



# MCUAAAR Mondays

April 4, 2022

To reduce the number of messages sent out to the MCUAAAR 5 Listserv, if you send me the kind of information found below, I will compile it and send it out on "MCUAAAR Mondays"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **MCUAAAR and PRBA 2022 Summer Mentoring Workshop for Advanced Doctoral Students** **Deadline to Apply: April 18, 2022**

The Michigan Center for African American Aging Research (MCUAAAR) and Program for Research on Black Americans (PRBA) is pleased to announce its 2022 Summer Mentoring Workshop for Advanced Doctoral Students. The workshop is virtual and will take place **June 7-9, 2022**. Drs. Robert Joseph Taylor, David Cordova and Amanda Woodward are the lead program faculty. The deadline to apply for the 2022 Summer Mentoring Program is **April 18, 2022**. This workshop emphasizes training in numerous areas including: 1) publishing in peer review journals, 2) writing grant proposals to the NIH, 3) the tenure process, 4) ethical conduct of research, 5) successful mentoring and collaborative relationships, and, most importantly, 6) how to navigate the academy. Read below for more information about the application process, as well as the links for submission. This workshop is for advanced doctoral students focusing on **African American or Latinx research**. The primary objectives are on research skill enhancement, career mentoring, and professional development.

**For more information and links to apply - <https://mcuaaar.org/2022/03/24/mcuaaar-prba-summer-mentoring-program-2/>**



### **Lifespan/Brown Criminal Justice Research Training Program on Substance Use and HIV**

The Lifespan/Brown Criminal Justice Research Training program is looking for early-career research scientists for the next cohort of scholars. This NIDA R25-funded supplemental training program (PI: Curt Beckwith, MD), based at The Miriam Hospital/Brown University, is designed to prepare participants for NIH-funded research careers in the field. Junior faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and exceptional predoctoral candidates from all institutions are welcome to apply. Five early-career research scientists from the United States and Puerto Rico will be enrolled in the training program annually. Junior faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and exceptional predoctoral candidates are welcome to apply. The program is limited to U.S. citizens. The program includes A mentored research experience including funds for pilot projects (up to \$15,000) that will offer participants the opportunity to develop interventions and preliminary datasets appropriate for future NIH grants and/or conduct secondary analyses of existing datasets, as well as to disseminate their findings at national meetings and through peer-reviewed literature.

**For more information - [www.LifespanBrownCJRT.org](http://www.LifespanBrownCJRT.org)**  
**Application deadline - May 13, 2022**

## GSA Award Nominations Extended to April 11<sup>th</sup>

The deadline for spring GSA award nominations has been extended to April 11. One goal of GSA is to increase diversity in ability, age, ethnicity, gender, race, and sexual orientation within our awards program in order to reflect the changing demographics of the U.S. and our global society. Please keep this in mind when considering your nominations.

The Behavioral and Social Sciences section has 4 prestigious awards that are currently accepting nominations:

[Distinguished Career Contribution to Gerontology Award](#)- *presented annually to an individual whose contributions over the course of his or her career have articulated a novel theoretical or methodological perspective or synthesis that addresses a significant problem in the literature.*

[Distinguished Mentorship in Gerontology Award](#)- *given to individuals who have fostered excellence in, and had a major impact on, the field by virtue of their mentoring, and whose inspiration is sought by students and colleagues.*

[Richard Kalish Publication Award \(Book and Article\)](#)- *recognizes original and innovative publications in aging and life course research in the behavioral and social sciences.*

**And of course among others GSA-Wide**, there's the [James Jackson Outstanding Mentorship Award](#) - *recognizes individuals who have exemplified outstanding commitment and dedication to mentoring minority researchers in the field of aging.*

The [GSA awards](#) website is a good resource for information on the nomination requirements and process. GSA promotes the award nominations via the home page of the website, on GSA connect, in Gerontology News and GSA Announcements. We also reach out to past award recipients to encourage them to nominate eligible colleagues within their communities.



### 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 Butler-Williams Scholars Program provides unique opportunities for junior faculty and researchers new to the field of aging to gain insight about aging research. The program offers diverse perspectives and includes presentations, seminars, and small group discussions. The 2022 Butler-Williams Scholars Program will be held virtually August 23-25.

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

**Application deadline** - April 15, 2022

## EVENTS



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

**Dr. Trina Shanks (2007 MCUAAAR Scientist) is the Director of the School of Social Work, Community Engagement.** 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://sww.umich.edu/assets/rsvp-request/index.php?page=register&id=W339>**

### **Decolonizing Social Work from a Local and Global Lens** **Monday, April 11, 2022** **2:00 – 3:30pm**

Join the Global Social Work Practice Pathway and the Office of Global Activities in this panel discussion to highlight the contributions of community organizers and leaders across local and global contexts who are utilizing decolonizing and social justice-oriented perspectives to promote climate justice and refugee rights and to address health disparities among Indigenous populations.

The panel discussion will be moderated by Dr. Ashley Cureton. Panelists include:

- Melanie Minuche (she/her), Climate Justice Organizer at Alianza Americas
- Allan Mukuki (he/him), Director of International Partnerships; PhD Candidate with a focus on refugee protection in the East African community at Strathmore University Law School
- Nicole Reed, MPH, CHES (she/her), Senior Professional Research Assistant at the University of Colorado Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native Health

**For more information and to register - <https://sww.umich.edu/assets/rsvp-request/index.php?page=register&id=W381>**



**The Second Curtis Center Health Equity Seminar**  
**Thursday, April 7, 2022, 1:00-2:00 PM EST via Zoom**

Featuring Dr. Anao Zhang, Signature Program Co-Lead and Curtis Center Faculty Affiliate, Assistant Professor of Social Work and the Clinical Research Director of the Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology Program at University of Michigan Health

*"Creating an Equitable Healthcare System for Adolescents and Young Adults Living With Cancer: Overcoming Unique Bio-psycho-social-spiritual Challenges"*

For more information and to register - <https://ssw.umich.edu/assets/rsvp-request/index.php?page=register&id=W368>

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

### **Dr. Christy Erving (2021 MCUAAAR Scientist) for Achieving Tenure and Your New Appointment!!!**



Dr. Erving will be joining the University of Texas, Austin Department of Sociology as an Associate Professor in the Fall. YAY!!! Christy said she is elated to be returning to her home state and excited about joining the Department of Sociology.

## **RESOURCES**



### **Black History Month 2022** **Theme – Black Health & Wellness**

In recognition of #blackhistorymonth and GSA's ongoing commitment to social and health equity, diversity and inclusion, **the GSA Publishing Department curated a special collection of articles from the GSA Journals** highlighting the experience of aging in Black communities, including important topics such as gentrification, racism, and the well-being of Black caregivers. [Browse the articles](#) that made the February 2022 campaign which saw nearly 1100 engagements (clicks, retweets, replies, follows, likes, etc...) and the three articles that placed in the top 5% of all research outputs scored by Altmetric (software that monitors and reports on the attention surrounding published work):

- [Discrimination and Hypertension Among Older African Americans and Caribbean Blacks: The Moderating Effects of John Henryism](#)
- [Multiple Reasons for Perceived Everyday Discrimination and All-Cause Mortality Risk Among Older Black Adults](#)

- [Depressive Symptoms, Leisure Activity Engagement, and Global Cognition in Non-Hispanic Black and White Older Adults](#)
- [Neighborhood Characteristics and Inflammation Among Older Black Americans: The Moderating Effects of Hopelessness and Pessimism](#)

Dr. Ryon Cobb was a co-author on the first paper and the first author on the second paper. Dr. Christy Erving was a co-author on the second paper. Dr. Ketlyne Sol is co-author on the third paper. Dr. Weidi Qin is co-author on the fourth paper. But check out all the articles; we have MCUAAAR faculty and Advisory Committee Members who have authored other papers in the collection.

### David Williams & Harold "Woody" Neighbors Discuss Development of Discrimination Scales



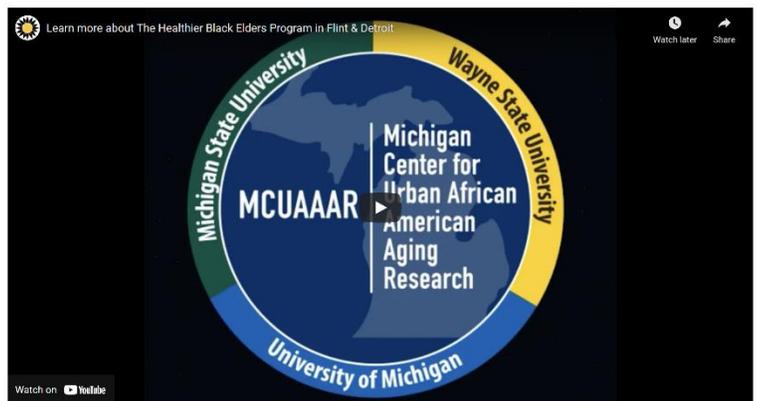
In this one-hour video, Dr. David Williams is interviewed by Dr. Harold "Woody" Neighbors (Nov. 2021). The interview consists of three broad sections. The first section is biographical, where listeners will learn about Dr. Williams' family origin, family values related to education, and the interesting "twists and turns" that led to two master's degrees (M.Div and MPH) before his choice of the University of Michigan Ann Arbor (UMAA) Sociology Doctoral Program. The second section describes the thought behind crucial career decisions as Dr. Williams left UMAA for Yale, returned to the UMAA, and ultimately back

to the "Ivy League" for a named professorship at the Harvard Chan School of Public Health. The final section of this interview (36:00 minutes) delves deeply into the history behind the development of a measure of "perceived" racial discrimination within the community survey. Here, Dr. Williams and Neighbors exchange ideas on how methodologic rigor can be used as a political tool within conversations surrounding racism, race, and racial disparities in health. The interview concludes with personal reflections on Dr. James S. Jackson's impact on the research career of Dr. Williams.

Video can be found here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0MeAubwPARU>

### ENGAGE US / MCUAAAR New Video

The ROAR/ENGAGE US project has recently produced an excellent video about the benefits of older African Americans participating in research, and talks about the Healthier Black Elders program in Flint and Detroit. The 2-minute video can be found on the ENGAGE US website here - <https://engageus.org/what-we-do/> (scroll down toward the bottom of the page) or on YouTube - <https://youtu.be/4zY6ihgqJEI>.



## UPCOMING MCUAAAR EVENTS

<b>Upcoming Events/Deadlines:</b>	
Next Program Meeting	<b>Wednesday, April 13, 2022</b> 9:00 – 11:00am
Next Scientist Seminar	<b>Wednesday, April 20, 2022</b> 10:00 – 11:00 am
Next Lunch & Learn	Your Voice Matters: The Importance of Representation and Democracy for Health & Well-Being <b>Thursday, April 21, 2022</b> 11:00 am – 12:30 pm To join by computer - <a href="https://bit.ly/HBElunch">https://bit.ly/HBElunch</a>
Next HRS Working Group	<b>Wednesday, April 27, 2022</b> 9:00 – 10:00