



MCUAAAR Mondays

March 21, 2022

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CALL FOR MANUSCRIPTS

Call for Abstracts for Special Issue of *Ethnicity & Disease*

Population Health Approaches to Reduce Chronic Disease Disparities

Guest editors Bettina M. Beech, DrPH, MPH and Keith C. Norris, MD, PhD invite submissions for a special issue of *Ethnicity & Disease*.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention declared that preventing and managing chronic diseases will be the challenge of the 21st century. Racial and ethnic minority populations are overrepresented among affected groups as they are disproportionately burdened by chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, stroke, cancer, and obesity. Many of the root causes for racial and ethnic disparities in chronic disease prevalence and complications are structural based at a health system or population level. Evidence-based, cost-effective, and scalable approaches are urgently needed to mitigate the escalating prevalence of chronic diseases, particularly among groups that are poorly or inconsistently served by the health care system.

We invite authors to contribute original research (empirical and theoretical) and systematic reviews that will introduce and advance solutions to the chronic disease epidemic. Manuscripts that present interventions and policy recommendations at population levels are highly encouraged.

For information - <https://ethndis.org/edonline/index.php/ethndis/pages/view/callforpapersfive>

Deadline for abstract submittal is **April 8, 2022**

EVENTS



Alzheimer's Disease-Related Dementias

Summit 2022

March 22-23, 2022

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 (NIH National Institute on Neurological Disorders and Stroke) Council for approval.

Approved recommendations become research milestones in the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease. Both Dr. Toni Antonuci and Dr. Wassim Tarraf are members of NINDS and will be presenting. This is going to be a public event to comment on the group recommendations for the NIH 5-year strategic plan!!

For more information - <https://web.cvent.com/event/72e5c537-e3d9-43a8-956f-a77a1777310c/summary>

To register - https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_a0U6dxz6TS-WahWT2uGOPw

**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
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Winter 2022 Virtual Discussions
from the SSW ENGAGE Team

Join the School of Social Work ENGAGE Team in celebrating those fighting for racial equity and social change all semester long by attending our series of dynamic, online conversations featuring local social justice heroes.

These sessions are open to the University at large and to the general public

*Students can receive field credit for attending these sessions.
Please check with your field faculty advisor for further information.

Questions? Contact [Ayesha Ghazi Edwin](#)

Social Justice through the Arts
Thursday, April 7th 12-1:30 PM

Social Justice Through the Arts
U-M School of Social Work
April 7, 2022, 12:00 – 1:30pm

Theater, music, storytelling, poetry, and other art forms have a powerful way of connecting with individuals, relaying social issues and oppression in a way that enables others to envision themselves experiencing it - allowing for more empathy and understanding. Join us in talking to local artists, scholars, and activists who have used the arts to fight injustice and achieve social change. Speakers include Satori Shakoor, renowned storyteller, actress, and founder of Detroit's The Secret Society Of Twisted Storytellers; and Gary Anderson, Producing Artistic Director of the Plowshares Theatre Company. This session will be moderated by Dr. Rogério Pinto, Associate Dean for Research and Innovation of the School of Social Work, and Professor of Theater and Drama of the School of Music, Theater & Dance. Dr. Pinto spearheads the School of Social Work's Art-Based Social Justice Collective.

To register - <https://ssw.umich.edu/assets/rsvp-request/index.php?page=register&id=W339>

Maryfran Sowers Memorial Symposium
Center for Mid-Life Science, U-M School of
Public Health
May 12-13, 2022

In-person and virtual attendance options

available for the 2022 MaryFran Sowers Memorial Symposium, May 12-13, featuring the career of Siobán D. Harlow, PhD (*Professor Emerita of Epidemiology, Global Public Health, and Obstetrics & Gynecology*). Keynote address will be presented by Nancy Fugate Woods, PhD, RN, FAAN (Professor Emerita, Univ. of Washington School of Nursing; Co-Director, de Tornyay Center for Healthy Aging.)



May 12th

Keynote

Short Presentations

- Kristin Dunkle, PhD
- Michael Elliott, PhD
- **Alexis Reeves, PhD – Former MCUAAAR Doctoral Mentoring Group Scientist!!!**

Reception

To register - http://midlifescience.umich.edu/Event_Sowers2022.php

RESOURCES

Two New Trainings on MCUAAAR's Website:

March 2022 – MCUAAAR Mini Training | Open Science 1.0: Why?

Dr. Briana Mezuk discussed the Open Science Framework; why it exists, and why MCUAAAR Scientists might want to participate. The mission of the Center for Open Science (<https://www.cos.io/>) is to increase openness, integrity, and reproducibility of research. As we know, NIH policy requires transparency/reproducibility in all research they fund. In discussing why participate in Open Science, Dr. Mezuk noted that funders require you

to make your data available, journals are increasingly requiring it, it makes your work more widely discoverable and it supports your mission as a scholar get your knowledge into the hands of people beyond the academy.

March 2022 – Scientist Seminar | Open Science 2.0: How?

Dr. Wassim Tarraf built on Dr. Briana Mezuk's Mini Training on why Open Science is important and discussed how to create a workflow for reproducible research in GitHub that can be shared. This presentation was an update and extension of his seminar in May 2020 and the February 2021 seminar that was a more applied session on how to work in R.

View the Mini Training and Scientist Seminar here - <https://mcuaaar.org/resources/scientist-seminars/>

Introduction to R Programming for Data Science – Free Coursera Course

The screenshot shows the Coursera course page for 'Introduction to R Programming for Data Science'. At the top, there are navigation links: 'Browse', 'Data Science', and 'Data Analysis'. The course title 'Introduction to R Programming for Data Science' is displayed prominently. To the right of the title is the 'IBM' logo. Below the title, it says 'Offered By'. A rating of '4.4 120 ratings' is shown. The instructor's name, 'Yan Luo', is listed with a small profile picture. A button for 'Enroll for Free' is visible, along with a note that it starts on March 17. A link for 'Financial aid available' is also present. The background of the page is dark blue.

About the Course - When working in the data science field you will definitely become acquainted with the R language and the role it plays in data analysis. This course introduces you to the basics of the R language such as data types, techniques for manipulation, and how to implement fundamental programming tasks.

You will begin the process of understanding common data structures, programming fundamentals and how to manipulate data all with the help of the R programming language. The emphasis in this course is hands-on and practical learning. You will write a simple program using RStudio, manipulate data in a data frame or matrix, and complete a final project as a data analyst using Watson Studio and Jupyter notebooks to acquire and analyze data-driven insights.

<https://www.coursera.org/learn/introducton-r-programming-data-science#syllabus>

JOBS



Postdoctoral Fellow, Biopsychosocial Health Lab Wayne State University

We seek a postdoctoral fellow to conduct interdisciplinary research at the intersection of health psychology, social epidemiology, and biology. The fellow will be working under the supervision of Dr. Samuele Zilioli. Dr. Zilioli is the director of the Biopsychosocial Health Lab. The fellow will have the opportunity to analyze and publish data from several existing datasets examining the

psychological and biobehavioral mechanisms linking social phenomena to physical health. The fellow will have the opportunity to gain a strong foundation in biobehavioral health research. Candidates should hold a Ph.D. in Psychology, Epidemiology, Neuroscience, or related fields. We are particularly interested in candidates with a record of published research, strong statistical and writing skills, experience working with large datasets, and the ability to work as part of an interdisciplinary team. The start date for the position is flexible. Interested applicants should contact Dr. Zilioli at fv0808@wayne.edu with a CV and a statement of research interests. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. To learn more about

the research being conducted at the Biopsychosocial Health Lab, please visit <https://samzilioli.wixsite.com/mysite> or contact Dr. Zilioli (fv0808@wayne.edu)



Postdoctoral Associate New York University

Dr. Stephanie Cook, Assistant Professor at NYU is looking for a postdoctoral associate for a 1-2 year appointment. The postdoctoral associate should be broadly interested in understanding how minority stress (e.g. stigma, discrimination, trauma, etc.) is mechanistically associated with physical and mental health outcomes across the life course. The postdoctoral associate should have strong quantitative skills and be interested in applying these skills to understanding health disparities. In addition, the post doc will spend time writing first authored and co-authored papers, attending professional development opportunities, and writing their individual grant (e.g., a K00/R00, K01, or another career development grant). Interested individuals should contact Dr. Stephanie Cook directly at sc5810@nyu.edu and include their CV. Dr. Cook's faculty profile is <https://publichealth.nyu.edu/faculty/stephanie-cook>.

UPCOMING MCUAAAR EVENTS

Upcoming Events/Deadlines:	
Next HRS Working Group	Wednesday, March 23, 2022 9:00 – 10:00
Next Lunch & Learn	Things to Know About Omicron Thursday, March 24, 2022 11:00 am – 12:30 pm To join by computer - https://bit.ly/HBElunch
RCMAR Annual Meeting	March 31 – April 1st Monday, March 21, 2022 is the deadline for registration
Next Program Meeting	Wednesday, April 13, 2022 9:00 – 11:00am