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A Message from the Program Director

But we believe that the time has come to not only talk about health disparities, but actually begin to do something to reduce and eliminate them altogether.

The Program in Health Disparities Research operates on three fundamental channels: research, education, and community engagement. Our aim is to conduct and promote cutting-edge research that makes a difference in the lives of others – we believe in conducting research in partnership with communities and never “on them.” We are also committed to education of the academic community on culturally acceptable methodologies for conducting health disparities research. In addition, community engagement brings us full circle for the objective of eliminating health disparities by including community members in all aspects of the research process.

In the coming year, we will continue our work and partnership with Minnesota’s diverse and underserved populations and take further steps to close the gap on health disparities.

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Dedicated to Eliminating Health Disparities

Health disparities are significant differences in health between one population group and another—differences in the incidence, prevalence, mortality, and burden of diseases and other adverse health conditions existing among specific population groups. Health disparities in the United States also represent an inequality of health outcomes between communities in the world’s economic leader and top spender on health care. The Program in Health Disparities Research at the University of Minnesota Medical School is dedicated to reducing and ultimately eliminating health disparities through collaborative research, innovative education, and community engagement.

How do health disparities translate into everyday life? Within the United States, we have many inequalities in health outcomes, including:

- Age-adjusted death rates for the African American population exceeded those for the white population by 46 percent for stroke, 32 percent for heart disease, 23 percent for cancer, and 787 percent for HIV disease.¹

- American Indians are 638 percent more likely to suffer from alcoholism, 400 percent more likely to contract tuberculosis, 291 percent more likely to suffer from diabetes, and 20 percent more likely to suffer from heart disease than the general U.S. population.²

- As many as 1 out of 10 Asian and Pacific Islander Americans are chronically infected with the hepatitis B virus compared with 1 out of 1000 Caucasian Americans.³

- Hispanics/Latinos accounted for 19 percent of new AIDS diagnoses and 19 percent of all people living with AIDS in the 50 states and District of Columbia in 2006.⁴

Resources:
Minnesota is consistently ranked as one of the healthiest states in the nation. Despite the overall health status of our state, underserved populations experience disproportionately poor health and high rates of illness and death. In addition to the national health disparities that also affect our state, specific examples within Minnesota include:

- African American men have higher overall cancer mortality rates compared with white men, including a 53 percent higher rate of lung cancer, 97 percent higher rate of prostate cancer, and more than four times higher death rates from liver cancer.\(^5\)

- Over 40 percent of all diabetes deaths among American Indians and African Americans occur before age 65 compared with 17 percent among the white population.\(^6\)

- African American women have a 61 percent higher stroke death rate than white women, African American men have a 34 percent higher stroke death rate than white men, and Asian Americans have an 11 percent higher stroke death rate than whites.\(^7\)

- In Minneapolis, infant mortality rates in the African American community are three times higher than whites; rates among American Indians are almost four times higher than whites.\(^8\)

Health disparities present in many different conditions, not limited to those listed above—and this highlights the importance of effective research and collaborative strategies to address health disparities within our communities. The challenge is too severe and great to address alone, but together we can make a difference in the lives of others. Collaborative research, innovative education, and community engagement are the strategies of the Program in Health Disparities Research.

Resources:
8. City of Minneapolis: http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/legislativeaffairs/HealthDisparities.asp
The Health Disparities Advisory Board meets quarterly and consists of community leaders in a variety of fields including health care, education, and community development, providing important guidance and feedback for current and future research and initiatives on health disparities. Members of the board include:

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Grants Awarded 2007 - 2008

Jasjit S. Ahluwalia (Co-Investigator & Site Principal Investigator) - $2,900,000 from National Cancer Institute
Enhancing Tobacco Use Treatment for African American Light Smokers

Michele Allen (Co-Investigator) - $99,332 from National Institutes of Health
Maximizing Immigrant and Refugee Health: A community-partnered approach
- (Site Co-Investigator) $81,840 from National Institutes of Health/National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities
The Right Question Project II - Mental Health
- (Co-Investigator) $20,000 from Planning Grants in Health Disparities Research Program
Examining Social Factors Contributing to Disparate Rates of Retinopathy among Latinos with Type II Diabetes in Minnesota
- $89,766 from Clearway Minnesota
Tobacco Prevention for Latino Youth Through Parent Education - A Community Collaborative Approach
- $195,000 from American Cancer Society: Cancer Control Career Development Award
A Parenting Intervention to Prevent Tobacco and Other Substance Use in Latino Adolescents: A Participatory, Social Network Building Approach

Larry An - $2,500,000 from National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
Tailored-Web and Peer Email Cessation Counseling for College Smokers
PHDR Co-Investigator: Jasjit S. Ahluwalia
- $3,200,000 from National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
A Randomized Controlled Trial of Internet Access to Nicotine Patches
PHDR Co-Investigator: Jasjit S. Ahluwalia, Anne Joseph

Daheia Barr-Anderson - $255,000 from National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
Exploration of Environmental Factors Associated with Overweight & Obesity in African American Adolescent Girls
- $55,393 from National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
Loan Repayment Program (Health Disparities Research)

Tiffany Beckman - $114,998 from Native Elder Research Center/University of Colorado
Native Investigator Development Program

Carla Berg - $145,260 from Clearway Minnesota
Market Segmentation in Young Adults’ Responses to Minnesota’s Freedom to Breathe Act

Diana Burgess - $8,000 from Department of Veterans Affairs HSR&D Locally Initiated Project
Development of an internet-based tool to advance research and education on disparities in healthcare
- $391,300 from Department of Veterans Affairs
Presence and Correlates of Racial Disparities in Pain Management
Grants Awarded 2007 - 2008

**Kathleen Call** - $530,958 from Minnesota Department of Human Services
*Disparities in Minnesota Health Care Programs*
- $512,776 from Oklahoma Health Care Authority
  *Oklahoma Survey and Small Area Analysis of Un-insurance*
- $595,000 from Minnesota Department of Human Services
  *Minnesota Health Access 2007*

**Tracie Collins** - $580,466 from American Diabetes Association
*Self-Managed Walking Improves Function in Patients with Diabetes Mellitus and Peripheral Arterial Disease*
- $12,000 from Minnesota Medical Foundation
  *Inflammatory Markers in Patients with Diabetes and Peripheral Arterial Disease*
- $7,000 from University of Minnesota- President’s Multicultural Research Award
  *Minority Awareness of Peripheral Arterial Disease*

**Susan Everson-Rose** - $765,960 from National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
*Psychosocial Factors and Stroke Risk in a Biracial Population*

**Miguel Fiol** - $10,000 from Mdawakanton Sioux Tribe of Shakopee
*Comparative Study of Beliefs and Quality of Health Care of Native Americans and Non-Native Americans with Epilepsy*

**Steven Fu** - Department of Veterans Affairs: Career Development Award
*Population-Based Strategies to Ameliorate Tobacco Health Disparities*
- $466,943 from Clearway Minnesota
  *Tobacco Treatment among Racial/Ethnic Minority Smokers*
- $24,604 from Department of Veterans Affairs
  *Community-Based Partnerships for Tobacco Cessation Outreach to OEF/OIF Veterans*
- $899,197 from Department of Veterans Affairs
  *Proactive Tobacco Treatment for Diverse Veteran Smokers*
  PHDR Co-Investigator: Anne Joseph
- $49,958 from Masonic Cancer Center, University of Minnesota
  *Development of Peer-based Proactive Tobacco Treatment Strategies for Urban American Indians*

**Ann Garwick** - $920,000 from Maternal and Child Health Bureau
*Center for Children with Special Health Care Needs*
- (Co-Investigator) $202,292 from Center for Children with Special Health Care Needs Academic Health Center Faculty Development Grant
  *Internet-based Health Care Transition Program*

**Cathy Jordan** - $150,000 from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation
*Family Sustainability Collaborative: Healthy Homes, Healthy Families and Children*
- $100,000 from National Institutes of Health
  *Examining a Collaborative Strategy for Increasing Understanding, Adoption, Adaptation, and/or Creation of Evidence-based Children’s Mental Health Practices for Culturally Diverse Communities*
- $150,000 from McKnight Foundation
  *Children, Youth and Family Consortium Educational Disparities Theme*
Grants Awarded 2007 - 2008

Hee Lee - $100,000 from John A. Hartford Foundation
*Exploring Quality of Cancer Care and Quality of Life Among Elderly Asian American Immigrants and Refugees*

- $88,855 from Supplemental Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station Supplemental Fund
*Vital Involvement to Help End Cancer Disparities: Life Strengths in Coping with Cancer in Minnesota’s Asian American Immigrant Community*

- $33,604 from Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station
*Cancer Health Disparities in the Asian American Immigrant Community in Minnesota*

- $783,258 from National Institutes of Mental Health - Mentored Research Scientist Development Award for New Minority Faculty
*Culturally Socialization of Korean Adoptees*

Richard Lee - $32,684 from University of Minnesota Institute for Advanced Study
*Creating Culturally-Informed Trauma Research: An Interdisciplinary Approach*

Susie Nanney - $100,000 from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
*Evaluating Nutrition Policies and Practices in U.S. Secondary Schools: Do They Vary by Income, Location, or Ethnicity?*

- $10,000 from Minnesota Population Center
*Exploring State Level Demography with School Health Linkages*

- $674,075 from National Institutes of Health/National Center Institute
*Improving School Food Environments*

Kola Okuyemi - $2,900,000 from National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
*Improving NRT Adherence and Outcomes in Homeless Smokers*
PHDR Co-Investigators: Jasjit S. Ahluwalia, Jennifer Warren

- $515,500 from Clearway Minnesota
*Motivating Patients in Primary Care to Utilize the Minnesota Helpline*
PHDR Co-Investigator: Jasjit S. Ahluwalia, Jennifer Warren

- $25,000 from University of Minnesota Transdisciplinary Tobacco Use Research Center
*Cancer-related Biomarker Risk Assessment for African American Light Smokers*

- (Co-Investigator) $2,900,000 from National Cancer Institute
*Enhancing Tobacco Use Treatment for African American Light Smokers*

Nancy Raymond - $446,905 from National Institutes of Health
*University of Minnesota Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women’s Health (BIRCWH)*

- $1,260,000 from University of Minnesota Office of the Vice President for Research and the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences
*Minnesota Healthy Heart Project*

- $300,000 from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
*Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Doula Project: Birth support services for American Indian Women*

- $100,000/yr renewable from United Way
*WISE Kids Eat Well: A Community-Academic Partnership for Wellness at WISE Charter School*

- (Co-Investigator) $20,000 from Planning Grants in Health Disparities Research Program
*WISE Kids Eat Well*
Grants Awarded 2007 - 2008

John Song - $1,009,000 from National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Nursing Research
*Intervention to Improve Expression of End of Life Preference for Homeless Persons*

Janet Thomas - $132,000 from American Heart Association
*Promoting Home Smoking Restrictions: Biomarker Feedback to Cohabitating Smoking and Non-Smoking Adults*
PHDR Co-Investigator: Jasjit S. Ahluwalia
- $80,000 from American Lung Association
*Documenting Child Exposure to ETS Carcinogens: A Novel Approach to Motivate Home Smoking Bans*
PHDR Co-Investigator: Jasjit S. Ahluwalia

Michelle van Ryn - $100,000 from UCare Minnesota
*Elimination Disparities in Care: Development and Evaluation of an Interactive Training Module to Reduce Unconscious Bias in Providers’ Clinical Decision-making*
- $700,000 from Veteran Affairs Health Services Research Development Service
*Understanding and Meeting the Needs of Informal Caregivers to Improve Outcomes for Traumatic Brain Injury Patients with Polytrauma*
- $850,000 from National Cancer Institute (administered by Veterans Affairs HSR&D)
*Assessing and Addressing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening*
- $306,421 from National Institutes of Health/Veteran Affairs Medical Center
*Cancer Care Assessment Research Evaluation Study*

Jennifer Warren - $80,000 from Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation
*Web-based Cessation Intervention Among African American Light Smokers*
- $126,863 from Clearway Minnesota
*Mobilizing African American Parents to Address the Harms of Secondhand Smoke: A Community-based Participatory Research Project*
- NIH Loan Repayment Program
*Web-based Cessation Intervention among African American Smokers*

Rachel Widome - $99,743 from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
*Assessing Correlates of Retail Level Tobacco Marketing: Neighborhoods, Underage Sales, and Policy Options*
Planning Grants 2007 - 2008

The Planning Grants in Health Disparities Research Program is sponsored annually in collaboration with local funding partners. This funding mechanism aims to foster community and academic collaboration on research topics designed to reduce health disparities. To promote community and research collaboration, each application is required to have one principal investigator from the University of Minnesota and one from a local community organization. Applications are reviewed similarly to National Institutes of Health guidelines and by a committee consisting of University faculty and community members.

Funding partners:
Academic Health Center
Office of Clinical Research

PLANNING GRANT TITLES AND Awardees

WISE Kids Eat Well
  Pam Cosby, Community Center of Excellence in Women’s Health at NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center
  Nancy Raymond, Department of Psychiatry

Using Photovoice to Document Perceived Routes of Pesticide Exposures and Health Concerns among Mothers from Minnesota’s Red River Valley
  Linda Kingery, Northwest Regional Partnership
  Patricia McGovern, School of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health Sciences

Translating Research to Action: Reducing Recreational Tobacco Use in the Urban American Indian Community
  John Poupart, American Indian Policy Center
  Jean Forster, Division of Epidemiology and Community Health

The Family Education & Diabetes Series (FEDS) Project: A Pilot Investigation
  Sheila WhiteEagle, St. Paul Area Council of Churches; Department of Indian Work
  Tai J. Mendenhall, Family Medicine & Community Health

Community Partnerships to Prepare for Pharmacogenic Studies in the Hmong Community
  Kathleen Culhane-Pera, West Side Community Health Services
  Robert Straka, Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology, College of Pharmacy
Research

Planning Grants 2008 - 2009

During the first cycle of the planning grants, feedback from community organizations revealed some groups did not have pre-existing relationships with academic researchers to partner with on research projects. The second cycle of the planning grants program was restructured to consist of two phases to address this barrier. In the first phase, a request for letters of intent on research proposals was released to community organizations. Once intent letters were received, a matching process was undertaken to introduce community organizations without University research partners with academic researchers with similar interests. For the second phase, successfully matched community organizations were invited to submit a full application along with groups that had pre-existing research relationships. Research proposals were then reviewed by a committee of University faculty and community members.

Funding partners:
Academic Health Center Office of Clinical Research;
Masonic Cancer Center, University of Minnesota
Office for Business & Community Economic Development
The Community Health Initiative (with Medica)

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| **Motivational Interviewing to Reduce the Risk of Kidney Disease in African American Men** | Clarence Jones, Q Health Connections  
David Radosevich, Department of Surgery, Medical School |
| **Examining Social Factors Contributing to Disparate Rates of Retinopathy among Latinos with Type II Diabetes in Minnesota** | Rodolfo Gutierrez, Hispanic Advocacy and Community Empowerment through Research  
Michele Allen, Department of Family Medicine, Medical School |
| **Understanding Somali Refugees’ Perceptions of Mental Health Care: A Focused Ethnography** | Hassan Ugas, Center for Somali and Children’s Services  
Cheryl Robertson, School of Nursing |
| **Stress-related Health Disparities Among African American Youth: A Systematic Focus on Risk and Resiliency** | Willie Winston, Minnesota Association of Black Psychologists  
Sonya Brady, Division of Epidemiology, School of Public Health |
| **Pharmacogenic Investigations in the Hmong Community** | Kathleen Culhane-Pera, West Side Community Health Services  
Robert Straka, Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology, College of Pharmacy |
Distinguished Visiting Scholar Series

The Distinguished Visiting Scholar Series in Health Disparities Research brings a nationally acknowledged leader in health disparities research to the University of Minnesota and local organizations to present on relevant health topics and meet with faculty, fellows, students, and community members.

October 16, 2008
“Participatory Approaches in Asian American Health Disparities Research”
Grace X. Ma, Ph.D.
Professor, Department of Public Health; Director, Center for Asian Health, College of Health Professions, Temple University

May 23, 2008
“Overview of Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Health Status and Health Care”
Sherman A. James, Ph.D., F.A.H.A., F.A.B.M.R.
Susan B. King Professor, Public Policy Studies, Center for Health Policy, Duke University

September 21, 2007
“Changing the Mindset to Reduce Mental Health and Substance Abuse Disparities”
Margarita Alegria, Ph.D.
Professor of Psychology, Department of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School; Director, Center for Multicultural Mental Health Research, Cambridge Health Alliance

May 9, 2007
“Recruitment and Retention of Minorities Into Clinical Trials”
Mona N. Fouad, M.D., M.P.H.
Professor, Division of Preventive Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham; Director, Minority Health & Health Disparities Research Center
Community Dialogue Series

The Community Dialogue Series is a series of dialogue events conducted in partnership with local community organizations to address health topics identified by community members. The goal of this program is to bring community members together with health experts for genuine dialogue on health disparities-related topics while providing tangible resources to enhance the discussion.

Topic: Hepatitis B in Asian Communities

December 19, 2008
Lao Cultural Center, Minneapolis

Speaker:
Jian-Min Yuan, M.D., Ph.D. – University of Minnesota, Division of Epidemiology and Community Health

Topic: Tobacco

June 17, 2008
Skyline Tower, Saint Paul

Speakers:
Kola Okuyemi, M.D., M.P.H. – University of Minnesota
Jon Ebbert, M.D. – Mayo Clinic

Topic: Obesity

March 25, 2008
Sabathani Community Center, Minneapolis

Speakers:
Nancy Raymond, M.D. – University of Minnesota
Daheia Barr-Anderson, Ph.D., M.S.P.H. – University of Minnesota
Susie Nanney, Ph.D., M.P.H., R.D. – University of Minnesota
The Connection Newsletter

The Connection is the official newsletter of the Program in Health Disparities Research. Published bi-monthly, each issue provides information on health disparities and inequalities from many different perspectives, from researchers at the University to organizations working within the community. The goal of this publication is to inform readers on topics of health inequalities while promoting cutting-edge strategies that make a difference in the lives of others.