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## About this newsletter...

The Kellogg Connection is a monthly electronic newsletter that connects W.K. Kellogg programs: Kellogg Health Scholars, Scholars in Health Disparities, Community Health Scholars, Kellogg Fellows in Health Policy Research and H. Jack Geiger Congressional Health Policy Fellows.

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## SOUNDING BOARD

## Congratulations Kellogg Scholars and Fellows

Dr. Ndidi Amutah (Ndidi) N. Amutah, Kellogg Health Scholar, was appointed to serve on the advisory committee for the health disparities interest group of AcademyHealth, a national organization focused on health policy and health services research. In addition to this new role, Dr. Amutah is the president elect for the Society for African American Public Health Issues, an organization affiliated with the American Public Health Association, and is a featured member of the Emerging Scholars Interdisciplinary Network.

Dr. Lawrence Brown, Kellogg Health Scholar, was an invited speaker on January 26 for the US Office of Minority Health webinar on infant mortality and the role of Black men. Dr. Brown spoke to approximately 30 Preconception Peer Educators located at four sites across the US on the topic "Young Black Men in the Context of Maternal and Child Health." Also on January 25, Dr. Brown moderated a discussion after *Unnatural Causes In Sickness and In Wealth* was shown with employees from the Baltimore office of the US Housing and Urban Development Department.

Dr. Stephanie Farquhar, Community Health Scholars Program (CHSP) alumna, received a Northwest Health Foundation grant to conduct in-depth conversations with homeless and recovering individuals in Portland, Oregon to evaluate what contributes to their success in achieving safe housing, sense of community, sustained recovery, and employment. Dr. Farquhar will be partnering with Central City Concern, a non-profit for homeless and recovering, and Oregon Health and Science University.

Dr. Shalon Irving, Kellogg Health Scholars Program (KHSP) alumna, co-authored a publication in *The Qualitative Report* Article of the Week, "Till Death Do Us Part: Lived Experiences of HIV-Positive Married African American Women. The full article can be read by clicking on this link: <http://www.nova.edu/ssss/QR/QR16-5/edwards.pdf>.

Dr. Cynthia Mojica, Kellogg Fellows in Health Policy Research Program (Kellogg Fellows) alumna, was recently awarded a \$2 million grant by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT). The award will be used to partner with federally qualified health center, CentroMed, and community organizations to offer breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screening to San Antonio, TX, residents otherwise unable to afford them. "This grant allows us to greatly expand what we've been doing in terms of giving people in underserved populations the opportunity to be screened," Dr. Mojica said.

Dr. Lisa Benz Scott, CHSP alumna and Associate Professor in the School of Health Technology and Management (SHTM), and of Medicine, and Associate Dean for Research in SHTM, at Stony Brook University, assumed leadership of the Graduate Program in Public Health starting February 1, 2012. Dr. Benz Scott was chosen from a number of outstanding internal and external candidates for the position.

Dr. Pamela L. Thornton, Scholars in Health Disparities Program alumna and a healthcare and public health advisor with The MITRE Corporation, was named a Technology All Star at the 16th Annual Women of Color STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Conference held in Dallas from November 3-5, 2011. [http://www.kellogghealthscholars.org/news/PR013012\\_MITRE\\_Corp\\_Pam\\_Thornton.pdf](http://www.kellogghealthscholars.org/news/PR013012_MITRE_Corp_Pam_Thornton.pdf)

Dr. Naima Wong, Kellogg Fellows alumna, recently accepted a position as a Research

Have you moved?  
Have you found a new job?  
Is there a research question you would like feedback on?  
Any recent publications?  
Do you have any experience or advice to share?  
Let us know! Email: [healthscholars@cfah.org](mailto:healthscholars@cfah.org)

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

***Do We Have Your Most Updated Contact Information?***

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

and Evaluation Program Officer with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in Princeton, NJ. She will start her position in mid-February and will be responsible for all of the research and evaluation activities of the Public Health Team including their programs in public health systems and services research, public health law, county health rankings, health impact assessment, and public health accreditation and quality improvement.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendars! The 2012 KHSP Annual Meeting will be held June 6-8, 2012, at Hotel Palomar in Washington, DC. Annual meeting details are forthcoming.

Opportunity to disseminate your research findings -- The Center for Advancing Health's Health Behavior News Service (HBNS) is on the lookout for the latest research on health disparities and population health. HBNS looks to Kellogg Scholars (current and alums) and Fellows for original, health-related research such as randomized controlled trials, surveys and large pilot programs that bring attention to, explore causes of, and demonstrate interventions for health disparities. If a peer-reviewed journal has accepted your study for future publications, please email your manuscript or early draft to Marie Briones-Jones ([mbjones@cfah.org](mailto:mbjones@cfah.org)) and Barbara Krimgold ([bkrimgold@cfah.org](mailto:bkrimgold@cfah.org)). Barbara and Marie will share it with Kelly Malcom, HBNS editor, to see if your study fits the news service niche.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON KELLOGG SCHOLARS NETWORK

Meet Kellogg Health Scholar, Rebecca E. Hasson, PhD...

Dr. Rebecca Hasson received her Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees from the Department of Kinesiology at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. During her graduate career, Rebecca worked in both the Physical Activity & Health and Energy Metabolism laboratories. Her previous work focused on developing and validating objective techniques to assess habitual physical activity in children and adults as well as investigating racial differences in the metabolic and psychological responses to exercise. After graduating, Rebecca completed a postdoctoral research fellowship at the University of Southern California's Childhood Obesity Research Center (USC-CORC). At USC-CORC, she examined racial/ethnic differences in cancer-related metabolic risk factors, and the role that behavioral interventions play in improving these metabolic risk factors in African-American and Latino youth.

Rebecca is currently completing a second postdoctoral fellowship at the University of California at San Francisco's Center on Social Disparities in Health (UCSF-CSDH) as a W.H. Kellogg Health Scholar. At UCSF-CSDH, Rebecca's current research incorporates her previous and current training in exercise physiology, endocrinology, metabolism, pediatric obesity, health disparities, and population health to examine the relationships between culture, stress and cancer-related metabolic risk factors. In 2012, Rebecca will join the University of Michigan's faculty as an Assistant Professor in the Schools of Kinesiology and Public Health. Her long-term career goals include a leadership role at the National Institutes of Health where she can play an active role in shaping the agency's research on health disparities.

Throughout her academic career, Rebecca has been extensively involved with the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) and American Public Health Association affiliate organizations. She serves on ACSM's ad-Hoc Committee on Diversity Action and Exercise is Medicine Committee on Underserved Populations. She is currently serving as President of the Society for the Analysis of African-American Public Health Issues, and works with fellow researchers and policy makers on the Joint Policy Committee of the Societies of Epidemiology. In addition, Rebecca is the Health and Wellness Advisor for City Scholars Foundation®, a community-based organization in Los Angeles, California. Together, these research and service opportunities have uniquely prepared Dr. Hasson to be become an active and promising academic researcher and leader in the field of minority health.

Regarding the impact of the Kellogg Health Scholars Program on her career, Rebecca states:

*Through my participation in the Kellogg Health Scholars Program, I have been able to both integrate my research training in and professional experiences into a meaningful academic career committed to reducing health disparities in racial and ethnic minority communities. The peer-mentoring and one-on-one advising that I received at both Harvard University and UCSF during my Kellogg training was invaluable. I gained a better understanding of the social determinants of health which has enabled me to bring my skills as a health disparities physiologist to a transdisciplinary research team to better examine the metabolic responses to socioeconomic position, culture and racism in ethnic minority populations. These experiences have provided me with the opportunity to work with policy makers and have improved my ability to effectively advocate for social change through the translation research into policy.*

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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 <http://bit.ly/f8TRa1>. For login and passcode information, please contact Brandon Moore at [bmoore@cfah.org](mailto:bmoore@cfah.org).

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## FUNDING

California Breast Cancer Research Program  
Cycle 18 Community Research Collaboration Awards  
Deadline: February 15, 2012

The California Breast Cancer Research Program is accepting applications through Feb 15 for Cycle 18 Community Research Collaboration (CRC) Awards. They intend to invest up to \$2.0 million dollars in CRC awards. Funded awards will begin August 1, 2012. Funding is available for two types of CRC awards:

CRC Pilot award -- The CRC Pilot award supports the initial phase of the project, which includes strengthening collaborations, developing feasible methods and tools, and collecting pilot data. 18 months maximum duration. Budget cap for total project direct costs is \$150,000.

CRC Full award -- The CRC Full award funds projects with a fully developed research plan and supporting preliminary data, carried out by a well-integrated, experienced team of scientists and community members. 3 years maximum duration. Budget cap for total project direct costs is \$600,000. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/wVy0jQ>.

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## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Call for Abstracts - Intercultural Cancer Council  
12th Biennial Symposium on Minorities, the Medically Underserved & Health Equity

***Empowering Communities in the Era of Health Care Reform***

Hilton Americas Houston

Houston, Texas

June 27 - July 1, 2012

Deadline: February 29, 2012

Plans are well underway for Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Symposium Series. In 1987, the Biennial Symposium on Minorities and Cancer was launched in Houston, Texas to coincide with the launching of National Minority Cancer Awareness Week. In 1995, with the launching of the Intercultural Cancer Council, the Symposium Series moved to Washington, D.C. and was renamed the Biennial Symposium on Minorities, the Medically Underserved &

Cancer. This renaming was in recognition of cancer being a national issue that needed to be on the forefront of America's health agenda. Following the 2008 Biennial Symposium on Minorities, the Medically Underserved & Cancer, a decision was made to host regional meetings around the country and bring everyone back together in 2012. In 2012, the Symposium Series has returned to Houston, its city of origin. Houston has one of the most diverse populations in the country and the largest medical complex in the world. Since cancer is only one of many health disparities faced by minority and underserved individuals, the 2012 meeting will not limit its discussion to only cancer issues. It will be hosted by the Center for Health Equity & Evaluation Research (a joint venture of the University of Houston and The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center) and the Intercultural Cancer Council. We appreciate everyone's enthusiasm for our Symposium Series and hope you'll join us in Houston for the 25th Anniversary of the Biennial Symposium on Minorities, the Medically Underserved & Health Equity.

[Instruction for Abstract Submission & Registration](http://iccnetwork.org/symposium/index.html): Click on

<http://iccnetwork.org/symposium/index.html>. Conference information will be on your left hand side.

Call for Nominations - The Jacobs Foundation

Klaus J. Jacobs Research Prize 2012

Deadline: March 15, 2012

The Jacobs Foundation is inviting nominations for the Klaus J. Jacobs Research Prize 2012. The prize in honour of the Jacobs Foundation's late founder Klaus J. Jacobs is awarded annually in the first week of December in Zurich, Switzerland. The Klaus J. Jacobs Research Prize awards outstanding scientific contributions of individuals from all disciplines aiming at the improvement of young people's development and perspectives worldwide. The prize is endowed with 1 Mio. Swiss Francs, of which 900,000 Swiss Francs are for use in a research project, 100,000 Swiss Francs are for related costs, such as travel, networking, and dissemination. The prize addresses scholars from all countries who have achieved major breakthroughs in understanding and contributing to child and youth development and at the same time have the potential to advance the field by actively conducting research. An international jury will choose the laureate from the pool of nominated candidates. The following individuals currently form the jury: Professor Albert Bandura, Stanford University, USA Professor Monique Boekaerts, Leiden University, the Netherlands Professor Thomas W. Boyce, University of British Columbia, Canada Professor Jeanne Brooks-Gunn, Columbia University, USA Professor Meinrad Paul Perrez, University of Fribourg, Switzerland Professor Anne C. Petersen, University of Michigan, USA Professor Rainer K. Silbereisen, Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany Professor William Julius Wilson, Harvard University, USA. Your support in the nomination process would be very much appreciated. Please have your nomination submitted by 15 March 2012 at the latest. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Gelgia Fetz, Jacobs Foundation, at [gelgia.fetz@jacobsfoundation.org](mailto:gelgia.fetz@jacobsfoundation.org). Details at <http://bit.ly/xKBRTS>.

Call for Proposals - National Latina/o Psychological Association (NLPA) and Montclair State University

2012 NLPA Biennial Conference - Recognizing Our Differences & Promoting Unity: Diversity Among Latinas/os

The Heldrich Hotel in New Brunswick, NJ.

October 11-13, 2012

Deadline: March 15, 2012

[www.nlpa.ws](http://www.nlpa.ws)

The National Latina/o Psychological Association (NLPA) in collaboration with Montclair State University invites you to the 2012 NLPA Biennial Conference. The conference theme is: Recognizing Our Differences & Promoting Unity: Diversity Among Latinas/os. *The mission of NLPA is to generate and advance psychological knowledge and foster its effective application for the benefit of the Latina/o population.* The 2012 NLPA Biennial Conference focus is on the intersections of Latina/o culture with multiple identities including, but not limited to race, class, gender, sexual orientation, able-bodiedness, age, and religion/spirituality. The conference will bring together a diverse group of scholars, practitioners, educators, policy makers, and students in mental health to explore issues of diversity inclusion in Latina/o psychology. The conference aims to create spaces for dialogue, promote the sharing and celebration of scholarship, and encourage unity. Program proposals that emphasize active interaction among presenters and the audience, along with the integration of diverse perspectives will be given particular priority. While proposals pertaining to the overall conference theme will be given priority, we invite submissions that represent all areas of theory, research, and practice in Latina/o psychology. The NLPA Listserv can be used to develop collaborative proposals. Collaborative proposals with members from other

organizations are most welcome. Instructions for Preparing Program Submissions: To submit a proposal, please visit [www.nlpa.ws](http://www.nlpa.ws). The system will be ready to accept proposals on or about January 20, 2012. The deadline for receipt of program proposals is: 11:59 PM (EST), March 15, 2012.

Program Formats:

\**Paper* sessions focus on the author's contribution to clinical practice, research and/or theory as developed for formal presentation.

\**Symposia* provide a forum for discussion, debate, and explication of diverse perspectives as they pertain to significant issues in the field. Symposia may be used to present practice, research, and/or practice themes. Proposers should allow significant time for discussion and audience participation. A symposium should be composed of no fewer than three separate presentations. A discussant may be included as one of the three, but is not required.

\**Roundtable Discussions* provide an alternative forum for discussion and debate of a specific issue. This format is especially appropriate for sessions in which the presenters' role is to facilitate the audience's exploration of the issue. One or more facilitators may lead a roundtable discussion.

\**Workshops* provide a means to teach new skills of relevance to the field. One or more instructors may teach a workshop.

\**Poster Presentations* focus on the presentation of the author(s) contribution to theory, research, and/or practice through illustrative materials displayed on posters. The presenter(s) remain with his/her poster during specific time of the conference so that viewers may have the opportunity to ask questions and exchange ideas.

Instructions & Guidelines for Completing Program Proposals: All submitters and related authors will have to create an account with All Academic, Inc. The following information will be needed to create an account: names, affiliations, addresses, and e-mail addresses. All abstracts should be submitted through the All Academic, Inc. Submission Portal. *The system will be available to accept proposals on or about January 20, 2012.* To submit a proposal, please visit [www.nlpa.ws](http://www.nlpa.ws) and visit the 2012 biennial conference page. All Academic, Inc. provides menus and additional directions for submitting proposals. The following information must be provided:

\*Format proposed (e.g., paper, symposium, roundtable, workshop, poster)

\*Title of presentation (15 word maximum)

\*Abstract

\*Papers: 500 word abstract

\*Symposia: 150 word overview plus 500 word abstract per presentation and three learning objectives

\*Roundtable Discussion: 500 word abstract

\*Workshop: 500 word abstract and three learning objectives

\*Posters: 500 word abstract

Participants must bring their own laptop computers: Please have all the information collected before logging on and have all your authors create an account before you submit your proposal. Please allow approximately 30 minutes to complete the proposal online; you may edit or add to your proposal at any time up until the due date of March 15, 2012. If you are submitting a proposal for a symposium, *it is strongly recommended that all abstracts be entered by just one person. Be sure to have all information, including complete, up to date contact information and accurate email addresses for all authors before beginning the process.* You will be notified by e-mail that your proposal was received. All proposals will receive blind reviews by at least two members of the program committee. Authors will be notified by e-mail or regular mail on or about May 15, 2012, regarding whether submissions were accepted.

Conference Site Information: The conference will take place at The Heldrich Hotel in New Brunswick, NJ. The pre-conference day will be on Thursday, October 11, 2012. The conference will open on Thursday evening (10/11) with an opening reception and a poster session and proceed with a two full day conference on October 12th and 13th. Conference registration includes admission to all sessions, the opening reception on Thursday, continental breakfast and lunch on Friday and Saturday, and the Awards Dinner Banquet on Saturday.

Further details about conference registration, including travel arrangements and information about conference accessibility, will be provided on the NLPAs web site ([www.nlpa.ws](http://www.nlpa.ws)). *All presenters must register for the conference and pay full registration fees.*

Additional Information: Questions related to the program, can be directed to the Program Chair, Dr. Hector Y. Adames at [hadames@thechicagoschool.edu](mailto:hadames@thechicagoschool.edu) or at 312-467-2305. For general conference-related inquiries, please contact Dr. Milton Fuentes at [fuentesm@mail.montclair.edu](mailto:fuentesm@mail.montclair.edu) or at 973-655-7967.

## Supplement on Applying Social Determinants of Health to Public Health Practice

Deadline: May 1, 2012

Public Health Reports (PHR) is inviting papers for a Supplement on Applying Social Determinants of Health (SDH) to Public Health Practice. The guest editors for this Supplement are Drs. Hazel D. Dean, Kim M. Williams and Kevin A. Fenton. Dr. Dean is Deputy Director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP). Dr. Williams, a Behavioral Scientist in the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, NCHHSTP, serves as Co-Chair of the NCHHSTP Health Equity Work Group. Dr. Fenton is Director, NCHHSTP, CDC. The editors seek manuscripts that advance scientific knowledge and illustrate how public health professionals can address SDH across a range of public health activities that promote health equity among populations most disproportionately impacted by infectious and/or chronic diseases. Manuscripts may be analytic or descriptive in format and should report on SDH approaches in public health research, surveillance, communication, policy, program, capacity building, or partnership activities. The goal for the Supplement is to highlight best practices in addressing SDH across a broad range of public health activities. Manuscripts addressing the following broad range of topics are requested:

- \* Partnerships, particularly multisectoral, that address SDH and contribute to health equity;
- \* Design of policies, programs, and interventions to address SDH and contribute to health equity;
- \* Specific policies and interventions from health or other sectors designed to address SDH and contribute to health equity, with priority placed on those with demonstrated effectiveness;
- \* Implementation and scale-up of effective interventions that address SDH;
- \* Measurement, monitoring, and evaluation of the impact (anticipated and unanticipated) of policies, programs, and interventions on SDH and health equity, including development of innovative approaches;
- \* Capacity building at the program and/or organizational level to address SDH and contribute to health equity; and
- \* Best practices for communicating about disproportionately impacted populations, populations at high-risk for infectious and/or chronic diseases, health disparities, SDH, or health equity.

Manuscript requirements: Articles in PHR are typically 3,000 words in length. All manuscripts will be reviewed by the PHR Special Editorial Committee (SEC) for this Supplement. The SEC determines which manuscripts are sent for external peer review and which manuscripts will then be published in the Supplement. Deadline for submission: May 1, 2012. The anticipated publication date for this PHR Supplement is May/June 2013. Submission of manuscripts: Manuscripts for this Supplement should be e-mailed to [manuscripts@publichealthreports.org](mailto:manuscripts@publichealthreports.org). Please include "Applying Social Determinants of Health (SDH) to Public Health Practice" in the subject line of the e-mail. If you have any questions about this Supplement, please contact Dr. Hazel Dean (404-639-8000; [HDean@cdc.gov](mailto:HDean@cdc.gov)). For questions about PHR, please contact the Managing Editor, Julie Keefe (513-232-3190; [JKeeffe@cdc.gov](mailto:JKeeffe@cdc.gov)). PHR is a peer-reviewed journal of the U.S. Public Health Service and the U.S. Surgeon General. It is published in collaboration with the Association of Schools of Public Health. PHR is the oldest journal of public health in the U.S. and has published since 1878. The journal is widely distributed internationally, and is indexed by MEDLINE/Index Medicus, Current Contents, EMBASE/Excerpta Medica, Pais International, and LexisNexis. More information on the journal, including author guidelines, is available at [www.publichealthreports.org](http://www.publichealthreports.org).

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## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, Hyattsville, MD

Service Fellow, Office of Analysis and Epidemiology

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) in Hyattsville, Maryland, is seeking a Service Fellow in biostatistics or epidemiology in its Office of Analysis and Epidemiology (OAE), Health Promotion Statistics Branch (HPSB). The Service Fellow will work closely as part of a team of HPSB analysts who are responsible for collecting, analyzing, and presenting data for national health promotion and disease prevention initiatives, primarily Healthy People 2020 and the National Prevention Strategy. Major duties will include examining trends and disparities in national health objectives over time and across sociodemographic groups; preparing data charts that summarize the status of objectives for departmental reports and meetings; presenting original

research papers or posters at professional meetings; and representing NCHS at Healthy People 2020 Workgroup meetings and conferences. The Fellow will have the opportunity to participate in high-level meetings within DHHS including Healthy People 2020 Progress Reviews with the HHS Assistant Secretary. Applicants must have successfully completed a master's or doctoral degree or equivalent in biostatistics, epidemiology, demography, or a related field (e.g., sociology, medicine, or biological or health sciences), including 15 semester hours in statistics (or in mathematics and statistics, provided at least 6 semester hours were in statistics). For more information on the job announcement, please visit: [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/service\\_fellowship\\_biostatistics\\_epidemiology.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/service_fellowship_biostatistics_epidemiology.htm).

Fordham University, HIV Prevention Research  
Ethics Training Institute  
Summer Training and Mentored Research  
Program for Early Career Investigators  
July 8 - 18, 2012  
Deadline: March 2, 2012

At Fordham University Center for Ethics Education, New York City

Funded by the National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse

The Fordham University HIV Prevention Research Ethics Training Institute (RETI) offers ethics training and financial support for a mentored research project that will contribute to evidenced-based research ethics practices. The broad aims of the RETI are to: (1) provide fellows with the knowledge and skills to identify, address, and study key ethical issues in HIV prevention research; and (2) create and maintain an ongoing information and collaborative research network fostering grant proposals, research, publications, and pedagogical materials to sustain advancements in national and international HIV research ethics practices and policies.

RETI 2-Year Summer Program RETI fellows are expected to make a 2-year commitment beginning with an intensive 10-day summer program conducted by our interdisciplinary faculty of experts in HIV research and research ethics. The summer institute offers lectures, discussions, skill-based exercises and mentoring for fellows to: (a) gain knowledge in HIV research recruitment, confidentiality, informed consent, risk-benefit analysis and other ethical issues across diverse populations and research designs, (b) acquire skills to address and empirically examine research ethics challenges, and (c) develop a proposal for the mentored research project. The following summer, fellows will give formal presentations on their mentored research projects, receive intensive guidance in writing up their projects for publication and funding, and serve as peer mentors for new fellow cohorts. Fellows will receive support for travel, lodging, and meals for both summer institutes.

Mentored Research Project (MRP) During the first summer institute, fellows receive mentoring and faculty and peer feedback on a proposal for an original study that empirically examines a key ethical issue related to the fellow's area of HIV research. Fellows will receive a small grant of up to \$18,000 for an approved MRP. Data collection is expected to be completed at the end of year 1 and findings submitted for publication or as pilot data for funding in year 2. Additional funding is available on a competitive basis for conference presentations of the MRP.

Eligibility Applicants must have: (a) a doctoral, medical or equivalent degree in social, behavioral, medical, nursing, public health or related fields, (b) demonstrated scholarship in HIV prevention research; (c) 6 years or less post-doctoral experience; and (d) meet U.S. resident requirements to apply for NIH funding.

#### Application Requirements

- \* An online application form, an official transcript from your last completed degree, and a current curriculum vitae.
- \* A 300-word description of your HIV research training, scholarship (i.e. publications, presentations, funding), and immediate and long-term research and career goals.
- \* A 150-word statement describing your interest and relevant training or experience in HIV prevention research ethics.
- \* A 150-word description of the topic in HIV prevention research ethics that you would like to explore in the mentored research project. (Titles of current mentored research projects are available at [www.Fordham.edu/EthicsFellows](http://www.Fordham.edu/EthicsFellows))
- \* 2 letters of recommendation.

Deadlines Applications must be received by March 2, 2012. Applicants will be notified of award decisions by April 13, 2012. For application and additional information please visit [www.Fordham.edu/EthicsInstitute](http://www.Fordham.edu/EthicsInstitute).

London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (University of London)  
Faculty of Public Health and Health Policy, Department of Global Health and  
Development

Senior Lecturer in Global Health Policy

Deadline: February 29, 2012 (11:00 p.m.)

<http://bit.ly/wRzVZO>

The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) seeks to consolidate and build on its strengths as the lead institution in Europe on global health research, teaching and policy through the appointment of a Senior Lecturer in Global Health Policy.

The Senior Lecturer in Global Health Policy will enhance a number of strategic activities to significantly raise the School's profile in global health. The successful individual will hold a PhD in political science, politics, international relations, policy analysis or a closely allied subject area, and be an experienced scholar in analysing health concerns. The individual would complement existing staff with expertise in politics, international relations, development studies and social policy. As an appointment within the Department of Global Health and Development, the Senior Lecturer would work to unify existing activities within the broad field of global health policy and play an important teaching role.

The post-holder would be expected to:

- have a disciplinary background in political science, politics, international relations, policy analysis or related field;
- contribute to the development of a programme of research concerned with global health policy;
- secure additional research funds in the broad area of global health policy;
- make a contribution to LSHTM's teaching on global health, especially the recently launched Distance Learning MSc in Global Health Policy;
- supervise Research Degree students in relevant areas.

This post will be a full-time appointment for five years in the first instance. Salary is on the Academic Pathway, Grade 8 from £50,183 - £57,621 per annum inclusive. Annual leave entitlement is 30 working days per year for all staff. In addition to this there are 6 fixed-date "Director's Days". The reference for this post is GHDSL. Applications should also include a CV and the names and email addresses of 3 referees that can be contacted immediately if shortlisted. Any queries regarding the application process may be addressed to [jobs@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:jobs@lshtm.ac.uk). This post closes at 11.00pm on Wednesday 29 February 2012.

Massachusetts General Hospital, Disparities Solutions Center  
2012-2013 Disparities Leadership Program

The Disparities Solutions Center at Massachusetts General Hospital is now accepting applications for the 2012-2013 Disparities Leadership Program (DLP). This year-long executive education program is designed for leaders from hospitals, health plans, and other health care organizations who wish to implement practical strategies to identify and address racial and ethnic disparities in health care, particularly through quality improvement. Applications are due February 24, 2012. To download application materials or for more information, please visit the Disparities Solutions Center website [here](http://www.dsc.mgh.harvard.edu) or contact Aswita Tan-McGrory at [atanmcgrory@partners.org](mailto:atanmcgrory@partners.org).

Meharry Medical College, Health Disparities Research Center of Excellence,  
Nashville, TN

Dr. M Alfred Haynes Research Training Institute for Social Equity

May 13-25, 2012

Deadline: March 15, 2012

The Health Disparities Research Center of Excellence at Meharry in Nashville, TN is offering the Dr. M Alfred Haynes Research Training Institute for Social Equity on May 13-25, 2012.

**Focus:** The institute will focus on expanding *knowledge and understanding of junior faculty members about health disparities* while *improving and enhancing their skills to engage the community in health services research*.

Participants will be:

- Minority investigators
- Senior health disparities research faculty
- Community and faith-based leaders

Curriculum:

- The curriculum is designed to *expose and enhance the knowledge and skills of participants about cutting-edge health disparities research and is a two-week training course of 85 didactic hours.*
- *Develop and complete a quality research proposal that could be submitted for funding.*



Community Opportunity: This is a great opportunity for *community and faith-based leaders to participate in the development and implementation of a translational health services research program that seeks to eliminate health disparities.* Community leaders involved in the research process will *enhance the ability to translate research findings into promising programs and policies to reduce disease and other public health problems among racial/ethnic and disadvantaged populations.*

Applications will be accepted until March 15, 2012.

For information about the institute and to submit an application:

<http://hdresearchtraining.net/learning/mahrtise/mahri-about-the-institute>.

Northeastern University, Bouvé College of Health Sciences, Department of Health Sciences,  
Boston, MA

Tenured or Tenure Track Faculty Position in Social Determinants of Health and Health Equity

The Bouvé College of Health Sciences at Northeastern University invites applications for a tenured or tenure track faculty position, with an appointment in the Department of Health Sciences, starting in September 2012. The college is recruiting a tenured or tenure track faculty member with expertise in the area of Social Determinants of Health and Health Equity to contribute to teaching, research, and other scholarly activities with faculty in the Department of Health Sciences. The Department currently has an undergraduate program in Health Sciences, a graduate program in Exercise Science and an MPH Program in Urban Health. A PhD in Population Health is under development. The department is committed to the education and development of exceptional public health researchers and practitioners. In addition, this position will have the opportunity to participate directly with the Institute for Urban Health Research (IUHR), which is devoted to knowledge generation and its practical application to improve health in urban communities.

Responsibilities: Principal responsibilities include an ongoing, high-quality, independent research program, appropriate instruction and mentoring of students enrolled in departmental programs, University and professional service.

Qualifications: Successful candidates will possess a doctoral degree in a public health discipline, sociology, demography, epidemiology, psychology or other relevant field and an established record of research in health inequities and social determinants of health. Candidates should demonstrate success in maintaining an active research program as evidenced by external grant funding and a record of peer-reviewed publications commensurate with their academic experience. Candidates should also demonstrate the capacity for outstanding teaching and mentoring of undergraduate and graduate students.

Additional Information: The Bouvé College of Health Sciences offers six majors in three schools - health professions, nursing, and pharmacy - that include 276 faculty with expertise in public health, applied psychology, speech audiology, nursing, physician assistance, pharmacy, and physical therapy; all with an interdisciplinary emphasis.

In addition to the programs listed above, the Department of Health Sciences is jointly responsible for a PhD program in Personal Health Informatics (in collaboration with the College of Computer and Information Science). The Department is home to an NIH funded Center for Population Health and Health Disparities, with research in nutrition, stress and chronic health conditions in the Puerto Rican community; and is enhanced by the presence of the IUHR, an interdisciplinary research center which has longstanding collaborations with the Boston Public Health Commission, the Mass. Department of Public Health and a host of local community based agencies. The IUHR is comprised of over 25 faculty and researchers conducting studies on social determinants of health and health disparities, substance use and abuse intervention, mental health, HIV prevention, childhood obesity prevention, interpersonal violence and community pharmacy. In addition, department faculty work with the Center for Community Health Education Research and Service (CCHERS) - which cooperates with a network of 15 academic health centers in Boston. The Department is currently planning a PhD program in population health and the new faculty member can be instrumental in shaping this program. Since 2008, department faculty has been awarded over \$26 million in NIH grants. The University has strong and longstanding ties to the local and state health departments and is located four blocks from the Longwood Medical Area (encompassing Harvard Medical School and School of Public Health, Children's Hospital Boston, Brigham & Women's Hospital, and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center) and eight blocks from the Boston University Schools of Medicine and Public Health and the Boston Medical Center.

Application Information: Applications will be reviewed beginning December 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue until the position is filled. The expected start date of this position will be September 1, 2012. Applications must be submitted on-line by visiting the Provost website at:

[www.northeastern.edu/provost/faculty/positions.html](http://www.northeastern.edu/provost/faculty/positions.html). Click on 'Access Faculty Positions.'

Applications must include a cover letter, a statement of current and future research interests, curriculum vitae, and contact information for at least three references. More information regarding this position may be obtained by contacting the Chair of the search committee: Hortensia Amaro, PhD at [h.amaro@neu.edu](mailto:h.amaro@neu.edu)

Northeastern University, Bouvé College of Health Sciences, Department of Health Sciences, Boston, MA

Tenure Track Faculty Position in Environmental Health

The Bouvé College of Health Sciences at Northeastern University invites applications for a new tenure track faculty position in Environmental Health with an appointment in the Department of Health Sciences, starting in September, 2012. The college is recruiting an Environmental Health tenure track faculty member to be affiliated primarily with the Master of Public Health in Urban Health Program, and to contribute to teaching, research, and other scholarly activities with faculty in the Department of Health Sciences. The MPH Program in Urban Health is committed to the education and development of competent public health researchers and practitioners. This academic position is tenure-track at the level of Assistant or Associate Professor, depending on the qualifications of the candidate. Outstanding candidates will also be considered for a Full Professor rank with the option of obtaining tenure upon entry.

**Responsibilities:** Principal responsibilities include development of a high-quality, independent research program, instruction and mentoring of students enrolled in departmental programs, and University and professional service.

**Qualifications:** Candidates are expected to possess a doctoral degree in environmental health or a relevant field. Additionally, an MPH degree and expertise in urban health issues are highly desirable. Candidates should demonstrate the potential to establish and maintain an active research program as evidenced by external grant funding and a record of peer-reviewed publications commensurate with their academic experience. Candidates should also demonstrate the potential for outstanding teaching and mentoring of students.

**Additional Information:** The Bouvé College of Health Sciences offers six majors in three schools - health professions, nursing, and pharmacy - that include 276 faculty with expertise in public health, applied psychology, speech audiology, nursing, physician assistance, pharmacy, and physical therapy; all with an interdisciplinary emphasis.

The Department of Health Sciences is home to Northeastern's MPH Program in Urban Health. In addition to the MPH Program, the department consists of an undergraduate program in Health Sciences, a Masters program in Exercise Sciences and PhD program in Personal Health Informatics (in collaboration with the College of Computer and Information Science). The Department is home to the Center for Population Health and Health Disparities and is enhanced by the presence of collaborating organizations including the Institute on Urban Health Research, which has longstanding collaborations with the Boston Public Health Commission, the Mass. Department of Public Health and a host of local community based agencies; and the Center for Community Health Education Research and Service (CCHERS) - a network of 15 academic health centers in Boston. The Department is currently designing a PhD program in population health and the new faculty member can be instrumental in shaping this program. Since 2008, department faculty has been awarded over \$26 million in NIH grant. The University houses the Northeastern Environmental Justice Research Collaborative and the NIH funded Puerto Rico Testsite for Exploring Contamination Threats (PROTECT) Center which is a collaboration of faculty experts in engineering, public health, and biomedical and environmental sciences. In addition, the University is building the George J. Kostas Research Institute for Homeland Security. There are also ample resources for collaborative training and research within the Boston area. The University has strong ties to the local and state health departments and is located four blocks from the Longwood Medical Area (encompassing Harvard Medical School and School of Public Health, Children's Hospital Boston, Brigham & Women's Hospital, and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center) and eight blocks from the Boston University Schools of Medicine and Public Health and the Boston Medical Center.

**Application Information:** Applications will be reviewed beginning November 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue until the position is filled. The expected start date of this position will be September 1, 2012. Applications must be submitted on-line by visiting the Provost website at:

[www.northeastern.edu/provost/faculty/positions.html](http://www.northeastern.edu/provost/faculty/positions.html). Click on 'Access Faculty Positions.'

Applications must include a cover letter, a statement of current and future research interests, curriculum vitae, and contact information for at least three references. More information regarding this position may be obtained by contacting the Chair of the search committee: Shan Mohammed MD, MPH at [s.mohammed@neu.edu](mailto:s.mohammed@neu.edu).

Northeastern University, Bouvé College of Health Sciences, Department of Health Sciences, Boston, MA

Faculty Position in Physical Activity and Public Health

The Bouvé College of Health Sciences at Northeastern University invites applications for a faculty position in the area of Physical Activity and Public Health with an appointment in the Department of Health Sciences, starting in September, 2012. This academic position is tenure-track at the level of Assistant or Associate Professor, depending on the qualifications of the candidate. Outstanding candidates will also be considered for a Full Professor rank with the option of obtaining tenure upon entry. The Department of Health Sciences currently offers a Master of Science in Exercise Science with a public health emphasis, a Master of Public Health, and a Bachelors program in Health Sciences. We also offer, jointly with computer science, a new PhD program in health informatics, and are developing an interdisciplinary PhD program in Population Health. Faculty in the department are exploring a range of research topics such as acute/chronic effects of exercise, community-based exercise and nutrition interventions, nutrition epidemiology, health disparities, urban public health, and application of technology for measuring and motivating behavior change. Bouvé College of Health Sciences has a faculty of 276, with approximately 2,100 undergraduate and 1,500 graduate students. It is the leading national model for education and research in the health, psychosocial and biomedical sciences and supports the University's mission of educating students for a life of fulfillment and accomplishment and creating and translating knowledge to meet global and societal needs. Within Bouvé, the Behrakis Health Sciences Center houses a state of the art human performance and exercise laboratory with teaching and research space, including fully equipped exercise stress testing stations, metabolic carts, Lunar DEXA machine, an underwater weighing tank, Cybex and Keiser strength and power equipment, wet lab facilities for blood processing and muscle biopsies. Northeastern University is on an exciting trajectory of growth and innovation. The University is a leader in interdisciplinary research, urban engagement, experiential learning, and the integration of classroom learning with real-world experience. We seek a faculty member who will join the Department of Health Sciences in the Bouvé College of Health Sciences to play a significant role in developing transdisciplinary programs integrating exercise science, physical activity promotion, and other disciplines supporting public health. Northeastern University is home to 20,000 students and to the nation's premier cooperative education program. The past decade has witnessed a dramatic increase in Northeastern's international reputation for research and innovative educational programs. A heightened focus on interdisciplinary research and scholarship is driving a faculty hiring initiative at Northeastern, advancing its position amongst the nation's top research universities. Northeastern University is located four blocks from the Longwood Medical Area, encompassing Harvard Medical School, Children's Hospital Boston, Brigham & Women's Hospital, and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and eight blocks from the Boston University School of Medicine and Boston Medical Center. Northeastern is situated on the Avenue of the Arts in Boston's historic Back Bay.

Responsibilities. Principal responsibilities include establishing an active research program in the area of exercise science, physical activity, health promotion and public health that lead to graduate research assistantship opportunities for students in the program, mentoring students at all levels, and teaching core courses in exercise science and public health. Additional responsibilities will include program activities such as student admissions and advising, development of new program initiatives, and involvement in the interdisciplinary PhD programs offered by the College.

Qualifications for this position require an earned doctorate in an exercise science or related field. University experience teaching exercise science and health promotion is required. A demonstrated track record in publications and grant funding in areas related to the above areas of responsibility is also required.

Application Information: Applications will be reviewed beginning November 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue until the position is filled. The expected start date of this position will be September 1, 2012. Applications must be submitted on-line by visiting the Provost website at:

[www.northeastern.edu/provost/faculty/positions.html](http://www.northeastern.edu/provost/faculty/positions.html). Click on 'Access Faculty Positions.'

Applications must include a cover letter, a statement of current and future research interests, curriculum vitae, and contact information for at least three references. More information regarding this position may be obtained by contacting the Chair of the search committee: Carmen Sceppa, MD, PhD at [c.sceppa@neu.edu](mailto:c.sceppa@neu.edu).

PolicyLink, Oakland, CA

Associate Director

100% FTE

Salary Commensurate with experience

This professional level position-available immediately-is an exciting opportunity to join the

staff at PolicyLink. PolicyLink is a national research and action institute advancing economic and social equity by Lifting Up What Works. PolicyLink collaborates with a broad range of partners to implement strategies to ensure that everyone -- including low-income people and communities of color can contribute to and benefit from economic growth and prosperity. Please visit our website at [www.policylink.org](http://www.policylink.org). PolicyLink is working on local, state and national policies to improve access to healthy foods in low-income communities and communities of color. This includes advocacy for policies which support the development of all sorts of healthy food retail from new or redesigned grocery stores, to improved corner stores, to coops and community supported agriculture. In addition, we are promoting urban agriculture, developing policy approaches to enhance and expand innovative projects. The scope of work also includes a variety of research projects, and convening local, state, and national groups along with philanthropy, policymakers, and community leaders to assess challenges and develop solutions. We are searching for an individual with deep knowledge of healthy food access and with demonstrated experience in food policy and advocacy on the local, state, or national level and, who, in partnership with others, will have achieved significant policy impacts. Our ideal candidate will have strong leadership skills, deep connections and access to broad professional networks and the ability to convene diverse constituencies. They should have a passion for improving the lives of low-income communities and communities of color and understand the connections between health and place. Additionally, we are looking for someone with strong communication skills, including facilitation and presentation skills. The associate director will be passionate, curious, team-oriented, able to work under tight deadlines, flexible, and dedicated to the PolicyLink mission. It is also important that our candidate possess the ability to work with others in a collegial team-building environment. Essential Responsibilities: The successful candidate will be a key staff member of the PolicyLink Center for Health and Place. They will work in collaboration with other team members to develop and implement advocacy efforts to improve access to health food at the local, state, and national level. In addition, they will reach out to the field to identify needs and opportunities for research, capacity building, collaboration, and support to sustain existing efforts. As appropriate, the Associate Director will supervise staff, work across other teams within the organization, and develop reports, proposals, briefing papers and other materials, as indicated. They will build relationships with staff at key foundations, and among practitioners, policymakers, business leaders, and other stakeholders. As needed, the Associate Director will make presentations and represent the organization at various meetings, conferences, and other events. They will be responsible for conducting trainings, participating in research projects, and providing overall coordination and leadership. This position requires some travel.

Qualifications/Skills:

- \* Experience in public health and/or public policy. Minimum of 7 years of professional experience.
- \* Advanced degree, such as MPP, MPA, MPH, or MSW or commensurate experience.
- \* Experience with food access issues.
- \* Strong written and verbal communication skills with demonstrated experience in writing reports and articles.
- \* Strong analytical skills.
- \* Experience with qualitative and quantitative research preferred, but not required.
- \* Experience in coalition building, community engagement.
- \* Supervision and management skills preferred, with strong leadership capacity.
- \* Experience building relationships with, and providing technical support to, organizations and stakeholders.
- \* Commitment to economic and social equity issues.
- \* Demonstrated ability to work as a self-starting member of a team.

To Apply:

Send Resume, Cover Letter, and three Professional References to:

PolicyLink-Associate Director, Health Search Committee

1438 Webster Street, Suite 303

Oakland, CA 94612 or:

Fax to 510-663-9684 or e-mail to [jobs@policylink.org](mailto:jobs@policylink.org) (include subject line: "[your name]" Associate Director). Position open until filled.

Excellent benefits including paid vacation, health, vision and dental insurance, and 401(k) retirement plan.

PolicyLink, New York  
Senior Associate-Health Team  
100% FTE

Salary commensurate with experience

This professional level position, available immediately, is an exciting opportunity to join the

staff at PolicyLink. PolicyLink is a national research and action institute advancing economic and social equity by Lifting Up What Works(r). Please visit our website at: [www.policylink.org](http://www.policylink.org).

Program Description: The PolicyLink Center for Health and Place weaves research and action into policy initiatives to ensure that everyone-especially those in low-income and communities of color-can live, work, and play in healthy environments. The Center works with a host of partners on efforts to push for policies that allow people to live in communities of opportunity. One such initiative-the national Healthy Eating, Active Living Convergence Partnership-is a collaborative of national funders seeking to create Healthy People in Healthy Places (HHP) through multifield, equity-focused efforts focused on policy and environmental change. One of the Convergence Partnership's core strategies is to promote and support such efforts in the field, recognizing that regional convergence initiatives are essential in advancing a national movement towards HHP. The steering committee includes representatives from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Kaiser Permanente, The California Endowment, the Kresge Foundation, and Nemours. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) serves as a technical advisor to the Partnership. PolicyLink serves as Project Director working to coordinate the various efforts underway and assist in strategic thinking about future goals and strategies.

Position Responsibilities:

- \* Serve as a resource and support for national convergence activities.
- \* Provide technical assistance and support to regional convergence initiatives.
- \* Track and assess national and regional trends and model policy and environmental change strategies that improve food and physical activity environments.
- \* Supervise staff as appropriate and work with partner organizations to coordinate activities and events.
- \* Build relationships with staff at foundations and other relevant groups to foster connections and communications between national partnership and regional convergence sites.
- \* Conduct interviews to identify policy opportunities and assess strategic directions.
- \* Create and oversee tracking and monitoring systems to manage TA requests, inquiries, and outreach efforts.
- \* Develop policy briefs and other written documents; conduct trainings as needed.
- \* Travel approximately twice a month.

Qualifications/Skills:

- \* Experience in public health and/or public policy, particularly in the areas of social determinants of health, health disparities and inequities, food and physical activity environments, and other related fields. Minimum of 7 years of professional experience.
- \* Master's degree in public health, planning, or policy (e.g., MPH, MPP, MPA).
- \* Strong written and verbal communication skills and analytical skills.
- \* Experience in advocacy, technical assistance, writing reports and articles, public speaking, and conducting trainings.
- \* Demonstrated leadership skills and ability to work as a self-starting member of a team.

To apply:

Send Cover Letter and Resume to:

PolicyLink-Senior Associate-Convergence Partnership Search Committee  
55 West 39th Street, 11th Floor  
New York, NY 10018 or

Fax to (510) 587-1113 or email to [jobs@policylink.org](mailto:jobs@policylink.org) (include subject line: "[Your name] (Senior Associate-Convergence Partnership)". Position open until filled.

Excellent benefits including paid vacation, health, vision and dental insurance, and 401(k) retirement plan. Please note: No phone calls please. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

University California, San Francisco, Institute for Health and Aging  
Healthy Community Data and Research Specialist (Job No. N-300)

The goal of this project is to enhance public health and health equity in land use planning and policy making. This will be accomplished through providing data, a standardized set of statistical measures, and tools for planning healthy communities and evaluating the impact of land-use, policy, and environmental changes on health. A set of healthy community metrics provides a common framework for linking health to the community environment, including that impacted by land-use decisions. The framework and indicator set can thus help cities/counties and regional partners develop plans and programs that meet the broader sustainability and equity goals and objectives of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC). The framework and indicators will help to better inform local and state policy makers regarding the potential positive or adverse health impacts of policy and planning decisions, to facilitate more informed decision-making and better plans and programs, and facilitate local health department engagement in planning for healthy communities. As part of an analysis team, the incumbent will assume responsibility for reviewing the literature on indicator projects,

individual indicators, data sources, evidence that links the indicator to health outcomes and health inequity, and research new indicators; synthesize literature and criteria for selecting indicators. Will contribute to the design of a project meta-database; manage the data base including writing queries to generate lists and reports on the status of indicators; and document the database in a written technical document describing its structure and contents (i.e. data dictionaries). Will also be responsible for acquiring data in machine readable format; downloading data from websites and media; organizing and documenting file organization; aggregating data using SAS, Excel, MS Access according to specifications in the meta-database; documenting steps in aggregation in a how-to manual; visualizing data using tools in MS Office suite and ArcGIS; researching and applying statistical principles for estimation of confidence intervals, standard errors and their stability consistent with confidentiality and appropriate use of data; assisting with administrative arrangements to acquire non-public data via commercial vendors, non-profit organizations, and government agencies via MOUs, contracts, or other agreements; documenting project activities in technical reports, including how-to manuals and illustrative reports for users of indicators. Assisting and coordinating with Regional Progress Report indicators project and other Strategic Growth Council data-related groups; develop project work plans; arrange webinar to present indicators and how-to do manual and illustrative document. Arrange follow-up and provide technical assistance at up to 6 locations, document how indicators will be used by stakeholders, and document process and findings of outreach efforts.

Job Function: Data Collection, Analysis, Interpretation, and Visualization

Qualifications: Required: Bachelor's degree in appropriate field such as epidemiology, biostatistics, public health, medical sociology, or health economics, (master's degree preferred); 3 years of experience in quantitative analysis and/or population-based research, or an equivalent combination of education and experience; understanding of statistical methods (e.g., epidemiology, biostatistics, econometrics; experience using statistical software for data analysis and management (e.g. SAS, STATA, SPSS, GIS); the ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing to a variety of audiences is essential, as is the ability to make public presentations. Preferred: Master's degree in an appropriate field or a doctoral degree or doctoral degree candidate with academic training in an appropriate field, such as epidemiology, biostatistics, public health, public policy analysis, medical sociology, health economics; experience conducting geospatial analyses, analysis of large databases, and/or evaluations; knowledge of chronic disease epidemiology, health inequities, and other public health issues related to planning healthy communities and evaluating the impact of land-use, policy, and environmental changes on health.

Submit Applications to:

Annabel Paragas  
University of California San Francisco  
Institute for Health & Aging  
3333 California St., Ste. 340  
San Francisco, Ca 94118  
Phone: 415-476-9472  
Email: [Annabel.paragas@ucsf.edu](mailto:Annabel.paragas@ucsf.edu)

A complete application will include a cover letter (reference Job No.N-300), curriculum vitae, copies of key publications and most recent syllabi, if any.

University of California, San Francisco, Program on Reproductive Health and the Environment

Postdoctoral Scientist (in Environmental Epidemiology)

The UCSF Program on Reproductive Health and the Environment (PRHE) is seeking a Postdoctoral Scientist in environmental epidemiology with expertise on health disparities and inequities. This training opportunity is designed to give the postdoctoral scientist experience in all aspects of the research process from design and implementation, to publication.

Research area: PRHE is collaborating with the California Breast Cancer Research Program (CBCRP) to develop and implement the California Breast Cancer Prevention Initiatives. To carry out the project, science and advocate experts and interested individuals/organizations will contribute to the development of research strategies and recommendations made to the CBCRP Council over the course of a four-year process. Approximately \$24 million will be dedicated to directed, coordinated, and collaborative research to pursue the most compelling and promising approaches to:

1. Identify and eliminate environmental causes of breast cancer.
2. Identify and eliminate disparities/inequities in the burden of breast cancer in California.
3. Population-level interventions (including policy research) on known or suspected breast cancer risk factors and protective measures.
4. Targeted interventions for high-risk individuals, including new methods for identifying or assessing risk.

Knowledge/Skills: The successful candidate must have a PhD in toxicology, environmental health, risk assessment, epidemiology, sociology or other health related field and a demonstrated knowledge of health disparities and inequities. Successful candidates will join an interdisciplinary group of basic scientists, epidemiologists, clinicians, and biostatisticians who are involved in many other related studies, and interact regularly. Successful candidate will also interact with clinicians, governmental and nongovernmental staff in environmental health. Excellent oral and written skills are essential. The Postdoctoral Scientist will be advised by and will work closely with Dr. Tracey Woodruff. The initial appointment is for a 25% FTE for three years. The position would start immediately and end December 2014. The successful candidate will co-lead the Environment and Disparities Science Assessment. S/he will develop the protocol, conduct the interviews, prepare a summary report, and make a presentation to the Steering Committee and Strategy Advisors of results of interviews with the Special Research Initiative Strategy Team. S/he will conduct the disparities component of the targeted scan of the Gaps document; assist in coordinating the efforts of Science Assessment Advisors; assist in coordinating the development and the production of Concept Proposals; and assist in coordinating the submission of peer-reviewed publications based on the Science Assessments and planning process. The UCSF Program on Reproductive Health and the Environment (PRHE) seeks to advance scientific inquiry, professional training, public education, and health policies that reduce the impacts of environmental contaminants on reproductive and developmental health. We are a high-paced and committed team conducting novel research linking developmental exposures to environmental chemicals to health and creating new methods for research translation in environmental health science. We seek to foster and promote student and professional interest and capacity in environmental health research, policy and education. More information on PRHE can be found here: [www.prhe.ucsf.edu](http://www.prhe.ucsf.edu). Please send a CV, writing sample, and three references to Jason Harless: [harlessj@obgyn.ucsf.edu](mailto:harlessj@obgyn.ucsf.edu).

University of California, San Francisco, Program on Reproductive Health and the Environment

Postdoctoral Scientist or Junior Faculty in Social Epidemiology

The UCSF Program on Reproductive Health and the Environment (PRHE) is seeking a Postdoctoral scientist or Junior faculty in social epidemiology or a related field with expertise on health disparities.

PRHE is collaborating with the California Breast Cancer Research Program (CBCRP) to develop and implement the California Breast Cancer Prevention Initiatives. The Prevention Initiatives involves the development of research strategies and recommendations made to the CBCRP Council over the four years. An estimated \$24 million will be dedicated to directed, coordinated, and collaborative research to pursue the most compelling and promising approaches to research on breast cancer, the environment and disparities, population-level interventions (including policy research) on known or suspected breast cancer risk factors and protective measures, and targeted interventions for high-risk individuals. The successful candidate must have a PhD in public health, epidemiology, medical anthropology, sociology or other health related field and a demonstrated knowledge of health disparities and inequities. Well-qualified doctoral students may be considered. Knowledge of environmental health a plus. Please contact Jason Harless at [harlessj@obgyn.ucsf.edu](mailto:harlessj@obgyn.ucsf.edu) for more information.

University of California, San Francisco, Program on Reproductive Health and the Environment

Reach the Decision Makers 2012 Nationwide Training Program

Deadline: February 24, 2012

Are you a scientist, community-based leader, public health or health care professional with experience in environmental or reproductive health? Join Reach the Decision Makers! Through Reach the Decision Makers you will:

- Learn to educate the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on reproductive environmental health issues of importance to you and/or your community.
- Develop the skills and tools necessary to effectively engage USEPA policy makers.
- Begin to establish relationships and partnerships with USEPA staff.
- Become a powerful communicator on environmental and reproductive health science.

New this year! We encourage both individuals and pre-formed teams to apply.

- Pre-formed team. This could be an existing coalition or any group of individuals who want to form a team of four to six individuals. Reach would prefer teams that include a diverse mix of community-based leaders, researchers, health care professionals, and public health professionals.
- Individuals. Researchers, community-based leaders, public health professionals, and health care professionals with experience in reproductive or environmental health are encouraged to apply.

Reach the Decision Makers (Reach), a project of the UCSF Program on Reproductive Health and the Environment, is an innovative science and policy training program that works to increase the number of scientists, community-based leaders, public health and health care professionals who are actively involved in informing the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) of current and relevant scientific findings impacting their decisions in setting policy. Reach is designed based on the very successful "Women's Policy Institute" of the Women's Foundation of California. Reach helps to ensure that science is translated into meaningful public policy that can protect reproductive health. This training program is made possible through a 3 year grant from the Kresge Foundation. Costs associated with the program (travel, housing, food, teleconference costs) will be covered by the program and each fellow will receive a \$500 stipend for participating. Out-of-pocket costs to participants are expected to be minimal beyond the time commitment required for participation. Please see the application for exact dates of in-person and webinar trainings.

INFO CALLS: Informational conference calls will be held on the following dates and times:

February 1st, 9:30-10:30am PST; 12:30 - 1:30pm EST

February 13th, 9:00 - 10:00am PST; Noon - 1:00pm EST

Please join us during one of these times to learn more about Reach the Decision Makers and to have your questions answered. Please register for one of these calls by sending an email to: [reach@obgyn.ucsf.edu](mailto:reach@obgyn.ucsf.edu). Call-in information will be provided at the time of registration.

APPLY NOW! If you are interested in applying for the Reach the Decision Makers class of 2012, please complete the application available

at <http://prhe.ucsf.edu/prhe/reachdecisionmakers.html> and submit it to [reach@obgyn.ucsf.edu](mailto:reach@obgyn.ucsf.edu).

If you have any questions about the program or eligibility requirements, please email the program at [reach@obgyn.ucsf.edu](mailto:reach@obgyn.ucsf.edu). Applications are due February 24, 2012.

University of Texas- Austin, School of Social Work  
Tenure-Track Faculty

[http://facultyjobs.utexas.edu/potential/view\\_job.cfm?jobID=1657](http://facultyjobs.utexas.edu/potential/view_job.cfm?jobID=1657)

Job Description: The School of Social Work at The University of Texas at Austin offers unique opportunities for individuals who wish to pursue an academic career in a dynamic, collegial environment. Faculty positions at the rank of assistant, associate or full professor are periodically available based on school needs and priorities. The school seeks candidates who are committed to teaching, research, and community service at the BSW, MSSW, and PhD levels. Qualifications include a doctorate in social work or a related field and a master's degree in social work. Candidates must have clear potential for or an established record of funded research, scholarship, and teaching, and must meet the University's requirements for that rank. Practice experience is preferred. Successful candidates are expected to teach undergraduate and graduate courses, develop a research program, collaborate with other faculty, and be involved in service to the university, community, and the profession. Women and minority applicants are encouraged to apply. Applicant Instructions: To ensure full consideration, please send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and the name, address, e-mail addresses, and telephone number of three references to: Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Office of the Dean, The University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work, 1 University Station, D3500, Austin, Texas 78712-0358.

Yale University, Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity  
Director of Advocacy Resources, Rudd Center for Food Policy

The Director of Advocacy Resources for Yale University's Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity will help guide the Center's rapidly-expanding work on food marketing to young people. The Director will coordinate and lead the Rudd Center's work to educate and inform community organizations about issues related to food marketing, and develop resources to help them identify and implement appropriate strategies for intervention.

Essential Duties:

1. Develop a comprehensive advocacy liaison strategy for the Center, focusing on food marketing to children and adolescents, and communities of color.
2. Build and maintain advocacy relationships by identifying, and serving as a liaison between community advocates and health- and child-related NGOs.
3. Educate advocacy groups about food policy and obesity, marketing and the food



environment via briefings, webinars, conferences, presentations and other methods as appropriate.

4. Provide expert/technical assistance to advocates from community organization pertaining to obesity and marketing issues, including creating strategic plans, agenda-setting, message framing, policy options, etc.

5. Produce fact sheets, reports, and other written materials for distribution on the Website and/or in written form; work with Communications director to ensure Website is up to date.

6. Represent the Rudd Center at meetings, conferences, and speaking engagements.

7. Monitor and analyze local and state legislation, policymaking, and regulatory activity regarding food marketing.

8. Work collaboratively with faculty and staff at the Center to carry out the Center's mission.

Required Education and Experience:

1. Masters degree in a related field or law degree and two years of related work experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Skills & Abilities:

1. Firsthand knowledge of advocacy processes.

2. Experience working with a wide range of groups, including low-income people and communities of color.

3. Familiarity with health care/nutrition issues.

4. Experience in public speaking/presentations.

5. Excellent writing skills.

6. Excellent public speaking skills for multiple audiences.

7. Able to travel within and outside CT.

To do apply for this position, please go to Yale's online job posting "STARS" website at the following link:

<http://www.yale.edu/hronline/careers/application/external/index.html>. Once there, you can search for this particular position by its requisition number (15190BR). You will be asked to upload your resume there as well.

Salary: Based on Experience

Location: New Haven, CT

Contact Information: Rebecca Puhl, 309 Edwards St., New Haven, CT 06520, Phone: 203-432-6700, Email: [rebecca.puhl@yale.edu](mailto:rebecca.puhl@yale.edu). Job Website Posting URL: [www.yaleruddcenter.org](http://www.yaleruddcenter.org)

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## CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Training Course In Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology

Denver, Colorado Westin

Denver Downtown

May 29 - June 2, 2012

Deadline: March 2, 2012

The MCHB and CDC are offering a Training Course in MCH Epidemiology as part of their ongoing effort to enhance the analytic capacity of state and local health agencies. This national program is aimed primarily at professionals in state and local health agencies who have significant responsibility for collecting, processing, analyzing, and reporting maternal and child health data. Faculty working with state or local MCH departments are also eligible for the course. This year, the course is geared to individuals with intermediate to advanced skills in using statistical and epidemiologic methods, preferably in MCH or a related field. The training curriculum is designed to build conceptual, technical, and analytic skills for using data effectively, and focuses on applications that are relevant to the day-to-day work of participants. The training course is an intensive program, combining lectures, discussion, hands-on exercises, and opportunities for individualized technical assistance. In addition, the in-person training will be supplemented with webinars both before and after the course.

Training topics include:

- MCH epidemiology for needs assessment and priority-setting
- Population-based program evaluation design
- Multivariable regression modeling
- Data interpretation and presentation
- Trend analysis
- Small area analysis
- Multilevel models
- Propensity scores

- Population attributable fractions
- Modeling risk differences

The course will be held from mid-day Tuesday, May 29th to mid-day Saturday, June 2nd in Denver, Colorado. Lodging, breakfast, and lunch will be covered. A limited number of scholarships for airfare are available. STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEES: The application must be accompanied by a letter from your state MCH director indicating that he or she is aware that you are applying for the training course. This letter helps to foster communication between state MCH directors and data analysts. Go to [www.positiveoutcomes.net](http://www.positiveoutcomes.net) to complete an online application. Only applications submitted online will be accepted. Completed applications must be submitted to Positive Outcomes, Inc. by 5 pm EST, Friday, March 2, 2012. For additional information, call Dr. Julia Hidalgo at: (443) 203-0305 or email Dr. Hidalgo at: [Julia.hidalgo@positiveoutcomes.net](mailto:Julia.hidalgo@positiveoutcomes.net).

#### New England Workshop on Science and Social Change Spring 2012 Workshop 2

"Opening up New Directions in Epidemiology and Population Health"  
Woods Hole MA, USA

May 19 (Sat, 9am)-22 (Tues, 2pm), 2012 (arriving Friday evening)

Organizer & Lead Facilitator: Peter J. Taylor, University of Massachusetts Boston, Science in a Changing World graduate track, <http://www.stv.umb.edu/SICW.html>.

Applications are sought from researchers (including graduate students) and other professionals who are interested in exploring ways to open up new directions in epidemiological thinking and research. An interest in "not simply continuing along previous lines" (to quote a participant in a previous workshop) means sharing and extending perspectives, problems, tools, connections, and audiences that draw us outside our previous comfort zones. The workshop activities will build on what the participants on tribute, but topics addressed might include:

- \*Popular epidemiology and community-based participatory health research
- \*Lay epidemiology and bringing epidemiological thinking into public discourse
- \*Promoting discussion among researchers beyond epidemiology proper
- \*Teaching non-specialists to become conversant with the methods, results, and controversies in epidemiology and related fields
- \*Innovative research designs; Alternatives to various statistical conventions
- \*Visual thinking and communication
- \*Lessons from historical case studies
- \*Bringing the histories and philosophies of other disciplines to bear in re-framing persistent or stubborn research questions
- \*How to support each other doing more in-depth, less-conventional work
- \*Conditions for professional and scholarly creativity
- ...and more (to be determined by participants)

The workshop will also introduce participants to tools and processes for individual reflection and group interaction designed to produce insights and deepen the people-connections valuable for putting those

insights into practice after the workshop. For more details, <http://www.stv.umb.edu/newssc12b.html>.

Registration is on a sliding scale--\$125 (for those with low incomes and lack of travel support) up to \$300 (for those with a decent income and institutional/grant support). Registration covers meal costs. Accommodation, at a local, moderately priced motel is extra. The funding available to help get people to the workshop is modest, but we have managed to subsidize travel and accommodation in past years according to need (which favors graduate students and independent scholars, but does not count out those with regular positions but no travel budgets). Applications accepted until workshop is full. For more details, see <http://www.stv.umb.edu/newsscarrange.html>.

#### Harvard University

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Program in Ethics & Health Conference: Statistical vs. Identified Lives - Ethics and Public Policy

The Inn at Longwood (April 19)/Sheraton Commander (April 20)

April 19-20, 2012

Sponsored by Harvard Global Health Institute, HSPH Center for health Decision Science, The Petrie-Glom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics

Register [here](http://fs6.formsite.com/harvardhigh/form69/index.html) (<http://fs6.formsite.com/harvardhigh/form69/index.html>).

National Cancer Institute

## Reality to Research Cyber-Seminar Series

Howdy, Partner! Using the PARTNER Tool to Track and Analyze Community Partnerships

February 21, 2012, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. ET

A major challenge facing public health researchers and practitioners today is how to partner with other organizations, agencies, and groups to collaboratively address public health goals while effectively leveraging resources. The process by which organizations have engaged partners in collaboration has varied, with few ways to measure the success of these partnerships. Public leaders are eager to understand how to analyze these collaborations to determine whether the time and resources spent building these partnerships are worth the investment. The PARTNER Tool (Program to Analyze, Record, and Track Networks to Enhance Relationships), is a free social network analysis tool designed to demonstrate how community organizations members are connected, how resources are leveraged and exchanged, the levels of trust, and to link outcomes to the process of collaboration. In the National Cancer Institute's February Research to Reality cyber-seminar, we build on December's topic on systems thinking and highlight a practical tool that can help analyze and improve partnerships across all levels. We will be joined by PARTNER Tool developer, Dr Danielle Varda, who will provide an overview of the tool, how it can be used, and the potential benefits for measuring and analyzing partnership activity. Additionally, two practitioners, Dr. Lea Ayers LaFave and Julia Ruschmann, will join us and share their experiences implementing PARTNER in their respective communities and organizations, their lessons learned, and implications of this resource for other local health departments and organizations. Register Now! Please click on the following link for more information and to register for this event: <https://researchtoreality.cancer.gov/cyber-seminars>. Following registration, you will receive a confirmation email with the toll free number, web URL, and participant passcode. This cyber-seminar will be archived on the Research to Reality web site at <https://researchtoreality.cancer.gov> approximately one week following the presentation. Cyber-Seminar Archive: If you have missed any of the past cyber-seminars, you can view them all on the [R2R Archive](#). Watch the presentations, and [join in the discussions](#). For more information on the cyber-seminar series please email [ResearchtoReality@mail.nih.gov](mailto:ResearchtoReality@mail.nih.gov).

National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities  
2012 Summit on the Science of Eliminating Health Disparities  
Integrating Science, Policy and Practice: Building a Healthier Society  
Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center  
National Harbor, MD  
October 31-November 1, 2012  
Save the Date! For more information, contact [2012summit@mail.nih.gov](mailto:2012summit@mail.nih.gov).

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Collaborative Center for Health Equity  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Health Equity Leadership Institute  
June 10-15, 2012  
Deadline (for applications): February 24, 2012  
In partnership with the Maryland Center for Health Equity in the School of Public Health, University of Maryland College Park, the Collaborative Center for Health Equity at the University of Wisconsin-Madison offers an intensive weeklong "research boot camp" focused on increasing the number of investigators, particularly minority investigators, engaged in health disparities/health equity research that are successful in tenure track academic appointments in schools of public health, medicine and other health and behavioral health science disciplines, assisting them in achieving research funding through the NIH. **Focus:** Translational community-engaged health equity research and how the National Institutes of Health supports health disparity/health equity research. **Content:** Presentations by health equity researchers from UW, other academic settings and NIH; visits to community partner research sites; tips for mentor selection and alignment, work/life balance, manuscript development and grant writing and mock study sections. **Format:** Large and small group sessions designed to provide career guidance and professional network development opportunities to health equity investigators. **HELI Scholars:** Up to 30 scholars will be invited to attend. Applications from minority fellows, junior faculty or post doctorates in health, social and behavioral sciences addressing research in minority health, health disparities, and health equity are especially encouraged. The HELI program is free; limited support for travel and accommodations is available. HELI is made possible through National Institute for Health Centers of Excellence grant awards from the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities to the University of Maryland and University of Wisconsin. For more information, contact: [CCHE@hslc.wisc.edu](mailto:CCHE@hslc.wisc.edu). NOTE to Kellogg Scholars and Alums: Please

email Barbara Krimgold ([bkrimgold@cfah.org](mailto:bkrimgold@cfah.org)) if you apply and are invited to attend this conference.

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## RESOURCES

### Publications

An Exploration of the Effect of Community Engagement in Research on Perceived Outcomes of Partnered Mental Health Services Projects  
Dmitry Khodyakov, Susan Stockdale, Felica Jones, Elizabeth Ohito, Andrea Jones, Elizabeth Lizaola and Joseph Mango, ***Society and Mental Health***, Nov. 2011

<http://bit.ly/wBVbz4>

Abstract: Mental health research projects address sensitive issues for vulnerable populations and are implemented in complex environments. Community-based participatory research approaches are recommended for health research on vulnerable populations, but little is known about how variation in participation affects outcomes of partnered research projects. We developed a conceptual model demonstrating the impact of community engagement in research on outcomes of partnered projects. We collected data on key constructs from community and academic leaders of 21 sampled partnered research projects in two cycles of a research center funded by the National Institute of Mental Health.

We conducted empirical analyses to test the model. Our findings suggest that community engagement in research is positively associated with perceived professional development as well as political and community impact.

Health economic assessment tools (HEAT) for walking and cycling - transport infrastructure and policies

Methodology and user guide

Sonja Kahlmeier, University of Zurich, Switzerland; Nick Cavill, Cavill Associates, United Kingdom; Hywell Dinsdale, National Obesity Observatory England, United Kingdom; Harry Rutter, National Obesity Observatory England, United Kingdom; Thomas Götschi, University of Zurich, Switzerland; Charlie Foster, University of Oxford, United Kingdom; Paul Kelly, University of Oxford, United Kingdom; Dushy Clarke, University of Oxford, United Kingdom; Pekka Oja, UKK Institute for Health Promotion Research, Finland; Richard Fordham, University of East Anglia, United Kingdom; Dave Stone, Natural England, United Kingdom; Francesca Racioppi, WHO Regional Office for Europe

WHO Regional Office for Europe.2011

Available online PDF [46p.] at: <http://bit.ly/zJVPYm>

".....The promotion of cycling and walking for everyday physical activity not only promotes health but can also have positive effects on the environment. This booklet summarizes the tools and guidance developed to facilitate this shift: the methodology for the economic assessment of transport infrastructure and policies in relation to the health effects of walking and cycling; systematic reviews of the economic and health literature; and guidance on applying the health economic assessment tools and the principles underlying it. This methodology and user guide will be of key interest to professionals at both national and local levels: transport planners, traffic engineers, and special interest groups working on transport, walking, cycling or the environment, as well as health economists, physical activity experts and health promotion experts...."

### Content

1. Introduction .
2. Methodological guidance on economic appraisal of health effects related to walking and cycling
  - 2.1. Walking and cycling data .
  - 2.2. Time needed to reach full level of walking or cycling
  - 2.3. Interactions between transport-related physical activity, air pollution and road traffic injuries
  - 2.4. Mortality or morbidity?
  - 2.5. The nature of the relationship between physical activity and health
  - 2.6. Age groups .
  - 2.7. Sex
  - 2.8. Time needed for health benefits to build up .
  - 2.9. Activity substitution
  - 2.10. Static vs life tables approach
  - 2.11. Costs applied

- 2.12. Discounting
- 2.13. Sensitivity analysis .
- 3. Reviews of the literature: summary
  - 3.1. Economic literature
  - 3.2. Epidemiological literature
- 4. The HEAT for walking and for cycling: introduction .
- 5. HEAT for walking: instructions for users
- 6. HEAT for cycling: instructions for users
- References

How can the health equity impact of universal policies be evaluated?

Insights into approaches and next steps

Edited by: Beth Milton, May Moonan, Margaret Whitehead, David Taylor-Robinson

WHO Collaborating Centre for Policy Research on Social Determinants of Health, University of Liverpool. WHO Regional Office for Europe - 2011

Available online PDF [67p.] at: <http://bit.ly/sIzJz1>

".....Taking population level action on the wider social determinants of health in efforts to reduce health inequities is an international public health imperative. However, an important barrier to action is the perceived lack of evidence about what works to reduce health inequities. This is particularly evident in relation to universal welfare policies, which can have profound effects on health inequities, both positive and negative in nature. Because universal policies are usually applied to whole populations, and are often complex in nature with long causal chains, this precludes a true experimental design, and other approaches to evaluation are required. This report presents arguments and case studies from an expert group meeting convened to clarify the importance and challenges of evaluating universal policies, and to outline potential approaches to assessing the impact of universal policies on health inequities. The report also identifies key research and policy questions that need evaluating as a matter of priority, and sets the agenda for partnership working to develop these methods further....."

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Section 1: Introduction

1.1 Background

Section 2: Why is so important to evaluate universal policies" for their impact on health inequities?

2.1 Universal policies are potentially important determinants of health

2.3 The need for evidence to support efficient and effective use of scarce resources

2.4 Piecemeal learning at the local level

2.5 The current erosion of universal policies

2.6 Better evidence for policy--making

Section 3: What are the evaluation challenges and barriers in relation to such policies?

3.1 The issue of controls/comparison groups

3.2 Time---lags and long causal chains temporal issues for evaluators

3.3 Linking policy events to outcomes and indicators

3.4 Dealing with complexity

3.5 The "transferability" problem and the importance of context

3.6 The mismatch between research and policy time frames

3.7 The difficulty of engaging decision---makers from other sectors

3.8 The need to prioritize interventions for evaluation

3.9 The tension between "robust" and "good enough" evidence

Section 4: Current promising approaches to evaluation and gaps/refinements needed

4.1 How might universal policies be evaluated?

Exploiting natural policy experiments

Retrospective analysis: the Inspector Morse/resilience approach

From randomization to case studies

Insights from Complexity Theory

Utilizing logic models and a systems approach

Cross---national comparative policy analyses

Assessing differential impacts

Using tracer groups or conditions

Section 5: Burning research questions and policies to evaluate as a matter of priority

5.1 What are the differential effects of national policies to deal with economic recession?

5.2 What are the effects of the "Choice" agenda on access to universal services?

5.3 What are the features of an equitable health care service?

5.4 What are the features of evaluations which have led to both reliable and misleading findings, and what are their effects on policy?

5.5 What are the essential elements of an evaluation methodology that capture the equity impact of a universal policy, including the historical context prior to policy implementation and the displacement effects of the implemented policy?

5.6 What lessons can we learn from collaborating with (for example) historians and archaeologists to systematically capture how the historical context of a "place" influences the impact (either positive or negative) of an implemented universal policy?

5.7 What lessons can we learn from economists in assessing the equity impact of a universal policy, factoring in the historical context of the "place"?

An opportunistic tracer group for evaluation of children in low income households

5.8 Researching knowledge exchange issues

Section 6: Establishing a longer term partnership

Section 7: Conclusion

Section 8: References and bibliography

Quality in Qualitative Evaluation: A framework for assessing research evidence

A Quality Framework

Liz Spencer, Jane Ritchie, Jane Lewis and Lucy Dillon (2003), National Centre for Social Research

UK Government Chief Social Researcher's Office, London: Cabinet Office.

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/zcNgfz>

".....This document presents a framework for appraising the quality of qualitative evaluations.

It was developed with particular reference to evaluations concerned with the development and implementation of social policy, programmes and practice. The framework was devised as part of a programme of research conducted on behalf of the Cabinet Office. The research on which the framework was built involved:

- \* a comprehensive review of the literature on qualitative research methods relating to standards in qualitative research;

- \* a review of qualitative research methods used in Government funded evaluation studies;

- \* a review of existing frameworks for assessing quality in qualitative research;

- \* exploratory interviews with a range of people who have an interest in quality assessment of qualitative research and/or policy-related evaluations. These included academics who have written about qualitative research from either a theoretical or empirical perspective; authors of existing frameworks; research practitioners; commissioners and funders; and policy-makers who have used qualitative research evidence in the development and evaluation of policies; a workshop, involving the above groups, to refine the framework initially developed;

- \* a trial application of the framework to a small number of studies.

All these strands of activity have heavily influenced the content of the framework and the premises that surround its operation.

Content:

I Introduction

II Scope of the Framework

III Application of the Framework

IV Content of the Framework

V Further reading

Rapid Evidence Assessment Toolkit at: <http://bit.ly/wqiC2A>

University of Utah Guidelines for Community-Based Research Partnerships

<http://bit.ly/k0WnzP>

The University of Utah Guidelines for Community-Based Research Partnerships provide an orientation to university researchers and community members who wish to form partnerships for community based research (CBR) . It was developed through discussion with university and community representatives who have engaged in CBR, a variety of local experts and published sources. A 2007 University report on Facilitating Mutually-Beneficial Community-Based Research is available at <http://bit.ly/z6xUvs>.

Work, Worklessness and the Political Economy of Health

Clare Bambra

Oxford University Press

<http://www.oup.com/us/catalog/general/subject/Medicine/PublicHealth/?view=usa&ci=9780199588299>

Drawing on international research from public health, social policy, epidemiology, geography and political science, this book systematically demonstrates that work and worklessness are central to our health and wellbeing and are the underlying determinants of health inequalities. The material and psychosocial conditions in which we work have immense consequences for

our physical and mental wellbeing, as well as for the distribution of population health. Recessions, job-loss, insecurity and unemployment also have important ramifications for the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities. Chronic illness is itself a significant cause of worklessness and low pay. This book demonstrates that countries with a more regulated work environment and a more interventionist and supportive welfare system have better health and smaller work-related health inequalities. Specific examples of policies and interventions that can mitigate the ill-health effects of work and worklessness are examined and the book concludes by asserting the importance of politics and policy choices in the aetiology of health and health inequalities. "I strongly recommend this volume as a way of stimulating a change of direction in the literature on the determinants of health and health inequalities" from the Foreword by Professor Vicente Navarro, The Johns Hopkins University, USA. Clare Bambra is Professor of Public Health Policy, Wolfson Research Institute for Health and Wellbeing, Durham University, UK.

World Development Report 2012: The focus of the report is Gender Equality and Development

The World Bank, 2012

<http://bit.ly/xiOkAq>

*Swedish launch of World Bank report on gender equality as a pre-condition for reducing poverty and increasing growth.*

*On 31 January, Minister for Finance Anders Borg and Minister for International Development Cooperation Gunilla Carlsson are to present the World Development Report 2012 in Stockholm, together with the report's principle author, Dr Ana Revenga (World Bank)*

Overview PDF [4p.] at: <http://bit.ly/zv6e4D>

".....The lives of girls and women have changed dramatically over the past quarter century. The pace of change has been astonishing in some areas, but in others, progress toward gender equality has been limited-even in developed countries.

This year's World Development Report: Gender Equality and Development argues that gender equality is a core development objective in its own right. It is also smart economics. Greater gender equality can enhance productivity, improve development outcomes for the next generation, and make institutions more representative.

The Report also focuses on four priority areas for policy going forward:

- (i) reducing excess female mortality and closing education gaps where they remain,
- (ii) improving access to economic opportunities for women
- (iii) increasing women's voice and agency in the household and in society and
- (iv) limiting the reproduction of gender inequality across generations.

Complete Report: [World Development Report 2012: Gender Equality and Development](#) (19MB, pdf) | [Issuu](#)

### Website

The Immigration Policy Center, American Immigration Council  
The Economic and Political Impact of Immigrants, Latinos and Asians State by State

<http://www.immigrationpolicy.org/just-facts/economic-and-political-impact-immigrants-latinos-and-asians-state-state>

The Immigration Policy Center offers a set of infographics and 50 state factsheets on the [Economic and Political Impact of Immigrants, Latinos and Asians State by State](#). The fact sheets and infographics are a synthesis of current government and academic data which highlight the growing economic and political power of immigrants, Latinos, and Asians in each of the 50 states, including information such as population size, business ownership, purchasing power, and number of voters.

US Department of Health and Human Services, The Office of Women's Health  
Quick Health Data Online (Previously known as the National Women's Health Indicators Database)

Health Disparities Profiles

[http://www.healthstatus2020.com/owh/disparities/ChartBookData\\_search.asp](http://www.healthstatus2020.com/owh/disparities/ChartBookData_search.asp)

The 2011 *Health Disparities Profiles* examines key health indicators at the state level for different racial and ethnic populations in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. Twenty-two health indicators are presented, which highlight some of the key areas related to health disparities among different populations. It can be used as a reference for policymakers and program managers to identify areas where major health disparities exist in each state.

## Others

Health Action 2012 Conference Central (Plenary Webcasts)  
Families USA

Thanks to everyone who attended Health Action 2012 on January 19-21! In case you weren't able to attend the conference, please check our [Health Action 2012 Conference Central](#) page, which hosts webcasts of plenary sessions, workshop materials, Radio Row broadcasts, and more. There you can find our plenary devoted to health equity, [Health Equity and the Affordable Care Act: Delivering on the Promise and Ensuring Its Success](#), featuring Dr. David Satcher, Janet Murguía, and Dr. L. Toni Lewis.

The Debate: Why is equity in health care crucial for the well being of children?

Watch it at <http://bit.ly/wsUmlg>

Cesar Victora, President of the International Epidemiological Association,  
Janet Vega, the Director of the Centre for Epidemiology and Public Health policy in Chile,  
and  
Mickey Chopra, UNICEF's Chief of Health.

Research Watch - the web TV/magazine of the UNICEF Office of Research - 2012

U.S. Census Bureau

[NEW American FactFinder](#)

New American FactFinder Now One Stop for More Than 60 Data Files Legacy to Be Retired

What Is Happening? The [NEW American FactFinder](#) has been updated with files formerly available in the original or "legacy" version of American FactFinder. Users no longer need to juggle two systems. As a result, the legacy version of AFF will be retired on January 20, 2012, after 12 years of service.

What does this mean to you?

1. Any deep links into the discontinued system will no longer work.
2. To learn how to update your deep links, use the how-to guide for [Building Deep Links into the New American Factfinder](#) to create links to the NEW American FactFinder.
3. Users now have access to over 64 datasets between the years 2000 and 2010 comprising of over 40,000 individual tables of data in a single application
4. Please note that deep links to tables in these specific datasets will not be available:
  - 1990 Census
  - 2000-2004 American Community Survey
  - 2000-2001 Supplementary Survey
  - 1997 Economic Census
  - 2003 Annual Survey of Manufactures
  - 2003 Nonemployer Statistics

These products will only be available through an archived FTP format. Instructions on how to access these archived products will be provided in future updates.

How does this help you?

The New AFF now gives you one-stop access to results of the Decennial Census, the Economic Census and related surveys, the American Community Survey, the Population Estimates Program and several annual Economic Surveys.

At your fingertips you'll have access to more than 250 billion data cells including --

- Data for over 40,000 tables.
- Data for over 1,500 population groups and tribes.
- Data for over 80,000 business and industry codes.
- Data for over 12 million geographies.

So update your [deep links](#) now to take advantage of the new AFF, and ensure your audience has continued access to what is important to them.

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