THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS M. D. ANDERSON CANCER CENTER
Center For Research On Minority Health

6th Annual Disparities in Health in America Workshop:
Celebrating Scholar Entrepreneurs Working Towards
Social Justice

Conference Agenda

JUNE 21 – 27, 2008

Saturday, June 21, 2008   WELCOME AND OPENING

Morning
8:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. Welcome & Opening

Lovell A. Jones, PhD, Director, Center for Research on Minority Health, Department of Health Disparities Research, Founder, Health Disparities, Awareness, Research & Training (HDEART) Consortium, Houston, TX.

John Ruffin, Ph.D. – Director, National Center for Minority Health & Health Disparities, National Institute of Health, Bethesda, MD

Ernest Hawk, MD, MPH, Vice President and Division Head, Division of Cancer Prevention & Population Sciences, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.

Kirk A. Calhoun, MD, President, The University of Texas Health Center at Tyler, Tyler, TX.

The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee, 18th Congressional District, Texas, Houston, TX.

Keynote Address – Can We Do Anything About Health Disparities in America?
10:30 S. Leonard Syme, PhD, Professor of Epidemiology and Community Health (Emeritus), School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley, CA.

11:30 Questions and Answers

11:45 Workshop Overview
Lovell A. Jones, PhD, Director, Center for Research on Minority Health, University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.

12:00 p.m. LUNCH

Saturday, June 21, 2008   BIOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL FACTORS

Afternoon
Selma J. Morris, MD, MED, Director of the Comprehensive Breast Center at Emory University School of Medicine, Decatur, GA.

1:45 Sociocultural Impacts on Cancer Control in The U.S. Affiliated Pacific Island Jurisdictions
Neal Palafox, MD, MPH, Professor and Chair, Department of Family Practice and Community Health, John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii, Mililani, HI.

2:45 15 minute break
3:00 Lessons Learned From the Spirit of E.A.G.L.E.S. Community Program Networks Program
Judith Salmon Kaur, MD, Associate Professor of Oncology, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Director, Native American Programs, Rochester, MN.

4:00 Understanding the Cultural Barriers That Impede Latinas From Clinical Trials
Venus Ginés, MA, Instructor, Department of Medicine, Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Research Center, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX.

5:00 Building Capacity for Cancer Control in Appalachia
Pamela K. Brown, MPA, Associate Director, Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV.

6:00 Panel Discussion

6:30 Adjourn

Sunday, June 22, 2008  HUMAN GENOMICS AND HEALTH DISPARITIES
7:30 a.m.  Registration & Breakfast

8:00 Genes, Ethnicity and Autoimmunity: A Historical Perspective
John D. Reveille, MD, Professor & Director, Division of Rheumatology & Clinical Immunogenetics, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston, TX.

9:00 Using Ethnogenetic Layering to Illuminate the Genetics of Health Disparities
Fatimah Jackson, PhD, Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

10:00 15 minute break

10:15 Race, Genetics, and Health Disparities: Placing Susceptibility Into Context
Rick Kittles, PhD, The University of Chicago, Department of Medicine, Chicago, IL.

11:15 Partnership in Genomics Research
Janis F. Hutchinson, PhD, Biological/Medical Anthropologist, Department of Anthropology, University of Houston, Houston, TX.

12:15 p.m. Questions and Answers

12:45 Lunch Speaker – EDICT: Eliminating Disparities In Clinical Trials
Armin Weinberg, PhD, Director, Center for Research on Chronic Diseases, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX.

2:00 Gena Objectives MicroRNAs and Native Cultural Issues
Lynne Bemis, PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Colorado Health Science Center, Autora, CO., & Linda Burhansstipanov, MSPH, DrPH,CHES, Grants Director, Native American Cancer Research, Pine, CO.

4:30 Questions and Answers

5:00-7:00 Reception – Robert C. Hickey Auditorium (Foyer)
Monday, June 23, 2008    HEALTH DISPARITIES AND ETHICS
- Morning
7:30 a.m.       Registration & Breakfast

8:00
Narrowing the Gap Through Attention to Values and Ethics in Public Health Risk Assessment.
Colin L. Soskolne, PhD, FACE. Department of Public Health Sciences, School of Public Health, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

9:00
Breast Cancer and Health Disparities
Vincente Valero, MD, FACE, Professor of Medicine, The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.

10:00
How the Private Health Insurance Perpetuates Health Disparities:  Do our Presidential Candidates have a Viable Solution?
Rebecca B. Lunstroth, JD, MA, Instructor & Assistant Director, The John P. McGovern, The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, and The Human Spirit University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center Medical School Houston, TX.

11:00       Panel Discussion – Questions and Answers

12:00 p.m.       Lunch Speaker – TBN, John McLachlan, PhD, Professor/Director, Tulane/Xavier Center for Bioenvironmental Research, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA.

Monday, June 23, 2008    HEALTH DISPARITIES – SOCIAL DETERMINANTS
- Afternoon
1:30       TBA
Bill Jenkins, MS, PhD, MPH, Associate Director, Morehouse College, The Research Center of Health Disparities, Atlanta, GA.

2:30       TBA
Larry Laufman, EdD, Associate Director for Educational Development, Chronic Disease Prevention & Control Research Center, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX.

3:30       15 Minute Break

3:45       Community Model to Eliminate Health Disparities:  Triangulation of Theory, Data, and Practice
Robert Robinson, DrPH, Associate Director for Health Equity and Senior Science Fellow, Office on Smoking and Health, CDC (Retired), Atlanta, GA.

4:45       TBA
Guadalupe Palos, RN, LSMW, DrPH, Assistant Professor, Department of Symptom Research, The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.

5:45       Questions and Answers

6:30       Adjourn
Tuesday, June 24, 2008  HEALTH DISPARITIES & PATIENT NAVIGATION
- Morning
7:30 a.m.  Registration & Breakfast

8:00  
The Origin and Evolution of Patient Navigation
Harold P. Freeman, MD, President and Founder of the Ralph Lauren Center for Cancer Care and Prevention, Harlem, NY.

9:00  
Patient Navigation: A Community Based Strategy to Help Reduce Health Disparities
Rian Rodriguez, MPH, Patient Navigation Institute, Ralph Lauren Center for Cancer Care and Prevention, Harlem, NY.

10:00  
Addressing Health Disparities Through Patient Navigation
Angelina Esparza, BS, BSN, RN, Director of Survivorship, Information and Quality of Life, American Cancer Society, Inc., Atlanta, GA.

11:00  
Panel Discussion

12:00  
Lunch Speaker – Dying While Black: Why Civil Rights Act of 1964 is Inadequate for Addressing 21st Century Health Care Discrimination? Vernellia R. Randall, JD, Professor of Law, University of Dayton School of Law, Dayton, OH.

Tuesday, June 24, 2008  HEALTH DISPARITIES, HEALTH POLICY & WORKFORCE ISSUES
- Afternoon
1:30  
TBA
William Baun, EPD, FAWHP, Manager, Employee Health, The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.

2:30  
Reducing Health Disparities by Improving the Quality of Primary Care in Low Income Communities
Robert Otto Valdez, PhD, Executive Director, The RWJF Center for Health Policy, Associate Director, Office of Community Health, UNM Health Science Center, Professor, Family & Community Medicine and Economics, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM.

3:30  
15 minute break

3:45  
The Missing Link in Health Reform
Kenneth Thorpe, PhD, Woodruff Professor & Chair Health Policy & Management, Emory University School of Public Health, Atlanta, GA.

4:45  
Leveraging the Future for Health Equity: Insights from the DRA Project
Clement Bezold, PhD, Chairman of the Board and Founder of the Institute for Alternative Futures, Alexandria, VA.

5:45  
Questions and Answers

6:15  
Adjourn
Wednesday, June 25, 2008  KELLOGG SCHOLARS  
- Morning  
7:30 a.m.  Registration & Breakfast  

8:00  
Introductions  
**Barbara K. Krimgold, PhD**, Director, Scholar in Health Disparities Program Kellogg Fellows in Health Policy Fellows Program Center for the Advancement of Health, Washington, DC.  

8:15  
**Effective Management of Chronic Disease Despite Access and Income Barriers**  
**Gina L. Evans, PhD**, Kellogg Health Scholar, Center for Research on Minority Health, Department of Health Disparities Research, The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.  

9:15  
**Physical and Social Environmental Mediators of Health Status in the Fresno, TX Community**  
**Denae King, PhD**, Research Scientist, Center for Research on Minority Health, Department of Health Disparities Research, The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.  

10:15  
15 minute break  

10:30  
**Do You Know What Pesticides Are? A Bio-cultural Model of Migrant Farmworker Health Disparities**  
**Amy Snipes, PhD**, Kellogg Health Scholar, Center for Research on Minority Health, Department of Health Disparities Research, The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.  

11:30  
Questions and Answers  

12:00 p.m.  Lunch Speaker – TBA, Vence L. Bonham, Jr., JD, Senior Consultant on Health Disparities, National Human Genome Research Institute, NIH, Bethesda, MD.  

Wednesday, June 25, 2008  KELLOGG SCHOLARS  
- Afternoon  
1:30  
**Diversifying The Workforce And Increasing Cultural Competency Among Health Care Workers**  
**Ilana S. Mittman, PhD, MS, CGC**, Workforce Diversity Director, Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, Office of Minority Health & Health Disparities/Instructor, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD.  

2:30  
**Culture Clash: The Medical Encounter as a Source of Health Disparities**  
**Cayla Teal, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Section of Health Services Research, Department of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, and Health Decision-Making and Communication Program, Houston Center for Quality Care and Utilization Studies, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX.  

3:30  
15 minute break  

3:45  
**A Sociocultural Approach to Understanding Racial Disparities in Late-Life Physical Function**  
**Mindi Spencer, PhD**, Kellogg Health Scholar, Health Program Associate.
4:45  Latino Aging and Health Disparities  
Angelica Herrera, DrPH, Kellogg Health Scholar. Center for Research on Minority Health, Department of Health Disparities Research, The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.

5:45  Questions and Answers

6:15  Adjourn (Buses to the Marriott Medical Center)

7:00-9:00  Abstract/Poster Presentation @ Marriott Medical Center - Reception

Thursday, June 26, 2008 - KELLOGG SCHOLARS

Morning

7:30  Registration

8:00  Introductions  
Barbara K. Krimgold, PhD, Director, Scholar in Health Disparities Program Kellogg Fellows in Health Policy Fellows Program Center for the Advancement of Health, Washington, DC.

8:10  The Relationship between Nativity Status, Satisfaction with and Confidence in Health Care: Results from the Commonwealth Fund 2001 Survey on Disparities in Quality of Health Care  
Flora Dallo, PhD, Assistant Professor, School of Public Health, University of Texas, Dallas, TX.

9:10  Racial Discrimination, Identity, and Cardiovascular Health Among African American Men  
David H. Chae, PhD, Kellogg Fellows Program Alumnus & RWJF Scholar.

10:10  15 minute break

10:25  Linking Community-based Research and Policy: Age at First Mammogram Among African American Women in a Clinical-based Study  
Anita M. Wells, PhD, Kellogg Health Scholars Program, School of Community Health & Policy, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD.

11:25  Questions and Answers

12:00  Lunch Speaker – TBA, Joan Y. Reede, MD, MPH, MS, Associate Professor of Medicine, Dean for Diversity and Community Partnership, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA.

Thursday, June 26, 2008 - HEALTH COMMUNICATIONS & HEALTH DISPARITIES

Afternoon

1:30  Health Literacy Meets Social Justice: Words Do Count  
Cathy D. Meade, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute, Tampa, FL.

2:30  Reducing Disparities by Reducing Barriers in Primary Care  
Marilyn Aguirre-Molina, PhD, Professor of Population & Family Health, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, New York, NY.

3:30  15 minute break
3:45 Operationalizing Culture, Race and Ethnicity
Marjorie Kagawa-Singer, PhD, MA, MN, RN, Associate Professor, UCLA School of Public Health and Asian American Studies Department, University of California-Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA.

4:45 Cultural Tailoring in Health Promotion
Kenneth Resnicow, PhD, Professor, University of Michigan, School of Public Health, Ann Arbor, MI.

5:45 Panel Discussion

6:15 Adjourn

Friday, June 27, 2008  TELEHEALTH, TELECOMMUNICATION AND HEALTH DISPARITIES
7:30 a.m. Registration & Breakfast

8:00 TBA
TBN

9:00 A Live Demonstration: Using Interoperable Electronic Health Systems to Improve Healthcare for the Underserved
Mark Jones, MS, MBA, Principal Investigator, AHRQ Grant-Improving Healthcare Through Health Information Technology, Secure Medical Records Transfer Network (SMRTNET), Tehlequah, OK.

10:00 15 minute break

10:15 TBA
Alexandra (Lexi) B. Nolen, PhD, MPH, Director of Health Policy and Planning, Center to Eliminate Health Disparities, The University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX.

11:15 Panel Discussion

12:00 p.m. GRAND ROUNDS - SPEAKER
TBA
Shiriki Kumanyika, PhD, MPH, Professor of Epidemiology, Department of Biostatistics & Epidemiology, School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

1:00 Closing Remarks

2:30 Adjourn

Out-of-town speakers
Local Speakers