



"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 Associate Director Nominated for Sarah Bennett Holmes Award

Congratulations to Carrie B. Oser, Ph.D., CHET Associate Director of Outreach and Dissemination, who was nominated in the faculty category for the 2022 Sarah Bennett Holmes Award.

This award recognizes UK employees for their contributions to issues that affect women at the university and across the Commonwealth.

The award is presented by The University of Kentucky Women's Forum and a virtual awards ceremony will take place Wednesday, March 30, from 11:30am - 1:00pm via Zoom. Registration closes as Tuesday March 29th at 5:00pm: https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5jvTG9vinBA7Uto.

You can read more about this year's nominees here: <http://uknow.uky.edu/professional-news/uk-women-s-forum-announces-2022-sarah-bennett-holmes-award-nominees>

Congratulations Dr. Oser!



CHET Core Faculty Members Launch Pilot to Address Black Mental Health Inequities in Lexington

Congratulations to CHET Core Faculty members Candice Hargons, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Counseling Psychology, and Danelle Stevens-Watkins, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Counseling Psychology, Director of Graduate Studies, and Assistant Vice President for Research (Diversity and Inclusion) for a recent award to address mental health inequities among the Black community in Lexington.



The Neighborhood Healers Project aims to reduce the equity gap in the proportion of Black Lexingtonians receiving community mental health services by addressing the stigma and helping them access the mental health services they need.



The five-year project, funded for \$624,787 by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), will create a support system of “first-responders” within Lexington’s Black community who are trained to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental health crises and connect people to needed resources.

You can read more about the project here:

<https://uknow.uky.edu/research/uk-project-will-help-black-lexingtonians-access-mental-health-services>

Congratulations Drs. Hargons and Stevens-Watkins!

Uncovering the Roots of Racism in Medicine: A Practice in Reading Against the Archival Grain

Medical Heritage Library, Inc. and the Center for the History of Medicine, Countway Library

March 11, 2021

12:00-1:00pm

Zoom Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-speaker-series-aja-lans-tickets-277619727077?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>

As an anthropological archaeologist, [Aja Lans](#), Postdoctoral Researcher with the Inequality in America Initiative at Harvard University, utilizes an expanded notion of archives that includes artifacts housed in museums, including human remains. She reads against the archival grain while investigating the links between racism and the professionalization of medicine and physical anthropology over the long 19th century. To do so, she consults a variety of archival texts and documents, as well as their links to collecting and curating human remains. This requires a deep understanding of the historical context in which collections were assembled and supposedly objective scientific studies performed. In this way, we might identify inherent biases, which were often intimately linked to scientific racism.

Read more about the event here: <http://www.medicalheritage.org/2022/03/01/spring-speakers-2022-aja-lans/>

Part-time position opportunity in the UK Center for Health Equity Transformation and Markey Cancer Center

Researchers at the Center for Health Equity Transformation and Markey Cancer Center are hiring for an interventionist position on an NCI-funded R21 focused on helping posttreatment rural young adult cancer survivors reduce risky drinking. Interventionist will deliver phone-based motivational enhancement intervention.

The position will stay open until 3/18. It pays \$35/hr for 10-15 hours a week and has the potential to be fully remote.

To apply go to: <https://ukjobs.uky.edu/postings/379992>

For questions about eligibility or the position, please contact Laurie McLouth, PhD: laurie.mclouth@uky.edu

Deadline Extended: HDI Graduate Training Opportunity

The University of Kentucky Human Development Institute is leading a five year Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau in partnership with the University of Louisville and Eastern Kentucky University. LEND programs share the overall mission of improving the health of infants, children and adolescents with autism and other neurodevelopmental disabilities. A major focus of LEND is to increase the number of professionals with the knowledge and skills to provide evidence-based screening and diagnosis, as well as supports to individuals and families.

We are accepting applications across disciplines for the 2022 – 2023 academic year. A total of nine trainees will be accepted in the LEND traineeship, which includes leadership coursework and a rich array of clinical and community placements each semester. Trainees commit to 15 hours of LEND activities each week.

1. Complete LEND [online application](#) by **March 18, 2022**
(available: https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5vAMf2dLWxdaRV4)
2. Applications will be reviewed and interviews scheduled with finalists
3. 2022 – 2023 trainees notified by April 15. A total of nine selected trainees receive a nine month fellowship.

Trainees must be one of the following:

- enrolled in a graduate or post-graduate training program in a LEND discipline
- a family member of an individual with an intellectual/developmental disability
- an individual with an intellectual or developmental disability

Visit hdi.uky.edu/kylend to learn more and to apply online. Contact the Kentucky LEND Project Director caroline.gooden@uky.edu with any questions, or to schedule an informational session for your department and interested students!

AARP Community Challenge Grant Program

Deadline: March 22, 2022, 5:00pm E.T.

Application: www.AARP.org/CommunityChallenge

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) has opened the Community Challenge grant program for the 6th year. This program funds quick-action projects to make communities more livable and jump-start long-term change. Past projects have demonstrated an ability to help grantees garner additional funds or support from public and private funders, encourage replication and overcome local policy barriers, and receive greater overall awareness and engagement.

AARP will prioritize projects that support residents age 50 and over, are inclusive, address disparities, directly engage volunteers and aim to achieve one or more of the following (with a focus on all residents, especially people age 50 and older):

- Creating vibrant public places;
- Delivering a range of transportation and mobility options;
- Supporting a range of housing options;
- Ensuring a focus on diversity, equity and inclusion;
- Increasing civic engagement;
- Supporting communities' efforts to build engagement and leverage funding available under new federal programs; and
- Other community improvements.

**CHET to Cosponsor Keynote
Address by Dr. Robert Bullard, the
"Father of Environmental Justice"**

April 5, 2022
Gatton Student Center
9:00am
Registration: <https://www.ccts.uky.edu/2022-spring-conference-climate-health>

CHET is pleased to cosponsor the keynote address of the 17th Annual Center for Clinical and Translational Science Spring Conference: Climate and Health. This year's conference will take place in person and will feature Dr. Robert D. Bullard, the "Father of Environmental Justice."



Dr. Bullard is the Director of the Bullard Center for Environmental and Climate Justice and a Distinguished Professor of Urban Planning and Environmental Policy at Texas Southern University.



As part of CHET's speaker series and in observance of National Minority Health Month in April:

Join CHET for a Research Talk

LGBTQ+ Parent Families: Underscoring Strengths in Well-Being to Promote Health Equity



Rachel H. Farr, PhD, MS

Associate Professor
Psychology Department
Core Faculty, Center for Health Equity Transformation (CHET)

WHEN: April 7, 2022 11:00am - 12:00am

ZOOM: <https://uky.zoom.us/j/87619641444>

Dr. Farr's research in developmental psychology focuses on diverse families, particularly those parented by LGBTQ+ adults and formed through adoption. For over 14 years, she has conducted a large longitudinal study about how parental sexual orientation relates to child, parent, and family outcomes among diverse adoptive families across the U.S. Funded by the William T. Grant Foundation, Dr. Farr is currently studying racially, socioeconomically, and geographically diverse adolescents with LGBTQ+ parents.

Upcoming Events

15th Annual Graduate Student Regional Research Conference

March 24-25, 2022
University of Louisville
Registration: <https://louisville.edu/graduate/gsc/research-conference>

UNITE Inaugural Research Event

May 4, 2022
More information: <https://www.research.uky.edu/unite-research-priority-area/unite-news-events>

Collaboration Column

Research Analyst Position

Busy clinical research lab is looking for a responsible, conscientious, Research Analyst. The duties of this position will include coordination and running of research protocol sessions with human volunteers, collecting physiological and behavioral data, participant recruitment; quality assurance, overseeing research infrastructure including subject payment, budgets, supplies and record keeping; preparing data for presentation and publication support and assisting in the preparation of progress reports and grant applications.

Studies conducted in this Research Facility are primarily funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Principal Investigators are Drs. Rush, Stoops and Lile. The job posting will close **March 16, 2022**.

Application link: <https://ukjobs.uky.edu/postings/380283>

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

CHET Student and Trainee Listserv

Please encourage your students and trainees to join our listserv here: bit.ly/joinchet