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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](mailto:scholars@cfah.org)



### Congratulations to Kellogg Scholars and Fellows

**Stanley Bernard**, Kellogg Fellow in Health Policy Research and doctoral candidate, has accepted an appointment as Assistant Professor of Public Health focusing on health policy and management at Southern Connecticut State University. It's a tenure track position that he'll start in August.

**Dr. Nicole Berry**, Community Health Scholars Program alumna, announces that she will officially be starting a tenure-track position at Simon Fraser University in the Faculty of Health Sciences in September. Dr. Berry has also recently published: Berry, Nicole S. 2008 Who's judging the quality of care? Indigenous Maya and the problem of 'not being attended'. *Medical Anthropology* 27(2):164-189.

**Bettina Campbell**, who is CHSP alum Kevin Robinson's community mentor, is featured in May's CDC/ASPH Institute for HIV Prevention Leadership newsletter. It briefly describes the YOUR Blessed Health project, which Kevin worked on, and the challenges she's faced in conducting CBPR that is not only conducted in partnership with the community, but research that was derived from and is led by the community. Please contact her directly for any additional information on the project at [betteniac@aol.com](mailto:betteniac@aol.com).

**Dr. Chandra Ford**, MD-Track Kellogg Health Scholar, will begin a new position on July 1, 2008, as Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences in the School of Public Health at the University of California at Los Angeles. In the broadest terms, her teaching and research will be on social determinants of HIV/AIDS disparities. More specifically, they will cover social epidemiology, with an emphasis on racism as a social determinant of health; critical race public health; sexual minority health; and, HIV/AIDS prevention. She hopes to strengthen relationships with some of the policy-focused organizations she was introduced to through the Kellogg Health Scholars Program so that this research is informed by and relevant for health equity policy efforts.

**Dr. Ichiro Kawachi**, Kellogg Health Scholars Program Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) training site director and Professor of Social Epidemiology and Director of the Harvard Center for Society and Health, was recently named as Chair of the Department of Society, Human Development and Health at the Harvard School of Public Health.

**Dr. Amy Schulz**, Kellogg Health Scholars Program academic mentor and past CHSP acting director at the University of Michigan training site, will become an associate professor of health behavior and health education at the University of Michigan School of Public Health effective September 1. Dr. Schulz is also a co-author of *Methods in Community-Based Participatory Research for Health* (2005).

**Dr. Mindi Spencer**, MD-Track Kellogg Health Scholar, has accepted a position as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior at the University of South Carolina, with a joint appointment in the Institute for Southern Studies.

**Dr. Kalahn Taylor-Clark**, MD-Track Kellogg Health Scholar, has recently started her new job as Senior Associate at Brookings Institute's Engelberg Center for Healthcare Reform, HVHC Initiative. Dr. Taylor-Clark's new contact information is 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 600, NW, Washington, DC 20036-2103, Email: [ktclark@brookings.edu](mailto:ktclark@brookings.edu).

**Dr. Naima Wong**, Kellogg Fellows in Health Policy Research Program alumna, successfully defended her dissertation "A Participatory Youth Empowerment Model and Qualitative Analysis of Student Voices on Power and Violence Prevention." Dr. Wong is currently a Consultant at the Georgia Health Policy Center, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Disparities in Health in America: Celebrating Social Entrepreneurs Working Toward Social Justice Workshop** at the University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center. **Registration is now open!** The draft workshop agenda and registration form are attached. The workshop has an outstanding line up of speakers, including a number of our Kellogg Scholars and Fellows presenting on June 25 and 26. Workshop details at <http://www.mdanderson.org/departments/crmh/display.cfm?id=4241ba16-e078-480b-b8409de35b9ef532&method=displayfull&pn=fe9b4275-3144-42a6-ac8fefe85921d2d5>.

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

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## SPOTLIGHT ON KELLOGG SCHOLARS NETWORK

Meet Kellogg Fellow in Health Disparities Research, **Rashid Njai, PhD...**

Dr. Rashid Njai completed his doctoral training in Health Behavior and Health Education at the University of Michigan (U of M), School of Public Health in spring 2008. His dissertation work entitled, *Examining the Measurement of Race and Ethnicity to Inform a Model of Sociocultural Stress and Adaptive Coping*, explored how racial and ethnic identity serve as cultural survival strategies for Americans of African descent in buffering psychosocial stressors in seemingly hostile environments. His other research interests include: health disparities and cultural resiliency within communities of color; mental health among immigrant and indigenous populations of color; and violence prevention within African American and other disenfranchised groups.

Dr. Rashid credits research environments such as the Program for Research on Black Americans (PRBA) and the Center for Research on Ethnicity Culture and Health, at the U of M, and training experiences as part of the W.K. Kellogg Fellows in Health Policy Research Program and the American Psychological Association's Minority Fellowship Program in Mental Health Research as being essential in providing opportunities to build a strong research foundation.

Dr. Rashid has accepted a position with the Centers for Disease Control's Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS), where he will serve a two-year tour of duty within the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, as an EIS officer in the 'cross-cutting' Division of Adult and Community Health, within the Community Health and Program Services Branch.

Dr. Rashid asserts that "Barbara Krimgold and the Center for the Advancement of Health (CFAH) staff have been an instrumental component of my success in the doctoral program and vital in me receiving supplements of 'what I needed' as I completed my doctoral training. Whether it was financial support, career development or networking opportunities, my Kellogg fellowship tenure never fell short. They truly showed they cared about Fellows as people while supporting our success as junior scholars, public health professionals and advocates for social change. Beyond my training experience at the U of M, the W.K. Kellogg Fellows and Scholars family single-handedly proved and continues to be an invaluable asset for my professional and personal goals alike."

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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

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) AHRQ Individual Awards for Postdoctoral Fellows (F32) (PAR-06-409)

**Deadline: December 6, 2008**

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) announces its continuing interest in supporting the postdoctoral National Research Service Award (NRSA) individual fellowships (F32) in health services research. These postdoctoral research fellowships provide opportunities for one to three years of academic training and/or supervised experience in applying quantitative and/or qualitative research methods to the systematic analysis and evaluation of health care services. The program emphasizes methodological and research topics that address the mission of AHRQ. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) updates and supersedes the National Research Service Award: Individual Postdoctoral Fellowships PA-99-005, published in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts on October 16, 1998. Individuals must submit the application using the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Individual Fellowship Form (PHS 416-1, rev. 06/02) available at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/416/phs416.htm>. See Section IV.1 for application materials. This FOA will use the individual Postdoctoral Fellowship Award mechanism (F32) issued under the auspices of the Kirschstein-NRSA Act. While grant awards are made to institutions rather than individuals, this FOA and its instructions are written to potential applicants to inform them of this funding opportunity and facilitate the submission of grant applications. Eligible organizations include domestic public or private non-profit institutions such as universities or colleges, clinics and hospitals. For eligible Principal Investigators, see Section III.1.B. Telecommunications for the hearing impaired is available at: TTY 301-451-0088. Announcement details at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-409.html>.

## AHRQ

### AHRQ Small Research Grant Program (R03)

(PAR-06-448)

**Deadline: November 16, 2009, Multiple Receipt Dates - See Link to Full Announcement for details**

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) issued by AHRQ supports Small Research Grant (R03) applications. The R03 grant mechanism supports different types of health services research projects including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and, development of new research technology. While grant awards are made to institutions rather than individuals, this FOA and its instructions are addressed to potentially interested individuals to inform them of this funding opportunity and facilitate the preparation of grant applications by the individuals who will actually assume the primary responsibility for the preparation of their organization's application. The applicant will be solely responsible for planning, directing, and executing the proposed project. Announcement details at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-448.html>

## National Institutes of Health

### NCMHD Comprehensive Centers of Excellence (P60)

(RFA-MD-08-005)

**Letters of Intent Receipt Date: July 30, 2008**

**Application Receipt Date: August 29, 2008**

This FOA issued by the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD), National Institutes of Health solicits grant applications from institutions/organizations that propose to establish a Comprehensive NCMHD Center of Excellence (COE) contributing to either the improvement of minority health, the elimination of health disparities, or both. To be eligible for the COE in this FOA, applicant institutions must have existing federal research support and/or research infrastructure as reflected in a level of NIH institutional funding of **more than or equal to \$80 million for the year 2007**. An Comprehensive NCMHD COE supported under this FOA must contain an Administrative core, a Research core, a Research Training/Education core, and a Community/Engagement core. Pilot research projects or feasibility projects/studies are not supported under this FOA. Announcement details at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-08-005.html>.

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## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

### Call for Papers – American Journal of Public Health (AJPH)

#### Environmental & Occupational Justice

**Deadline: August 1, 2008**

The American Journal of Public Health (AJPH) intends to publish a theme issue that will feature current research and contributions of environmental justice and community-based participatory research projects to the fields of environmental and occupational health. Key topics to be addressed include exposure assessment, especially as it relates to cumulative risk; environment-related diseases; community based approaches to improving exposure and disease surveillance for populations that are hard to track; and evaluation of partnerships designed to promote health research, education, and prevention/intervention programs for low-income, immigrant, and minority populations who may be disproportionately exposed to environmental and occupational stressors. Research articles and briefs that address these issues and provide innovative insights into the influence of economic and social factors on the health status of individuals exposed to environmental toxicants and occupational hazards and their impact on public health will be considered. Papers that address novel models, approaches or theories on, but not limited to, capacity building; health communication strategies that consider culture, language, and literacy; policy change; and community-based partnerships will be considered for Field Action Reports. Analytic essays on new research and communication strategies to address emerging environmental or occupational health problems will be considered for the Framing Health Matters; Government, Politics, and

Law; and Health Policy and Ethics forums. All manuscripts will undergo the standard peer review process by the AJPH editors and peer referees as defined by AJPH policy. Submit manuscripts to <http://submit.ajph.org> by August 1, 2008.

### Call for Papers – Journal of Research Practice (JRP)

If you don't already know about the Journal of Research Practice, JRP, you can check it out at <http://jrp.icaap.org/>. There you'll find high quality articles on research methodology and related topics. Now in its fourth year of existence it has already carried many action research papers. You might consider it for your own articles. You can submit articles online by first registering at <http://jrp.icaap.org/>. It's open access, offers supportive reviewing and quick turn-around times, and

provides high-quality copy editing. There's more information below, or you can contact the editor, D.P. Dash, at [dpdash@ximb.ac.in](mailto:dpdash@ximb.ac.in). JRP is a quality-conscious peer-reviewed journal, published online by AU Press, Canada, in the open-access mode. The journal charges no subscription or pay-per-view fees to readers and no submission or publication fees to authors. It has a distinguished and international editorial board. It follows a rigorous editorial process to ensure quality and relevance of what it publishes. It also offers outstanding editorial support to authors. Now in its fourth year, JRP already has a good track record and reaches a wide audience of readers worldwide. Open-Access Advantage: There are several advantages of open-access publishing, including increased visibility globally and, therefore, increased chance of your work reaching potential readers and users. PUBLICATION FOCUS OF JRP: JRP solicits articles that help to develop our understanding of research as a type of evolving practice. The journal promotes inquiry into how different ways of doing research or questioning its assumptions and results may improve it or inspire new research. The journal aims to facilitate research education and promote innovative and self-reflective forms of research in different fields. JRP is not a journal for reporting the results of specific research projects or the state of research in a specific discipline. Instead, it focuses on aspects of research practice that are of interest to researchers in different fields of inquiry. Authors are invited to write about their research experiences, reflecting critically upon the challenges they faced and ways they found (or suggest) for dealing with them. Every JRP article is expected to find readers in multiple fields of inquiry and trigger fresh thinking about some aspects of research practice and education. POTENTIAL AUTHORS: Submissions are solicited in different categories: (a) Main Article -- full-length articles relating to JRP's publication focus; (b) Research Design -- articles discussing basic issues and choices of research design; (c) Provocative Idea -- articles communicating fresh ideas on some challenges of doing research; and (d) Review -- reflective reviews of published material (books, journal issues, films, web-based resources, etc.). The review time for papers is about 4 weeks on average. Potential authors can find more information, including the Author Guidelines, in the JRP web site: <http://jrp.icaap.org/index.php/jrp/information/authors>. JRP is able to provide excellent copyediting service without any charge. However, authors are welcome to pay for this service (at the rate of USD 100 or less per article, depending on their ability to pay). Principal Contact: D.P. Dash, PhD; Editor, Journal of Research Practice (JRP); Email: [dpdash@ximb.ac.in](mailto:dpdash@ximb.ac.in)

**Call for Papers – The Lancet  
Social determinants of health**

**The Lancet, Volume 371, Number 9627, 31 May 2008**

**Website:** <http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140673608607722/fulltext>

**Deadline: The Lancet website does not state when the due date is for manuscripts submitted in response to this call for papers.**

".....On Nov 8, 2008, The Lancet will publish a theme issue devoted to the social determinants of health. We invite submission of research papers, reviews, viewpoints, and comments with an emphasis on action-what the doctor, public-health worker, policy maker, and politician can do to reduce inequalities and tackle the broad interplay of economic and social forces affecting health. This theme issue will be produced in parallel with a conference being held in London (Nov 6-7, 2008) called: Closing the Gap in a Generation: Health Equity Through Action on the Social Determinants of Health. The conference also aims to identify actions based on recommendations set out by the WHO Commission on the Social Determinants of Health. That Commission, chaired by Michael Marmot, will publish its final report after the summer. Launched in 2005, the Commission has used an ambitious process of knowledge networks, country consultations, and wide engagement with civil society and academia to devise a global strategy to realise longstanding hopes for health equity. One telling example of the complexity the Commission will have to grapple with was provided last week by Save the Children. In its report *The Road Less Travelled: Barriers to Poor Children's Healthcare Utilisation in Developing and Transitional Countries*, Save the Children described how the child mortality gap is widening in the world's poorest countries. Transport can cost as much as half the total cost of health care. Corruption can be a major obstacle to preventive services, such as vaccination. And high drug prices can dissuade families from purchasing the care they need. In the Commission's interim report, Marmot described health as "a universal human aspiration and a basic human need". Although that view commands wide medical and political support, translating this vision into a practical, realisable, and affordable plan has proven beyond the ability of most nations. The Commission's work is an opportunity to turn advocacy into action. The Lancet invites clinical and public-health scientists and practitioners to make their contribution to this unprecedented international event...." WHO: [http://www.who.int/social\\_determinants/en/](http://www.who.int/social_determinants/en/)

**Call for Conference Papers – National Poverty Center (NPC), University of Michigan  
Influence of Early Life Events on Later-Life Outcomes**

**Ann Arbor, Michigan**

**March 12-13, 2009**

**Deadline: August 1, 2008**

There is recent and growing evidence that events very early in life have large and lasting impacts on economic, social, psychological, and health outcomes later in life. The National Poverty Center (NPC) at the University of Michigan is sponsoring the second in a series of conferences on this topic, to be held in Ann Arbor March 12-13, 2009. Description of

the first conference which was held in December 2007, including the agenda and the papers presented, is available at the NPC web site: [http://www.npc.umich.edu/news/events/early\\_life/](http://www.npc.umich.edu/news/events/early_life/). If you are interested in presenting a paper at the conference, please submit by August 1, 2008, four copies of a 3-4 page abstract and your CV to the NPC, University of Michigan, G. R. Ford School of Public Policy, Weill Hall, 735 South State St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109. The abstracts will be reviewed by the conference organizers, and the most promising papers will be chosen to be presented at the conference. Travel, lodging and meal expenses for one author per selected paper will be provided by the NPC.

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## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

### **Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene**

**Civil Service Title: City Research Scientist II -- TO FILL ASAP**

**Office Title: Program Planner**

**Area of Interest: Public Health**

**Location: Manhattan**

**Salary Range: \$65,847 to \$86,532 (full-time)**

**Number of Positions: 1**

Job Description: 1. Provides training and technical assistance (TA) to Ryan White Part A agencies and shares information on related issues to the NYC HIV Health and Human Services Planning Council (PC); 1a. Liaises with internal DOHMH Research and Evaluation (RE) Unit staff to gather information needed to inform the planning and implementation processes; 1b. Liaises with internal DOHMH PC staff in order to disseminate findings to the PC Needs Assessment, Integration of Care, and Priority Setting/Resource Allocation Committees; 2. Serves as subject matter expert in assigned Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) HIV service model categories; 2a. Conducts comparison analysis of service category RFP and agency scopes of services; 2b. Reviews and synthesizes HIV care and treatment research and program based information to assist in program modification, development, and evaluation; 2c. Communicates with other Ryan White Part A grantees on their systems of care and treatment to gather information to help inform evidence-based changes in the NYC Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA); 3. Stays abreast of HIV/AIDS policy and legislative issues; 3a. Monitors policy issues through thorough reviews of major media sources; 3b. Keeps internal staff updated on key policy issues and how they impact our programs and services; 3c. Disseminates key HIV/AIDS policy issues to staff on a bi-weekly basis; 4. Provides strategic planning support to HIV Care, Treatment, and Housing management team; 4a. Actively participates in the production of and review reports, requests for proposals and grant applications related to Ryan White Part A services; 4b. Actively participates in both internal and external strategic planning sessions for HIV care-related program implementation; 5. Supervises project officers, interns and support staff. **PREFERRED SKILLS:** Excellent written, oral and interpersonal skills; supervisory experience in program planning and implementation; computer experience; ability to handle multiple and diverse assignments. **EXPERIENCE REQUIRED:** 1. A Doctorate degree from an accredited college or university with specialization in an appropriate field of physical, biological, environmental or social science and one (1) year of full-time experience in a responsible supervisory, administrative or research capacity in the appropriate field of specialization; OR 2. A Master's degree from an accredited college or university with specialization in an appropriate field of physical, biological, environmental or social science and three (3) years of responsible full-time experience in the appropriate field of specialization, including one (1) year of full-time experience in a responsible supervisory, administrative or research capacity in the appropriate field of specialization; OR 3. Education and/or experience that is equivalent to (1) or (2) above. However, all candidates must have a master's degree in an appropriate field of specialization and one (1) year of full-time experience in a responsible supervisory, administrative, or research capacity as described in (2) above. **TO APPLY:** Email: [asantell@health.nyc.gov](mailto:asantell@health.nyc.gov) a cover letter and CV. Position needs to be filled ASAP.

### **Free & Clear, Inc., Seattle, WA**

#### **Evaluation Director**

Free & Clear, Inc., located in Seattle, WA, is a leader in the field of tobacco cessation, providing services to more states, health plans and employers than any other organization. We have over 20 years experience developing, evaluating, improving and delivering evidence-based programs. The Clinical & Behavioral Sciences (CBS) unit at Free & Clear conducts NIH-level research with collaborators around the United States, as well as evaluation studies and statistical analysis for clients who purchase Free & Clear's services. Free & Clear is seeking to hire someone to lead the growth of our evaluation department. Primary responsibilities include managing the current evaluation and analysis staff (3-4 positions), overseeing and contributing to the design and execution of evaluations for clients, supporting the company's statistical analysis needs for business and research purposes, and managing the evaluation budget and current contracts/accounts. The candidate also will help generate revenue by securing new evaluation contracts and growing existing accounts. Candidates from different industries (e.g., business, government, or academic research centers) and

disciplines (e.g., epidemiology, applied research, statistics) with relevant work experience are encouraged to apply. We welcome applicants who are relatively early in their career as well as those with a significant track record of achievement. We are in an active growth phase, with opportunity for advancement anticipated. This position reports to the Vice President of CBS. Masters-level advanced professional training and credentials are required, with doctorate-level preferred. Experience in research or quantitative program evaluation, statistical analysis planning and execution, combined with strong communication and organizational skills, are required. Management experience, specific expertise in health services or health improvement research/analysis, and experience working in a corporate setting would be ideal. Candidates must be abstinent from tobacco. The position is ideal for someone who enjoys working in a dynamic team-oriented environment which encourages individual growth, goal-oriented achievement, and creativity. The position provides the opportunity to see the results put in practice rapidly, design studies examining program success, and identify opportunities for improvement, while working directly with clients and other internal departments. To pursue this opportunity, send a letter of interest and résumé to Susan M Zbikowski, PhD, Vice President of Clinical and Behavioral Sciences, Free & Clear, Inc, 999 3rd Avenue, Suite 2100, Seattle, WA 98104, or email: [susan.zbikowski@freeclear.com](mailto:susan.zbikowski@freeclear.com). For further information call Dr. Zbikowski at 206-876-2552. To learn more about Free & Clear, please visit [www.freeclear.com](http://www.freeclear.com).

### **Georgia State University Research Associate**

Georgia State University is hiring someone to help build its CBPR program. The position is guaranteed for one year, but there is the potential for a more long-term position if funding becomes available. Please forward to anyone you think might be interested. Experience with CBPR is desired. If you have any questions, contact Yanique Redwood, Project Director, Accountable Communities: Healthy Together, Georgia State University, Institute of Public Health, at Phone: (404) 564-6933 or Email: [yredwood@gsu.edu](mailto:yredwood@gsu.edu). Vacancy Number: 0600548. Position Title: Limited Term - Research Associate II Type of Position: Limited Term (6 months - 3 years) Department Institute Of Public Health. Duties: Research Associate will represent the Institute of Public Health on the Accountable Communities: Healthy Together community advisory board. The Accountable Communities: Healthy Together Partnership, is a community-based participatory research partnership that brings together community-based organizations, the local health department, a community health center, and other partners to conduct research and improve health outcomes in Neighborhood Planning Unit-V (NPU-V), a set of five low to moderate income neighborhoods in South Atlanta. Additionally, the Research Associate II will assist the partnership in redeveloping its structure, preparing proposals, preparing articles for publication, and implementing current research projects. Current research projects focus on access to mental health services, environmental degradation, and prisoner re-entry. Minimum Qualifications: Master's degree and one year experience or a combination of education and experience ( e.g. Bachelor's degree and three years experience.) Preferred Qualifications: Ph.D. (or other doctoral level degree) in public health, behavioral science or other fields related to urban health and urban issues. Experience and interest in working in partnership with community-based organizations. Excellent communication and collaborative skills. Research proposal development and publication history a plus. Evidence of past community-based participatory research experience is desired. Posting Date: April 7, 2008. Closing Date: Open Until Filled. Special Instructions to Applicants: Salary Rate: \$48,000-\$65,000. Is this posting for internal applicants only? No Go to [www.jobs.gsu.edu](http://www.jobs.gsu.edu) to apply.

### **Health Systems Research and Consulting Unit (HSRCU), Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto Ontario, Canada**

#### **Postdoctoral Fellowship**

Applications are invited for a postdoctoral fellowship in the Health Systems Research and Consulting Unit (HSRCU) at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto, Ontario. This fellowship provides an opportunity to spend up to two years engaged in research in mental health and/or addiction services and policy research, with a strong focus on knowledge transfer and exchange. The HSRCU is a multidisciplinary group of research scientists and consultants whose primary objective is to generate and disseminate knowledge related to mental health and addiction services and policy. More information about the HSRCU can be found at: [http://www.camh.net/Research/Areas\\_of\\_research/Social\\_Prevention\\_Health\\_Policy/health\\_systems\\_research.html](http://www.camh.net/Research/Areas_of_research/Social_Prevention_Health_Policy/health_systems_research.html). The fellow will be afforded opportunities to gain experience in all aspects of policy-relevant research, including grant writing. This fellowship is offered in partnership with the Mental Health Commission of Canada and the fellow will be invited to develop a research agenda that coincides with one or more of the Commission's priority areas. (More information about the Commission and its priorities can be found at: <http://www.mentalhealthcommission.ca/mhcc.html>). The fellow will be expected to author papers and reports and to engage in knowledge transfer and exchange with Commission members and other decisionmakers. Interested fellows may have opportunities to teach, although teaching is not a requirement. Funding for the second year of the fellowship will be contingent upon having met objectives set for the first year. The fellowship is open to candidates who hold a PhD in a social science discipline (e.g., sociology, anthropology, political science, policy analysis) or a professional degree (e.g., MD, JD) and significant social science research experience. Candidates must demonstrate prior experience with mental health and/or addiction services

and policy research or make a compelling case for why they wish to move into this area of specialization. The HSRCU particularly hopes to recruit a candidate with interests in issues of discrimination and human rights. Applications from qualified individuals with personal experience of mental illness or addiction are encouraged. Selection will be based upon the candidate's educational and professional background, research interests, and potential to contribute to the work of the HSRCU and the Mental Health Commission of Canada. Only those candidates with a reasonable expectation of having completed their graduate work and earned their degrees by the start date will be eligible. The fellowship begins September 2, 2008 and the annual stipend is \$42,000 plus \$5,000 for research expenses.

To apply, please submit a CV, names and contact information for four referees, and a letter detailing 1) experience/interest in mental health and/or addiction services and policy research and 2) a list of objectives for the fellowship period. Complete application materials are due June 16, 2008. They should be sent electronically to: Nora Jacobson, PhD, Scientist, Health Systems Research and Consulting Unit, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Assistant Professor, University of Toronto, [nora.jacobson@camh.net](mailto:nora.jacobson@camh.net), 416.535.8501 ext. 4229. The HSRCU thanks all applicants, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

**Institute of Community Health and Research, New York University School of Medicine, New York, NY**  
**Health of the New Majority: Diversity, Diaspora, Disparities**  
**October 16-17, 2008**

*The Health of the New Majority: Diversity, Diaspora, Disparities.* October 16 – 17, 2008. Institute of Community Health and Research, New York University School of Medicine, New York, NY.

Conference Objectives:

- To provide a setting for researchers, practitioners, students, health professionals and the community to gain and share best practices, expertise, and knowledge gained toward the goal to eliminate health disparities;
- To showcase the breadth and variety of initiatives and programs created to overcome health disparities in diverse U.S. populations;
- To facilitate partnerships among diverse underserved communities and broaden collaborations within and beyond all professions, affinity groups, and public and private sectors to address common challenges in eliminating health disparities in the U.S.

The Call for Abstracts is forthcoming. Please visit <http://www.med.nyu.edu/ichr/> for more information in the coming weeks or contact [simona.kwon@nyumc.org](mailto:simona.kwon@nyumc.org).

**International Women's Health Coalition (IWHC)**  
**Senior Program Officer, International Policy and Advocacy**

The International Women's Health Coalition (IWHC) brings pioneering ideas to the forefront of negotiations on women's rights and health. Based in New York City, IWHC plays an active role at the United Nations, international conferences, with governments and global health policymakers to defend women's right to sexual and reproductive health information and services. Please visit the website: [www.IWHC.org](http://www.IWHC.org). The Senior Program Officer will provide leadership to IWHC's advocacy to influence global health policies, programs and budgets to prioritize sexual and reproductive rights and health. Duties include: assess global initiatives and agencies for relevance to sexual and reproductive health; cultivate relationships with colleagues to develop dynamic coalitions and working groups; maintain substantive knowledge of issues, policies and networks; write and present on primary topics; collaborate with regional program officers to coordinate with their policy strategies at the national and regional levels; and, contribute expertise, perspective and input to IWHC's overall program, strategy, and organizational development. Successful candidates must have: 8 or more years of experience in international or global health; a Masters level degree or equivalent; be able to travel internationally; and have a demonstrated commitment to contemporary political, gender and human rights work. Please submit cover letter and resume to: Leadership Recruiters, Email: [leadrecruit@gmail.com](mailto:leadrecruit@gmail.com).

**National Institutes of Mental Health**  
**Public Reviewers for Research Grant Applications**  
**Deadline: July 1, 2008**

We are delighted to report that the National Institute of Mental Health, one of the institutes that comprise the National Institutes of Health, (NIMH, <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/>) is seeking individuals interested in serving as public participant reviewers of research grant applications. NIMH has involved public reviewers as full voting members on committees reviewing mental health interventions and services research applications for the past nine years. The Institute has found that input provided by public reviewers adds important perspective and sensitivity to the review process and helps to ensure the public health relevance of funded grants. Periodically, the NIMH invites members of the public to attend a full day training session to acquaint them with the responsibilities of serving as a public reviewer. What Do Public Reviewers Do? Public reviewers read and provide written critiques (usually 1-3 paragraphs) of grant applications. Their critiques focus on the strengths and weaknesses of the applications ability to contribute to knowledge about public health, the feasibility of the researchers plans to engage, recruit and retain participants in a study, outreach efforts to special populations, and issues pertaining to the safety of research participants. At review meetings, public reviewers join the

discussion of applications with scientific reviewers and vote on the merit of each application discussed. Review meetings are typically held in the Washington, DC area or by telephone conference call. Who Are Public Reviewers? Individuals selected to serve as public reviewers typically have had some involvement with mental health care as consumers, family members, mental health professionals, members of advocacy groups, educators, etc. Public reviewers will typically meet one or more of the following criteria: - experience with mental disorders, e.g., as a person with a mental disorder, a family member, caregiver, or supporter of such a person; - experience with mental disorders as a mental health care practitioner, payer or policy maker; - experience as a research participant in studies of mental disorders; - community service involving representation of the interests and perspectives of people with mental disorders, e.g., service on mental health boards or committees, relevant publications, or presentations. When is the Orientation Workshop Scheduled? The Public Reviewer Training Workshop is scheduled for September 15, 2008 from 9-5 in the Washington, DC area. If you are selected to attend the workshop, NIMH will pay for travel, lodging, per diem expenses and provide a \$200 honorarium all in accordance with Federal regulations. What To Do If You Are Interested or Know Someone Who Is? Interested individuals should respond by email to Dawn Smith at [smithdaw@mail.nih.gov](mailto:smithdaw@mail.nih.gov). Please include a copy of your resume and a brief letter highlighting your area(s) of interest and history of involvement with mental health issues. Please include Public Reviewer Training in the subject line of your email. In considering candidates, NIMH is looking for: 1. past participation in decision making bodies at a national, state, or local level; 2. experience with clinical trials or the protection of human participants; 3. an understanding of the need to include gender and geographic diversity, underrepresented ethnic and racial groups, and individuals from socially, culturally, economically, or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds in any study that involves human participants; 4. gender, geographic, racial and ethnic diversity among reviewers; 5. evidence of oral and written expression skills; 6. availability to participate in review meetings; 7. comfort and skill in using the internet and email 8. service, advocacy, policy setting, or other firsthand experience with the mental health care system. If you are chosen to attend the training and participate, you will then be added to NIMH's roster of potential public reviewers. Inclusion on the roster means that over two years time, you are likely to be asked to serve as a public reviewer. Expressions of interest will be accepted until July 1, 2008. Invitations to attend the orientation will be extended by August 1, 2008.

#### **NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) Director of Quality Informatics**

The Primary Care Information Project (PCIP) is a multifaceted program to support the adoption and use of Electronic Health Records (EHRs) among primary care providers in NYC's underserved communities. Its mission is to improve population health through appropriate technology and health information exchange. To find out more about this ground breaking initiative, visit us at [www.nyc.gov/pcip](http://www.nyc.gov/pcip). The Center for Disease Control and Prevention awarded the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) a Center of Excellence in Public Health Informatics grant designed to integrate the healthcare and public health information domains. The New York City Center of Excellence in Public Health Informatics is a collaborative effort led by the DOHMH and supported by the Columbia University Department of Biomedical Informatics and the Institute for Urban Family Health, a network of Federally Qualified Health Centers. The DOHMH is looking for a Director of Quality Informatics to \* Oversee the design and implementation of point of care clinical decision support systems and related tools that will be developed around the DOHMH's Take Care New York health priorities. \* Provide medical informatics expertise and perspective to support research concerning the optimization and effectiveness of the clinical decision support tools. \* Conduct research concerning the feasibility of incorporating epidemiologic data into clinical decision support tools. \* Work with clinical partners to develop, implement and evaluate electronic health record enabled quality improvement interventions. \* Write scientific manuscripts and presenting at scientific meetings. For further detail about this fantastic opportunity, and to apply online, please visit [www.nyc.gov/health/careers](http://www.nyc.gov/health/careers), and search JVN # 122372.

#### **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Evaluation Fellowship Program Deadline: June 30, 2008**

As a young professional from communities traditionally underserved or under-represented preparing to launch a career, you may be wondering how you can be of service to your community and the wider society. There are many avenues through which you can make a difference. As an exciting option, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Evaluation Fellowship Program offers you the opportunity to explore the field of evaluation and research as a possible career path in public service. Evaluators and researchers play an important role in the non-profit sector. They advance effective service delivery by studying grounded theory, how it is carried out through practice strategies, and the impacts of these on populations and communities, especially in traditionally underserved and under-represented groups. As applied researchers, evaluators help foundations, government agencies and non-profits to advance effective practice by providing important evidence through diverse research and evaluation approaches. Bringing together evaluation academic and practice oriented skill sets of a unique partnership of Duquesne University and the OMG Center for Collaborative Learning, the RWJF Evaluation Fellowship Program is a deliberate step to bolster a continuum of evaluation career building and retention opportunities for people of color and under-represented groups. This call for applications invites recently graduated students in various fields of expertise to submit applications for the first year cohort, beginning

January, 2009 through December, 2009. What are the expectations and requirements of RWJF Evaluation Fellows? The RWJF Fellow will receive a year-long, full-time, paid placement in an organization where he or she will work on projects that will build his or her skills in evaluation and research. The Fellows program will attempt to place the Fellow in a locality of his or her choice, but the Fellow must express a willingness to relocate, as necessary. Along with a paid placement, fellows will receive travel support to attend the four training seminars including the American Evaluation Association annual meeting during the course of the year. During the time of the fellowship, the RWJF Fellow will assist with and be part of teams engaged in program or project research and evaluation.

Primary responsibilities are to participate in assigned research projects, assist in the development and conduct of surveys, questionnaires, and interview protocols, to collect, analyze, and interpret findings, and to write and produce written reports and other documents. The RWJF fellow will report to a supervisor assigned by the placement organization. Who can be a RWJF Evaluation Fellow? The RWJF Evaluation Fellow will have at least a Masters degree in health and healthcare, urban planning, education, non-profit management, public policy, or other social sciences fields. He or she will have some experience, knowledge, and problem-solving capability in one or more substantive areas, including but not limited to social change, advocacy, education reform, arts and culture, environment, health, and human service systems. The RWJF Evaluation Fellow will have strong written and oral communication skills, be familiar with qualitative and/or quantitative data collection methods and analysis, and demonstrate knowledge of word processing and other software or database programs. In addition, he or she will be willing to travel, as required by the placement firm. What is the timeline for the placement of RWJF Evaluation Fellows? Announcement of selected RWJF Evaluation Fellows for January, 2009 will be mid-October, 2008 to follow review of application materials and interviews. To request an application, contact: Rosemary Rynn, Department of Foundations and Leadership, School of Education, Duquesne University, 600 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15282-0540, (412) 396-5568 voice, (412) 396-1681 fax, [rynn@duq.edu](mailto:rynn@duq.edu) email, or further information about the program, contact: Rodney Hopson, (412) 396-4034, [hopson@duq.edu](mailto:hopson@duq.edu); Gerri Spilka, (215) 732-2200 x232, [gerri@omgcenter.org](mailto:gerri@omgcenter.org), Vivian Figueredo, (215) 732-2200 x233, [vivian@omgcenter.org](mailto:vivian@omgcenter.org).

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

The 2008-2009 Call for Applications for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars program has just been released and is available at the following link: [http://www.rwjf.org/files/applications/cfp/HSS0809\\_cfp.pdf](http://www.rwjf.org/files/applications/cfp/HSS0809_cfp.pdf). The program 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: 1. investigate rigorously the connections among biological, genetic, behavioral, environmental, economic and social determinants of health; and 2. 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. Participating universities are: Columbia University, Harvard University, University of California, San Francisco, University of Pennsylvania, and University of Wisconsin. To be eligible, scholars must: \*(have completed doctoral training by the time of entry into the program (August or September 2009) in one of a variety of fields including, but not limited to, the behavioral and social sciences, the biological and natural sciences, health professions, public policy, public health, history, demography, environmental sciences, urban planning, engineering and ethics; \*have significant research experience; \*clearly connect their research interests to substantive population health concerns; and \*be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or its territories. Learn more about the program at [www.healthandsocietyscholars.org](http://www.healthandsocietyscholars.org).

### **U.S. Health Left History Center The Lear Fellowship for Medical History Students Deadline: July 1, 2008**

The U.S. Health Left History Center is pleased to announce the availability of the Lear Fellowships to further the investigation of the history of U.S. health activism using the U.S. Health Activism History Collection at the University of Pennsylvania Rare Book and Manuscript Library as well as other relevant resources. Two fellowships of \$1000 will be awarded annually. If the fellow is not in commuting distance of Philadelphia the documented costs of travel and two weeks residence will also be defrayed (maximum \$2,000). In addition to conducting research, fellows will submit a report of the research completed no later than one year after receipt of the fellowship (this may be posted on the website of the History Center or published in its newsletter). The U.S. Health Activism History Collection gives priority attention to classism, racism and sexism in the health field and major reform of the health care delivery system including national legislation, as well as to the health and medical aspects of poverty, labor unions, civil and human rights, women's movements, Left political parties, grass-roots human services, red witch hunts, L/G/B/T issues, and international peace and progressive people's solidarity campaigns. Eligibility: Applicants must have been or be enrolled in a college/university degree program. Time schedule: The deadline for the receipt of applications is July 1. Awards will be announced September 1 and will apply for the subsequent twelve months. Applications (both PDF and

hard copy) must include: 1. a project description of no more than 3 double-spaced pages in 12-point font indicating the purpose and methodology of the research and the historical materials to be consulted; preference will be given to projects that are likely to be useful to current and future U.S. health activists; 2. a curriculum vitae of no more than 2 pages; 3. a proposed budget for travel and residence (two weeks maximum) for applicants not in commuting distance of Philadelphia; 4. the name of one reference who has agreed to send a supporting letter directly to the History Center by July 1. Submissions may be made either by mail or email to: The U.S. Health Left History Center, 206 N. 35th St., Philadelphia, PA 19104-2429, Email: [wjlear@critpath.org](mailto:wjlear@critpath.org). For more information please contact: Walter J. Lear, M.D., Director, U.S. Health Left History Center, 215-386-5327.

### **University of Buffalo**

#### **Dean for the School of Public Health and Health Professions**

Last month Vice President David L. Dunn convened and charged the search committee to select a new dean for the School of Public Health and Health Professions. I am pleased to inform you that we are now beginning our recruitment efforts in earnest. A position description has been developed and is posted on the search site at <http://www.buffalo.edu/sphhp-dean/profile.shtml>. Advertisements will begin to appear in a variety of print and electronic journals in the near future. As chair of the search committee, I am writing to you today to invite your nominations of candidates for this important position in the school of Public Health and Health Professions. Candidates should be committed to collaborative leadership in higher education and the broader public health and health professions community. Candidates should also possess strong and effective communication and management skills, and must have earned a doctorate or equivalent degree and credentials in teaching, research and service appropriate to the rank of full professor in a major research university. Please send your confidential nominations to Dr. Ilene Nagel and Mr. Brian Bloomfield, consultants to the search committee, at [ubsphhp-dean@russellreynolds.com](mailto:ubsphhp-dean@russellreynolds.com).

### **University of California, Berkeley, Alcohol Research Group, School of Public Health**

#### **Postdoctoral Fellowships: Graduate Research Training on Alcohol Problems**

The Alcohol Research Group (ARG) is currently accepting applications for one and two year postdoctoral fellowships sponsored by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) for research training in alcohol studies. These fellowships are oriented toward the pursuit of basic and applied social science or epidemiological alcohol research and are not seen as appropriate for persons interested in clinical practice. Training emphasizes the epidemiology of alcohol consumption and alcohol use disorders (e.g. drink size, effects of moderate drinking, ethnic and gender differences, trends over time, and validation of self-report), health services research (alcohol treatment, Alcoholics Anonymous, welfare and criminal justice systems, and emergency rooms), current topics in alcohol research, and innovative statistical methodologies (geocoding and latent growth curve models). For more info: <http://www.arg.org/training.html>. Stipends range from \$36,996 to \$51,036 DOE. Partial health insurance and a \$1200 travel budget are provided. Applications are accepted year-round. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents who have earned a doctoral degree or are within 3 months of filing. Visit the website or contact Tina Noren, Training Program Administrator, at [tnoren@arg.org](mailto:tnoren@arg.org) for additional information. Predoctoral fellowships are also available to UC Berkeley Students.

### **University of Massachusetts, Lowell**

#### **Program Evaluation Consultant**

#### **“Protección en Construcción: Lawrence Latino Safety Partnership”**

#### **Deadline: July 1, 2008**

1. TIMEFRAME AND TERMS: The evaluation activities for this project are scheduled for August 15, 2008 through July 31, 2012. The initial contract will be for one year, renewable for the remaining project period if agreed to by the evaluator and the project principal investigator. We anticipate approximately 120 hours per year work by the evaluator, at a rate of \$80 per hour plus reasonable expenses.
2. QUALIFICATIONS SOUGHT: Required -- • Record of academic publications in the evaluation field; • Proficiency in written and spoken Spanish and English; • Availability for in-person meetings in Lowell and Lawrence, Massachusetts, as well as telephone and e-mail communication as scheduled; • Positive references from previous evaluation activities; • Willingness to collaborate with other researchers in defining outcomes, indicators, and data collection protocols for a study that has already been designed and initiated; • Willingness to share ownership of results and authorship of resulting publications; Desired -- • Record of evaluations of community-university partnerships; • Record of evaluations of public health intervention projects.
3. BACKGROUND: DESCRIPTION OF “Protección en Construcción: Lawrence Latino Safety Partnership”: Protección en Construcción is a five-year research project (begun in September, 2007) funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). Project partners are the Mayor’s Health Task Force of Lawrence, Massachusetts; Work Environment Department of the University of Massachusetts Lowell; Laborers International Union Local 175; and JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc.

**PROJECT ABSTRACT:** the aims of this project are to develop and maintain a community-based partnership committed to improving construction safety and health in Lawrence, Massachusetts, an area with a largely Hispanic immigrant workforce and contractors with varying levels of knowledge and resources; apply a community-based participatory approach to adapt organizational and technical interventions for fall prevention and silica exposure prevention to the study setting; implement the interventions developed and evaluate their effectiveness at reducing silica exposure and fall hazards; diffuse effective approaches to protecting Hispanic construction worker health throughout the Lawrence metropolitan area; and institutionalize a community-university-employer-labor partnership that combines the skills and resources of all members to protect the health of vulnerable workers over the long term. The research design follows a 12-stage process adapted from community-based participatory research for workplace intervention studies. It systematically involves community, university, business, and labor partners in all stages of the research from community assessment and problem definition through intervention development, data collection, and dissemination of findings. Hispanic construction workers, a growing percentage of the U.S. workforce, suffer exceptionally high rates of fatal and disabling falls at work, yet few programs have demonstrated success at reducing fall hazards. Hispanic workers are also exposed to high levels of dusts, such as silica, that are associated with disabling and fatal lung diseases. The social, cultural, economic, legal, and linguistic issues confronting Hispanic construction workers present challenges and opportunities to developing innovative occupational health interventions.

**MAJOR PROJECT AIMS:**

Aim 1. Develop and maintain a community-based partnership committed to improving construction safety and health in Lawrence, Massachusetts, an area with a largely Hispanic immigrant workforce and contractors with varying levels of knowledge and resources.

Aim 2. Apply a community-based participatory approach to adapt organizational and technical interventions for fall prevention and silica exposure prevention to the study setting.

Aim 3. Implement the interventions developed and evaluate their effectiveness at reducing silica exposure and fall hazards.

Aim 4. Diffuse effective interventions for Hispanic construction worker health through the Lawrence area.

Aim 5. Institutionalize a community-university-employer-labor partnership that combines the skills and resources of all members to protect the health of vulnerable workers over the long term.

Aim 6. Evaluate the community-based participatory process.

4. **PURPOSE OF THE EVALUATION AND MAIN AUDIENCE:** We are seeking an evaluator to fulfill the objectives of Aim 6: Aim 6. Evaluate the community-based participatory process.

Specific Objectives of Aim 6:

a. Conduct internal evaluation of goals set and met, obstacles and opportunities for effective collaboration, and recommendations for sustaining the partnership.

b. Conduct external evaluation through in-depth semi-structured interviews to assess components of effective CBPR: participation, enhancement of relationships, capacity building, empowerment, policy.

c. Conduct external evaluation through in-depth semi-structured interviews to assess level of community participation at each stage of the CBPR process.

The evaluator will collaborate with the principal investigator to design approaches to meet Objective a. The evaluator will be principally responsible for fulfilling Objectives b. and c.

The desired outcomes of the evaluation are:

- A logic model that makes explicit project partners' underlying theory of change and expectations for the project
- Regular feedback to project partners about progress towards meeting goals, obstacles and opportunities identified, and recommendations for increasing effectiveness
- Findings useful for other community-university partnerships for health in enhancing their program effectiveness

Examples of questions to be addressed:

What worked well in the partnership process?

What should be changed?

What have we learned about building and maintaining a community-university partnership?

What have we learned about engaging community members to prevent fall and silica hazards?

The main audiences for the evaluation results will be the project partners themselves as well as researchers involved in other university-community partnerships for health.

5. **SCOPE OF SERVICES:** The evaluator will: • Meet with researchers at UMass Lowell (UML) to develop a logic model based on the theory of change underlying the project, as well as indicators corresponding to the components of the logic model. • Collaborate with UML researchers to define outcomes of the partnership process to be included in the partnership evaluation process (e.g., participation, enhancement of relationships, capacity building, empowerment, products, and policy), and indicators of those outcomes. • Collaborate with UML researchers to develop measurement instruments and protocols for assessing the indicators of the partnership process on at least an annual basis. • Meet with all project partners to explain logic model, partnership measures, instruments, and protocols. • Take the leading role in implementing external evaluation protocols, including surveys and in-depth interviews or other activities defined. (Research assistants will be available to perform tasks such as transcription, coding, and tabulation of results.) • Produce

a brief annual report on evaluation activities and outcomes and present to project partners annually. • Collaborate with UML researchers on an academic article describing the overall results of the evaluation at the end of the project.

6. APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Please submit the following documents by mail or by e-mail to Principal Investigator Lenore Azaroff by July 1, 2008: 1. Statement of interest and qualifications; 2. Curriculum vitae; 3. List of at least three references with contact information; 4. Sample of written results from previous evaluation. We will interview a selection of candidates who best meet the qualifications listed in Section 2, above. Please contact Lenore Azaroff with any questions. [Lenore\\_Azaroff@uml.edu](mailto:Lenore_Azaroff@uml.edu), (978) 934-2587, Fax: 978-452-5711.

**University of New Mexico, Department of Sociology in partnership with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy**

**Medical Sociology Position Announcement (open rank – Assistant, Associate or Full Professor)**

The Department of Sociology in partnership with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Center for Health Policy at the University of New Mexico (UNM) invites applications for an open rank (Assistant, Associate or Full Professor) faculty appointment in Sociology with a possible starting date in Spring 2009. Tenure status is subject to negotiation depending on qualification. The Department of Sociology at UNM offers a comprehensive program of undergraduate and graduate studies that focus on themes in criminology, comparative sociology, Latin American society, race/ethnic relations, gender, family, social policy, health and wellness, and human services. Faculty members and students conduct research on major sociological issues of global, national, and regional significance. The Department provides expertise and community service through applied projects, public lectures, and consultation. By addressing issues of importance to diverse populations, faculty and students in the Department devote special attention to the Southwestern region and the unique conditions of New Mexico. The Department accomplishes its mission partly through affiliation with the Institute for Social Research, the Latin American and Iberian Institute, and the Center on Alcoholism, Substance Abuse and Addictions. The RWJF Center for Health Policy aims to increase the number of Hispanic and Native American PhD graduates in the social sciences with expertise in health policy. According to the Center's mission, these graduates will participate as leaders in achieving progressive changes in US health policies at the national level. In January 2007 RWJF awarded initial and renewable funding of \$18.5 million for the first five years. The Center will serve as a national resource for minority health policy research and will provide a voice for Hispanics, Native Americans, and other underrepresented groups in health policy discussions. In its educational and research goals, the Center fosters collaboration among the social science departments in the College of Arts and Sciences (Economics, Political Science, and Sociology) and Health Sciences Center (Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Public Health). The successful candidate will be a scholar chosen on the basis of strength and breadth of performance, according to the following selection criteria: 1) active research agenda and publication history congruent with the missions of the Department of Sociology (<http://www.unm.edu/~socdept>) and the RWJ Center (<http://rwjf.unm.edu>); 2) academic preparation and ability to teach graduate and undergraduate courses in sociology and any of the following areas of specialization: medical sociology, demography, epidemiology, public health, and health policy; and 3) ability to supervise graduate students, in studies leading to the doctoral degree in sociology, with a focus on health policy. Preference will be given to candidates with a strong background in interdisciplinary and community-oriented research in medical sociology, public health, and/or health policy pertinent to Hispanic/Latino or Native American populations. Minimum qualification is a doctoral degree in sociology, demography, social epidemiology, public health, or a closely related field, to be awarded by August 15, 2008. The search deadline has been extended to September 19, 2008, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. A complete application should include: 1. a signed letter describing the applicant's qualifications and objectives, 2. a curriculum vitae, 3. at least two pertinent journal articles or chapters, published or in press, 4. a brief statement research agenda, and 5. at least three letters of recommendation. Please provide all contact information including e-mail address. Address applications and inquiries to: Professor Roberto A. Ibarra, Chair, Search Committee, Department of Sociology, MSC05-3080, 1915 Roma NE, room 1103, 1 University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001, Phone: 505.277.2501, Fax: 505.277.8805, E-mail: [raibarra@unm.edu](mailto:raibarra@unm.edu).

**University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC**

**Gillings Visiting Professor**

One of the priority areas for these visiting professorships is health disparities.

<http://www.sph.unc.edu/content/view/full/6746/5526/>

Visiting Professorship (Chapel Hill, NC) Job Posting Date: May 27, 2008 Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

GILLINGS VISITING PROFESSORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT: The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Public Health invites public health officials from health departments, think tanks, businesses, non-government organizations and academic institutions located across the country and around the world to apply for a Gillings Visiting Professorship (GVP) at the School. The purpose of the GVPs is to enhance the School's intellectual climate by creating a synergy of ideas and exposing faculty, staff and students to alternative ways of thinking, new methodologies and different perspectives and disciplines. GVPs serve as part of our innovation teams for one to two years.

Funding guidelines for visiting professorships are posted online at <http://www.sph.unc.edu/accelerate>.

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## CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

### **The Center for Leadership Education in Maternal and Child Public Health, University of Minnesota, School of Public Health**

#### **10<sup>th</sup> Annual MCH Summer Institute on Health Disparities**

#### **Promoting Health Equity: Family centered program development and advocacy**

#### **Continuing Education and Conference Center, University of MN, St. Paul Campus**

**June 12, 2008, 8:00a.m. - 4:45p.m.**

Focus of Institute: The experience of "family" is diverse and complicated. While the composition and nature of family varies among individuals, it is universally true that the family influences an individual's core identity. It is through family that we experience profound strength, support, joy, and sorrow. Because family is such a driving force in defining who we are, family should be at the heart of health policy and program development. The institute will provide an opportunity to discuss how the universal experience of family—and its diverse definitions—can be integrated into family-centered programs and policies that enhance family resilience and improve individual and population health. We will also affirm that family-centered care is fundamental to health equity: individuals who are at social disadvantage can thrive when programs and policies strengthen and support their core support systems. Institute Objectives:

- To understand how to integrate the diverse definitions of family in health program and policy development
- To reflect on the association of family-centered approaches and the principles of health equity
- To identify innovative programs and policies that support families and capitalize on family assets
- To examine examples of evidence-based family-centered health policy and program development
- To develop skills in family-centered advocacy and message framing
- To review the barriers and opportunities associated with family health needs.

Keynote Speakers: Maureen Reed, MD, Dr. Maureen Reed has dedicated her career to delivering better health outcomes for Minnesotans and is a former Medical Director of HealthPartners. Dr. Reed is a nationally sought speaker on health care quality, health care improvement and patient safety. Dr. Reed served on the University of Minnesota's Board of Regents from 1997-2005 (and chaired the Board from 2001-2003). In addition to her clinical and administrative expertise, Dr. Reed extended her advocacy and policy skills as Peter Hutchinson's running mate in Minnesota's 2006 gubernatorial race. Dr. Reed graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School, where she also completed her residency in internal medicine. \*Joe Kelly. Joe Kelly has two grown daughters and is the President of the national organization called Dads & Daughters. He is a nationally recognized fatherhood speaker and trainer and the author of "Dads and Daughters: How to Inspire, Understand and Support Your Daughter", "The Pocket Idiot's Guide to Being an Expectant Father", "The Pocket Idiot's Guide to Being a New Dad", "Clean: A New Generation in Recovery Speaks Out", and "The Body Myth: Adult Women and the Pressure to Be "Perfect". Mr. Kelly is a co-founder of the award-winning "New Moon" magazine for girls and has a BS in philosophy from the University of Wisconsin-Superior. \*Jacquelyn Boggess, J.D. Jacquelyn Boggess is the Co-Director of the Center for Family Policy and Practice (CFPP). She has worked with the CFPP since its inception in 1995 and is the Project Director for the Center's Legal Assistance Project. The Project is designed to provide legal information and education about child support to low-income parents. Ms. Boggess has expertise in state and federal child support and paternity establishment law and policy, with a particular emphasis on low-income, never-married fathers. She has also developed a Q&A legal resource and co-authored a child support manual for parents and practitioners who have questions and concerns about child support and paternity establishment. Ms. Boggess is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin at Madison Law School. To Register Online : [cpheo.sph.umn.edu](http://cpheo.sph.umn.edu) <[www.cpheo.sph.umn.edu](http://www.cpheo.sph.umn.edu)>. For conference information and the poster submission form, please visit: <http://www.epi.umn.edu/mch/events>. Questions? Jan Pearson, [pears014@umn.edu](mailto:pears014@umn.edu), 612-626-8644.

### **Community-Campus Partnership for Health (CCPH) and the Community Partner Workgroups Community Partner Conference Call Series in June**

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) and the Community Partner Workgroups would like to invite you to participate in a three-part Community Partner Conference Call Series taking place in June 2008. All calls take place from 12 - 1:30 pm PST / 3 - 4:30 pm EST and are free of charge for those dialing in from Canada and the US. We especially encourage participation from community members and their academic/institutional partners, but all who are interested in these issues may join in. Registration is limited, but audiofiles will be posted afterwards on the CCPH website. To sign up for one or more calls, please visit: <https://catalysttools.washington.edu/webq/survey/ccphuw/54723>.

Call 2: June 13, 2008: An Environmental Scan of Community Engagement in Health Research: \*What's the current climate for community engagement in research? \*As health research funding agencies, including the National Institutes of Health, increase their emphasis on clinical and translational research and CBPR, the question arises: what do we mean by community engagement in research? \*How are community leaders organizing at local and national levels to impact research priorities, funding and conduct? Elmer Freeman, Center for Community Health Education, Research,

and Service, Boston, MA and member of the U.S. National Institutes of Health's Council of Public Representatives  
Speaker 2 - To be announced. Moderator: Syed Ahmed, Center for Healthy Communities at the Medical College of Wisconsin (Milwaukee) and member of the U.S. National Institutes of Health's Council of Public Representatives.  
Call 3: June 24, 2008: Engaging in CBPR: Tips & Strategies for Community Leaders: \*How do community leaders concerned about the health of their communities get connected with researchers who share their interests? Why would they even want to? \*What resources are out there to help support community leaders to develop and sustain effective CBPR partnerships with researchers? \*What infrastructure needs to be in place in community-based organizations to engage in research partnerships and conduct research? Speakers: Ann-Gel Palermo, Harlem Community and Academic Partnership, New York, NY Lola Sablan-Santos, Guam Communications Network, Long Beach, CA Randy Jackson, Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Moderator: CCPH Board Member and Community Partner/Activist Susan Gust, Minneapolis, MN. Moderator: CCPH Board Member and Community Partner/Activist Susan Gust, Minneapolis, MN. For more information, please contact Kristine Wong, CCPH Program Director ([kristine@u.washington.edu](mailto:kristine@u.washington.edu)), or Lisa Moy, CCPH Graduate Research Assistant ([lmoy@u.washington.edu](mailto:lmoy@u.washington.edu)). For more information on the Community Partner Peer Mentoring and Advocacy Program, please visit <http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/cps.html>.

**National Institutes of Health and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality  
Diabetes and Obesity Disparities in Healthcare Systems  
The Natcher Conference Center**

**NIH Campus**

**Bethesda, MD**

**June 30-July 1, 2008**

**Registration Deadline: Monday, June 23, 2008** <http://www.scgcorp.com/healthcaredisparities2008/confreg.asp>

**Hotel Accommodations: Friday, June 6, 2008**

<http://www3.niddk.nih.gov/fund/other/healthcaredisparities2008/hotel.htm>

The Division of Diabetes, Endocrinology, and Metabolic Diseases of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) and the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) announce a 1½-day conference on Diabetes and Obesity Disparities in Healthcare Systems, which will be held at The Natcher Conference Center on the NIH Campus in Bethesda, MD, on June 30-July 1, 2008. Overview: This conference will focus on research related to modifiable elements within healthcare systems, with the goal of reducing health disparities. Concurrent with planning for this conference, the NIDDK has issued a Program Announcement (PA) for R01s on identifying and reducing diabetes and obesity-related health disparities within healthcare systems. The PA can be found at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-388.html>. A major goal of this conference is to promote healthcare-based research aimed at reducing or eliminating disparities in diabetes and obesity-related outcomes. This 1½-day conference will feature presentations about important factors in healthcare-based disparities research as well as discussions of unique design, measurement, and methodology issues. In addition, we hope that this setting will provide a stimulating atmosphere for collaboration as well as help each participant expand their scope of research. Specifics about the conference and the current agenda can be found on the registration Website at: <http://www3.niddk.nih.gov/fund/other/healthcaredisparities2008>. Topics of Interest: • The Importance of a Healthcare Systems Approach; • Epidemiology-Adults, Children, and Adolescents; • Research Framework-Conference Model; • Healthcare System Factors/Health Services Research; • Healthcare Team Factors; • Patient-Level Factors-Children and Adults; • Community Factors; • Community-Based Participatory Research; • Multifactorial Research; • Research Design and Measurement Issues; • Special Issues across the Lifespan; • Interventions in Adults and Pediatrics; • Cultural Tailoring and Audience Segmentation; • Linking to the Community; • Data Linking and Analysis with Multiple Levels of Data. TO REGISTER for this conference, please go to this URL: <http://www3.niddk.nih.gov/fund/other/healthcaredisparities2008/> and complete the form on the "Conference Registration" tab. After completing and submitting your registration form by clicking the "Finish Registration" tab at the bottom of the registration review page, you will receive a confirmation email that confirms you are registered. If you have any changes at that point, please send me an email at [aamerson@scgcorp.com](mailto:aamerson@scgcorp.com) with the revisions. On this conference Website, you will find logistical information about the meeting location, directions, NIH security, parking, hotel accommodations, and the latest conference agenda. Please note: There will be a Grant Writing Workshop that follows this conference on July 1 starting at noon and is for a selected group of junior investigators. If you would like to participate in this Grant Writing Workshop, please go to the "Workshop Registration" tab.

**The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Commission to Build a Healthier America to Hold First Field Hearing to Examine Non-Medical Solutions to Improve Health  
Marbles Kids Museum, Zanzibar B Room  
201 East Hargett Street  
Raleigh, NC**

**June 12, 2008**

Co-Chairs Mark McClellan and Alice Rivlin to Convene First of Three Field Hearings on June 12 in North Carolina; Focus On Early Life Interventions

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Commission to Build a Healthier America will hold its first field hearing in Raleigh, North Carolina on June 12. The hearing will showcase promising early childhood programs and feature local initiatives. Commissioners will hear testimony from local leaders and national experts about non-medical programs that are making a positive difference in the health and wellness of children. Launched in February, the Commission is investigating how factors outside the health care system - such as education and housing - shape and affect opportunities to lead healthy lives. The Commission is charged with recommending solutions for improving how long and how well Americans live. The North Carolina hearing is the Commission's first opportunity as a group to review practical, evidence-based programs that have been shown to improve health. Each of the three planned public hearings will focus on different factors outside of the health care system that affect overall health. In 2009, the Commission will recommend specific, feasible steps the private and public sector can take to improve the health of all Americans. The goal is to produce measurable improvements within years, not decades. Commission Co-Chairs [Mark McClellan, M.D., Ph.D.](#), director, Engelberg Center for Health Care Reform at The Brookings Institution and former FDA Commissioner and Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and [Alice Rivlin, Ph.D.](#), senior economist at The Brookings Institution and former director of the Office of Management and Budget will convene the hearing. They will be joined by a diverse group of innovators and experts who serve as the [Commissioners](#) for this project. **EVENT DETAILS - [RSVP HERE](#)**. The field hearing will include an opening session, three witness panels and a public comment period:

**8:30 a.m.**

**Welcome**

Mark McClellan and Alice Rivlin, Commission Co-Chairs

**Keynote Speaker**

Jack Shonkoff, Julius B. Richmond FAMRI Professor in Child Health and Development, Director, Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University

**9:15 a.m.**

**Panel I – Early Life Programs: Family Support and Early Education**

• ***The Carolina Abecedarian Project***

Frances Campbell, Senior Scientist, FPG Child Development Institute

• ***Nurse-Family Partnership***

C. Robin Britt, Executive Director, Guilford Child Development

• ***North Carolina Smart Start***

Stephanie Fanjul, President, North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc.

**10:05 a.m.**

**Panel II - Early Life Programs: Family Support and Early Education**

• ***Center for Child and Family Policy at Duke University***

Jeannine Sato, Director, Office of Community Resources, Center for Child and Family Policy, Duke University

• ***The Family Life Project***

Lynne Vernon-Feagans, William C. Friday Distinguished Professor Child Development and Family Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

• ***More At Four Pre-Kindergarten***

John Pruette, Executive Director, North Carolina Office of School Readiness

• ***T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Project and Child Care WAGE\$ Project***

Sue Russell, President, Child Care Services Association

**11:05 a.m.**

**Panel III - Meeting Goals and Measuring Progress**

• ***Durham City and County Results Based Accountability (RBA) Initiative***

Marsha Basloe, Executive Director, Durham's Partnership for Children

• ***The Early Childhood Research Collaborative***

Arthur Reynolds, Co-Director, The Early Childhood Research Collaborative and Professor, University of Minnesota

• ***North Carolina Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities***

Barbara Pullen-Smith, Director, North Carolina Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities

• ***Lulu's Child Enrichment Center***

Dan Gauthreaux, Vice President of Human Resources, Mitchell Gold + Bob

Williams

12:30 p.m.

**Public Comment Session**

1:30 p.m.

**Closing Remarks**

• Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation  
President and CEO

**RSVP Information:**

The Commission encourages all interested parties to attend and [RSVP](#) early as space is limited. Individuals wishing to comment should check the box on the RSVP page indicating their interest in participating in the public comment period. Time is limited and requests will be recorded in the order in which they are received. **We Want to Hear from You:** Please [click here](#) to tell the Commission about promising early childhood interventions or other programs or policy solutions. For more information regarding the Raleigh Field Hearing, please contact Danielle DeForge at (202) 609-6011 or via email at [ddeforge@ccapr.com](mailto:ddeforge@ccapr.com).

**World Health Organization (WHO) Summer School, International Institute for Society and Health  
Social Determinants of Health, International Health  
University College in London  
London, UK**

**June 30-July 4, 2008**

WHO will host a summer school program on the social determinants of health this summer (June 30 - July 4, 2008) at the University College in London. Please click here

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[http://www.who.int/social\\_determinants/resources/csdh\\_media/csdh\\_summer\\_school\\_08\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.who.int/social_determinants/resources/csdh_media/csdh_summer_school_08_flyer.pdf).

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**Critical Public Health: Volume 18 Issue 1 contains this article:**

**Theoretical reflections on the nexus between research, policy and practice p. 5**

**Authors: Evelyne de Leeuw; Andrew McNess; Beth Crisp; Karen Stagnitti**

**Link: [http://www.informaworld.com/openurl?genre=article&issn=0958-1596&volume=18&issue=1&spage=5&uno\\_jumptype=alert&uno\\_alerttype=new\\_issue\\_alert,email](http://www.informaworld.com/openurl?genre=article&issn=0958-1596&volume=18&issue=1&spage=5&uno_jumptype=alert&uno_alerttype=new_issue_alert,email)**

**Health inequalities and the welfare state: perspectives from social epidemiology**

**George A. Kaplan**

**Center for Social Epidemiology and Population Health, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA**

**Norsk Epidemiologi 2007; 17 (1): 9-20 9**

**Available online PDF [12p.] at: [http://www.ub.ntnu.no/journals/norepid/2007-1/2007\(1\)%2003-Kaplan.pdf](http://www.ub.ntnu.no/journals/norepid/2007-1/2007(1)%2003-Kaplan.pdf)**

**The National Health Policy Forum announces the availability of a new meeting report**

**Completing the Recipe for Children's Health: New Variations on Key Ingredients: A Report from the Workshop on June 28, 2007**

**[http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001jtQ6hHZ9JMqmtb3em2\\_xZ4IUARhRM3mH0QdDFimJAU8msPp\\_IR-3cjpXxkJV9s9z1Utb2HJV8Iz5nUnQMhS5YePObkixGeDSGTgGz0sgHx3D85RYpduIX9y2MNjT8yXtfSQzuB0-y9d4kruqnAJvh-SgYefMXDWclqI3RTZuHj74YgkL-30EcqI6XrI4G3wgK](http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001jtQ6hHZ9JMqmtb3em2_xZ4IUARhRM3mH0QdDFimJAU8msPp_IR-3cjpXxkJV9s9z1Utb2HJV8Iz5nUnQMhS5YePObkixGeDSGTgGz0sgHx3D85RYpduIX9y2MNjT8yXtfSQzuB0-y9d4kruqnAJvh-SgYefMXDWclqI3RTZuHj74YgkL-30EcqI6XrI4G3wgK)**

This paper offers a broad overview of the issues surrounding the social and environmental determinants of children's health. These issues were explored during a discussion convened by the National Health Policy Forum on June 28, 2007, among a group of individuals concerned about the influences beyond medical care on the health of children. The paper considers the policy and financing tensions that exist across programs and populations that make addressing the full range of influences challenging. It also highlights some of the community-based initiatives that have been successful in providing services to children and families, as described during the workshop. Finally, this meeting report outlines several

potential strategies that emerged from the discussion, which could be pursued in order to better coordinate health and social services for children.

**PolicyLink and UCLA Center for Health Policy Research**

***Designed for Disease: The Link Between Local Food Environments and Obesity and Diabetes***

The full text of the study is available on the CCPHA Web site at:

<http://www.publichealthadvocacy.org/designedfordisease.html>

PolicyLink, the California Center for Public Health Advocacy, and the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research released a study, *Designed for Disease: The Link Between Local Food Environments and Obesity and Diabetes*, that examines the relationships between retail food environments, obesity and diabetes, and community income. The study demonstrates that people who live near an abundance of fast-food restaurants and convenience stores, compared to grocery stores and fresh produce vendors, have a significantly higher prevalence of obesity and diabetes. The highest rates of obesity and diabetes are among people who live in lower-income communities and have worse food environments.

**The Public Health Observatory Handbook of Health Inequalities Measurement**

Available online at: [http://www.sepho.org.uk/extras/rch\\_handbook.aspx#chapters](http://www.sepho.org.uk/extras/rch_handbook.aspx#chapters)

Roy Carr-Hill and Paul Chalmers-Dixon - Edited by Jennifer Lin, Centre for Health Economics, University of York

The South East Public Health Observatory (SEPHO) is one of nine regional Observatories throughout England and Wales and is a member of the Association of Public Health Observatories

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**UNDP-UNEP under the Poverty and Environment Initiative**

**Poverty & Environment Indicators**

Available on-line as PDF file [44p.] at: [http://www.st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk/csc/research/UNDP\\_UNEPengD.pdf](http://www.st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk/csc/research/UNDP_UNEPengD.pdf)

Coordinated by Flavio Comim, Capability and Sustainability Centre (CSC), University of Cambridge, 2008

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"...Poverty-reduction cannot be achieved without taking into account the environment. Degraded ecosystems increase hunger, exacerbating risks, diseases and taking children out of school. Efforts to reduce human poverty cannot ignore the role that changes in ecosystems play in shaping human lives. Indeed, the importance of addressing the links between poverty and environment has been widely acknowledged by governments, preparing their Poverty education Strategy Papers (PRSPs), and by international organisations, but full implementation of poverty and environmental strategies remains elusive. "The challenge lying ahead consists in effectively developing concrete mechanisms for monitoring poverty from an environmental perspective. One possible solution for this challenge is the elaboration of Poverty & Environment Indicators that could be used in the formulation of Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRS)." Particular emphasis is given to health variables in understanding the links with ecosystem services. Relational health dimensions, such as 'reduction in life expectancy from unsafe water', or 'undernutrition from erosion risk' or 'death from diarrhoea from unsafe water' or 'death from intestinal infections from traditional fuel consumption' are incorporated into a human development framework. The report is conceived as an introduction to the literature on human well-being and environment indicators at the same time that it proposes a new methodology for integrating health, education and standard of living dimensions with environmental variables.....' This report is divided into four parts: \* The first part introduces some well-known general indicators that relate human well-being dimensions to environmental conditions. Although not central to this report, an investigation of a sample of general indicators raises important practical issues in defining poverty & environment indicators. \* The second part explores what recent studies have said about poverty & environment links, with the purpose of learning about the existence of concrete associations that might inform policy-makers about similar situations that might be going on in their own countries. \* The third part presents basic definitions used to handle poverty & environment indicators, including criteria for choosing indicators and the use of scale scores to help making a decision. \* Finally, the report describes a new methodology for elaborating poverty & environment indicators that solves some technical limitations of previous methodologies. Content: Executive Summary; Introduction; Poverty; Environment; How Essential is the Environment for Poverty Reduction?; Human Development and Ecological Footprint; The Structure of the Report; Reviewing Studies on Human Well-Being & Environment Indicators; The Ecological Footprint; The Environmental Sustainability Index; The Barometer of Sustainability; Human Development Indexes; Index of Sustainable Economic Welfare; Lessons Learned; Reviewing Studies on Poverty & Environment Indicators; Environmental Conditions and Health;

Ecosystems and Livelihoods; Environment and Potential Risks; Environmental Indicators for Local Stakeholders; Environment and the MDGs; Lessons Learned; Developing and Using Poverty & Environment Indicators; Measurement; Levels of Measurement; Criteria for Choosing Indicators; Theoretical Models; A New Methodology for Elaborating Poverty & Environment Indicators; The Theoretical Model; Adjustment Factors; Summary of the New Methodology on P&E Indicators; The Conceptual Model; The Applied Model; Regressions; Results: P&E Indicators; Notes

**WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health from the Knowledge Network on Urban Settings (KNUS) 2008  
Our cities, our health, our future**

**Chair and Lead Writer: Tord Kjellstrom**

**Available online as PDF file [199p.] at:**

**[http://www.who.int/social\\_determinants/resources/knus\\_final\\_report\\_052008.pdf](http://www.who.int/social_determinants/resources/knus_final_report_052008.pdf)**

Which aspects of urban settings influence health equity? This KNUS report summarizes the findings concerning structural and intermediate social determinants of health that are of importance in the urban setting. The framework of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health (CSDH) guided the work. While unmasking the health inequities and inequalities in urban settings, it was decided at an early stage to make a strategic focus on slums and informal settlements where one billion people live in deplorable conditions. This number may double in coming decades unless appropriate policies for economic, social and health equity are developed and implemented. An example of the health inequalities in these circumstances is the strong gradient in infant and child mortality rates within Nairobi, Kenya, with rates in the slums more than three times higher than the city average and possibly ten or more times higher than in the richer parts of the city. Other data from Africa shows that these mortality Rates among the urban poor are, on average, almost as high as the rates among the rural poor, while among the richer urban groups the rates are the lowest.

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**The Story of Race**

**A Project of the American Anthropological Association**

**Funded by the Ford Foundation & National Science Foundation**

Website: <http://www.understandingrace.org/home.html>

The exhibition **RACE: Are we so different?** brings together the everyday experience of living with race, its history as an idea, the role of science in that history, and the findings of contemporary science that are challenging its foundations.

The RACE exhibition explores three primary themes:

- **The science of human variation** and where current scientific understanding is inconsistent with popular notions of race.
- **The history of the idea of race**, with an emphasis on the role of science in shaping the concept of race.
- **The contemporary experience of race and racism in the United States**, the often-invisible ways race and racism have infiltrated laws, customs, & institutions.

The educational goal of the *RACE* project is to help individuals of all ages better understand the origins and manifestations of race and racism in everyday life by investigating race and human variation through the framework of science.

**Bibliography** PDF [42p.] at: [http://www.understandingrace.org/resources/pdf/annotated\\_bibliography.pdf](http://www.understandingrace.org/resources/pdf/annotated_bibliography.pdf)

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### Papers

The public education program on *Understanding Race and Human Variation* builds on sound scholarship in the sciences and humanities. The project encourages an integrative and comprehensive approach to the study of race and human variation. The project contributes to the development of scholars and scholarship and sponsors conferences, sessions at annual meetings, and publications. The papers produced as a result of these efforts are published to promote public understanding and advance ongoing and future scholarship in this important area of inquiry.

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