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## SOUNDING BOARD

### Congratulations Kellogg Scholars and Fellows

**Dr. Betty Izumi**, Kellogg Health Scholar, has moved to Portland, Oregon! Dr. Izumi will continue her work with the Kellogg Health Scholars Program until March when she starts her new position as assistant professor of community health at Portland State University.

**Dr. Denae King**, Scholars in Health Disparities Program alumna, and **Dr. Patricia Miranda**, Kellogg Health Scholar, recently published: **King DW, Miranda PY, Gor B, Fuchs-Young, R, Chilton, J, Hajek, R, Torres-Vigil, I, Hernandez-Valero, M, Snipes, SA, Jones, LH.** Addressing cancer health disparities using a global biopsychosocial approach. *Cancer*. 2010;116: 264-269. Visit the issue online, <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/123246664/issue>.

**Dr. Ilana Mittman**, Kellogg Fellows in Health Policy Research Program alumna, co-authored with Dr. Louis W. Sullivan an article just released by *Academic Medicine*: Sullivan LW and **IS Mittman**. The State of Diversity in the Health Professions a Century After Flexner. *Academic Medicine*, Volume 85: 246-253, February 2010. To obtain an abstract or copy of the paper, visit <http://tinyurl.com/yzb88nw>.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Progress in Community Health Partnerships (PCHP) and the Community Health Scholars Program (CHSP)...** The latest issue of Progress in Community Health Partnerships (PCHP) features work of the Community Health Scholars Program (CHSP). PCHP is a Pubmed-indexed peer-reviewed journal of community-based participatory research (CBPR). Between 1998 and 2007, CHSP, a two-year postdoctoral program, trained future faculty at schools of public health and other academic and government/policy positions with skills in and career commitment to community-academic partnering and CBPR. In 2006, CHSP joined with the Scholars in Health Disparities Program and became the Kellogg Health Scholars Program, a two-year postdoctoral fellowship that prepares scholars in research on the social determinants of health, academic-community partnering, CBPR and application of research to strengthen advocacy and achieve policy change. This special issue of PCHP highlights the history and research of CHSP and includes articles by KHSP alumni. See below for table of contents - for more information, visit <http://bit.ly/8wMtVH>.

\*CCPH members receive a 20% discount on subscriptions to PCHP. For details, visit <http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/books.html>. Not yet a member? Join today at <http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/members.html>.

Interested in publishing and disseminating CBPR findings and products? Register today for the CCPH pre-conference workshop, "Publishing and Disseminating Products of Community-Engaged Scholarship," May 12 in Portland, OR. Featured speakers include PCHP deputy editor Darius Tandon and CES4Health.info editor Cathy Jordan. Details at: <http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/conf10-preconf.html#Publishing>.

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**Save the Date! 10<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration of Equidad listserve**, cosponsored by PAHO and the Kellogg Fellows in Health Policy Research, will be held on **February 24**, in Washington, DC. Details to follow.

**Save the Date! The 2010 Kellogg Health Scholars Program Annual Meeting** will be held **June 9 through June 11** in Washington, DC. Details to follow.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON KELLOGG SCHOLARS NETWORK

Meet Kellogg Fellows in Health Policy Research Program alumnus **Carl V. Hill, Ph.D...**

Dr. Carl V. Hill is a Health Scientist Administrator with the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development's (NICHD) Division of Special Populations. After graduating from Morehouse College, Carl was a part of the inaugural class of the Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) Program at Morehouse School of Medicine. After the M.P.H., he joined the first class of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Public Health Prevention Service (PHPS). While a Prevention Specialist, Dr. Hill compiled and analyzed data from the CDC's 1997 national Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), helped to establish the Center for Bioethics in Research and Healthcare at Tuskegee University in Alabama, and coordinated a local version of the YRBS in Harris County, Texas. He completed the PHPS program, worked for a year with CDC's National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention, and subsequently matriculated to the University of Michigan's (UM) School of Public Health for doctoral study. At UM, Dr. Hill served as a research

fellow with the Center for Research on Ethnicity, Culture and Health (CRECH) and the University of Michigan's Institute of Social Research Program for Research on Black Americans. His dissertation research focused on the influence of ethnicity, stress, and coping on Black Men's health. During this time, Dr. Hill also served as a founding member of the Black Young Professionals' Public Health Network. After completing the requirements for the Ph.D., He went on to work as a health research scientist with NIH's National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD).

In his current role with NICHD, Dr. Hill provides oversight for extramural funding programs that 1) enhance infrastructure among domestic and international institutions for the conduct of health disparities research and 2) encourage effective community engagement activities for the eventual conduct of CBPR. He also serves as the chairperson for the NIH Special Populations Research Forum, which provides an opportunity for staff from various NIH Institutes and Centers to share best practices and challenges in serving the needs of special populations through training activities and health disparities research. Dr. Hill has been recognized for his service by receiving the DHHS Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service for his efforts while with CDC, an NIH Director's Award for work with NCMHD and merit awards from both CDC and NICHD.

Dr. Hill credits the W.K. Kellogg Fellows in Health Policy Research Program with providing access to a powerful network of colleagues that are committed to serving populations that deserve our immediate public health research, practice and policy development. While engaging the Kellogg network, he has received inspiration from colleagues and mentors about career trajectories and has been influenced by spirited debate around identifying important populations for public health study.

Dr. Hill is currently passionate about understanding, addressing and improving the health and development of U.S. Black men, a priority health disparities population.

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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 Archived Workshops page in the members-only section of the KHSP website at

<http://www.kellogghealthscholars.org/members/login.cfm>. For login and passcode information, please contact Brandon Moore at [bmoore@cfah.org](mailto:bmoore@cfah.org) or call (202) 387-2829.

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### FUNDING

#### National Institutes of Health

#### Science of Behavior Change: Finding Mechanisms of Change in the Laboratory and the Field (R01)

(RFA-RM-10-002)

Letters of Intent Deadline Date: March 29, 2010

**NOTE: On-time submission requires that applications be successfully submitted to Grants.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. local time (of the applicant institution/organization).**

Application Deadline Date: April 26, 2010

Purpose: This FOA solicits Research Project Grant (R01) applications that will improve understanding of the basic mechanisms of behavior change by bridging work in the laboratory and the field. This understanding will advance several goals, including: the identification of the optimal targets and timepoints in the lifecourse for intervention; the identification of common mechanisms of change related to either multiple or bundled health behaviors; the ability to tailor interventions to particular at-risk individuals or groups; the application of novel technologies for behavioral assessment and change; and the identification of individuals or groups most likely to benefit from specific interventions. This initiative seeks to establish the groundwork for a unified science of

behavior change, capitalizing on emerging basic science to accelerate investigation of common mechanisms that play a role in initiating or maintaining behavior change and are applicable across a broad range of health-related behaviors. Approaches from behavioral economics; the social, behavioral, cognitive and affective neurosciences; neuroeconomics; behavior genetics and genomics; and systems science are specifically encouraged. By focusing basic research on the mechanisms of behavior change, and by integrating work across laboratory and field contexts, this initiative should transform the efficacy, effectiveness, and cost efficiency of behavior change interventions.

Examples provided in the FOA include:

- \* Research on the mechanisms whereby health behaviors spread through social networks and within cultural groups.
- \* Research on social and contextual mechanisms related to health disparities in health behavior acquisition, prevention, change, and maintenance.
- \* Research on mechanisms underlying preferences for activities that have immediate benefits and costs rather than future health benefits, including research on how such preferences for inter-temporal trade-offs are formed, and the impact of exogenous and endogenous contextual factors
- \* Research on the processes by which decisions are or are not translated to actions.

A few things to note: This RFA is a trans-NIH RFA and falls under NIH roadmap

<http://nihroadmap.nih.gov/>. Therefore, all NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) are participating. The FOA will be administered by the National Institute on Aging (NIA) on behalf of all ICs. This is an RFA (Request for Applications), therefore, there is money set aside for this initiative from the Common Fund, <http://commonfund.nih.gov/> Note that while \$4M is set aside, ICs \*can\* contribute additional funds from their own budgets to fund worthy projects. There will be a special review -- a Special Emphasis Panel or SEP will be convened to review applications received under this RFA). Non-domestic (non-U.S.) Entities (Foreign Organizations) are eligible to apply, but note special requirements in the announcement. Announcement details at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-10-002.html>

#### **National Poverty Center**

#### **Request for Applications: Analyzing Poverty and Socioeconomic Trends Using the American Community Survey (ACS) Workshop**

**Deadline: February 26, 2010 at 5 PM Eastern Time**

The NPC invites applications for participants in a four-day workshop to train in the use of micro-data from the Census Bureau's annual American Community Survey (ACS) to understand social and economic issues affecting low-income populations and carry out their own analyses. [Learn more...](#)  
<<http://npc.umich.edu/news/events/summer10/index.php>>

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

#### **Active Living Research**

**Deadline: April 14, 2010, 1:00 p.m. PT**

Active Living Research has released a call for proposals (CFP) focused on supporting research to inform policy and environmental strategies for increasing physical activity among children and adolescents, decreasing their sedentary behaviors and preventing obesity. This CFP consists of grant opportunities for specified research topics and dissertation awards. It also includes funding opportunities for New Connections grants made available through the Active Living Research program. New Connections grants through Active Living Research are for new investigators who have been historically disadvantaged or underrepresented in research activities. All proposals must be submitted through the RWJF Grantmaking Online system. The full proposal submission deadline is April 14, 2010, 1:00 p.m. PT.

To view the CFP and to link to the RWJF Grantmaking Online system, go to <http://bit.ly/9jFIBW>.

Here you can also register for an optional conference call to ask questions about this CFP. Active Living Research will host two applicant teleconferences for potential applicants: February 22, 2010 (12 noon PT) and March 23, 2010 (12 noon PT). Active Living Research will also host one applicant teleconference for potential New Connections applicants on March 1, 2010 (12 noon PT). Free registration is required. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Debbie Lou, Ph.D., Program Analyst, Active Living Research -- A National Program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, at Ph: (619) 260-6336 or [dlou@projects.sdsu.edu](mailto:dlou@projects.sdsu.edu).

#### **Call for Proposals - The Praxis Project**

#### **Communities Creating Healthy Environments (CCHE)**

**Deadline: February 25, 2010**

<http://salsa.democracynaction.org/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=IF2xc2l8Z%2B%2F3NpnSUwiOSQSKY53VgVAG>

Communities Creating Healthy Environments is a grant initiative funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to support community organizing and policy advocacy to increase access to healthy food and safe places to play in communities of color. CCHE will provide funding and technical assistance for up to ten local community organizing groups and indigenous nations with grants of up to \$250,000 over three years. Youth led organizing groups in communities of color are

strongly encouraged to apply. As the program embarks on its second year, we are looking to continue to expand the investments to create healthy vibrant communities. This past year ten dynamic groups across the country were awarded with the grants. The groups are developing cutting edge, culturally competent and comprehensive approaches to ensure just and equitable access to healthy food and safe places for recreation. What kind of organizations should consider applying for CCHE funds?

- Local organizations working in communities of color whose leadership and makeup reflects the populations they serve.
- Groups with a successful track record of at least two years in community organizing and policy advocacy work to address health-related problems in communities of color.
- Tribal governmental agencies engaged in health policy.

Examples of health-related policy advocacy for local communities include: land use regulation such as zoning limitations that prevent the increased availability and access to healthy food choices; before-and-after school programs that improve access to recreation and increase physical activity levels; increasing access to translation in health care and social services; laws to extend Medicaid eligibility are solid examples on policy advocacy for local communities.

For more information on the Call for Proposals or to become a part of CCHE please visit us at [www.ccheonline.org](http://www.ccheonline.org) or <http://salsa.democracynaction.org/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=9dLw66vejzABdoPK3xrvtgSKY53VgVAG>

where you can download the Call for Proposals, sign up for information sessions and learn about the current CCHE communities! Communities Creating Healthy Environments is a National Program Office of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation under the leadership of The Praxis Project. The Praxis Project is a national, nonprofit organization that builds partnerships with local groups to influence policymaking that addresses the underlying, systemic causes of community problems. For more information on Praxis and our other initiatives, please visit us on the web at [www.thepraxisproject.org](http://www.thepraxisproject.org)

<<http://salsa.democracynaction.org/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=ZExnSGzOjld71sWhRlqo9wSKY53VgVAG>>. For more information on other funding initiatives of the Robert Wood Johnson

Foundation and its goal of reversing the childhood obesity epidemic by 2015, please visit them on the web at [www.rwjf.org](http://www.rwjf.org). <<http://salsa.democracynaction.org/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=Y9ra7UdOQdtYuyw9i4fthASKY53VgVAG>>

#### **The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston**

##### **Director, WHO/PAHO Collaborating Center for Training in International Health**

The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB) is recruiting a leader with international experience to serve as Director for its WHO/PAHO Collaborating Center for Training in International Health (CTIH). The Center is part of an expanding network on the UTMB campus and throughout the UT System focused on advancing global health training, research, and professional service. Faculty rank and tenure status for the position will be commensurate with experience. Applicants must have a doctoral degree. M.D. or D.O. applicants must be board certified or board eligible in a primary care discipline and eligible for a Texas medical license. Applicants must also have experience in international health and in educating medical students or residents. Established in 1987, the Center promotes and provides education and training in the fields of global health to medical, nursing, and other health professions students and practitioners. Through its activities the Center develops and nurtures cooperative relationships with academic institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean to support development of the human resources needed for improving health in the Americas. The CTIH is the only WHO center worldwide specifically designated for training in international health. It is one of three WHO/PAHO collaborating centers at UTMB, the others being the Center for Tropical Diseases and the Center for Aging and Health. The Director will be responsible for international health training across the UTMB medical, nursing, health professions, and graduate schools, including oversight of: curriculum development; field experiences for clinical and research electives; mentoring for students, residents, and fellows; collaborations between UTMB and partner institutions, especially in the Americas; and campus participation in the UT System strategic development plan for global health. The CTIH Director also co-directs the Global Health Track in the School of Medicine. Job responsibilities will include 50% time for Center activities and 50% time for other activities in the School of Medicine, which may include patient or clinical care, research, and/or teaching. Preferred qualifications include: an MPH degree; at least three years of international experience; experience teaching and mentoring medical and other health professions students; project management and administrative experience, including experience with international collaborations; and Spanish language skills. The position is open and will remain open until filled. Applications received by Feb. 19, 2010, will receive full consideration. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest with focused descriptions of their international experience and career goals in global health, along with their curriculum vitae and contact information for three professional references. Send the requested information to Laura Rudkin, Ph.D., Search Committee Chair at [lrudkin@utmb.edu](mailto:lrudkin@utmb.edu). Please also apply online at <http://www.utmb.edu/hcm/>. Job Opening ID# 20280. Applicants should upload their CV when applying online and do not need to complete the Education and Work Experience sections of the online application.

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## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

### **Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF)**

#### **Research & Data Manager (30 hours/week, 0.8 FTE)**

**Deadline: February 21, 2010**

<http://www.apiahf.org/jobs>

APIAHF's Research Program is seeking to increase the capacity to conduct more data and research throughout the U.S. and U.S. affiliated jurisdictions, particularly for Asian American, Native Hawaiian and

Pacific Islander (AA and NHPI) populations. APIAHF advocates for greater recognition, inclusion and engagement of AAs and NHPs on policies, programs, and research that are critical to the health and well-being of these diverse and vibrant communities. The Research and Data Manager, under the direction of the Senior Research Associate, will be principally responsible for managing data collection, data management, and analysis across projects that focus on AA&NHPI populations. Duties of this position include, but are not limited to, development and implementation of research/evaluation, management and analysis of data from APIAHF projects including management/monitoring of data, data collection and entry, database cleaning, and reporting. Graduate degree in health related field or equivalent experience in health, behavioral science or related fields required; Doctoral Degree in biostatistics, epidemiology or related fields preferred.

### **Bipartisan Policy Center, Washington, DC**

#### **Director of Health Policy**

<http://www.bipartisanpolicy.org/about/jobs/director-health-policy>

The Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC) is a non-profit organization that was established in 2007 by former Senate Majority Leaders Howard Baker, Tom Daschle, Bob Dole and George Mitchell to develop and promote solutions that can attract public support and political momentum in order to achieve real progress. The BPC is currently seeking a Director of Health Policy, who will oversee the Leaders' Project on the State of American Health Care. Building on the Project's successful work on health care reform, the Director will conceptualize and implement the next phase of the Project by defining a policy agenda that addresses key issues in the nation's health care system. General Duties and Responsibilities: The successful candidate will have significant managerial and organizational skills, possess a strong understanding of health care policy, and have both a research and legislative background. Additionally, the position requires strong knowledge of, and extensive personal interaction with, national political organizations, foundations, interest groups, media, and the academic and think tank community. The Director will manage all aspects of the Leaders' Project on the State of American Health Care, including, but not limited to:

- Defining a dynamic policy agenda that addresses key issues in the nation's health care system, such as health reform implementation oversight, mental health, and long-term care
- Overseeing both in-house and contracted research initiatives to advance the Project's policy agenda
- Conducting outreach with policymakers
- Conceptualizing and organizing successful public policy events in conjunction with the BPC's administrative staff and outside vendors to highlight the Project's work
- Working with the Vice President for Development to secure additional resources for the Project
- Developing and managing the Project's annual budget and strategic workplan
- Collaborating with Vice President of Communications to develop content for the BPC's website, blog, eNewsletter and social networking sites that demonstrates Project activities, goals, and successes

#### Qualifications:

- Five to ten years relevant work experience
- Advanced degree in public policy or public administration; concentration in health care policy or health care economics preferred
- Willingness and ability to take initiative, including identifying and developing relevant policy ideas
- Excellent research and writing skills; previous experience writing and producing issue briefs, reports and other substantive documents required
- Demonstrated success working with task-forces or other consensus-based groups and experience moving ideas from conceptual stages to completion
- Ability to manage multiple tasks; plan, organize, and communicate effectively; work with little direct supervision; excellent oral and written communication skills; ability to travel and work in a team environment

The BPC offers a highly competitive salary and provides generous benefits. Individuals interested in this position should send resume, cover letter and two writing samples to [jobs@bipartisanpolicy.org](mailto:jobs@bipartisanpolicy.org).

### California Newsreel

#### Director of Outreach: "American Birthright"

The Project: California Newsreel is seeking a Director of Outreach for its American Birthright project, a path-breaking documentary film and on-line multi-media learning and resource center focused on the social determinants of early childhood development. Recent brain development research reveals the critical role of the early childhood environment in shaping cognitive, psychological and physical health outcomes through the life course. A safe, secure and stimulating "social ecology" provides the cornerstone for individual well-being and a more prosperous and equitable society. The American Birthright initiative will produce and disseminate a range of media tools which make this eco-social, equity and population-based conceptual framework, cutting-edge neurological research, innovative best practices, and consequent public policy recommendations readily accessible to policymakers, providers, educators, community leaders, advocates and the general public. American Birthright is being designed in close collaboration with leading scholars and national organizations focused on early childhood development and health equity. California Newsreel has received funding from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control to conduct an environmental scan and needs assessment of the field. This needs assessment will shape an array of media resources that can increase the effectiveness of advocates of local, state and national policy agendas that can make a nurturing childhood ecology the birthright of every American child.

Responsibilities: This is a challenging job. The Outreach Director's responsibilities

will potentially extend over all phases and aspects of this multi-year project. \* The initial task will be to implement and summarize the environmental scan and needs assessment of the child development field

now underway using survey instruments and one-on-one interviews. This needs assessment will enable us to prioritize an ensemble of multi-media learning modules for use in existing educational, service, organizing and advocacy programs and initiatives. \* As an integral part of this process, the Director of Outreach will recruit potential outreach partners into a vital, web-based American Birthright public engagement network which will inform the production and eventually use, promote and disseminate the project's resources. \* During the production phase, the Director of Outreach will vet moving image and print content for its utility to outreach partners. This process will include convening work-in-progress screenings at professional conferences and "product testing" with carefully selected focus groups.

\* Concurrently, the Director of Outreach will continue to build the outreach network through conference presentations, social media, an e-newsletter and by beginning to create and edit content for the

preliminary American Birthright web site and Learning Center. \* Once a critical mass of content is cleared for inclusion in the Learning Center, the Director of Outreach will coordinate the work of Newsreel's public engagement team, the project's outreach partners and other major stakeholder organizations to integrate American Birthright content as transparently as possible into their programmatic activities. \* This work will include arranging screenings and exhibits at the major conferences of the child development field, presenting and conducting professional development seminars at some of these events, convening webinars, writing promotional copy, and driving traffic to the Learning Center site while dispersing content to other appropriate sites. \* The Outreach Director will report directly to the American Birthright Project Executive Producer, a Co-Director of California Newsreel.

Requirements: A successful candidate for the position of Director of Outreach will meet most of the following criteria: \* Three years, full-time working experience in one or more of the following fields: children's or social justice advocacy or organizing;

science or social science research; children's or public health; higher education; or communications campaigns and media project management. \* Demonstrable knowledge of the latest developments in health equity, early child development research and policy advocacy, and familiarity with the organizations working in the field. \* Demonstrated project management ability coordinating complex systems with multiple partners and organizations. Able to identify, prioritize and coordinate tasks as part of a larger, fluid workflow. \* Demonstrated ability to research, design and implement an educational outreach and engagement campaign with emphasis on the use of multi-media, the web and social media with multiple partners. \* Ability to communicate easily and effectively with world-class scholars, health and social service professionals, foundation program officers and children's, and racial justice and community-based leaders and advocates. \* Ability to convene and lead workshops and address professional

audiences. \* Advanced skill in expository writing including reports, educational materials, proposals and promotional copy. Listening, abstracting and summarizing information are key (writing samples required with application; an assignment will be given to selected candidates). \* Comfortable working in a small, informal office environment where a premium is placed on individual initiative, self-direction and

accountability. \* Facility with Microsoft Office suite in a Windows environment. Some facility with Salesforce, Survey Monkey, data management software, Adobe Creative suite (particularly for web implementation) a plus. \* Commitment to racial and economic justice. Compensation: The Director of Outreach will initially be engaged for a six-month period covering the research and development phases of the project. A decision will then be made whether he or she is a match for managing the

continuing outreach phases as well, also contingent upon further funding. Compensation will be based on experience and competitive with that of management positions at comparable smaller non-profits.

California Newsreel offers flexible working hours. Salaried employees are expected, however to maintain a consistent weekly schedule for forty hours of on-site work. Generous benefit package includes medical

coverage and employer-funded pension plans. California Newsreel American Birthright is a project of California Newsreel, the nation's oldest non-profit documentary production and distribution center.

Founded in 1968 as part of the Anti-War and Civil Rights Movements, Newsreel has released hundreds of documentaries on a variety of social justice themes. In 2008, Newsreel produced and released a four-hour, public television series, DVD and companion website, Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick? which was supported by major foundations, received several prestigious awards and continues to be used widely around the nation. American Birthright flows from the insights and expertise gained from Unnatural Causes. For more information on Newsreel's current work, please visit

[www.newsreel.org](http://www.newsreel.org) and [www.unnaturalcauses.org](http://www.unnaturalcauses.org). To Apply: Applicants should submit a cover letter stating interest, general qualifications and availability; a current resume; two substantive writing samples, and the addresses of any websites or on-line content they have produced to: [contact@newsreel.org](mailto:contact@newsreel.org). Write: "AB Job" in the Subject line. Please, no telephone inquiries.

California Newsreel is an enthusiastic equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. The position will begin as soon as a suitable applicant has been found.

### **City College/Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education**

#### **Associate Medical Professor**

The Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education offers a seven year integrated curriculum leading to the Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine degrees. Founded in 1973 and located at the City College of New York campus, the School's mission is to expand access to medical careers for underrepresented minorities and economically disadvantaged inner city youth and to encourage and prepare students to provide primary care in medically underserved communities of New York. The Department is responsible for delivering curriculum in epidemiology, community assessment, health policy, patient-doctor interactions in primary care, and evidence-based medicine.

Responsibilities: This faculty member will provide instruction to Departmental course offerings as appropriate to content area; collaborate with Department faculty in developing extramurally funded research in areas consistent with the mission of the Department, including primary care health services research, health disparities and population health. Qualifications: Candidates must have a doctoral degree in public health, health psychology, or related social science field with post-doctoral training. The successful candidate will have a record of scholarship relevant to Department priorities, funded research, and experience in and a demonstrated commitment to teaching. Strong methodologic skills in quantitative or qualitative research are required and background in psychometrics is of particular interest. Candidate should evidence an orientation to teambuilding and a commitment to the School's mission.

Salary and Benefits: Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Competitive benefit package. To Apply: Send a Curriculum Vitae, a supporting letter identifying research and teaching experience, and a list of three references to:

Nancy Sohler, PhD, MPH  
Chair, Search Committee  
c/o Karen Adamo Henry  
Department of Community Health and Social Medicine  
The Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education  
160 Convent Avenue, Harris Room 404B  
New York, NY 10031

### **City University of New York, Brooklyn College**

#### **Assistant, Associate or Full Professor Tenure Track Position**

Position:

<http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/bc/offices/personnel/jobs/titles/desc/faculty/faculty%2010/childrensstudies1945.htm>

Children's Studies Program: <http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/pub/departments/childrenstudies/>

Title: Child Welfare Policy, Department: Children's Studies Program, Department To Be Determined  
Responsibilities: The interdisciplinary Children's Studies Program and Center invites applications for a tenure track rank open position beginning in September 2010. The successful candidate will teach courses in the Program as well as children and youth centered courses in his or her discipline. It is expected that the candidate's research can be coordinated with the mission of the Children's Studies Program to study the experience of outcomes for children and youth of the New York Child Welfare System along with its relationship to such other city and state agencies as are concerned with education, juvenile/criminal justice, mental and physical health. It is the intention of the

Children's Studies Program and Center to spearhead interdisciplinary accountability research, utilizing the latest research methods, for the analysis of policy issues central to the well being and rights of New York's children and young people. Since the state and city-focused New York Child Welfare systems do not exist in isolation from federal legislative and fiscal realities, the successful candidate also needs to be familiar with such contexts. This position provides the opportunity of breaking new ground in urban child policy research.

**Qualification:** A Ph.D. or the equivalent in a relevant discipline such as anthropology, fiscal economics and the public sector, public health, history, public policy analysis, psychology, social work, and sociology. Record of teaching experience and scholarly productivity, the latter evidenced by publications and funded grant applications. Also desirable are: familiarity with policy and evaluation research in the child welfare sector; the ability to work collaboratively with diverse communities of researchers, practitioners, public policy makers and private sponsors; management ability, including experience in project development, fundraising and budgeting. The selected candidate should be familiar with relevant major ongoing child research in the social sciences. **Salary:** Competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. Please send curriculum vitae, copies of representative publications, evidence of teaching proficiency, and three letters of recommendation to:

Michael T. Hewitt  
Assistant Vice President for  
Human Resource Services  
2900 Bedford Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11210-2889

### **Global Health Corps**

#### **2010-2011 Global Health Corps Fellowships**

For all of the young professionals on this list, or anybody who works with budding global health students, Global Health Corps ([www.ghcorps.org](http://www.ghcorps.org)) is a fellowship organization in health that works to mobilize a global community of emerging leaders to advance a movement for health equity. We recruit talented young professionals from around the world, train and support them, place them in year-long positions with great organizations, and then empower this growing community of young leaders to build lives dedicated to tackling health inequalities. We are in our first year, and have 22 fellows working in Rwanda, Tanzania, Malawi, and US with groups like Partners In Health and the Clinton Foundation. We're expanding for our second class, for which\*applications open February 1st. GHC is an exciting opportunity for leaders who want to work in social justice and health because the organization is predicated on the conviction that healthcare is a social justice issue, and to address these complex inequities, we need a new generation of powerful and dynamic leaders. Everybody, with all skills and backgrounds, can make an impact in global health. Everybody is welcome to apply. Forward widely if you know anybody who would be excited about this opportunity! If you are a professor, we'd also love to get recommendations about talented students or young professionals you think would be a good fit! To apply: <http://apply.ghcorps.org/>.

### **Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, University of Washington**

#### **Post Graduate Fellowship**

Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington with an announcement that we are now accepting applications for our Post-Graduate Fellowship program fall 2010 cohort. The Post-Graduate Fellowship is an intensive training program that provides opportunities both for self-directed research and interdisciplinary collaboration in health metrics. Strong candidates for this program have graduate-level training in quantitative methodology from one of the following areas: health policy, economics, mathematics, computer science, statistics, biostatistics, epidemiology, health services, demography, engineering, physics, medical sciences, or other related fields. The Post-Graduate Fellowship (PGF) combines academic research, education and training, and professional work with progressive, on-the-job training and mentoring from an illustrious group of professors and researchers.

The purpose of the fellowship is to:

- Enhance skills in conducting in-depth, methodological research on a variety of global health topics with mentoring from faculty and researchers who are the leading minds in their fields.
- Advance knowledge of quantitative analytical methodologies and their application to global health.
- Develop understanding of the current global health landscape and its challenges.
- Strengthen the ability to design and implement research projects and mentor junior researchers.
- Prepare fellows for future positions in academia, national health agencies, international organizations, and foundations.

The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation is a new organization at the University of Washington. Its mission is to monitor global health conditions and health systems as well as to evaluate interventions, initiatives, and reforms. It uses cutting-edge techniques to tackle some of the most difficult and critical questions in global health and find answers that will become the foundation

for better policies and, ultimately, better health. IHME fellows work in one or two of six IHME focus areas:

- Generating systematic estimates of health outcomes, including mortality, causes of death, and the overall burden of disease.
- Measuring the coverage of specific health interventions and estimating the quality of care.
- Tracking, measuring, and analyzing donated funding for health and how it affects national government health spending.
- Estimating the costs and effectiveness of health service delivery platforms and interventions.
- Conducting impact evaluations of policies, interventions, and programs and assessing health system performance.
- Developing survey instruments and creating analytical tools to harness the value of data from national and international health information systems and from locally available sources.

Fellows receive training through on-the-job research, methods workshops, access to University of Washington courses, and on-site lectures and seminars. Fellows contribute directly to IHME's research agenda through their involvement in work groups, development of new methods, and managing and driving research projects to meet deliverables. Post-Graduate Fellowships are appointed at IHME for one year, with the possibility of renewal for a second year upon mutual agreement. The salary is \$50,000. As University of Washington employees, fellows are eligible for an insurance benefits package that includes a choice among several medical and dental insurance plans, life insurance, and long-term disability. Please note that there is no retirement package included with this appointment.

#### Eligibility

To be considered for a Post-Graduate Fellowship, candidates must have the following:

- A PhD or MD
- A strong quantitative background
- Advanced research experience, especially with data analysis and statistical methods.

#### Application requirements

Applications for the IHME Post-Graduate Fellowship are due **February 15** and must include:

1. A cover letter that includes:
  - Your full contact information (address, phone number, and email).
  - The name, affiliation, and full contact information of three references.
  - Which of IHME's areas of work you are most interested in.
  - How you learned about the program.
2. Your curriculum vitae or resume.
3. A personal statement describing your interest in IHME and your professional and academic interests and objectives. Personal statements should be between 750 and 1,000 words.
4. Three sealed letters of recommendation.
5. The educational transcript from your highest degree attained. If your transcripts are not in English, please also provide a listing of all coursework with grade and credit hour information.
6. An English reprint of your most significant publication or research paper.
7. Proof of proficiency in English for candidates whose native language is not English. Candidates who have completed a degree wholly in English can provide a copy of their degree. All other candidates should send a copy of their scores on an approved English language test, specifically:

\* The Princeton Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): For the paper-based test, minimum overall score of 600, including a minimum score of 5.0 in the test of written English; for the computer-based test, minimum overall score of 250, including a minimum score of 5.0 in the test of written English; for the Internet-based test, a minimum overall score of 100, including a minimum score of 24 in the test of written English.

\* The British Council International English Language Testing System (IELTS): A minimum score of 7.0 overall, including a minimum score of 7.0 in the written component.

#### How to submit your application

Applications can be mailed to:

Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation  
University of Washington  
Attention: PGF Program  
2301 Fifth Ave., Suite 600  
Seattle, WA 98121, USA

CVs/resumes and personal statements may be emailed to [pgf@healthmetricsandevaluation.org](mailto:pgf@healthmetricsandevaluation.org)

More information about the PGF program and the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation can be found at: <http://www.healthmetricsandevaluation.org>

#### **LanguageMate, New York City Director of Research and Development**

Company: LanguageMate is a leader in the development of language solutions in the field of healthcare. As a recipient of over a dozen NIH innovation research grants, the company is working

to transform the delivery of healthcare informatics to underserved communities. Enabling healthcare providers to communicate with linguistically and culturally diverse patients in a competent and sensitive manner is at the core of our mission. Our team consists of experts in linguistics, anthropology, cross-cultural communication, and health education as well as professionals in information technology, interaction design, and multimedia production. By providing language solutions, we strive to facilitate communication between patients and their service providers by transcending the boundaries of language, culture, and geography. **Position Description:** LanguageMate seeks a candidate to serve as the lead in research, data management and interpretation, and product development. The candidate should be familiar with SBIR grant processes and requirements. In addition to imparting expertise; the candidate would serve as a coach and a role model who facilitates an environment that encourages creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, and effective utilization of available resources. **Main responsibilities include:**

- Lead the effort, to formulate, implement and manage the Company's research strategies, commercialization plans, and objectives outlined in the company's mission as well as awarded grants.
- Lead research and product development departments by identifying and managing objectives, timelines, and strategy.
- Effectively develop and manage relationships with external partners.
- Develop and maintain effective quality assurance metrics in line with standards as defined by company and accepted SOPs, and protocols.
- Drive accountability, consistency, quality, standardization and discipline across all stages of research and development.
- Help sustain a profitable, stable, and growth oriented business, consistent with delivering the utmost quality of scientific and technological output.
- Effectively collaborate with executive, technical, and marketing teams.
- Recruit and develop a diverse, professional, qualified staff.

**Basic Qualifications:** Applicants must have an advanced degree, with a minimum ten years of related

experience. Applicants must have a broad knowledge of multiple fields, including but not limited to;

- Previous project management experience; clear understanding of project set-up, recruiting, familiarity working with an expanded team i.e. separate departments, executive board, consultants, etc.

- Extensive research experience - preferably having served as a Principal Investigator.
- Demonstrated technical and quantitative analytic experience.
- Ability to manage and grow a multi-discipline staff.
- Strong interest in and sensitivity to language, cultural issues, and/or immigrant rights.
- Interest and experience in public health.
- Solid knowledge universal roadblocks in the delivery of health care i.e. Fragmentation of care, culturally incompetent treatment, lack of patient education, etc

**Desired/Preferred Qualifications:**

- Experience within research & development or start-up companies.
- Senior-level (director) experience in a large corporate (even matrix) environment.
- Formal project management training.
- Recent experience with organizational or change management implementation
- SBIR grant familiarity - preferably having served as a Principal Investigator

**Compensation:** Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience. The company offers excellent health insurance, 401(k), pre-tax transit benefits, and education benefits.

**How to Apply:** All applications should be forwarded to [jobs@languagemate.com](mailto:jobs@languagemate.com). Applicants should include: a cover letter that includes detailed; descriptions of research, clinical, and administrative experience as well as a statement of interest; and links to/copies of publications.

Please include "Director of Research and Development" in the subject field. No phone calls, please. LanguageMate

102 West 38th Street, 5th Floor

New York, NY 10018

E-mail: <<mailto:language.employment@gmail.com>>[jobs@languagemate.com](mailto:jobs@languagemate.com)

<http://www.languagemate.com/aboutus/index.php>

**Occidental College, Urban & Environmental Policy Program  
Assistant Professor**

**Deadline: April 1, 2010**

Occidental College invites applications for a one-year full time position at the Assistant Professor level for our Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 semester in the Urban and Environmental Policy (UEP) Program.

For this position, we are seeking someone with expertise and teaching interests in the following areas:

- a. Environmental justice and the history of the environmental and environmental justice

movements;

b. Community-based research methods in planning and policy analysis

c. Community development and community economic development with a focus on community organizing and leadership development.

We are particularly eager to find candidates who also have an interest in the link between these issues and equity issues. Our new colleague would be expected to teach certain specified courses over the year, including UEP 101 (Environment and Society), our introductory-level course. We would also be interested in candidate who is able to make linkages with our other courses, including (a) local and global public health; (b) food politics and policy; (c) urban policy and politics; and (d) our community organizing and internship course. UEP is an interdisciplinary major that involves faculty in politics, sociology, economics, history, biology, geology, and other disciplines. We will consider candidates with training in a variety of disciplines, including urban planning, political science, sociology, environmental studies, public policy, economics, history, and law. Candidates with practical political/community/planning and organizing experience are strongly encouraged to apply. We encourage candidates who are familiar with Los Angeles and the community, environmental, labor, nonprofit, and faith-based organizations in the region.

Candidates should be immersed in the pedagogy of community based learning and able to expand the College's efforts to promote internships, community based learning in classes, and partnerships with public, private, and nonprofit organizations in Los Angeles, California, and Washington, D.C. The UEP program is closely linked with the Urban & Environmental Policy Institute, through which students, faculty and staff engage in applied research and community engagement.

<http://www.uepi.oxy.edu>

Applicants should submit a letter of interest demonstrating a commitment to academic excellence in a diverse liberal arts environment, and including a statement of teaching philosophy, areas of teaching interest, examples of relevant coursework; a curriculum vitae; samples of scholarly or creative work; and two letters of recommendation to Professor Peter Dreier, Urban & Environmental Policy Program, Occidental College, 1600 Campus Road, Los Angeles, CA. 90041. All materials are due by April 1, 2010. Please note in your resume that you are interested in the 1-year appointment. (We will also have 3-year position available beginning in Fall 2011 which we will begin recruiting for at the end of 2010).

Occidental College is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. The College is committed to academic excellence in a diverse community and supporting interdisciplinary and multicultural academic programs that provide a gifted and diverse group of students with an educational experience that prepares them for leadership in a pluralistic world. Women and people of color are strongly encouraged to apply.

#### **SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn Health Disparities Center Postdoctoral Position in Health Disparities Research**

We are searching for candidates for a postdoctoral position in health disparities research. This position is funded through the Brooklyn Health Disparities Center (BHDC) at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. The goal for this position is to develop leadership skills for an individual with commitment to using community-based participatory research methods in the service of reducing health disparities in Brooklyn. The candidate for this fellowship will gain opportunities to obtain local knowledge of Brooklyn strengths and needs through participation in development and delivery of curricula designed to promote capacity to conduct CBPR in the community, and through working with our partners to identify opportunities for intervention planning, implementation and evaluation. In addition to participating in key activities relevant to the community outreach core, the candidate will conduct research, seek opportunities to obtain extramural support, collaborate with community and academic partners, and publish in peer reviewed journals. Basic requirements include a doctoral level degree, and experience in and commitment to health disparities research. Please send a CV and cover letter to Mr. Ferdinand Zizi at [fzizi@downstate.edu](mailto:fzizi@downstate.edu).

#### **Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Public Health**

##### **Rural Health Research Faculty Scholar Position Opening - Professor or Associate Professor**

The Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Rural Public Health is recruiting a Professor or Associate Professor with a strong research record in rural health and disadvantaged populations to a 12-month, tenure-track position with Center leadership responsibilities for the Southwest Rural Health Research Center. The start date for this position will begin Fall 2010. Applicants with strong leadership qualities and solid research record in rural health and disadvantaged populations are encouraged to apply. Principal areas of strength and expertise sought are: Rural Health Research (including Rural Policy & Rural Health Practice): The applicant's research and teaching interests may be in, but not limited to, any of the following areas: rural health policy, public health, rural work force, health disparities, access to care, health services, environmental health, disease surveillance and monitoring, veterans' health, rural preparedness. The successful candidate will join a nationally recognized School of Rural Public Health that provides several degrees-- MPH, MHA, MSPH, Dr.P.H., and Ph.D. in Health Services Research to students. MPH and doctoral concentrations are offered in four departments: Health Policy and Management, Social and Behavioral Health, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, and Environmental and Occupational Health. The candidate will

hold an appointment in the department that most closely matches his/her preparation and interests. The School's 44 faculty members are currently engaged in \$30 million of research and outreach projects. Faculty support multidisciplinary research through such centers as the Southwest Rural Health Research Center, the NSF-supported Center for Health Organization Transformation, the School's CDC-funded Prevention Research Center, the RWJF supported Active for Life Program, and the USA Center for Rural Public Health Preparedness. Texas A&M University, a Research 1 University currently 15th among universities in the NSF research rankings and the Texas A&M HSC offer a supportive environment for strong collaboration across departments and schools.

Interested individuals should send a cover letter, current curriculum vitae, and three references to:

Dr. Jane N. Bolin, RN, JD, PhD

Chair, Rural Public Health Search Committee

Department of Health Policy Management

Texas A&M Health Science Center, School of Rural Public Health

1266 TAMU

College Station, TX 77843-1266

[jbolin@srph.tamhsc.edu](mailto:jbolin@srph.tamhsc.edu)

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### **The Atlantic Philanthropies**

#### **Health and Aging Fellows Program**

**Deadline: April 15, 2010**

I am pleased to announce the 3rd year of the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program, a unique professional fellowship opportunity. Supported by The Atlantic Philanthropies and directed by Harold Alan Pincus, MD, Professor of Psychiatry and Health Policy and Management at Columbia University (in collaboration with the American Political Science Association Congressional Fellowship Program), this national program seeks to provide professionals in health and aging with the experience and skills necessary to make a positive contribution to the development and implementation of health policies that affect older Americans. The program offers two different tracks: (1) a residential track that includes a nine-to-12-month placement in Washington, D.C. or at a state agency (as a legislative assistant in Congress, a professional staff member in an executive agency or in a policy organization); and (2) a non-residential track that includes a health policy project and brief placement(s) throughout the year at relevant sites. Core program components focused on career development and professional enrichment are provided for fellows in both tracks. The program is open to physicians, nurses and social workers at all career stages (early, mid, and late) with a demonstrated commitment to health and aging issues and a desire to be involved in health policy at the federal, state or local level. Other professionals with clinical backgrounds (e.g., pharmacists, dentists, clinical psychologists) working in the field of health and aging are also eligible to apply. Under special circumstances, exceptions may be made for non-clinicians who are in positions that can impact health policy for older Americans at a clinical level. We are delighted to announce our partnership with the John Heinz Senate Fellowship in Issues of the Aging. Our programs have combined to create the joint John Heinz/Health and Aging Policy Fellowship. Each year, one individual will be designated the John Heinz/Health and Aging Policy Fellow. Our goal is to create a cadre of professional leaders who will serve as positive change agents in health and aging policy, helping to shape a healthy and productive future for older Americans. To this end, we seek your assistance in informing potential candidates of this opportunity. Please feel free to forward this notification to prospective applicants or others in the field who may know of such individuals, or to suggest other methods and/or venues for marketing the program. The application deadline for the 2009-2010 fellowship year is April 15, 2010.

For further information, please visit our website at [www.healthandagingpolicy.org](http://www.healthandagingpolicy.org) or contact me or Phuong Huynh, Deputy Director of the program ([huynhpt@pi.cpmc.columbia.edu](mailto:huynhpt@pi.cpmc.columbia.edu) or 212-543-6213) directly.

### **The University of Notre Dame**

Postdoctoral Research Fellow In Community-Based Learning, 2010-2012

The University of Notre Dame Center for Social Concerns (CSC) is seeking a full-time, two-year postdoctoral research fellow who can begin work in August, 2010. **OVERVIEW** Founded in 1983, the Center is an academic institute at Notre Dame that fosters student and faculty engagement in relation to issues of social concern and justice. Each year, approximately 1,000 undergraduate students enroll in over 25 Center-facilitated courses built on community engagement. Students are placed at sites in the local community, across the United States, and internationally. To enhance such efforts across the University, the Center offers course-development grants, research awards, and consultation to faculty and graduate students in each College. The Center conducts research on the impact of such initiatives on students' personal, ethical, and professional development.\* It is also interested in investigating the impact of such educational efforts in communities that receive Notre Dame students. The Center is seeking a postdoctoral fellow to further this research agenda in higher education. \*<http://socialconcerns.nd.edu/faculty/research/research.shtml>

RESPONSIBILITIES: \*To strengthen the Center's capacity to fulfill its research agenda. \*To make

use of existing Center data and collect new data assessing the impact of its community-based learning efforts on students and/or in the local community. The fellow's research will result in the publication of scholarly manuscripts and research articles. \*To offer one course each year that is consistent with the Center's mission and builds on the Fellow's area of expertise; for example, a course that helps students learn how to use research skills to assist a community organization, or one that examines the role of higher education in social change. \*To assist the Center with the development and writing of reports and the creation of instruments for the assessment of programs and student learning. The Center is developing university-wide assessment tools for undergraduate research and community-based research, to which the Fellow may contribute. REQUIREMENTS: \*Strong research skills, quantitative methods preferred. \*Record of publication. \*Experience/interest in higher education, engaged pedagogies, and/or applied research. \*Ph.D. in field consistent with research and teaching at the Center (e.g., anthropology, education, psychology, sociology, statistics). Degrees from interdisciplinary programs welcome. Salary: \$35,000/year, plus benefits. Review process will begin February 25th and continue until the position is filled. To ensure consideration, please send the following items electronically to Meredith Nelson at [cntrres@nd.edu](mailto:cntrres@nd.edu):

- letter of interest describing experience, goals, and project interests
- curriculum vitae
- sample of work (scholarly publication or professional writing sample); you may also send a relevant course syllabus
- current contact information for three professional references

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## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

### **Call for Abstracts - Tobacco Research Network on Disparities (TReND) Research to Reduce Tobacco-Related Inequalities around the World Deadline: February 26, 2010**

**Background:** On March 8, 2009, the Tobacco Research Network on Disparities (TReND) held a preconference workshop at the 14th World Conference on Tobacco or Health titled, *Research to Reduce Tobacco-Related Inequalities: Worldwide Implications For and Exemplars of Tobacco Control*, in Mumbai, India. The goals of the workshop were to 1) increase understanding of how systems of social stratification, e.g., gender, class, race, ethnicity, caste, region, etc., are defined in various countries and implications for tobacco control; 2) provide examples of outcomes resulting from tobacco-related inequalities (e.g., illness, mortality, etc.); 3) demonstrate measurement and research design strategies used to address tobacco-related inequalities; and 4) share exemplars of interventions addressing tobacco-related inequalities. As a follow-up to the workshop, TReND is issuing an *international call for papers* to further address the role of social stratification in tobacco-related inequalities. Interested authors are asked to submit a brief 300-word abstract by February 26, 2010.

**Research Questions:** According to the World Health Organization, tobacco is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the world, causing more than 4.2 million premature deaths worldwide every year. It is projected that by 2030, 8 million people will prematurely die annually from tobacco use with 80% of these deaths expected to occur in low- and middle-income countries. Systems of social stratification such as gender, age, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, geography and caste have been shown to be important determinants of tobacco-related inequalities. Broadly defined, tobacco-related inequalities, which may also be referred to as tobacco-related health disparities, can be conceptualized as the differences in the patterns and treatment of tobacco use; the risk, incidence, morbidity, and mortality of tobacco-related illness; and the related differences in community capacity and infrastructure, access to resources, and secondhand smoke exposure that exist among specific population groups. Tobacco use inequalities occur along the entire tobacco use continuum including initiation, current use, consumption, cessation, relapse, level of dependence, and psychosocial and societal resources. While research sheds light on some of these inequalities, there are many challenges in attempting to unravel the effects of social stratification on tobacco-related outcomes. Selected papers will address one or more of the following research questions:

1. How do different social stratification systems, such as gender, class, race, ethnicity, caste, region, etc., contribute to tobacco-related inequalities, particularly those in low- and middle-income countries?
2. What valid and reliable constructs and tools are being used to measure the role of social stratification in tobacco-related inequalities?
3. What types of interventions and policies have been conducted and evaluated at the individual and population-based levels that have potential to reduce the tobacco-related inequalities?

TReND will consider papers that report original research, conceptual or theoretical papers, meta-analyses, and systematic reviews. Due to the rapidly increasing epidemic of tobacco use in low- and middle-income countries, priority will be given to papers that address these research questions in countries defined by the [World Bank](http://tinyurl.com/ykdmcje) <<http://tinyurl.com/ykdmcje>> as low-income, lower-middle-

income, and upper-middle-income.

**Instructions:** Please submit a brief abstract for review by February 26, 2010, to Allison Rose ([rosea@mail.nih.gov](mailto:rosea@mail.nih.gov)). The abstract should not exceed 300 words and should include the study purpose and objectives, and a brief description of the study design and methods. Authors of accepted abstracts will be notified by March 22, 2010 and asked to submit a complete manuscript for internal review by the editorial team being led by Drs. Eliseo Perez-Stable (Professor, Department of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco) and K. Vish Viswanath (Associate Professor, Department of Society, Human Development and Health, Harvard School of Public Health). Manuscripts will be due for internal review on May 28, 2010. Upon approval, authors will then be asked to submit the manuscript for peer-review with the selected journal by August 16, 2010. Please address any questions to Dr. Eliseo Perez ([eliseops@medicine.ucsf.edu](mailto:eliseops@medicine.ucsf.edu)) or Dr. Vish Viswanath ([vish\\_viswanath@dfci.harvard.edu](mailto:vish_viswanath@dfci.harvard.edu)).

### **Call for Papers**

#### **Special Issue of *American Journal of Community Psychology***

#### **Topic: Systems of Care in Children's Mental Health**

**Deadline: March 15, 2010**

Guest Editors: James R. Cook and Ryan P. Kilmer

**Background:** Since 1993, the Center for Mental Health Services of SAMHSA has supported the creation of Systems of Care (SOCs). SAMHSA has funded over 126 communities at a total cost of \$1.1 billion (<http://systemsofcare.samhsa.gov>), making the Children's Mental Health Initiative the nation's largest children's mental health project ever conducted. A SOC has been defined as "a coordinated network of community-based services and supports that is organized to meet the challenges of children and youth with serious mental health needs and their families -- [and] -- helps children, youth, and families function better at home, in school, in the community, and throughout life" (Child Adolescent and Family Branch, 2006). Efforts to create SOC's are based on a logic model that emphasizes changes in systems (e.g., collaboration among organizations, family participation in decision-making, focus on child and family strengths) that are expected to lead to improvements in child and family functioning (e.g., reduced symptoms and caregiver strain, less restrictive placements). In practice, however, resources within SOC's often are devoted to the provision of traditional formal mental health services, rather than broader system and community change. Furthermore, when system changes are implemented, the impact of those changes on youth and families is rarely carefully evaluated, and when practices and processes are evaluated, findings suggest that they are not implemented with fidelity to the SOC philosophy or its primary practice model, wraparound. This special issue of the *American Journal of Community Psychology* focuses on system change efforts within SOC's. Authors may emphasize any point in the system change effort, such as identifying the desired/intended types of change needed, challenges in conceptualizing mechanisms for effecting change, and issues in evaluating systemic change within communities implementing SOC's. **Submission Process:** Potential authors should submit a 1000 word proposal, including a description of the proposed work's relevance to and implications for system change efforts. Following initial review by the Guest Editors for the Special Issue, invitations will be extended for full online manuscript submission, subject to peer review. We encourage submissions from a diverse range of authors, i.e., researchers, community practitioners and partners, policy makers, and students. Manuscripts should: (1) Focus on system change in SOC's and how system changes can be implemented; (2) Present useful empirical data applicable to system change or lay important conceptual groundwork for system change in this context. Submissions should be in English and proposals should clearly state the type of article proposed. We hope to include a range of types of articles, as described in the new *AJCP* Instructions for Authors available on the online submission portal ([www.edmgr.com/ajcp](http://www.edmgr.com/ajcp)), including: original articles, mixed methods research, first person accounts, advancing science, or empirical reviews. Please see the new Instructions for Authors (use the link at the top of the page on the portal) for complete descriptions of these manuscript types. Proposals are due by email to either of the Guest Editors by March 15, 2010. Authors will be contacted about the status of their proposal by May 15, 2010, and final online submissions will be due in August. Reviews and editorial decisions will be made in Fall, 2010. Please send proposal submissions or inquiries to the Special Issue Guest Editors: Jim Cook ([jcook@uncc.edu](mailto:jcook@uncc.edu)) or Ryan Kilmer ([rpkilmer@uncc.edu](mailto:rpkilmer@uncc.edu)), and share this call for proposals with interested colleagues.

### **Call for Manuscripts -- International Review of Modern Sociology**

#### **Special Issue (Autumn 2010) on Inequalities & Health: Costs and Consequences of Health Disparities**

**Deadline: June 30, 2010**

<http://www2.ups.edu/faculty/kukreja/home/irms.html>

We invite sociologically related articles, research papers and commentaries (5000-7000 words in length) that explore issues related to the aforementioned topic, including cross-cultural or comparative analyses. Possible topics include, but are not limited to, public policies, health care systems, epidemiology, and issues of utilization and access to care. The format for papers may be

found at: Submission Guidelines <<http://www2.ups.edu/faculty/kukreja/home/submission.html>>. Submissions should be sent in electronic format by June 30, 2010 to the guest editor of the special issue: Benjamin Lewin, [blewin@pugetsound.edu](mailto:blewin@pugetsound.edu). Please feel free to contact [blewin@ups.edu](mailto:blewin@ups.edu) with any questions.

**Call for Papers -- Women's Health & Urban Life Special Issue (for 2011, Vol. X, issue 1)  
Deadline: July 31, 2010**

Papers are invited for a Special Issue on Women's Health and Public Policy edited by Dr. Toba Bryant, Health Studies, Department of Social Sciences, University of Toronto Scarborough. Manuscripts may address the full range of health topics as they pertain to public policies about women's health. Particularly welcome are papers that address the social determinants of health for women and their policy implications. Also welcome are manuscripts that address issues relating to public education, and health care programs and services that meet the specific needs of diverse groups of women living and working in urban or urbanizing areas. Deadline for submission is July 31, 2010. The Special Issue is scheduled for publication in May 2011, as Vol. X, Issue 1. To submit a manuscript, send an e-copy followed by four hard-copies of your manuscript. For more information, you may also contact Dr. Bryant at the following address:

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Papers should not exceed 30 pages including all references, tables and appendices. All submissions will be peer reviewed by anonymous reviewers. For more information, visit <http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/womenshealth>.

**Call for Articles - Journal for Social Action in Counseling and Psychology  
Special Issue on Action Research**

**Deadline: August 1, 2010**

The Journal for Social Action in Counseling and Psychology (JSACP) is planning a special issue on change-oriented research, or action research, and invites authors including scholars, researchers, community members and students to submit manuscripts in English or Spanish. One of the main avenues for the participation of university-based counselors and psychologists in social change for social justice is through participatory action research. There are as many types of action research as there are practitioners, but all have in common an interest in linking systematic inquiry to the process of change in a particular setting with some degree of participation by community members. We want to open up a space not only for the presentation of successful action research projects, but also for reflection on the following sorts of questions or topics linked to action research:

- How can the participation of community members in the initiation, design and conduct of the project be as meaningful as possible? What obstacles arise in trying to achieve this aim?
- How do action research techniques need to be modified for use in settings that are not typical organizations or communities, such as virtual communities, professional associations, or communities of practice?
- How do action researchers resolve the tension between meeting the goals of academic publishing on one hand and the aims of the change project on the other, especially since things rarely go as planned?
- What are the lessons that can be learned through action research about the nature of system change for social justice?

Manuscripts are due by August 1, 2010 and will be reviewed by peers. Guidelines for submission can be found at [www.psysr.org/jsacp](http://www.psysr.org/jsacp). We specifically seek articles that describe the complexities of social change work and the lessons learned from hard experience. Most aspects of the work deserve further systematic reflection, ranging from the personal struggles of activists and group process issues in grassroots organizing to analyses of change processes related to power and policy in macrosocial structures. The Journal is open to a variety of formats for addressing such topics: research articles, interviews, essays, autoethnography, etc. The Journal for Social Action in Counseling and Psychology invites a wide array of articles and essays focusing on how we can be more effective as counselors, therapists, and psychologists in fostering system-level change for peace and social justice. The Journal's original mission statement can be found here: <http://www.psysr.org/jsacp/sloan-toporek-V1N1-07.pdf>.

JSACP is indexed by EBSCO and is available free of charge to readers all over the world. The first three issues of the Journal may be accessed for free at <http://www.psysr.org/jsacp>. Inquiries should be addressed to the editors at [jsacp@lclark.edu](mailto:jsacp@lclark.edu). Rebecca Toporek, San Francisco State University  
Tod Sloan, Lewis & Clark College Editors, Journal for Social Action in Counseling and Psychology.

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## CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

City University of New York (CUNY) Institute for Health Equity  
 Multidisciplinary Conference on Health Literacy: Literacy Across the Health Continuum  
 SEIU 32BJ Headquarters, 101 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY (on the SW corner of 6th Ave. and Grand St.; 1 block from the A, C, E, and 1 Canal St. Stations)  
 Weds, March 10, 3:00pm - 8:00 PM and Thurs, March 11 8:00AM-5:00PM  
 Sponsors: Aetna Foundation; Office of the University Dean for Health and Human Services, CUNY; and SEIU 32BJ

Please register and purchase tickets online by visiting the registration website at:

<http://multidisciplinaryconferenceonhealthliteracy.eventbrite.com> (note: there is no www. in the address). All program information and ticket prices are listed on the registration website. For more information on the CUNY Institute for Health Equity (CIHE) and its work, visit <http://cunyhealthequity.org> or call Lillian Ruiz at 718-960-8674 or email [info@cunyhealthequity.org](mailto:info@cunyhealthequity.org).

Narrative about the conference: The conference is hosted by The CUNY Institute for Health Equity ([www.cunyhealthequity.org](http://www.cunyhealthequity.org)). The theme of the conference is health literacy across the health continuum: multidisciplinary perspectives. The purpose of the conference is to bring together varied disciplines from the health and health care fields to gain a multidisciplinary perspective on the growing importance of health literacy, the current research and practice, and policy issues. Additionally, we would like to stimulate greater attention to the issues within our own "backyard". Thus far there is some work in progress in the New York region, but with a university system as large as ours, in a city with as many major medical centers as we have, we need to address the issue in a more informed and integrated manner. Therefore, it is our expectation that a conference with such highly-regarded experts will be the vehicle for moving the issue forward and enhancing the work currently in progress. Approximately 300 attendees from the New York City region are expected. Attendees will be researchers and academics from across the university's 27 campuses, representatives of health-related organizations (nursing, public health, audiology, hospitals, etc.), practitioners, and graduate students.

**Institute on Social Exclusion, Adler School of Professional Psychology**  
**The Social Determinants of Mental Health: From Awareness to Action**  
**The Drake Hotel-Chicago**  
**140 East Walton Place**  
**Chicago, IL 60611-1501**

**Thursday, June 03, 2010 8:00 AM -**

**Friday, June 04, 2010 12:00 PM (Central Time)**

This conference will be the first in the United States to convene innovative thinkers from diverse disciplinary and professional backgrounds to address the Social Determinants of Mental Health (SDOMH). The purpose of the conference is to:

- Increase awareness about how *social conditions* such as housing quality, land use, food security, employment opportunity, working conditions, the environment, public safety, and public service systems impact mental health and well-being;
- Encourage the development of *mental health prevention and intervention strategies that are informed by the social determinants framework*;
- Facilitate and support the establishment of *multidisciplinary collaborations* that can identify and address the social conditions that impact mental health; and
- Disseminate *new knowledge and practice innovations*.

Keynote Speaker: David Satcher, MD, PhD- The 16th Surgeon General of the United States, the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and a member of the World Health Organization Commission on the Social Determinants of Health. Currently, Dr. Satcher is the Director of the Satcher Health Leadership Institute, the Director of the Center of Excellence on Health Disparities, and the Poussaint-Satcher-Crosby Chair in Mental Health at the Morehouse School of Medicine.

Plenary Speaker: Sandro Galea, MD, MPH, DrPH - Gelman Professor and Chair of Epidemiology at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. Dr. Galea's research program seeks to uncover how determinants at multiple levels of influence-including policies, features of the social environment, molecular and genetic factors-jointly produce the health of populations. His research areas include the social and economic determinants of population health, epidemiology of mental health and substance abuse, and the consequences of conflict and mass trauma..For more information and registration, go to: <http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/default.aspx?EventID=805676>.

**2010 Michael & Susan Dell Lectureship in Child Health and Social and Environmental Solutions to Obesity Conference**  
**Joe C. Thompson Conference Center**  
**University of Texas at Austin Campus**  
**March 17, 2010, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

The goal of the conference is "*To delineate novel social and environmental solutions to the obesity*

*epidemic and develop research partnerships to examine the efficacy of these solutions."* For more information and to register for the conference, please visit: [www.childhealthlectureship.org](http://www.childhealthlectureship.org). Attendance is free, but registration is required.

**Keynote Speaker and 2010 Lectureship Award Recipient:**

Dr. Kelly Brownell, PhD

Director, Yale University Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity

**Other Speakers:**

Dr. Lew Kuller, MD, DrPH

Distinguished University Professor of Public Health,

University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health

Dr. Kenneth Warner, PhD

Dean, University of Michigan School of Public HealthTexas.

### **Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research**

#### **Improving Children's Health Through Community-Engaged Research Workshop**

**Ann Arbor, MI**

**April 22-23**

CCPH is delighted to be co-sponsoring this workshop. CCPH board members Renee Bayer, Ella Greene-Moton and Dick Redman and CCPH executive director Sarena Seifer will be co-facilitating a session on developing and sustaining equitable partnerships, and there will be a meeting of CCPH members (and prospective members!) over lunch. Please see more details below. We hope you can join us! Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research (MICHHR) is offering an interactive workshop aimed at developing community engagement skills for researchers, increasing the knowledge and commitment to conduct rigorous cross-disciplinary research in order to improve health outcomes, and to identify effective strategies for project development, implementation, and dissemination in community engaged research. The event will begin the evening of April 22 with a Welcome Reception:

5:30-7:30 p.m., Michigan Union, University of Michigan, 911 N. University, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The Workshop itself will take place April 23 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Holiday Inn Ann Arbor, 3600 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Speakers include:

Lawrence W. Green, DRPH, who is one of the developers of the PRECEDE-PROCEED Model, which has been used throughout the world to guide health program intervention design, implementation, and evaluation.

Michael Cabana, MD, MPH Chief, Division of General Pediatrics Director Research interests include asthma, pediatric health services research, quality care, primary prevention of asthma, practice variation, probiotics, physician prescribing patterns and physician practice patterns, with community health interest is high school mentoring.

Sarah Flicker, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Environmental Studies at York University. Research interests include youth health, HIV, urban health, health promotion, ethics, the social determinants of health, and community-based participatory research.

University researchers seeking to enhance community engagement skills and community agency leaders looking to enhance research partnerships and/or begin new work to enhance specific community health issues through research will find the workshop especially valuable, and the general public is also welcome. The event is co-sponsored by the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR), City Connect Detroit, Community-Campus Partnerships for University researchers seeking to enhance community engagement skills and community agency leaders looking to enhance research partnerships and/or begin new work to enhance specific community health issues through research will find the workshop especially valuable, and the general public is also welcome. The event is co-sponsored by the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR), City Connect Detroit, Community-Campus Partnerships for Health, and Washtenaw County Public Health. To register, go to <http://bit.ly/5B4PrM>.

For additional information contact Nichole Washington at [washingn@umich.edu](mailto:washingn@umich.edu), 734.998.6797.

### **The Harvard University Program in Ethics and Health, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual International Bioethics Conference**

**Priorities in Health: Can we make better decisions?**

**The Inn at Longwood Medical**

**342 Longwood Avenue**

**Boston, MA**

**April, 22-23, 2010**

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**Conference Program:**

**Day 1 - April 22, 2010 - Morning Session - 8:30 AM**

Session 1: Decisions about Expensive Cancer Drugs: The U.S. Public and Private

- Speaker: Lowell Schnipper, MD

*Theodore W. and Evelyn G. Berenson Professor, Harvard Medical School*

*Chief of Hematology/Oncology, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston*

- Speaker: Dr. Carolyn Langer, MD, JD, MPH  
*Medical Director, Medical Management and Policy, Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare*
  - Speaker: William J. Kassler, MD, MPH,  
*Chief Medical Officer, New England Region, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services*
- Session 2: Decisions about Expensive Cancer Drugs: The UK, Germany
- Speaker: Erik Nord, PhD  
*Senior Researcher, Norwegian Institute of Public Health*
  - Comment: Norman Daniels, PhD  
*Mary B. Saltonstall Professor, and Professor of Ethics and Population Health, Harvard School of Public Health*

Afternoon Session - 2:00 PM

Session 1: Deliberative Democratic Theory

- Speaker: Thomas Christiano, PhD  
*Professor of Philosophy, University of Arizona*
- Comment: Dennis Thompson, PhD

*Alfred North Whitehead Professor of Political Philosophy, Government Department, Harvard University*

Session 2: Deliberative Polling

- Speaker: Michael Neblo, PhD  
*Assistant Professor, Political Science, Ohio State University*
- Comment: Jane Mansbridge, PhD

*Adams Professor of Political Leadership and Democratic Values, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University*

Day 2 - April 23, 2010 - Morning Session - 8:30 AM

Session 1: Making better decisions in the U.S.: Medicare and Private Insurance

- Speaker: Muriel Gillick, MD

*Clinical Professor, Population Medicine, Harvard Medical School*

- Speaker: Steven D. Pearson, MD, MSc, FRCP  
*President, Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER), Harvard Medical School, Senior Fellow at America's Health Insurance Plans, Washington, DC.*

Session 2: Panel Discussion: Can we improve decision making?

Panelists:

- Muriel Gillick, MD

*Clinical Professor, Population Medicine, Harvard Medical School*

- Steven D. Pearson, MD, MSc, FCPR  
*President, Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER), Harvard Medical School; Senior Fellow at America's Health Insurance Plans, Washington, DC*
- Jim Sabin, MD

*Clinical Professor of Ambulatory Care and Prevention and Psychiatry; Clinical Professor of Population Medicine, Harvard Medical School; Director, Ethics Program, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care*

- Jerome L. Avorn, MD

*Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School; Chief of the Division of Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomics, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston.*

END - 12:30 PM

\*\* PLEASE NOTE - Immediately following this conference, the [International Society on Priorities in Healthcare](#) will hold its conference in Boston as well (April 23-25, 2010). The conference title is "Priorities 2010 - Priority Setting in Difficult Economic Times." We encourage you to visit their [website](#) for conference details.

**The Manitoba Centre for Health Policy 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference**

**Fort Garry Hotel**

**Winnipeg, Manitoba**

**Canada**

**March 8 & 9, 2010**

**Registration Deadline: February 28, 2010**

Register online at:

<http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/medicine/units/mchp/2010-registration.html>

The heart of the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference lies in creating new knowledge that informs health and social policy, therefore this conference will explore the connection between research, policy and practice, clinical care and public health. To do so we built the conference around four plenary sessions which revolve around topics in Research, Knowledge Translation, and Data Linkage. Concurrent breakout sessions following three of the plenary sessions will allow participants to explore these topics in a more intimate setting. The full program is outlined on the conference webpage:

[http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/medicine/units/mchp/20th\\_Anniversary\\_Conference.html](http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/medicine/units/mchp/20th_Anniversary_Conference.html)

**Keynote Speakers and Topics:**

Dr. Clyde Hertzman Director, Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP), University of British Columbia

"The Role of Administrative Record Linkage in Creating Trajectories of Early Human Development" In Canada administrative record linkage began as a method to study cancer incidence and mortality in occupational cohorts. Thanks to the pioneering work of the Roos' its use expanded into health services and policy research. In recent years initiatives in BC and Manitoba have shown how child developmental trajectories can be created by administrative record linkage, and linkage of administrative records to de novo data sources such as the Early Development Indicator (EDI). In an era of investment in early childhood these approaches can and should be used to create the world's best system of child development reporting for Canada.

Mr. Steven Lewis President, Access Consulting Ltd, Saskatoon Saskatchewan, Adjunct Professor, University of Calgary & Simon Fraser University

"How Health Services Research Has Made a Difference"

This presentation will focus on how health services research has made a difference. It will briefly review the history of HSR in Canada and identify sentinel studies that have influenced policy and practice, and how they did so. It will conclude with an overview of opportunities on the horizon that if realized will usher in a bright new era for HSR, and enhance both its capacity and impact.

Dr. Patricia Martens Director, Manitoba Centre for Health Policy, Associate Professor, Dept. of Community Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba

"Going for Knowledge Translation Gold: Research with its Feet on the Ground... Walking and Talking"

What lessons have we learned at MCHP about knowledge translation over the past 20 years, and what is our vision for the future? How did we weave straw into gold, how have we panned for gold, how do we 'translate' and market those golden nuggets, and how do we look for the pot of gold in the future? There's gold in them thar hills.

Dr. Fiona Stanley Director, Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, Western Australia

"The Development Pathways Project: Can Joined-Up Data Lead to Joined-Up Thinking?"

Our Institute has pioneered the linking up of data across a range of child health and wellbeing agencies. This has been done in collaboration with the policy makers within the agencies developing novel ways to ensure the data are used for developing and guiding their work. The second aim of this project has been to demonstrate the cross jurisdictional nature of developmental pathways and hence the need for services to join up. This is a model for a national statistical service.

### **University of California, San Francisco, Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS)**

#### **CAPS HIV Prevention Conference**

#### **UCSF Mission Bay Conference Center**

#### **San Francisco, CA**

**April 23, 2010**

Come to the CAPS HIV Prevention Conference Friday, April 23, 2010 at the UCSF Mission Bay Conference Center in San Francisco. Spend a day meeting CAPS scientists, networking with colleagues and learning about the latest CAPS research.

FREE registration: <http://capsconference.ucsf.edu>

Workshops with CAPS researchers and community collaborators on:

- Science of running and adapting prevention interventions
- Prevention update on gay men in countries around the world
- Linking prevention and care services
- Research on addressing disparities in impacted populations

Networking with agencies, health departments, funders and researchers

Free breakfast and lunch

Keynote Speakers

- Greg Millett, MPH, Senior Policy Advisor, White House Office of National AIDS Policy
- Ambassador Eric Goosby, United States Global AIDS Coordinator, US Department of State

Space is limited. You must pre-register. There will be no on-site registration. Register today at

<http://capsconference.ucsf.edu>. For more details, please see the [CAPS website](#).

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## RESOURCES

### Publications

#### **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)**

##### **AHRQ Activities Using Community-Based Participatory Research to Address Health Care Disparities**

<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/cbprbrief.htm>

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has released a new program brief on AHRQ Activities Using Community-Based Participatory Research to Address Health Care Disparities. Community-Campus Partnerships for Health ([www.ccpb.info](http://www.ccpb.info)) is highlighted along with the Community-Based Public Health Caucus of the American Public Health Association (<http://www.sph.umich.edu/cbphcaucus/>) as resources for supporting CBPR. Included in the list of AHRQ grants involving CBPR is the Communities as Partners in Cancer Clinical Trials project, jointly led by CCPH and the Education Network to Advance Cancer Clinical Trials ([www.communitiesaspartners.org](http://www.communitiesaspartners.org)). Not surprisingly, many of the projects listed involve CCPH members in leadership roles.

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

##### **Combining Explicit and Implicit Measure of Racial Discrimination in Health Research**

<http://www.rwjf.org/files/research/4263.pdf>

**American Public Health Association** published Combining Explicit and Implicit Measure of Racial Discrimination in Health Research. The aim of this study was to improve measurement of discrimination for health research. The results of this study suggest that research on racism and health would be improved by investigating how awareness of having experienced discrimination influences mental health.

#### **Center for American Progress**

Equal Health Care for All: Opportunities to Address Health Care Disparities in Health Care Reform

<http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2009/12/pdf/racialhealthdisparities.pdf>

Center for American Progress published Equal Health Care for All: Opportunities to Address Health Care Disparities in Health Care Reform, which looks at disparities in health care access and quality based on factors such as race and ethnicity, and analyzes the initiatives in the current federal health reform proposals that will address these factors and help eliminate such disparities.

#### **Economic Arguments for addressing the social determinants of health inequalities**

##### **Working Document No.4 - 2009**

**DETERMINE - EU Consortium for Action on the Socioeconomic Determinants of Health (SDH).**

Available online PDF [31p.] at: <http://tinyurl.com/y/lsfwem>

".....an overview of how the framework for identifying and exploring economic arguments for addressing social determinants of health inequalities was developed. It also describes how the data was collected and provides general comments on responses received. This chapter presents the findings of a literature review conducted in June 2008 together with further research in April 2009. The review was undertaken to help inform and shape further data collection by establishing the main economic arguments for addressing social determinants of health inequalities. Health can be considered in economic terms as both a capital and a consumption good. In the case of health as a capital good, people in good health attract a higher value than those in poor health due to their greater ability to be economically productive. Health as a consumption good is concerned with the contribution that good health makes to an individual's wellbeing, happiness or satisfaction. Targeted investment to address health inequalities by action on social determinants of health is more cost effective than paying later for the consequences of these inequalities. It follows then that addressing health inequalities is not only a matter of social justice but also contributes to economic growth. The aim of this task was to better understand if and how economic arguments are being used to address social determinants of health inequalities within selected member states and by the institutions of the European Union. It is intended to use findings from this task to achieve more widespread adoption of effective and proven approaches to tackling health inequalities.

The objectives of the task were:

- To explore opportunities and challenges to using economic arguments to address social determinants of health inequalities.
- To identify examples of relevant economic evaluations that consider outcomes in terms of health and health inequalities.

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***Journal of Hunger & Environmental Nutrition, Volume 4, Issue 3 & 4 July 2009 , pages 219 - 224***

**Food Systems and Public Health: Linkages to Achieve Healthier Diets and Healthier Communities**

Mary Story, Michael W. Hamm, David Wallinga

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Abstract: The Airlie Conference on "Food Systems and Public Health: Linkages to Achieve Healthier Diets and Healthier Communities" was convened to discuss how we as a nation can shift toward promoting healthy, sustainably produced foods that are aligned with national dietary and health priorities; the most strategic changes in policy, governance and practices that can help this shift occur; and identify knowledge gaps and policy-relevant research needs. This special theme issue presents papers emanating from the conference, and policy-relevant research and action recommendations from the small group breakout sessions.

**Kaiser Family Foundation**

**Immigrants' Health Coverage and Health Reform: Key Questions and Answers**

<http://kff.org/healthreform/upload/7982.pdf>

Kaiser Family Foundation recently released Immigrants' Health Coverage and Health Reform: Key Questions and Answers, which provides an overview of key questions related to immigrants' health coverage and health reform. The issue brief addresses subjects such as how immigrants receive health coverage, how many of the uninsured are non-citizen immigrants and what would happen to coverage for non-citizen immigrants under current health reform proposals.

**Kaiser Family Foundation**

**Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Access to Care among Children: How Does Medicaid Do in Closing the Gaps?**

<http://kff.org/minorityhealth/upload/8031.pdf>

Kaiser Family Foundation released a new report, Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Access to Care among Children: How Does Medicaid Do in Closing the Gaps?, which examines how disparities among children in Medicaid compare with those among privately insured and uninsured children. The findings reveal that disparities in Medicaid were similar to those in the private insurance market, and although the majority of children fare well in terms of access, problems still persist for children trying to get access to the health care they need.

**National Poverty Center Policy Briefs**

[http://npc.umich.edu/publications/policy\\_briefs/](http://npc.umich.edu/publications/policy_briefs/)

Our Policy Briefs are designed to summarize key academic research findings, highlighting important implications for policy.

**Public Health Agency of Canada**

**Racism as a Determinant of Immigrant Health**

[http://canada.metropolis.net/pdfs/racism\\_policy\\_brief\\_e.pdf](http://canada.metropolis.net/pdfs/racism_policy_brief_e.pdf)

**Research in the Sociology of Health Care, Volume 27**

**Social Sources of Disparities in Health and Health Care**

Volume 27 of Research in the Sociology of Health Care focuses on Social Sources of Disparities in Health and Health Care. The first section, Disparities in Health and Health Care: Basic Perspectives, reviews basic material on the topic. The second section on Racial and Ethnic Factors in Disparities in Health and Health Care Utilization includes five articles, three focused on racial and ethnic factors in disparities and two on those factors and other social factors such as SES. The next section focuses on Income, SES, and Cultural Capital in Disparities in Health and Health Care Delivery and includes an article that focuses on the role of education, one on the impact of childhood poverty on later life health and one on the role of cultural capital in health outcomes. The

fourth section includes two papers on Providers, Facilities and Health Disparities. The last section, Part 5, deals with Locally Oriented Studies in Health Disparities and includes three papers looking at community approaches for eliminating health disparities, the effects of household assets upon rural residents' self-reported physical and emotional well-being and disparities in health care among Vietnamese Americans in New Orleans and the impacts of Hurricane Katrina. For more information, visit <http://books.emeraldinsight.com/display.asp?K=9781848558342>.

### **Websites**

#### **Society for Medical Anthropology's Critical Anthropology of Global Health Blog "ACCESS DENIED: A Conversation on Unauthorized Immigration and Health**

<http://accessdeniedblog.wordpress.com>

This blog, created by a group of medical anthropologists with training and interest in public health, is an initiative of the Society for Medical Anthropology's (SMA) Critical Anthropology of Global Health group (CAGH). In this forum, we hope to build a broad community of conversation that includes medical anthropologists, public health scholars and professionals, scholars in other fields, journalists, policymakers, migrant advocates, and others who bring a critical, engaged perspective to the question of unauthorized migrants' and immigrants health care needs, rights, and experiences of exclusion. Read our recent posts and news round-ups, comment on existing posts, link to it, add it to your Blogroll -- and be in touch with us at [contactaccessdenied@gmail.com](mailto:contactaccessdenied@gmail.com) if you'd like to become a regular contributor. The most recent item is a News Round-Up (<http://accessdeniedblog.wordpress.com/2010/01/10/news-round-up-11010/>) that examines recent coverage of the 107 deaths in U.S. immigration prisons since in 2003, many the result of physical abuse and/or medical neglect.

### **Others**

#### **Kaiser Family Foundation Webcast**

##### **Today's Topics in Health Disparities: What Might Health Reform Mean for Women of Color?**

<http://www.familiesusa.org/issues/minority-health/newsletter/minority-health-connection-25.html#ANNOUNCEMENTS>

Kaiser Family Foundation has a new webcast, Today's Topics in Health Disparities: What Might Health Reform Mean for Women of Color?, which examines aspects of the current Senate and House health reform bills that affect women of color. Women of color face additional health and access challenges: They have higher rates of many diseases, less access to the health care system, and fewer resources to pay for care.

#### **Detroit Community-Academic Urban Research Center and the Michigan Public Health Training Center**

##### **"Community-Based Participatory Research: A Partnership Approach for Public Health" CD-ROM**

The Detroit Community-Academic Urban Research Center (URC) and the Michigan Public Health Training Center are pleased to announce the availability of a new, instructional CD-ROM entitled "Community-Based Participatory Research: A Partnership Approach for Public Health". The CD-ROM is free, and is also available as a downloadable file. Please read on for more information about this new tool and how to register for it. This CD-ROM and downloadable file are intended as an introduction to CBPR for people who are in the early stages of using or considering using CBPR. It is designed for academic researchers from multiple fields, including public health, education, nursing, medicine, social work, urban planning, and for health and human service practitioners, and members of community-based organizations. The training is divided into five sequential parts:

- Rationale, definition, and core principles;
- Strategies for forming, maintaining, sustaining, and evaluating CBPR partnerships;
- Qualitative and quantitative data collection methods and interpretation;
- Dissemination and translation of research findings; and
- Benefits, challenges, and recommendations for using CBPR for research and social change.

Insights from the literature and the experiences of the Detroit Community-Academic Urban Research Center and its affiliated projects are provided throughout. Users have the opportunity to engage

individually or as a partnership group in interactive case study activities. To receive a free copy (if sent within the United States and U.S. Territories) of the CD-ROM or to access the downloadable version,

please register at: [www.cbpr-training.org](http://www.cbpr-training.org). Information about availability of continuing education credits can also be found on the website. You may also register by phone by calling the Michigan Public

Health Training Center at 734.615.9439 (Course code: CBPRR0909).

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Administration; Community-Based Public Health, Office of Public Health Practice at the University of Michigan School of Public Health; The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Programs at the University of Michigan and Yale University Medical Schools and the Detroit Community-Academic Urban Research Center. The Detroit Community-Academic Urban Research Center also contributed to the free online skill-building curriculum, "Developing and Sustaining CBPR Partnerships," available at [www.cbprcurriculum.info](http://www.cbprcurriculum.info). To view the CD-ROM brochure visit, <http://www.kellogghealthscholars.org/news/kconnection/Volume8-2010/February--CDROM-Brochure.pdf>.

## **NEW FOUNDATION WILL BRING AMERICANS TOGETHER TO TARGET CHILDHOOD OBESITY**

### ***First Lady Michelle Obama Will Serve as Honorary Chair of the Partnership for a Healthier America***

**Washington, D.C.** - Today, a new foundation was launched to address the serious epidemic of childhood obesity. The ***Partnership for a Healthier America*** will bring together the public and private sectors, other organizations, business and thought leaders, the media, and states and local communities to make meaningful and measurable commitments to fighting childhood obesity. The nonpartisan organization was created by a number of leading foundations and nonprofits, including The California Endowment, Kaiser Permanente, Nemours, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and the Alliance for a Healthier Generation. The effort aims to support the national goal to solve the childhood obesity challenge within a generation that has been set by First Lady Michelle Obama, who will also serve as Honorary Chair of the new organization. During the unveiling of her nationwide Let's Move campaign at an event in Washington today, the First Lady commended the leadership of these organizations in providing the critical analysis and nonpartisan forum necessary to ensure the country meets its target. To underscore the organization's nonpartisan nature, a prominent Democrat and Republican will also be named Honorary Vice Chairs. The Partnership for a Healthier America was incorporated by Larry Kocot, who is also serving as the organization's interim leader.

"Since 1980, the number of obese children in our nation has tripled, and obesity now rivals smoking as the largest cause of preventable death and disease. This new foundation creates an important public-private alliance that will increase national attention and commitments to the goal of ending the epidemic of childhood obesity within a generation," said Kocot. "We are very pleased that the First Lady has agreed to serve as Honorary Chair of the Partnership for a Healthier America, and we look forward to announcing honorary vice chairs and an independent, nonpartisan board of directors in the very near future." The partnership will develop a strong network of members across the business, government,

academic, and nonprofit sectors who will commit to accelerating efforts to address childhood obesity and facilitating commitments towards the First Lady's national target of solving childhood obesity within a generation. In addition to convening and encouraging commitments from the public, private and nonprofit sectors, the organization will objectively track and report performance of members to hold them accountable. It will not conduct programmatic activities, engage in grassroots organizing or lobbying, or compete with existing foundations. Core activities of the Partnership for a Healthier America will include:

- Developing a strong membership network of leaders across sectors with commitment to scaling meaningful and measurable solutions;
- Convening members annually to affirm, align, and announce commitments;
- Promoting broad understanding among all sectors about the role healthy food, physical activity, and the environment play in reversing the childhood obesity epidemic;
- Facilitating and measuring the impact of members' commitments against clear and transparent targets; and
- Connecting potential partners in the private and nonprofit sectors to each other and to the correct points of contact in government to ensure efficient leveraging of actions, and sharing of knowledge and lessons learned at the community, state, and national levels.

### **The First Lady's Childhood Obesity Initiative**

The First Lady's nationwide initiative seeks to solve the challenge of childhood obesity, so that America's youngest children reach adulthood at a healthy weight. Her plan offers four pillars:

- Offering parents the tools and information they need to make healthy choices for their kids;
- Getting healthier food into our nation's schools;
- Ensuring that all our families have access to healthy, affordable food in their communities; and
- Increasing opportunities for kids to be physically active, both in and out of school.

The partnership will support these pillars through a campaign to unite and inspire families from every corner of the United States to take real and sustained actions to eat better, be more active, and make a commitment to embracing healthier lifestyles.

### **About the Partnership for a Healthier America**

The Partnership for a Healthier America is an independent, nonpartisan organization that will mobilize broad-based support for efforts to solve the child obesity challenge. The partnership

emerged out of a series of conversations between The California Endowment, Kaiser Permanente, Nemours, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, which is a partnership of the American Heart Association and the William J. Clinton Foundation. Sonnenschein, Nath and Rosenthal, LLP has provided operational and legal support in establishing the Foundation. The Brookings Institution has also contributed thought leadership to the effort.

For more information about the Partnership for a Healthier America, please visit [www.ahealthieramerica.org](http://www.ahealthieramerica.org). For information on the partnership, including membership and other inquiries, contact Larry Kocot at (888) 248-4958 or [info@ahealthieramerica.org](mailto:info@ahealthieramerica.org)

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