



*"The Center for Health Equity Transformation (CHET), Lexington Kentucky, is located on the original homeland of diverse Native peoples who arrived over 10,000 years ago. The most recent among them were the Shawnee. Today, Kentucky is still home to over 25,000 Native people representing scores of tribal groups. CHET recognizes the injustices Native peoples have endured. Through this statement, we hope to begin the long process of healing."*

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## CHET's Weekly Communication Digest

### CHET Faculty Member Publishes Paper in *JAMA Cardiology*

Congratulations to CHET Biostatistics Core Coordinator Meredith Duncan, PhD, who recently published an article in the Journal *JAMA Cardiology*. The article, titled "Inclusion of Smoking Data in Cardiovascular Disease Risk Estimation" examines whether distinguishing former smokers from never smokers in atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) risk estimation equations improved risk prediction for ASCVD. Dr. Duncan and her colleagues found that accounting for previous smoking status including pack-years and years since quitting significantly improved risk prediction in their sample. In addition they stated, "If results are validated in cohorts of race and ethnicity groups other than White, these variables could be considered for inclusion in future ASCVD risk prediction models."



You can read the full article here:

<https://jamanetwork-com.ezproxy.uky.edu/journals/jamacardiology/fullarticle/2786611>

Congratulations Dr. Duncan!

### Joy in the Journey: Triumphs in Lessons Learned Along the Way

December 10th

10:30-11:30am

Room 410A, Healthy Kentucky Research Building

Zoom: <https://uky.zoom.us/j/82889558433>

Dr. Williams is an Associate Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), with a dual appointment in the Division of Rheumatology. Dr. Williams' research focuses on chronic disease prevention and control, particularly among African Americans, and deploys innovative interventions to achieve health equity. She is involved in numerous research projects, including a project that tests whether a culturally tailored peer mentoring intervention improves disease self-

management, indicators of disease activity, and quality of life in African American women with systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) (NINR R017892: Williams).

 Center for  
Health Equity  
Transformation

Join CHET for a Research Talk

**"Joy in the Journey: Triumphs in Lessons Learned  
Along the Way"**



**Edith M. Williams, PhD, MS**

Associate Professor  
Department of Public Health Sciences  
Department of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology  
Core Investigator, MUSC Center for Health Disparities Research  
Medical University of South Carolina

**WHEN:** December 10, 2021 10:30am - 11:30am

**WHERE:** Healthy Kentucky Research Bldg Room 410A

**ZOOM:** <https://uky.zoom.us/j/82889558433>

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**Upcoming Talk on Unmet Social Needs among Marginalized  
Populations with Diabetes**

December 10, 2021

1:00pm

Turfland Clinic, Room T2123

Zoom: <https://uky.zoom.us/j/81393353218>

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The Department of Family & Community Medicine

Hosts:

*Niko Verdecias, DrPH, MPH*

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Washington University in St. Louis  
Health Communications Research Lab: The Brown School

“Identifying and Addressing the Interplay between  
Unmet Social Needs and Comorbidities among  
Marginalized Populations Living with Diabetes”

**Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**AT 1:00 PM**

**Turfland Clinic, Conference T2123**

This lecture will also be hosted virtually via Zoom.

Zoom link: <https://uky.zoom.us/j/81393353218>

Questions, contact Dan Springfield at [dan.springfield@uky.edu](mailto:dan.springfield@uky.edu)

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## **Center for Innovation in Population Health Launches YouTube Channel**

The Center for Innovation in Population Health at UK recently launched a YouTube Channel, the Transformational Collaborative Outcomes Management Channel, to highlight their work. Currently featured is a keynote from their most recent conference entitled, "Going Beyond Rhetoric - Transformational & Collaborative Outcomes: The Intersectionality of Then, Now and Tomorrow"

You can view the talk here: <https://youtu.be/KImPWY1bQi4>

# Going Beyond Rhetoric – Transformational & Collaborative Outcomes: The Intersectionality of Then, Now and Tomorrow



PRESENTED BY  
DR. DE LACY DAVIS



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## Introducing Community Health Equity Research & Policy

*The International Quarterly of Community Health Education* recently changed its title to [Community Health Equity Research & Policy \(CHERP\)](#). With this title shift, new Co-Editors-in-Chief, Kathryn P. Derose and Aline Gubrium, take the journal in exciting new directions.

CHERP publishes research centered around the concept of health equity, being inclusive of community health, health policy, and public health and health care systems. This broader focus attends to the need for new and creative thinking to identify multi-sectoral solutions to persistent health inequities.

Moreover, the journal now stresses the systematic application of social science theories and methodologies to address pressing public health concerns. Environmental and structural changes are emphasized as long-lasting solutions to inequities, with community-partnered and participatory approaches to understanding and addressing health inequities prioritized in review.

### Submit your research

Community Health Equity Research & Policy (CHERP) is seeking papers in line with its new focus on health equity, and the journal's manuscript submission guidelines feature detailed instructions on how to submit.

You can learn more here:

[https://journals.sagepub.com/page/qch/cfp?M\\_BT=804416498689191](https://journals.sagepub.com/page/qch/cfp?M_BT=804416498689191)

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Save The Date!

# CHER Institute

Monday June 6th - 2022  
Saturday June 11th

## 2022 Center for Health Equity Research Institute

June 6-11, 2022

Priority Deadline: March 4, 2022 | Waitlist/Final Deadline: April 4, 2022

The CHER Institute at California State University, Long Beach is an NIGMS-funded project to increase the number of early career faculty members who are well prepared to become NIH principal investigators in community-based health equity research, with particular emphasis on faculty from Minority Serving Institutions.

CHER Institute offers:

- A six-day intensive educational and mentoring experience focused on theory-based, culturally informed methods with the purpose of developing a specific aims page for an NIH research proposal
- Four webinars annually on theory-based, culturally informed methods for effective community engagement in health equity research

[Link to Apply Now](#)

[Link to Learn More](#)

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## Collaboration Column

Drs. Beth Bloch and Kody Frey, Assistant Professors in the School of Information Science are currently recruiting UK members from clinical and preclinical communities (faculty, staff, and doctoral students) to participate in a pilot study that investigates how preclinical researchers and clinical stakeholders communicate when attempting to translate scientific findings into clinical applications.

Participants in the focus groups may help them to understand how communication between groups might lead to stronger translational efficacy. Focus groups will take place through Microsoft Teams and will involve approximately 45-60 minutes of time per week for a total of 4 weeks. Each participant will receive \$150 upon completion of the study as a thank you for volunteering their time. Participants may also discontinue their involvement at any time (and payment will be prorated).

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this project. Interested participants should follow the link below or contact Dr. Beth Bloch ([beth.s.bloch@uky.edu](mailto:beth.s.bloch@uky.edu)) or Dr. Kody Frey ([tkfr222@uky.edu](mailto:tkfr222@uky.edu)) for more information.

[https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_b3grESDTwBhkQke](https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b3grESDTwBhkQke)

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## **Biostatistics and Research Design Core**

To request a consultation with the CHET Biostatistics and Research Design Core, please click the following link: [https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9GlfBA9n9aPOFlb](https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9GlfBA9n9aPOFlb)

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## **CHET Student and Trainee Listserv**

Please encourage your students and trainees to join our listserv here: [bit.ly/joinchet](http://bit.ly/joinchet)