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2015 Affiliate members of the Program in Health Disparities Research
A Message from the Program Director

Program in Health Disparities Research (PHDR) mission is to eliminate health inequities through collaborative research, innovative education, and trusted community partnerships in Minnesota and beyond. PHDR is focused on an integrated approach in addressing health inequity, with one common goal: to “Triumph Over Health Disparities.” We’re using the latest research with a commitment to evidence-based quality care, to take on the challenges health inequity creates in our community.

In fact, our unique community-based participatory research coupled with providing preventative health services within a trusted community environment, where individuals live and work, makes our approach for addressing health inequity collaborative and community-friendly. The philosophy that permeates PHDR at every stage is, ‘How can we do this together as an engaged partner in our community to reduce health disparities and promote health equity?’ I invite you to learn more about Program in Health Disparities Research by exploring these pages and connecting with our researchers.

Best regards,

Kola Okuyemi, MD, MPH
Director, Program in Health Disparities Research

Dr. Kola Okuyemi

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Kola Okuyemi, MD, MPH
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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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Rebekah Pratt:


Charles R. Rogers:


Janet Thomas:


Grants

**Michele Allen: Principal Investigator**
Dates: 01/2015 - 03/2016
Funding Institution: National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
Grant Title: *Promoting Health and Positive Youth Development for Somali, Latino and Among Youth*
Amount: $333,159

**Cari Clark: Principal Investigator**
Dates: 01/01/2015 - 12/31/2017
Funding Institution: UK Department for International Development
Grant Title: *Change Starts at Home: Preventing Violence Against Women and Girls in Yemen*
Amount: $1,570,361

Dates: 08/01/2015 - 07/31/2018
Funding Institution: Office for Women’s Health, Minnesota Department for Health and Human Services
Grant Title: *Coordinated Care for Partner Violence Survivors through the MHealth Community Network*
Amount: $1,462,035

**Anne Joseph: Principal Investigator**
Dates: 09/25/2015 - 08/31/2016
Funding Institution: National Cancer Institute
Grant Title: *Adaptive Interventions for Smoking Cessation in Lung Cancer Screening Programs*
Amount: $629,961

**Melissa Laska: Principal Investigator**
**Caitlin Caspi: Co Investigator**
Dates: 12/01/2015 - 11/30/2016
Funding Institution: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
Grant Title: *Impact of a Local Staple Food Ordinance on Food Choices and Calories Purchased*
Amount: $641,785
Grants

**Marilyn S. Nanney: Principal Investigator**
Dates: 04/01/2015 - 09/30/2016
Funding Institution: Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
Grant Title: *Impact of School Policies on Student Diet and Activity Behaviors and Obesity*
Amount: $379,800

**Kola Okuyemi: Principal Investigator**
Dates: 02/01/2015 - 03/31/2016
Funding Institutions: National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute
Grant Title: *Enhancing Smoking Cessation in Homeless Populations*
Amount: $743,606

Dates: 09/01/2015 - 08/31/2016
Funding Institution: National Cancer Institute
Grant Title: *Minnesota Community Networks Center for Eliminating Cancer Disparities*
Amount: $307,724

**Rebekah Pratt; Principal Investigator**
Dates: 07/01/2015 - 06/30/2016
Funding Institution: University of Minnesota, Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute
Grant Title: *The Impact of Group Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Approach on Reducing Depression and Improving Parenting Outcomes Somali Parents at Risk for Depression*
Amount: $62,654

**Michelle Van Ryn: Principal Investigator**
**Brooke Cunningham: Co Investigator**
Dates: 09/01/2015 - 05/31/2016
Funding Institution: National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute
Grant Title: *The Impact of Residency Factors on Racial, Size and LGBT Bias in Physician Trainees*
Amount: $811,954
Summer Interns

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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# Health Equity Leadership and Mentoring

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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Health Equity Leadership and Mentoring (HELM) Awards

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 Post-doctoral Fellows committed to establishing careers in intervention research to reduce cancer-related disparities. This program, which began in September 2011 through a 5-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 2015 include:

Elizabeth M. Allen, PhD, MPH
Enyinnaya Merengwa, MD, MPH, CPH
Charles R. Rogers, PhD, CHES
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 and meet in small groups with faculty, fellows, and students, and visit community organizations. 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.

*Achieving Health Equity in Minnesota*
Guest: Joseph Betancourt, MD, MPH, Harvard Medical School
April 15, 2015

*Discovering My Voice as a Scientist Who Happens to be Cherokee: Activism for Change*
Guest: David Burgess, PhD, Boston College, Department of Biology
May 19, 2015

*Shining Light on the Long Shadow of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study: Implications for Improving Informed Consent and Building Trust between Minority Populations and Researchers*
Guest: Stephen Thomas, PhD, University of Maryland, School of Public Health
June 17, 2015

*Dr. Stephen Thomas*
Community Engagement

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.

Men’s Health Super Bowl Event with ANIKA Foundation
Speakers: Juneau Robbins, DC, Robbins Urban Wellness Retreat; Jason Ricco, MD, West Broadway Medical Clinic; and Charles Rogers, PhD, MPH UMN
Scratch Bar and Grill
February 3, 2015

Dialogue with Researchers about Cancer and Equity in the Asian Community
Speakers: Kola Okuyemi, MD, MPH and Douglas Yee, MD
Lao Assistance Center of Minnesota
April 1, 2015

National Infertility Week
Speaker: Fartun Weli, MPH, Isuroon
Grandview Restaurant
April 23, 2015

Community Education Session on Diabetes and Obesity in our Community
Speaker: Tiffany Beckman, MD, MPH
Oak Park Youth & Family Center
July 16, 2015

Brian Coyle - Safe Routes to Schools Stakeholders
Health Equity in Policy Initiative
Brian Coyle, Pillsbury United Community Center
October 2, 2015

3rd Annual Pinked Out Party: A Breast Cancer Awareness Event
Speakers: Carol Lange, PhD, University of Minnesota; Susan Pappas-Varco, University of Minnesota; Reona Berry, African American Breast Cancer Alliance; Susan Everson-Rose, PhD, MPH, University of Minnesota; Nicole Knuckles, Wells Fargo; and Nneka Morgan, KMOJ
ANIKA Foundation & Robbins Urban Wellness Retreat
September 24, 2015

Safe Mother, Safe Newborns Conference
Isuroon
Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs
November 12, 2015

Little Earth/East Phillips
Health Equity in Policy Initiative
Little Earth Neighborhood Early Learning Center
November 17, 2015
Community Research Dialogue Series

*Trust and Trustworthiness in Research Partnerships: Historical Perspectives and Personal Reflections*
Speaker: Vanessa Northington Gamble, MD, PhD, George Washington University
January 22, 2015

Clipper Clinic

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.

- **T & C Barbershop**
  - February 28, 2015

- **Fades of Grey**
  - August 22, 2015

- **Changez Barbershop**
  - October 17, 2015

- **Fades of Grey**
  - December 4, 2015

- **Handz on Barber and Beauty Salon**
  - June 27, 2015

- **Wilson’s Image Barbers and Stylists**
  - September 18, 2015

- **Cecil’s Beauty Salon**
  - November 21, 2015

- **Brian D’s Old School Barbers**
  - December 12, 2015
Pilot Grants on Health Disparities

Pilot Grants are designed to encourage community-initiated research and foster sustainable long-term collaboration between community-based organizations and academic researchers on research projects focused on reducing and eliminating health disparities.

American Indian Response to Targeted Cancer Education and Outreach Materials
Researchers: Marco Yzer, University of Minnesota
Kris Rhodes, American Indian Cancer Foundation

The Dissemination of Faith – Based Messages to Encourage Somali Women to Participate in Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening
Researchers: Rebekah Pratt, University of Minnesota
Imam Sharif Mohamed, Islamic Civic Society of America

Quality Life in MN: A Dissemination – Intervention Framework for Reducing Disparities in Cardiovascular Disease and Colorectal Cancer among African Americans
Researchers: Charles R. Rogers, University of Minnesota
Anika Robbins, The Anika Foundation.

Practice and Policy – Developing a Statewide Model of Doula Support for Incarcerated Women
Researchers: Rebecca Shlafer, University of Minnesota
Erica Gerrity, Everyday Miracles
Sponsored Events and Awards

**Events**

Kwe.Strong Triathlon  
August 22, 2015

Quality Life Lounge  
August 28, 2015

Julio Cammarota on Youth Participatory Action Research and Ethnic Studies  
September 28, 2015

Family Centered Adolescent Care: An Inclusive Approach for all Youth and their Families  
December 3, 2015

**Community Member and Trainee Travel Awards**

The Travel Awards offers community members and trainees an opportunity to attend regional or national health disparities-related conferences. These awards focus on projects and research relating to health disparities studies by University of Minnesota employees and non-University community members.

**Jenna Cushing-Leubner**  
*Critical Participatory Action Research Institute*  
May 31 - June 6, 2015

**Love Odetola**  
*World Health Organization Research Scholar Program*  
July - September, 2015

**Youseff Roman**  
*American College of Clinical Pharmacy Global Conference*  
October 16, 2015

**Ray R. Lewis**  
*American Public Health Association Conference*  
October 31 - November 4, 2015

**Benjamin Katz**  
*25th Annual Midwest Stream Farm Worker Health Forum*  
November 9 - 11, 2015
Volunteer Activities

Annual Volunteer Event

Each year, PHDR members spend an afternoon volunteering at a local community organization. This year, the group made breakfast for the seniors at the Southwest Center in Minneapolis. The Southwest Center supports the health and independence of older adults through the wellness, education, and socialization resources to help seniors remain healthy and engaged.