



MCUAAAR Mondays

April 5, 2021

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IN MEMORIAM



Steven P. Wallace, PhD (1957-2021)

MCUAAAR is deeply saddened and shocked by RCMAR Coordinating Center Director Dr. Steve Wallace's sudden passing on Tuesday, March 30, 2021, in Los Angeles. Dr. Wallace opened the RCMAR Annual Meeting the day before, moderating a panel celebrating Dr. James S. Jackson's life and legacy. Dr. Wallace was the RCMAR Coordinating Center Director since 2002 and a national leader in the areas of minority aging research. We send our heartfelt sympathy to his family, friends, and coworkers.

NEWS

Why we need a more precise understanding of vaccine hesitation

In a Q&A, **Charles Senteio (2016 MCUAAAR Scientist)** discusses Covid-19 vaccine hesitancy among Black Americans and the "tsunami of inequity" accelerated by the pandemic.

Peter Dizikes | MIT News Office
Publication Date: April 1, 2021

"I've probably had more conversations about health equity in the past year than I've had in the previous decade," says Charles Senteio, a public health scholar who is one of MIT's 2020-21 MLK Visiting Professors.

<https://news.mit.edu/2021/vaccine-hesitation-black-0401>



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Just Released!!! NIH Minority Health and Health Disparities Strategic Plan 2021-2025



The plan's goals for advancing minority health and health disparities research are in three categories:

1. Scientific Research, such as advancing the understanding of the causes of health disparities.
2. Research-Sustaining Activities, such as strengthening the national research capacity to address minority health and health disparities, especially in minority-serving institutions.
3. Outreach, Collaboration, and Dissemination, such

as cultivating and expanding the community of researchers and advocates in the area of minority health and health disparities.

This strategic plan was developed through comprehensive engagement across NIH Institutes, Offices, and Centers and externally with experts and communities impacted by health disparities. NIH's 27 Institutes and Centers contribute to science and support training, workforce development, capacity building, and other activities that advance the field. This strategic plan demonstrates the commitment of all of NIH to improving minority health and reducing health disparities. **Link to the Plan** - <https://nimhd.nih.gov/docs/nimhd-strategic-plan-2021-2025.pdf>

EVENTS



MCCFAD Research Scientist Seminar

Tuesday, April 6th, 10:35 – 11:30am ET

Presentation - "Factors Influencing Interest and Engagement in Alzheimer's Disease Biomarker Disclosure among Diagnostically and Racially Diverse Older Adults"

By: Dr. Annalise Rahman-Filipiak

Join Zoom Meeting <https://umich.zoom.us/j/91747533322> Meeting ID: 917 4753 3322 Passcode: 085130

UPCOMING MCUAAAR EVENTS

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| Next Party Line | Every Tuesday, 1:00 – 2:00 pm https://bit.ly/hbecparty |
| Next MCUAAAR Program Meeting | Wednesday, April 14th 9:00 – 11:00am |