



# MCUAAAR Mondays

January 11, 2021

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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](#)

### **Butler-Williams Scholars Program**

#### **NIA Office of Special Populations**

The NIA Office of Special Populations is excited to announce our plans to host the Annual Butler-Williams Scholars Program (formerly the Summer Institute on Aging Research) **August 24-26, 2021**. The NIA team is looking forward with anticipation to convening another engaging and informative 3-day meeting with scholars from across the country through a virtual platform. Presentations cover research topics including: the biology of aging; genetics and Alzheimer's disease; health, behavior, and aging; and health disparities research related to aging. Discussion sessions focus on methodological approaches and interventions. The program also includes support and consultation for the development of attendees' research interests and advice on preparing and submitting research grant applications to NIA—directly from NIA scientific review and program officers! Applications are being received now through March, 31, 2021.

For more information - [Butler-Williams Scholars Program | National Institute on Aging \(nih.gov\)](#)

## NEWS

### **“DECLINED” Can my proposal be revived?**

November 19, 2020  
Dr. Richard H. Nader

“Funding rates hover at about 20% across all federal agencies: the competition is fierce. For new faculty who are inexperienced, their chances of getting funded are more like 10-15%. This is due in part to PI inexperience with proposal writing and/or interpreting review comments and constructively utilizing feedback. However, to shelve the proposal without considering the reasons why it was rejected—and if there are subsequent opportunities to improve and resubmit it—is a mistake: the worst thing faculty can do is to never try again.”

For full article - [“DECLINED” Can my proposal be revived? - Academic Impressions](#)

## Yes, you can—and should—negotiate academic job offers

By Brandon Brown

Jun. 27, 2019 , 2:00 PM



ROBERT NEUBECKER

To read article - [Yes, you can—and should—negotiate academic job offers | Science | AAAS \(sciencemag.org\)](#)

## EVENTS

### Ageing 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](#)

### Race and Racism in our Research

RCMAR-CC Webinar

**Friday, January 15, 2021 12:00 Noon, EST**



Keith C. Norris, MD, PhD, will discuss a way forward for conducting and reporting research practices that include race/ethnicity with a sensitivity to the use of race/ethnicity as a proxy for ancestral gene polymorphism vs. a marker of society and the historic and contemporary role of racism and societal inequities on health to move toward justice and elimination of ubiquitous influence of racism in how we conduct and interpret our research. Dr. Norris is an internationally recognized clinician scientist and health policy leader who has been instrumental in shaping national health policy and clinical practice guidelines for chronic kidney disease (CKD). He has made major contributions to diversity, equity and inclusion while addressing disparities in contemporary society.

To register - [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

## Community Engaged Research: Reflections on MLK's Legacy

ISR MLK Day Event: Dr. Breanca Merritt

**Wednesday, January 20; 2 – 3 p.m.**

Breanca Merritt is a Diversity Scholar at the University of Michigan and founding director of the Center for Research on Inclusion and Social Policy (CRISP) and clinical assistant professor in the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. In this role, she and her team produce and disseminate research to lay audiences about complex social issues and inequitable outcomes through policy briefs and multidisciplinary research experiences for students with community organizations. Her applied, community-engaged research analyzes local trends and evaluates programs related to social service provision, equitable access and experiences, and systemic sources of poverty. Her academic work assesses how legislation and organizational practices contribute to disparate outcomes, especially for racial/ethnic minorities. Topics addressed by these projects include housing and homelessness, family financial stability, and criminal justice, among others. **Zoom link:** <https://umich.zoom.us/j/91449183213>

## RESOURCES

### Survey helps older adults assess their vulnerability to scams

Market Place Morning Report

*By David Brancaccio and Rose Conlon*

New research suggests that certain risk factors can help indicate which older Americans are most at risk of falling victim to financial scams. In a national study, **Peter Lichtenberg**, director of the Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University, found that our physical and mental health as well as the health of our relationships are important predictors when it comes to our self-reported feelings of our own financial vulnerability. “Financial health is one part of health along with physical, mental and functional health,” said Lichtenberg. The research comes at a time when scams are proliferating due to the pandemic, and many Americans’ personal finances have become more strained. “The Federal Trade Commission is seeing an uptick in complaints. First it was, ‘here’s some testing if you can’t get access to it, here’s some cleaning supplies if you can’t get access to those,’ and now it’s going to be, ‘here’s some vaccine if you can’t get access to that,’” said Lichtenberg. “People should really be on the lookout if they get solicited for those kinds of things from people they don’t know or somebody they can’t trace back to.” Listen here - <https://www.marketplace.org/2020/12/30/survey-helps-older-adults-assess-their-vulnerability-to-scams/>

### Resource as Follow-up to Effective Teams Mini-Training in June 2020

#### Jumpstart Your Research Team: Establishing Expectations and Norms to Ensure Success

The Research Centers Collaborative Network of the National Institute on Aging, NIH, held a webinar on January 25, 2019. Moderated by Jay Magaziner, PhD, MSHyg, the webinar featured a presentation by Holly H Brewer, PhD on best practices for establishing a firm foundation for success in your research teams. The webinar is produced by the Research Centers Collaborative Network, whose goal is bring together scientists from the 6 NIA Centers programs to foster cross-center collaborations around issues important to the health and well-being of older adults. The RCCN is co-managed by the American Federation for Aging Research and Wake Forest School of Medicine.



**View webinar here - [Webinar | Jumpstart Your Research Team: Establishing Expectations and Norms to Ensure Success - YouTube](#)**

## **UPCOMING MCUAAAR EVENTS**

<b>January Program Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 9:00 – 11:00</b>
<b>Deadline for MCUAAAR Junior Faculty RFA</b>	<b>Tuesday, January 19, 2021</b>
<b>Next Scientist Seminar</b>	<b>Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 10:00 – 11:00am</b> <b>Using Your Research to Change the World: And Getting Credit for It Too</b>  To prepare for the discussion, please read: Nerlinger AL, Shah AN, Beck AF, Beers LS, Wong SL, Chamberlain LJ, Keller D. The Advocacy Portfolio: A Standardized Tool for Documenting Physician Advocacy. Acad Med. 2018 Jun;93(6):860-868. doi: 10.1097/ACM.0000000000002122. PMID: 29298182.  <b>Join Zoom Meeting</b> <a href="https://umich.zoom.us/j/93128883086">https://umich.zoom.us/j/93128883086</a>  Meeting ID: 931 2888 3086 Passcode: 984229