



## MCUAAAR Mondays

March 1, 2021

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS



**REMINDER** - The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) will host the **Health Disparities Research Institute (HDRI)** virtually **August 9-13, 2021**.

**Open Application Cycle:** Monday, February 1, 2021, 9:00 a.m. ET to **Monday, March 8, 2021, 5:00 p.m. ET**.

For more information -

[https://www.nimhd.nih.gov/programs/edu-training/hd-research-](https://www.nimhd.nih.gov/programs/edu-training/hd-research-institute/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

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### NEWS



#### **UNITE to End Structural Racism in Biomedical Research**

Richard J. Hodes, Director, NIA

On behalf of the National Institute on Aging, I stand with [NIH Director Dr. Francis S. Collins](#) in strong support of UNITE, a new initiative to end structural racism in biomedical research at NIH, in our grantee institutions, and beyond.

While NIA has long been committed to overcoming health disparities in the research we conduct and support, and has been dedicated to a diverse aging research workforce, we fully recognize that a more significant organizational effort is needed to achieve and sustain lasting and meaningful changes.

As the UNITE initiative moves forward, NIH issued a [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) today to gather input from public and stakeholder organizations. **The RFI is open through April 9, 2021**, and responses to it will be made publicly available. You can learn more about NIH's efforts, actions, policies, and procedures via the newly launched [NIH webpage on Ending Structural Racism](#) aimed at increasing transparency on this crucial issue.

Please join NIA in our heartfelt and significant efforts to UNITE, and [read my full statement on NIA's commitment](#).

## EVENTS

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### **Examining and Addressing COVID-19 Racial Disparities in Detroit**

**Tuesday, March 2, 2021 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST**

COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted Black communities. In fact, Black Americans are 2.3 times more likely than white Americans to die from the virus. Black residents of Detroit, Mich., have been hit especially hard. In Detroit, Black people represent 76% of known COVID-19 diagnoses by race and 87% of deaths. Considering the sizable percentage of missing data, the Black community may have suffered even more.

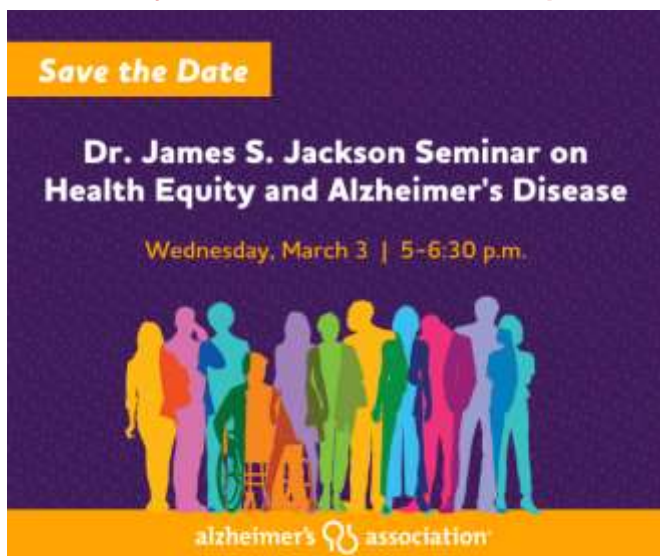
In a forthcoming paper entitled "Examining and addressing COVID-19 racial disparities in Detroit," Brookings Rubenstein Fellow Rashawn Ray, Jane Fran Morgan, Lydia Wileden, Samantha Elizondo, and Destiny Wiley-Yancy address the staggeringly large racial gap in COVID-19 infections in the city. The research finds that in addition to being disproportionately more likely to contract and die from COVID-19, Black residents in Detroit also experience financial, employment, and housing stressors, all of which have been exacerbated by the pandemic.

On March 2, the Race, Prosperity, and Inclusion Initiative at Brookings will host a webinar to discuss COVID-19 racial disparities in Detroit and the findings of the paper. Speakers will discuss the structural conditions contributing to the racial gap in COVID-19 infections among Black and other communities of color and policy recommendations to address these inequalities.

**To Register** - <https://connect.brookings.edu/register-to-watch-covid-19-racial-disparities-in-detroit>

### **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. The COVID-19 pandemic and its subsequent vaccine rollout have shined an even brighter light on the need for more work to be done across the public health spectrum. Join us as we talk with some of the nation's leading scientists and experts as they discuss the latest in health equity research focused on Alzheimer's and other dementia. Alzheimer's

Association Interim Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer/Vice President for Scientific Engagement, Carl V. Hill, Ph.D., MPH, will speak and moderate. **To register** - [https://alz-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_8uleTc6pQsWKijsS7VvJJw](https://alz-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8uleTc6pQsWKijsS7VvJJw)



### Social Media as a Tool for Career Development

**Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 1-2pm ET (10-11am PT)**

Social media is used by scientists in many ways including networking with colleagues as well as sharing information and publications to advance research. The RCCN and partner organizations have developed this webinar to help researchers get the most out of social media.

The goals of the webinar are to provide useful information on:

1. Considering the tradeoffs of engaging in social media for professional reasons
2. How to use social media to advance your research and your career
3. How social media success can be used to expand the reach of your work and build your national profile
4. How to understand social media metrics
5. How to build an audience

This webinar is being organized by the RCCN in partnership with the AGING Initiative, RCMAR Coordinating Center, OAIC Early Career Faculty Group, US Deprescribing Network, Nathan Shock Centers Coordinating Center and Clin-STAR Coordinating Center.

To register - [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_0W9Ln6-ERlaQDWKQj9JYlw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0W9Ln6-ERlaQDWKQj9JYlw)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>MCCFAD Research Scientist Seminar</b>	<b>Tuesday, March 2, 10:00 - 11:30am.</b> Following progress updates, at about 10:30am, Dr. Mayeda will present "Toward Health Equity in Brain Aging: Nontraditional Data Sources and Innovative Tools".  Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://umich.zoom.us/j/91747533322">https://umich.zoom.us/j/91747533322</a> Meeting ID: 917 4753 3322 Passcode: 085130
<b>Next MCUAAAR Program Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 10, 9:00 – 11:00am</b>
<b>Next MCUAAAR Scientist Seminar</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 17, 10:00 – 11:00am</b>  On Racism: A New Standard for Publishing on Racial Health Inequities <a href="https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hblog20200630.939347/full/">https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hblog20200630.939347/full/</a>