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Dr. Karen Ertel, Kellogg Health Scholar, and her husband Marty Zito, are proud parents of Grace Elizabeth Ertel-Zito, born on May 23, weighing in at 6 lbs and 9 ounces.

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Michael Royster, MD, MPH, will be presenting as co-author on two abstracts at the APHA Annual Meeting in November: ■ Geospatial analysis of breast cancer incidence in Virginia 2000-2005: a methodological, analytical and policy perspective. Rexford Anson-Dwamena, MPH*, Michael Royster, MD, MPH*, Kathy Wibberly, PhD*, H. James Martin, PhD**, Kenneth Studer, PhD*, Virginia Department of Health, Office of Minority Health and Public Health Policy*, Virginia Cancer Registry**, and ■ Advancing health equity and social justice in a state health department. Michael Royster, MD, MPH, Office of Minority Health and Public Health Policy, Virginia Department of Health, Richmond, VA; Karen Reed, MA, Office of Minority Health and Public Health Policy, Virginia Department of Health, Richmond, VA; Kathy H. Wibberly, PhD, Office of Minority Health and Public Health Policy, Virginia Department of Health, Richmond, VA.

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Dr. Kim Dobson Sydnor, Kellogg Health Scholars Program training site director and Scholars in Health Disparities Program alumna, is now the department chair for the Department of Behavioral Health Sciences at Morgan State University.

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Dr. Kalahn Taylor-Clark, Kellogg Health Scholars Program alumna, has been promoted as Research Director at the Engelberg Center of Healthcare Reform at the Brookings Institution. Dr. Taylor-Clark directs the Racial and Ethnic Healthcare Equity Initiative in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funded High Value Health Care Project. This Initiative seeks to inform regional, state, and national practices for collecting and reporting race/ethnicity data and measuring health care equity.

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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 connected as possible! Please send any changes to dtorresen@cfah.org or mbjones@cfah.org.

Alek Sripipatana, Kellogg Fellows in Health Policy Research Program alumnus, successfully defended on June 11 his dissertation entitled "Factors Promoting Health and Preventive Health Services Use Among Older Chinese Americans." Dr. Sripipatana also received on August 6 at Portland, Oregon, the 2009 Native Research Network Student Award - an award given to a Native student who is demonstrating exemplary work in research -- for bringing public health issues of American Indian and Alaska Native and the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities.

Dr. Michael A. Yonas, was awarded with Dr. Jessica Burke, Assistant Professor in the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, a 2-year Community Engagement Supplement Grant within the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine's Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI). This project will foster development of the academic-community partnership infrastructure between at the University of Pittsburgh and Johns Hopkins University Clinical and Translational Science Award sites. The goal of this project is to develop, expand and strengthen community-based research and practice infrastructures for conducting translational research addressing health disparities. This project will support focused and facilitated training in principles and practice of participatory research methods for community and academic individuals and innovative participatory data collection techniques using concept mapping. **Dr. Michael Yonas** was also awarded a KL2 Career Development Award through the University of Pittsburgh

Multidisciplinary Clinical Research Scholars Program. His proposal is designed to support academic training, career mentorship and applied research experience necessary for guiding multidisciplinary and community engaged and informed research in the fields of childhood asthma and neighborhood youth violence prevention. This research will identify, examine and characterize the pathway of neighborhood-level stressors on chronic health outcomes in order to inform effective models to care for and control childhood asthma in disadvantaged community settings. He also had a recent publication accepted: "Perceptions of Neighborhood Collective Efficacy Moderate the Impact of Maltreatment on Aggression." in *Child Maltreatment*, Yonas MA, Lewis T, Hussey JM, Thompson R, Newton R, English D, Dubowitz H.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Kellogg Health Scholars Program will very shortly accept applications for its 2010-2012 cohort! ONLY online applications are accepted. Go to www.kellogghealthscholars.org for more information and to access the online application. Please pass this information along to interested, eligible individuals.

In tandem with issuing the 2010-2012 Call for Applications, the Kellogg Health Scholars Program will also launch its new and improved website, www.kellogghealthscholars.org! Watch out for the announcement!

Kellogg Health Scholars Program is exhibiting with the Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) as usual at the American Public Health Association (APHA) conference, which will take place this year on November 7-11 in Philadelphia, PA. Registration for the APHA meeting is now open at <http://www.apha.org/meetings/registration/>. Over 100 sessions report on community-based participatory research, many of them sponsored by the Community-Based Public Health Caucus (CBPHC), the "home" for CBPR within APHA. Learn more about the CBPHC at www.cbphcaucus.org.

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

Kellogg Fellows Leadership Alliance (KFLA) Forum 09: The Intersection of Hope and Action will take place on June 18-21, 2009 in Tulum, Mexico on the Yucatan Peninsula. As participants in the various Kellogg programs - Kellogg Health Scholars, Community Health Scholars, Kellogg Scholars in Health Disparities, Kellogg Fellows in Health Policy Research, and Geiger Congressional Health Policy Fellows - you are also a part of a larger network, the KFLA (<http://kfla.org>). Here are some Forum 09 logistical details:

Food and Lodging: Dreams Tulum (<http://www.dreamsresorts.com/dretu/>) is an all-inclusive resort and conference center:

Carretera Chetumal
Puerto Juárez KM 234
Solidaridad, Tulum
Quintana Roo, México C.P.77780

KFLA has reserved a block of rooms (including two that are wheelchair accessible). Details about reserving your room can be found on the KFLA website. The rates listed below include all taxes and gratuities, meals, snacks, and unlimited beverages, including alcohol:

Single occupancy: \$200 per night

Double occupancy: \$135 per adult per night Triple occupancy: \$132 per adult per night Children age 3 and up: \$45 per night; free for age 2 and under

Registration: The registration fee for Forum 2010 is \$299 for early registration. **Early registration will be in effect until September 15, 2009.** The registration fee includes plenary sessions, workshops, conference materials, and admittance to private Forum events and functions.

Travel: Various airlines, including Delta, American, Continental, and US Airways, fly into Cancun International Airport. Please plan your travel so that you arrive no later than 3pm on Friday, February 12. From Cancun, it is a 1.5 hour drive south to the Dreams Resort.

Forum 09 link at: <http://www.kfla.org/programs/?p=p&c=8>. If you have questions, contact Emily Ihara Kellonn Fellows in Health Policy Research Program Alumna at eihara@nmu.edu

Mark Your Calendars! 8th Disparities in Health in America Workshop scheduled for **June 21 through June 26, 2010** at the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. Details to follow.

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SPOTLIGHT ON KELLOGG SCHOLARS NETWORK

Meet Community Health Scholars Program alumna, **Shani Harris Peterson, Ph.D...**

Dr. Shani Harris Peterson is an Assistant Professor in the Psychology Department at Spelman College. Dr. Peterson has a B.A. in Psychology from Spelman College, an M.A. in Clinical Psychology from Duke University, and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, Child/Adolescent Emphasis also from Duke University. As a Postdoctoral Fellow with the W.K. Kellogg Community Health Scholars at Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health from 2003-2005, Dr. Peterson's primary research objective was to marry culturally-relevant models of risk with Entertainment-Education (EE) strategies to guide the development of an interactive, media-based health promotion tool designed to increase sexual health knowledge and reduce HIV risk among African American girls. Her work was based in the Sandtown-Winchester community of west Baltimore, Maryland, where she partnered with Community Building in Partnership, Inc., a CBO committed to empowering residents to direct and sustain the physical, social, and economic development of their community. Dr. Peterson was then accepted to Fellowships in Research and Science Teaching (FIRST) Postdoctoral Fellowship at Emory University School of Public Health in Department of Behavioral Science & Health Education from 2005-2007 where she worked on three NIH-funded research projects related to HIV prevention in African-American girls and women. Currently, Dr. Peterson's research focuses on identifying psychosocial and contextual factors related to sexual risk taking, and discerning their association with HIV incidence among African American adolescent girls; examining the presence the sexual stereotypes in media, and exploring its impact on physiological responsiveness, sexual development and expression; and developing novel media-based interventions based on Entertainment-Education strategies to promote sexual health.

Of the contribution of the Kellogg Community Health Scholars experience made to her academic career, Dr. Peterson writes: "The Kellogg Community Health Scholars Program taught me the fundamentals of engaging communities in truly participatory research. While a Scholar at Johns Hopkins, I worked collaboratively with my community partner, CBO, Inc., and learned how to use my training and skills to contribute to actual, valued change - an experience that set the foundation for the line of research that I continue to pursue today. But for me, what is most remarkable about the program is its ability to continue to support participants as they move beyond the postdoctoral experience. My two years in the program set the stage for my current work, but it has been my continued exposure to the vast and ever-growing network of established and emerging leaders in the field that have helped me cement my research identity. By reconnecting at CHSP/KHSP meetings held in conjunction with APHA's annual convention, or attending and contributing to the annual KHSP meetings, I am able to tap into a supportive network of scholars, alums, and program mentors who encourage, support, and even challenge my work, all things that push me to make a lasting contribution to the field. While this is a lofty goal, having the support of the CHSP/KHSP program network assures me that I am never working in isolation, and that the work I'm doing is needed and valued."

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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>. For login and passcode information, please contact Brandon Moore at bmoore@cfah.org.

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FUNDING

National Institutes of Health

Community Participation Research Targeting the Medically Underserved (R01) (PAR-08-075)

Letters of Intent Receipt Date(s): April 16, 2008, April 15, 2009, and April 14, 2010.

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

Application Submission/Receipt Date(s): May 16, 2008, May 15, 2009, and May 14, 2010.

Purpose. The ultimate goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) with a special review issued by the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR), National Institutes of Health (NIH) is to solicit Research Project Grant (R01) applications that propose research on health promotion, disease prevention, and health disparities that is jointly conducted by communities and researchers and targets medically underserved areas (MUAs) and medically underserved populations (MUPs) as defined by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). This FOA will use the R01 grant mechanism to encourage studies that specifically target medically underserved areas as well as underserved and underrepresented populations. This focus will allow studies to assess the nature and scope of health problems in underserved communities, formulate hypotheses about the relationship of community dynamics and health problems as they relate to underrepresented populations, design targeted interventions aimed at addressing health disparities in specified communities and specific populations, and track the efficacy of outreach efforts that result from CBPR research in the community. The FOA will ensure that the health issues of underserved communities and populations are addressed using CBPR research strategies. Announcement details: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-08-075.html>.

NIH Seeks High Risk, High Impact Proposals through NIH Director's Pioneer, New Innovator, and Transformative R01 Initiatives

NIH welcomes proposals for 2010 NIH Director's Pioneer Awards and New Innovator Awards. Both programs are part of the NIH Roadmap for Medical Research <http://nihroadmap.nih.gov> and support exceptionally creative scientists who take highly innovative, potentially high-impact approaches to major challenges in biomedical or behavioral research. Pioneer Awards provide up to \$2.5 million in direct costs over 5 years and are open to scientists at any career stage. New Innovator Awards provide up to \$1.5 million in direct costs over the same period and are for early stage investigators (ESI) who have not received an NIH regular research (R01) or similar NIH grant. NIH expects to make at least 7 Pioneer Awards and at least 33 New Innovator Awards in September 2010. To continue its strong record of diversity in these programs, NIH especially encourages women and members of groups that are underrepresented in NIH research to apply.

The deadline for submitting Pioneer Award applications is October 20, 2009. See the instructions in the RFA <<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-09-010.html>> (RFA-RM-09-010) and <http://nihroadmap.nih.gov/pioneer> for more information. Send questions to pioneer@nih.gov.

The deadline for submitting New Innovator Award applications is October 27, 2009. See the instructions in the RFA <<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-09-011.html>> (RFA-RM-09-011) and <http://nihroadmap.nih.gov/newinnovator> for more information. Send questions to newinnovator@nih.gov.

Transformative R01 Program

The Transformative R01 (T-R01) supports exceptionally innovative, high risk, original and/or

unconventional research projects that have the potential to create or overturn fundamental paradigms. Please check <http://nihroadmap.nih.gov/T-R01> for more information about the program and upcoming funding opportunities. The NIH Roadmap for Medical Research, launched in 2004, is a series of initiatives designed to address fundamental knowledge gaps, develop transformative tools and technologies, and/or foster innovative approaches to complex problems. Funded through the NIH Common Fund, these programs cut across the missions of individual NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) and are intended to accelerate the translation of research to improvements in public health. Additional information about the NIH Roadmap and Common Fund can be found at <http://www.nihroadmap.nih.gov>.

National Institutes of Health, *The Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

Limited Competition: Addressing Health Disparities in Maternal and Child Health through Community-Based Participatory Research (R03) (RFA-HD-09-010)

Letters of Intent Receipt Date(s): September 28, 2009

Deadline (Application): October 28, 2009

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

Purpose. Under this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development requests applications to implement developmental community based participatory research (CBPR) projects planned and developed by recipients of the Phase I Academic-Community Partnerships Conference Series awards under PAR-08-106 and RFA-HD-06-019 (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-08-106.html>). This initiative will encompass capacity building (i.e., data collection and management, recruitment and outreach, etc) as well as implementation of the developmental translational research projects within specified areas of emphasis (infant mortality; sudden infant death syndrome; fibroid tumors; childhood, adolescent, and/or adult obesity; literacy; techniques for outreach and information dissemination; pediatric and maternal HIV/AIDS prevention; and violence prevention) which were planned and designed in Phase I. Through the Phase I and II community-academic partnerships awards, it is intended that key stakeholders including persons affected by disparities in health outcomes will become full participants in translational research from conception to the design; implementation, analysis, and interpretation; and communication of research results. The development of innovative interventions or the adaptation and implementation of existing advances within the community setting is the expected outcome. Culture and health literacy must be key considerations in the development or adaptation of evidence based interventions for implementation in racial/ethnic minority communities. Announcement details at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HD-09-010.html#EligInstitutions>.

National Institutes of Health

Community Participation Research Targeting the Medically Underserved (R21) (PAR-08-076)

Letters of Intent Receipt Date(s): April 16, 2008, April 15, 2009, and April 14, 2010.

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

Application Submission/Receipt Date(s): May 16, 2008, May 15, 2009, and May 14, 2010.

Purpose. The ultimate goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) issued by the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR), National Institutes of Health (NIH) is to solicit Exploratory/Developmental (R21) grant applications that propose research on health promotion, disease prevention, and health disparities that is jointly conducted by communities and researchers and targets medically underserved areas (MUAs) and medically underserved populations (MUPs) as defined by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). This FOA will use the R21 grant mechanism to encourage studies that specifically target medically underserved areas as well as underserved and underrepresented populations. This focus will allow studies to assess the nature and scope of health problems in underserved communities, formulate hypotheses about the relationship of community dynamics and health problems as they relate to underrepresented populations, design targeted interventions aimed at addressing health disparities in specified communities and specific populations, and track the efficacy of outreach efforts that result from CBPR research in the community. The FOA will ensure that the health

issues of underserved communities and populations are addressed using CBPR research strategies. Announcement details at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-08-076.html>.

**National Institutes of Health and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention
Community Participation in Research (R01)**

PA-08-074

Letters of Intent Receipt Date(s): Not Applicable.

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

Application Submission/Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply, please see

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm>

Expiration Date: May 8, 2011

Purpose. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) issued by the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR), National Institutes of Health (NIH) solicits R01 grant applications that propose intervention research on health promotion, disease prevention, and health disparities that communities and researchers jointly conduct. For the purposes of this FOA, intervention research is quasi-experimental research projects that seek to influence preventive behaviors, treatment adherences, complementary behaviors, and related attitudes and beliefs. Natural experiments also may fall under the interventions rubric. Examples include, and are not limited to promotion of physical activity-friendly neighborhoods; tobacco, alcohol and drug abuse prevention among youth; a community-led action plan for cancer, hypertension and cardiovascular disease prevention and control in minority populations; establishing safer work practices among agricultural workers in rural areas; nutrition and reducing childhood obesity; HIV/AIDS and STD prevalence among young adults; promoting infant mental health; and reducing health disparities.

Announcement details at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-074.html>.

**National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Drug Abuse
Behavioral Science Track Award for Rapid Transition (B/START) (R03)
(PAR-09-239)**

Opening Date: September 16, 2009 (Earliest date an application may be submitted to Grants.gov)

Letters of Intent Receipt Date(s): Letters of intent not required for this funding opportunity

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

Application Due Date(s): Standard dates apply, please see

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm>

Expiration Date: September 8, 2012

Purpose. This FOA will use the NIH Small Research Grant (R03) award mechanism and seeks to facilitate the entry of beginning investigators into the field of behavioral science research related to drug abuse. To be appropriate for a B/START award, research must be primarily focused on behavioral processes and research questions. The R03 grant mechanism supports different types of 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. The R03 is intended to support small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. Announcement details at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-09-239.html>.

**W.K. Kellogg Foundation - Online Grant Application
Community-Based Racial Healing Request for Proposals**

Deadline: September 30, 2009

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation is pleased to announce a new and exciting grant opportunity in response to our commitment to becoming an effective, anti-racist organization that promotes racial equity. *Racial Equity* refers to principles of fairness and justice. Racial equity work describes actions designed to address historic burdens as well as to remove present day barriers to equal opportunities. This is accomplished by identifying and eliminating systemic discriminatory policies and practices. Specific remediating strategies, policies, and practices are also required. These actions address the effects of historic injustice and prevent present and future inequities. Our approach to racial equity is inclusive. We will focus on priority

concerns for vulnerable African American, Native American, Latino/Hispanic American, Asian American, Pacific Islander, Native Hawaiian, Arab American, and European American children and families within the context of their communities. This grant opportunity seeks to strengthen and bolster community-based approaches for racial healing and racial equity efforts targeting vulnerable and marginalized children. The Kellogg Foundation anticipates awarding grants up to \$400,000. You are invited to submit a proposal for our Community-Based Racial Healing work as outlined in the Request for Proposals (RFP). To review the RFP, [click here \(http://wrm.wkkf.org/uWebRequestManager/UI/Racial_Equity_RFP_Final.pdf\)](http://wrm.wkkf.org/uWebRequestManager/UI/Racial_Equity_RFP_Final.pdf). **To be considered for this grant, please submit your proposal online no later than September 30, 2009. The review and decision-making process will be ongoing throughout the RFP period from July 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009.** W.K. Kellogg Foundation's standard grants do not support direct or grassroots lobbying. Please also note levels of Kellogg funding are relative to your operating budget per IRS code (see more details in RFP). To submit an online application: <http://wrm.wkkf.org/uWebRequestManager/UI/Application.aspx?tid=b9d2b664-15ff-4472-88bd-02f2a2fd8c17&did=dbc976d7-71b7-4984-bbdb-92481b15b497&cp=1>. In the event you need assistance, please contact the following with:

RFP Content/Questions

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Problems Using Online Form

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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

**Call for Abstract - Unite For Sight, 7th Annual Conference
GH/Innovate 2010, Global Health & Innovation Conference
Yale University
New Haven, CT
April 17-18, 2010
Deadline: September 20, 2009**

You may be interested in submitting an abstract for presentation at the GH/Innovate 2010 Global Health & Innovation Conference to be held at Yale, or you or your colleagues may be interested in attending the conference. Please let us know if you have any questions, and please feel free to forward this message to others who may be interested. Register Today For Lowest Registration Rate (Rate Increases Monthly): <http://www.uniteforsight.org/conference>. Call For Abstracts: Submit an abstract online at <http://www.uniteforsight.org/conference>. The abstract deadline is September 20.

"A Meeting of Minds" -- CNN

200 speakers <<http://www.ghinnovate.org/speakers>>, including keynote addresses by Seth Godin, Jeffrey Sachs and Sonia Sachs. Social innovation sessions by CEOs and Directors of Acumen Fund, Partners in Health, WaterPartners, Save The Children, HealthStore Foundation, and many others. The Global Health & Innovation Conference convenes more than 2,200 participants from 55 countries. The conference challenges students, public health professionals, educators, doctors, scientists, lawyers, universities, corporations, nonprofits, and others, to develop innovative, effective solutions to achieve global goals.

Keynote Speakers:

"Using The Power of Stories and Tribes to Spread Your Messages and Change The World," Seth Godin, MBA, Agent of Change; New York Times Bestselling Author of Tribes: We Need You To Lead Us; Founder, Squidoo.com; Jeffrey Sachs, PhD, Director of Earth Institute at Columbia University, Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development, Professor of Health Policy and Management, Columbia University; Special Advisor to Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon; Sonia Ehrlich Sachs, MD, MPH, Health Coordinator, Millennium Village Project Leaders in Social Entrepreneurship Speakers -- Gene Falk, Co-Founder, Executive Director, mothers2mothers; Scott Hillstrom, Chairman of the Board, CEO and Co-Founder, HealthStore Foundation; Kevin Jones, Co-Founder, Good Capital

"Creating Viable Enterprises For The Base of the Pyramid," Ted London, PhD, Senior Research Fellow; Director, Base of the Pyramid Initiative, William Davidson Institute at the University of Michigan

"From Ideas To Action Workshop: Creating Viable Enterprises For The Base of the Pyramid," Ted London, PhD, Senior Research Fellow; Director, Base of the Pyramid Initiative, William Davidson Institute at the University of Michigan

"Doing More With Less," Nancy Lublin, CEO, Do Something; Joia Mukherjee, MD, MPH, Medical Director, Partners in Health; Director, Institute for Health and Social Justice; Assistant Professor, Harvard Medical School; Division of Social Medicine and Health Inequalities, Brigham and Women's Hospital; Ajay Nair, MBBS, MPH, Portfolio Associate, Acumen Fund

"Achieving Global Health Through Community Wealth," Billy Shore, Founder and CEO, Share Our Strength

"Investing in Local Social Entrepreneurship in Developing Countries," Jennifer Staple-Clark, Founder, President and CEO, Unite For Sight

"Solutions That Can Go Big: How To Think About Scalability," Kevin Starr, MD, Rainer Arnhold Fellows Program, Mulago Foundation

"WaterCredit: Driving Financial Innovation in Water Supply & Sanitation For The Poor," Gary White, Executive Director, WaterPartners; Andrew Wolk, CEO, Root Cause

Plus 200 Featured Speakers, including:

Ron Adelman, MD, MPH, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, Yale University Eye Center

"HIV Medication to Empower Communities: An International Model," Jesus Aguais, Executive Director, Aid for AIDS

"Reconciling the WHO's International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health with the Multi-dimensional Resilience Index," Astier Almedom, DPhil, Professor of Practice in Humanitarian Policy and Global Public Health

"Large-Scale Effectiveness Evaluations of Maternal and Child Programs in Low-Income Countries: A New Approach," Agbessi Amouzou, PhD, Assistant Scientist, Institute for International Programs, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Tom Arnold, CEO, Concern Worldwide

"Three Unique Models For Services For Orphans and Vulnerable Children: Worldwide Orphans Foundation in Ethiopia, Vietnam, and Bulgaria," Jane Aronson, MD, Director, International Pediatric Health Services; Founder and Executive Officer, Worldwide Orphans Foundation (WWO); Clinical Assistant, Professor of Pediatrics, Weill Medical College of Cornell University

"Workshop -- How To Create an NGO That Does Community Work With Children Abroad: The Ins and Outs, The Ups and Downs," Jane Aronson, MD, Director, International Pediatric Health Services; Founder and Executive Officer, Worldwide Orphans Foundation (WWO); Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Weill Medical College of Cornell University

Bob Bollinger, MD, MPH, Professor of Infectious Diseases and International Health; Director, Center for Clinical Global Health Education, Johns Hopkins University

"Meeting The Global Physician Shortage: The Contribution of Cuba's Latin American Medical School," Peter Bourne, MA, MD, Visiting Scholar, Oxford University; Vice Chancellor Emeritus, St. George's University; Formerly Special Assistant to the President of the United States for Health Issues; Chair, Medical Education Cooperation with Cuba (MEDICC)

"Medical Innovation in Humanitarian Situations: The Work of Medecins San Frontieres," Jean-Herve Bardol, MD, Former President of MSF-France; Former Board Member, MSF-USA

Kathleen Casey, MD, FACS, Director, Operation Giving Back, American College of Surgeons

"The Latin American and Caribbean Initiative for the Integration of Prenatal Care with the Testing and Treatment of HIV and Syphilis," Arachu Castro, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Social Medicine; Academic Director, Program in Infectious Disease and Social Change, Department of Global Health and Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School / Partners in Health

James Clarke, MD, Ophthalmologist and Medical Director, Crystal Eye Clinic, Ghana

Luz Claudio, MD, Associate Professor of Community and Preventive Medicine, Chief of the Division of International Health, Mount Sinai School of Medicine

"Challenges and Opportunities for Improving Health Care Systems," Paul Cleary, PhD, Dean of Public Health, Chair, Epidemiology and Public Health; Anna M.R. Lauder Professor of Public Health, Yale University School of Public Health

"Diagnosis and Treatment of Glaucoma For Persons on Medical Missions," Gustavo V. de Moraes, MD, Research Assistant Professor, NYU School of Medicine, Department of Ophthalmology, New York Eye and Ear Infirmary; Prabhjot Dhadialla, PhD, Program Director of Health Systems, Development and Research, Columbia Center For Global Health and Economic Development, Community Health Worker Advisor, Millennium Village Project

"Building a Distributed Village Model," Zoravar Dhaliwal, CEO, Community Lab

"Partnerships - Are We There Yet " Amir Dossal Executive Director UIN Office for Partnerships

Margaret Duah-Mensah, RN, ON, Ophthalmic Nurse, Crystal Eye Clinic, Ghana

"America's Vital Interests in Global Health," Harvey Fineberg, MD, PhD, President, Institute of Medicine of The National Academies; Susan Forster, MD, Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Medical Studies, Department of Ophthalmology, Yale School of Medicine; Chief, Ophthalmology, Yale University Health Services; Kevin Frick, PhD, Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Pape Gaye, President and CEO, IntraHealth International; Ilene Gipson, PhD, Senior Scientist, Schepens Eye Research Institute; Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, Harvard Medical School

"Simple Solutions To Complex Problems: How A Text Message Can Save A Life," Ashifi Gogo, Co-founder, Sproxil; Holekamp Family PhD Innovation Fellow, Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth

"Workshop: How To Advance Global Health Through Technology and Social Entrepreneurship," Ashifi Gogo, Co-founder, Sproxil; Holekamp Family PhD, Innovation Fellow, Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth

"Obstetric Fistula - The Ultimate Indignity, Gender Inequality, and Poverty," Kate Grant, Executive Director, The Fistula Foundation; Laura Herman, Managing Director, Social Impact Advisors; Christopher P. Howson, PhD, Vice President for Global Programs, The March of Dimes Foundation

Marcelo Jacobs-Lorena, PhD, Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology, Malaria Research Institute, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health

Kaveh Khoshnood, PhD, Assistant Professor in Public Health Practice, Division of Epidemiology of Microbial Diseases, Yale School of Public Health

Norman Kleiman, PhD, Director, Eye Radiation and Environmental Research Laboratory, Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

"Siyajabula! The Challenges of Developing Empathic Care Intervention Methodology for Children and Guardians Affected by HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa," Jamie Lachman, Clowns Without Borders; Robert Lawrence, MD, The Center for a Livable Future Professor, Professor of Environmental Health Sciences, Health Policy, and International Health; Director, Center for a Livable Future, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Bill Livermore, Executive Director, Somaly Mam Foundation

"Changing The World While Keeping Your Day Job," Nicholas Lumpp, Cofounder, Somaly Mam Foundation; Pamela Lynam, MD, Country Director Kenya, JHPIEGO - Johns Hopkins University

"An AIDS Vaccine: Progress To End The Epidemic," John McGoldrick, JD, Senior Vice President, International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI); Carole Mitnick, Sc.D., Instructor, Department of Global Health and Social medicine, Harvard Medical School

"Society, Migration, Culture and Women," Mini Murthy, MD, MPH, MS, MPhil, CHES, Assistant Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management, Global Health Program Director, New York Medical College School of Public Health; Ron Nabors, Chief Executive Officer, Christian Blind Mission-USA; Cliff O'Callahan, MD, PhD, FAAP, Pediatric Faculty, Family Practice Group; Director of Nurseries, Middlesex Hospital; Chair, AAP Section on International Child Health; Rebecca Onie, JD, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Project HEALTH

"Role of Inflammation in Retinal Degeneration," Santa Ono, PhD, Sr. Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Academic Affairs, Emory University; David Oot, Associate Vice President for Health, Save The Children; Sung Chul Park, MD, Glaucoma Fellow, New York Medical College, New York Eye and Ear Infirmary

"Global Health Partnerships--Critical Success Factors and Lessons Learned From A Private Sector Perspective," Steven Phillips, MD, Medical Director, Global Issues and Projects, ExxonMobil Corporation; Maryse B. Pierre-Louis, MD, MPH, MH/HSA, Lead HNP Specialist, Human Development; Coordinator, Booster Program For Malaria Control in Africa, World Bank Africa Region

"Vision 2020/USA and The Future of Collaborative Efforts in Blindness Prevention," Louis Pizzarello, MD, MPH, Secretary General, International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness

"Online Innovation and Trends in Global Health," Suzanne Rainey, Forum One Communications

"Leveraging Advances in Nanotechnology and Consumer Electronics to Detect Infectious Diseases at the Point of Care," Rebecca Richards-Kortum, PhD,; Stanley C. Moore Professor and Chair of Bioengineering, Rice University

"Partnership Models in International Health, The Yale Experience," Majid Sadigh, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine, Yale School of Medicine

"How To Develop a Sustainable Eye Care Plan For Rural Regions," Sarang Salam, Kalinga Eye Hospital Orissa India; Sarwat Salim MD Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology University of

Tennessee-Memphis; Georgia Sambunaris, Senior Advisor to the Director, Office of Economic Growth, US Agency for International Development

"Avoidable Blindness and Eye Care in Latin America and the Caribbean," Juan Carlos Silva, MD, MPH, Regional Advisor in Prevention of Blindness, PAHO-WHO

"Integration of Surgery Into Population-Based Healthcare in Learning Models of Integrated Care," David Spiegel, MD, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; Assistant Professor, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

"Where There Is No Light: Using Solar Power to Reduce Maternal Mortality in Nigeria," Laura Stachel, MD, Bixby Center for Reproductive Health, UC; Berkeley School of Public Health; Founder, WE CARE Solar; John E. Tedstrom, PhD, President and CEO, Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GBC)

"Trabeculectomy Glaucoma Surgery: Clinical Pearls," James C. Tsai, MD, Robert R. Young Professor and Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Yale University School of Medicine; Chief of Ophthalmology, Yale-New Haven Hospital; Seth Wanye, MD, Ophthalmologist, Eye Clinic of Tamale Teaching Hospital, Ghana

"Can We Eliminate Blinding Trachoma by 2020?" Sheila West, PhD, El-Maghraby Professor of Preventive Ophthalmology, Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

"Innovation in Global Health Research," David Zakus, BSc, MES, MSc, PhD, Director, Centre for International Health; Associate Professor, Dalla Lana School of Public Health; Associate Professor, Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation; Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, Canada; Derek Yach, Vice President of Global Health Policy, PepsiCo

"The Global Fight Against Malaria: U.S. Strategy for Combating Malaria Around The World," Rear Adm. Tim Ziemer, U.S. Malaria Coordinator, President's Malaria Initiative

Call for Session or Poster Presentation Proposal - Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH)

"Creating the Future We Want to Be: Transformation through Partnerships

Portland, Oregon

May 12-15, 2010

Deadline: October 16, 2009

We invite you to share your knowledge, wisdom and experience! Submit a proposal for a session or poster presentation at the next Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) conference, May 12-15, 2010 in Portland, Oregon! The conference, "Creating the Future We Want to Be: Transformation through Partnerships" promises to be CCPH's best yet as hundreds of community and campus partners convene for 4 days of skill-building, networking and agenda-setting! Proposals are due Friday October 16, 2009. Download the call for proposals at <http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/conf10-cfp.html>. Whether you are new to community-based participatory research, service-learning or community-campus partnerships and looking for basics to get started, or you've been involved for years and seeking more advanced knowledge and connections, this is one conference you will not want to miss! CCPH conferences consistently get rave reviews for time and money well spent for a number of reasons:

*The CCPH conference draws diverse participants who share a commitment to social justice and a passion for the power of partnerships to transform communities and academe. Whether a grassroots community activist, a student, a Dean of a medical school, a faculty member, a community health center CEO or a foundation program officer, all CCPH conference participants are embraced for the knowledge, wisdom and experience they bring to the table.

*The CCPH conference features inspiring keynote presentations, skill-building workshops, discussions by peer group and interest area, educational exhibits, community site visits, local arts programming and many opportunities for informal networking. We emphasize sessions that go beyond describing a particular partnership, project or issue to analyzing what worked, didn't work and why, and offering practical ways to apply the information back home.

*The CCPH conference is always located in cities with ready access to exemplary community-campus partnerships that participants can see and learn from.

Portland is home to 10 higher educational institutions, including one (Portland State University) that has received the coveted Carnegie elective classification as a community-engaged institution. Portland is also home to the Northwest Health Foundation, our major conference partner, which identifies community-based participatory research (CBPR) as a significant interest area and is building CBPR capacity in the region.

*The benefits of attending continue well beyond the conference. As noted by CCPH member Peter Ivesque of Knowledge Mobilization Works in Ottawa "CCPH puts on a great

conference...informative, well-run, well-attended, and a great resource for continued contacts and resources. In fact, I am currently using some materials for a photovoice project in my community that I collected from the 2004 conference in Atlanta!"

Concerned about the cost of attending? We are committed to keeping conference costs to a minimum and raising funds to support the full participation of community members, students and individuals from countries with emerging and developing economies. Details will be posted on the CCPH homepage at www.ccpb.info as they become available. We look forward to reviewing your proposal and seeing you at the CCPH conference in Portland next May!

Call for Papers -- Health Education Research

Deadline: November 1, 2009

In conjunction with the 20th International Union for Health Promotion and Education World Conference in July 2010, Health Education Research announces a call for papers based on the conference's theme of "Health, equity, and sustainable development. Judy Orme and Prof. James Longhurst will lead a team from the University of West England's Institute for Sustainability, Health and Environment in Bristol to serve as the guest editors for this special issue.

Submitted papers should be focused on the Conference's three subthemes: Sustainable environment and health, Equitable and sustainable health development, or Participatory governance as they apply to health promotion. HER's standard formatting guidelines will apply and can be found at http://www.oxfordjournals.org/our_journals/health_for_authors/index.html.

The deadline for submission is November 1st, 2009. Please submit manuscripts at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/her>. If you have additional questions, please contact Judy Orme at Judy.Orme@uwe.ac.uk or Tina Hoang at her@gsu.edu. For more info on the conference, visit <http://www.iuhpe.org/index.html?page=33&lang=en>.

Call for Papers - International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (IJERPH)

Special Issue on "Cardiovascular Diseases and Public Health

Deadline: December 31, 2009

There will be a special issue on "Cardiovascular Diseases and Public Health" for the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (ISSN 1660-4601,

<http://www.mdpi.com/journal/ijerph>). On behalf of the Guest Editor, Dr. Kathryn M. Rose, we would like to invite you to contribute a review or full research paper for publication in the special issue "Cardiovascular Diseases and Public Health". For more information, please visit the special issue website at http://mdpi.com/journal/ijerph/special_issues/cardiovascular-diseases-health.

Manuscript Submission Deadline: 31 December 2009. Papers can be submitted now and will be published continuously until 31 December 2009. All papers will be listed together at

http://mdpi.com/journal/ijerph/special_issues/cardiovascular-diseases-health. IJERPH is an Open Access and online journal, with its main Editorial Office located in Basel, Switzerland. All papers published in IJERPH have DOI numbers and a new website, <http://www.mdpi.com/journal/ijerph/> was set up in October 2008 containing many new functions. Since January 2009, we started to publish IJERPH monthly (for the table of contents, see <http://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/6/>).

Because it is an online journal, papers published in IJERPH receive very high publicity. This journal is abstracted and indexed very rapidly by different databases, including SCI-Expanded (known as Web of Science, starting from 2009 issues), MEDLINE/PubMed and full text in PubMed Central. The Editorial team consists of trained scientists (Managing Editors Dr. Shu-Kun Lin, PhD from the ETH Zurich, and Dr. Francisco Teixeira Jr., PhD from University of Basel and the Production Editor: Dr. Derek McPhee, California, USA). We publish several peer-reviewed open access journals listed at <http://www.mdpi.com/>. The editorial board members, including several Nobel Laureates (<http://www.mdpi.com/about/nobelists/>) are all leading active scholars. All these journals maintain rapid yet rigorous, peer-review, manuscript handling and editorial processes. All of our journals have increased impact factors, see the editorial "Full Open Access Journals Have Increased Impact Factors", <http://www.mdpi.com/1420-3049/14/6/2254/>. Please visit the website of Instructions for Authors before submitting a paper

(<http://www.mdpi.com/journal/ijerph/instructions/>). You may download a template file at <http://www.mdpi.com/files/word-templates/ijerph-template.dot>. Manuscripts should be submitted by e-mail to ijerph@mdpi.org with copies to the Guest Editor. The subject title of the message should be "Manuscript for Special Issue "Cardiovascular Diseases and Public Health".

If you have any question, suggestion or recommendation, please let us know.

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Universidad Iberoamericana Puebla and the "Consejo Nacional para la Enseñanza y la Investigación en Psicología" of México
3rd International Conference on Community Psychology, "Community Agendas on Contemporary Social Problems"
Puebla, Mexico
June 3-5, 2010

The conference main theme "Community Agendas on Contemporary Social Problems" will be delivered through a number of diverse community agendas focusing on four pressing problems of our times: Economic polarization, New Technologies, Interculturality and Politicization of violence. Abstracts will be accepted for the following types of session to be held at the 3rd International Conference of Community Psychology: oral presentation, international symposium, thematic panel, interactive posters, roundtables, interdisciplinary debates, workshops, view/creative expositions, innovation sessions and book presentations. Guidelines for submitting proposals:

- Closing date for the First call submissions is July 31, 2009.
- Authors will be notified by e-mail whether submissions were accepted on October 30, 2009.
- * Closing date for Second call submission is December 11, 2009.
- No submissions will be accepted after this date.
- Authors will be notified by e-mail whether submissions were accepted on February 25, 2010.
- Abstracts should be submitted through "Submit now" on line facility (www.3iccp2010.org).
- All proposals will be in English.
- All submitted abstracts will be acknowledged within 10 working days of receipt.
- All proposals will be reviewed by at least two members of the scientific committee.
- One individual should not submit more than two presentations as a primary author and no more than four presentations (including roles as moderator, discussant, or co-author) altogether.
- Working languages are Spanish, English, Portuguese and French.
- There will be simultaneous translation at some sessions.

Call for Speakers - National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA)
NHMA 14th Annual Conference, "Health Care Transformation to Increase Prevention and Health Promotion for the Hispanic Community"
Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
Washington, DC
March 25-28, 2010

The NHMA 14th Annual Conference, "Health Care Transformation to Increase Prevention and Health Promotion for the Hispanic Community" --- will occur March 25-28, 2010 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, DC. We encourage you to nominate a speaker or pass the Call for Abstracts to your colleagues ---or tell them to go to our website - www.nhmamd.org. Our conference is a National CME conference focused on innovation and culturally competence in the delivery of health care, research, medical education training, Federal policy, and private sector programs impacting Hispanics. If you are a health professional caring for Hispanics, you should join us and network with hundreds of other Hispanic health leaders.

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT

California State University, San Bernardino
Assistant Director for Operations, Center for the Promotion of Health Disparities Research and Training

A job announcement for a doctorally-trained Assistant Director for Operations of the Center for the Promotion of Health Disparities Research and Training at California State University San Bernardino: :

<http://tinyurl.com/nz8t72> The Center has an emerging group of scientist using the CRPR model to

address health disparities issues. This would be an excellent position for an individual who has just completed their doctorate on a health disparities and/or CBPR topic, who wants to work with a university community and in a region of the country where no one racial or ethnic group is in the majority, and who is interested in melding grant administration and research responsibilities. Files will be reviewed as early as the end of August but will hold the position open until the right person for the job is found.

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA
Public Policy Researcher, Social Scientist**

Deadline: The review of applications will begin on September 15th, 2009. Applications received by that time will receive full consideration.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Public Policy Researcher, Social Scientist, or Economist: Serves as a scientific officer in the Prevention Development and Evaluation Branch (PDEB), Division of Violence Prevention (DVP), National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), providing expert consultation on public policy research related to the prevention of child maltreatment, sexual violence, intimate partner violence, youth violence, or suicide prevention.

Category: Government & Public Policy

Location: Atlanta, Georgia

Required Education: Doctorate

Application Deadline: The review of applications will begin on September 15th, 2009. Applications received by that time will receive full consideration.

For more information, please go to: <http://employment.ncfr.org/jobdetail.cfm?job=3173864>.

Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Population Surveys, Office of Applied Studies, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Rockville, MD

Statistician (GS12/13)

The Division of Population Surveys, Office of Applied Studies, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, DHHS, has an opening for a statistician GS 12/13 in its office in Rockville, MD. The Division of Population Surveys is responsible for managing the design, conduct, and data analysis for the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), an annual household survey of 67,500 respondents age 12 and older. The survey collects data on alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drug use, as well as mental illness. For information on NSDUH and the Office of Applied Studies, go to <http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/>. For further information on the position, call Joe Gfroerer at 240-276-1262. The vacancy (number HHS-SMA-2009-0061) is open to the public and is posted at:

<http://tinyurl.com/nt9ul7>

Georgia Southern University's Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health

Tenure-track, open rank faculty position in Health Policy and Management

Georgia Southern University's Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health invites applications for tenure track, open rank, faculty position in Health Policy and Management. The full text advertisement, including information about the department, faculty, and the complete position announcement with all qualifications and application instructions, is available at <http://jphcoph.georgiasouthern.edu>. Screening of applications begins October 19, 2009, and continues until the position is filled. Georgia Southern seeks to recruit individuals who are committed to excellence in teaching, scholarship, and professional service within the University and beyond and who are committed to working in diverse academic and professional communities. Finalists will be required to submit to a background investigation. Georgia is an open records state. Georgia Southern is an AA/EO institution. Individuals who need reasonable accommodations under the ADA to participate in the search process should contact the Associate Provost. Applications and nominations should be sent to: Russ Toal, MPH, Clinical Associate Professor and Search Chair, Health Policy and Management, Search # 56680, Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, Georgia Southern University, P. O. Box 8015, Statesboro GA 30460-8015.

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Harvard Center for Population and Development

Call for Applications - David E. Bell Fellowship and RWJF Health and Society Scholars programs

The Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies announces its Call for Applications

for both the David E. Bell Fellowship and RWJF Health and Society Scholars programs. Please forward to anyone you feel may be interested.

Bell Fellowship - This is an interdisciplinary, postdoctoral research program housed at the Pop Center that attracts qualified candidates from all over the world. Fellows may choose a one or two year fellowship. Info can be found on our web site at - <http://tinyurl.com/lxrdvr> **Deadline to apply is December 4, 2009.**

RWJ Health and Society Scholars - Harvard is one of six sites nationally to host this two-year, interdisciplinary postdoctoral training program. Restricted to U.S. citizens. See link for complete info - <http://tinyurl.com/lelavm> **Deadline to apply is October 2, 2009.**

**Indiana University - Bloomington, The School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation
Three full Professor and Chair Positions (Tenured) and Five Assistant Professor Positions (Tenure Track)**

Deadline: All searches remain open until filled.

Job Announcements. The School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER) at Indiana University - Bloomington is forming the necessary prerequisites to transition to an accredited school of public health. The following tenure line positions are available through a competitive search with anticipated hire dates on July 1, 2010. All searches will remain open until filled.

(a) Three Full Professor and Chair Positions (Tenured): ♦ Environmental Health ♦

Epidemiology ♦ Public Health Administration. The three Full Professor and Chair positions are twelve month appointments. Each Chair will provide leadership for research, teaching, and service in the department's professional discipline. An established record in funded scientific research is essential along with the capacity to mentor junior faculty in successful research grant acquisition. For Environmental Health and Epidemiology, the successful candidates must desire to help organize and build cohesive departments that include both public health master and doctoral degree programs; Public Health Administration will focus on the masters degree initially. All Chairs are expected to manage departmental budgets, secure financial resources to meet program objectives; and facilitate interaction among faculty, staff, students, and alumni. The successful candidate will work closely with the Dean to further the School's goals and research mission for the School. Candidates for the position must hold a doctoral degree in the department's professional discipline from an accredited school of public health, school of medicine, or related educational institution, have several years of funded research in that discipline, a record of demonstrated scholarly achievement, an ability to collaborate across disciplines, significant administrative experience, and national/international professional engagement sufficient for a tenured appointment at the Full Professor rank. Salary is competitive depending upon qualifications and experience. Please send cover letter, curriculum vita, and six letters of recommendation to the address listed at the bottom.

(b) Five Assistant Professor Positions (Tenure Track): ♦ Two Biostatisticians ♦ One

Environmental Health Toxicologist (or related specialty) ♦ Public Health Administration Specialist ♦ One Social Epidemiologist (or related specialty). The five Assistant Professor positions are for the 10-month academic year with the potential to earn additional income over the summer months. The successful candidates will provide evidence of the potential to secure funded research grants, conduct research, write for peer reviewed scholarly publications, and teach undergraduate and graduate classes in the candidates' specified area of expertise. Candidates for each of the positions must hold a doctoral degree in the department's professional discipline from an accredited school of public health, school of medicine or related educational institution, a record demonstrating the potential for significant scholarly achievement, and an ability to collaborate with others. Salary is competitive depending upon qualifications and experience.

Please send cover letter, curriculum vita, and three letters of recommendation to: Dean Robert M. Goodman, Ph.D., MPH C/o Margi Lockhart, Director of Human Resources School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation Indiana University 1025 East 7th Street, HPER 121B Bloomington, IN 47405-4801.

**Network for Multicultural Research on Health and Healthcare
Healthcare Quality Scholars Program - 2010 Request for Research Proposals
Deadline: See Key Dates**

The Network for Multicultural Research on Health and Healthcare is pleased to announce its 2010 Request for Research Proposals for its Healthcare Quality Scholars Program. We hope you will be willing to spread this announcement around and help us encourage interested individuals to apply. The announcement is pasted below and it can also be found on our website at <http://multiculturalhealthcare.net/>.

Key						Dates:
One-page	proposal	due	on:	Sept	28,	2009.
Notification	of	review	results:	October	9,	2009.
Three-page	expanded	proposal	due	on:	November	9,
Notification	of	final	decision:	Around	December	7,
Program Dates: from January 15, 2010 to November 14, 2010.						

National Institutes of Health

Director, Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR)

Deadline: September 30, 2009 (New Closing Date)

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is seeking exceptional candidates for the challenging position of Director, Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR). The Director, who also functions as the NIH Associate Director for Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, serves as the NIH focal point for establishing agency-wide policies and goals in behavioral and social sciences research, coordinates the activities undertaken in the performance of this research, and provides advice and staff support to the NIH Director, Deputy Director, and Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives within the Office of the Director. The position functions as a liaison between the NIH and the extramural behavioral and biomedical research communities; and with other Federal agencies, academic and scientific societies, national voluntary health agencies, the media, and the general public on matters pertaining to behavioral and social sciences research. Specifically, the Director is responsible for: (1) advising the NIH Director and other key officials on matters relating to research on the role of behavioral and social factors in the promotion of health and prevention of disease; (2) fostering research projects in the behavioral and social sciences conducted or supported by the NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs); and (3) working collaboratively with the ICs to develop new research and training programs in the behavioral and social sciences. The Director, OBSSR, manages a staff, demonstrating commitment to work force diversity enhancement. The OBSSR employs approximately 14 full time positions: 9 scientific staff, 2 program analysts, 1 communications specialist, and 2 support staff, and has a FY 2009 estimated budget of more than \$27M. For more complete information, see <http://www.jobs.nih.gov/vacancies/executive/directorobssr.htm>.

National Science Foundation

2009-2010 Graduate Research Fellowship program

<http://pull.xmr3.com/p/2172-21CD/42010677/http-www.nsf.gov-grfp.html>

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has announced the opening of the 2009-2010 competition for the Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP). The NSF GRFP is one of the most prestigious science and engineering fellowship programs in the United States. Awardees are provided three years of graduate school support. Fellows receive a \$30,000 annual stipend, a \$10,500 annual cost of education allowance, a one-time \$1,000 international travel allowance, and access to TeraGrid supercomputing facilities. The program ensures the quality, diversity and vitality of the next generation of U.S. scientists and researchers. The GRFP is intended for students in the early stages of their graduate career who are seeking research-based master's or PhD degrees in NSF-supported disciplines. Applicants should have completed no more than 12 months of graduate study and must be U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, or permanent residents prior to the application deadline date. Women, under-represented minorities, and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply for the GRFP. The application is currently open online at <http://tinyurl.com/ncbwfq> and deadlines are November 2-12, depending on field of study. For more information concerning benefits, eligibility, and tips on applying, applicants are encouraged to visit <http://pull.xmr3.com/p/2172-5541/42033587/http-www.nsfgrfp.org-.html> and <http://pull.xmr3.com/p/2172-F1E0/42087158/http-www.nsf.gov-grfp-.html>. Faculty with significant research experience and interaction with graduate students are encouraged to register as panel reviewers for the NSF GRFP at <http://tinyurl.com/ll7bcf>. If selected, panelists will be invited for a three-day review session that

takes place in the Washington, DC, area in early February. Since 1952, NSF has funded more than 42,000 Graduate Research Fellows. President Obama has vowed to triple the number of awards in this program from about 1,000 per year to 3,000 per year by 2012. The NSF-GRFP

Operations Center (info@nsfgrfp.org or 1-866-NSF-GRFP) is administered by the American Society for Engineering Education <http://tinyurl.com/mjrfaq>. If you would like to ensure you continue receiving program announcements for the NSF GRFP, please consider registering to do so on the <http://tinyurl.com/ndaej8> homepage. National Science Foundation 1818 N St NW, Suite 600 Washington, DC 20036.

Occidental College, Urban & Environmental Policy/Diplomacy & World Affairs, Los Angeles, CA

Instructor

Instructor sought for course on Public Health in Global Context. Term: spring semester, 2010. Instructor: Qualified instructor for undergraduate course in global public health. Course emphases: Some focus on the global aspects of public health(HIV/AIDS and/or other pandemics; water; food/hunger; climate change; racial, ethnic and class disparities in health outcomes; and the work of international organizations, states, global civil society; and/or community activists on such issues) as well as the basics of public health in a domestic and/or global context (epidemiology, comparative look at health care systems in the U.S. and other countries). Specific approaches and content are at the instructor's discretion. Contact: Sylvia Chico at schico@oxy.edu.

Purdue University

Project Director for an NIH-Funded study

Project Director: A full-time position for an NIH-funded study examining contextual aspects of non-medical prescription drug use and risk taking among young women and men in New York City.

Responsibilities:

- * Acting as lead ethnographer of the project
- * Project management
- * Supervising the implementation of qualitative interview and quantitative survey assessments
- * Training and supervision of project staff.
- * Supervision of participant recruitment, enrollment, and retention
- * Data analysis.

Requirements:

- * Candidates with a Ph.D. in a social/behavioral science are preferred, although candidates with a Master's degree and experience in research project management will also receive consideration.
- * Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- * Experience using ethnographic methods.
- * Knowledge about substance use and its effects, as well as some experience with quantitative data analysis are ideal.

Opportunities for professional development through authorship on publications and mentoring by senior investigators are available.

Salary: Commensurate with experience

To Apply: Interested applicants should email a CV and cover letter to Prof. Brian Kelly, Ph.D. at bckelly@purdue.edu

Review of applications to begin August 31st

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars Program
2009-2010 Call for Applications**

Deadline: October 2, 2009

www.rwjf.org/cfp/healthandsocietyscholars

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars program provides two years of support to postdoctoral scholars at all stages of their careers to build the nation's capacity for research and leadership to address the multiple determinants of population health and contribute to policy change. The program is based on the principle that progress in the field of population health depends upon multidisciplinary collaboration and exchange. Its goal is to improve health by training scholars to: ♦ investigate the connections among biological, genetic, behavioral, environmental, economic and social determinants of health; and ♦ develop, evaluate and disseminate knowledge and interventions that integrate and act on these determinants to improve health. The program is intended to produce leaders who will change the questions asked, the methods employed to analyze problems, and the range of solutions to reduce population health disparities and improve the health of all Americans.

Key dates:

July 13, 2009 online application is available
October 2, 2009 deadline for receipt of applications
Contact:
Gerard P. Lebeda, deputy director
T: 212 419-3566
E: hss@nyam.org

Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)

2010-2011 SRCD Policy Fellows

Deadline: December 15, 2009

Policy Fellowships with the *Society for Research in Child Development* will be available for 2010-2011. SRCD Policy Fellows - in both Congressional and Executive Branch placements - work as "resident scholars" at the interface of science and policy. *Both early and mid-career doctoral level professionals of all scientific disciplines related to child development are encouraged to apply. The deadline for applications is December 15, 2009.* For more information and application instructions, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/mzmkjz>.

The University of Texas School of Public Health

Assistant or Associate Professor Levels, Tenure-track (10 openings)

Description: Due to the strong commitment of the State of Texas to improving the health of the public, The University of Texas School of Public Health (UTSPH) is recruiting at least 10 faculty across all divisions and campuses. Divisions are Environmental and Occupational Health, Epidemiology & Disease Control, Biostatistics, Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences, and Management Policy & Community Health. Campuses are in Houston, Austin, Brownsville, Dallas, El Paso, and San Antonio. The positions are tenure-track and at the assistant or associate professor levels. The UTSPH main campus in Houston is an integral part of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, located in the Texas Medical Center. The five regional campuses (RCs) are located strategically throughout Texas. The UTSPH currently has approximately 150 faculty members and over 1000 students. The RCs have an average of 10 faculty members located at each campus with an average of about 50 students. Each campus offers Master's and Doctoral degrees. Each RC works in collaboration with a local University of Texas institution as follows: The University of Texas at Austin (Austin RC); The University of Texas at Brownsville (Brownsville RC); The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (Dallas RC); The University of Texas at El Paso (El Paso RC); The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and The University of Texas at San Antonio (San Antonio RC).

Requirements: Investigators with a track record of extramural funding will be given preference. Qualified candidates must have a doctoral degree in one of the five core areas of public health or a field relevant to public health, or a medical degree. Responsibilities will include teaching graduate-level courses, conducting funded research, and public health service. Areas of particular interest include: child and adolescent health; aging and health of elderly adults; prevention of obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease; cancer and infectious disease epidemiology; biostatistics and clinical trials; health disparities; behavioral science and social epidemiology; domestic violence and injury; community-based participatory research; environmental/occupational health; and comparative effectiveness research.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until all the positions are filled.

Interested applicants should send a letter describing their qualifications and interests along with their curriculum vitae, and contact information for three professional references to: Guy Parcel, Search Committee Chair, C/O Sharon Cummings, The University of Texas School of Public Health, 1200 Herman Pressler, Suite W130, Houston, TX 77030, e-mail:

Sharon.S.Cummings@uth.tmc.edu (Electronic submissions are preferred). There is a need to fill faculty positions in all UTSPH locations and applicants should state in their letter which of the one or more campuses they want to be considered. The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston is an EO/AA employer. M/F/D/V. Minorities and women are strongly encouraged to apply. This is a security-sensitive position and thereby subject to Texas Education code §51.215. A background check will be required for the final candidates. **About The University of Texas**

School of Public Health: The University of Texas School of Public Health (UTSPH) is one of eight institutions of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. UTSPH is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) and offers the quality graduate education needed for public health careers. The main campus, located in the heart of the Texas Medical Center in Houston, offers MPH, MS, DrPH and PhD degrees. Five regional campuses, each established to meet the public health education and research needs of its community are

located throughout Texas.

**University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health
Assistant Professor of Health and Social Behavior
Deadline: November 30, 2009**

The School of Public Health at the University of California at Berkeley invites applications for a new faculty position at the assistant professor level (tenure-track) in Health and Social Behavior. The mission of the Health and Social Behavior program is to train scholars and practitioners to 1) identify and analyze the major social, cultural, and bio-behavioral determinants of health and health behavior and 2) design, implement, and evaluate social and behavioral interventions and social policies aimed at improving community and population health. The School of Public Health is particularly interested in candidates who have experience working with students from diverse backgrounds and a demonstrated commitment to improving access to higher education for disadvantaged students. Applicants must have a doctoral degree in anthropology, psychology, social psychology, sociology, epidemiology, public health, medicine, or a related discipline. A strong background in population health and relevant theories in social science and human development to guide health promotion and disease prevention at the individual and community levels. Excellent research skills in areas of Qualitative Methods, Mixed Methods, Survey Research, and Theories of Health and Social Behavior. Experience and commitment to teaching in the areas of and mentoring of graduate students in public health. Experience in working collaboratively with diverse community stakeholders. Preference for candidates who focus their research on issues related to health disparities and in particular obesity, diet/nutrition, and/or HIV/AIDS. Salary: Depends upon individual qualifications. Deadline: November 30, 2009. Please self-register at <http://tinyurl.com/knkgnh> and upload PDF's of a letter of application, including statements of current and future research interests and teaching philosophy, curriculum vitae, sample publications, and names and contact information for three references. You may also mail your requested materials to:

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CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Collaboration with New York State's Six Project EXPORT Centers, NYSDOH Office of Minority Health & Public Health Association of New York City

Assuring Equity Through Health and Health Care Reform

The New York Academy of Medicine

October 1-2, 2009

Featuring: David Williams, MPH, PhD, Norman Professor of Public Health, Professor of African and African American Studies and of Sociology Department of Society, Human Development and Health, Harvard University; Thomas LaVeist, PhD, Director, Center for Health Disparities Solutions; William C. and Nancy F. Richardson Professor in Health Policy, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Ron Pollack, JD, Executive Director, Families USA.

The conference will highlight the importance of improving social, economic and environmental factors parallel to the health care system to achieve health reform and health equity; present challenges and solutions for the current health care agenda; and discuss strategies that promote environmental solutions and institutional and government policies that foster health equity;

Sessions will cover topics such as:

- * Community Engagement and Grassroots Advocacy
- * Insuring the Uninsured and Underinsured
- * Preparing Physicians for the 21st Century
- * Social Determinants of Health
- * Sexual and Reproductive Health
- * Environmental Justice

- * Mental Health Equity
- * Cultural Competency
- * LGBTQ Health

Individuals and organizations interested in submitting a poster, please see attached guidelines. Students are especially encouraged to present posters on ongoing research studies, dissertation, and thesis research. FREE Registration:

Online: <http://healthreform2009.eventbrite.com/>. Directions to the New York Academy of Medicine: <http://www.nyam.org/about/directions.shtml>. *To be confirmed

**Asian American Justice Center and its affiliates, Asian Pacific American Legal Center, Asian Law Caucus and Asian American Institute
2009 Advancing Justice Conference
The Center at Cathedral Plaza
Los Angeles, CA
October 29-30, 2009**

The Asian American Justice Center and its affiliates, the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, the Asian Law Caucus and the Asian American Institute are hosting the 2009 Advancing Justice Conference in Los Angeles, Calif. The annual conference, which will focus on civil rights and social justice issues that impact the diverse Asian American and Pacific Islander communities, will be held Oct. 29-30 at The Center at Cathedral Plaza in downtown Los Angeles. Attendees to the conference will not only have the opportunity to network with fellow attendees in one of the largest Asian American communities in the country, but also get the latest information on legislative policy, Census 2010, immigration reform, hate crimes, health care access, English language acquisition and so much more. The Advancing Justice Conference is an inaugural national civil rights and social justice conference, expected to draw several hundred individuals from across the country. The conference aims to bring together a diverse group of stakeholders in one place to address a broad range of issues facing the Asian American and Pacific Islander community. It serves as a unique forum where researchers, advocates, direct service providers and other leaders can meet face-to-face, talk about their common challenges and find ways to work collaboratively. Taking place over two days, the conference covers a variety of issues including: immigration reform and enforcement, immigrant integration, human rights, civil rights and national security, health care, Census 2010, redistricting, low-wage workers, hate crimes, and LGBT rights.

It also includes presentations on corporate and foundation fundraising, new media, community organizing, board and commission participation, capacity building, and intergroup collaboration. The Advancing Justice Conference is a joint project by the Asian American Institute (Chicago), Asian American Justice Center (Washington, D.C.), Asian Law Caucus (San Francisco) and Asian Pacific American Legal Center (Los Angeles). For more information on the conference, visit <http://advancingjustice.org/>.

**16th Canadian Conference on International Health (CCIH)
Healthy Equity: Our Global Responsibility
Crowne Plaza Ottawa
101 Lyon St. N
Ottawa, ON, Canada
October 25, 2009**

Visit <http://www.csih.org/en/ccih/index.asp> to register and for regular conference updates.

Conference Highlights: The Conference convenes more than 500 participants from 44 countries. It also creates a unique networking forum for practitioners, researchers, educators, policy makers and community advocates working at the intersection of health and development within and outside Canada, to share knowledge, experience and promote innovation and collaborative action. It provides a peer review process for individuals and organizations involved in health development, building knowledge and strengthening programs in international health. Below you will find the daily conference themes and Keynote Speakers; to view the complete preliminary conference program visit: <http://www.csih.org/en/ccih/program.asp>.

Sunday, October 25 - Pathways to Global Health Competence

Monday, October 26 - Ethical View of Health Equity: Trends and Challenges

Tuesday, October 27 - Global Health Diplomacy: A Tool for Global Health and Justice

Wednesday, October 28 - Thinking Globally/Acting Locally: The Reality and Challenges for the Future

Keynote Speakers

"Pathways to Global Health Competence: Developing Knowledge, Skills, and a Commitment to Social Justice" - Dr. Jeffrey Turnbull - Professor of Medicine, University of Ottawa
"Health Equity: Our Global Responsibility" - Dr. Solomon Benatar - Emeritus Professor of Medicine and Founding Director of the UCT, Bioethics Centre, University of Cape Town; Professor, Joint Centre for Bioethics, Dalla Lana School of Public Health University of Toronto
"The Health Impact Fund: Boosting Innovation Without Obstructing Free Access" - Thomas Pogge - Philosopher and Leitner Professor of Philosophy and International Affairs at Yale University and Research Director at the Centre for the Study of Mind in Nature, University of Oslo
"Global Health Diplomacy: A Tool for Global Health and Justice" - Alex Ross - Director, Partnerships and UN Reform, WHO
"Vulnerable Peoples and Places: Is Their Voice in Diplomacy?" - Mary Simon - President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK)
"The Macro Challenges of the MDGs" - Jeffrey Sachs - American Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University
"The Millennium Development Villages Project" - Sonia Sachs - Senior Health Scientist at Columbia University's Earth Institute; Health Coordinator of the Millennium Villages Project
Plus over 200 Featured Speakers
How to Get Involved: If you, your organization, group or business want to get involved with this important international conference in Canada's capital, the following opportunities are available: Sponsorships, Networking Opportunities, Volunteering. The CCIH09 Conference has launched an online discussion site <http://www.ccih09.pbworks.com> to facilitate pre-conference discussion of the conference theme of Health Equity as well as session topics, and individual session and poster presentations. Viewers are able to post comments and questions. For questions, to be added to the conference mailing list, or to find out more about the conference and about getting involved please contact the 2009CCIH at: 2009ccih@csih.org. The conference provides exciting opportunities for learning, networking and sharing projects and proposals, to find out more visit <http://www.csih.org/en/ccih/overview.asp>. We hope you can join us. The 16th Canadian Conference for International Health (CCIH) is organized by The Canadian Society for International Health (CSIH). To find out more about CSIH or to become a CSIH member visit: www.csih.org.

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health

4th call in the 2009-2010 Educational Conference Call Series on Building Community

Capacity for Research

September 23, 2009, 3:30-5:00 pm (Eastern)

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health is pleased to announce the 4th call in our 2009-2010 Educational Conference Call Series on Building Community Capacity for Research! Register online today at

<https://catalysttools.washington.edu/webq/survey/ccphuw/81885>.

WHEN: September 23 from 3:30 - 5 pm eastern time.

WHAT: Public Participation and Community Engagement in Research: Reports & Recommendations from the NIH Council of Public Representatives

On the call, participants will learn about the National Institutes of Health. (NIH) Council of Public Representatives (COPR), its Role of the Public in Research Workgroup, and COPR reports and recommendations in these areas:

*Definition of public participation and community engagement in research *Peer review criteria for assessing community engagement in research proposals *Community engagement framework for development of education and training for researchers who want to engage communities in their research. We will also discuss strategies for implementing these definitions, criteria and framework at national and local levels.

WHO: The co-chairs of the NIH COPR Role of the Public in Research Workgroup will be the featured presenters:

*Syed Ahmed, Professor of Family and Community Medicine and Director of the Center for Healthy Communities at the Medical College of Wisconsin. See Dr. Ahmed's bio at <http://copr.nih.gov/members/indiv.asp?memberID=344>

*Ann-Gel Palermo, Chair of the Harlem Community & Academic Partnership; Associate Director of Operations at the Center for Multicultural and Community Affairs at Mount Sinai School of Medicine; and a doctoral student in public health at City University of New York Graduate Center. See Ms. Palermo's bio at <http://copr.nih.gov/members/indiv.asp?memberID=375>.

Background info on COPR and the material being presented on the call are available online:

COPR: <http://copr.nih.gov/index.asp>

Recommendations and reports being discussed on the call: <http://copr.nih.gov/reports.asp> (see October 31, 2008).

Although not the focus of the call, we should also mention that the nomination process for new COPR members is underway with a September 25 postmark deadline for nominations. For details, visit <http://copr.nih.gov/nomination.asp>.

HOW TO REGISTER

Register for the Sept 23 online today

at <https://catalysttools.washington.edu/webq/survey/ccphuw/81885>.

Please note: The call is free of charge for those dialing in from Canada and the US. To maximize participation, we encourage you to gather colleagues to dial-in together using one phone line with conference call capabilities. Prior to the call, an email with instructions for dialing in will be sent to confirmed registrants. An audiofile and handouts from the call will be posted on the CCPH website at www.ccpb.info within 2 weeks of the call.

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health

11th Conference "Creating the Future We Want to Be: Transformation through Partnerships"

Portland, Oregon

May 12-15, 2010

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health is delighted to announce our 11th Conference, May 12-15, 2010 in Portland, Oregon. The conference, "Creating the Future We Want to Be: Transformation through Partnerships" promises to be CCPH's best yet as hundreds of community and campus partners convene for 4 days of skill-building, networking and agenda-setting! Whether you are new to community-based participatory research (CBPR), service-learning or community-academic partnerships and looking for basics to get started, or have been involved for years and seeking more advanced knowledge and connections, this is one conference you will not want to miss! Joining us as a major partner is the Northwest Health Foundation in Portland, founded in 1997 to advance the health of the people of Oregon and southwest Washington. The Foundation explicitly identifies CBPR as one of six issue areas it invests in and views it as "as a tool to generate meaningful information about community health and build the capacity of groups united by common challenges to organize and advocate for change." The conference call for proposals will be released shortly. Watch the CCPH homepage at www.ccpb.info for the latest conference details!

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health and Centre for Community-Based Research

Community-University Partnerships: Bringing Global Perspectives to Local Action

Waterloo Region

Ontario, Canada

May 11-15, 2011

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health and Centre for Community-Based Research Collaborate to Support CUexpo 2011! Mark your calendars for "Community-University Partnerships: Bringing Global Perspectives to Local Action," May 11-15, 2011 in Waterloo Region, Ontario, Canada. The Community-University Exposition (CUexpo) is a Canadian-led community-university partnerships conference held every three years. An estimated 130 CCPH members attended CUexpo 2008 and found it synergistic with CCPH's mission, values and goals. Given that synergy and CCPH's growing membership in Canada, we have decided to fully support CUexpo in lieu of our own major conference in 2011. CCPH and the Centre for Community-Based Research (the hosting organization for CUexpo 2011) have signed a partnership agreement that specifies CCPH's role as a major partner in the conference. We will hold a member meeting and present the CCPH annual award at the conference, and CCPH members will receive their usual member registration discount. For more information, email ccphuw@u.washington.edu.

International Epidemiologic Association

Second IEA Capacity Building Conference for the Global South

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

April 2-14, 2010

Deadline: November 1, 2009

<http://www.ieaWeb.org>

This is an intermediate level residential course. The participants should already have some experience of epidemiology and have already completed some form of introductory course. It will

include lectures, computer-based analyses (using the Stata package), exercises, discussion sessions, and practical experience in the design of a research proposal. The course will be of interest to epidemiologists, public health professionals, statisticians, and clinicians. Priority will be given to IEA members. Participants must attend the entire course from 8 a.m. Saturday 3rd to noon Wednesday 14th April. The International Course on Epidemiological Methods course Directors are:

Dr Ali Al-Zahrani (Saudi Arabia)

Professor Neil Pearce (New Zealand)

Professor Rodolfo Saracci (France)

Dr Abdulaziz Bin Saeed (Saudi Arabia)

The additional course faculty are:

Professor Matthias Egger (Switzerland)

Professor George Davey Smith (UK)

Professor Ahmed Mandil (Saudi Arabia)

Professor Lorenzo Richiardi (Italy)

Professor Amin Kashmeery (Saudi Arabia).

Information about the course and the application form are available at: <http://www.ieaWeb.org>.

The aims of the IEA are "to facilitate communication among those engaged in research and teaching in epidemiology throughout the world, and to engage in the development and use of epidemiological methods in all fields of health including social, community and preventive medicine and health services administration." To advance these objectives, the IEA publishes the bi-monthly International Journal of Epidemiology and every three years organizes a World Congress of Epidemiology, with regional conferences held in the interim.

<http://www.dundee.ac.uk/iea/application1.htm>

National Institutes of Health, Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Understanding Health Through the Tools of the Social Sciences

Two Symposia - Symposium I: ADHERENCE and Symposium II: EDUCATION

The Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is sponsoring these symposia on understanding health through the tools of the social sciences. See details below and in the attached flyer. Lectures in this series are videocast and can be viewed at: <http://videocast.nih.gov/PastEvents.asp?c=82>. Videocasts are archive only and posted approximately one week after the lecture concludes; no live recording is available. Individuals with disabilities who need reasonable accommodation to participate, including sign language interpretation, should contact Dr. Helen Meissner, OBSSR/OD, 301-402-1146. GOAL: To elucidate factors known to influence health through the contributions of social science research. Each symposium will address an important health issue from four scientific perspectives: economics, health services, sociology and anthropology. Presentations will provide background on the concepts, definitions, methods, and theories through which social scientists study the causes of health problems and the application of this science for improving health.

SYMPOSIUM #1: ADHERENCE

September 29, 2009, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Neurosciences Building, 6001 Executive Blvd., Room C

Broadly defined, adherence is the extent to which health behaviors (e.g., taking medications, diet, visiting a health professional) are concordant with prevailing guidelines regarding healthy outcomes. Economics, health policies, organizational systems, social and cultural factors all play a role in adherence to healthy behaviors.

Anthropology Perspective:

Janis Jenkins, Ph.D.

Professor of Anthropology

University of California, San Diego

Sociology Perspective:

Bruce G. Link, Ph.D.

Faculty Fellow, Department of Epidemiology

Co-Director, Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Scholars Program

Health Services Perspective:

Elizabeth A. McGlynn, Ph.D.

Associate Director, RAND Health

Distinguished Chair in Health Quality, RAND

Economics Perspective:

Dana Goldman Ph.D.

Director of Health Economics, RAND
Professor of Health Services and Radiology at UCLA

SYMPOSIUM #2: EDUCATION

December 2, 2009, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Neurosciences Building, 6001 Executive Blvd., Room B1/B2

There is ample evidence demonstrating an association between educational attainment and a wide variety of health problems, behaviors and outcomes. Less is known about the mechanisms through which education influences health. Economics, health policies, organizational systems, social and cultural factors all play a role in shaping educational gradients in health.

Anthropology Perspective:

Susan J. Shaw, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Anthropology
University of Arizona

Sociology Perspective:

John Mirowsky, Ph.D.
Professor of Sociology
University of Texas

Health Services Perspective:

Kevin Fiscella, M.D., M.P.H.
Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Community &
Preventive Medicine
Associate Director, Rochester Center to Improve Communication
in Health Care
University of Rochester

Economics Perspective:

James Smith, Ph.D.
Senior Economist, RAND
RAND Chair in Labor Markets and Demographics Studies

NYU Center for the Study of Asian American Health

5th Annual Asian American Health Conference, "Reinvesting in Our Communities for Health Equity"

NYU School of Medicine

550 First Avenue

New York City

October 8-9, 2009

The theme of this year's conference, "*Reinvesting in Our Communities for Health Equity*" - provides an opportunity to highlight the importance of making continuous investments in our communities to address issues of inequity and provide linkages to resources for healthier communities. For more information and to register, visit

<http://www.med.nyu.edu/csaah/events/conf2009.html>.

RWJF New Connection

Third Annual Research and Coaching Clinical at APHA

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown

Philadelphia, PA

November 7-8, 2009

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's New Connections program is excited to announce its Third Annual Research and Coaching Clinic which will be held November 7-8, 2009 concurrently with the American Public Health Association Meeting and Exposition in Philadelphia, PA. The Research and Coaching Clinic will take place at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. The Research and Coaching Clinic aims to increase the visibility and enhance the skill sets of New Connections grantees and potential applicants. Applicants to New Connections are early- to mid-career researchers from historically underrepresented communities. The Research and Coaching Clinic promises to be an exciting career development and networking opportunity, with an opening reception on Saturday evening that will allow participants to interact with colleagues and senior scholars. Highlights from Sunday's meeting include workshops addressing the scholar role, effective writing practices, and communication strategies. A limited number of investigators will be selected to participate in the Research and Coaching Clinic. Those who are selected will be eligible for reimbursement of specific travel expenses. Registration for the APHA meeting is not required to attend the New Connections Research and Coaching Clinic. Are you interested in

attending? **The application opens on September 1st and closes on Friday, September 18th at midnight.** Please [click here](#) for more information about the Third Annual Research and Coaching Clinic, meeting reimbursement, and application process or visit our website at www.rwjf-newconnections.org. Space is limited so apply now!

**Think Tank for African American Progress: What is the future of Black boys?
Temple of Deliverance COGIC
Memphis, TN**

October 14-16, 2009

Early Registration Deadline: September 18, 2009

Think Tank for African American Progress: What is the future of Black boys? is excited to announce this year's national convening to be held at Temple of Deliverance COGIC, Memphis, TN, October 14-16th. The Think Tank for

African American Progress is a national strategic meeting of policymakers, community activists, researchers and practitioners for the purposes of developing solutions for challenges confronting African American communities in the following areas: Health; Education/Youth Development; Economic/Community Development; and S.T.E.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). Our intention is to move beyond rhetoric and re-statement of problems regarding African American boys and men toward community level strategic planning and action. Meeting Highlights and Activities: The Think Tank for African American Progress is an exciting opportunity for policymakers, community activists, researchers and practitioners to engage participants in focused dialogue about ways to address the challenges facing Black men and boys. The Think Tank also provides a valuable opportunity for participants to meet and network with dedicated community members who share similar interests. The tentative agenda includes:

- ◆ Black Male Empowerment Summit
- ◆ Solutions Forums for Health; Education/Youth Development; Economic/Community Development; and S.T.E.M.
- ◆ An Intergenerational dialogue
- ◆ Community Development Workshops on research and funding
- ◆ An evening networking reception sponsored by Rhodes College
- ◆ Dissemination of Breaking Barriers Report

Speakers include:

- ◆ William Darity, Duke University
- ◆ Kenneth Robinson, Shelby County
- ◆ Debra Saunders-White, UNC-Wilmington
- ◆ Nieka Parks, Memphis City Schools
- ◆ Alford Young, University of Michigan
- ◆ Shawn Dove, Open Society
- ◆ Dr. Elsie Scott, President Congressional Black Caucus Foundation

Registration: Registration fee is minimal. The Think Tank will waive registration fee for first authors (see call for solutions on Think Tank website). Early registration ends September 18th.

How to Register: For more information about the Think Tank for African American Progress, contact Renee' Taylor at taylorr1@rhodes.edu or 901-843-3595. To register visit www.thinktankforprogress.org.

Universidad Iberoamericana Puebla and the "Consejo Nacional para la Enseñanza y la Investigación en Psicología" of México

3rd International Conference on Community Psychology, "Community Agendas on Contemporary Social Problems"

Puebla, Mexico

June 3-5, 2010

Universidad Iberoamericana Puebla and the "Consejo Nacional para la Enseñanza y la Investigación en Psicología" of México are pleased to be hosting the III International Conference on Community Psychology at the city of Puebla, México from 3rd to 5th June 2010. The

conference main theme "Community Agendas on Contemporary Social Problems" will be delivered through a number of diverse community agendas focusing on four pressing problems of our times: Economic polarization, New Technologies, Interculturality and Politicization of violence. Online registration form: www.3iccp2010.org.

Winston Salem State University and Center of Excellence for the Elimination of Health Disparities

Faces of a Healthy Future, National Conference to End Health Disparities II

Twin City Quarter

460 N Cherry St.

Winston-Salem, NC, 27101

November 3-6, 2009

Early Bird Registration Deadline: October 1, 2009

http://www.ceehd.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=65&Itemid=59

Conference Purpose: The purpose of Faces of a Healthy Future: National Conference to End Health Disparities II is to again bring together representatives from local, regional, state, and national organizations, along with consumers, in a forum addressing the NCMHD and Healthy People 2010 goals through the conference objectives. The goals of Healthy People 2010 are to improve health and to eliminate health disparities. This conference will give the attendees an opportunity to determine progress toward these goals through viewing and assessing projects related to the NCMHD strategic goals (research, research infrastructures and providing public information and community outreach). Individuals and organizations will be given opportunities through poster presentations, oral paper presentations, and panel discussion to detail the success of their projects based on outcomes evidence. This conference will be a call for further action and will capture momentum and move energy forward in assisting with the national planning and implementation to eliminate health disparities. The conference will offer attendees opportunities to accomplish their goals through the following objectives:

OBJECTIVE 1: Assess the last 10 years of progress on public, private, and faith-based strategies to eliminate health disparities

OBJECTIVE 2: Celebrate individuals, communities, cultures, and organizations that have demonstrated outstanding contributions to the elimination of health disparities

OBJECTIVE 3: Examine and build on best practices in research, capacity-building, provider education, health services, and community program models that effectively and efficiently address health disparities

OBJECTIVE 4: Engage national working groups of health disparities stakeholders at the conference to continue identifying and bridging gaps in health disparities strategies

OBJECTIVE 5: Interact with program officers from federal, state and private organizations in a setting designed for effective interchange of idea and information

OBJECTIVE 6: Inclusion of women, ethnic minority groups, and individuals with disabilities in planning, organization and presentations

OBJECTIVE 7: Engage students in discussions with speakers and presenters as well as promote student presentations in an effort to stimulate interest in disparities research and/or the healthcare profession

OBJECTIVE 8: Incorporate cutting-edge technology to facilitate networking; obtain a record of the conference proceedings; allow immediate audience response, session interactions, and electronic interchanges (e.g., blogs and forums); enable the national working groups to begin their efforts; and provide practical, actionable follow-up information and strategies to attendees and other interested stakeholders

The conference will produce the following innovative outcomes:

1. A "creativity incubator" (using the blogs and forums) where ideas from educators, researchers, community representatives, health care providers, and consumers can be recorded and developed into research, capacity-building, provider education, health services, and community program projects (town meeting, roundtable discussions, panel discussion, Internet café, working groups meetings).
2. National working groups that will continue their efforts beyond the conclusion of the conference (working group meetings).
3. Venues where communities can connect and share experiences and ideas (community showcase).
4. A cinematic montage of patient-centered vignettes illuminating the true needs and wants of women, racial and ethnic minority, and disabled patients that will be distributed to attendees and national stakeholders to be used in developing strategies for better

- patient care and research (to be shown by video through the conference).
5. Models for effective and efficient coordination of follow-up services for those individuals who are without resources, yet who are experiencing the need for further health care (working groups, poster and paper presentations).
 6. Opportunities for attendees to meet individually or in forums with program funders to discuss opportunities (funding exhibitors).
 7. Exploration of educational opportunities related to research and training for healthcare providers including MDs and research-based PhDs(educational and healthcare institutions).

The conference will offer an opportunity for attendees to interact with program offices from federal, state, and private funding organizations throughout the conference. Space with booths will be made available for individual discussion and as breakout space for panels/forums regarding funding opportunities. Another benefit of this opportunity will be for program officers. They will learn of ideas that may influence their funding strategies; they may also become members of national working groups; they may also actually have opportunities to meet with leaders in the fight against health disparities. Opportunities will also be offered to universities, colleges, and community college students and faculty to present information to students about their programs that lead to graduate PhD education, healthcare provider programs, and medical schools.

Conference Program and Format

Program sessions are designed to address the NCMHD and Healthy People 2010 strategic goals through the conference objectives. Attendees will be given opportunities to share and examine best practices in research, capacity-building, provider education, health services, and community program models addressing health disparities and to determine if these practices can be translated to similar situations. The program presentations will consist of successful projects, their outcomes, and their documented effects on health disparities. There will be ample opportunities for exploring emerging trends/issues and ideas for the future as they relate to health disparities. Technology is an important part of this conference. Technology will allow us to capture significant information and to pull information through each session to the end and to continue this work through the National Working Groups beyond the conference. The Smart Badge Technology will allow real-time audience response stimulating more interaction between presenters and audiences. Audiences can be instantly polled and results instantly displayed. This technology also enhances networking. Through the Internet Café computers will be available throughout the conference for interacting, sharing, exploring, and developing strategies for eliminating disparities. The CEEHD website's forum and blog will be available for interactions with individual at the conference and others. Video capability will also be available and select presentations will constantly be available for review in the Internet café and at other strategic locations. The program agenda will include student, faculty, researcher, and provider presentations on research and/or interventions as well as brainstorming sessions led by creative experts and advocates. The program will also include pre-conference sessions, a town hall meeting, keynote speakers, roundtable discussions, concurrent sessions, and panel discussions. A call for posters and papers for oral presentation will be issued; peer reviewers will select presentations based on established criteria for abstract submission which will include but are not limited to quality and relevance to the conference objectives. Student presentations may reflect either undergraduate or graduate work. Students may submit projects in progress; however, the work must be completed before being presented at the conference.

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RESOURCES

Publications

Children of Immigrants: National and State Characteristics

[KARINA FORTUNY](#), [RANDOLPH CAPPS](#), [MARGARET SIMMS](#), [AJAY CHAUDRY](#)

Publication Date: May 13, 2009

http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411939_childrenofimmigrants.pdf

Permanent Link: <http://www.urban.org/url.cfm?ID=411939>

Abstract:Up-to-date state information on children of immigrants is essential for social policies that affect children and families. This brief, accompanying the Urban Institute's interactive Children of Immigrants Data Tool, describes the national and state characteristics of children of immigrants

based on recent American Community Survey data. Since children of immigrants account for almost a quarter (24 percent) of children under age 5, their share in the school-age population will increase, with important implications for education policy. In addition, children of immigrants' poverty and low-income rates vary across states, highlighting the importance of state and local policies in promoting children's well-being. Also visit the interactive [Children of Immigrants Data Tool](#) for comprehensive information on the characteristics of children of immigrants nationwide and for individual states and the District of Columbia.

Institute of Medicine

Local Government Actions to Prevent Childhood Obesity

<http://www.iom.edu/?ID=72798>

In the United States, 16.3 percent of children and adolescents between the ages of two and 19 are obese. The prevalence of obesity is so high that it may reduce the life expectancy of today's generation of children and diminish the overall quality of their lives. While parents and other adult caregivers play a fundamental role in teaching children about healthy behaviors, those positive efforts can be undermined by local environments that are poorly suited to supporting healthy behaviors-and may even promote unhealthy behaviors. Local governments can play a crucial role in creating environments that make it easier for children to eat healthy diets and move more. The Institute of Medicine's Committee on Childhood Obesity Prevention Actions for Local Governments was convened to identify promising actions that local governments can take to curb obesity among children. The committee sought action steps that are within the jurisdiction of local governments; likely to directly affect children; based on the experience of local governments or sources that work with local governments; take place outside of the school day; and have the potential to promote healthy eating and adequate physical activity. The 2009 report *Local Government Actions to Prevent Childhood Obesity* presents the committee's menu of recommended action steps for local government officials to consider in their efforts to prevent childhood obesity in their community.

Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries and Risk Factors Study Operations Manual

Final Draft - January 20, 2009

Harvard University; Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington; Johns Hopkins University; University of Queensland; World Health Organization

The final draft of the Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries and Risk Factors Study Operations Manual is now available. It is intended to serve as a guide for the Expert Groups working on the GBD Study. There are opportunities to provide input and feedback, and instructions to do so are included in the operations manual.

Available online as PDF file [142p.] at:

http://www.globalburden.org/GBD_Study_Operations_Manual_Jan_20_2009.pdf

".....The GBD Study will focus on more than 220 diseases and injuries and more than 43 risk factors for 21 regions of the world. The GBD Study will not only serve to systematically incorporate the evidence on each major disease and risk factor into a coherent set of epidemiological estimates. It will also provide an opportunity for concerted work on new age- and sex-specific mortality estimates, disability weight measurement, estimates of probabilities of disabling sequelae, standardization of tools and methods for resolving inconsistencies, dealing with missing data and quantifying uncertainty. The GBD Study will conduct epidemiological reviews of all diseases, injuries, and risk factors; estimate mortality and causes of death for all countries in the world; derive new disability weights for an updated list of disabling sequelae, all leading to final, consistent and comprehensive estimates of the burden of diseases, injuries and risk factors for 1990 and 2005...."

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Making sense of health statistics

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"...Many physicians, patients, health journalists and politicians do not understand health statistics. Yet we make little effort to educate our children in statistical thinking or our medical students in understanding health statistics. "

This collective statistical illiteracy has resulted in serious consequences for health.¹ I argue that statistical illiteracy is largely caused by non-transparent framing of information. Albeit not always intentional, non-transparency is often a deliberate tactic to manipulate or persuade people. I also argue that there is a simple solution: confusing numbers can be easily understood when represented in a transparent way.² In this editorial, I give two illustrations: unlike relative risks and 5-year-survival rates, which mislead many people, absolute risks and mortality rates provide transparent tools for risk communication....

Mapping for Health Advocates

The Opportunity Agenda

"Mapping for Health Advocates" -- a series of reports commissioned by The Opportunity Agenda - see description below, followed by table of contents text & chapters of report available at:

<http://opportunityagenda.org/mapping>.

Text from website: "The Opportunity Agenda, with support from the Health Policy Institute at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, commissioned a series of papers examining the effectiveness of web based mapping, and the role it can play in promoting health equity. Offering scholarly, practical, technical, and historical perspectives on the usefulness of mapping, health advocates can deepen their understanding of this powerful and persuasive tool. In each report, case studies and best practices are presented. Looking across disciplines and at a wide range of social justice issues, advocates learn how maps can break down the complex data and research, developing visual aids that uncover the structural and social barriers that stand in the way of opportunity. Since John Snow first published his map identifying the source of London's 1853 cholera epidemic, health advocates have been using maps to tell their story in a new and persuasive way. Advances with geographic information systems (GIS) have allowed developers to pull information from a large data set. This frees an unimaginable wealth of information right at their fingertips. Fuse this with the rise of engaging new and social media on the Internet, and the power to advocate effectively increases exponentially. Interactive and GIS mapping holds many great benefits. At the core is room for organizations to work and collaborate together. Once the basic technical and data rich infrastructure has been set in place, the only thing left is the imagination. Pulling from their own expertise, the authors in this volume present best practices and address the technical issues that need to be overcome in making these tools become even more widely used. Demand is a driving force in shaping how technology is used, and what tools will withstand the test of time. It is for this reason that we hope the reports found on this page will best familiarize you with this engaging technology, and provide you with the knowledge and desire that collectively can help us break down the barriers to health inequity in our country."

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Migrants Count: Five Steps Toward Better Migration Data

Center for Global Development (CGD)

[Download the report \(PDF\)](#)

Those who migrate from relatively poor countries to relatively rich countries improve their well-being and their family's well-being, and new analyses are showing that such migration also benefits the communities and countries they leave behind. But what the research also shows is an extensive lack of good data—a lack that has stunted global understanding and domestic political discourse on a critical development issue.

In this CGD report, the Commission on International Migration Data for Development Research and Policy presents their five recommendations to remedy the lack of good data on migration and its effects on development. The recommendations are politically and technically practical and would allow countries to greatly improve their migration data at low cost, and with existing mechanisms:

1. Ask basic census questions and make the data publicly available.
2. Compile and release existing administrative data.
3. Centralize Labor Force Surveys.
4. Provide access to microdata, not just tabulations.
5. Include migration modules on more existing household surveys.

Read the CGD Migration Data Report Card (not a product of the commission),

<http://www.cgdev.org/doc/2009/Migration%20Data%20Scorecard.pdf>.

Other CGD downloads:

- [Improving Migration Data](#)
- [Michael Clemens](#)

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National Health Policy Forum

Four new publications

The National Health Policy Forum announces the availability of several new publications. Topics include meaningful use of health information technology, coverage and payment for drugs under Medicare Part B, the Medicare drug benefit low-income subsidy, and budget neutrality and Medicaid waivers. To download any paper, click on the title of the publication.

(1) [Stimulus Bill Implementation: Expanding Meaningful Use of Health IT](#)

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act authorizes an estimated \$38 billion in incentives and supports for health information technology (IT) from 2009 to 2019. After years of sluggish HIT adoption, this crisis-driven investment of public funds creates a unique opportunity for rapid diffusion of a technology that is widely expected to improve care, save money, and facilitate transformation of the troubled U.S. health system. Achieving maximal effect from the stimulus funds is nevertheless a difficult challenge. The Recovery Act strengthens the federal government's leadership role in promoting HIT. But successful adoption and utilization across the health system will also require development of a supportive infrastructure and broad-based efforts by providers, vendors, state-based agencies, and other health system stakeholders. Optimal use of IT for health care may require extensive reengineering of medical practice and of existing systems of payment. The future course of HIT adoption will also be subject to the effects of any health care reform legislation and of technological innovation in the fast-changing world of electronic communications.

(2) [Coverage and Payment for Prescription Drugs Under Medicare Part B: A Complex Patchwork](#)

As part of the diverse discussions around health care reform, many have looked to refining Medicare payment systems as a way to give health care practitioners and providers greater incentives to deliver care more efficiently, and thus slow health care spending growth. Understanding how Medicare currently pays for Part B services, including drugs covered under Part B, is essential to understanding the potential impact of these types of reforms. Most items and services covered under Part B, including most Part B drugs, are paid individually, which means practitioners and providers generally receive more payments for providing more services. Some reform proposals would expand the use of bundled payments under Medicare to pay for items and services as a group, rather than separately, to curb incentives to provide unnecessary care. If such reforms were to include Part B drugs, it would be a significant change from current payment policies. A close look at coverage and payment for Part B drugs reveals complex policies and interactions with Part D drug coverage.

(3) [The Medicare Drug Benefit: Update on the Low-Income Subsidy](#)

The Medicare drug benefit (Medicare "Part D"), provides federal subsidies to pay premiums and cost sharing for low-income beneficiaries---almost 10 million in 2009. Yet there are several policy issues concerning these low-income beneficiaries under Part D. First, over 2 million individuals who may qualify for the subsidies have not enrolled. Second, in some states, low-income beneficiaries have little choice of plans (while non low-income beneficiaries have dozens of choices), unless they pay out-of-pocket for premium amounts above what the subsidy covers. And third, millions of those who have enrolled in the benefit face the prospect each year of switching drug plans or paying more to keep their current drug plan. What led to this state of affairs? Are there lessons to be learned from Medicare Part D as Congress debates how to provide health insurance subsidies on behalf of low-income individuals?

(4) [Medicaid Waivers and Budget Neutrality](#)

All states operate one or more Medicaid waiver programs. In order to gain approval from CMS for waiver programs, states must first show that the activities under the waiver will be "budget neutral," meaning federal Medicaid expenditures over the waiver approval period must be no greater than they would have been without the waiver. This publication explains the concept of budget neutrality in the context of Medicaid waivers and how it is calculated

Prevention Institute Reports

(1) [A Primary Prevention Framework for Substance Abuse and Mental Health](#)

http://www.preventioninstitute.org/documents/SMBHRS_MainDoc_050909_000.pdf (Full Report)

http://www.preventioninstitute.org/documents/SMBHRS_ExecSumm_032709.pdf (Executive Summary)

San Mateo County's Primary Prevention Framework identifies strategies that aim to reduce the number of County residents needing mental health and alcohol and other drug (AOD) services by promoting policy and organizational practice changes and interdisciplinary partnership.

(2) [First Steps: Taking Action Early To Prevent Violence](#)

<http://www.preventioninstitute.org/firststeps.html#DownloadPDF>(Order a printed version)

The *First Steps* report presents research and recommendations related to effective violence prevention efforts for children 0-5 years of age. The report includes a discussion of mental health problems in parents and children as a major risk factor, features good mental health as a protective factors, and includes attention to mental health as a major recommendation.

(3) [Strengthening Communities: A Prevention Framework for Eliminating Health Disparities](#)

<http://www.preventioninstitute.org/documents/StrengtheningCommunitiesHDPPreventionFramework.pdf> (Report)

In the paper developed for The California Endowment, the Institute describes how a community-environmental approach could reduce disparities in California. The paper delineates a framework consisting of four clusters (built environment, social capital, services and institutions, and structural factors) with twenty community factors. A number of these factors are related to mental health outcomes and research is provided.

Race, Ethnicity, and Language Data: Standardization for Health Care Quality Improvement. Report Brief

Institute of Medicine

<http://www.iom.edu/Object.File/Master/72/817/Race%20Ethnicity%20report%20brief%20FINAL%20for%20web.pdf>

There is strong evidence that the quality of health care varies as a function of race, ethnicity, and language. Having quality metrics stratified by race, Hispanic ethnicity, granular ethnicity, and

language need can assist in improving overall quality and promoting equity.

Race and Ethnicity and Rural Mental Health Treatment

Stephen Petterson, Ishan Canty Williams, Emily J. Hauenstein, Virginia Rovnyak, Elizabeth Merwin

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http://muse.jhu.edu/login?uri=/journals/journal_of_health_care_for_the_poor_and_underserved/v020/20.3.petterson.pdf

The article examines mental health treatment rates across different racial and ethnic groups. The researchers found that racial and service system factors, such as the number of providers or health services available, may have a bigger influence on racial and ethnic disparities in urban areas, where more mental health services are offered, than in rural areas.

Targeting Root Causes to Address Health Inequities and Improve Health: Implications for Health Reform

Policy Brief, Center for Health Improvement, July 2009

<http://www.chipolicy.org/pdf/6166.HealthInequities2009.pdf>

At the end of July, CHI published a policy brief analyzing the root causes of health inequities and identifying steps California can take toward achieving health equity among its residents. In light of national health reform discussions and the budget crisis in California, the brief highlights the need to address the role played by the larger social context in which people live and the inequities implicit within it. Building on policy principles including "embrace the concept of health in all policy," "Targeting Root Causes to Address Health Inequities and Improve Health: Implications for Health Reform," urges policymakers to: 1) Support healthy behaviors through increased opportunities to engage in physical activity and to access healthy foods; 2) Improve housing options; 3) Improve transit options by providing incentives for use of mass transit and non-motorized vehicle transportation; and 4) Improve air, water, and soil quality. The Center for Health Improvement is a national, independent nonprofit organization dedicated to improving population health and encouraging healthy behaviors. For nearly 15 years, our team of public health, health services research, and health policy experts has worked to address the causes underlying America's increasingly unhealthy population. Focusing on disease prevention and health promotion, CHI employs a systems approach, using evidence-based analyses to translate knowledge gained through research into policies and practice, supporting community-based programs that target change at multiple levels, and crafting broad awareness-raising strategies. CHI envisions a future in which the health and well-being of all individuals is fully enabled by the organizations and communities where they live and work. Our work aims to effect change across the lifespan:

- * Children's Health
- * Infectious Disease Prevention
- * Worksite Wellness
- * Health Care Quality
- * Chronic Disease Management
- * Healthy Aging

<http://www.chipolicy.org/>

The Effects of the Economic Recession on Communities of Color

Issue Brief Prepared by Julia Berndt and Cara James, Kaiser Family Foundation, Race/Ethnicity and Health Care Program

<http://www.kff.org/minorityhealth/upload/7953.pdf>

This issue brief examines some of the challenges associated with employment, daily life and access to health care among racial minorities, who tend to be disproportionately affected by many of the consequences of economic hard times. High unemployment rates, coupled with vast differences in savings and wealth, have left many individuals struggling to afford such basic necessities as housing and food, and have resulted in lapses in health coverage and difficulties paying for needed medical care.

Toward the Elimination of Cancer Disparities

Medical and Health Perspectives

Koh, Howard K. (Ed.). 2009, XII, 384 p. 28 illus., Hardcover, ISBN: 978-0-387-89442-3

Online version available: <http://www.springer.com/biomed/cancer/book/978-0-387-89442-3>

About this book: The societal burden of cancer is one of the major public health challenges of our

time, yet that burden is not equally shared by all. Troubling disparities have been documented not only by racial/ethnic group but also by social class, insurance status, geography, and a host of other factors. Furthermore, such disparities represent the end result of a constellation of forces stemming from both within the health care system and outside of it. Many currently existing cancer disparities are preventable. To date, few publications capture the breadth and depth of the dimensions of cancer disparities from both the clinical and public health perspective. This volume broadens concepts of disparities beyond traditional race/ethnicity discussions to explore a more systematic analysis of how, where, and why disparities occur across the cancer continuum. We will also analyze the issue of social disparities with respect to certain major cancers, with emphasis on the particular role of socioeconomic position. This volume reflects the work of a number of experts in cancer disparities, led by members of the Executive Committee of the Program-in-Development for the Dana Farber / Harvard Cancer Center. In particular, this volume updates and expands an earlier 2005 monograph on the topic published in the journal *Cancer Causes and Control* (Nancy Krieger PhD, Editor).

Written for: Those working in the cancer, from basic researchers to clinicians, and public health professionals as well as the educated general public.

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Understanding Health Inequalities. 2nd ed.

Graham H (ed). Open University Press, 2009.

see: <http://www.mcgraw-hill.co.uk/html/0335234593.html>

From the website: Understanding Health Inequalities second edition provides an accessible and engaging exploration of why the opportunity to live a long and healthy life remains profoundly unequal. Hilary Graham and her contributors outline the enduring link between people's socioeconomic circumstances and their health and tackle questions at the forefront of research and policy on health inequalities. These include:

* How health is influenced by circumstances across people's lives and by the areas in which they live

* How health is simultaneously shaped by inequalities of gender, ethnicity and socioeconomic position

* How policies can impact on health inequalities

All the chapters have been specially written for the new edition by internationally-recognised researchers in social and health inequalities. The book provides an authoritative guide to these fields as well as presenting new research

Book blurb: "Thoroughly updated and revised, this new edition of Understanding Health Inequalities, edited by Hilary Graham, remains a welcome and timely contribution. Replete with thoughtful essays on health inequities analyzed in relation to societal structure, social position and geography ... the volume provides important insights into how class, racial/ethnic, gender, and spatial health inequities are produced - and how they can be rectified. The world economic crisis launched by the implosion of unregulated financial markets in the fall of 2008 only serves to underscore the volume's central conclusion: that government regulation and intervention, premised on a commitment to equity, is essential for tackling health inequalities. Health professionals, students, and any and all working for healthy and sustainable ways of living will benefit from this collection." Nancy Krieger, Harvard School of Public Health, USA

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Web site

DataMasher

<http://ow.ly/jnmR>

How do the States Compare? Mash up some government data to find out!

The Federal Government produces an immeasurable amount of data each day. DataMasher helps citizens have a little fun with those data by creating mashups to visualize them in different ways and see how states compare on important issues. Users can combine different data sets in interesting ways and create their own custom rankings of the states.

Data: Much of the data was pulled from Data.gov, some of it directly from Federal Government sites. In some cases we pull from third parties who draw upon Federal Government or State Data. See the source info for each data set for more.

Tools and services used:

- LAMP (Linux, Apache, MySQL, PHP) and cURL
- Acquia Drupal (social publishing software)
- Mollom (spam filter)
- Fla-shop (interactive Flash Map)

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Kaiser Family Foundation

Statehealthfacts.org

Statehealthfacts.org has recently added new and updated data on [Demographics and the Economy](#), [Health Status](#), [Health Costs & Budgets](#), [Medicare](#), [Providers & Service Use](#), [Minority](#)

[Health](#) and [HIV/AIDS](#). You can also view a list of all [recent updates](#).

National Library of Medicine HSR Information

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hsrinfo/>

The HSR Information Central website has been enhanced with added functionality, easier navigation, featured resources, and expanded content-all designed to make health services research resources easier to find. HSRIC is a health services research portal designed to serve the information needs of the health services research community. The National Information Center on Health Services Research and Health Care Technology (NICHSR) at the National Library of Medicine (NLM) initiated this resource. Since the goal was to make the site as user-friendly as possible, the HSRIC homepage has a new look as well as several new features. For example:

- "In the Spotlight": Updated weekly, this area highlights an HSR resource of interest
- Featured Resources: Direct links to prominent health services research tools
- FAQs: Frequently Asked Questions
- Sitemap: A new map of the site
- "New" HSR News: New news items are accessible from the middle of the homepage
- What's New Button: Links to a report that reflects all new items added to the site.

For navigational ease, several updates were made. For example:

- An alphabetical listing of all resources within HSRIC is accessible from the upper right hand corner of the homepage
- In depth category "breakdowns" are posted and hyper linked at the top of each category page
- New content was added to all categories; for example, the State Resources category now includes relevant information from all 50 states.

HSR Information Central invites suggestions for links to government and non-profit organizations that serve as gateways to information on a variety of topics related to health services research. When suggesting a new link for HSR Information Central to another site, please consider that site's enduring value and the frequency with which it is updated. To submit a link for consideration please visit <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hsrinfo/hsrsuggestlink.html> and follow the instructions.

National Institutes of Health

RePORTER - newest tool on the RePORT website

www.RePORT.nih.gov

<http://projectreporter.nih.gov/reporter.cfm>

NEW NIH TOOL MAKES FUNDING DATA, RESEARCH RESULTS AND PRODUCTS SEARCHABLE -- Comprehensive funding information for NIH grants and contracts is now available on the NIH Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool (RePORT) thanks to a new, user-friendly system called the RePORT Expenditures and Results, or RePORTER. RePORTER combines NIH project databases and funding records, PubMed abstracts, full-text articles from PubMed Central, and information from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with a robust search engine, allowing users to locate descriptions and funding details on NIH-funded projects along with research results that cite the NIH support. "With the addition of RePORTER, we have taken a big step toward providing NIH's broad community of stakeholders-including biomedical researchers, research administrators, science policy makers, and members of the general public-with richer information, accessible in a form designed to meet their diverse set of needs," said Sally Rockey, Ph.D., acting deputy director of extramural research. "In addition to a being a public service to our stakeholders, it's a good example of the transparency and openness in government that the public deserves and has come to expect." User-defined searches allow the public to refine, export and analyze results and provide insights into NIH spending, as well as research results across NIH-funded projects, institutions, investigators or scientific concepts. Searching for grants funded by the Recovery Act is made especially easy by a checkbox that limits searches to that area of interest. Plans for improvements in RePORTER include allowing users to personalize their experience. NIH's goal is to provide users the ability to save favorite searches, set alerts for new grants, publications and patents, and even export the entire RePORTER database.

RePORTER is the newest tool on the RePORT website, NIH's comprehensive online repository of reports, data and analyses of research-related funding. RePORT provides a wealth of data on NIH's research-related grant and contract funding, including general reports and statistics, funding by research, condition and disease categories, new data visualization tools, and more. Dynamic reports and geographic mapping tools offer unparalleled access to information on NIH's Recovery

Act grant funding on an individual project, state or national level. RePORT is available at www.RePORT.nih.gov. The project search tool, RePORTER, is available through the RePORT site or by going directly to <http://projectreporter.nih.gov/reporter.cfm>. The Office of the Director, the central office at NIH, is responsible for setting policy for NIH, which includes 27 Institutes and Centers. This involves planning, managing, and coordinating the programs and activities of all NIH components. The Office of the Director also includes program offices which are responsible for stimulating specific areas of research throughout NIH. Additional information is available at <http://www.nih.gov/icd/od/>.

New Website Launched: The Future of Children

The Future of Children is excited to announce the roll out of its new website. While you can still find us in the same place, www.futureofchildren.org, our look and functionality is new and improved. We hope you enjoy some of the new features: embedded webcasts, our blog, and separate sections for our different types of publications. Join us on Facebook and Twitter: We have joined Facebook and Twitter! Please [click here](#) to become a fan on Facebook or [click here](#) to follow us on Twitter.

Primary Data Source. Making Data Easy

<http://www.primarydatasource.com/>

Here you can download 2009 ESRI community data and current shapefiles. Many types of geographies are available including streets, zip codes and neighborhoods. Data can be downloaded as table (data only), in shapefile format (shapefiles & data) and shapefiles only (no data)

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Jane: suggesting journals, finding experts

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SUMMARY: With an exponentially growing number of articles being published every year, scientists can use some help in determining which journal is most appropriate for publishing their results, and which other scientists can be called upon to review their work. Jane (Journal/Author Name Estimator) is a freely available web-based application that, on the basis of a sample text (e.g. the title and abstract of a manuscript), can suggest journals and experts who have published similar articles.

AVAILABILITY: <http://biosemantics.org/jane>

Have you recently written a paper, but you're not sure to which journal you should submit it?

Or maybe you want to find relevant articles to cite in your paper?

Or are you an editor, and do you need to find reviewers for a particular paper? Jane can help

How does Jane work? Jane first searches for the 50 articles that are most similar to your input*. For each of these articles, a similarity score between that article and your input is calculated. The similarity scores of all the articles belonging to a certain journal or author are summed to calculate the confidence score for that journal or author. The results are ranked by confidence score. For more information, you can read [our paper](#).

* For the computer geeks: we use the open source search engine [Lucene](#). Queries using keywords are parsed with the QueryParser class, titles and abstracts are parsed using the MoreLikeThis parser class.

How often is the data behind Jane updated? We are currently updating the data once every month.

Which journals are included in Jane? Basically, all journals included in Medline are included in Jane. However, in order to show only active journals, we do not show journals for which no entry was found in Medline in the last year. We have sent requests to several publishers (e.g. ACM and IFFF) whether we could also use their data. but have not received any response

Which authors are included in Jane? All authors that have published one or more articles in the last 10 years that have been included in Medline, are included in Jane.

Which papers are included in Jane? All records in Medline have been included that:

- contained an abstract,
- were published in the last 10 years,
- did not belong to one of these categories: comment, editorial, news, historical article, congresses, biography, newspaper article, practice guideline, interview, bibliography, legal cases, lectures, consensus development conference, addresses, clinical conference, patient education handout, directory, technical report, festschrift, retraction of publication, retracted publications, duplicate publication, scientific integrity review, published erratum, periodical index, dictionary, legislation or government publication.

Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE).

Innovative Approaches to Reducing Racial & Ethnic Health Disparities (Archived Webinar)

http://www.sophe.org/content/ce_self_study.asp

This webinar features lessons learned from a variety of approaches to reducing racial and ethnic health disparities. Attendees will hear from expert speakers dedicated to achieving health equity.

Speakers:

Manal Aboleta, MPH (Moderator), Program Director, Prevention Institute

Jerry Schultz, PhD, Co-Director, KU Work Group for Community Health and Development

Brian Smedley, PhD, Vice President and Director, Health Policy Institute, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies

Jamila R. Rashid, PhD, MPH, Associate Director for Research and Policy, Office of Minority Health

Youth Violence: State Statistics

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/youthviolence/stats_at-a_glance/state_statistics.html

State-specific statistics on youth homicide and non-fatal assault-related injury rates.

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