



# MCUAAAR Mondays

March 29, 2021

To reduce the number of messages sent out to the MCUAAAR 5 Listserv, if you send me the kind of information found below, I will compile it and send it out on "MCUAAAR Mondays"

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### **New NIH RFA on Structural Racism and Discrimination Released**

This initiative will support (1) observational research to understand the role of structural racism and discrimination (SRD) in causing and sustaining health disparities, and (2) intervention research that addresses SRD in order to improve minority health or reduce health disparities.

**Letter of Intent Due July 20, 2021**

For more information - <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-21-004.html>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **2021 RCMAR Annual Meeting**

Session materials and speaker bios for RCMAR Week can be found here:  
Google Drive:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/12krnINM4ROpSEKSzxxH\\_hobUkVwQkyMI](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/12krnINM4ROpSEKSzxxH_hobUkVwQkyMI)

See posters here: [https://mobile.twitter.com/search?q=%23RCMARposters&src=recent\\_search\\_click](https://mobile.twitter.com/search?q=%23RCMARposters&src=recent_search_click)

## NEWS

### **The Party Line Featured Nationally in the Social Work Grand Challenges Newsletter!!!**



### **Students Lead Virtual Social Isolation Prevention Group**

With support from Wayne State University (WSU) School of Social Work Associate Professor **Tam Perry, PhD**, and the WSU Healthier Black Elders Center, two MSW interns—**Sarah Whitney** and **Hannah Gianfermi**—are working to create more personal connections for older adults in Detroit through The Party Line. [The Party Line](#) is a student-led virtual social isolation group aimed at eradicating social isolation and harnessing technology for social good through the use of weekly telephone and video conferencing group meetings. [Learn more](#) about this real-world, hands-on student research occurring in the heart of Detroit.

For complete Newsletter - <https://mailchi.mp/ssw/the-latest-news-from-gcsw-84wy1byq07-8465341?e=3d89a1583e>

## Data Management and Sharing Requirements: Tips and Tricks to Plan Ahead

Akanni Clarke, Health Specialist, and Grayson Donley, Health Specialist, Division of Neuroscience, NIA

Starting in early 2023, all NIH-supported research that generates scientific data will be required to include a Data Management and Sharing Plan. NIA is setting a high standard for data and resource sharing, since we believe that open science is imperative for rigorous and reproducible research, innovation, and accelerated progress. But you don't need to wait to embrace data sharing principles! Getting in the habit early will benefit the advancement of science overall. As this new policy gets closer to NIH-wide implementation, here are some tips to help you get ready. [Read the full blog post.](#)

## EVENTS



### Speaking Out against Anti-Asian Racism and Violence against Older Adults

**Thursday, April 1 from 2 pm to 3:30 pm.**

Join us for an event examining anti-Asian racism and violence against older adults. We are inviting gerontological scholars and allies to have a discussion on ways to address anti-Asian racism in order to contribute to individual and structural change through research, teaching and social justice advocacy. We emphasize the need to examine shared concerns of minority older adults

who are disproportionately impacted by racism and acts of oppression through an intersection of race, age, gender, immigration status and social class.

*This event is co-sponsored by the Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGESW), Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR), and Asian Pacific Islander Social Work Educator Association (APISWEA).*

For further questions about the event, please contact AGESW president, Dr. Tam Perry ([teperry@wayne.edu](mailto:teperry@wayne.edu)).

**To register** - <https://events.wayne.edu/2021/04/01/speaking-out-against-anti-asian-racism-and-violence-against-older-adults-88999/>

### Tools for Understanding Contextual Factors that Affect the Health of Diverse Older Adults

**April 23, 2021, 12pm ET**

**RCMAR Webinar**

The NIA Health Disparities Research Framework outlines four key levels of analysis related to disparities research. Included in these are environmental and sociocultural factors. On April 23rd at 9 AM PT/12 PM ET, this webinar will showcase two tools researchers can use for understanding contextual factors that affect the health of diverse older adults.

**Register here:** [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

## Save the Date!

June 7-10, 2021



Organizers are seeking strategies for advancing health equity:

- Practical solutions
- Actual case studies of successful local initiatives
- New innovative approaches

Submit your Speaker/Presentation Proposals **here** - <https://www.ehcca.com/proposals/presentations/?id=84>  
**Due by Friday 4/9** For more information - [Health Equity Summit](#)

## RESOURCES

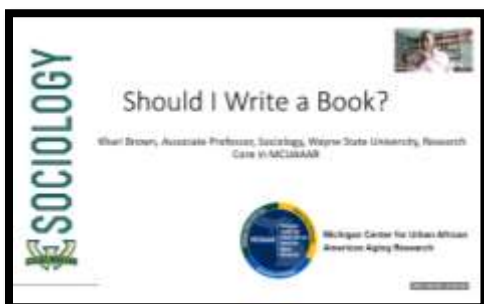
### James S. Jackson's Continuing Legacy and Contributions to Social and Behavioral Research on Black Americans

This webinar was held Wednesday, March 24, 2021, and was part of a continuing series focusing on the research happening at ISR. Robert Taylor, Belinda Tucker, and Phillip Bowman discussed the continuing legacy and contributions of James S. Jackson.

**Recording** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJR-TCIn02E>



### Should I Write a Book?

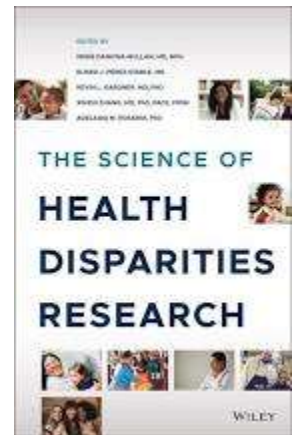


Dr. R. Khari Brown's talk was held March 26, 2021. Dr. Brown is an Associate Professor of Sociology at Wayne State University, and is a leading expert of religion and American politics. In this training workshop, he discussed his thought processes in the decision to co-author the book, *Faith without works is dead: Race and the power of sermons on American politics*, with Drs. Ron Brown and James S. Jackson, published by The University of Michigan Press. He explored various reasons for writing a book; utilitarian reasons (for tenure or promotion), to do good, and as a means to tie his work together. He also gave an overview of the process involved in writing a book.

**Link to the recording** – [Khari Brown book talk - Zoom](#)

## Just Released: The Science of Health Disparities Research Textbook

NIMHD is pleased to announce the release of a new textbook titled *The Science of Health Disparities Research*, edited by Irene Dankwa-Mullan, M.D., M.P.H.; Eliseo J. Pérez-Stable, M.D.; Kevin Gardner, M.D., Ph.D.; Xinzhi Zhang, M.D., Ph.D., FACE, FRSM; and Adelaida M. Rosario, Ph.D.



Building upon the advances in health disparities research over the past decade, this authoritative volume can inform policies and practices addressing the diseases, disorders and gaps in health outcomes that are more prevalent in minority populations and socially disadvantaged communities. In 26 chapters, the textbook describes how using an interdisciplinary approach can reduce inequities in population health studies, the importance of adding community engagement to the research process, and the ways that rigorous research can promote social justice.

*The Science of Health Disparities Research* is an essential resource for trainees and clinical researchers in health services, behavioral science, population science, public health and basic science as it intersects with clinical studies; health care policymakers and epidemiologists; and those working with minority, vulnerable, or underserved populations.

For more information: [The Science of Health Disparities Research \(nih.gov\)](https://www.nih.gov)

## In Conversation: Arts & Healing, Michigan Opera Theatre (MOT)



**Dr. Jennifer M. Gómez (2021 MCUAAR Scientist)** worked with a group of artists and scholars for a 2-part panel on Arts and Healing.

The panelists include:

**Dr. Jessica López-Lyman:** professor in Chicano Studies, artist, Xicana feminist, U Minnesota  
**Mr. Brooklyn Mack,** international principal guest artist, currently with English National Ballet  
**Dr. Sara Ramírez:** Chicana/o/x feminist scholar, assistant professor in English, Texas State University

**Dr. Jennifer M. Gómez:** trauma psychologist, researcher, assistant professor, Wayne State University/Center for Institutional Courage; former ballerina w/Dance Theatre of Harlem  
**Moderator Andrea Scobie,** MOT Director of Education

Each panel is ~40 min

**Part 1:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Tq\\_JvvM\\_Yg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Tq_JvvM_Yg)

**Part 2:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f\\_aX0-AWMJU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_aX0-AWMJU)