



# MCUAAAR Mondays

January 10, 2022

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MCUAAAR RFA REMINDERS

#### **MCUAAAR Junior Faculty Research Mentoring and Funding Opportunity**

Proposals are sought that support junior investigator-initiated research pilot projects that can lead to independent NIH-funded projects.

**For more information** - <https://mcuaaar.org/2021/10/28/mcuaaar-call-for-pilot-proposals/>

**Deadline** – January 18, 2022

#### **MCUAAAR/MRDRC Junior Faculty Research Mentoring and Funding Opportunity**

MCUAAAR and the Michigan Retirement and Disability Research Center (MRDRC) are jointly issuing this special call for retirement or disability research proposals that focus on the well-being of older African-Americans and/or disparities among different race/ethnic groups.

**For more information** – <https://mcuaaar.org/2021/10/27/mcuaaar-mrdrc-call-for-proposals/>

**Deadline** – January 18, 2022



#### **The Public Health Disparities Geocoding Project 2.0!**

Based at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health (Boston, MA), the Public Health Disparities Geocoding Project team is offering a thoroughly updated and revised FREE 4-day virtual training on why and how to analyze population health and health inequities in relation to census tract, county, and other georeferenced societal and environmental data.

**Registration for both trainings IS NOW OPEN** and will close on **Thursday, Feb 10 at 12 noon EST**. The brief registration form includes several questions about the background you would bring and why you wish to be part of the training. We will review applications for the 150 available slots and send out notices about enrollment decisions (accepted, wait-listed, declined) by mid-March 2022.

**Two trainings will be held, separately, in June and July 2022.** The trainings will comprise four live virtual sessions along with remote work on group projects on dates in between each live session.

#### **Topics to be covered include:**

- the history and context of, and rationale for, conducting this type of work
- issues affecting the numerator and denominator data
- conducting analyses with data aggregated to a specified level of geography vs. multi-level analyses with 2 or more levels of geography
- data interpretation and visualization

- the impact of changes to US census data (e.g., differential privacy)

**For more information** - <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/thegeocodingproject/save-the-date-the-public-health-disparities-geocoding-project-2-0/>

**To Register** - [https://harvard.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_2fM5KPWEMZMBqLk](https://harvard.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2fM5KPWEMZMBqLk)



### **PhD Excellence in Economics Initiative**

Fellowship opportunity for underrepresented minorities interested in pursuing a doctorate in economics

The PhD Excellence Initiative (PhDEI) identifies high-achieving students of color and prepares them for the rigors of pursuing a PhD in economics. The PhDEI currently seeks a post-baccalaureate research fellow to work and study for two years under the guidance of Peter Blair Henry, Professor of Economics and Dean Emeritus of NYU's Stern School of Business, and recipient of the AEA Mentoring Program's Impactful Mentor Award (2021). The fellowship will begin during the summer of 2022. The ideal candidate is intellectually curious, highly motivated, and possesses strong determination to gain admittance to a top-tier PhD program in economics. Prior participants have gone on to PhD programs at Berkeley, Brown, Columbia, MIT, Stanford, and others.

Fellows use their time in the initiative to take courses that augment their skills in advanced mathematics; prepare for the GRE and eventual applications to top PhD programs; and engage in the production of theoretically grounded empirical research, for the purpose of crafting high-quality articles, papers, lectures, and proposals to leading professional journals and symposia. All fellows assist with formulating questions, collecting data, and engaging in rigorous statistical analysis with a view toward increasing academic writing skills and familiarity with the academic publishing process.

**For more information** - <https://www.phdexcellence.org/apply/>

**Deadline** - **Tuesday, February 1, 2022**

## **CALL FOR MANUSCRIPTS**

### ***Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions (JSWPA)*** **Endpage Solicitation**

JSWPA is seeking Endpage authors. A JSWPA Endpage is a brief piece (generally 6 to 10 pages double-spaced with 6 to 12 references) on an emerging topic in the social work and substance use field. Authors may or may not have primary data supporting the piece. Recent title examples of Journal Endpages include "Conceptualizing recovery capital for older adults with substance use disorders" and "A social work perspective on the opioid solution: A community-based expansion of the hub-and-spoke ecosystem." From the title examples, the Endpages, which are placed at the end of each issue, are more thought pieces based on evidence. That is, to give readers of the Journal some thoughts to take with them and/or calls to action. The editorial board has discussed that Endpages related to substance use and sex trafficking or substance use and domestic/interpersonal violence during COVID-19 are current topics of interest.

If interested in drafting an Endpage, please contact Dr. Shauna Acquavita ([acquavsa@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:acquavsa@ucmail.uc.edu)) or Dr. Lisa Berger ([lberger@uwm.edu](mailto:lberger@uwm.edu)).

## **JOBS**



**The University of Texas at Austin**  
**Steve Hicks School of Social Work**

### **“Promoting Equity in Cardiovascular & Respiratory Health” Postdoctoral Fellows**

The Steve Hicks School of Social Work in partnership with Dell Medical School at UT Austin are currently recruiting two postdoctoral fellows to begin on August 1, 2022: “Promoting Equity in Cardiovascular & Respiratory Health.” This postdoctoral training seeks to increase diversity among researchers who focus on promoting health equity in cardiovascular and pulmonary disease in the behavioral, population and implementation sciences. The Steve Hicks School of Social Work and the Dell Medical School offer this postdoctoral training through an award (T32HL140290) from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. Citizens or permanent residents of the United States at the time of fellowship appointment are eligible.

**For more information -** <https://socialwork.utexas.edu/research/postdoc/>

#### **Direct inquiries to program directors:**

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Elizabeth Matsui, M.D., M.H.S., Dell Medical School, [elizabeth.matsui@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:elizabeth.matsui@austin.utexas.edu)

#### **Social and Environmental Epidemiology of Cardiovascular Health Risks Postdoctoral Fellow**

National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities  
Bethesda, MA



#### **Position Description:**

The Neighborhood Social & Geospatial Determinants of Health Disparities Lab is seeking a full-time postdoctoral fellow. The lab, under the direction of Dr. Kosuke Tamura, is housed in the Division of Intramural Research at the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, NIH. We invite candidates broadly interested in social and environmental epidemiology of cardiovascular health risks such as physical activity, sedentary behaviors, and diet. Dr. Tamura has an extensive work history applying geospatial methods (geographic information systems and global positioning systems) to investigate exposures related to neighborhood contexts and health behaviors, with a special focus on neighborhood social and built (physical) environments.

**Responsibilities:** A postdoctoral fellow will assist with study design and implementation, data analysis, and manuscript preparation. In addition, they will work on secondary data analysis projects. The postdoctoral fellow will be expected to initiate their own research questions related to neighborhood health and health disparities.

The postdoctoral fellow will receive multidisciplinary training and mentorship at NIH, along with support in developing a K-series or similar grant proposal during the fellowship. The fellow can apply for internal funding mechanisms and will be encouraged to participate in grant-writing courses and training. There will be the opportunity to participate in journal clubs, in-person speaker series, and webinar series. However, the primary responsibility of the fellow will be to conduct research that aligns with the interests of the Lab.

Duration: This is a fulltime, 2-3 year appointment with year-to-year renewal based on satisfactory performance and availability of funds.

**To Apply:** Applicants should submit: (1) a curriculum vitae, (2) a two-page description of research interests, including a brief description of career plans related to health disparities and neighborhood health, and (3) three letters of reference. Email applications to Dr. Kosuke Tamura at [kosuke.tamura@nih.gov](mailto:kosuke.tamura@nih.gov) with subject line: **Postdoc Fellow Application - First and Last name of applicant.** The position is open immediately. Applications will be accepted and screened on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

## NEWS

# THE CONVERSATION

**How the Native American population in the US increased 87% says more about whiteness than about demographics**

MSN, The Conversation

Circe Sturm, Professor of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin College of Liberal Arts  
Dec 15, 2021

The Native American population in the U.S. grew by a staggering 86.5% between 2010 and 2020, according to the latest U.S. Census – a rate demographers say is impossible to achieve without immigration. Birth rates among Native Americans don't explain the massive rise in numbers. And there certainly is no evidence of an influx of Native American expatriates returning to the U.S. Instead, individuals who previously identified as white are now claiming to be Native American. This growing movement has been captured by terms like "[pretendian](#)" and "[wannabe](#)." Another way to describe this recent adoption of Native American identity is continue reading: [How the Native American population in the US increased 87% says more about whiteness than about demographics \(msn.com\)](#)



## **Data Shows Racial Disparities in Alzheimer's Disease Diagnosis Between Black and White Research Study Participants**

December 16, 2021

Black participants in Alzheimer's disease research studies were 35% less likely to be diagnosed with Alzheimer's and related dementias than white participants, despite national statistics that indicate that Black Americans are overall about twice as likely to develop dementias than whites. The analysis of data on study participants from across NIA's network of [Alzheimer's Disease Research Centers \(ADRCs\)](#) also showed that Black participants with Alzheimer's and related dementias had more risk factors for the disease, as well as greater cognitive impairment and symptom severity than white participants. Results of the study were published in the journal *Alzheimer's and Dementia*.

For full [blog post](#)

## **EVENTS**



**Equity & Inclusion Speaker Series**  
**Cultural Betrayal & ‘Conundrums’: The Making of a Book**  
**Dr. Jennifer M. Gómez**  
**Thursday, 27 January, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm EST, Virtual**

This presentation is framed around incoming BUSSW faculty member Dr. Jennifer M. Gómez’s forthcoming book, *Cultural Betrayal, Sexual Abuse, & Healing for Black Women & Girls: From Black Lives Matter to Me Too*. The talk will begin with a description of cultural betrayal trauma theory, followed by a brief review of the empirical research to date. After providing an overview of the book, current conundrums related to the following topics will be delineated: 1) inequity in the Black Lives Matter and Me Too movements; 2) the diversity of Black women and girls; 3) radical disruption of the medical model for mental health; and 4) violent silencing. The latter half of the talk will be discussion-based, with attendees providing feedback on the aforementioned conundrums.

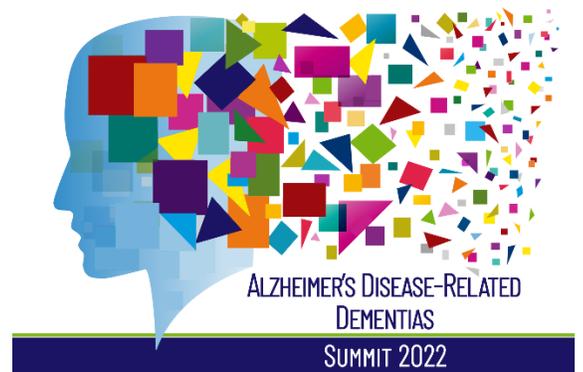
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**Info on the BUSSW Equity & Inclusion Speaker Series:** [https://www.bu.edu/ssw/about/explorebusw/social-justice/equity-inclusion-speaker-series/?utm\\_source=twitter&utm\\_medium=organic\\_social&utm\\_campaign=eiss](https://www.bu.edu/ssw/about/explorebusw/social-justice/equity-inclusion-speaker-series/?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=organic_social&utm_campaign=eiss)

**Alzheimer’s Disease-Related Dementias Summit 2022**  
**March 22-23, 2022, Virtual**

The ADRD Summit 2022 will address research priorities for Alzheimer’s disease-related dementias, including frontotemporal degeneration, Lewy body, multiple etiology dementias, and vascular contributions to cognitive impairment and dementia along with broader cross-cutting areas, including health equity. Significant portions of the Summit are dedicated to public comment on the updated draft research recommendations that will be presented. The Summit will conclude with a review of the highlights from the sessions and summary of the major themes from the public comments. Based on input received at the Summit, the recommendations will be revised and presented to the NINDS Council for approval. Approved recommendations become research milestones in the National Plan to Address Alzheimer’s Disease.



**For more information -** <https://web.cvent.com/event/72e5c537-e3d9-43a8-956f-a77a1777310c/summary>  
**To register, click [here](#)**

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**



### **Congratulations Dr. Peter Lichtenberg on being GSA's 78<sup>th</sup> President!!!**

Peter A. Lichtenberg, PhD, ABPP, FGSA, director of the Institute of Gerontology and Distinguished Professor of Psychology at Wayne State University, has been installed as the new president of The Gerontological Society of America (GSA), the nation's largest interdisciplinary organization devoted to the field of aging. He was elected by GSA's membership, which consists of more than 5,500 researchers, educators, practitioners, and other professionals. As president, he will oversee matters of GSA's governance and strategic planning, while also managing the program for GSA's 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting. He has chosen "Embracing Our Diversity. Enriching Our Discovery. Reimagining Aging." as the theme for this conference, which will take place in Indianapolis, Indiana, from November 2 to 6.

### **Congratulations Dr. Riana Anderson (2019 MCUAAAR Scientist) on your TEDx Detroit Talk!!!**

The TEDx talk by Riana Anderson, PhD is entitled Virology 101, and can be found here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLLIQJH0EQo>



We also note some of your other honors:

- Society for Research on Adolescence - Early Career Research Award, 2022
- Presidential Leadership Scholars - Fellow, 2022
- National Black Child Development Institute Policy Fellowship - Fellow, 2021
- Society for Research in Child Development - Early Career Research Contributions Award, 2021
- William T. Grant Foundation - Scholars Program Award, 2021

**CONGRATS**  
to Dr. Weidi Qin

for being awarded the Student Research Award from the Gerontological Society of America



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### **Congratulations Dr. Weidi Qin (2021 MCUAAAR/PRBA Postdoc) on your GSA Award**

Weidi Qin, PhD, MSW, MPH received the Student Research Award (Dissertation) from GSA. This award honors an excellent student paper with a topic of relevance to the Behavioral and Social Sciences section of GSA.

## UPCOMING MCUAAAR EVENTS

<b>Upcoming Events/Deadlines:</b>	
Next Program Meeting	<b>Wednesday, January 12, 2022</b> 9:00 – 11:00 am
Next Lunch & Learn	Post Stroke Exercises for Independence and Well-Being <b>Thursday, January 13, 2022</b> 11:00 am – 12:30 pm To join by computer - <a href="https://bit.ly/HBELunch">https://bit.ly/HBELunch</a>
Next Scientist Seminar	Causal Inference 2.0: Frameworks and Randomized Controlled Trials <b>Wednesday, January 19, 2022,</b> 10:00 – 11:00am Wassim Tarraf