

Apr. 4-8, 2022



"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 Named Sarah Bennett Holmes Awardee

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

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

The University of Kentucky Women's Forum held a virtual awards ceremony Wednesday, March 30, to honor four awardees who reflect the

accomplishments and legacy of Sarah Bennett Holmes.

These awards recognize individuals and teams who promote the growth and well-being of women at the university and across Kentucky. The Sarah Bennett Holmes Awards are among the most esteemed recognitions bestowed at UK and bring recognition for efforts that might otherwise go unnoticed.

You can read more about the awardees here: <http://uknow.uky.edu/professional-news/uk-women-s-forum-announces-2022-sarah-bennett-holmes-awardees>

Congratulations Dr. Oser!

BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK

APRIL 11-17, 2022

#BMHW22

Founded by the Black Mamas Matter Alliance in 2017, Black Maternal Health Week takes place every year from **April 11 –17** and was officially recognized by the White House on April 13th, 2021. The month of April is recognized in the United States as National Minority Health Month – a month-long initiative to advance health equity across the country on behalf of all racial and ethnic minorities. Additionally, we are joining dozens of global organizations who are fighting to end maternal mortality globally in advocating that the United Nations recognize April 11th as the International Day for Maternal Health and Rights.

<https://blackmamasmatter.org/bmhw/>

The BMHW 2022 theme, “**Building for Liberation: Centering Black Mamas, Black Families and Black Systems of Care**”, reflects BMMA’s work in centering Black women’s scholarship, maternity care work, and advocacy across the full-spectrum of sexual, maternal, and reproductive health care, services, programs, and initiatives. Additionally, the 2022 theme reflects the critical need for learning about Black Feminist and womanist approaches in strengthening wellness structures within our communities, across the Diaspora, as a revolutionary act in the pursuit of liberation and in the global fight to END maternal mortality.

[National Network of the Libraries of Medicine Event](#)

Health in Focus: Black Birth Workers

April 13, 2:00-3:30

Join us to learn: What is a Black Birth worker? What are the experiences of Black Birth Workers and their clients? How can working with a birth worker as a compliment to hospital medicine or care? How is community medicine tied to social justice and equity?

<https://nnlm.gov/training/class/health-focus-black-birth-workers>

[Louisville Coalition for Black Maternal Health Events](#)

Reproductive Public Policy and Making a Difference

April 13, 4:00-5:00pm

Jackie McGranahan will discuss legislation affecting reproductive public policy. If you want to know how to get involved or are curious about legislation that impacts your care, this event is for you!

[https://www.facebook.com/events/265833935626585/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A\[%7B%22surface%22%3A%22page%22%7D\]%7D](https://www.facebook.com/events/265833935626585/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A[%7B%22surface%22%3A%22page%22%7D]%7D)

Mental Health Matters!

April 14, 4:00-5:00pm

Mood swings are common in pregnancy and postpartum. However, there are a variety of mood disorders that happen in relationship to pregnancy and childbirth known as perinatal mood disorders.

Dr. Kendra Flores Carter, DSW, present on common perinatal mood disorders and coping

mechanisms.

https://www.facebook.com/events/626967821723460?context=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A%5B%22surface%22%3A%22page%22%7D%7D

National Birth Equity Collaborative Events

Registration: <https://hopin.com/events/bmhw22/registration>

Reproductive Justice is...

April 11 10:30-11:30am

This conversation serves as a refresher course of what the 16 Black women who coined the term “Reproductive Justice” meant when they gave birth to the modern day RJ movement in 1989.

Doulas + Dollars

April 11, 3:00-4:00pm

This candid conversation with birth workers unearths the common misconceptions about their work and the longstanding barriers that have prevented them from being able to support moms during pregnancy and labor including a lack of funding for doula and midwife services at the local, state and federal levels.

Climate Justice is Reproductive Justice

April 12, 2022. 10:00-11:00am

Excessive heat, air pollution, a lack of clean water supply to communities, and many other instances of environmental racism are having a direct impact on pregnant Black women and birthing people. This panel looks at the issue of climate justice as a reproductive justice issue and explores how climate change and environmental racism impacts Black mamas, their families, and communities around the globe. 10:00-11:00

Ain't I A Woman? Black Repro in the Media

April 13, 3:00-4:00

This conversation shatters the distorted lens through which reproductive topics are often presented in the media and highlights the disturbing way in which Black women are often held to a different standard than other women.

Bringing Down the Big House: Using Decarceration to Reclaim Black & Brown Rural Communities

Department of Sociology

April 12, 2022

3:00pm

Gatton Student Center, Senate Chamber



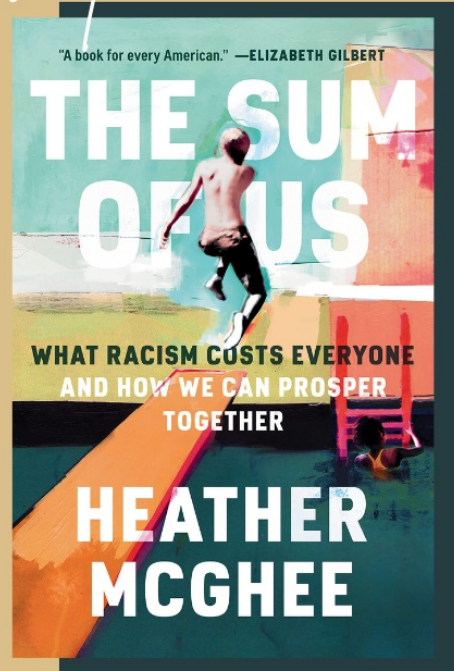
[John Major Eason](#), Senior Fellow/Equity

Scholar, Urban Institute is an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and author of *Big House on the Prairie: Rise of the Rural Ghetto and Prison Proliferation*. He is Founder and Director of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Justice Lab and also a founding member of the UW pancreas cancer data group with Oncologist Noelle LoConte.



THURSDAY, APRIL 28 2022
6:30 - 8:30 PM
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
GATTON CENTER BALLROOM

Author of



Upcoming Events

UNITE Research Showcase

May 4, 2022

8:00-4:00pm

Gatton Student Center

Registration: https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cNip9RWBW7rz1To

Poster Submissions: https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_enVVxTPGz1Q1KmO

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

SIREN 2022 National Research Meeting: Racial Health Equity in Social Care

Sept 15, Sept 27, and Wed Oct 12, 2022

12:00-3:00pm

More information: <https://sirenetwork.ucsf.edu/national-research-meeting>

Collaboration Column

This weekly column provides space for any of our CHET affiliates to seek out involvement of others. We request that contributions be no more than 3 sentences and include contact information.

If considered appropriate, contributions sent to chet@uky.edu by Thursday will be included in CHET's Friday digest. Contributions will be run twice, unless requested otherwise.

For more information, please contact the Communication Subcommittee
via chet@uky.edu

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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

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