

MCUAAAR Mondays

November 23, 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"

WRITING ABOUT HEALTH EQUITY



<https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/healthequity>

Dr. Biana Mezuk has been in contact with an editor for this outlet who focuses on equity issues, and that editor has asked Bri to connect her with scientists who might be interested in writing for them. If MCUAAAR scientists would be interested in talking to her about writing an op-ed, they should contact **Ana Sandoiu** (asandoiu@healthline.com) and make their pitch!

REVIEWERS FOR SPECIAL ISSUE WANTED

Dr. Michelle Odden and Dr. Roland Thorpe are serving as guest editors for a Special Issue of *The Journals of Gerontology, Series A: Biological Sciences and Medical Sciences* on the topic of "Minority Health and Health Disparities in Aging." Please see the following link:

<https://academic.oup.com/biomedgerontology/pages/call-for-papers>. Based on the topic of the call for papers and the goals of the GSA Publications and Products committee, they are seeking a diverse reviewer pool for these papers. Their goal is to have as many papers as possible with at least one person of color as a reviewer. If you are available to serve as a reviewer, please send your information to igeronmed@geron.org including your email address, name, and keywords. Thanks for helping them create a more diverse reviewer pool and strengthening the science of health disparities in aging and minority aging.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Alzheimer's Association - 2021 Zenith Fellows Award Program (\$450,000 award)

Letter of Intent deadline - January 5th, 2021

The objective of the 2021 Zenith Fellows Awards competition is to provide major support for investigators who have: Contributed significantly to the dementia science field - Alzheimer's and all other dementia research; Made significant contributions to other areas of science and are now beginning to focus more directly on problems related to Alzheimer's and all other dementia, and; Are likely to make substantial contributions in the future. The proposed research should address fundamental problems related to early detection, etiology, pathogenesis, treatment and/or prevention of Alzheimer's and all other dementia. The proposed research must be "on the cutting edge" of basic science or biomedical research and thus may not conform to current conventional scientific wisdom or may challenge the prevailing orthodoxy. ZENITH proposals are restricted to basic biological studies and clinical investigations (excluding clinical trials). Each award is limited to \$450,000 total funding (direct and indirect costs) over a period of up to three years. Letter of Intent Deadline: January 5, 2021 5:00 PM EST.

For more information - <https://proposalcentral.com/GrantOpportunities.asp?GMID=4>

Satcher Health Leadership Institute -Community Health Leadership Program (CHLP)



The Satcher Health Leadership Institute (SHLI) is now accepting applications for the 2021 Community Health Leadership Program (CHLP). The SHLI-CHLP is designed to close the gap between academic medicine or academic health centers and the communities of greatest need by connecting to people who are most affected by disparities. The goal is to develop and/or enhance community health leaders who are educated, motivated, and mobilized to lead community groups in changing health behavior, improving environmental health, and influencing policies to support community health. The 2021 cohort will be held **February 26 – April 16, 2021**.

The SHLI-CHLP is an **8-session** training that is held every Friday for 8 weeks. The program is focused on developing community health leaders, such as: community advocates, leaders of non-profit organizations, and faith-based representatives. The community participants partner in developing community projects that are relevant to the community needs, show evidence of sustainability, and impact health disparities. Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this program will be held virtually via video conference, details to follow.

Deadline – December 28, 2020

For more information - [Community Health Leadership Program - Satcher Health Leadership Institute \(satcherinstitute.org\)](https://satcherinstitute.org)

NEWS

Breastmilk Harbors Antibodies to SARS-CoV-2



By Ashley Yeager
November 17, 2020
The Scientist Magazine

An abundance of immunoglobulin antibodies, and a paucity of viral RNA, in breastmilk offer evidence that women can safely continue breastfeeding during the pandemic.

[Breastmilk Harbors Antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 | The Scientist Magazine® \(the-scientist.com\)](https://the-scientist.com)

EVENTS

Mental Health and Protest in the Time of Covid-19

Tuesday, December 1, 2020
11am - 12pm EST

**MENTAL HEALTH AND PROTEST
IN THE TIME OF COVID-19**
WEBINAR TUES 12.1.2020 11AM - NOON

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OPEN TO THE ENTIRE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN COMMUNITY

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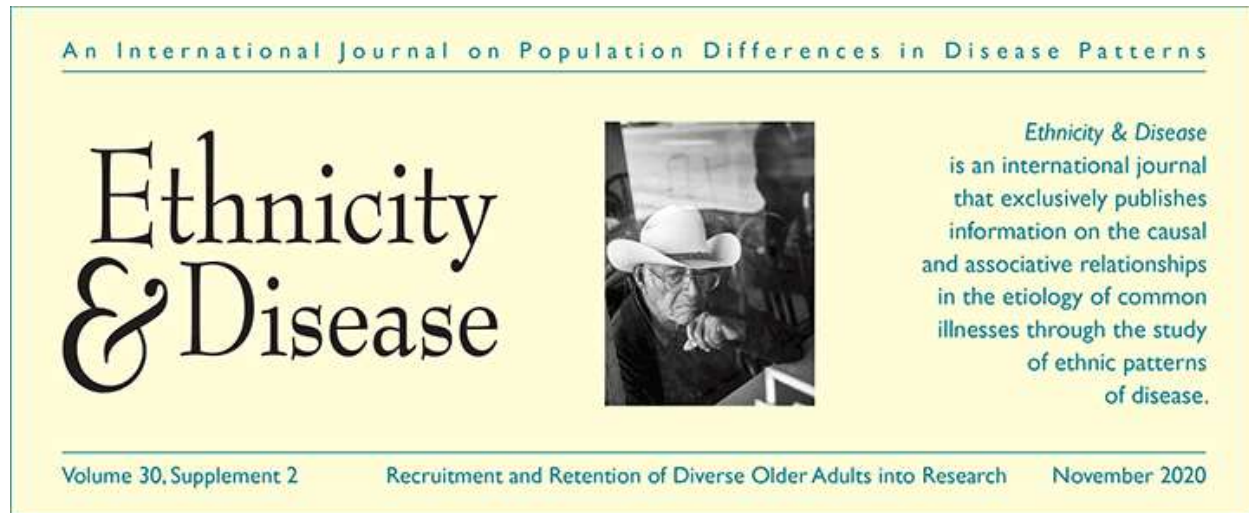
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CONGRATULATIONS!

Jamie Mitchell, Tam Perry, Vanessa Rorai, Joan Ilardo, Peter Lichtenberg, and remembering James Jackson on Your Article!!!!



Abstract

Older African Americans' participation in health-related research is severely limited; they are not involved in sufficient numbers to ensure the applicability of advancements in medical and behavioral health. This research participation gap exacerbates older African Americans' vulnerability to poor health outcomes and disparities. The Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research employs a progressive community-based participatory model that utilizes a structured community advisory board (CAB) of African American older adults in metro Detroit, Michigan to oversee the research recruitment and retention of fellow minority older adult research participants. CAB members develop and support community health programming that provides free resources to older adults and also serves as fertile ground for recruiting participants in a volunteer research registry. CAB members are also provided ongoing training on social and behavioral health research and are supported in acting as a consultancy to outside researchers where they can be compensated for their expertise and engagement. This community-engaged model of sustaining a CAB of African American older adults offers key lessons learned on building relationships and trust, valuing and leveraging community members' expertise and time, sharing decision-making, and fostering genuine community all while promoting research recruitment and retention among underserved populations.

Mitchell, J., Perry, T., Rorai, V., Ilardo, J., Lichtenberg, P. and Jackson, J. (2020). Building and sustaining a community advisory board of African American older adults as the foundation for volunteer research recruitment and retention in health sciences, *Ethn Dis.* 2020;30(Suppl 2):755-764; doi:10.18865/ed.30.S2.755