



MCUAAAR Mondays

October 4, 2021

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NEWS

'Health equity tourists': How white scholars are colonizing research on health disparities

By Usha Lee McFarling

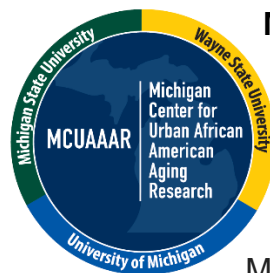
September 23, 2021

"Fueled by the massive health disparities exposed by the coronavirus pandemic and the racial reckoning that followed the murder of George Floyd, health equity research is now in vogue. Journals are clamoring for it, the media is covering it, and the National Institutes of Health, after [publicly apologizing](#) for giving the field short shrift, recently announced it would unleash nearly \$100 million for research on the topic.

This would seem to be great news. But a STAT investigation shows a disturbing trend: a gold rush mentality where researchers with little or no background or training in health equity research, often white and already well-funded, are rushing in to scoop up grants and publish papers. STAT has documented dozens of cases where white researchers are building on the work of, or picking the brains of, Black and brown researchers without citing them or offering to include them on grants or as co-authors."

Link to full article - <https://www.statnews.com/2021/09/23/health-equity-tourists-white-scholars-colonizing-health-disparities-research/>

EVENTS



MCCFAD and MCUAAAR Joint Orientation and Symposium

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

10:00am – 12:30pm EDT

We are excited about our very first MCUAAAR/MCCFAD Mini-Symposium!!! We will kick off the symposium with introductions by current Research Scientists from both Centers, who will briefly share with us the personal journey that led them to their current research. Following that we will join breakout sessions, MCUAAAR Scientists will join MCCFAD faculty and MCCFAD Scientists will join MCUAAAR faculty for a brief center overview. Presentations by MCUAAAR and MCCFAD scientists and faculty will follow that in a joint plenary session.

Zoom Meeting link:

<https://umich.zoom.us/j/97578446010?pwd=WURKSzJWM1F6SmYvZU9GK3lOZzIVdz09>

Meeting ID: 975 7844 6010 **Passcode:** 833241

Aging in Context: NACDA and ICPSR support for gerontological research and emerging opportunities for geographic/spatial analysis

Dr. James McNally, Director of NACDA Program on Aging and Associate Research Scientist at the Institute for Social Research (ISR) at the University of Michigan

A Network on Life Course Health Dynamics & Disparities (NLCHDD) Seminar

October 8, 2021, 1:30 – 3:30pm EDT



Initially funded in 1978, the mission of the NACDA Program on Aging is to represent a critical resource in identifying, obtaining, and supporting gerontological research. NACDA supports over 1,600 studies relevant to the study of health and the aging life course. One of the emerging challenges in research is the growing wealth of riches. So many studies are now available that it is often difficult to find the dataset that best captures your research framework. NACDA and ICPSR have developed a series of search tools that simplify this process and increasingly allow researchers to identify gerontological data maintained within the NACDA repository and available through our many research partners across the US and worldwide. This presentation will provide background and guidance on using NACDA resources, identifying and downloading data, and reaching out to independent studies maintained outside our collections. The presentation will also discuss new opportunities in building analysis sets that incorporate geographic and spatial data. These new opportunities are helping NACDA address the growing interest in ecological models underlying Social Determinants of Health and Population Health analysis. We welcome specific questions on emerging data needs and new ways NACDA can support your research.

Register in advance here:

<https://syracuseuniversity.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAocegorjoiH9QvoGAjeEXXcWniSQaA18k3>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

To request accommodations, please contact Kathy Forrest at agingnetwork@syr.edu



NIH Virtual Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration

November 1 –4, 2021

The [NIH Regional Seminars](#), which NIH has held once or twice a year for decades, have been great opportunities to help researchers, research administrators, trainees and others to better understand the NIH grants process. [Last year](#), like so many other conference hosts around the world, NIH shifted to a virtual seminar platform. Well, instead of reaching a thousand people, which is the capacity of our traditional in-person

events, we had more than 13,000 people participate! We encourage you to join us as we go virtual once again, even if you participated last year. This [free, four-day virtual event](#) covers a broad range of grant policy, program, and process topics from application through award closeout.

Register for free here <https://nihvirtualeseminar2021.vfairs.com/en/registration-form>

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations Dr. Joan Ilardo on Michigan Health Endowment Fund Grant!!!



Joan Ilardo, PhD is partnering with Meghan Vanderstelt, MPA from the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine's Institute for Health Policy on a Michigan Health Endowment Fund grant with the Van Buren Human Services Coordinating Council, *Aging Health Equity and Policy Planning Project*. They will manage and implement the process of creating an effective strategic plan to guide the vision and future implementation of system-level policy change to improve the overall health and equity for aging adults in Van Buren County and the southwest Michigan Region. One of the goals of the project is that the results will serve as a template for effective policy change efforts across other populations in theirs and other communities. The project takes place from September 1, 2021 to March 31, 2023.

JOBS

NIA Seeks Deputy Director!!!!

This position offers an exciting opportunity to assist the director in implementing the institute's strategic plan, managing daily operations, and serving as a champion of the intellectual and administrative environment at NIA. The deputy director will serve as an ambassador and spokesperson for the institute, collaborating with organizations across the nation and worldwide and incorporating the views and needs of stakeholders to advance the NIA mission. The deputy director will facilitate the identification and development of current and future leaders and serve as a role model in managing staff and financial resources with integrity and fairness and ensuring compliance with institute and federal policies and priorities.

NIA seeks candidates who have a commitment to scientific excellence and the energy, enthusiasm, vision, and innovative thinking necessary to lead a dynamic and diverse organization. Applicants must possess an M.D. and/or Ph.D. (or equivalent) and have senior-level research experience. Applicants should also have knowledge of research programs in one or more scientific areas related to aging research. They should be recognized and respected, both nationally and internationally, as individuals of outstanding scientific competence. Applicants must have demonstrated ability in setting, planning, implementing, and analyzing program objectives and priorities. Candidates should have the demonstrated ability to manage financial and human resources and lead a research program involving extensive internal and external collaboration.

Deadline to apply – November 29, 2021. For more information about this opportunity, visit the [NIH Office of Human Resources webpage](#).

UPCOMING MCUAAAR EVENTS

Upcoming Events/Deadlines:	
Joint MCUAAAR & MCCFAD Orientation and Symposium	Wednesday, October 6, 2021 10:00 – 12:30 EST Join Zoom Meeting https://umich.zoom.us/j/97578446010?pwd=WURKSzJWM1F6SmYvZU9GK3lOZzIVdz09 Meeting ID: 975 7844 6010 Passcode: 833241
Next Lunch & Learn	Impacts of Our Changing Environment Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 11:00am – 12:30pm https://bit.ly/HBElunch
Next MCUAAAR Program Meeting	Program Meetings meet 2 nd Wednesdays from 9-11:00am Wednesday, October 13, 2021
Next MCUAAAR Scientist Seminar	Wednesday, October 20, 2021 10:00 – 11:00am