



MCUAAAR Mondays

February 22, 2022

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



GSA 2022

Embracing Our Diversity. Enriching Our Discovery.
Reimagining Aging.

November 2-6, 2022 | Indianapolis, IN

Call for Abstracts

Deadline for Submission is March 3, 2022

Please read the abstract submission planning guide in its entirety. This guide includes submission criteria, guidelines, program areas, and a worksheet.

You will be able to edit your abstract as many times as necessary before the March 3 deadline.

- [Abstract Submission Planning Guide](#) (login and submission information)
- [Submitting Your Abstract FAQs](#)

Minority Issues in Gerontology Advisory Panel

Seeking Abstract Submissions for GSA Symposium

Symposium Title: Addressing challenges in data collection, analysis, and presentation with diverse older adults

Symposium description: Despite a growing body of literature on enrollment and retention of older adults in research, current literature specifically focused on diverse older adults' engagement in research is limited. With the growing older adult population and the advancement in science, there is a need for more rigorous research on methodological issues, the efficacy of recruitment methods, and community driven, culturally responsive dissemination methods that align with the values and beliefs of diverse older adults. Cultural obstacles to recruitment and retention of diverse older adults include language barriers, lack of cultural sensitivity of target communities on the part of researchers, and culturally inappropriate data collection, analysis, and dissemination tools. This symposium will provide attendees an opportunity for experts to discuss challenges, and successes, in addressing research challenges they have faced when working with diverse older adults and/or their families and communities.

Some history related to this topic: The National Institute on Aging (NIA)/NIH sponsored a pre-conference at GSA's 1999 Annual meeting titled, "Involving Older Ethnic Minorities in Health-Related Research." The workshop faculty examined recruitment and retention of research volunteers in older ethnic minority populations about four core scientific domains: (a) cultural competence, (b) barriers to participation, (c) ethical considerations, and (d) implementing recruitment and retention activities.

If you have any questions, or would like to submit an abstract to be a part of this symposium, please reach out to: Jordan P. Lewis, MIGAP Chair, jplewis@d.umn.edu

Deadline to submit your abstract to Jordan Lewis is: **Monday, February 28, 2022**

RCMAR Annual Meeting – Registration Now Open

The Coordinating Center invites you to register for our 2022 RCMAR Virtual Annual meeting scheduled March 31 – April 1, 2022.

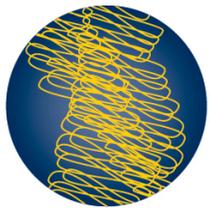
This annual meeting will include a few hours of both live and asynchronous sessions each day over the week. As a result of attending this event, attendees will gain a wealth of new information and the infrastructure to support long-term mentoring relationships. There is no cost to attend this online meeting.



Registration is required for the annual meeting along with optional sessions. If you are a faculty reviewer for one of the listed activities, we ask you register for the annual meeting.

To Register - <https://2022rcmarannualmeeting.eventbrite.com>

Deadline for [registering for the annual meeting](#) is **Monday, March 21**; however, early registration is encouraged. Zoom connection information will be sent closer to the meeting date.



**Genomics for
Social Scientists**
NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING

Genomics for Social Scientists Workshop

June 13-17, 2022

Deadline to apply – February 24, 2022

Hosted by the Survey Research Center,
Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan

Researchers from the University of Michigan invite you to apply to the 6th annual Genomics for Social Scientists workshop, held at the University of Michigan June 13-17, 2022. The purpose of this NIA-sponsored workshop is to familiarize researchers with genetic data and provide hands-on training on incorporating genetic information into social science analyses. Using both lecture and lab formats, participants will use tutorial versions of the Health and Retirement Study core survey data and genetic data files. The week-long workshop will offer a multitude of opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration among attendees and feedback from University of Michigan investigators and course instructors. This course is designed to primarily benefit researchers who already have experience conducting statistical examinations of behavioral traits, but who may have little or no genetic or biological training. Investigators interested in a better understanding of genomic analysis as it applies to social and behavioral science research are encouraged to apply.

- \$200 course fee
- Travel stipends available
- Maximum 30 participants

For more information - <https://hrs.isr.umich.edu/genomics-workshop>

Questions? Contact genomicsworkshop@umich.edu for more information

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EVENTS

Workshop: NIH Tools for Publications: Compliance, Reporting and Biosketch

Presented by Yan Fu,
ISR Information Resources Manager



Workshop: NIH Tools for Publications: Compliance, Reporting and Biosketch

Tuesday, February 22 at noon ET

[Zoom link >](#)

Yan Fu, ISR Information Resources Manager, will present the various NIH tools that manage publications (e.g. MyNCBI, NIHMS, PMC, PubMed and SciENcv). These tools work

together to facilitate publication management, compliance monitoring and progress reporting. Yan Fu will illustrate best practices and **demonstrate how an NIH-funded paper is being associated with a grant and reported in RPPR.** We will also give a quick overview on how to use SciENcv for NIH biosketch. This event will be recorded.

(Virtual) MIDAS Seminar Series

Jennifer Bobb, University of Washington
Monday, March 7, 2022, 4-5pm ET

Data science challenges of using electronic health record data for public health research

Electronic health records (EHRs) are a rich source of real world data that can be leveraged within research studies to improve public health. In this talk, we present two case studies (one clinical trial, one observational study) that highlight some key challenges of using EHR data for health research. The first study is a pragmatic, cluster-randomized trial evaluating an intervention for treating opioid use disorder in six health systems. We illustrate how, if eligibility criteria are not chosen carefully, study conclusions could be invalid due to post-randomization selection bias. We describe considerations in the statistical study design and new methods that are being developed to address this source of bias via the principal stratification framework. The second case study highlights the challenge of unmeasured spatial confounding due to socioeconomic factors that can affect many EHR studies. We show that spatial modeling has the potential to greatly reduce spatial confounding bias, but this bias reduction depends on whether the exposure of interest is a spatial-level versus individual-level exposure.

For more information and Zoom link -

<https://midas.umich.edu/calendar/?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D157180474>



RESOURCES

MCUAAAR February Scientist Seminar – K-Award Panel

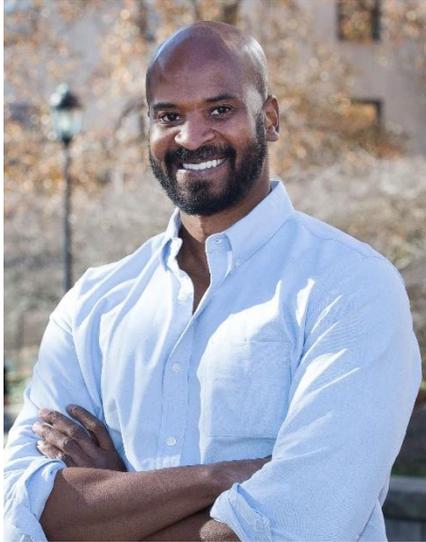
Video on the MCUAAAR Website

<https://mcuaaar.org/resources/scientist-seminars/>

Dr. Briana Mezuk moderated a panel of MCUAAAR Scientists and Faculty who have received Career Development Awards (K-Awards). The panel included Dr. Sheria Robinson-Lane, Dr. Elham Mahmoudi, and Dr. Kent Key. The panel shared their experiences applying for a K-Award, what they wished they knew when they started the process, the pros and cons of K-Bootcamps, and other very useful advice. Dr. Mezuk and Dr. Angela Elam also shared their experiences with writing and receiving K-awards.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations Dr. Waverly Duck for Your Book Receiving NCSA's Scholarly Achievement Award!!!



Waverly Duck, PhD is an urban sociologist and Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Pittsburgh. He finished his PhD at Wayne State University and received a MCUAAAR Diversity Supplement as a doctoral student. He is the author of *No Way Out: Precarious Living in the Shadow of Poverty and Drug Dealing* (University of Chicago Press, 2015), which was a finalist for the Society for the Study of Social Problem 2016 C. Wright Mills Book Award. His book, *Tacit Racism*, which he co-authored with Anne Warfield Rawls, was chosen for the North Central Sociological Association's Scholarly Achievement Award. Among one of their largest pools of nominated works, his book was ranked highest by a three-member committee of judges. His book will be honored during an awards ceremony at the NCSA's meeting April 1 -2, 2022 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

JOBS



NIA T32 Postdoctoral Fellows (3) Duke Aging Center Duke University School of Medicine

Positions in their program are two-year appointments and are open to anyone with an interest in and a track record of aging research. Expected start date, August 1, 2022.

The Duke Aging Center T32 program emphasizes multidisciplinary research training across the translational spectrum, and facilitates supplemental enrichment activities relevant to clinician and non-clinician scientists doing work in biomedical, psychosocial, population health, or implementation science fields to enhance resilience in aging. The goal of our postdoctoral research training program is to produce highly skilled research scientists who have the potential for leadership in gerontological research. In the Duke Aging Center Postdoctoral Research Training Program (RTP), much of the training for each fellow is provided by that person's faculty mentor(s) in a research apprenticeship program. A fellow carries out his/her own research as a junior colleague in the mentor's research program or laboratory. In addition to working in their mentors' programs, all fellows attend a weekly interdisciplinary didactic seminar.

For more information – <https://sites.duke.edu/centerforaging/the-postdoctoral-research-training-program-in-aging/>

Deadline – April 15, 2022

UPCOMING MCUAAAR EVENTS

Upcoming Events/Deadlines:	
HRS Working Group	Wednesday, February 23, 2022 9:00 – 10:00 am
Joint MCCFAD/MCUAAAR Scientist Meeting	Wednesday, February 23, 2022 11:00 am – 12:00pm
Next Lunch & Learn	Staying Fit After 50 Wednesday, February 23, 2022 11:00 am – 12:30 pm To join by computer - https://bit.ly/HBElunch
Next Program Meeting	Wednesday, March 9, 2022 9:00 am – 11:00am