



# MCUAAAR Mondays

January 24, 2022

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## REMINDER



### The 2022 RCMAR Annual Meeting

**March 31, 2022 and April 1, 2022**

All current MCUAAAR Scientists should plan to attend. This year's meeting will be virtual, with both synchronous and asynchronous sessions. There is no cost to attend and the meeting will be open to current RCMAR scientists and faculty. Registration is required. The RCMAR Coordinating Center will distribute the registration link on January 31, 2022.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Ujima Mentoring Program Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS) The University of California, San Francisco

Funded by the National Institutes of Mental Health (NIMH) AIDS Research Centers (ARC) Program, the Ujima Program provides multidisciplinary research mentoring and funding to early-stage investigators, particularly those at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), who focus their programs of research on high priority areas that address HIV prevention, care, and treatment in Black/African American communities. **The Ujima Program includes an \$80,000 stipend to support the scholars' research efforts** during their program participation (18-months for the inaugural cohort) and \$10,000 for each of their mentors (i.e., a local mentor from their home or similar institution and an AIDS Research Center (ARC) mentor who could provide mentoring and research support and insights about NIH).

**For more information -** <https://prevention.ucsf.edu/education/ujima-mentoring-program>

**Deadline** - Applications are due by Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 11.59 pm Pacific Standard Time.



National Institute  
on Aging

### Give Your Career the Butler-Williams Boost This Summer!!

Attention early-stage investigators and junior faculty: Would you like to take your aging research career to the next level? The NIA Butler-Williams Scholars Program provides powerful pathways to expand networks, advance grant writing skills, and gain a broader understanding of NIA science. The 2022 Butler-Williams Scholars Program will be held virtually August 23-25.

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**Read full blog post** by Patricia Jones, Director, Office of Special Populations, NIA [here](#).

**Deadline** - Application deadline is April 15, 2022

## NEWS

### **How informal adoptions became a mainstay of African American family life**

WHYY

1/14/2022

By Sojourner Ahebee

Dr. Robert Taylor is interviewed for this piece, talks about a personal experience from his life, and discusses data on fictive kin from the National Survey of American Life. See article [here](#).

### **The most consistently botched part of the US pandemic response**

Why are public health officials so bad at talking to us?

By [Dylan.Scott@dylanlscott.dylan.scott@vox.com](mailto:Dylan.Scott@dylanlscott.dylan.scott@vox.com) Jan 14, 2022, 6:00am EST

Dr. Briana Mezuk is interviewed for this piece. "I don't think any federal or state agency has done a great job communicating policy during the pandemic," Briana Mezuk, co-director of the Center for Social Epidemiology and Population Health at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, told me. "The CDC should have been setting the example, and I guess in a way it did: a less-than-great example." See article [here](#).

## EVENTS

### **MCUAAAR/MIWI/CSEPH/IOG Health and Retirement Study Working Group**

**First Meeting, Wednesday, January 26, 2020, 9:00am**

Dr. Briana Mezuk and Dr. Wassim Tarraf will be facilitating this Working Group. The purpose is to provide dedicated time for early-career scientists who are working with the [HRS data](#) to learn from each other and problem solve data management and analytic issues as they arise. The WG will meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, January – May, from 9:00 – 10:00am. The agenda for each month is open - scientists should come prepared to discuss their projects using HRS data, have questions they want to pose to the group, and engage in active dialogue about their ideas using this cohort.

**For More Information** - You can find more information and the links to the Zoom Meetings in this [Google Doc](#). In addition, there are some recommended readings in [this Google Folder](#). Working group members are encouraged to add additional materials to this shared google folder.

## JOBs



### **The Robert L. Kane Postdoctoral Fellowships in Aging, Dementia, and Long-Term Care**

School of Public Health

University of Minnesota

**UNIVERSITY  
OF MINNESOTA**

We nurture scholars with strong substantive expertise/interests in long-term care, healthcare systems and delivery, prevention, and management of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRDs), intervention design/development, systems innovation, health equity, and/or quality of care/quality of life among older adults and their family/professional caregivers. Methodological

skills in one or more of the following areas are preferred: (1) intervention research; (2) quantitative/longitudinal methods; (3) qualitative or mixed-methods; (5) community-engaged research methodologies; (6) program or policy evaluation; and/or (7) implementation and dissemination. Two fellows will be selected.

**For more information -** <https://www.sph.umn.edu/research/projects/rirk/postdoctoral-fellowship/>

**Deadline -** Applications are considered until positions are filled. They will begin screening applications and identifying finalists for interview on 2/15/22, however. Apply immediately if interested.



Charles R. Drew University  
of Medicine and Science

*A Private University with a Public Mission*

**Assistant-to-Full Professor  
HIV Research Pillar Faculty**

Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU) is seeking investigators whose work combines HIV prevention, treatment, and/or health services research with any one or more of the following areas: substance use disorders, mental health, trauma, clinical informatics, hepatitis, cancer, cardiovascular disease, or mobile technologies. We seek investigators with research experience and interest in domestic issues related to Black and Latino populations OR international issues related to prevention and treatment services in Sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean, West Indies, or Latin America. HIV clinicians are highly encouraged to apply. All candidates should also demonstrate an interest and skill in teaching or mentorship, and a history of multi- and interdisciplinary research collaboration.

**For more information -** <https://jobs.cdrewu.edu/postings/4364>

**Deadline –** Opened until filled.

**Postdoctoral Fellow  
Immigrant Health and Mental Health/Well-being  
Research**  
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities



Seeking a postdoctoral fellow to join the Health Disparities & Geospatial Transdisciplinary Research Program/Lab. The mission of the Lab is to understand the complex, dynamic acculturative factors influencing health and disparities. Specifically, the central goals of our research program are to (a) identify the many potential individual, contextual and structural factors influencing mental health or well-being of immigrants, (b) understand the interplay of multiple factors that contribute to health disparities or support healthy cultural practices among immigrant populations and the mechanisms through which they operate, and (c) develop and implement culturally appropriate intervention(s) to improve mental health or well-being outcomes of immigrant populations in the U.S. The start date for this position is 9/2022.

**For more information -**

[https://www.training.nih.gov/postdoc\\_jobs\\_nih/view/\\_31/9222/Immigrant\\_Health\\_and\\_Mental\\_Health/Well-being\\_Research](https://www.training.nih.gov/postdoc_jobs_nih/view/_31/9222/Immigrant_Health_and_Mental_Health/Well-being_Research)

**Deadline -** Applications will be accepted and screened on a rolling basis until the position is filled

## RESOURCES



### **Changes to the NIH Biographical Sketch**

Michigan Medicine put out this helpful PowerPoint guide to the changes to the new NIH biosketch and other support. The ppt is attached along with an example.

## **Recorded Webinars**

The Research Centers Collaborative Network (RCCN) and related programs host webinars about recent research, funding opportunities, and other subjects in the field of aging research. You can find an archive of RCCN-affiliated webinars from 2017 – present [here](#).



The webinars are divided in the following categories:

- Career Development and Funding Opportunities
- Collaboration, Teamwork and Sharing Resources
- Biology of Aging
- Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias
- Disease related/focused webinars (non-AD and related Dementias)
- Healthcare Systems/Advanced Care Planning
- Other

## UPCOMING MCUAAAR EVENTS

<b>Upcoming Events/Deadlines:</b>	
HRS Working Group	<b>Wednesday, January 26, 2022</b> 9:00 – 10:00 am Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://umich.zoom.us/j/93608349464">https://umich.zoom.us/j/93608349464</a>  Meeting ID: 936 0834 9464 Passcode: HRSWG2022!
Next Program Meeting	<b>Wednesday, February 9, 2022</b> 9:00 – 11:00 am

Next Scientist Seminar	K-Award Panel <b>Wednesday, February 16, 2022</b> 10:00 – 11:00 am Briana Mezuk (moderator) with Elham Mahmoudi, Sheria Robinson, and Kent Key
HRS Working Group	<b>Wednesday, February 23, 2022</b> 9:00 – 10:00 am
Joint MCCFAD/MCUAAAR Scientist Meeting	<b>Wednesday, February 23, 2022</b> 11:00 am – 12:00pm
Next Lunch & Learn	Staying Fit After 50 <b>Wednesday, February 23, 2022</b> 11:00 am – 12:30 pm To join by computer - <a href="https://bit.ly/HBElunch">https://bit.ly/HBElunch</a>