



## MCUAAAR Mondays

September 14, 2020

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### NEWS

#### **Why Black Aging Matters, Too**

Judith Graham

September 6, 2020

This article originally appeared on [Kaiser Health News](#).

[https://www.salon.com/2020/09/05/why-black-aging-matters-too\\_partner/](https://www.salon.com/2020/09/05/why-black-aging-matters-too_partner/)

"People are talking about the race disparity in COVID deaths, they're talking about the age disparity, but they're not talking about how race and age disparities interact: They're not talking about older Black adults," said **Robert Joseph Taylor**, director of the Program for Research on Black Americans at the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research.....Meanwhile, social networks that keep elders feeling connected to other people are weakening....."What is especially difficult for elders is the disruption of extended support networks, such as neighbors or the people they see at church," said Taylor, of the University of Michigan. "Those are the 'Hey, how are you doing? How are your kids? Anything you need?' interactions. That type of caring is very comforting and it's now missing."



#### **James Jackson, Who Changed the Study of Black America, Dies at 76**

Rather than focus on interracial comparisons, his National Survey of Black Americans explored the complexities within the Black population.

*New York Times* Obituary

By Neil Genzlinger

Sept. 11, 2020

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/11/us/james-jackson-dead.html?smid=tw-share>

"Dr. Jackson, a social psychologist, shook up the research field with the program's first major project, the National Survey of Black Americans, a sweeping study completed in 1980 that was unlike anything done previously. When he began his career in the early 1970s, research surveys of the national population had an inherent flaw: They included too few Black people to provide insights specific to the Black population....."In most research before the N.S.B.A. you could only study Black people by comparing them to white people," Robert J. Taylor, the current director of the program, said by email. "Black scholars thought that a sole reliance on this type of comparative research limited what you could understand about Black people and treated whites as the gold standard.""

## EVENTS



### **Focus on Aging: Federal Partners' Webinar Series**

This webinar series will address important topics for public health and health care professionals, aging services organizations, the research community, and other stakeholders in aging. The series is a joint project of four of the federal agencies that support the health and wellness of older adults in the U.S.: the Administration for Community Living, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Health Resources and Services Administration, and the National Institute on Aging. In addition to general topics of interest for older adults and those who work with them, each webinar will include information specific to individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia, as well as their caregivers.

### **September 2020: Social Isolation and Loneliness**

**Monday, September 28th, 2020, 2:00 — 3:30 p.m. ET**

#### **Presentations and Speakers:**

1. **Social Isolation and Loneliness Among Older Adults During COVID-19**  
Ashwin Kotwal, MD, MS, University of California San Francisco  
Carla Perissinotto, MD, MHS, University of California San Francisco
2. **Social Isolation & Loneliness: Interrelationships with Health & Well-Being in Older Adults**  
Louise Hawkey, PhD, NORC at the University of Chicago
3. **Managing Symptoms of Dementia, Maintaining Function, and Accessing Services During Isolation**  
**Sheria G. Robinson-Lane, PhD, RN, University of Michigan School of Nursing**
4. **Identifying and Serving People Living Alone with Dementia**  
Don Smith, Area Agency on Aging at United Way of Tarrant County
5. **I-CONNECT Project: Using Video Chat to Reduce Social Isolation and Improve Cognitive Health**  
Hiroko Dodge, PhD, Oregon Health & Science University

## CONGRATULATIONS!



### **Dr. Sheria Robinson-Lane (2017 MCUAAAR Scientist) on Your K-01 Award!!!**

Title: "Culturally Responsive Support Programming for Black Caregivers of Persons with Dementia" The focus of this work is to develop a culturally tailored intervention for Black family caregivers that will improve their health outcomes and caregiving capacity. She is also getting training in clinical trial design and implementation. To that end, this week she'll be participating in the inaugural class of the Institute on Methods and Protocols for Advancement of Clinical Trials in ADRD (IMPACT-AD) (<https://impact-ad.org/>).