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SCHOLAR/FELLOW SOUNDING BOARD

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 experiences or advice to share?

Let us know! Email: scholars@cfah.org

Congratulations to Kellogg Scholars and Fellows

Dr. David Chae, Kellogg Fellows in Health Policy Research Program alumnus, recently published two articles: Chae, D.H. & Yoshikawa, H. (2008). Perceived group prejudice, depression, and HIV risk behavior among Asian gay men. *Health Psychology*, 27(2), 140-148; and Chae, D.H., Takeuchi, D.T., Barbeau, E.M, Bennett, G.G., Lindsey, J., & Krieger, N. (2008). Unfair treatment, racial/ethnic discrimination, ethnic identification, and smoking among Asian Americans in the National Latino and Asian American Study (NLAAS). *American Journal of Public Health*, 98(3), 485-492.

Dr. Angelica Herrera, 2006-08 Kellogg Health Scholar, has accepted a fellowship position in aging and mental health at the University of California-San Diego. The fellowship will transition to her promotion as Assistant Professor. In her new fellowship position, Dr. Herrera will develop, design, and evaluate a culturally tailored community-based intervention to support family caregivers of elderly dependent diabetic Latinos who are struggling with their disease management or cases in which the caregiver is at risk of burning out. It attempts to address not just the mechanics of disease management; rather the focus is on the caregiver and promoting their general mental health and well-being and preventing any foreseeable decline. The study examines the influence of caregivers' well-being on the care recipients' disease management. As their self-efficacy and skills for coping with stress increase we'll find that they fare better mentally and physically and so does their loved one.

Dr. Karen Hye-cheon Kim, Community Health Scholars Program alumna, recently published: Kim KH, McIntosh A, Sobal J, Kubena K. (2008) Religion, Food Attitudes, Social Support, Diet, Nutrition, and Anthropometrics in Elderly Individuals. *Ecology of Food and Nutrition* 47: 205-228.

Dr. Isa Miles, Community Health Scholars Program alumna, completed her fellowship as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer at CDC and recently started a new job as a Behavioral Scientist in the Behavioral and Clinical Surveillance Branch of the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention at CDC. Miles cited that "A major part of my new job involves developing formative research guidelines to help project sites learn about the communities they will be working with, how to garner community support for their research, and the importance of engaging community partners in the process."

Dr. Brian Smedley, KHSP NAC member, recently accepted the position of Vice President and Director of the Health Policy Institute at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. Dr. Smedley will start his new position on September 15.

Dr. Lisa Cacari Stone, Scholars in Health Disparities Program alumna, is now on the Health Policy Faculty with the Department of Family & Community Medicine and a Senior Fellow with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center.

Dr. Angela Thrasher, 2006-08 Kellogg Health Scholar, has an article posted on the website of the Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes (JAIDS), "Discrimination, Distrust, and Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Antiretroviral Therapy Adherence Among a National Sample of HIV-Infected Patients," (<http://www.jaids.com/pt/re/jaids/abstract.00126334-900000000-99471.htm;jsessionid=LYLH7hS3L6q0rSs8fRndCKD5PJd1JQzXLFZthyypzn2YXJbhJQ5Q!932896411!181195628!8091!-1>), which was picked up by POZ, a web site on HIV/AIDS (http://www.poz.com/articles/aids_discrimination_hiv_761_15019.shtml). A final, corrected copy of Dr. Thrasher's article will be in the September issue of JAIDS.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

As part of the **2008 APHA Annual Meeting**, Kellogg Health Scholars and alums will be presenting on Tuesday, October 28th, at 4:30 p.m. (4342.0 Kellogg Health Scholars Program <http://apha.confex.com/apha/136am/webprogram/Session23635.html>) sponsored by the Community-Based Public Health (CBPH) Caucus. The 2008 Session Planners for the CBPH Caucus were Kellogg scholar-alums Drs. Cheryl Brewster and Shevon Harvey. For more information about the Caucus, see the Spring 2008 Newsletter at <http://www.cbphcaucus.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 dtorresen@cfah.org or mbjones@cfah.org.

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SPOTLIGHT ON KELLOGG SCHOLARS NETWORK

Meet Kellogg Health Scholars Program alumna, **Chandra Ford, Ph.D...**

Dr. Chandra Ford is an assistant professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences at the UCLA School of Public Health. She was a postdoctoral fellow in the Multidisciplinary Track of the Kellogg Health Scholars Program in the Department of Epidemiology at Columbia University from 2006-2008. Prior to joining the Kellogg Health Scholars program, she was a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Social Medicine in the School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina. Dr. Ford earned a PhD from the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina. In 2005, she received a North Carolina Impact Award for her dissertation research, which examined associations between perceived racism, residential contexts, and African Americans' HIV antibody test-taking behavior. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Applied Nutrition from the Pennsylvania State University and holds master's degree in Health Services Administration as well as Library and Information Sciences (with a concentration in Health Information) both from the University of Pittsburgh. Her research examines (1) racism-related factors as social determinants of racial and ethnic disparities in human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) and (2) sexual minority health. Multilevel approaches to conceptualizing and measuring social determinants, emphases on intersectionality, and Critical Race Theory are fundamental to her work.

According to Dr. Ford, "The KHSP suits me perfectly! Unique among postdoctoral fellowships, it allowed me to integrate my research interests and social justice background." It also introduced her to policy-oriented organizations with whom to partner to ensure the relevance of her work and to facilitate translation of research findings for use by policymakers and community-based organizations. Dr. Ford most values the solid network of impressive and committed peers and mentors she met through the Program. She also has come to appreciate the validation she received about the importance of her research to ongoing health inequities efforts.

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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, click <http://www.cfah.org/workshops/login.asp>. Please use the same login and passcode information provided under a separate email in April.

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FUNDING

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) Behavioral and Social Science Research on Understanding and Reducing Health Disparities (PAR-07-379)

Voluntary Letters of Intent: August 20, 2008

Deadline for Applications: September 19, 2008

The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) intend to foster and support collaborative research on health disparities/inequalities in the United Kingdom and/or in the United States. They have issued a joint call for research grant proposals to support teams of UK and USA investigators. The purposes of these guidelines to applicants are (a) to specify how applications should be prepared and submitted, (b) to describe the

evaluation of applications, and (c) to describe how subsequent awards may be made and administered. Applicants should conform to the substantive content and procedural instructions provided in PAR-07-379, Behavioral and Social Science Research on Understanding and Reducing Health Disparities

(<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-07-379.html>). RESEARCH FOCUS: The research proposed should be responsive to the substantive areas stipulated in NIH PAR-07-379. This document provides background information about the ESRC-NIH Research Collaboration. It is not re-printed in the previously published PAR-07-379.

(REVISED) APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

[http://obssr.od.nih.gov/Content/Research/Program Announcements \(PAs\)/PA_FY2007/ESRC NIH Collaboration.htm](http://obssr.od.nih.gov/Content/Research/Program%20Announcements%20(PAs)/PA_FY2007/ESRC_NIH_Collaboration.htm)

(Apologies for the long URL. You may have to copy and paste it into your browser rather than just clicking on it in this message.) CONTACT INFORMATION:

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**Northwest Health Foundation
Deadline: September 8, 2008**

Northwest Health Foundation invites proposals that seek to reduce the burden of chronic diseases using CBPR approaches. The Foundation is particularly interested in prevention, health promotion, and disparities research that address social, environmental, and behavioral factors through policy and systems changes. This program will award three types of grants: partnership building, CBPR implementation and policy advocacy dissemination. Award amounts will range from \$10,000 to \$180,000 for the total project, depending on the scale and duration of the project. Grant periods are 12-36 months. Applications must be submitted by the community partner. This includes 501(c)(3) community-based organizations, state and local governments or their agents, federally recognized Indian tribal governments, tribes, or tribal organizations. In some cases, 501(c)(4) organizations may also be eligible. The lead applicant must be an organization that can appropriately represent the target population, and must be based in Oregon or southwest Washington (Clark, Cowlitz, Pacific, Skamania, and Wahkiakum counties). The use of fiscal sponsors who meet the above tax-exempt status is acceptable. Academic institutions and research partners are not eligible to apply as the project lead, but it is expected that they will have an important role in the project, including formulating the research questions, interpreting and applying research findings, selecting methods, and collecting and analyzing data. Academic institutions partnering in the project need not be located within the Foundation's service area of Oregon and southwest Washington to be eligible to participate. Proposal deadline: September 8, 2008. Download the RFP at <http://www.nwhf.org/apply/CBPR.php>. Learn more about Northwest Health Foundation's interest in CBPR, and other resources available, at http://www.nwhf.org/areas/cbpr_landing.php.

**The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Active Living Research-New Connections
Deadline: Thursday, August 28, 2008 (1:00 p.m. PST)**

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is pleased to announce the first Active Living Research-New Connections Call for Proposal! New Connections grants through Active Living Research provide funding to junior investigators, from historically underrepresented and disadvantaged communities, including racial/ethnic minorities, first-generation college graduates, and those from low-income communities. Junior Investigators must have earned their doctorate after September 1, 2001. Grantees will also gain valuable mentorship and training experiences to assist them in the early stages of their careers. Interested in using policy and environmental strategies to study obesity prevention and reduction among children and adolescents? In search of mentoring, networking, and training opportunities? This Call for Proposals offers research and publication grants- coupled with a community of support, advice, and collaboration. Five research grants of \$50,000 (12-18 months) and three publication grants of \$12,000 (12 months) will be awarded. An applicant teleconference was held on July 30, 2008. Please note FAQ's will be posted on the website, but a recording of the conference is NOT be available. Applications are due by 1pm PST on Thursday, August 28, 2008. For more information about the Active Living Research- New Connections CFP, please visit: <http://www.rwjf-newconnections.org/HomeActi-5825.html>. For more information about New Connections and other funding opportunities please visit www.rwjf-newconnections.org.

**The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and University of Chicago
Finding Answers: Disparities Research for Change Launches Third Call for Proposals (CFP)
Deadline: September 18, 2008
[Download the CFP](#)**

The CFP requests submissions for projects to evaluate interventions with the potential to reduce racial and ethnic health care disparities in the treatment of cardiovascular disease, depression and diabetes. *Finding Answers* seeks proposals that evaluate policy, organizational, provider, patient, or community focused interventions. All interventions must be integrated into a system of ongoing medical care. Proposals from community-based organizations, employers and health plans are also encouraged. Grants awarded through the *Finding Answers* initiative range between \$100,000 and \$275,000. Please carefully read the CFP for all eligibility criteria, selection criteria and proposal submission instructions. Please note: Brief proposals are due

September 18, 2008. Two applicant Web conferences will be held to allow potential applicants to ask questions about the CFP. For more details about the CFP and upcoming Web conferences, visit the *Finding Answers* Web site at www.SolvingDisparities.org.

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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Call for Abstracts – NIH, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities

NIH Summit: The Science of Eliminating Health Disparities

Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center

National Harbor, MD

December 16-18, 2008

Deadline: August 15, 2008

OVERVIEW: Advances in science, medicine, and technology have the potential to improve health, but large segments of populations in the United States and globally continue to suffer a disproportionate burden of premature death, disability, and disease. There is a growing body of evidence that points to a complex interaction of factors that may contribute to health disparities. These factors include biology, socioeconomic, discrimination, politics, environment, culture, and lack of access to healthcare. At the National Institutes of Health we are investing in research to understand health disparities, including how these and other factors relate to produce poor health outcomes. Populations that experience health disparities and are more likely to suffer from diseases and conditions such as diabetes, stroke, heart disease, HIV/AIDS, and obesity include African Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, Hispanics, Pacific Islanders (including Native Hawaiians), and individuals of all races/ethnicities living in poor and medically underserved communities such as rural areas. Over the past 7 years, the NIH has placed increased emphasis on examining the differences in health among populations across diseases through the application of interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research approaches. The deadline for abstract submission is Friday, August 15, 2008. Corresponding authors will receive an e-mail notification regarding acceptance by late September 2008. Authors of outstanding poster submissions may receive the option to present their data during a plenary or concurrent session. Abstracts for poster presentations will be accepted in each of the following four categories:

- Transformational Research — research that takes an innovative, creative approach to advancing the understanding of the development and progression of diseases and disabilities that contribute to minority health and other health disparities, and has the potential to close an important health disparity gap
- Transdisciplinary Research Infrastructure — research infrastructure that builds nontraditional partnerships across disciplines to increase minority health and health disparity research training, career development, and institutional research capacity and infrastructure
- Translational Community Outreach — outreach that expands the latest research advances in minority health and health disparities quickly into communities, ensuring that the public, healthcare professionals, and research communities are informed and educated
- Integrated Best Practices — integrated models or programs that incorporate transformational research, transdisciplinary research infrastructure, and translational community outreach to reduce health disparities

To submit an abstract, visit <http://www.blsmeetings.net/2008healthdisparitiessummit/abstracts.cfm>.

Call for Papers – WE ACT for Environmental Justice, Fordham Law School Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the NIEHS Center for Environmental Health in Northern Manhattan, and the New York University Law School's Environmental Law Society

Deadline: September 1, 2008

WE ACT for Environmental Justice, Fordham Law School Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the NIEHS Center for Environmental Health in Northern Manhattan, and the New York University Law School's Environmental Law Society announce an international call for abstracts of papers to be presented at our 20th Anniversary Conference: Advancing Climate Justice: Transforming the Economy, Public Health & Our Environment on January 29 – 30, 2008 at Fordham Law School's Pope Auditorium in New York City. Abstract submissions are invited for reports and papers to be published in the conference primer. Submissions can include work that is unpublished and original work that has been previously published. WE ACT for Environmental Justice (WE ACT) is a non-profit, community-based, environmental justice (EJ) organization dedicated to building community power to fight environmental racism and improve environmental health, protection and policy in communities of color. Over the past twenty years, the organization has become a leader in

the nationwide movement for environmental justice, influencing the creation of federal, state and local policies affecting the environment and public health.

Submission Deadlines:

- * September 1, 2008 - Deadline for abstract submissions.
- * October 6, 2008 - Notification of acceptance of abstracts.
- * December 20, 2008 - Final submission of papers and reports to be published.

Topic Areas -- Research can be submitted on any of the following broad topics:

- * Climate justice and economics
- * Climate justice and public health
- * Climate justice case studies
- * Any combination thereof

To assist with research formation and submission, a more detailed list of potential themes is included below. These themes all fall within one or more of the broad topic areas listed above. Papers, reports, presentations and posters are invited on any of the four (4) listed topic areas and any of the following named themes and topics, or a combination thereof:

1. Climate Change, Public Health and Environmental Justice. Focusing on:
 - * Historic land use patterns; * Development and future land use opportunity in a climate changing world; * Public health in urban, suburban and/or rural environmental justice communities; * Public health response to "natural disasters"; * Emergency preparedness; * Disaster preparedness around current climate changes in environmental justice communities; * Food shortages as a current and/or future public health crisis; * Access to health care in environmental justice communities;
 - * Public assistance coverage and availability; * Public health implications of housing needs in a changing climate;
 - * Disease vulnerability (respiratory diseases, vector-borne diseases, pest-borne diseases, disease migration, disease susceptibility, etc); * Mental health; * Public health implications of alternative fuel development; * International public health impacts; * Public health case studies: environmental justice and climate change in New Orleans, Myanmar; * Preparing communities for a future of climate instability and associated impacts; * Education and outreach programs/efforts necessary to address climate instability.
1. Climate Change, the Economy and Environmental Justice. Focusing on:
 - * Broad economic impacts and opportunities created by climate change; * Resource shortages; * Efficiency measures (energy, water, etc); * Transitioning to a green economy; * Energy dependency; * Alternative energy sources; * Impacts on fixed-income residents; * Government subsidy initiatives; * Insurance access and availability; * Transportation opportunities and impacts; * International development; * Environmental preservation;
 - * Sustainable communities (urban, rural and/or suburban); * Public policy and the climate change economy; * Economic impacts and opportunities of carbon reduction strategies (cap and trade, carbon tax, regulation, etc); * Adaptation responses; * Enhancement of the EJ Community voice through policy; * Building connections with other social justice movements to address global crisis of climate change in a collaborative manner.

Abstract Submission Guidelines: 1. Abstracts must be written in English. 2. Abstract text should not exceed 250 words and may not include images, charts or tables. 3. Abstracts can be submitted through the on-line submission form, fax (212-961-1015) or mail to: Scientific Advisory Group – Abstract Review Committee WE ACT for Environmental Justice, 271 W. 125th Street, Suite 308, New York, NY 10027

1. Authors are strongly encouraged to use the on-line submission form.
2. All abstracts will receive an electronic receipt upon arrival. If a receipt fails to follow submission, abstracts should be re-submitted.
3. Authors will be notified of acceptance by October 6, 2008 via email.
4. Accepted oral and poster presentations must submit a draft of their paper by November 1, 2008, 12 am EST. Final presentations to be included in the conference primer are due by December 20, 2008, 12 am EST.
5. Final versions of accepted papers and reports to be included in the conference primer must be submitted by December 20, 2008, 12 am EST.
6. An individual or organization may submit more than one abstract.
7. Abstracts are permitted on research, reports, posters or presentations that have been submitted and/or published elsewhere.
8. Primary consideration will be given to original research.
9. Abstracts must include a cover sheet providing the following information: a) The title of the paper, presentation or poster, b) The name(s) and title(s) of the submitting author(s); c) A short biography of each author; d) The name of the sponsoring institution (if any), e) Contact information for each author (mailing address, e-mail address, phone number, fax number); 6) Preferred format of the presentation (oral, poster, etc).

General Rules for Paper Submissions:

1. All papers must be written in English.
2. Abstracts and papers will be reviewed by the Scientific Advisory Group.

3. Consideration will be based on content. Papers and presentations will be judged on the following criteria: a) Relevancy, b) Originality/Innovativeness; c) Clarity, d) Technical Quality.

4. Deadline for final submission of papers to be published in the conference primer is December 20, 2008, 12 am EST.

5. All selected presenters and authors receiving publication in the conference primer must register as conference delegates and pay the registration fee.

6. For paper consideration, participants may submit a hard copy or electronic copy. Authors are encouraged to keep an original version of their submitted manuscripts.

7. The Conference Abstract Committee reserves the right to accept or refuse an abstract, to designate papers either as oral or poster presentation, and to choose a suitable session for the abstract.

Proceedings: The Conference Abstract Committee reserves the right to publish the abstract in the final conference primer, conference proceedings, or any other medium that is found to be suitable. For further information please feel free to contact Ogonnaya Dotson-Newman via phone at 212-961-1000 ext 315 or email at Ogonnaya@weact.org WE ACT for Environmental Justice, 271 West 125th Street, Suite 308, New York, NY 10027, Phone (212) 961-1000, Fax (212) 961-1015

**Call for Papers & Conference Announcement -- American Men's Studies Association, 17th Annual Conference
Beyond Borders: Masculinities and Margins**

April 3 – 5, 2009

Concordia University

Montreal, Canada

Deadline: November 21, 2008

Divisions, hierarchies, and stratifications present themselves to and by men on individual, interactional and institutional levels. Studied and addressed by scholars of multiple disciplines, practitioners and organizers, these structures, real and imagined have material effects on men's lives, internally, and collectively, and the worlds in which men live, locally, regionally, nationally and globally. The 2009 AMSA Conference invites papers, panels, undergraduate and general roundtable discussions that reflect on the construction, reconstruction and effects of borders of all types as well as the men and the practices of masculinities that fashion, feel, respond to and seek to cross from the margins over these divides. Topics may include:

- Processes and Experiences of Marginalization and Subordination
- Structures that divide within fields including politics, the economy, education, the family, religion, healthcare, sexuality, corrections, and the arts
- Inter-nation separations and their impacts
- Global processes
- Addressing borders and marginalization in therapeutic settings
- Identities and conflicts
- The role of faith in addressing borders
- Violence and men's experience of marginalization
- Masculinities and border maintenance
- The Border between Canada and the U.S.

We invite submissions that draw from academic, clinical, and related professional work involving men and masculinities and the investigation of borders, and margins between, among, by and to men across and within cultures, as well as other topics that contribute to developing a greater understanding of the lives of men and boys. We welcome presentations based upon fully developed work as well as projects in progress. We provide a forum for established scholars and practitioners to share their work as well as for students to make a contribution and receive support and encouragement from active men's studies contributors. Proposal submission: E-mail submissions are strongly preferred and should be sent to Don Levy at dlevy@siena.edu, or to Don Levy, Ph.D., Director Siena Research Institute, Siena College, 515 Loudon Road, Loudonville, NY, 12211. Questions may be directed to the above email address or by calling 518-783-2901. Proposals should be 350 to 500 words in length, along with providing the presenter's name, title, institutional affiliation (if applicable), address, phone number and email address. Proposals should include a clearly identified theme, research question or topic, a theoretical framework situated in literature or practice, and a statement of the contribution to the field of men and masculinities.

Submissions are due by November 21, 2008. To join or learn more about the American Men's Studies Association, previous conferences and mission, go to www.mensstudies.org

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Alliance for a Healthier Generation, New York, NY National Schools Director, Healthy Schools Program

http://www.healthiergeneration.org/?gclid=ClyRs6_E0ZQCFQ60HgodzzbZQQ

Job Description: The Healthy Schools Program is a national program that supports schools in the development of healthier school environments and recognizes schools that succeed. The Healthy Schools Program supports over 2,500 schools in all 50 states with an annual budget of \$8 million per year and 63 professional staff residing in 37 states. The Alliance is seeking a National Schools Director to lead the Healthy Schools Program and continue its growth and expansion to supporting 22,000 schools across the country. The National Schools Director will be responsible for the overall leadership and execution of the Healthy Schools Program (HSP) and the continued growth and sustainability of the program. Performance will be measured by the progress and outcomes and the financial viability of the Healthy School Program. Responsibilities will include: *Overall management of the Healthy Schools Program and its employees including regional and national managers and administrative staff. *Budget planning, management and evaluation. *Direct oversight of field services plan for schools involved in the hands-on technical assistance program. *Oversight of the program communications, online and onsite schools support program and recognition program. *Relationship management of key foundations and donors that support the Healthy Schools Program. *Identification and cultivation of large new donor/fundraising opportunities. *Relationship development, cultivation, and management of key partnerships that will yield resources to schools in the program. *Collaboration with an expert panel in reviewing all Healthy Schools Program best practice criteria. *Strategic planning for future program opportunities and expansion. *Reporting the program outcomes to the Alliance Board, Executive Director, Alliance staff, schools, and collaborators, as appropriate. Minimum Qualifications: The successful candidate is required to have demonstrated the ability to lead a national and dispersed organization. They must have a broad knowledge of the school environment and established credibility with the education and health communities. The successful candidate is required to have at least 10 years of experience running a complex organization. Ability to travel up to 70% of the time across the U.S.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Physical Activity (PA) Fellow Deadline: August 29, 2008

This is a one-year position with possible future opportunities for longer-term full time employment. DESCRIPTION: The Physical Activity (PA) Fellow will work with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity (DNPAO), Physical Activity and Health Branch on a variety of projects related to physical activity. RESPONSIBILITIES: • Participates as a member of various project teams working on projects focused on how the built environment is related to various health outcomes, with an emphasis on physical activity. • Analyze data from the Neighborhood Parks and Active Living study, a multi-year study which examined physical activity in 12 parks in Atlanta. • Write manuscripts and reports as needed. • Conduct Health Impact Assessments (HIA), commonly defined as "a combination of procedures, methods, and tools by which a policy, program, or project may be judged as to its potential effects on the health of a population, and the distribution of those effects within the population." • Apply HIA to various projects and policies. • Serve as a key member of the interdisciplinary HIA team learning and working on numerous aspects of performing a HIA. • Develop partnerships and communicate effectively with non-traditional public health partners. • Work closely with the primary supervisor in collaborating with external partners to help advance the field of HIA in the U.S. KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES: • Demonstrated knowledge of data collection techniques and measurement tools. • Demonstrated ability to interpret, synthesize and translate qualitative and quantitative research data. • Demonstrated ability to write manuscripts and reports. QUALIFICATIONS: • Master's degree, or equivalent in public health or relevant field and 2 years of related experience and completion of related coursework. • Experience interpreting and translating research results. • Experience writing about health related and/or nutrition, physical activity, or weight related topics. • Ability to work tactfully and respectfully with a wide variety of individuals, including subject experts, internal and external partners. • Ability to work independently. • Ability to effectively organize a variety of complex tasks and complete them in a timely way. • Knowledge of nutrition, physical activity, and/or weight maintenance and weight loss a plus. Salary dependent on qualifications. Interested applicants are requested to submit a resume and cover letter to Candace Rutt, Ph.D. at crutt@cdc.gov by August 29, 2008.

CDC National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention Recruitment Announcement: Associate Director for Health Disparities

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP) is recruiting a Health Scientist (GS-601-15) or Medical Officer (GS-602-15) to serve as Associate

Director for Health Disparities. NCHHSTP maximizes public health and safety nationally and internationally through the elimination, prevention, and control of disease, disability, and death caused by HIV/AIDS, non-HIV retroviruses, viral hepatitis, other STDs, TB, and non-TB mycobacteria. The position serves as Associate Director for Health Disparities responsible for providing consultation on scientific and technical issues, formulating and developing program policy and guidance, planning strategies to manage and deliver programs, providing operational oversight, chairing the diversity program, supervising and managing staff and serves as a member of the Center's senior staff. The selected individual will: * Serve as a nationally and internationally recognized expert relating to the Center's infectious disease activities within disproportionately affected populations, by providing scientific advice and consultation on solutions to critical problems which require outstanding creativity in generating new hypotheses, approaches and standards to be used center-wide, agency-wide or nationwide by others. * Serve as an authority on the program projects and issues including coordination of the agency's activities with CDC, HHS, and other Federal agencies, State and Local health departments, governmental organizations and the public at large. * Formulate policies and plans and coordinate center-wide activities that address reducing health disparities in HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STDs, and TB in racial and ethnic minorities, incarcerated populations, women and other disproportionately affected populations including identifying program and research priorities. * Plan science-based strategies for the management and delivery of services via multi-disciplinary programs for racial and ethnic minorities, incarcerated populations, women and other disproportionately affected populations. Interested Federal and Non-Federal candidates should apply for the Health Scientist (GS-601-15) position through USAJobs link: <http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/getjob.asp?JobID=74105016&AVSDM=2008%2D07%2D23+00%3A03%3A01&Logo=0&sort=rv&vw=d&brd=3876&ss=0&customapplicant=15513,15514,15515,15669,15523,15512,15516,45575&q=health+scientist+atlanta>. Interested Federal and Non-Federal applicants should apply for the Medical Officer (GS-602-15) position through USAJobs link -- Medical Officers who are Federal applicants should apply under open the Continuous Medical Officer Announcement number HHS-CDC-T1-2008-0009. In their application, medical officers should specify the name of the position they are interested in: <http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/getjob.asp?JobID=63194156&AVSDM=2008%2D03%2D14+09%3A44%3A12&Logo=0&pg=3&jbf574=HE35,HE39&brd=3876&vw=d&ss=0&CustomApplicant=15510,15512,15513,15514,15515,15516,15523,15669,29555,45575,29556&sort=rv&caller=index.asp>; Medical Officers who are Non-Federal applicants should apply through the announcement HHS-CDC-D1-2008-0007: <http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/getjob.asp?JobID=63194095&AVSDM=2008%2D06%2D23+09%3A32%3A47&Logo=0&pg=2&jbf574=HE35,HE39&brd=3876&vw=d&ss=0&CustomApplicant=15510,15512,15514,15515,15516,15523,15669,29555,45575,29556&sort=rv&caller=index.asp>. Questions regarding this CDC NCHHSTP recruitment effort may be directed to Dr. Hazel Dean, Deputy Director, NCHHSTP, at HDean@cdc.gov or 404-639-8000.

**Department Of Health And Human Services, Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services
Supervisory Public Health Advisor**

Job Announcement Number: HHS-OS-2008-0528

<<http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/?JobID=73714214&brd=3876&AVSDM=2008%2D07%2D10+06%3A04%3A39&q=supervisory+public+health+advisor&sort=rv&vw=d&Logo=0>

&FedPub=Y&FedEmp=Y&SUBMIT1.x=76&SUBMIT1.y=11&ss=0&TabNum=2&rc=2>

SALARY RANGE: 115,317.00 - 149,000.00 USD per year

OPEN PERIOD: Thursday, July 10, 2008 to Friday, August 01, 2008

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0685-15/15

POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time Permanent

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 15

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy - Rockville, MD

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: All Sources - Open to All United States Citizens; Additional selections may be made from this announcement

Position Details: Tenure: Career/Career Conditional; Appointment; Bargaining Unit Position: No; Recruitment Bonus: No; Relocation expenses may be authorized. Salary range listed includes locality pay. **JOB SUMMARY:** Become a part of the Department that touches the lives of every American! At the Department of Health and Human Services you can give back to your community, state, and country by making a difference in the lives of Americans everywhere. Join HHS and help to make our world healthier, safer and better for all Americans. This position is located in the US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Office of the Secretary (OS), Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS), Office of Minority Health (OMH), Division Of Policy and Data (DPD), Rockville, MD. OMH is headed by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health (DASHMH), who reports to the Assistant Secretary for Health. The DASHMH is the Director of OMH and serves as the principal advisor on health issues related to racial and ethnic minorities, including budgets and programs, throughout the Department. The issues cut across HHS components which provide policies, programs, best practices, research, demonstrations, scientific investigations, and evaluation of interventions aimed at improving the health of racial and ethnic minorities in order to assure achievement of the Secretary's goals for minority health. **KEY**

REQUIREMENTS: * Must be a U.S. Citizen * Travel Required: No * Must serve a one-year supervisory probationary period.

**Grantmakers in Health, Washington, DC
Program Associate**

Deadline: September 1, 2008

Grantmakers In Health seeks a highly qualified person to fill a program associate position. Responsibilities include designing and developing knowledge, information, products, and services on key health issues and the work of health philanthropy; and developing strategies for sharing information on policy developments and best practices with health grantmakers and policymakers. Applications must be received by Monday, September 1, 2008. [[learn more](#)]

**Indiana University-Bloomington, Department of Applied Health Science
Assistant/Associate Professor, Public Health, Epidemiology, Tenure Track**

Deadline: November 1, 2008 or until a suitable candidate is identified

Must have doctoral degree in epidemiology and background in chronic disease and/or injury prevention. Must have established or clear potential for developing and sustaining an active and collaborative research agenda in an area specific to chronic disease and/or injury prevention. MPH degree is also desirable. Must show strong record of acquiring grants and contracts. The selected faculty member will contribute actively to the research, teaching and service missions of the Department and will maintain an active research agenda and publication record. Faculty will also serve on departmental and school committees and remain actively involved in professional organizations. Deadline is November 1, 2008 or until a suitable candidate is identified. Send letter of application which includes a brief statement of professional objectives, complete curriculum vitae, and a list of at least three references. Only finalists will be asked to contact references to obtain support letters. Applications should be addressed to: Dr. Michael Reece, Chair, Search and Screen Committee, Department of Applied Health Science, HPER 116, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405, Telephone: (812) 855-0068 or (812) 855-3627, E-mail: mireece@indiana.edu (email contact is preferred for inquiries related to position). The School of HPER website is located at: <http://www.hper.indiana.edu>.

**Miami University, Department of Psychology & Center for School-Based Mental Health Programs, Oxford, OH
School Mental Health Research Associate**

The Research Associate will coordinate implementation of a two-year grant-funded initiative focused on examination of factors that lead to restrictive educational placements for youth with severe behavior disorders. The Research Associate also will become part of an interdisciplinary team with collaborators at Miami and from seven other universities comprising the Center for Adolescent Research in Schools (CARS). The work of CARS, funded by the Institute for Education Sciences, involves an interrelated set of studies to be conducted over five years and focused on development, implementation, and evaluation of interventions for high school students with severe behavior disorders. SPECIFIC DUTIES: Work with key project personnel (principal investigator at Miami and consultants from other universities) over a two-year period to coordinate and ensure high-quality completion of a national study of decision-making processes that lead to restrictive placements for youth; provide functional supervision for undergraduate students who are assisting with implementation of the project. QUALIFICATIONS: Require: Masters in Psychology, Family Studies, Social Work, Public Health, or related field; extensive knowledge of the research literatures on child/adolescent development, child/adolescent behavior disorders, and family process issues; working knowledge of research methods and statistics; one or more years of relevant experience; proficiency with MS Office suite, including database software; excellent oral and written communication skills; and ability to form strong working relationships with diverse groups. Desire: Three years of relevant experience, including specific practical experience related to school mental health, including work in schools with prevention strategies, intervention services, and/or school-community-family consultation; specific expertise with survey and/or interview methodologies. TO APPLY: Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, and 3 letters of recommendation to: SMH Research Associate Position, Department of Psychology, 90 N. Patterson Ave, Miami University, Oxford OH 45056. Questions should be directed to Christy Heinrich (heinricc@muohio.edu; 513-529-2400). Screening of applications will begin August 1, 2008 and will continue until the position is filled. Hard copy upon request.

**National Cancer Institute
Health Services Research Position Opening**

The National Cancer Institute, a major research component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is conducting a national search for a Health Services and/or Health Economics Researcher in the Health Services and Economics Branch (HSEB) within the Applied Research Program (ARP). The incumbent would provide authoritative direction and leadership in planning, guiding, and encouraging a program of research in health services and/or economic analysis and understanding how organizational and economic factors related to the health care delivery systems effect the delivery of cancer related services. The position is likely to be advertised at the GS 13/14 level. US

Citizenship is required. Other qualifications include a relevant doctoral degree, formal training in health services research, and experience and expertise in the research area. Inquiries can be directed to: Martin L. Brown, Ph.D., Chief, Health Services and Economics Branch, Applied Research Program, Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, 6130 Executive Blvd, Suite 4005, Bethesda, MD 20892, Martin.Brown@nih.gov, <http://healthservices.cancer.gov/>.

**National Institutes of Health, Office of Extramural Research
Scientific Workforce Diversity Program Specialist**

For more information on this job opening, visit http://grants.nih.gov/grants/oe_vacancies.htm.

**North Carolina State University, Department of Psychology
(Open Rank) for Health Psychology/Program Evaluation
Position Vacancy Number: 06-25-0801**

The Department of Psychology at North Carolina State University invites applicants with expertise in the areas of health psychology and program evaluation to fill an open-rank, tenure/tenure-track position, with an anticipated begin date of 8/16/09. The Psychology Department has more than 30 faculty members in five Ph.D.-granting specializations: developmental, human factors & ergonomics, industrial/organizational, school psychology, and psychology in the public interest. The person filling this position would affiliate with the Psychology in the Public Interest program, which emphasizes development and evaluation of interventions/policies for important problems of society, particularly those faced by disadvantaged and/or underrepresented groups. Additional departmental information can be found online at: <http://psychology.chass.ncsu.edu/>. NC State is a land grant institution with Carnegie Foundation status of RU/VH (Research University/very high research activity, i.e., the designation formerly known as Research I). It is located in Raleigh, NC, the state capital, which represents the eastern point of the Triangle, a vibrant and growing geographical region with access to major intellectual and cultural resources including Research Triangle Park, the SAS Institute, the National Humanities Center, Duke University, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and North Carolina Central University. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in Psychology or in a closely related field. Successful applicant(s) will be expected to develop and maintain a nationally recognized research program, direct graduate and undergraduate research, teach undergraduate and graduate courses, and contribute to professional/university service. Although all individuals meeting these requirements are encouraged to apply, a strong preference will be given to applicants having a community-based / community psychology approach to these areas. Salary is competitive. Review of applications will begin October 1, 2008, and will continue until a suitable candidates are identified. Position begins August 16, 2009. For instructions on how to apply, please visit <https://jobs.ncsu.edu> and reference position number 06-25-0801 or to go directly to this position posting please visit: jobs.ncsu.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=80880. To be considered interested applicants should attach a cover letter, curriculum vitae, research statement, teaching statement, and up to five representative publications. Applicants should also arrange for three letters of recommendation to be sent to the Search Committee Chair. Information requests may be addressed to Dr. Roger E. Mitchell, Chair, Health Psychology / Program Evaluation Search Committee, Department of Psychology, North Carolina State University, Box 7650, Raleigh, NC 27695-7650; roger_mitchell@ncsu.edu; 919-513-2546.

**Northeastern University, Institute on Urban Health Research, Boston, MA
Principal Research Scientist & Associate Director, Social & Behavioral Health**

Principal Research Scientist & Associate Director-Social & Behavioral Health is responsible for developing an ongoing program of independent externally funded research and providing scientific oversight of funded research within the Program of Social and Behavioral Health Research. The first area of responsibility includes submission of grant applications for independent research and in collaboration with other members of the IUHR team and collaborators. The Associate Director will devote about 50% of his/her time to grant writing and that within the first year will have submitted a minimum of two grants to external funded and within a year and a half have obtained an externally funded grant as PI or Co-PI of a grant. The second area of responsibility for the Associate Director position is scientific oversight and supervision of Project Managers responsible for all phases of funded research project implementation at IUHR's Program on Social and Behavioral Health Research. The Associate Director will devote about 50% of his/her time to this second area of responsibility. The Associate Director is responsible for managing the resources assigned to these research projects, and for bringing them to successful completion within the constraints and specifications imposed by the funding entities. The Associate Director will report directly to Dr. Amaro, Director of the IUHR and Director of the Program on Social and Behavioral Health. Assessment of performance for all IUHR employees is conducted every six months and continued employment is contingent on availability of funds and evidence of having met job performance requirements. QUALIFICATIONS: -- Ph.D. degree in social science, public health or related field and a minimum of 6 years of postdoctoral research experience including record of accomplishment of independent research, and successful record of grant funding and publications. -- Evidence of successful record in grantsmanship as PI or Co-PI and in publication of scholarly quantitative research and/or program evaluation in peer review journals. -- Ability to bring a new area of urban health expertise or enhance an existing area of expertise to the IUHR, and build upon it, is essential. The IUHR priority

research areas are social determinants of health; health disparities; mental health, substance abuse and trauma; HIV/AIDS and STIs; and interventions in chronic diseases including obesity, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and asthma. Cross cutting research areas of expertise of interest include epidemiological research, community based interventions, community-based participatory research; clinical trials and evaluation research. Experience in implementing complex community-based studies and multisite studies, as well as all aspects of the research; data analyses, writing research project protocols, supervision of research staff, preparation of research reports and publications, in depth knowledge and experience of human subjects protection, etc., is required. -- Experience in navigating -a complex university setting, developing interdisciplinary collaborations and working closely with all levels of researchers and faculty is preferred. -- Experience with research strategic planning and organizational growth is preferred. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: A courtesy appointment as Associate Research Professor [non-tenure track], upon approval by the Provost's Office, is possible and the incumbent will be able to use this title on business cards and other communications. This may move into a formal appointment by the Provost's office in time. The (IUHR) was founded in response to serious and largely unmitigated disparities in the level of overall health and health care found in urban populations, particularly those of the urban poor, African-American and Latino communities. It is devoted to knowledge discovery and its practical application to improve personal and public health within urban communities. The IUHR is particularly focused on understanding the social and environmental conditions of urban living in order to inform public health intervention strategies, policies and professional training. The IUHR is associated with Northeastern University and is located on the Boston campus. For more information, please visit the IUHR website, <http://www.northeastern.edu/bouve/research/IUHR/index.html>. Founded in 1898, Northeastern University is a private research university located in the heart of Boston, and a leader in interdisciplinary research, urban engagement, and the integration of classroom learning with real-world experience. Our signature cooperative education program, one of the largest and most innovative in the world, is ranked among the best in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. We offer a comprehensive range of undergraduate and graduate programs leading to degrees through the doctorate in six undergraduate colleges, eight graduate schools, and two part-time divisions. Please see www.northeastern.edu for more information. Internal Posting Requirement: This position will be posted internally for ten days, until August 2, 2008. HOW TO APPLY: Please submit electronic copies of: CV, 3 pdf file reprints of recent peer-review journal publications, and 3 letters of reference to Hortensia Amaro by e-mail, h.amaro@neu.edu.

Northeastern University, Institute on Urban Health Research, Boston, MA
Post Doctoral Research Associate in Urban Health

Post Doctoral Research Associates within the Program on Social and Behavioral Health will work as part of IUHR research team, which includes Faculty Scholars, Graduate Research Fellows and research staff. Currently ongoing research on social and behavioral health includes studies on drug use and abuse, HIV/AIDS and STIs, mental health, trauma and other chronic health conditions. The current funded program of research includes cognitive-behavioral, educational skills-based and mindfulness-based intervention studies on alcohol and drug addiction, mental illness, trauma and HIV prevention; HIV/AIDS medications adherence; community re-entry among incarcerated populations; college student brief-screening and intervention and social marketing campaign to reduce problem drinking, drug use and other high risk behaviors; health of African American and Latino/Hispanic veterans; and the role of discrimination in health care and health status. Applicants interested in other areas of social and behavioral health than those listed above (e.g., obesity, diabetes, asthma, cardiovascular disease, children's health and aging issues in health) are also welcome to apply. Most of the current ongoing research projects at the IUHR Program on Social and Behavioral Health are community-based and involve primarily poor, urban and disenfranchised populations. The Post Doctoral Research Associate is expected to contribute to the scientific activity and productivity of existing research projects by collaborating on preparation of manuscripts for publications, conducting advanced data analyses, and developing grant applications for external funding in their areas of interest within the area of social and behavioral health. Post Doctoral Research Associates will benefit from mentoring from senior faculty, expert consultants, statisticians and community collaborators. Opportunities for teaching within and outside of the Bouve College of Health Sciences are negotiable and can be part of the Post Doctoral Research experience. Qualifications. Must have a Ph.D. or equivalent in a health related area; demonstrated expertise, training and record of conducting research, publications in scholarly journals and experience in grant writing. Demonstrated experience in conducting at least one of the following is required: epidemiological studies, intervention trials, and/or community-based program evaluation. Training and experience in interdisciplinary research is desirable.

Application: Please submit the following materials:

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Electronic copies of 3 recent publications in scholarly journals
3. Letter of interest describing research experience and training, research focus and short and long term research and professional goals
4. Names and full contact information for 3 references

Submit applications via electronic mail to: Dr. Hortensia Amaro, h.amaro@neu.edu

**Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Professor in Social Disparities and Health**

Northwestern University invites applications for an open rank position jointly held between Cells to Society: The Center on Social Disparities and Health at the Institute for Policy Research and one of the following departments: Anthropology, Psychology, or Sociology. Social and cultural contexts are critical determinants of physical and psychological health, and we seek a scholar with an active research program that integrates social, behavioral, and biological/biomedical perspectives to illuminate pathways linking social contexts and health, with implications for understanding socioeconomic and race/ethnic disparities. Applicants should have outstanding records of scholarly publication and externally-funded research, and be interested in applying their work to social policy issues. To promote policy-relevant research activities, the appointment carries a one-half reduction in teaching responsibilities. Candidates could specialize in one or more of the following fields: biodemography, population health, gene-environment interplay, biocultural or biopsychosocial perspectives on human development and health, psychobiology, and other related areas. For more information on the Cells to Society Center, see <http://www.northwestern.edu/ipr/c2s> and for the Departments of Anthropology, Psychology, or Sociology, see <http://www.wcas.northwestern.edu/>. Northwestern is located in an attractive lakefront community adjacent to Chicago. Please mail a statement of research, teaching/training, vita, representative reprints, and names of three references to Thomas McDade, Search Committee Chair, Cells to Society (C2S): The Center on Social Disparities and Health, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University, 2040 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60208. Review of application materials will begin on September 15, and will continue until the position is filled.

Our Bodies Ourselves, Boston, MA

Associate Director

Deadline: August 20, 2008

Our Bodies Ourselves (also known as the Boston Women's Health Book Collective, Inc.), a nonprofit women's health education, advocacy, and consulting organization, is seeking an Associate Director. This person would work closely with the current Executive Director, other senior staff, and selected Board members to assume key leadership responsibilities as the organization approaches its 40th year. Our Bodies Ourselves provides accessible, research-based information about women's health and sexuality and advances health and human rights within a framework of values shaped by women's voices and a commitment to self-determination and equality. For some time, the organization has maintained a consistent profile, both in terms of visibility and financial size. A focus for the next few years is to grow the organization's annual revenues and budget while stabilizing its fundraising capabilities and diversifying its funding sources.

Responsibilities (to be phased in over a period of time):

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS

- Supervise the day-to-day operations of the organization
- Ensure accuracy & compliance of routine financial operations, working with financial consultants and/or staff, including: - Review financial management system and make recommendations for strengthening, as appropriate; - Oversee preparation of annual audit and review monthly financial statements; - Develop and monitor annual and quarterly budgets for the organization and its specific programs; - Ensure timely and accurate completion of necessary state and federal government filings
- Lead strategic planning for the organization, in collaboration with the Board and other senior staff, and monitor/oversee implementation of strategic plans
- Principal staff liaison with the Board of Directors; attend all Board meetings
- Manage the human resources function and supervise staff
- Prepare annual report

PROGRAM

- Provide overall program leadership
- Increase visibility of the organization through various modes and media: - Act as spokesperson for OBOS; - Write op eds and other advocacy pieces
- Conduct policy/advocacy campaigns
- Develop and maintain relationships with other community-oriented organizations

FUNDRAISING

- Supervise research, writing, and submission of grant proposals and grant reports
- Lead donor relations

REQUIRED SKILLS/QUALIFICATIONS -- Required Skills/Qualifications: • Nonprofit management/administrative experience, including direct supervision and management of employees. • Knowledge of, skills, and proven experience in financial management of an organization with an annual operating budget of over \$500,000 (including experience with budget management and financial reporting). • Familiarity with and commitment to the content and philosophy of OBOS (the book). • Good knowledge base and experience with women's health, including reproductive health and gender equity

issues. • Excellent oral and written communications skills. • Experience interacting with the media. • Some fundraising experience. • Excellent organizational skills, including the ability to organize resources, manage multiple projects, and establish priorities. • Demonstrated relevant experience of 8-10 years, including expertise gained in a growing nonprofit (or other relevant setting). • Expertise and experience working with diverse communities. • Ability to think strategically and to develop and implement strategic plans. • Experience/comfort with a collegial model of management (participatory leadership style that recognizes people's skills and fosters leadership in others). OTHER QUALITIES SOUGHT: • Self-starter (dynamic, highly motivated). • Entrepreneurial and forward thinking. TO APPLY, please submit preferably VIA EMAIL a resume and cover letter, to: office@bwhbc.org. The organization mailing address is OBOS, 34 Plympton St, Boston, MA 02118. Fax: 617 451 3664.

**Portland State University, School of Community Health, College of Urban and Public Affairs
Assistant or Associate Professor**

The School of Community Health in the College of Urban and Public Affairs at Portland State University is seeking applications for an assistant (tenure-track) or associate (tenure-track or tenured) faculty position beginning Fall 2009. Responsibilities include research, teaching, and service. Candidates must have an earned doctorate (or are in the final stages of their degree) in public health, environmental health, or a related field. Associate-level candidates must have a strong quantitative training, teaching background, proven ability to secure external funding, a record of research and publication, and experience in community engagement. Candidates with research and teaching skills in environmental health, and at least one of the following are invited to apply: health disparities, community health promotion, sustainability, built environments, research methods, or related areas. Research responsibilities include seeking external funding for research related to public health, conducting funded research projects, analyzing data, preparing reports, and preparing manuscripts for scholarly publications. Collaborative work with faculty in the School of Community Health, and throughout the College and University is encouraged. Opportunities exist, as well, for collaboration with faculty at Oregon Health & Sciences University, Oregon State University, and other universities across the U.S. and internationally. Instructional responsibilities include teaching and advising at the undergraduate and graduate levels, with particular involvement in the Oregon Masters of Public Health Program, and the College's doctoral programs in Urban Studies and Public Administration and Policy. > The School of Community Health (<http://www.healthed.pdx.edu>) offers programs leading to degrees at both the undergraduate and graduate level. The School offers an MPH degree as part of the Oregon Masters of Public Health program (OMPH): a collaborative effort with Oregon Health & Science University and Oregon State University. T

The OMPH is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health, and ranked 2nd among community Health programs by U.S. News and World Report (2004). The school also offers MS/MA and BS/BA degrees, and participates in the College's Ph.D. programs. The School enrolls approximately 400 undergraduate and 80 graduate students, and has a core group of 12 faculty engaged in research in diverse areas such as welfare reform, cancer, social inequality, suicide, aging, welfare reform, hearing conservation, and physical activity. The School of Community Health also houses the Institute on Aging. The Institute conducts applied research related to the issues, policies, and programs that affect elders and their families and offers courses in gerontology for undergraduate, masters and doctoral students. Recent research projects have focused on family care giving, health behaviors, social relationships, long-term care, housing, fitness and exercise, Alzheimer's disease, transportation, aging and health services delivery and policy, and research methods. The College of Urban and Public Affairs has approximately 70 full-time faculty. Other Schools in the College are the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government and the Nohad A. Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning. Other research and service units include the Center for Urban Studies, the Executive Leadership Institute, the Center for Population Research and Census, and the Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies. Portland State University is located in downtown Portland, the major urban center of Oregon. The University is centered on the tree-lined South Park Blocks, an extensive greenway through the center of town, and is surrounded by numerous cafes, pubs, and restaurants. Adjacent to the University is the Portland cultural district, home to the Portland Symphony, the Portland Center for the Performing Arts, the Portland Art Museum, and the Northwest Film Center. The variety of outdoor activities convenient to the city is unsurpassed. Hiking, mountain biking, skiing, windsurfing, and kayaking are popular outdoor activities accessible within minutes of Portland. The rugged Cascade and Coast mountain ranges provide hundreds of miles of trails. The starting annual salary rate for this position will be dependent upon qualifications and experience with an excellent benefits package including fully paid healthcare; a generous retirement and vacation package; and reduced tuition rates for employee, spouse or dependant at any of the Oregon University System schools. This is a nine-month appointment. Applicants should submit a letter of application containing a brief background statement including research and teaching interests, the names and contact information for four professional references (name, title, email, telephone, and mailing address), and a curriculum vitae to: Judith Sobel, Ph.D. M.P.H. Search committee Chair, Portland State University, P.O. Box 751, Portland, OR 97207-0751. Review of applications will begin September 15, 2008 and continue until finalists are identified. The anticipated start date is September 16, 2009. For further information, please email sobelj@pdx.edu.

**Public Health – Seattle & King County, Assessment, Policy Development and Evaluation (APDE)
Policy Research & Development Specialist**

The Assessment, Policy Development and Evaluation (APDE) unit is a nationally recognized leader in community health assessment. APDE'S primary role is to provide health assessment data and analysis to inform planning, policies, and actions, and develop innovative interventions that improve the health of King County residents. Analysis and elimination of health inequities is central to our work. In partnership with community organizations and agency staff, we use and develop state-of-the-art techniques for the collection and analysis of data, and the development and evaluation of effective policies and population-based interventions. The Policy Research & Development Specialist is responsible for researching and reporting on best practices in public health policy research, development and implementation. The Specialist will identify effective policies from the literature, identify and coordinate cross-cutting policy efforts throughout the department, prioritize policy development, and recommend policy priorities to the department leadership. This position will evaluate policy efforts and implement improvements in policy development. This position will work within the mandate of the Public Health Operational Master Plan (PHOMP) goals for health policy development in the public health domains of Protection, Promotion, and Provision. The most competitive candidates will have a PhD in social or health science (e.g. epidemiology, public policy, medical sociology, or social work) or a closely related field with 3 – 5 years experience researching, planning, and developing health policy as well as writing successful funding proposals and grants. Demonstrated experience prioritizing policy initiatives from myriad policies preferred. The job applications can be found in the Public Health category at: <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/kinghealth/default.cfm>. Samples of APDE reports can be found at: <http://www.metrokc.gov/health/reports>

**Sociological Initiatives Foundation
Funding for Research that Supports Social Change
Deadline: August 15, 2008**

The Sociological Initiatives Foundation provides grants of \$10,000 to \$20,000 to support research that supports social change. The Foundation specifically supports research that focuses on: - Clear social policy objectives; - Institutional and educational practices; - Legislative and regulatory changes; - Organizing previously unorganized groups; - Building collective community capacity and/or power (such as expanding membership base); - Linguistic issues, such as literacy, language maintenance and expansion, multilingualism and its implications, and their possible intersection with social and policy issues. The Foundation supports projects that address institutional rather than individual or behavioral change and/or research and initiatives that provide insight into sociological and linguistic issues that may be useful to specific groups and or communities. It supports projects that have an explicit research design and a concrete connection to public or community impact. The research should ideally build an organization or constituency's potential to expand public knowledge, impact policy, and create social change. Complete guidelines and on-line concept application for the August 15, 2008 deadline are available at <http://comm-org.wisc.edu/sif>. Contact Prentice Zinn at pzinn@grantsmanagement.com or 617-426-7080x307.

**The Commonwealth Fund
2009-10 Packer Policy Fellowship
Deadline: August 15, 2008**

On behalf of the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, The Commonwealth Fund is pleased to announce the [2009-10 Packer Policy Fellowship](#), an Australian-American health policy fellowship program. The Packer Policy Fellowships offer a unique opportunity for outstanding, mid-career U.S. professionals--academics, physicians, decision makers in managed care and other private health care organizations, federal and state health officials, and journalists--to spend up to 10 months in Australia conducting research and working with leading Australian health policy experts on issues relevant to both countries. In addition to undertaking original policy research, fellows will participate in seminars and policy briefings, which include meetings with senior officials at the commonwealth and state levels, ministerial officers, service providers, academics, and other stakeholders in the public and private sectors. At the end of their tenure, fellows produce a report and present project findings to senior government officials and policy experts at a final reporting seminar. Interested candidates must submit a formal application, including a project proposal that falls within an area of mutual policy interest to Australia and the United States, such as: health care quality and safety, the private/public mix of insurance and providers, the fiscal sustainability of health systems, management of health care delivery, the health care workforce, and investment in preventive care strategies. U.S. Citizenship is a requirement for eligibility. The deadline for receipt of applications for the 2009-10 fellowships is August 15, 2008. For further information on the 2008-09 Packer Policy Fellowships and to obtain an application, please see <http://www.commonwealthfund.org/fellowships/>. For questions, contact Robin Osborn, The Commonwealth Fund, by phone, 212-606-3809, or e-mail: ro@cmwf.org.

**The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars Program
2008-2009 Call for Applications**

The 2008-2009 Call for Applications for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars program has been released and is available at the following link:

http://www.rwjf.org/files/applications/cfp/HSS0809_cfp.pdf. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars program is designed to build the nation's capacity for research, leadership and policy change to address the multiple determinants of population health. The program is based on the principle that progress in the field of population health depends upon multidisciplinary collaboration and exchange. Its goal is to improve health by training scholars to: *investigate rigorously the connections among biological, genetic, behavioral, environmental, economic and social determinants of health; and *develop, evaluate and disseminate knowledge and interventions that integrate and act on these determinants to improve health. The program is intended to produce leaders who will change the questions asked, the methods employed to analyze problems, and the range of solutions to reduce population health disparities and improve the health of all Americans.

**University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), Department of Psychology
Tenure-track Assistant Professors (2 openings anticipated)**

The University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) Department of Psychology anticipates two tenure track assistant professor positions beginning in August of 2009, with the possibility of a third position pending funding. We seek academic psychologists to participate in the APA-approved Clinical Psychology training component of our Human Services Psychology graduate program. For one of the positions, the applicant should have expertise in Child/Adolescent Clinical Psychology, preferably with strengths in Community Psychology as well. For the second position, the applicant should have expertise in Adult Clinical Psychology, preferably with strengths in Behavioral Medicine as well. If a third position is approved, content areas of research interest are open, but we are particularly interested in candidates whose work complements our existing strengths in other areas of Human Services Psychology (Community and Applied Social Psychology or Behavioral Medicine) or Applied Developmental Psychology. Exceptionally well-qualified applicants at the associate professor level may be considered. The department has a strong interest in faculty members who are committed to research and teaching at both undergraduate and graduate levels, and who possess a biopsychosocial or systems perspective. The successful candidate must demonstrate potential for attracting outside funding and mentoring undergraduate and graduate-level research. The department has a strong commitment to diversity, and candidates with research areas focused on minority health and under-served populations are especially encouraged to apply. UMBC is classified by the Carnegie Foundation as RU/H (high research activity). It is located in the Baltimore-Washington corridor, which provides rich opportunities for working with diverse populations and many avenues for collaboration with professional and medical schools, NIH, and other federal agencies (see www.umbc.edu/psyc for more information). Applicants should send a statement of interest, curriculum vitae, a description of teaching and research interests, reprints, and have three letters of recommendation sent to: Chair, Child Clinical Search Committee /or /Chair, Adult Clinical Search Committee, Department of Psychology, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250 (Psychdept@UMBC.edu). Review of applications will begin September 15, 2008 and will continue until the positions are filled.

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CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health 11th Conference

April 29-May 2, 2009

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) will be hosting our 11th Conference on April 29-May 2, 2009 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA. Opportunities to co-sponsor or exhibit at CCPH's 2009 conference are coming soon! If you would like to receive more information, please email Shelly Tolo, Exhibit Show Manager at toloevents@aol.com. We expect more than 500 conference participants, reflecting the key stakeholders in community-campus partnerships, including leaders from community-based organizations, government agencies, foundations, health care delivery organizations, higher educational institutions and student service organizations. Increase exposure to your program, products and services by being an exhibitor and/or co-sponsor. To maximize exposure for all exhibitors and co-sponsors, the conference will feature a gala reception. This will include hors d'oeuvres and an incentive activity to encourage attendees to visit each of our exhibitors. We have also procured space for the exhibit area near session rooms and central ballrooms. Exhibit hours are April 30: 10:00 am-7:30 pm and May 1: 8:00 am-1:00 pm. The exhibitor/co-sponsor packet will be available later this summer.

Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Office of Public Health and Science, Office of Minority Health
Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Minority Health
Doubletree Hotel
1515 Rhode Island Ave., NW
Washington, DC
August 11-12, 2008

SUMMARY: As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is hereby giving notice that the Advisory Committee on Minority Health (ACMH) will hold a meeting. This meeting is open to the public. Preregistration is required for both public attendance and comment. Any individual who wishes to attend the meeting and/or participate in the public comment session should e-mail acmh@osophs.dhhs.gov. DATES: The meeting will be held on August 11, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and August 12, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20005. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Monica A. Baltimore, Tower Building, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 600, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Phone: 240-453-2882 Fax: 240-453-2883. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Public Law 105-392, the ACMH was established to provide advice to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health in improving the health of each racial and ethnic minority group and on the development of goals and specific program activities of the Office of Minority Health. Topics to be discussed during this meeting will include strategies to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will help eliminate health disparities, as well as other related issues. Public attendance at the meeting is limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the designated contact person at least fourteen business days prior to the meeting. Members of the public will have an opportunity to provide comments at the meeting. Public comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker. Individuals who would like to submit written statements should mail or fax their comments to the Office of Minority Health at least seven business days prior to the meeting. Any members of the public who wish to have printed material distributed to ACMH committee members should submit their materials to Garth Graham, M.D., M.P.H., Executive Secretary, ACMH, Tower Building, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 600, Rockville, Maryland 20852, prior to close of business August 4, 2008.

Fifth Public Health Pre-Deployment Course (PHPD5)

16-29 November 2008 - Ottawa, Canada

Organized by the WHO Cluster for Health Action in Crises (HAC), WHO Regional Office for the Americas/Pan American Health Organisation (WHO/PAHO),
Supported by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and WHO Mediterranean Centre for Vulnerability Reduction (WMC).

Deadline for the submission of application papers is on 31 August 2008

Website: <http://www.who.int/hac/techguidance/training/predeployment/phpd5/en/index.html>

The purpose of this Course is to prepare professionals with knowledge and experience in different public health and related fields to work effectively, efficiently and safely in the design, implementation, management and/or coordination of emergency response and early recovery. How to apply:

http://www.who.int/hac/techguidance/training/predeployment/phpd5_how_to_apply/en/index.html

The Course will be organized in modules: (1) *Health in the broader humanitarian context* -- This module introduces/updates participants on the international humanitarian system, guiding principles and laws, and trends in humanitarian assistance; and the humanitarian reforms, key pillars and mechanisms for joint action. It also looks into the public health sector players and their response in emergencies, the WHO roles and functions, as well as explore key issues and realities in the field. (2) *Public health issues in emergencies* -- This highlights key public health areas and cross-cutting humanitarian issues applied in different scenarios, broadly categorized into acute-onset natural disasters, technological emergencies and complex emergencies. It provides emergency health managers with tools and strategies that enable them to identify and prioritize life-saving public health interventions at different phases of a given disaster, emergency or crisis situation. These tools include project planning and resource mobilization processes for filling gaps in health services brought about by these events. (3) *Operational and personal effectiveness* -- This introduces participants on security and safety aspects during field mission; the measures to take to ensure readiness and good health during the entire field mission (including stress management). It also provides tips on how to communicate public health risks and in dealing with the media in emergencies, as well as orients on telecommunication, computing and personal equipment provided to deployed teams. The Course is geared towards adult learning and uses participatory methods as much as possible; didactic lectures and presentations are accompanied by discussions, debates, group work, video discussions demonstrations, practical sessions, small and large group exercises, role-playing and simulation. Towards the end of the Course, participants will be exposed to a two-day field simulation exercise. This provides participants with an opportunity

to apply learned knowledge and skills in a series of emergency-like scenarios. LEARNING OUTCOMES: At the end of the Course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the principles that underpin national emergency response and how this could be complemented by international health humanitarian action in the framework of the UN reforms and other key emerging issues that influence the ways humanitarian organizations operate to ensure greater predictability, accountability and partnership in humanitarian action.
- Understand the core functions of the health sector in emergencies and humanitarian action, and the principles, norms and approaches applied in assisting national/local authorities in addressing health priorities through a coordinated and all-inclusive sectoral/cluster approach.
- Work successfully as part of a multi-national and multi-agency team by effectively collaborating with national counterparts and other teams within the health sector and other relevant humanitarian sectors, and by being sensitive to each others' and the community's culture, customs, language and traditions.
- Adapt emergency health principles, best practices and tools in addressing major health issues in emergencies and humanitarian action, and apply them to specific situations in respect to national and inter-country arrangements.
- Transform situation-specific public health priorities into emergency response and recovery programmes which build on established systems, strengths and resources of humanitarian partners, and more importantly on the capacity and needs of the local public health system
- Protect their own and their counterparts' and colleagues' health, safety and security while operating in harsh or dangerous environments
- Comply with administrative, financial, human resources and reporting systems and standard operating procedures governing WHO/PAHO health action in crises.

NIH, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities

NIH Summit: The Science of Eliminating Health Disparities

Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center

National Harbor, MD

December 16-18, 2008

REGISTER NOW ONLINE for this FREE Summit: <http://www.ncmhd.nih.gov>

Join the NIH Institutes, Centers, Offices, and their many partners engaged in research on minority health and health disparities to:

- Highlight the research progress of the NIH on health issues among racial/ethnic minority and medically underserved populations
- Increase awareness and understanding of disparities in health
- Showcase best-practice models in research, capacity-building, outreach, and integrated strategies to eliminate health disparities
- Identify strengths and gaps in health disparities research
- Network and dialogue with the nation's leading experts on minority health and health disparities

SUMMIT PROGRAM

- NCMHD Program Director Meeting—December 15, 2008
- Please [click here](#) for the Grant Writing Workshop agenda—December 15, 2008.
- Please [click here](#) for the main summit agenda—December 16–18, 2008.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

The New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming *Research and Coaching Clinic*

2008 APHA

San Diego, CA

October 25 and 26

Deadline: August 22, 2008 (3:00 p.m. EST)

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is pleased to announce the second **Research and Coaching Clinic!** The Clinic will be held during the 2008 American Public Health Association conference in San Diego, CA on Saturday October 25 and Sunday October 26. The New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming *Research and Coaching Clinic* aims to increase the visibility and enhance the skill sets of New Connections grantees, alumni, and potential applicants. *Interested in improving your research skills while simultaneously having your career and research questions answered? Want to network with researchers who share similar interests to your own?* Then apply for the New Connections 2008 *Research and Coaching Clinic* to be a part of this exciting opportunity. For more information and to apply please visit, <http://www.rwjf-newconnections.org/HomeEven-5882.html>. Applications are due by 3 pm EST on

Friday, August 22, 2008. For more information about New Connections and other funding opportunities please visit www.rwjf-newconnections.org.

The University of Texas School of Public Health at Houston (UTSPH)

2008 Career and Practicum Fair

October 22, 2008, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Registration cost: \$100 (on or before October 6, 2008); \$125 (AFTER October 6, 2008)

The University Of Texas School Of Public Health at Houston (UTSPH) proudly presents the 2008 Career and Practicum Fair, to be held Wednesday, October 22 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. We invite you to participate in this event, which gives organizations such as yours the opportunity to interact with our highly talented students while allowing the students to network with potential employers, learn about the various organizations, and submit resumes for review. Our master and doctoral students are well trained and uniquely qualified for work in various public health settings. To register online, please go to <https://www.myinterfase.com/sph-uth/employer/>. If you are a registered user, simply type your username and password, and then click "login". If you have not registered in the past, select the "click here to register" link. Fill out your profile and click the "register button". Registration includes: Two (2) representatives, Lunch and refreshments, draped tables, chairs, and parking validation. There will be a \$20 fee for each additional representative. *Limit of four (4) representatives per table.* Should you wish to create a practicum opportunity, please go to www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/practica and select "Post a Practicum". For additional information, feel free to contact Brenda Brown at the number below. If you are interested in fall and spring recruitment or an informational session, please call or email Pantheia Evans to schedule a date and time. We are working hard to make sure that you have a great recruiting experience at UTSPH. Please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) with any questions or concerns. Thank you and we look forward to meeting you at UTSPH Career & Practicum Fair 2008.

Save the date! The University of Texas, M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Center For Research on Minority Health, Department of Health Disparities Research

7th Annual Disparities in Health in America Workshop

June 20-June 26, 2009

Houston, Texas

For more information about the **Center for Research on Minority Health** and to find out more about the history of the Annual Disparities in Health in America: Working on Social Justice Workshop, please visit our web page at www.mdanderson.org/crmh. I have also attached a copy of the paper writing on the workshop and appeared in the **Journal of California Health Promotion** (www.cjhp.org/).

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RESOURCES

Publications

A methodological note on modeling the effects of race: the case of psychological distress

Amani Nuru-Jeter, Chyvette T. Williams, Thomas A. LaVeist.

Stress and Health. Published Online: Jul 23 2008: <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/120841385/abstract>

".....Psychological distress is an important indicator of the mental well-being of the population. Findings regarding racial differences in distress are inconclusive but may represent an important pathway through which disparities exist across a number of physical health outcomes. We used data from the 1994 Minority Health Survey, a nationally representative multiracial/ethnic sample of adults in US households, to examine racial/ethnic differences in psychological distress (n n 3623). Our primary study aim was to examine differences between additive and multiplicative models in assessing the influence of income and gender on the race/distress relationship. We hypothesized that additive models do not sufficiently account for potential interactions of race with income and gender, and may therefore mask important differences in distress between racial groups. The results suggest that our hypotheses were supported. After adjusting for income, there were no statistically significant differences in distress levels between racial groups. However, significant differences emerge when multiplicative models are used demonstrating the complexities of the intersection of race, income and gender in predicting psychological distress. Black men and women of higher income status represent a particularly vulnerable group, whereas Hispanic men are especially hardy. We discuss the implications of our findings for future work on racial health disparities...."

Food and Agricultural Organization and the International Food Policy Research Institute

Kellogg Health Scholars Program: Monthly Newsletter - KConnection

Impact of Climate Change and Bioenergy on Nutrition

Available online PDF [91p.] at:

http://www.fao.org/ag/agrn/agns/files/HLC2_Food_Safety_Bioenergy_Climate_Change.pdf

Marc J. Cohen, Food Consumption and Nutrition Division, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Cristina Tirado, Consultant, IFPRI,

Noora-Lisa Aberman, IFPRI, and Brian Thompson, Nutrition and Consumer Protection Division, FAO. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Climate Change and Bioenergy: Implications for Nutrition, Food Safety and Human Health- High-Level Conference on World Food Security: The Challenges of Climate Change and Bioenergy, on June 2008 in Rome. This paper is one of three background documents prepared for this side event. Jointly written by teams from FAO and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). Food security has four dimensions: food availability, access to food, stability of supply and access and safe and healthy food utilization. Food security is a key factor in good nutrition, along with health, sanitation and care practices. The paper begins by laying out the current state of global food insecurity and malnutrition, including magnitude, trends and future projections. The causes, consequences and costs of food insecurity and malnutrition are explored. Malnutrition is clearly a severe impediment to sustainable development and human security as it slows down economic growth and the achievement of equity. The paper briefly lays out a number of factors besides climate change, bioenergy and rising prices that will likely contribute to malnutrition in the future. The paper then explores the implications of climate change and rising bioenergy demand for nutrition. Agricultural activities contribute to climate change, but can also play an important role in adaptation and mitigation strategies, as well as in boosting food availability. Next, the paper examines the direct nutrition effects of rising bioenergy demand, as well as its contribution to rising food prices. It also discusses potential strategies for cultivation of bioenergy crops that can contribute to poverty reduction, food security and sustainable natural resource management. A chapter on policy implications provides a number of options for improving food security and nutrition, as well as for addressing the links between climate change and bioenergy demand on the one hand and nutrition on the other. The paper concludes with recommendations.

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Institute of Medicine

[Challenges and Successes in Reducing Health Disparities: Workshop Summary](#)

The Institute of Medicine published "[Challenges and Successes in Reducing Health Disparities: Workshop Summary](#)," which describes the first workshop of the Roundtable on Health Disparities. This working group of health professionals,

government officials, foundations, philanthropists, advocacy groups, academics, and community-based organizations focused on understanding health disparities among racially and ethnically diverse groups and, ultimately, developing solutions for ending these disparities.

“It's The Skin You're In”: African-American Women Talk About Their Experiences of Racism. An Exploratory Study to Develop Measures of Racism for Birth Outcome Studies

Nuru-Jeter A, Dominguez TP, Hammond WP, Leu J, Skaff M, Egerter S, Jones CP, Braveman P.

Matern Child Health J. 2008 May 8.

<http://www.springerlink.com/content/v14717828v36j4k4/?p=aff31069203a428697e14568d6eee8b9&pi=0>

Objectives: Stress due to experiences of racism could contribute to African-American women's adverse birth outcomes, but systematic efforts to measure relevant experiences among childbearing women have been limited. We explored the racism experiences of childbearing African-American women to inform subsequent development of improved measures for birth outcomes research. **Methods** Six focus groups were conducted with a total of 40 socioeconomically diverse African-American women of childbearing age in four northern California cities.

Results: Women reported experiencing racism

(1) throughout the lifecourse, with childhood experiences seeming particularly salient and to have especially enduring effects

(2) directly and vicariously, particularly in relation to their children;

(3) in interpersonal, institutional, and internalized forms;

(4) across different life domains;

(5) with active and passive responses; and

(6) with pervasive vigilance, anticipating threats to themselves and their children.

Conclusions: This exploratory study's findings support the need for measures reflecting the complexity of childbearing African-American women's racism experiences. In addition to discrete, interpersonal experiences across multiple domains and active/passive responses, which have been measured, birth outcomes research should also measure women's childhood experiences and their potentially enduring impact, perceptions of institutionalized racism and internalized negative stereotypes, vicarious experiences related to their children, vigilance in anticipating future racism events, as well as the pervasiveness and chronicity of racism exposure, all of which could be sources of ongoing stress with potentially serious implications for birth outcomes. Measures of racism addressing these issues should be developed and formally tested.

Other

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH)

New CCPH Leadership & Organizational Home, Effective August 1, 2008!

August 1 marks the official start date of CCPH's new leadership under Cheryl A. Maurana, Senior Associate Dean for Public and Community Health at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) in Milwaukee! CCPH's address is as follows: Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH), c/o Medical College of Wisconsin, Public and Community Health, Attn: Alicia Witten, 8701 Watertown Plank Road, Milwaukee, WI 53226. For more information on the history of this change, read the April 18 press release here:

http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/pdf_files/CCPH%20Press%20Release%20FINAL.pdf. For more information on the exiting CCPH staff members see: http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/PM_071108.html#ED. For more information on the entering CCPH staff members see: http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/PM_072508.html#ED.

University of Minnesota School of Public Health

Culture and Health Literacy Modules

The University of Minnesota School of Public Health has created two online training modules that discuss how inequalities in health information contribute to health disparities and what communities can do to close the gap and improve health literacy. For more information and to register for the training, click [here](#).

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ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

To contribute information, resources or announcements to Kellogg Connection, e-mail kconnection@cfah.org. The Kellogg Connection is a monthly electronic newsletter that acts to connect 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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