



# MCUAAAR Mondays

February 22, 2021

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### 2021 RCMAR Annual Meeting

**Please register for the RCMAR Annual Meeting, March 29 – April 2** at (<https://rcmarweek2021.eventbrite.com>). This annual meeting will include a few hours of both live and asynchronous sessions each day over the week.

Registration for the annual meeting will include the following sessions:

- a live panel presentation on the Legacy of Dr. James Jackson (March 29)
- information and open discussion about the NIH Review Process for RCMAR Scientists (April 1)
- live panel discussion with RCMAR Advisory Board members and keynote presentation (April 2)

Separate registration is required for the following sessions:

- **Twitter Poster Session: March 29 from noon – 1 pm EST / 9-10 am PST** using the hashtag #RCMARPosters. In this Twitter Poster session, everyone can follow the presentations, ask questions and take part in the discussions. **Dr. Rodlescia Sneed (2019 MCUAAAR Scientist) is presenting.**
- **Works in Progress Session March 31 from 11 am - 12:30 pm ET / 8-9:30 am PT** Scientists present their unpublished work to a small group of faculty and peers who provide them with feedback. **Drs. Samuele Zilioli and Jennifer Gomez (2020 MCUAAAR Scientists) are presenting.**
- **Closed meeting with NIA and Scientists April 1 from 11 am - 1pm ET / 8 am - 10 am PT:** Scientists meet and ask questions from NIA officials
- **Completed Works Component – Dr. Sheria Robinson-Lane (2017 MCUAAAR Scientist)** will post presentation on YouTube and RCMAR faculty will comment.

This online meeting is no cost to attend. Registration is required for the annual meeting along with optional sessions listed above. If you are a faculty reviewer for one of the listed activities, we ask you register for the annual meeting. **The deadline** for [registering for the annual meeting](#) is **Monday, March 22**; however, early registration is encouraged. Zoom connection information will be sent closer to the meeting date.



**REMINDER: Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Abstracts Due March 11<sup>th</sup>**

For more information - [Call for Abstracts \(geron.org\)](http://geron.org)

**Pre-Conference Workshop Applications are also due March 11<sup>th</sup>**

## We Held the MCUAAAR National Advisory Panel Meeting



**Tamara Baker, PhD**  
University of NC at  
Chapel Hill



**Martha Crowther, PhD, MPH**  
University of Alabama



**Marvella Ford, PhD**  
University of South  
Carolina



**Roland Thorpe, PhD**  
Johns Hopkins University

The members of our National Advisory Panel are shown above. We had a very productive meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2021. Dr. Robert Taylor gave an overview of the transition, which was previously planned, after the passing of Dr. James Jackson. He also summarized the accomplishments and highlights of the first two years of MCUAAAR5, the REC, and the AnC. Dr. Peter Lichtenberg gave the overview of the CLRC and the innovative work they have undertaken in Detroit and now in Flint with the ROAR grant. The NAP was particularly fascinated by the “Party Line” initiative publicized as “A Social Group for Older Detroiters”. It is a virtual social group for anyone feeling isolated. Hosted by the Healthier Black Elders Center at Wayne State University and MCUAAAR, the Party Line is held on Zoom every Tuesday from 1-2pm. The NAP was extremely insightful in helping us think through several issues and planning future directions.

The Party Line is a free series is held on Zoom - attendees can call or log in to join.

- Join via computer: <https://bit.ly/hbecparty>
- Call in: 1-646-876-9923
- Meeting ID: 438 691 8233



## [OPPORTUNITIES](#)

### **The Butler-Williams (B-W) Scholars Program**

Blog by Patricia Jones, Director, Office of Special Populations

Are you an early-stage investigator hoping to establish a career in aging research or a junior faculty member who wants to better understand and address health disparities in the field? If you answered “yes” to either of these questions, then you can combine these interests by applying to the 2021 NIA Butler-Williams Scholars Program!

The Butler-Williams Scholars Program is a unique opportunity for early-career scientists to build a national network in the field of aging research; learn more about NIA science and its funding opportunities; and sharpen grant writing skills. [Read the full blog post.](#)

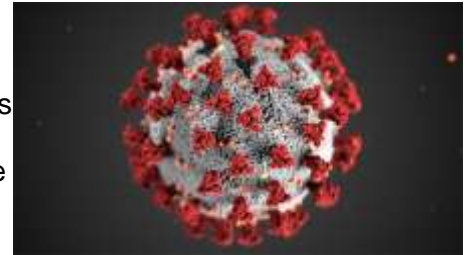
## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### NIH to publish new COVID-19 funding opportunities

“NIH plans to publish Research Opportunity Announcements (ROAs) as part of its new Post-Acute Sequelae of SARS-CoV-2 Infection (PASC) initiative. The agency will solicit proposals for research that will improve understanding of and contribute to strategies to prevent and treat post-acute manifestations of SARS-CoV-2 infection across the lifespan.

Projects will be funded using a mechanism that offers flexibility and the ability to engage partners in collaborative innovation and problem solving. The initial ROAs are expected to be published by mid-February 2021 and awards made in early March. We will issue broad notification to the community when the ROAs are published.” In the meantime, more information about these ROAs can be found

at <https://covid19.nih.gov/sites/default/files/2021-02/PASC-Pre-Notice.pdf>. Information at the link should be helpful as you begin to prepare a proposal. You may direct any questions about these funding opportunities to [NHLBI\\_OTA@mail.nih.gov](mailto:NHLBI_OTA@mail.nih.gov).

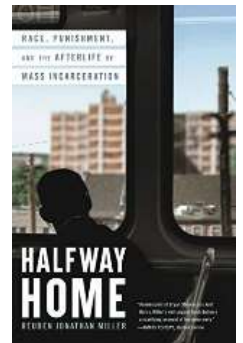


## CONGRATULATIONS!

### Dr. Reuban Miller (2014 MUAAR Scientist) on New Book and NY Times Review!!



Reuben Jonathan Miller, PhD is an Assistant Professor in the University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice. His research examines life at the intersections of race, poverty, crime control, and social welfare policy. His new book, *Halfway Home: Race, Punishment and the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration*, is based on 15 years of research and practice with currently and formerly incarcerated men, women, their families, partners, and friends. The New York Times review can be found here - <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/03/books/review-halfway-home-mass-incarceration-reuben-jonathan-miller.html>



## EVENTS

### REMINDER

#### Risk and Protective Factors for Cognitive Decline and Dementia in Older African Americans

2021 Leon and Josephine Winkelman Memorial Virtual Lecture

Dr. Lisa L. Barnes, The Alla V. and Solomon Jesmer Professor of Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine, Department of Neurological Sciences, Rush Medical College, Neuropsychologist, Rush Medical Center

**Lecture, Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 4:30- 5:30pm**

**Panel Discussion, Wednesday, 24, 2021, 4:30 – 5:30pm**



**Additional details and Zoom information** – please contact [ssw.development@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.development@umich.edu)

## Dr. James S. Jackson Seminar on Health Equity and Alzheimer's Disease

Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 5:00 – 6:30pm



Older Black/African-Americans are about twice as likely to have Alzheimer's or other dementias as older whites, and Hispanic/Latinos are about one and one-half times as likely to have Alzheimer's or other dementias as older whites. Health equity can be achieved when people have resources to protect their health and well-being. However, social determinants of health can lead to differences in the access of quality of care, access to treatment, and higher rates of disease and death for these and other populations. Join us as we talk with some of the nation's leading scientists and experts as they discuss the latest in health equity research. **To register** - [https://alz-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_8uleTc6pQsWKijsS7VvJJw](https://alz-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8uleTc6pQsWKijsS7VvJJw)

## NIH Repays Your Student Loans: An In-Depth Overview of the NIH Loan Repayment Programs

March 19, 2021



On March 19th, Dr. Ericka Boone, the Division of Loan Repayment Director, will present an in-depth overview of the NIH Loan Repayment Program. The NIH Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) are a set of programs established by Congress designed to recruit and retain highly qualified health professionals into biomedical or biobehavioral research centers. The NIH LRPs pay up to \$50,000 annually of qualified educational debt in return for a commitment to engage in NIH mission-relevant research. Applicants must hold an M.D., Ph.D., Psy.D., Pharm.D, D.O., D.D.S., D.M.D. D.P.M, D.C., N.D., O.D., D.V.M, or equivalent doctoral-level degree (except for the Contraception & Infertility Research LRP). The NIH LRPs will accept applications from September 1- November 15. Don't miss your opportunity to learn how you could receive up to \$100,000 in educational debt relief! For more information, visit the NIH LRP website at <http://www.lrp.nih.gov>. [Register for the Webinar](#)

## Inclusion and Retention of Older Adults in Behavioral Medicine Clinical Trials: Why and How

Monday, April 12, 2021, 11:00 to 1:30 EST

In this pre-conference course, NIA program officials will provide important information about NIH's Inclusion Across the Lifespan Policy, focusing on inclusion of older adults in clinical research. Next, established researchers will share helpful strategies from their own research with older adults, including older family

dementia caregivers, Latinos, African Americans, and Veterans, followed by open Q&A and discussion. The course is targeted toward students, postdoctoral fellows, and new and established investigators interested in learning effective strategies for recruitment and retention of diverse populations of older adults in behavioral medicine research. Dr. Jonathan King and Dr. Lisa Onken from the NIA will be at this workshop. **Open to all – members and nonmembers of SBM. For more information, see attached flyer and to register - <https://sbm2021.expotracker.net/home.aspx>**

