



MCUAAAR Mondays

September 7, 2020

To reduce the number of messages sent out to the MCUAAAR 5 Listserv, if you send me the kind of information found below, I will compile it and send it out on "MCUAAAR Mondays"

IN MEMORIAM



James S. Jackson (1944-2020)

Our dear friend, colleague, mentor, scholar, visionary, and titan at the University of Michigan, Professor James S. Jackson, passed away Tuesday evening, September 1st, in Ann Arbor after a long battle with cancer. He passed away peacefully with his wife, Toni, and daughters Ariana and Kendra by his side. James Jackson was the Founder and Leader of the Program for Research on Black Americans. He also was the PI and Co-Director of MCUAAAR for the past 22 years. Further information about final arrangements and commemoration will be forthcoming.

For more information please see [MCUAAAR Latest News](#)

The family has requested that donations in memory of James be made to the [James S. Jackson Emerging Scholars Fund](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

NIH Loan Repayment Program

The application period is September 1 - November 20.



The [NIH Loan Repayment Program](#) (LRP) is now open for applications and invites qualified health professionals with doctoral degrees to apply to its 2021 application cycle. Applications are accepted through the online portal between September 1st and November 20th at 8:00 PM EST.

- [Loan Repayment Program for Health Disparities Research](#)
- [Extramural Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds](#)

The LRP offers loan repayment awards of up to \$50,000 per year for up to 2 years of a recipient's qualified educational debt annually, in return for a commitment to engage in NIMHD and NIH-mission relevant health disparities or clinical research in non-federal research settings for at least two years.

The objectives of the congressionally established programs are to:

1. Increase the pool of highly qualified researchers who conduct health disparities research.
2. Recruit and retain highly qualified health professionals from disadvantaged backgrounds into clinical research careers.

Please apply early for this funding opportunity.

This study was supported by a grant from the National Institutes of Health, P30 AG015281, and the Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research.

CALL FOR INFORMATION/PARTICIPATION

Research Adaptation Given COVID19

The RCMAR Community Core group (all the CLRC's around the country) is hosting a webinar in October about research adaptations related to COVID. They are seeking information from scientists from our center who have had to delay or change their studies due to COVID-19 and would be willing to share their experiences with others. If you have made any adaptations, please email 2-3 lines about your changes to Dr. Jamie Mitchell (mitchj@umich.edu) **by Friday 9/11/20**. She will compile them and send them to the RCMAR coordinating center. You should also indicate whether they'd be willing to share your experiences briefly with the RCMAR coordinator.

EVENTS

Reflecting on Racism: Science & Tools for the Public Health Professional

September 18, 2020

12:00 – 1:00 PST

The publication of *Racism: Science & Tools for the Public Health Professional* in 2019 by the American Public Health Association (APHA) Press marks the first time APHA, the flagship professional society for the field of public health, published a book dedicated to the topic of racism. In [this webinar](#) on September 18 at noon (PST), [Chandra Ford](#), PhD, MPH, MLIS, who co-edited the book with Derek Griffith, PhD, Marino Bruce, PhD, and Keon Gilbert, DrPH, shares selected passages and reflects on the experience of producing an influential public health book on racism in the current socio-political climate.

Register for the webinar

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dr. Felix Kabo (2014 MUCAAAR Scientist) Early Results from the COVID-19 Tracker

He is analyzing national-level data from the Understanding America Study (UAS) coronavirus tracker (<https://covid19pulse.usc.edu/>) on how the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting older adult entrepreneurs and small businesses. The USC Center for Economic and Social Research's Understanding Coronavirus in America tracking survey is updated daily with the responses from members of their [Understanding America Study](#). Dr. Kabo wants to disseminate his early results, even as he prepares manuscripts. For more information, please contact him at fkabo@umich.edu.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Dr. Elham Mahmoudi (2018 MCUAAAR Scientist) on Your New K-01 Award!

“Using Machine Learning to Improve Readmission Prediction in Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementia.”

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