



MCUAAAR Mondays

July 20, 2020

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NEWS

NIH Protocol Template for Clinical Trials

The NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) has posted a [Protocol Template for Behavioral and Social Sciences Research](#) for communicating the science, methods, and operations of a clinical trial that is testing a behavioral or social intervention or experimental manipulation. Use of the protocol template is encouraged but not required in NIH grant planning and proposals involving BSR interventions.

Peer Review at NIH and Race

Peer review at NIH and racial/ethnic bias – CSR has been moving to try and reduce implicit bias and other factors that have contributed to disparities in grant success. See a summary at <https://www.csr.nih.gov/reviewmatters/2020/06/12/race-peer-review/>.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Russell Sage Foundation

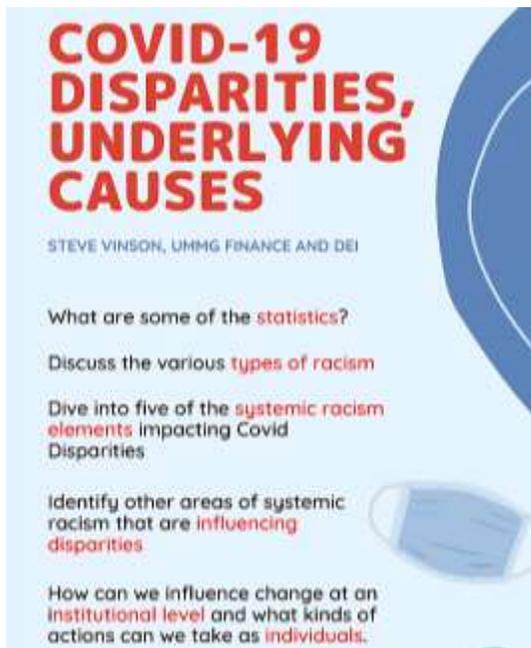
The Russell Sage Foundation has two open calls for research on COVID-19 and/or Racial Inequality in the US. **Letters of intent are due on August 5, 2020.** Grants up to \$175K/2 years. 15% IDC included.

For its August 5, 2020 deadline, RSF will only accept letters of inquiry relevant to one of RSF’s core programs that address at least one of the following issues:

1. **Research on the Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting recession in the U.S.** Specifically, research that assesses the social, political, economic, and psychological causes and consequences of the pandemic, especially its effects on marginalized individuals and groups and on trust in government and other institutions. Our priorities do **not** include analyses of health outcomes or health behavior.
2. **Research focused on systemic racial inequality and/or the recent mass protests in the U.S.** Specifically, research that investigates the prevalence of racial disparities in policing and criminal justice and their social, political, economic, and psychological causes and consequences; the effects of the current social protest movement and mass mobilization against systemic discrimination; the nature of public attitudes and public policies regarding policing, criminal justice, and social welfare; and the effects of those attitudes in the current political environment.

For more information - <https://www.russellsage.org/how-to-apply/application-deadlines>

EVENTS



COVID-19 DISPARITIES, UNDERLYING CAUSES

STEVE VINSON, UMMG FINANCE AND DEI

What are some of the **statistics**?

Discuss the various **types of racism**

Dive into five of the **systemic racism elements** impacting Covid Disparities

Identify other areas of systemic racism that are **influencing disparities**

How can we influence change at an **institutional level** and what kinds of actions can we take as **individuals**.

The Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (MADRC) will host a special presentation on COVID-19 disparities and underlying causes on Monday, Aug 10, 11:30-12:30 via Zoom. The presentation is centered on disparities between white and black communities but impacts many minority populations. The presenter is Steve Vinson, a Senior Business Analyst within the U-M Hospital Ambulatory Care unit. He is also a Michigan Medicine Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Implementation Lead; Co-Chair, UMMG DEI Committee; and Co-Facilitator for the Voices of the Staff DEI Group.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://umich-health.zoom.us/j/92038074362>

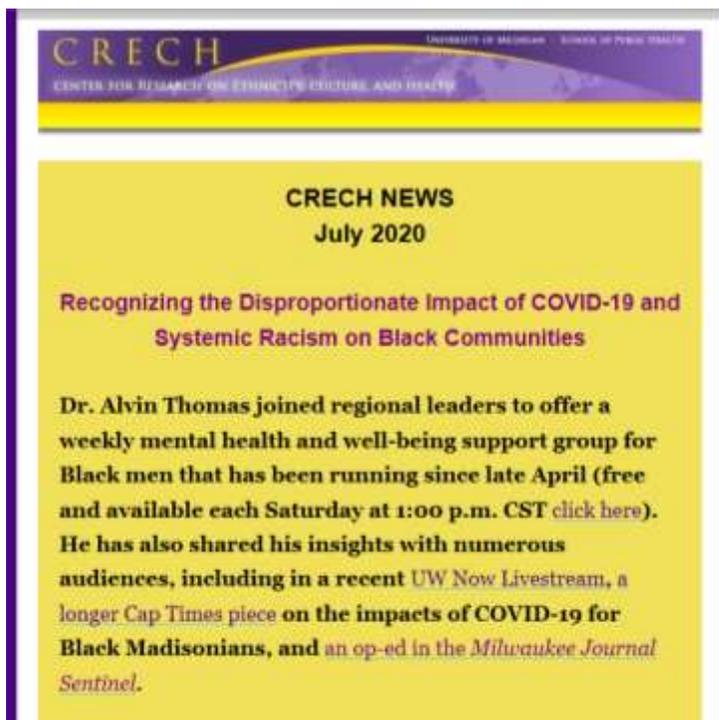
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CRECH NEWS
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Recognizing the Disproportionate Impact of COVID-19 and Systemic Racism on Black Communities

Dr. Alvin Thomas joined regional leaders to offer a weekly mental health and well-being support group for Black men that has been running since late April (free and available each Saturday at 1:00 p.m. CST [click here](#)). He has also shared his insights with numerous audiences, including in a recent UW Now Livestream, a longer *Cap Times* piece on the impacts of COVID-19 for Black Madisonians, and an op-ed in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.

Click [here](#) to view previous Facebook Live sessions.

"We must move to an appreciation of the common humanity of all. A devaluing of that humanity for any is the devaluing of the humanity of all. Black communities are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and the violence and trauma of systemic racism, and the mental health and well-being of Black men are often overlooked. Please share this offering with someone to empathize and strengthen, and to encourage conversation," says Dr. Alvin Thomas.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Dr. Daphne W. Ntiri Inducted into IACE!

Dr. Nitiri (2004 MCUAAAR Scientist) has received two significant awards this year. On March 11, 2020, she was inducted into the International Adult and Continuing Education (IACE) Hall of Fame, housed at the University of Oklahoma. She joins the ranks of world-renowned adult education leaders and scholars such as President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, Myles Horton, the game changing trainer during the Civil Rights movement, First Lady Barbara Bush for her work on Literacy, Paulo Freire, Phyllis Cunningham, Mary Alfred, and Juanita Johnson-Bailey. Later in May, Wayne State University conferred on her a special rank of “Eminence” with a new award, The Distinguished Service Award.



Dr. Peter Lichtenberg Elected VP of Gerontological Society of America



Peter A. Lichtenberg, PhD, ABPP, FGSA, has been elected Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA). He will begin this important leadership position on January 1, 2021 and serve as President of the Board beginning January 2022. Dr. Lichtenberg is Director of the Institute of Gerontology and Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute, at Wayne State University and a Professor of Psychology. For 22 years has co-directed Michigan’s Urban African American Aging Center, (MCUAAAR) funded by the National Institute on Aging.

[A Today@Wayne article quoted Dr. Lichtenberg:](#) “It is an honor to serve,” Lichtenberg said. “I have several goals, but chief among them will be expanding the impact of gerontology through new areas of research and promoting

the value of older adults while combatting ageism. I look forward to working with GSA’s exceptional membership to strengthen its core values and ensure abundant opportunities for the next generation of gerontologists.”