



## Members Bulletin

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### **Faculty Development Opportunities and Resources**

#### **Campus-Community Partnership for Health Award**

Nominations are due February 16 for the Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) Annual Award! <http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/awards.html>

The CCPH Award recognizes exemplary partnerships between communities and higher educational institutions that build on each other's strengths to improve higher education, civic engagement, and the overall health of communities. The intent of the CCPH Award is to highlight the power and potential of community-campus partnerships. As a strategy, these partnerships can contribute to achieving many significant outcomes, including but not limited to: eliminating health disparities; producing community-responsive, culturally competent health professionals; increasing the diversity of the health workforce; expanding access to higher education, health care and technology; and advancing economic, social and environmental justice.

### [International Conference on Urban Health](#)

The 6th International Conference on Urban Health (ICUH) will be held this year in Baltimore Maryland on October 29-November 1 2007, and is being hosted by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (Urban Health Institute) and the University of Maryland at Baltimore. The theme is information systems and management to address disparities in urban health. The meeting welcomes presentations to all topics related to urban health, domestic and international. Details of the meeting, including abstract deadlines can be found on <http://www.icuh2007.org>

### [Call for Abstracts-IEHD](#)

In collaboration with the Congressional Black Caucus, UMDNJ'S Institute for the Elimination of Health Disparities will be hosting a conference focusing on the Challenge of Obesity in health disparity populations in New Jersey. The conference will be held on March 30-31, 2007, at the Dental School on the Newark Campus. The purpose of the conference is to: 1) review current data on social and economic impact of obesity and related illnesses on the healthcare system, employers, communities and residents; 2) increase knowledge and awareness of successful, cost-effective obesity reduction programs in the community; 3) seek concrete recommendations for public policy changes to improve access to safe recreational facilities and affordable nutrition; and, 4) showcase UMDNJ faculty research and community interventions. Faculty who have research projects, clinical or community interventions involving obesity and health disparity populations are invited to submit an abstract for a presentation or a poster. For further information, please contact Tracey Richardson at (973) 972-4383 or email: [Richartr@umdnj.edu](mailto:Richartr@umdnj.edu).

### **Funding Opportunities**

#### [The Effect of Racial and Ethnic Discrimination/Bias on Healthcare Delivery](#)

Application deadline: variable

The purposes of this Funding Opportunity Announcement are: (1) to improve the measurement of racial/ethnic discrimination in healthcare delivery systems; (2) to enhance understanding of the influence of racial/ethnic discrimination in healthcare delivery and its association with disparities; and(3)to reduce the prevalence of racial/ethnic health disparities. Details:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=11993>

#### [American Geriatrics Society Seeks Proposals for Geriatrics for Specialty Residents Program](#)

The [American Geriatrics Society](#), through the Geriatrics-for-Specialists Initiative, a program funded by the [John A. Hartford Foundation](#), seeks proposals for specialty-specific initiatives from academic training centers to develop, initiate, and evaluate programs designed to increase education for residents in the geriatrics aspect of their disciplines. The overall project addresses the urgent need to create a structure for developing leaders in geriatrics in academic surgery and related medical specialties. The Geriatrics for Specialty Residents program allows interested specialists to work in collaboration with the geriatrics program in their institution, thereby enhancing their knowledge and skills in teaching geriatrics principles to specialist residents. [http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml;jsessionid=2YGPIN34LNWZVTQRSI4CGXD5AAAACI2F?id=166400048](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=2YGPIN34LNWZVTQRSI4CGXD5AAAACI2F?id=166400048)

#### [US Federal Funding for Community Participation in Research](#)

The US Department of Health and Human Services has reissued the Program Announcement for Community Participation in Research as two Program Announcements - one for R01 grants and one for R21 grants. These are a reissue of PAR-05-026, previously released December 2, 2004. (1)PAR-07-283: Community Participation in Research (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-07-283.html>

(2) PAR-06-247: Community Participation in Research (R21)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-247.html>

The ultimate goal of these funding opportunities is to support research on health promotion, disease prevention, and health disparities that is jointly conducted by communities and researchers.

### **Selected Recent Disparities Articles**

#### **2006 National Healthcare Disparities Report**

The overall quality of the U.S. health care system is improving, but providers are missing important chances to help Americans avoid disease or serious complications, according to annual reports issued by the Department of Health & Human Service's (HHS) Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

*National Healthcare Disparities Report* <http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/nhdr06/nhdr06.htm>

Print copies of the reports also can be obtained by calling 1-800-358-9295 or by sending an email to [ahrqpubs@ahrq.gov](mailto:ahrqpubs@ahrq.gov). See the press release

<http://www.ahrq.gov/news/press/pr2007/nhqdr06pr.htm>

#### **Health Insurance Plans Addressing Gaps in Care Experienced by the Nation's Minorities**

Two-thirds of consumers receive their coverage from an organization that collects data on the race and ethnicity of members, up from just over half three years ago, according to a study released by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP). Before 2003, national studies had identified very few providers or institutions that were addressing disparities in care using a data-driven, quality improvement approach. Read the news release

<http://www.rwjf.org/newsroom/newsreleasesdetail.jsp?id=10454&c=EMC-CA142>

Download full text of the report (PDF/586kb)

<http://www.rwjf.org/files/publications/other/2006AHIP-RWJFSurvey.pdf?c=EMC-CA142>

#### **Improving Health & Reducing Disparities through Prevention: Challenges, Implications, and Opportunities**

An innovative report calling for a broad and strategic response to reducing inequitable health outcomes by identifying and discussing key strategies that build on the successes of a variety of fields not previously applied or considered relevant to health disparities reduction.

<http://www.preventioninstitute.org/healthdis.html>

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **NIH Regional Seminars on Program Funding and Grants**

Twice annually, typically once in the eastern U.S. and once in the western U.S., the NIH Office of Extramural Research conducts NIH Regional Seminars on Program Funding and Grants. These seminars help demystify the NIH grant application and review process, clarify Federal regulations and policies, and highlight current areas of special interest or concern. The seminars are appropriate for grants administrators, researchers new to NIH and graduate students. In 2007, the OER will conduct seminars at the University of Utah at Salt Lake City, March 5-7, and in research Triangle Park, NC, April 24-26, sponsored by several local higher education and research institutions. Pre-registration for the seminars is available now. For additional information, visit the NIH Regional Seminars on Program Funding and Grants Web site.

<http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/seminars.htm>

### [Health of African Diaspora: Abstract and Conference Announcement](#)

The 2nd Annual Conference on the Health of the African Diaspora: The Health of Men will explore the causes for disparities in health among men of the African Diaspora and provide a forum for sharing best practices in reducing these disparities. Sessions of the Conference will cover HIV/AIDS, Prostate and Colon Cancer, Education, Justice System, and Conflict and Violence. The goal of the Conference on the Health of the African Diaspora is to explore the socioeconomic, cultural and educational barriers that perpetuate health disparities in the African Diaspora, to highlight realistic solutions for addressing these issues, and to encourage collaboration among health care providers, community leaders, and public health officials. For additional information, online registration, abstract submission, and to reserve an information table to publicize your products and services, please visit our website at [http://www.med.nyu.edu/diversity\\_affairs/calendar/conference%20page.html](http://www.med.nyu.edu/diversity_affairs/calendar/conference%20page.html)

### **Job Openings/Training Opportunities**

#### [Summer Training Workshop on African American Aging Research](#)

The training will take place at Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research Institute of Gerontology, Wayne State University on **June 4-6, 2007**.

**Workshop objectives include:** • Identify and mentor investigators of multi-cultural backgrounds who are committed to conducting African-American health related aging research • Contribute to the improvement of the quality and quantity of health related research conducted with the African-American aging population. **Eligibility:** • Ph.D., M.D. or equivalent degree, or be a Ph.D. candidate • U.S. citizen or permanent resident • African-American, Hispanic, Native American, or Asian/Pacific Islander ancestry **Stipends:** Six stipends (ranging from \$250 to \$1,200 each) will be awarded to those chosen to attend the 2007 training workshop to defray travel and hotel expenses. **How to apply:** If you are interested in being considered for this workshop, please apply by sending one copy of the following materials to the address below by April 13, 2007 • An application in which you concisely describe your research plans, detailing your current level of preparation for rigorous research, and stating how participation in this workshop would be advantageous to your professional growth (no more than two or three pages). • A current curriculum vita. • The name and phone or e-mail of one person who can speak of your research potential • One example of a research manuscript demonstrating your potential for rigorous health related research (e.g., dissertation abstract, chapter, article, or conference paper). **Materials must be received no later than April 13th.** Email attachments will not be accepted. **Mail to:**

#### **Summer Workshop**

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