research, although conceptual abstracts are also welcome. They also welcome abstracts that are directly related to the 2011 conference theme (though not required for acceptance); including community-based participatory research and work that addresses issues in minority health and/or health disparities. The Outstanding Research Poster and the Outstanding Student Research Poster will receive recognition, as well as Posters of Distinction. Early career health behavior researchers (i.e., individuals with <5 years post doctoral or other terminal degree) are encouraged to apply for the Judy Black Early Research Award. This prestigious award of the AAHB recognizes early-career health behavior research that is innovative and rigorous, and makes an important contribution to science or practice. If you have any questions about the abstract submission or review process, please contact the Research Review Committee Chair, Dr. Jeff Hallam at 662-915-5140 or at [jhallam@olemiss.edu](mailto:jhallam@olemiss.edu). Funding for this conference was made possible (in part) by 1R13MD005702-01 from the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD). The views expressed in written conference materials or publications and by speakers and moderators do not necessarily reflect the official policies of the Department of Health and Human Services; nor does mention by trade names, commercial practices, or organizations imply endorsement by the U.S. Government. For program information, [click here](#).

**(2) The Society for the Analysis of African American Public Health Issues in conjunction with the American Public Health Association 138th Annual Meeting**

**Denver, CO**

**November 6-10, 2010**

The Society for the Analysis of African American Public Health Issues (SAAPHI) is holding its 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.

**(3) Community-Campus Partnerships for Health**

**CUexpo 2011: Community-University Partnerships: Bringing Global Perspectives to Local Action**

**Waterloo Region**

**Ontario, Canada**

**May 10-12, 2011**

<http://www.cuexpo2011.ca/>

CU Expo, May 10-14, 2011 in Waterloo region, Ontario, Canada, 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. 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.

#### **(4) APHA**

**Denver, CO**

**November 6-10, 2010**

§ Save the date for the CHSP/KHSP Reunion Breakfast on Monday, November 8th, at 6:30a in the Colorado Convention Center--an opportunity to network with scholars and alums.

§ Presenters at APHA: at the KHSP booth (#1826), we provide a handout for others to see which sessions you are presenting at so they can come hear what you are doing now. Please send the following information to Barb Watson to [bjwatson@umich.edu](mailto:bjwatson@umich.edu) for each presentation:

Session Number

Date and Location of the session

Abstract Number and Title

§ See below under CONFERENCES AND EVENTS for Learning Institutes held on Saturday and Sunday on topics relevant to scholars (i.e. translating research to policy; promotion & tenure).

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## **SPOTLIGHT ON KELLOGG SCHOLARS NETWORK**

Meet Kellogg Health Scholar, **Caree Jackson, PhD...**

**Caree Jackson** earned a MS in nutrition in 2004 and a PhD in Foods and Nutrition in 2008 from the University of Georgia and a BS in biology from Howard University. She is also a registered and licensed dietitian. Her research interests include community nutrition, health disparities, and disease prevention. She focuses on demonstrating the effectiveness of using novel approaches such as media and arts programs to promote healthy lifestyle behavior.

As a Kellogg scholar (2008-10), she worked at the Morgan State University in partnership with the Union Baptist Head Start Center in Baltimore to design a culturally appropriate nutrition and physical activity intervention for Head Start children, parents, and staff members called "Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds". The intervention achieved success in (1) piloting a six-week curriculum implemented at two Head Start centers (pre/post design in 4 sites, 22 classrooms) which may become a model program for Head Starts nationally; (2) establishing a relationship with the Baltimore City Head Start Administration, now helping to craft nutrition and fitness policy for all Head Starts in the region; and (3) receiving funding for UBHS to renovate/update an outdoor play space linked to the curriculum - a project receiving national recognition.

This fall, Dr. Jackson begins working for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as an ORISE Research Participation Fellow in the Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity (DNPAO). She will gain experience in the monitoring and evaluation of policy and environmental change approaches for obesity prevention and control, with a particular focus on changes as they relate to child care settings. She will assist in the development of new policy/environment focused indicator reports and briefs related to obesity and help to improve DNPAO's capacity to provide technical assistance and support for designing, implementing, and evaluating setting-specific interventions grounded in policy and environmental change strategies.

Of the contribution that KHSP has made thus far to her career, Caree says, "The Kellogg Health Scholars Program has afforded great opportunities to learn invaluable skills that will assist me in engaging communities in the CBPR process. The mentorship and guidance I received enabled me to be successful in creating a CBPR project that impacted the lives of children and families in the Baltimore City Head Start community. I am undoubtedly prepared for future endeavors and I grateful to be a part of a network of scholars that are committed to changing lives and

impacting communities."

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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](mailto:bmoore@cfah.org)) or Marie Briones-Jones ([mbjones@cfah.org](mailto:mbjones@cfah.org)).

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## FUNDING

### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### New Access Points Opportunity Grant

**Deadline: November 17, 2010**

The Health Resources and Services Administration is currently accepting applications for the New Access Points Opportunity Grant funded under the Affordable Care Act of 2010. The Health Resources and Services Administration is distributing \$250,000,000 to 350 public or nonprofit private entities, including tribal, faith-based, and community-based organizations. The purpose of the New Access Points Opportunity Grant is to establish health service delivery sites to improve the health of the nation's underserved communities and vulnerable populations by assuring access to comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services. The deadline for applying for this grant is November 17, 2010. Announcement details, click [here](#).

### National Institutes of Health

#### Effects of the Social Environment on Health: Measurement, Methods and Mechanisms (R01)

**(RFA-DA-11-003)**

**Letters of Intent Receipt Date(s): December 6, 2010**

**Application Due Date(s): January 6, 2011**

Executive Summary: This FOA, issued as part of the NIH Basic Behavioral and Social Science Opportunity Network (OppNet), solicits Research Project Grant (R01) applications from institutions/organizations that propose to investigate structural, behavioral, sociocultural, environmental,

cognitive, emotional, and/or biological mechanisms through which the social environment affects health outcomes. To address this objective, applicants should propose research studies that will: (1) deepen our understanding of which aspects of social environments affect health outcomes for women and men at different stages of the lifecourse and in different social, economic, geographic, racial and ethnic sub-populations; (2) lead to a clearer understanding of mechanisms through which social environments have such effects; or (3) improve measurement methods and/or contribute to advances in analytic methods used in the study of social environments and health. The NIH will commit approximately \$5 million to this funding initiative in 2011, allowing the support of 8-9 new R01 applications, for a total of approximately \$24 million over the next 5 years. Announcement details at

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-11-003.html>.

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## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

### **Breast Cancer Action, San Francisco, CA**

#### **Executive Director**

\*m/Oppenheimer Associates\* is assisting \*Breast Cancer Action\* in the search for a vocal and visionary \*Executive Director\* with the passion and experience to lead the effort to end the breast cancer epidemic.

Breast Cancer Action was founded in 1990 in San Francisco by a small group of women with breast cancer who were frustrated by the lack of information about the disease and now has an established reputation as the watchdog of the breast cancer movement. Through education, activism and policy work, BCA fearlessly and compassionately communicates the best current knowledge about breast cancer to thousands of women each year who are affected by this epidemic. As a membership organization, BCA encourages people both to ask tough questions and to understand the connections between what they can do personally and what people must do together to create the social changes required to change the course of the epidemic. Aware of the importance of a truly independent voice and resource for people with breast cancer, BCA became the first national breast cancer organization to adopt a policy that it would not accept financial support from pharmaceutical companies or any other corporations that profit from or contribute to the cancer epidemic. In 2002, BCA launched the Think Before You Pink (<http://thinkbeforeyoupink.org/>) campaign which annually asks consumers and businesses to consider critical questions before supporting pink ribbon marketing efforts. BCA is committed to the precautionary principle of public health: First, do no harm. They collaborate with other organizations to encourage the use of environmentally safer alternatives to ways of doing business. BCA also sifts through the stacks of misinformation that circulate about breast cancer and publishes clear, thought-provoking positions that are used to help guide individuals making decisions about their own diagnosis and treatment and to change public policy related to medical and public health practices. BCA's cancer policy perspective is based on the premise that change occurs because people demand it. Cancer Sucks; telling the hard truths about breast cancer and calling for the actions required to change chemical, environmental and social policies that will stop the epidemic are core tenants. The Executive Director's primary responsibilities will be to increase the impact of BCA's mission, programs and activities on a national scale while growing its funding. By coordinating both internal and external efforts in new ways, the ED will promote BCA's actions toward more effective and equitable treatments for breast cancer, and reducing cancer by seeking out the causes and reducing or eliminating exposure to cancer causing agents. As the leader of the watchdog of the breast cancer movement, the Executive Director of BCA plays an important role as the conscience of the movement, challenging mainstream thinking and pushing toward systemic change that improves overall public health. Reporting to the Board of Directors through the Chair of the Board, the Executive Director will provide the overall leadership, strategy and vision for the organization, its programs, policy, projects, and outreach. BCA's current budget is approaching \$1 million and within the last two years the organization has expanded its board to one with national representation.

There is a staff of 9 highly motivated, mission-driven individuals based in San Francisco. The organization values a culture of trust and respect where people feel confident working autonomously and as a team.

The Executive Director will personally provide or coordinate BCA's response to new treatments, drugs, medical devices and policies that impact breast cancer patients; including preparing advisory testimony to the FDA and other agencies regulating treatment of breast cancer.

Additionally, the Executive Director will actively seek out and coordinate staff in seeking opportunities to collaborate with other organizations whose missions and efforts align with BCA's goals. A complete position description is attached and additional information can be found at [www.moppenheim.com](http://www.moppenheim.com) and <http://www.bcaction.org/>. Your suggestions and nominations are most welcome and feel free to distribute this note as you deem appropriate. Please call us at any time. We are always happy to assist our friends and colleagues in the nonprofit community. Nancy Painter, (415) 762-2648 or [nancyp@moppenheim.com](mailto:nancyp@moppenheim.com). Lisa Grossman, (650) 323-3565 or [lisag@moppenheim.com](mailto:lisag@moppenheim.com).

### **Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies**

#### **Bell Fellowship**

**Deadline: December 1, 2010**

The Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies (Pop Center) announces its Call

for Applications for the David E. Bell Fellowship. This is an interdisciplinary, postdoctoral research program that is housed at the Pop Center and attracts qualified researchers from all over the world. Fellows may choose a one or two year fellowship. nfo can also be found on our web site at - <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/centers-institutes/population-development/training/bell-fellowship/index.html> Deadline to apply is December 1, 2010. Contact Laura Price at [lprice@hsph.harvard.edu](mailto:lprice@hsph.harvard.edu) with questions.

**Mayes College of Healthcare Business and Policy at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia**

**Chair, Department of Health Policy and Public Health**

Mayes College of Healthcare Business and Policy at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia seeks

applications for Chair of the Department of Health Policy and Public Health. The Department fosters a rich learning environment for graduate students seeking M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Health Policy as well as a Master's in Public Health. Position: This full-time 12-month position is available immediately and includes eligibility for full University benefits. The successful candidate will be eligible for an appointment at a rank commensurate with qualifications, ideally at the Associate or Full Professor rank. The position reports to the Dean of Mayes College, and will serve on the College leadership team. The Chair will assume responsibility for leading the department academically and professionally. Specifically, the Chair will be responsible for managing department fiscal and human resources; overseeing teaching, research and service activities in health policy and public health; recruiting, mentoring, and retaining a diverse and talented faculty and student population; and contributing to the reputation and overall welfare of the department, College, and University. Qualifications: The candidate should possess a doctorate in health policy, public health, or a related field. The preferred candidate will have 2 or more years experience in academic administration or 3 to 5 years experience as a senior level policy or public health administrator at the local, state or national level. The candidate should have an established record of quality teaching and scholarly activity in health policy, public health, or a related health field as well as a record of successful external funding. Application Process: To be considered for this position, please submit an application electronically that includes your curriculum vitae and a letter of interest that details your management, teaching, and leadership philosophy. The material should be sent in a PDF file with your name and the date as part of the file name to: Dr. Claudia Parvanta, Chair, Health Policy and Public Health Search Committee, Email: [hpchair@usp.edu](mailto:hpchair@usp.edu). Screening for the position will begin immediately and continue until it is filled. For questions regarding the position or the application process, please contact Dr. Parvanta at the above email address. Founded in 1821 as the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, USciences was the first school of pharmacy in the United States with long-standing ties to the pharmaceutical and healthcare industries. USciences is a private independent health sciences university located in the University City section of Philadelphia with 2,500 undergraduate and first professional degree students and 350 graduate students.

**National Institutes of Health**

**NIH Earl Stadtman Investigators**

**Deadline: October 1, 2010**

The National Institutes of Health is pleased to announce a new call for top-tier tenure-track candidates to become NIH Earl Stadtman Investigators. This is an opportunity to explore the limits of your productivity and your independence from preconceived research objectives. Qualifications/eligibility: Candidates must have an M.D., Ph.D., D.D.S./D.M.D., D.V.M, D.O., R.N./Ph.D., or equivalent doctoral degree and have an outstanding record of research accomplishments as evidenced by publications in major peer-reviewed journals. Preference will be given to applicants who are in the early stages of their research careers; only non-tenured applicants will be considered. Candidates in any area of biomedical, translational and behavioral research are invited to apply. Appointees may be U.S. citizens, resident aliens or non-resident aliens with, or eligible to obtain, a valid employment-authorization visa. How to apply: Complete applications must be received by October 1, 2010. Interested applicants must submit a curriculum vitae, a three-page research plan, a one-page description of their vision for their future research and its potential impact, and contact information for three professional references through our online application system at <http://tenuretrack.nih.gov/apply>. Letters of recommendation will be requested automatically when you submit your application. No paper applications will be accepted. More information about the Stadtman Investigator search is at <http://tenuretrack.nih.gov>

### **Partnership for the Homeless, New York City Vice President of Research**

The Partnership for the Homeless (Partnership) seeks an experienced senior researcher to serve as its Vice President of Research. The Vice President of Research is responsible for setting the research agenda for the Partnership, helping build the research department's funding base, and providing leadership to the Partnership's research and program staff. The Vice President of Research will be a key member of the organization's senior management team, and must have significant experience in a variety of social science research methods, a vision for the complementary role of rigorous research with direct program services, an ability to guide and supervise the work of colleagues and interns, the discipline to manage multiple projects simultaneously, and the ability to collaborate with a multi-disciplinary team of practitioners. Applicants should have substantive knowledge of several of the subject areas in which the Partnership works, a demonstrated record of scholarship and publications in peer-reviewed journals, and be excited to engage intellectually on the range of subjects intersecting with the Partnership's work, as well as with the role of research in the practical reform of the multiple systems that often perpetuate homelessness and poverty. Applicants should have the following professional experience and personal qualities:

- A PhD in a relevant field;
- At least five years of experience designing, carrying out, and being the principal researcher on projects
- A record of success winning, managing, and fulfilling government and philanthropic research grants and contracts;
- A record of scholarship and publications in peer-reviewed journals; and
- A commitment to sustaining a diverse and stimulating workplace.

The Partnership for the Homeless is a 27 year old organization that utilizes multi-tiered strategy of combining (i) direct service programs that prevent and end recurrent homelessness, with (ii) strategically focused research that utilizes its programs as learning platforms for the development of best practice models and (iii) public education and advocacy that relies on the organization's programs and research findings as a basis to address the underlying structural issues that are often at the root of today's homelessness. For more information about the Partnership for the Homeless visit [www.partnershipforthehomeless.org](http://www.partnershipforthehomeless.org). Excellent salary/benefits. Interested applicants should send a CV and letter of interest to: Vice President of Human Resources, The Partnership for the Homeless, 305 Seventh Avenue, 13th floor, New York, New York 10001.

### **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars, Harvard University Site Postdoctoral Program**

**Deadline: October 1, 2010**

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has announced its Call for Applications for the next cohort of Health & Society Scholars. Harvard is one of six sites nationally to host this two-year, interdisciplinary postdoctoral training program. Restricted to U.S. citizens. For complete details, visit the Harvard site- <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/centers-institutes/population-development/training/rwjf-health-soceity-scholars-program/index.html> or the RWJF site at <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21001>. Feel free to forward this email to potential candidates. Deadline to apply is October 1, 2010. Contact Laura Price at [lprice@hsph.harvard.edu](mailto:lprice@hsph.harvard.edu) with questions.

### **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Senior Program Officer, Pioneer Portfolio**

**Deadline: September 27, 2010**

We are looking for a Senior Program Officer for our Pioneer Portfolio. Information about the position can be found at <http://www.rwjf.org/about/jobdetail.jsp?id=10162>, the deadline date is September 27th, 2010

A description of the Pioneer Portfolio can found below .

ABOUT PIONEER: The Pioneer Portfolio supports unconventional and future-facing ideas that have the potential to drive dramatic change today and which may shape the future of people's health, the quality of care they receive, and the systems through which that care is provided. Through Pioneer, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has dedicated staff and financial resources to look to the future and to support trends and ideas with the potential for significant

health and social impact. Pioneer looks for innovators whose bold ideas and rigorous approaches move beyond incremental improvements and accelerate the quest for change. Examples of the types of programming found in the Pioneer Portfolio include:

\* Health Prediction Markets-University of Iowa business school professors teamed up with an infectious disease expert to test whether the Iowa Electronic Markets-prediction markets that aggregate information and are best known for predicting election and film box office results-can target where influenza may strike in advance. Pioneer has supported the testing of health prediction markets to forecast the spread first of domestic seasonal and, later, global avian influenza.

\* Games for Health-Digital interactive games can do so much more than entertain; they can help people adopt healthier behaviors and better manage conditions, strengthen public health, improve care delivery and more. Since 2004, Pioneer has supported the Games for Health Project to build this dynamic field and connect health and health care problems with creative solutions emerging from the games industry. And, to build evidence on whether games improve health outcomes and identify design elements that contribute to more effective games, Pioneer launched Health Games Research in 2007.

\* Strengthening Genomic Research-The realm of genomics will enable medicine to be more precise and effective in promoting health and preventing and treating illness. To strengthen the research infrastructure needed to achieve this goal, the Pioneer Portfolio is supporting Kaiser Permanente's Division of Research to develop one of the world's largest and most diverse repositories of genetic, environmental and health data. More information on the Pioneer Portfolio can be found at: <http://www.rwjf.org/pioneer/index.jsp>.

### **The Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Department of Health Evidence and Policy, New York City**

#### **Post-doctoral Position**

The Department of Health Evidence and Policy at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City seeks applications for a Postdoctoral Fellowship. The fellow would have an opportunity to become an integral part of several federally funded community-based participatory research projects and centers related to diabetes and obesity prevention and control. This position offers a unique experience working collaboratively with academics, community members and leaders on research that blends rigorous research with substantive community input and leadership. In addition to conducting research, there will be a focus on using existing knowledge to inform and influence policy and stimulate systems changes. There will also be ample opportunity to publish findings and present at academic conferences. We seek someone with a Ph.D. or terminal degree in health psychology, applied behavioral science, epidemiology or public health, experience with a variety of quantitative research methodologies, and in working on programs related to health policy. Additional requisite academic skills include literature review and synthesis, strong writing skills and the ability to communicate findings to audiences with a wide range of backgrounds. Individuals should have a strong focus on collaborative research and health disparities, and a commitment to working in communities of color. Stipend: up to \$55,000 per year, for two years, plus benefits and subsidized housing in Manhattan. Applicants should submit a current curriculum vita to: Carol Horowitz MD, MPH, Associate Professor, Department of Health Evidence and Policy, Associate Professor, Department of General Internal Medicine, 1425 Madison Avenue, NYC, NY 10029, [Carol.Horowitz@mssm.edu](mailto:Carol.Horowitz@mssm.edu).

### **The Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Department of Health Evidence and Policy, New York City**

#### **11A/12A Program Manager**

General Summary: Communities IMPACT Diabetes Center is a CDC REACH US funded Center aiming to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities among African Americans and Latinos with or at risk of diabetes by enacting systems, environmental and policy level change in East Harlem, New York State, regionally and nationally using community-based participatory approaches. This is a unique opportunity to conduct novel activities to better understand what is needed to eliminate disparities in diabetes, develop community-led interventions that build on local assets, and transform communities in sustainable ways that lead to better health and increased community capacity. The Program Manager for this Center will coordinate efforts of community and academic partners to conduct assessments and interventions to prevent and control diabetes. Essential Job Functions: Managing assessments, overseeing Legacy Grant review



and monitoring process, ensuring compliance with IRB requirements, training and supervising program assistants, project coordinators and field staff, liaison with funding agencies, and acting as the administrative arm of the program; coordinating the various stages of development of the projects; building and maintaining relationships between community representatives, community-based organizations and academics; convening coalition meetings, and writing progress reports.

Educational & Professional Training: MA/MS/MPH/MPA (Required) with at least 4 years post-graduate work experience; PhD would lead to increased leadership and academic opportunities within the Center.

This position requires a theoretical foundation and experience in research methods and strategic planning, from developing a well-defined fully budgeted project to anticipating problems and developing plans to address them during each of the various project phases. Demonstrated ability to communicate with multiple levels of staff and work with a wide range of academic and community-based organizations. Ability to meet deadlines and maintain programmatic and administrative priorities. Experience with community-based participatory research or activities, particularly in African American and Latino communities will be essential. Team-building skills are an important requirement of this position. Please email cover letter, CV, writing sample and salary history to: Rebeca Franco, MPH, Department of Health Evidence and Policy, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, 1 Gustave L. Levy Place, Box 1077, New York, New York 10029, Fax: (212) 423-2998, Email: [impactdiabetes@gmail.com](mailto:impactdiabetes@gmail.com).

### **The University of Georgia, College of Public Health, Department of Health Promotion and Behavior**

#### **Assistant/Associate Professor Position, Tenure Track**

The Department of Health Promotion and Behavior in the College of Public Health at The University of Georgia, invites applications for a tenure-track position at the Assistant or Associate Professor level, depending on qualifications. The appointment is an academic year appointment with an opportunity to supplement salary through external funding. Minimum qualifications are: doctorate in public health, health promotion/education, or health behavior. Experience in acquiring and administering external funding, strong evidence of ability to produce and communicate research, excellence in teaching and working with students, and a commitment to cultural diversity preferred. We are interested in a public health professional, with an established research agenda with a focus in one or more of the following areas: community health, health communication, and/or social determinants of health, with a strong knowledge of research methods in health promotion. Applications will be accepted immediately and the position will remain open until filled. The position is available January, 2011. The University of Georgia is located near coastal areas, the Blue Ridge Mountains, and the City of Atlanta. Send a letter of application indicating your research area and teaching interests, a vita, and a list of four references (name, address, e-mail address, and phone number) to: Chair, Search Committee, Department of Health Promotion and Behavior, College of Public Health, 308 Ramsey Center, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-6522. For more information visit: <http://www.publichealth.uga.edu/hpb>.

### **University of Wisconsin-Madison**

#### **Assistant Professor in Gender and Women's Studies**

The Department of Gender & Women's Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison seeks a scientist or health practitioner to fill a tenure track assistant professor position in Gender and Health. This individual will teach courses on women's health, including a large, interdisciplinary introduction to Gender & Women's Studies-"Women and their Bodies in Health and Disease." Applicants should demonstrate the ability to integrate social, economic or political analyses with biomedical knowledge and must have completed an earned doctorate by summer 2011 in a field such as public health, human biology, biological anthropology, health psychology, community nursing, medicine, or biology education. Possible areas of specialization within gender and health include: health disparities, global health, feminist analyses of health science, reproductive justice, or Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/ Transgender /Queer/Intersex health. Principal duties of the position will include teaching and advising at the undergraduate and graduate degree levels (normally two courses per semester) and conducting scholarly research and performing University and community service as appropriate. Teaching experience is preferred and demonstrated potential for research excellence is required. Salary will be competitive. This position is fully funded through the Department of Gender & Women's Studies but a partial appointment in another unit could be arranged if the candidate desires. The Department of

Gender & Women's Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is an interdisciplinary unit that offers an undergraduate degree and certificate, a Master's degree, and a Ph.D. minor, and administers the LGBT certificate. The mission of the department is to expand understanding and appreciation of gender and women's lives and experiences both historically and in contemporary societies. The department has 15 faculty members and more than 50 faculty affiliates. The University of Wisconsin-Madison campus includes a School of Nursing, School of Medicine and Public Health, and a new transdisciplinary Center for Global Health. Please send (by mail or courier only): a cover letter, CV, transcripts and 3 letters of recommendation to:

Jane Collins, Chair, Gender & Women's Studies, 3321 Sterling Hall, 475 N. Charter St., University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI 53706. We will begin reviewing applications on November 1, 2010. Unless confidentiality is requested in writing, information regarding the names of applicants must be released upon request. Finalists cannot be guaranteed confidentiality. A criminal background check may be required prior to employment. The University of Wisconsin-Madison is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. We promote excellence through diversity and encourage all qualified persons to apply. For further information about the Gender & Women's Studies Department at UW-Madison, see our website: <http://womenstudies.wisc.edu/>.

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## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

### **Call for Reviewers - Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)**

<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/reviewers>

Consider Becoming a HRSA Grant Reviewer! We are looking for doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, nutritionists, medical/health educators, health researchers, psychologists, social workers, health administrators, allied health providers, economists, physician assistants, patient navigators, health facility architects and engineers, and others with experience in health care. Learn more -- read a letter from the Administrator. HRSA needs new and experienced grant reviewers with expertise in

- \* Health professions training
- \* HIV/AIDS
- \* Maternal and child health
- \* Organ transplantation
- \* Primary care for underserved people
- \* Rural health

Grant reviewers help HRSA select the best programs from competitive groups of applicants. Reviewers are chosen for specific grant programs, based on their knowledge, education and experience. Grant review panels are selected to reflect diversity of ethnicity, gender, experience and geography. Reviewers use their expertise to objectively evaluate and score applications against published evaluation criteria. Reviewers gain understanding of the grant-making process while enjoying the opportunity to network with colleagues. HRSA grant reviews usually are held in the Washington, DC metropolitan area and last for 3 to 5 days. Some reviews are conducted via teleconference or field reader reviews (a type of objective review approach where reviewers independently review applications from where they are based, with no group discussion of the applications). HRSA makes all logistical arrangements and pays for travel expenses and other costs. Each reviewer receives an honorarium.

### **Call for Papers - Maternal and Child Health Journal**

**Deadline: September 10, 2010**

We are putting together a supplement for submission to the Maternal and Child Health Journal, devoted to national, regional and state-level analyses of the 2007 National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH). If you are interested in contributing to the articles for this proposed supplement, please contact either Drs. Michael Kogan ([mkogan@hrsa.gov](mailto:mkogan@hrsa.gov)) Reem Ghandour ([rghandour@hrsa.gov](mailto:rghandour@hrsa.gov)) or Ashley Schempf ([aschempf@hrsa.gov](mailto:aschempf@hrsa.gov)). At this point, only a proposed title, authorship list, and up to one page outlining your research are required, however data analysis results are welcome. Please send this information by September 10, 2010. The submissions will be evaluated based on contributions to the literature, soundness of proposed methods, and level of analysis (national, regional, or state). We would also welcome proposals that examine time trends and their determinants between the 2003 and 2007 National Surveys of Children's Health. We will contact you within two weeks if your topic has been selected, and a

schedule for completing the manuscripts will be determined. Sponsored by the Health <http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/> Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Bureau, the 2007 NSCH is the second such survey to be conducted and examines the physical and emotional health of children ages 0-17 years of age. Special emphasis is placed on factors that may relate to well-being of children, including medical homes, family interactions, parental health, school and after-school experiences, and safe neighborhoods. The survey includes data for 91,642 children (about 1,700 per state). The data can be accessed either through: <http://www.nschdata.org/Content/Default.aspx> or <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/slait/nsch.htm>. If you work in a state or local MCH department, the Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Bureau and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are sponsoring a program to assist people with writing manuscripts for publication. If your topic is chosen, and would like assistance in preparing a manuscript on state-level data from this data set, please contact Michael Kogan.

**Call for Nominations - Kellogg Fellows Leadership Alliance (KFLA)  
Matusak Courageous Leadership and Ray Gatchalian Spirit of Leadership Awards  
Deadline: September 15, 2010**

Every two years the KFLA uses its Forum to honor two individuals for their leadership. Through these awards we endeavor to recognize models of courageous leadership, both within our alumni network and the broader communities in which Fellows are active. Nominations for both the "Courageous Leadership Award" and the "Spirit of Leadership Award" are being accepted through September 15, 2010. [Download the forms and nominate someone today!](#)

**Call for Abstracts -- African Regional Conference on Community University Partnerships and Community Based Research**

**Cheikh Anta Diop University**

**Dakar, Senegal**

**March 25-26, 2011,**

**Deadline: September 30, 2010**

The Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar (UCAD) in collaboration with The Community University Partnership Programme (CUPP) at the University of Brighton and the Sub-Saharan Africa Participatory Research Network (REPAS) are organizing a conference on Community University Partnerships. The conference will take place at the UCAD II Conference Center, Cheikh Anta Diop University Dakar in Senegal and will be presided over by the Senegalese Head of State, his Excellency President Abdoulaye Wade. Aim: The purpose of the conference is to bring together students, scholars, civil society organizations and local communities to exchange experiences and practices of community-university partnership activities with a focus on the Africa region. The conference forms part of a joint British Council funded project on Student Community Engagement for Employability and Entrepreneurship with concrete examples from the Africa Region. Themes: Within the broad theme of Community University partnerships we invite traditional academic papers, policy and practice papers and demonstration projects related (although not necessarily limited) to the following settings and sub-themes:

- \* Students participation and involvement in local empowerment programmes;
- \* Implementation of Students Research Projects in local Communities;
- \* Societal impact of student research projects in local communities;
- \* Lessons learnt from student-community interaction;
- \* Adult Education and Development in Africa;
- \* Universities and Development.

Guidelines for abstracts: Presenters are asked to submit a 300-word abstract of their presentation by September 30th 2010. The abstract should also indicate the relation of the presentation to the above themes, as well as the format of the presentation. We particularly encourage joint submissions from academics and community practitioners or from students who have participated in community university activities. Abstracts can be submitted in English or French. Please, send your abstract as a Word attachment including a short bio to: [kane\\_lamine@hotmail.com](mailto:kane_lamine@hotmail.com); subject line: UCAD-CUPP Regional Conference/ Call for Papers Sessions. All sessions will last 90 minutes and will be designated in four

categories:

- \* Workshops
- \* Dramatic presentations
- \* Paper/project presentations

#### \* Roundtables

Workshops - The goal of a participatory, experiential workshop is the involvement of workshop participants in a discussion or other exercise designed to learn, communicate, debate, etc. We encourage workshops that are led jointly by academic and community based colleagues.

Workshop presentations should be limited to the first 30 minutes of the workshop period and proposals should indicate how leaders intend to involve others in discussions or activities.

Dramatic presentations - This category includes a variety of dramatic representations, including theatre, video, poetry, role-playing, music, or a combination of different genres. The session should allow audience participation, be it during the performance (e.g. forum theatre) or after it.

Paper/Project Presentations - These sessions are designed for people to present their research, projects, ideas, accomplishment and failures. It could be a description of a project, a completed research, a study in progress, or a theoretical discussion. Qualifying presentations will be grouped together based on subject, geography or other thematic considerations by the committee. Each session will have 2 presentations of 20 minutes each, with approximately 50 minutes for Q&A and discussion.

Roundtables - Roundtables rely prominently on the ideas of four or five panellists, facilitated by a moderator. Adequate time should be allotted for audience participation and Q&A, but it need not be the primary focus, as in a participatory workshop. Priority will be given to panels that reflect diversity of opinions, backgrounds and geography. Submission of papers: Presenters who would like their papers to be considered for inclusion in a post-conference publication are asked to send their paper before December 30th 2010. Papers should not exceed 3,500 words (excluding references).

All papers will be subjected to an anonymous, full refereeing process before publication. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/aznUOU>

#### **Call for Papers - American Journal of Public Health Science and Policy Issues in Environmental Justice Deadline: October 1, 2010**

The American Journal of Public Health (AJPH) intends to publish a theme issue on the science of environmental justice and health disparities and the policy applications of science to address environmental justice. Papers are invited on the following topic areas: state of the science and knowledge on factors that contribute to environmental injustice and environmental health disparities in minority, low income and tribal populations. We also invite original research papers featuring the contributions of social context to differential environmental exposures in vulnerable populations, community or population group vulnerability to environmental hazards, and risk/health impacts resulting from environmental exposures. Other topics of interest are analytic and decision-making tools and frameworks for incorporating environmental justice into environmental health policy. Case studies of successful incorporation of environmental justice principles in environmental decision making, integrated strategies in research and policy to develop effective interventions, or other promising practices are also invited. All selected authors are encouraged to consider the different categories of manuscripts as indicated on the AJPH website.

All manuscripts will undergo the standard peer review process by the AJPH editors and peer referees as defined by AJPH policy. Manuscripts will be due to the Journal on October 1, 2010, and can be submitted at <http://submit.ajph.org>. For more information about this supplement, please contact the guest editors at [Symposiumpapers@epa.gov](mailto:Symposiumpapers@epa.gov). Guest Editors: Devon Payne-Sturges, DrPH, National Center for Environmental Research, US Environmental Protection Agency; Onyemaechi Nweke, DrPH, Office of Environmental Justice, US Environmental Protection Agency; Irene Dankwa-Mullan, MD MPH, National Institutes of Health, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

#### **Call for Workshops -- 2011 National Farmworker Health Conference Manejo del Crecimiento (Managing Growth): Migrant Health Programs and Partners Delray Beach Marriott, FL May 11-13, 2011**

**Deadline: October 1, 2010**

#### **Submit Workshop Proposal**

Conference Overview: Health care reform will bring many changes to the health care system and will lead the way for a transformation of how health care is delivered in the United States and the territories. Community, migrant, homeless, and public housing programs will be looked upon to expand services for 45 million patients by 2015. This unprecedented growth under

health care reform will require that migrant health programs are aware of the opportunities, the challenges, and the paths to managing growth for their organizations, their patients, and their communities. We at NACHC are planning a 2011 National Farmworker Health Conference that will assist the migrant health community meet those challenges. We invite you to join us in our efforts and submit workshop proposals on the following topics and others that you may find of relevance to the migrant health programs and migrant and seasonal farmworker populations:

Program Specific

Health Care Reform (HCR)

Portability

Funding Opportunities

Shortage designation

Pesticides

Occupational Safety Health Administration (OSHA)

U.S. Department of Agriculture Programs(USDA)

Medicaid/Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)/Medicare

National Advisory Council on Migrant Health

Medical Homes/Accountable Care Organizations

Farmworker (FW) program partners/advocacy

Operations Specific

EHR meaningful use

Planning for growth - successful applications (migrant)

Integrated delivery services

Outreach

Community Health Worker (CHW)/Promotoras

Accreditations

Board

Migrant Health (MH) 101

Clinical

Performance measures

Health Plan

Telehealth

Delivery models

Behavioral/substance abuse

Population Disease management

Submission Deadline: The deadline for the final round in the Call for Workshops for the 2010 National Farmworker Health (Farmworker) Conference is October 1, 2010. Submission Process: To submit your workshop proposal for the 2011 Farmworker Conference, go to [www.NACHCLiveLEARNING.com](http://www.NACHCLiveLEARNING.com) and click, Submit Workshop Proposal. Or, click here. For more information, contact: John Ruiz [jruiz@nachc.com](mailto:jruiz@nachc.com) or Carla Brathwaite [cbrathwaite@nachc.com](mailto:cbrathwaite@nachc.com), or call(301) 347-0400.

#### **CES4Health.info**

##### **Deadline: December 1, 2010**

Do you -- or your faculty, students or community colleagues -- have products from community-based participatory research, service-learning or other community-engaged projects focused on immigrant and refugee health that are in forms other than journal articles? CES4Health.info is an online mechanism for peer-reviewing, publishing and disseminating diverse products of community-engaged scholarship (CES) that are in forms other than journal articles. The results of CES are often disseminated through diverse products that are accessible and useful to community members and policy makers, such as photovoice exhibits, policy briefs, educational videos and podcasts. CES also often leads to the development of tools that can assist others in

implementing or adapting the project in their communities, such as assessment instruments, instructional manuals and patient education materials. For example, a journal article might present data on the effectiveness of a community intervention for increasing cervical cancer screening among Hmong women, but would not provide a detailed description of the intervention, how it could be implemented elsewhere, how to train individuals to deliver it, or how to gain the attention of policy makers who might provide resources to take it to scale state-wide. This sort of information, however, in the form of products such as resource guides, training manuals, educational DVDs and policy reports, is critical to communities that may wish to act upon it. By disseminating an array of products that have been reviewed and deemed to be high quality by community and academic peers, CES4Health.info provides individuals working to improve health in their communities with accessible, useful information that they typically cannot find in journals. The first 20 products published through CES4Health.info - including an educational film about health disparities in post-Katrina New Orleans and an evidence-based online curriculum for developing community-based participatory research partnerships - reflect the depth and breadth of knowledge made possible through community-engaged scholarship. CES4Health.info provides authors with a meaningful measure of impact by tracking how often their product is accessed and how it is used. Authors can note products in the peer-reviewed publications section of their curriculum vitae or resume. The Editor also notifies individuals named by the author (e.g., dean, promotion and tenure committee chair, supervisor) about the publication and the rigor of the peer review process. CES4Health.info is publishing a set of diverse products of community-engaged scholarship in immigrant and refugee health in Spring 2011. Submissions are due December 1, 2010 and involve completing an online application and uploading the product or providing a link to it. Products in English from anywhere in the world will be considered. For questions about product submission or the appropriateness of a product, visit the Author Frequently Asked Questions page at <http://www.ces4health.info/faq/author-faq.aspx> or contact Editor Cathy Jordan at [editor@CES4Health.info](mailto:editor@CES4Health.info). For more information about the development of this unique publication outlet, read the article CES4Health: Development of a Peer-Review Mechanism for Disseminating Innovative Products of Community-Engaged Scholarship appearing in the International Journal of Prevention Practice and Research.

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## CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

### **Community-based Public Health Caucus Learning Institutes at the APHA Meeting Denver, CO**

**November 6-10, 2010**

The Community-based Public Health (CBPH) Caucus is co-sponsoring two Learning Institutes (LI) at the upcoming American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting, being held November 6th to 10th, in Denver, CO.

(1) Shawn Kimmel, PhD, KHSP Alum, is coordinating LI #1007 titled "Building Bridges from CBPR to Collaborative Community Policymaking", which is being held on Saturday afternoon, November 6th. This LI will explore how collaborative community-driven policy design can provide an empowering bridge between research and action. It will also help participants understand how to navigate that bridge by discussing the continuum of community-engaged research and policy advocacy, and the need to structure partnerships in accord with specific kinds of community action/ research objectives, with close attention to the equitable structuring of power relationships. And for academic participants, we encourage you to include and bring with you a community representative.

(2) Community-Campus Partnerships for Health is organizing LI #2011, titled "Supporting Faculty Who Advance Social Justice through Community-Engaged Scholarship", will be offered Sunday morning, November 7th. This LI is designed to provide community-engaged faculty members, post-docs, and graduate students, who are committed to advancing social justice, with tools, tips, and strategies for successful academic careers.

You may find the details for these Learning Institutes and registration via this link:

<http://www.apha.org/programs/education/edannualmtg/LISchedule.htm>.

**Harlem Community & Academic Partnership  
Faces of Urban Health**

**A Forum to Share Community-Based Strategies to Address Health Inequity in Urban Communities**

**New York City, New York**

**October 26, 2010**

**Registration is open and free!**

**TO REGISTER TO THE FACES OF URBAN HEALTH FORUM** Please click on the following link: Faces of Urban Health Forum

Also for up-to-date information on the FACES OF URBAN HEALTH FORUM please visit our blog at: <http://facesofurbanhealth.blogspot.com/>.

**FORUM OVERVIEW:** We invite community residents, advocates, and organizations to the Faces of Urban Health Forum, where we will consider together how to create and sustain community-academic partnerships, how to do rigorous and meaningful research in partnership, and how to design and promote healthier policies - both in our organizations and in our government - based upon research and community values. The old research paradigm used to address health disparities and inequity confined communities to a passive role - the research subject. At the same time, this paradigm limited researchers' ability to see the many factors that influence health in the community. Strengths, ways of knowing, values, policy barriers, were often hidden from view. The development of participatory research, where practitioners and researchers work in collaboration with communities (referred to as Participatory Action Research - PAR; Community-based Participatory Research - CBPR; Community-based Participatory Action Research - CBPAR; and Participatory Learning and Action - PLA) has led to research that directly benefits communities. What is clear is that research and action benefit when community voice is heard. The Forum is open to all community members interested in and practicing forms of action research. The Forum will include interactive workshop and platform sessions to promote the sharing of knowledge, experiences and best practices throughout the United States and globally by and among community partners in the following areas: 1) effective methods in establishing, maintaining and sustaining community-academic partnerships; 2) engagement in all phases of the research process; 3) strategies for effective administration and governance through capacity-building and collaboration among community partners already engaged in community-academic partnerships and 4) successes and challenges in designing, advocating for and implementing community-driven, evidence-based systems-level change (i.e. policy). The forum will take place at the Touro College of Pharmacy, 230 west 125th street in Harlem. The main entrance to the forum is on West 124th Street between Adam Clayton Powell and Frederick Douglass Blvds.

**FORUM OBJECTIVES:** FACES OF URBAN HEALTH will showcase the voices, perspectives, and experiences of community advocates, organizations and residents who participate in urban health and social research activities within a participatory research approach. By bringing together these groups in a highly participatory format, we aim to create a unique space for attendees to exchange, learn from one another, and network on their role in research process. This involves sharing stories, experiences, and enhancing skills and capacities:

- To raise awareness of effective and innovative strategies to develop and sustain community-academic research partnerships ;
- To showcase how diverse community perspectives can contribute to addressing local and global urban health and social concerns;
- To create spaces for participants to develop strategies for action on common issues facing local communities

In addition to this information we would like to let you know that forum registration is open.

Please click on the following link to register for the Faces of Urban Health Forum.

Forum Planning Committee Member Organizations: Harlem Community & Academic Partnership, WE ACT for Environmental Justice, STEPS to End Family Violence, Manhattan HIV/AIDS CARE Network, Touro College of Pharmacy, East and Central Harlem District Public Health Office/NYC DOH, The People's Policy Institute, and the Center for Urban Epidemiological Studies (CUES) of the New York Academy of Medicine.

Faces of Urban Health Sponsors To Date: Touro College of Pharmacy, Community-Campus Partnerships for Health, Center for Multicultural and Community Affairs of Mount Sinai School of Medicine, The People's Policy Institute, Center of Excellence in Disparities Research of Weill Cornell Medical College, CUES/New York Academy of Medicine, Connect 2 Protect New York, Manhattan HIV Care Network, WE ACT for Environmental Justice, STEPS To End Family Violence

Faces of Urban Health Forum is being held in conjunction with the International Conference on Urban Health held at the New York Academy of Medicine which takes place from October 27 -

29, 2010. For more information and to register separately for the ICUH conference, please visit the ICUH conference website at <http://www.nyam.org/icuh2010/>.

**Joint Colloquium of the Cochrane & Campbell Collaborations  
Bringing Evidence-Based Decision-Making to New Heights  
Keystone Resort  
Colorado, USA  
October 18-22, 2010  
Website: <http://bit.ly/bhHdIS>**

The Joint Colloquium is made possible through generous funding provided by: Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality, Department of Veterans Affairs Eastern Colorado Health Care System, University of Colorado School of Medicine, University Physicians Inc, JAMA Evidence & McGraw Hill, Jerry Lee Foundation, University of Colorado Denver Dept Dermatology, Colorado Injury Control Research Center, and Pan American Health Organization PAHO/WHO. Plenary sessions include: using evidence to deal with emergent global issues; presenting evidence effectively to practitioners & consumers; and issues of equity & inclusion of low middle income countries.

**Plenary Speakers:**

Patricia Schroeder (Keynote), Former House of Representatives, US Congress  
Barney Cohen, National Research Council  
Fiona Godlee, Editor-in-Chief, BMJ  
Julia Little, Bryn Mawr College  
Susan Love, Love/Avon Army of Women  
Mary Frances Luce, Duke University  
Joia Mukherjee, Partners in Health  
Eamon Noonan, The Campbell Collaboration  
Zulma Ortiz, UNICEF Argentina  
Prathap Tharyan, South Asian Cochrane Center  
Bob Wachter, University of California, San Francisco  
David Weisburd, Hebrew University and George Mason University  
Ming Ming Zhang, Chinese Cochrane Center

**Joint Program in Survey Methodology (JPSM) Short Courses**

The Joint Program in Survey Methodology offers a variety of short courses. JPSM plans to add short courses to the schedule throughout the coming year. Be sure to bookmark this website so you can review the updated schedule. JPSM offers [Fellowships](#) to qualified registrants from groups traditionally under-represented in the field. [JPSM Sponsors and Affiliates](#) receive special rates. [Please click here](#) to be added to the JPSM notification list.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Call JPSM at 800-937-9320 or email [jpsmshort@isr.umich.edu](mailto:jpsmshort@isr.umich.edu). For Economics courses call 301-314-7911 or email [course@survey.umd.edu](mailto:course@survey.umd.edu).

Online registration and payment by credit card are required. Credit card payments may be done online either at the moment of registration or post registration using the registrant registration number. Credit card payments are due before the start of the course. Check individual course descriptions for specific deadlines. JPSM online registration uses a secure encrypted connection to protect the confidentiality of your registration data. Click here for the [Current Course Schedule](#).

**NASHP Preconference session focuses on Juvenile Justice and Medicare Working Together to Improve Systems of Care For Juvenile Justice-Involved Youth Register today and plan to attend the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) preconference session titled "Working Together to Improve Systems of Care For Juvenile Justice-Involved Youth." The preconference is held during NASHP's 23rd Annual Health Policy Conference, "Implementing Health Reform: When the States Go Marching In," October 4-6, 2010, in New Orleans. This preconference will be held on Monday, October 4 at the New Orleans Marriott.**

Register for this preconference here

During this day-long session participants will have the opportunity to engage in interactive sessions that explore successful models for delivering evidence-based strategies; the role officials and policymakers have in administering these programs in a health reform environment; and promising practices that address the challenges associated with building



state, local, and community-based collaborations. Speakers will include state and national experts working to improve the health and well-being of juvenile justice-involved youth. This preconference session is supported by The John D. and Catherine . MacArthur Foundation.

#### Preliminary Agenda

9:30-10:00 am Registration

10:00-10:15 am Welcome and Introductions

10:15-10:45 am Answering the Call: Making the Case for Multi-System Collaboration

10:45-12 Noon The Quiet Crisis: Girls Health and the Juvenile Justice System

Noon-1:15 pm Break and Lunch

1:15-2:30 pm Innovations in the Delivery of Behavioral Health Services

2:30-2:45 pm Break

2:45-4:00 pm Transitions and Re-entry: Linking Systems to Achieve Better Outcomes

4:00-4:15 pm Wrap-up and Adjourn

Please contact Rachel Dolan at 202-238-3334 if you have any questions about this preconference

[REGISTER HERE](#)

#### **SUNY College at Old Westbury**

##### **Assistant Professor**

The Health and Society program, an undergraduate public health program with a social determinants of health focus, invites applications for a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level beginning Spring, 2011. Candidates able to teach biostatistics or epidemiology strongly preferred. PhD, DrPH or equivalent in public health, sociology, psychology, or other related field required for appointment as an Assistant Professor; ABD considered for initial appointment as an Instructor; salaries competitive. The successful candidate will be committed to teaching, research, and campus life. SUNY College at Old Westbury is a small, diverse public college with a mission of social justice, situated on 604 wooded acres on Long Island, 20 miles from Manhattan. Review of applications will begin immediately; we will be interviewing at the Denver APHA meeting. Send letter of application, CV, three letters of recommendation and a writing sample to: SUNY College at Old Westbury, Office of Human Resources, Search Committee: HS-APHA, P.O. Box 210, Old Westbury, NY 11568-0210. SUNY College at Old Westbury is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer; we especially welcome applications from members of minority groups underrepresented in academe.

#### **The National Center for Farmworker Health Inc.**

##### **20th Annual Midwest Stream Farmworker Health Forum - Farmworker Health: 20 Years of Service and Partnerships**

**Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol**

**Austin, TX**

**November 18-20, 2010**

Please click on the following link <http://www.ncfh.org/?pid=47> to access the Stream Forum page where you can find the registration form for download, along with additional conference details. You can either fax or email it to Ramona Arredondo at: 512-312-2600 or [arredondo@ncfh.org](mailto:arredondo@ncfh.org). Each paid registrant will be provided with a conference program and bag, admittance into all workshops, discussion groups, a Welcome Reception, a Dinner Reception, a daily breakfast, snacks, and beverages. Early Bird Registration Fee \$275. Standard Fee (after Oct. 22nd) \$325. Daily Registration \$200. Take advantage of the group discount. Every 3rd registrant qualifies for a FREE registration with 2 paid registrations. ALL registrations must be from the same organization and ALL registrations must be submitted at once to qualify. Cancellation: If you cannot attend, you may send a substitute. Full refunds will only be provided if cancellation is prior to November 5th. No refunds provided after November 5th. Additional Conference Information: Hotel: Kick up your heels and relax at the beautiful Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol, Austin, TX, and just walking distance from the Capitol and blocks from downtown! For reservations, please call the hotel directly at 1-888-627-8349 and identify yourself as a group member of the "National

Center for Farmworker Health-Midwest Stream Forum" when placing reservations or you can reserve your room online by going to the following link:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/ncfh2010>. Special room rates include: \$129 for single, \$139 for double, \$159 for triple, and \$179 for quadruple occupancy and are valid through

October 22, 2010. Exhibitors: Do you want to promote your organization's newest products and services? Here's your opportunity. Consider being one of many exhibitors in attendance at this year's Midwest Stream Farmworker Health Forum. Interested organizations should contact Josh Shepherd at (512) 312-5463 or by e-mail at [shepherd@ncfh.org](mailto:shepherd@ncfh.org). Sponsorship: We are looking for local and national organizations, companies, and agencies interested in promoting their organization within the migrant health arena to assist us with hosting and supporting different activities throughout the conference. If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Monica Saavedra at (512) 312-5468 or by e-mail at [Saavedra@ncfh.org](mailto:Saavedra@ncfh.org). For additional conference information, including updates, please go to: [www.ncfh.org](http://www.ncfh.org), or contact Monica Saavedra (Conference Coordinator) at [saavedra@ncfh.org](mailto:saavedra@ncfh.org)

**The Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) 2010 Annual Meeting  
Healthy People 2020: Scaling New Heights  
Denver Marriott City Center  
Denver, Colorado  
November 4-6, 2010**

**Register Now! Early Bird Deadline - September 17**

<http://sophe.org/annualmeeting.cfm>

Public health professionals working in disease prevention and health promotion have much to celebrate and still more to discover. At the conclusion of the Healthy People (HP) 2010 decade, we should pause to take stock of our achievements and learn from our challenges. At this conference, plenary speakers and presenters will share progress and discovery in disease prevention and health promotion, discuss goals and expectations for the next decade, and describe innovative strategies for achieving those objectives. Also, you will not want to miss out on all the celebrations as SOPHE concludes its 60th Anniversary year, and launches a new strategic plan for the years ahead!

**CONFERENCE GOALS**

- Celebrate a decade of progress of the contributions of health education and health promotion to achieving the Healthy People 2010 objectives and draw on lessons learned to accelerate progress for the years ahead.
- Sharpen knowledge, attitudes, and skills of health education researchers, practitioners, and students to achieve the emerging Healthy People 2020 objectives at the international, national, state, territorial, tribal, and community levels.
- Foster innovations in health communication and education, science translation, pedagogy, policy, and community interventions across health outcomes and determinants and involving multisectoral, multidisciplinary and participatory approaches.

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## RESOURCES

### Publications

Combining Explicit and Implicit Measures of Racial Discrimination in Health Research

*....the article has just been published, in print, in Am J Public Health*

*it is concerned with measuring and addressing the impact of racial discrimination on health*

Nancy Krieger, Dana Carney, Katie Lancaster, Pamela D. Waterman, Anna Kosheleva, and Mahzarin Banaji, Am J Public Health. 2010;100:1485-1492. doi:10.2105/AJPH.2009.159517)

Objectives. To improve measurement of discrimination for health research, we sought to address the concern that explicit self-reports of racial discrimination may not capture unconscious cognition.

Methods. We used 2 assessment tools in our Web-based study: a new application of the Implicit Association Test, a computer-based reaction-time test that measures the strength of association between an individual's self or group and being a victim or perpetrator of racial discrimination, and a validated explicit self-report measure of racial discrimination.

Results. Among the 442 US-born non-Hispanic Black participants, the explicit and implicit measures, as hypothesized, were weakly correlated and tended to be independently associated with risk of hypertension among persons with less than a college degree. Adjustments for both measures eliminated the significantly greater risk for Blacks than for Whites (odds ratio = 1.4), reducing it to 1.1 (95% confidence interval = 0.7, 1.7).

Conclusions. Our results suggest that the scientific rigor of research on racism and health will be improved by investigating how both unconscious and conscious mental awareness of having

experienced discrimination matter for somatic and mental health.

### Communicating research for evidence-based policymaking

A practical guide for researchers in socio-economic sciences and humanities

Available online PDF [60p.] at: <http://bit.ly/cySORw>

Directorate-General for Research, Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities EUR 24230 EN  
Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union, 2010

"...identified the key priorities for deepening communication and strengthening the transfer of knowledge and experience between research and policymaking...This publication is designed to offer an easy-to-read guide which identifies the most important stages in the development of a dynamic communication strategy and which will ensure that the projects funded under the Framework Programmes make a real difference in enabling policymakers to respond to the significant challenges we face. Divided into three parts - *Concept, Policy Briefs and Practical Means* - this guide is intended to help exploit research concepts into genuine policy action....."

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Healthy People 2020: An Opportunity to Address Societal Determinants of Health in the US

The attached document Healthy People 2020: An Opportunity to Address Societal Determinants of Health in the US was just formally adopted by the Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2020 (see <http://www.healthypeople.gov/hp2020/advisory/>)

### Pathways Magazine - Summer 2010

***A magazine on poverty, inequality, and social policy***

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Trends

- [Little Labor: How Union Decline Is Changing the American Landscape](#)  
*Unions have been in decline for decades. Jake Rosenfeld details the shocking extent of this decline and its inequality-increasing effects*

#### Research in Brief

- [New research developments](#)  
*The surprisingly beneficial effects of teenage motherhood; an unlikely source for the increasingly positive views of gays and lesbians; the mental health of kids who "shoot for the stars"; and other cutting-edge research.*

#### Is This Executive Paid Too Much? New Ideas for Reforming Executive Pay

- [Tackling the Managerial Power Problem: The Key to Improving Executive Compensation](#)  
Lucian A. Bebchuk and Jesse M. Fried argue that executive pay exceeds its fair market level and that stockholders can rein it in only if their power is increased.
- [What's Right, What's Wrong, and What's Fixable: A Dispassionate Look at Executive Compensation](#)  
Alex Edmans and Xavier Gabaix suggest that increasing executive pay mainly reflects the real value of executives. But they also advocate for reforms that would induce executives to attend more to long-term profits and value.
- [A Remedy Worse than the Disease: Why Higher Taxes are Better than Pay Caps](#)  
Robert H. Frank concludes that even if the dramatic increase in pay can be explained by simple market dynamics, it is still corrosive to American society and should be addressed by taxing excessive pay.

#### Interventions

- [Spotlight On...Homeboy Industries](#)  
Erin Cumberworth talks with Father Gregory Boyle, head of Homeboy Industries, about his much lauded gang intervention program - and its recent troubles. Will this venerable program be another casualty of the recession?
- [Crisis No More: The Success of Obama's Stimulus Program](#)  
Critics have recently argued that the U.S. stimulus failed to turn back the recession. Gary Burtless lays out what the stimulus has and has not accomplished.
- [Paying for Good Behavior: Does New York City's Experiment with Conditional Cash Transfers Offer Lessons for the Safety Net in the United States?](#)  
It is unpopular to argue that the poor should be paid to engage in positive behaviors, but Gordon Berlin and James Riccio show how this radical strategy just might be working in New York City.

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#### [Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010: Advancing Health Equity for Racially and Ethnically Diverse Populations](#)

Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies

[http://www.jointcenter.org/hpi/sites/all/files/PatientProtection\\_PREP\\_0.pdf](http://www.jointcenter.org/hpi/sites/all/files/PatientProtection_PREP_0.pdf)

The new health care reform law establishes a strong foundation for eliminating persistent racial disparities in the U.S. health system, but more needs to be done to expand opportunities for good health for all, according to a report released today by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies and the National Health Policy Training Alliance for Communities of Color. The report, *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010: Advancing Health Equity for Racially and Ethnically Diverse Populations*, identifies areas where the new law may significantly improve health and health care access and quality and reduce health inequities, as well as areas where more work is needed to fully eliminate inequities.

In it, the authors, Dr. Dennis Andrulis of the Texas Health Institute (THI) and an Associate Professor at the University of Texas School of Public Health, Nadia Siddiqui of THI, Jonathan Purtle of Drexel University School of Public Health, and Dr. Lisa Duchon of Health Management Associates, said the new law "has the potential to seed, promote and guide diversity initiatives in this country for decades to come."

In earlier reports, the Joint Center has pointed to racial and ethnic health inequities that are present in the form of higher rates of infant mortality, disease and disability, and premature mortality among some racial and ethnic minorities relative to national averages. A large and growing body of scientific research demonstrates that the causes of these inequities are linked to differences in socioeconomic status, environmental risks and exposures, occupational exposures, health behaviors, and access to health care.

This new report analyzes the health reform law for its potential to address these inequities. It examines both the general provisions of the law such as health insurance expansions and

reforms, as well as equity-specific provisions, such as efforts to improve federal health data collection and improve both the diversity, cultural and linguistic competence of the health workforce. "The breadth of the health care reform law offers an unprecedented opportunity to reduce racial and ethnic inequities. However, its depth is still uncertain," said Dr. Andrulis. "With additional specificity and appropriations, the law will make enormous strides to improve timely access to high-quality health care, free from barriers related to culture, language, income and geography. The law will also go a long way toward ensuring that many populations receive culturally-appropriate health information, and that practitioners will receive appropriate training to address the needs of diverse populations. These and related provisions in the law are central and essential for promoting health equity." The report also pointed to provisions in the law that will increase the nation's focus on and investment in health promotion and disease prevention. This includes both clinical preventive services, as well as community-based primary prevention to ensure that all communities are conducive to good health. Dr. Brian Smedley, Vice President and Director of the Joint Center Health Policy Institute, cautioned that the strengths of the new health reform law will not by themselves reduce racial inequities. "Going forward, policymakers will have to make the reduction of health inequities a top priority in the implementation and administration of the new law, because doing so is essential to achieving its stated goals of expanding insurance coverage, improving the quality of health care, and reducing the costs of care," he said. "This report identifies issues that will be important for eliminating health inequities as the health reform law is implemented, and highlights questions and directions for future legislation and policy," said Ralph B. Everett, President and CEO of the Joint Center. The report is available at the Joint Center's website at [www.jointcenter.org/hpi](http://www.jointcenter.org/hpi).

#### [Social Determinants of Health and Health Disparities: An Approach to Message Translation](#)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Issue Brief

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation published an issue brief called Breaking through on the [Social Determinants of Health and Health Disparities: An Approach to Message Translation](#) that explores the challenge of conveying the importance of social determinants to leaders. This publication provides ways to translate the wide-ranging, highly specific, and technical information about social determinants and health disparities into language that will resonate with a diverse group of leaders.

#### **SUPPORT Tools for evidence-informed health Policymaking (STP)**

**Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services - Oslo, Norway**

**Editors Andrew D Oxman, John N Lavis, Simon Lewin, Atle Fretheim**

**Report from Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services**

**(Nasjonalt kunnskapssenter for helsetjenesten) No 4-2010. ISBN 978-82-8121-334-0 ISSN 1890-1298**

**Available online PDF file [283p.] at: <http://bit.ly/95XQyo>**

".....Knowing how to find and use research evidence can help policymakers and those who support them to do their jobs better and more efficiently. Each chapter presents a proposed tool that can be used by those involved in finding and using research evidence to support evidence-informed health policymaking.

The book addresses four broad areas:

1. Supporting evidence-informed policymaking
2. Identifying needs for research evidence in relation to three steps in policymaking processes, namely problem clarification, options framing, implementation planning
3. Finding and assessing both systematic reviews and other types of evidence to inform these steps, and
4. Going from research evidence to decisions.

Each chapter begins with between one and three typical scenarios relating to the topic. These scenarios are designed to help readers decide on the level of detail relevant to them when applying the tools described. Most chapters are structured using a set of questions that guide readers through the proposed tools and show how to undertake activities to support evidence-informed policymaking efficiently and effectively. These activities include, for example, using research evidence to clarify problems, assessing the applicability of the findings of a systematic review about the effects of options selected to address problems, organising and using policy dialogues to support evidence-informed policymaking, and planning policy monitoring and evaluation. In several chapters, the set of questions presented offers more general guidance on how to support evidence-informed policymaking. Additional information resources are listed and described in every chapter. The evaluation of ways to support evidence-informed health

policymaking is a developing field This book is based on a series of articles published in Health Research Policy and Systems, 2009; 7:Supplement 1, [www.health-policy-systems.com/supplements/7/S1](http://www.health-policy-systems.com/supplements/7/S1)....."

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SUPPORT structured summaries of systematic reviews:

URL: <http://www.support-collaboration.org/>

One reason for slow progress in achieving the maternal and child health Millennium Development Goals in low and middle-income countries is the difficulty policymakers and others have in accessing high quality information about potentially effective interventions to improve maternal and child health, and interventions to improve health systems.

The SUPPORT Collaboration is searching global databases for **systematic reviews** of maternal and child health interventions, and of ways to effectively organise, finance and govern the delivery of effective interventions. To make this information more accessible to policymakers and other stakeholders we are preparing structured summaries of relevant reviews.

We have taken the following steps to ensure the relevance, quality and usefulness of SUPPORT Summaries:

- We conduct extensive searches for systematic reviews that examine the effects of interventions on maternal and child health, and health systems.
- Once an eligible review is identified, we assess its quality using a modified version of a previously validated checklist.
- **We judge the quality of evidence for the main comparisons in each included review using the internationally recognised **GRADE system**.**
- Based on our assessment of the quality of the review and the quality of evidence for the main comparisons, we prepare structured summaries of the main findings of each review.

Each summary begins with the key messages derived from the findings of the review and our assessment, and includes

- Key background information needed to understand the findings
- A summary of what the review authors searched for and found
- A detailed summary of the main findings of the review including our assessment of

the quality of evidence for those findings

- Our assessment of the relevance of the review to low and middle-income countries, including
  - the applicability of the evidence to low and middle-income countries,
  - potential impacts on equity,
  - economic considerations, and
  - the need for monitoring and evaluation.
- References for additional information

<http://www.kunnskapssenteret.no/Publikasjoner/8879.cms>

#### Websites

##### Indigenous Farmworker Study

[www.indigenousfarmworkers.org](http://www.indigenousfarmworkers.org)

A team led by Rick Mines and Sandra Nichols recently spent over two years conducting research for The Indigenous Farmworker Study (IFS). The IFS is a state-wide study of Mexican indigenous immigrants working in California agriculture. It was funded by The California Endowment and undertaken in collaboration with California Rural Legal Assistance. The Full Report detailing study findings is available at [www.indigenousfarmworkers.org](http://www.indigenousfarmworkers.org)

In addition to the Report itself, the website features:

- Short videos of six different indigenous language speakers (with subtitles in English and Spanish).
- Photographs taken by David Bacon in California, and by members of our team in Mexico.
- Interactive maps, with information on the indigenous presence in California's agricultural regions as well as the location of nearly 500 different sending localities in Mexico
- Highlights from the Report, including many charts and graphs
- Information about the IFS and the research team
- A Spanish version of the website

The site is still a work-in-progress and we will be adding additional photographs and content in the weeks and months ahead.

##### Kaiser Family Foundation

Statehealthfacts.org

Statehealthfacts.org has recently added new and updated data on [Medicaid & CHIP](#), [Medicare](#), [Health Coverage & Uninsured](#), [Health Costs & Budgets](#), [Health Insurance & Managed Care](#), [Providers & Service Use](#), [Health Status](#), and [Demographics & the Economy](#). You can also view a list of all [recent updates](#).

##### **American Public Health Association**

###### **Online *Public Health Buyer's Guide***

The American Public Health Association is pleased to announce that we are about to launch the first year of the online *Public Health Buyer's Guide* in partnership with MultiView, Inc., an Irving, TX, publisher of Digital Buyer's Guides and E-News Briefs. This online vendor search is designed specifically for the benefit of public health professionals. The vendor search is easily accessible from a link on the APHA home page [www.apha.org](http://www.apha.org). Within the *Public Health Buyer's Guide*, public health professionals will be able to easily locate products and services unique to our industry without the unrelated clutter of a general Internet search engine. Users have the option of performing keyword-driven searches or a category-specific search. Both methods produce the most industry-relevant results on the Web, saving you valuable time and money. The *Guide* includes Request for Information (RFI) functionality. This tool allows users to contact participating suppliers for information or quotes with a click of their mouse. Additionally, the *Guide* features a *Product Showcase* section that provides one of the best ways to learn about both new products in the industry and fantastic promotions!

##### **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Webinar**

###### **[A New Way to Talk about the Social Determinants of Health](#)**

<http://www.rwjf.org/pr/product.jsp?id=66428>

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation released a webinar titled [A New Way to Talk about the Social Determinants of Health](#). The webinar focuses on developing messaging to push the issue of health disparities forward without alienating groups or individuals

## **Others**

- 2009 SMART BRFSS Data and Prevalence Tables and 2009 BRFSS MAPS Now Available  
The CDC's Division of Behavioral Surveillance in the Public Health Surveillance Program Office (PHSPO), Office of Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services (OSEL), is pleased to announce the joint release of the 2009 SMART BRFSS data and prevalence tables and the BRFSS Maps. SMART BRFSS (Selected Metropolitan/Micropolitan Area Risk Trends from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System) began with the analysis of data from the 2002 BRFSS. It now includes data from 2002 through 2009, with prevalence estimates for more than 200 metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas (MMSAs), as well as many counties within those areas. As with the past data, the Web site includes the data sets and prevalence tables for MMSAs and counties, as well as pre-set Quick View charts which compare county, MMSA, and state data for seven select risk factors in an easy-to-print PDF format. There are seven additional MMSAs with data available for 2009, including Evansville, IN-KY; Fort Wayne, IN; Gallup, NM; Heber, UT; Lawrence, KS; Manhattan, KS; and Pascagoula, MS. BRFSS Maps is a system that allows users to visualize the prevalence estimates, making them more accessible to a variety of audiences. Users can choose to map the entire country, or to zoom in on a region or state, including the MMSAs within that area. Users can also download GIS data files. The SMART BRFSS data and prevalence tables are located at <http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/brfss-smart/index.asp>. The BRFSS Maps are located at <http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/gisbrfss/default.aspx>.

## **Congresswoman Christensen Convenes Health Equity Leadership Commission**

(Washington, DC - August 16) -- Congresswoman Donna Christensen convened the inaugural meeting of the Health Equity Leadership Commission this morning - a new Commission assembled by the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Health Braintrust, with members that have substantive expertise in one or more areas of public health, health policy and health equity. "Our purpose is to ensure that the provisions that serve to eliminate health disparities and foster health equity are implemented to the fullest extent," said Congresswoman Christensen. "We were also pleased to have the participation of Majority Whip James Clyburn at our inaugural meeting," she said. The Health Equity Leadership Commission was established not only to ensure that pertinent health care reform information is communicated to those in and serving racial and ethnic minority communities, but also to monitor and serve as an expert resource on health equity and health disparity elimination to the Obama Administration and to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as the various provisions in PPACA are planned, announced, implemented and evaluated. "While the enactment of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) marked a historic day in this nation; a day that very few believed would ever occur, the real work of ensuring that meaningful health care reform is achieved is only beginning," noted Congresswoman Christensen. "This is particularly true of the numerous health equity provisions that are included in the new law."

Congresswoman Christensen chairs the new Commission which includes:

Mr. Daniel Dawes, Premiere Inc.

Dr. Willarda Edwards, Past President, National Medical Association

Ms. Millicent Gorham, National Black Nurses Association, Inc.

Atty. Peter Hiebert, Winston and Strawn, LLP

Dr. Marjorie Innocent, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.

Dr. Tom LaVeist, Professor and Director, Center for Health Disparities Solutions at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; William C. and Nancy F. Richardson Professor in Health Policy

Mr. Bruce Lesley, First Focus

Ms. Myla Moss, National Dental Education Association

Mr. Chris Porter, NovoNordisk

Dr. Brian Smedley, the Health Policy Institute at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies

Ms. Makani Themba-Nixon, The Praxis Project

Ms. Britt Weinstock, Office of Congresswoman Donna Christensen

Ms. Fredette West, Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Coalition

Ms. Mara Youdelman, National Health Law Program

"Myriad provisions in PPACA offer the potential for all of us who have been on the front lines of



health disparity elimination to take our collective efforts and their positive impact further upstream in a manner that will finally curb some of the disastrous health disparity trends that we see reported each year in and among racial and ethnic minority communities and populations across the nation and in the U.S. Territories," observed Congresswoman Christensen. "However, if they are not implemented, implemented poorly, or inadequately funded, then the promise of health equity in health care reform will never become a reality." Congresswoman Christensen, a physician who represents the U.S. Virgin Islands in Congress, said: "I am humbled and excited that the nation's premiere health equity experts have accepted my invitation to serve on this Commission, and I look forward to working with this Commission, Secretary Sebelius and the Obama Administration to ensure that we leverage every opportunity under health care reform to eliminate health disparities and achieve health equity." Congresswoman Christensen and her health policy advisor Britt Weinstock will meet with the Governor deJongh's Health Care Implementation Task Force later this month.

### **NIH seeks to break new ground in reducing health disparities**

The National Institutes of Health today launched a multidisciplinary network of experts who will explore new approaches to understanding the origins of health disparities, or differences in the burden of disease among population groups. Using state-of-the-science conceptual and computational models, the network's goal is to identify important areas where interventions or policy changes could have the greatest impact in eliminating health disparities. The Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR), part of NIH, is contracting with the University of Michigan's School of Public Health, Ann Arbor, to establish the Network on Inequality, Complexity, and Health (NICH). Comprised of scientists with expertise across disciplines, including economics, biology, ecology, computer science, education, sociology, mathematics and epidemiology, NICH will be the first network to apply systems science approaches to the study of health inequities. Systems science methods enable investigators to examine the dynamic interrelationships of variables at multiple levels of analysis (e.g., from cells to society) simultaneously. They also study the impact on the behavior of the system as a whole over time. For example, factors such as access to health care, neighborhood environment, educational opportunities, physiology and genetics all may interact over the course of a person's life to influence risk for diseases like diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Besides exploring hypothesized causes of health inequalities, these simulations may reveal unexpected causes, and help researchers predict better which interventions have the most potential for reducing or eliminating health disparities. The computational models function as computer-simulated laboratories in which to probe the causes of health disparities, as well as their solutions. "NICH brings together scientists from many different disciplines to create a new conceptual approach for examining the behavioral, social and biological factors which interact to cause inequalities in health," said Deborah H. Olster, Ph.D., acting director of OBSSR. Led by chair and principal investigator George A. Kaplan, Ph.D., at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, NICH's primary goal is to catalyze groundbreaking research on health disparities and population health using systems science methods. NICH will foster areas of health disparities research that are receptive to using a systems science approach. "Much of the health disparities research conducted to date took place within single disciplines, and therefore could not comprehensively approach the multitude of factors that are involved. NICH will fundamentally change this approach by embracing perspectives from the biological to the societal, while employing cutting-edge simulation methods from computer science," Kaplan said.

The network will foster collaborative research, which builds bridges between disciplines interested in health disparities and complex systems research. NICH will produce reports and publications, including possible books or special journal issues, on the collaborative work of network members and other experts. Publications will focus on breaking new ground by illustrating, explaining, promoting and translating the application of complex systems approaches to critical health disparities areas that require transdisciplinary development. For more information on NICH please visit

[http://obssr.od.nih.gov/scientific\\_areas/social\\_culture\\_factors\\_in\\_health/health\\_disparities/index.aspx#NICH](http://obssr.od.nih.gov/scientific_areas/social_culture_factors_in_health/health_disparities/index.aspx#NICH)>.

The Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) opened officially on July 1, 1995. The U.S. Congress established the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) in the Office of the Director, NIH, in recognition of the key role that behavioral and social factors often play in illness and health. The OBSSR mission is to stimulate behavioral and social sciences research throughout NIH and to integrate these areas of research more fully into others of the NIH health research enterprise thereby improving our

understanding, treatment, and prevention of disease. For more information, please visit <http://obssr.od.nih.gov>. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) -- The Nation's Medical Research Agency -- includes 27 Institutes and Centers and is a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is the primary federal agency for conducting and supporting basic, clinical and translational medical research, and it investigates the causes, treatments, and cures for both common and rare diseases. For more information about NIH and its programs, visit [www.nih.gov](http://www.nih.gov).

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