



MCUAAAR Mondays

February 8, 2021

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Research to Address Vaccine Hesitancy, Uptake, and Implementation among Populations that Experience Health Disparities

[NOT-MD-21-008](#), R01. Note that this is not specific to aging populations, but they are an appropriate population focus. Research is needed to understand and address misinformation, distrust, and hesitancy regarding vaccines (e.g., SARS-CoV-2, pneumococcal, influenza, hepatitis B, human papilloma virus (HPV), and herpes zoster) among adults in the United States and territories, especially in populations at increased risk for morbidity and mortality due to long-standing systemic health and social inequities and chronic medical conditions. The purpose of this NOSI is to solicit community-engaged research to: 1) evaluate intervention strategies (e.g., expand reach, access) to facilitate vaccination uptake in clinical and community contexts; and 2) address the barriers to increasing reach, access, and uptake of vaccinations among health disparity populations at high risk and likely to experience vaccine hesitancy.

First Available Due Date: February 05, 2021

Expiration Date: January 08, 2022

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY



Research in Implementation Science for Equity (RISE) is an all-expenses-paid training opportunity for junior faculty who are underrepresented in the biomedical sciences. RISE is designed to train competitive scientists and enhance the diversity of the biomedical research workforce. The program involves a two-week RISE Summer Institute, focused on implementation science and career mentoring, which is hosted by UCSF's Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in partnership with the Center for Vulnerable Populations in July in San Francisco. RISE

Scholars also complete a second institute the following summer. The RISE Summer Institute's goal is to provide methodological training on Implementation Science (ImS), a set of methodologies that aligns well with research priorities of NHLBI (National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute) and will enhance the ability of scholars underrepresented in biomedical sciences to conduct innovative research and compete successfully for NIH resources. Implementation Science (ImS), is a branch of research that focuses on "use of strategies to adopt and integrate evidence-based health interventions and change practice patterns within specific settings". ImS holds particular promise as a mechanism to address the disproportionate burden of cardiovascular and pulmonary diseases in minority communities and the challenges in treatments of these conditions.

Click here for more details about the [program](#) and [how to apply](#).

EVENTS

To Race with the World: John Henryism and the Health of Black Americans Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 10 – 11 a.m. ET



NIMHD Division of Intramural Research
Health Disparities Interest Group

Sherman James, Ph.D.
Susan B. King Distinguished Professor Emeritus
Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University

"To Race with the World: John Henryism and the Health of
Black Americans"

Tuesday, February 9, 2021
10 – 11 a.m. ET
WebEx Event



Few expressions of late 19th century Black folk culture better capture what this “race with the world” looks like than the legend of John Henry. Challenged by his White supervisor to race against a machine in an epic steel-driving contest, John Henry beat the machine but then dropped dead from complete exhaustion. The legend of John Henry gave rise to the concept of *John Henryism* defined as “repeated, high-effort coping with difficult social and economic stressors,” and by extension, to the *John Henryism hypothesis* which posits that, over time, such

high-effort coping accelerates aging of the cardiovascular system, one key manifestation of which among Black Americans is the earlier onset - compared to White Americans - of high blood pressure. Dr. James will critically review findings from major tests of the hypothesis and comment on future research needs. The lecture will conclude with a discussion of how *John Henryism* research can inform national social and economic policies that include the reduction of racial health inequities.

Location: WebEx Event

<https://nih.webex.com/mw3300/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=nih&service=6>

*** Registration is required***

Event number: 182 874 0052

Event password: NIMHD

To register: Click the link above, enter the event number when prompted, scroll to the bottom of the page and click “register”, and finally enter your information on the registration page.

Some Old Black Man (Encore UMS Digital Presentation)

On Demand Play - Mon March 1 – Fri March 12



In *Some Old Black Man*, Calvin Jones (Wendell Pierce), a hip, coolly intellectual African-American college professor, moves his 82-year-old ailing but doggedly independent father, Donald Jones (Charlie Robinson), from Greenwald, Mississippi into his Harlem penthouse. The play begins with an argument over what to eat for breakfast, then turns into a generational clash over race, opportunity, and a decision that Calvin made years ago. Donald’s grumpiness is peppered with disturbing outbursts, revealing bits of his

past, informed by growing up Black and poor in the South. Donald is wary that he isn’t seen by his gifted, accomplished son as being good enough, and Calvin resents Donald as being a self-righteous, relentlessly tough parent. Father-son strife escalates when their generational conflict is lensed through civil rights. *Some Old Black Man* frames racial prejudice with a bold probity rarely confronted and dramatized.

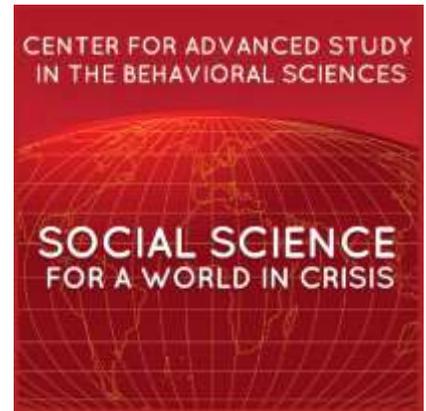
Free with registration: <https://ums.org/performance/some-old-black-man-ums-digital-presentation/>

Stanford University CASBS Social Science for a World in Crisis Episode 13: "America's Black-White Divide: Looking Back, Looking Around, Looking Forward"

Lawrence Bobo, Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and Claude Steele in
conversation with Margaret Levi

March 18, 2021, 1pm PST | 4pm EST

Details and registration **COMING SOON!** Check back at
<https://casbs.stanford.edu/social-science-world-crisis>



**Khari Brown discussing his path to securing a book contract and when
might be the best time for you to do so.**

Friday, March 26 at 2pm EST

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://wayne-edu.zoom.us/j/91921874510?pwd=ME5UQ3RBZzFoUWJWUkVDazd5QkJEUT09>

Meeting ID: 919 2187 4510

Passcode: 696041

RESOURCES

ISR MLK Day 2021: Community Engaged Research: Reflections on MLK's Legacy

Dr. 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. Dr. Merritt's work aims to inform both local stakeholders and academic audiences. 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. <https://www.in.gov/fssa/thehub/4602.htm>
Her presentation on Community Engaged Research - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NP6St-aEZbw>

**Stanford University CASBS Social Science for a World in Crisis Episode:
*What Institutional Courage Looks Like,***

with Drs. Estelle Freedman, Jennifer Freyd, Carolyn Warner, and **Jennifer Gómez** (2020 MCUAAR Scientist)



~200 attendees for the live version.

If you missed it but want to see it, it's free in episode form here: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLp9aROf1B30_aAul3zTraofz5NzifXo32

MCUAAAR EVENTS

Upcoming Events/Deadlines	
Next Scientist Seminar	<p>Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 10:00 – 11:00am</p> <p>R Studio: The Sequel</p> <p>If you are new to R and GitHub, please review Wassim’s May 2020 Scientist Seminar here https://mcuaaar.org/resources/scientist-seminars/. It would be very helpful if you download R, RStudio on your machine, and establish a GitHub account. Please come with specific questions about data and code obstacles (download, management, storage, analyses, replication) based on projects that you (your labs) are working on.</p>