



# MCUAAAR Mondays

December 14, 2020

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Please Disseminate Attached RFA to Your Network**

It is that time of year again! Proposals are sought that support junior investigator-initiated research pilot projects that can lead to independent NIH-funded projects. Collaborative research projects that involve faculty from more than one department, school or institute are also encouraged.

We need your help in encouraging junior faculty to apply. We are opening it up to junior faculty across the country. The completed application must be received by **January 19, 2021**. It is expected applicants will be notified by March 8, 2021. More information can be found on our website - [Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research | MCUAAAR Call for Proposals](#)

### **December 16<sup>th</sup> Scientist Seminar is CANCELLED**

We will reconvene for our regular Seminar on January 20, 2021. See special presentation by Dr. Robert Taylor under Events section.

### **Meet and Write Group**

Amanda Woodward facilitates a Meet and Write group for the MSU School of Social Work that meets once a week on different days and times to provide accountability and support for an hour of focused writing and research-related work. It is a mix of faculty and doctoral students. MCUAAAR Scientists, Post-Docs, Mentoring Group Scientists, and Faculty are invited to join (or if there is sufficient interest we can consider forming a MCUAAAR-specific group). **Please let Amanda Woodward** ([awoodwar@msu.edu](mailto:awoodwar@msu.edu)) **know by 12/22** if you would like to be part of the group in Spring 2021 and she will add you to the Outlook Calendar and Slack group. Happy writing!

## NEWS

### **Sheria Robinson-Lane Quoted in USA Today Article**

**They have masks and gloves, there's more testing capacity: What nursing homes really need is more help, advocates say**

[Karen Weintraub](#)

USA TODAY

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Sheria Robinson-Lane, assistant professor of nursing, says most nursing homes have more personal protective gear available now than they did in the spring and early summer, and nursing homes have gotten better at coordination, working together to share information and strategize procuring needed supplies. "I think we're better prepared," she said. "Is it still challenging? Absolutely."

[USA Today](#)

## EVENTS

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

#### **Standards and Qualifications for Achieving Tenure and Full Professor**

Presentation by Robert Joseph Taylor

**January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 3:30- 5:00pm EST**

Zoom Link will be sent out in January

#### **Aging in Flint – Defining Current Concerns**

U-M Flint Center on Aging

**January 14, 2021, 2:00 – 5:00pm**



The Center on Aging will provide opportunities for faculty and students from different academic disciplines at the University of Michigan-Flint and other community and academic partners to work collaboratively on problems associated with aging in Flint and the region.

#### **Deadline to submit Abstracts for Poster Session is**

**January 8, 2021.** Click here for more information on submitting abstracts - [Online Survey Software | Qualtrics Survey Solutions](#). Register for Symposium here - [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

## RESOURCES

### **In Case You Missed Dr. Marvella Ford's Presentation**



In this RCMAR-CC webinar, Marvella E. Ford, PhD, discussed the current incidence and mortality rates for COVID-19 infections in the US. She also described the racial and ethnic disparities in these outcomes. South Carolina was used as a case study. The webinar concluded with a presentation of models of the social determinants of health disparities in the US and a discussion of how these factors contribute to the disparities in COVID-19 infections in the US. To view the webinar - [Dec 11 Webinar Recording on Vimeo](#)

### **Beginnings of Annotated Bibliography: Within vs Between Group Analyses**

During our November Program Meeting, in conjunction with the Mini-Training conducted by Amanda Woodward, a spirited discussion ensued regarding how to handle reviewers who question not having a white comparison group. The idea was floated to have some resources and historical background to deal with such comments. Several people suggested articles, and Briana Mezuk took a first stab at beginning an annotated bibliography on the subject. That document can be found attached and as a Google Doc here - [Annotated bibliography for MCUAAAR: within vs between group analyses - Google Docs](#). Please feel free to add to this document. Bri and Deborah met to discuss other useful resources and initiatives. Jennifer had sent actual wording of her response to a reviewer. We would like to find a way to collect more of those and share it with MCUAAAR. There are some other creative initiatives that you will hear about early next year.