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A Message from the Program Director

When health inequity touches so many in our community here in Minnesota, nationally, and globally, it is particularly difficult to turn a blind eye. Being connected to Program in Health Disparities Research (PHDR) means you, as a community member, business partner, or researcher, have chosen to be a part of this community of health disparity fighters. You have chosen to use your resources to make a difference in the health of our community.

This dedication makes us a community that shares a vision of hope and determination. Hope that everyone will have access to quality, affordable, comprehensive health care services regardless of their socioeconomic status and a focused determination to eliminating health disparities.

The end of 2014 marks the end of the calendar year, but not the end of the challenge in addressing health disparities. Program in Health Disparities Research will continue to take on the challenge of eliminating health inequity in our communities. Please join us in the challenge to eliminate health disparities. Make a commitment today to improve the care and quality of life for everyone in our community.

Warm regards,

Kola Okuyemi, MD, MPH
Director, Program in Health Disparities Research
The Health Disparities Community Health Advisory Council meets bimonthly and consists of community leaders in a variety of fields, including health care, education, and law enforcement, providing important guidance and feedback for current and future research in health disparities.

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2. Cunningham BA, Bonham VL, Sellers SL, Yeh HC, Cooper LA. Physicians’ Anxiety Due to Uncertainty and Use of Race in Medical Decision Making. Med Care. 2014 August;52(8):728-33. doi: 10.1097/MLR.0000000000000157. PMID: 25025871


Caitlin Caspi:

Caitlin Caspi, continued:


Cari Clark:


Sue Everson-Rose:


Ann Joseph:


Susie Nanney:


Kola Okuyemi:


Kola Okuyemi, continued:


Rebekah Pratt:


Charles Rogers:


Elizabeth Rogers:


Janet Thomas:


Grants

**Jerica Berge: Principal Investigator**
Funding Institution: National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute
Grant title: *Addressing Unanswered Questions about the Home Environment and Childhood Obesity Disparities*
Amount: $714,843

**Kathleen Call: Principal Investigator**
Dates: 06/01/2014 - 05/31/2015
Funding Institution: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Grant title: *State Health Reform Assistance Network (SHRAN)* 70881 (Blewett)
Amount: $725,870

Dates: 02/01/2014 - 12/31/2014
Funding Institution: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Grant title: *State Health Access Reform Evaluation (SHARE)* 70498 (Blewett)
Amount: $370,234

Dates: 08/01/2014 - 01/31/2016
Funding Institution: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Grant title: *Comparing Health Insurance Measurement Error (CHIME)* ID 29438
Amount: $283,753

Dates: 07/01/2014 - 03/31/2015
Funding Institution: Colorado Health Institute (CHI)
Grant title: *2015 Colorado Health Access Survey (CHAS) Technical Assistance*
Amount: $10,506

**Cari Clark: Principal Investigator**
Dates: 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2015
Funding institution: National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities
Grant title: *Loan Repayment Grant*
Amount: $8,459 in loan repayment

Dates: 07/01/2014 - 12/31/2015
Funding institution: Clinical and Translational Science Institute, University of Minnesota
Grant title: *Exploring Mental and Behavioral Health Outcomes Among Children Exposed to Intimate Partner Violence*
Amount: $64,676
D. Erickson, L. Harnack: Principal Investigators  
Co-Investigator: Susie Nanney  
Dates: 2014 - 2019  
Funding Institution: CDC 3U48DP005022-01S1  
Grant title: Impact of a Local Ordinance on Healthy Food Access.  
Amount: $83,200

Diego Garcia-Huidobro: Principal Investigator  
Dates: 10/01/2014 - 09/30/2016  
Funding Institution: University of Minnesota, Clinical and Translational Science Institute  
Grant title: Feasibility of One-to-One Parenting Intervention to Prevent Substance Abuse in Latino Youth  
Amount: $15,998

Rachel Hardeman: Principal Investigator  
Dates: 10/01/2014 - 10/01/2016  
Funding Institution: University of Minnesota Clinical and Translational Science Institute  
Grant title: 2014 University of Minnesota Clinical Translational Sciences Institute Training and Research Development Program Grant  
Amount: $36,000

Pamela Jo Johnson: Principal Investigator  
Dates: 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2015  
Funding Institution: Sime Fellowship, UMN Center for Spirituality & Healing  
Grant title: Integrative Therapies & Healing Practices for Wellbeing in Diverse Populations  
Amount: $179,182  
Dates: 07/01/2014 - 12/31/2015  
Funding Institution: University of Minnesota Community Collaborative Grant, CTSI-22480  
Grant title: Impact of Complementary and Integrative Healthcare on Health & Wellbeing for Adults with Chronic Disease  
Amount: $64,752

Beth Rogers: Principal Investigator  
Co-Investigators: Sunny Chanthanouvong  
Dates: 08/01/2014 - 07/31/2015  
Funding Institution: Program in Health Disparities Research, University of Minnesota  
Grant title: Increasing CRC Screening in the Laotian Community  
Amount: $25,000
Education

The Program in Health Disparities Research supports higher education through internships, mentorships, and research.

Summer Internship

The Health Disparities and Cancer Research Summer Undergraduate Internship includes hands-on experience in research addressing health disparities and cancer. Interns are matched with and supervised by experienced faculty mentors conducting research at the Program in Health Disparities Research and the Masonic Cancer Center.

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Effective mentoring is one of the most critical components of a successful academic career. The University of Minnesota Medical School’s Program in Health Disparities Research organizes and hosts a mentoring program, Health Equity Leadership and Mentoring (HELM), with the aim to enhance the academic excellence and leadership capacity of diverse faculty and health disparities researchers at the University of Minnesota and ultimately reduce health inequities. HELM focuses on some of the challenges scholars may face from minority, underserved groups and other faculty whose research is addressing health equity.

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Distinguished Visiting Scholar Series

The Distinguished Visiting Scholar Series on Health Disparities Research brings an acknowledged leader in health disparities research to the University to present lectures, visit community organizations, and meet in small groups with faculty, fellows, and students. This series is sponsored in partnership with the Medical School’s Program in Health Disparities Research, Center for Health Equity, and Minnesota Center for Cancer Collaborations.

Topic: *Culture, Race, and Research: Negotiating the Journey Between the Head and the Heart*
Guest: Collins Airhihenbuwa, PhD, MPH
Pennsylvania State University
Date: May 7, 2014
Cancer-Related Health Disparities Education and Career Development Program

The University of Minnesota Cancer-Related Health Disparities Education and Career Development Program is a joint training program in the Medical School and the School of Public Health for pre- and postdoctoral fellows committed to establishing careers in intervention research to reduce cancer-related disparities. This program, which began in September 2011 through a five-year grant from the National Cancer Institute, will train researchers to develop and evaluate interventions to reduce cancer-related inequities among disadvantaged populations in both clinical and population settings using a community-based participatory research framework. The program also intends to enhance the diversity of the research workforce in this area by recruiting individuals from underrepresented/disadvantaged populations.

The Postdoctoral Fellows in 2014 include:

Charles R. Rogers, PhD, CHES
Caitlin Caspi, ScD
Elizabeth M. Allen, PhD, MPH
Enyinnaya Merengwa, MD, MPH, CPH

Community Research Institute

Community Research Institute (CRI) is a six-week workshop series designed to enhance the capacity of community organizational leaders and staff in health-related research methodology to be able to take the lead on and/or increase their partnership capacity in developing and conducting grant-fundable research projects.

Participating community organizations team up with University of Minnesota professionals to work collaboratively on different research topics, i.e. designing a research question & specific aims, ethics, community-engaged research, preparing a grant budget, and dissemination of community research results to diverse audiences.

Community Research Institute 2014 Participating Organizations

Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation
National Sports Center Foundation
West African Medical Missions
Women’s Initiative for Self Empowerment (WISE) Inc.
Asha, USA
Hearth Connection
Progressive Individual Resources, Inc.
Mewinzha Ondaadiziike Wiigaming
Community Engagement

The Program in Health Disparities Research is engaged in the community through dialogue, clinics, and grants.

Community Dialogue Series

The Community Dialogue Series is a series of discussion 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.

Title: *African American Men’s Health* - Super Bowl Event
Speakers: Charles R. Rogers, PhD, CHES and Kola Okuyemi, MD, MPH
Anika Foundation
February 2, 2014

Title: *Environmental Justice and Health Disparities*
Speaker: Sacoby Wilson, PhD, MS
Women’s Environmental Institute
May 29, 2014

Title: *Research Findings on Autism in the Somali, Latino and Hmong Communities*
Speaker: Kathleen Call, PhD
SOLAHMO
June 28, 2014

Title: *Breast Cancer Awareness* - Scandal Premiere Pinked Out Party
Speaker: Douglas Yee, MD and Susan Everson-Rose, PhD. MPH
Anika Foundation
September 25, 2014

Title: *Hear from Our Community* - Active Transportation Recommendations
Speaker: Dr. Susie Nanney, PhD, MPH, RD
Transequity Health Summit
September 25, 2014

Title: *Findings and Recommendations for Safe Routes to School*
Speaker: Huda Ahmed
Little Earth Neighborhood Early Learning Center
October 27, 2014

Title: *Preliminary Results of Colon Cancer: iPrevent. iTreat. iBeat*
Speaker: Charles R. Rogers, PhD, CHES
Sabathani Community Center
November 8, 2014
Community Research Dialogue Series

Title: Trust and Trustworthiness in Research Partnerships: Historical Perspectives and Personal Reflections
Speaker: Vanessa Northington Gamble
Wilder Center
January 22, 2015

Title: Learning from the Legacy of Henrietta Lacks - Advancing Research Ethics in Minnesota
Speaker: Rebecca Skloot
Northrop Auditorium
November 14, 2014

Conference Series on Immigrant Mental Health

Title: Community-Driven Solutions to Address Behavioral Health Disparities in Immigrant Communities
Speaker: Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, MD, PhD
St. Mary’s University Center
November 11, 2014
Clipper Clinic provides quality healthcare in a comfortable and trusted event. Each Clipper Clinic is conducted in, and partnered with a local barbershop or beauty salon. At each event, free preventive health care services are provided for anyone in the community.

- **Wilson’s Image Barbers & Stylists**
  - March 1, 2014

- **Brian D’s Old School Barbers**
  - July 18, 2014

- **One 21**
  - September 26, 2014

- **Karina’s Beauty Salon**
  - November 11, 2014

- **Electra Beauty Salon**
  - April 26, 2014

- **Beaux Le Tress Designers**
  - August 15, 2014

- **Urban Touch Barbers**
  - October 18, 2014

- **Haircut City**
  - November 22, 2014

- **Ceci’s Beauty Salon**
  - December 13, 2014

- **Beaux Le Tress Designers**
  - December 19, 2014

*Clipper Clinic was presented at the 142nd American Public Health Association. Speakers: Huda Ahmed and Clarence Jones (Southside Community Health Services)*

- November 18th, 2014
**Pilot Grants**

*Increasing Colorectal Cancer Screening in the Laotian Community: Understanding Barriers and Health Literacy*

Community Investigator: Sunny Chanthanouvong, Lao Assistance Center of Minnesota  
University Investigator: Elizabeth Rogers, MD, Department of Medicine, University of Minnesota

*From the Heart...Mindful Total Wellness Intervention Model to Reduce Health Disparities in the African American Community*

Community Investigator: Anika Robbins, The ANIKA Foundation  
University Investigator: Susan Everson-Rose, PhD, MPH, Department of Medicine, University of Minnesota

*Estimating the Exposure of the Hmong Community to Perfluorochemicals from Their Food Baskets*

Community Investigator: Karen Clark, Women’s Environmental Institute  
University Investigator: Matt Simcik, PhD, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota

*A Shisha Smoking among East Africans in the Twin Cities: A Qualitative and Quantitative Investigation into an Emerging Health Crisis*

Amano Dube, Brian Coyle Community Center  
Janet Thomas, PhD, LP, Department of Medicine, University of Minnesota

**Policy**

Health Equity in Policy Initiative (HEPI) is a component of the Program in Health Disparities Research at the University of Minnesota Medical School launched in 2014 with Marilyn ‘Susie’ Nanney, PhD, Director and Huda Ahmed, MS, Associate Director. The HEPI project aims to bring the conversation forward to establishing policies that reduce and eliminate health disparities in our communities.
Sponsored Events and Awards
The Program in Health Disparities Research sponsors a variety of events and awards.

Events

Science Museum Cancer and the Human Body Exhibit
January 25, 2014

2014 Health Disparities Roundtable: Mental Health and Affordable Care Act
April 10, 2014

Indian Wellness Fair
May 7, 2014

Cancer Disparities Grand Rounds
Title: The Nitty Gritty of Racial Disparities in Prostate Cancer
Speaker: Willie Underwood, III, M.D., MSci., MPH
September 3, 2014

11th Annual Women’s Health Research Conference
September 29, 2014

Advancing Cancer Health Equity Conference
November 5, 2014

Travel Awards

The Program in Health Disparities Research (PHDR) in the University of Minnesota’s Medical School supports and funds the Community Member and Trainee Travel Awards. Travel Awards offers community members an opportunity to attend regional or national health disparities-related conferences. These awards focus on projects and research relating to health disparities studies by community members (non-University of Minnesota employees).

Rachel Hardeman, PhD
Public Health Critical Race Praxis Institute
Feb 16-19, 2014

Kyle Hill, PhD
World Indigenous Peoples’ Conference on Education
May 19-24, 2014

Diego Garcia-Huidobro
North American Primary Care Research Group Annual Meeting
November 21-25, 2014
Each year, PHDR members spend an afternoon volunteering at a local community organization. This year, the group made cookies at Open Arms in Minneapolis. Open Arms is the only nonprofit organization in Minnesota that cooks and delivers free meals specifically tailored to meet the nutrition needs of individuals living with HIV/AIDS, MS, ALS, breast cancer, and more than 60 other diseases.