

## Center for Health Equity Transformation

"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 Receives NCI R01 Award

Congratulations to CHET Primary Faculty member Dr. Shyanika Rose, who was recently awarded a five-year, \$2.8 million R01 grant from the National Cancer Institute to examine how policies that restrict the sale of flavored tobacco products including menthol cigarettes impact health disparities among vulnerable populations. Dr. Rose's study, "REACT to Flavors (Researching Equity-Advancing Counter Tobacco ordinances on Flavors)" will use a large longitudinal national cohort of youth and young adults to identify tobacco use outcomes among those exposed to local policies and those who are not. The team will also explore the relationship between flavored tobacco marketing exposure and initiation of use among young non-tobacco users and continued use among young tobacco users who will be tracked in real time in eight communities with different types of flavor policies.



You can read more about the study [here](#).

Congratulations Dr. Rose!



### CHET Faculty Member Publishes Paper

Congratulations to Dr. Meredith Duncan, CHET' Biostatistics Core Coordinator, who recently published an article in *The Lancet Healthy Longevity* entitled, "Association between HIV and incident pulmonary hypertension in US Veterans: a retrospective cohort study."

According to Duncan and colleagues, the findings of this article suggest that "suppression of HIV should be prioritised to lessen the burden of pulmonary hypertension in people living with HIV. These observations are important for people living with HIV and health-care providers because pulmonary hypertension is associated with increased risk of hospitalisation and mortality, might be modifiable with risk factor control, and is underdiagnosed.

You can read the full article here:

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanhl/article/PIIS2666-7568\(21\)00116-1/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanhl/article/PIIS2666-7568(21)00116-1/fulltext)

Congratulations Dr. Duncan!

## CHET Faculty Member Quoted in Article on FDA Decision

Congratulations to Dr. Shyanika Rose who was recently quoted in an article for Discover Magazine on the FDA menthol ban decision entitled, "Menthol Cigarettes Are Getting Banned – Here's Why"

You can read the full article here: <https://www.discovermagazine.com/health/menthol-cigarettes-are-getting-banned-heres-why>

## Faculty Highlight Video - Dr. Rachel Farr

We're happy to include the work of CHET Core Faculty member Rachel Farr, Ph.D. in the next installment of our video highlight series. Click the link below to learn about her work and commitment to health equity.



## Neuroscience RPA Highlighted in UKNow

The Neuroscience Research Priority Area was recently highlighted in UKNow for their role in "...bringing together diverse groups of investigators, trainees and research groups from nine different colleges across the University of Kentucky campus."

You can read the full article [here](#).



## NIMHD Director's Seminar Recording Available

A recording of the June 30th National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities Director's seminar, "Achieving Health Equity for Asian Americans: Research, Policy and Action" is now available.

The seminar featured the work of Dr. Chau Trinh-Shevrin, who directs the NYU Center for the Study of Asian American Health and leads an NIH Community Engagement Alliance (CEAL) Against COVID-19 Disparities research team in New York.

You can view the recording here:

[https://videocast.nih.gov/watch=42154?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://videocast.nih.gov/watch=42154?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

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## CHET Social Media Accounts

If you haven't already, please Like and follow our Facebook and Twitter accounts:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UKYCHET>

Twitter: [https://twitter.com/CHET\\_UKY](https://twitter.com/CHET_UKY)

We frequently post information about important health equity topics, upcoming events, and the outstanding work of our many CHET scholars.

If you have anything you would like us to promote on our social media pages, please reach out to us at [chet@uky.edu](mailto:chet@uky.edu).

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:chet@uky.edu)

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## Biostatistics and Research Design Core

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## CHET Student and Trainee Listserv

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