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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 Core Faculty Member Studies Determinants of Breastfeeding among Black Women

As Black Breastfeeding Week is celebrated in the U.S. from Aug. 25-31, researchers at the University of Kentucky are highlighting research and outreach initiatives supporting Black mothers' choices to initiate and continue breastfeeding.

Support Peers for Breastfeeding Expansion among African American Kentuckians (SPEAK) is a project designed by Dr. Danelle Stevens-Watkins, professor of counseling psychology and Associate Vice President for Research in diversity and inclusion. Dr. Stevens-Watkins is leading the SPEAK team in not only gathering data through interviews with Black mothers but also creating research-informed outreach programs to help counteract the inequitable access to support and resources and medical racism Black mothers may encounter.



In one of their latest projects, researchers on the SPEAK team received funding from CHET to conduct interviews with Black mothers on how their interactions with health care systems facilitated or hindered their breastfeeding initiation and continuation. Results of the interviews appear in the paper, "[Social Health Care Determinants of Breastfeeding Black Women: A Multigenerational Study](#)," published in the August 2022 edition of the journal, *Breastfeeding Medicine*.

"Friends and family often influence breastfeeding decisions in the African American community," Stevens-Watkins said. "It's not uncommon for new mothers to hear discouraging messages and myths. By recruiting women in various age groups to talk with our project team, we hope to gain an understanding of the generational and cultural messages that women are

sharing and how those messages influence women's choices to initiate and continue breastfeeding."

[Click here](#) to read more about the SPEAK project.



The 2022 ATRN Health Summit is accepting abstracts for oral, poster, and symposium presentations

This year's theme is:

Community-Academic Engagement: Building Resilience Together

The University of Kentucky will host the 12th Annual Summit **in-person on November 14-15, 2022 at the Gatton Student Center, University of Kentucky campus.**

Abstracts may be submitted that report on health-related research or programs focused on priority health issues that impact Appalachian communities.

Abstracts may report on basic laboratory research, clinical research, community-based research, epidemiological and/or populations studies, outcomes research, health services research, evidence-based programs, program evaluations, or best practices in community organizations or clinical settings. Abstracts may describe work that has been or will be submitted at other meetings.

Abstracts are due: Friday, September 9th, 2022 at 11:59 PM.

We encourage student attendance and abstract submission. There is no cost for abstract submission.

Read the Full Call for Abstracts [here](#).

Submit Oral or Poster Abstracts [here](#).

Submit Symposium Abstracts [here](#).

CHET Core Faculty Member Engages in Early-Career Faculty Mentorship

Dr. Matthew Bush was recently recognized in the UK College of Medicine newsletter for his role in joining colleagues to form Translations of Research Interventions in Practice, Populations, and Policy Leadership (TRIPPPLe). TRIPPPLe, which was started 18 months ago, has successfully assisted over a dozen early-career clinician scientists in securing National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding. In regard to early-career faculty mentorship, Dr. Bush states, "You have to listen to what they need. What is it like to juggle teaching and research? What is it like to create a research team?"

[Click here](#) to read more about TRIPPPLe and other Alliance Research Initiative projects.



Postdoctoral Fellowship in Rural Cancer Prevention, Control and Survivorship

Addressing Rural cancer Inequities through Scientific Excellence
(ARISE) T32 Training Program



The ARISE T32 Training Program at the University of Kentucky is **now accepting applications** for its innovative and enriching postdoctoral fellowship program. **Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, with fellowships potentially beginning within two months of submission.** The program will provide transdisciplinary and translational postdoctoral research training in rural cancer prevention, control, and survivorship, with a particular focus on health equity. ARISE provides multifaceted training opportunities to well-qualified postdoctoral scholars in applied behavioral science, including intervention, dissemination and implementation science. The two-year program will emphasize translating knowledge of risk factors into evidence-based behavioral interventions across the cancer prevention to survivorship spectrum for medically underserved rural residents. ARISE postdoctoral trainees will select three thematic behavioral cancer tracks: environment, risk behavior, and health care delivery. An experienced mentor team will work closely with each postdoctoral fellow to oversee research career development. Appropriate coursework, workshops, and other enrichment opportunities will be tailored to the fellow's needs. An experiential community-based cancer research shadowing component is embedded within the program. ARISE will draw on additional strengths and resources available at the University of Kentucky, including the Center for Health Equity Transformation, the Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences, the Office of the Vice President for Research, the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, the Office for Institutional Diversity, and the Office for Faculty Advancement.

ARISE is led by Drs. Mark Dignan and Nancy Schoenberg. For more information, including application requirements, please contact Dr. Dignan at mark.dignan@uky.edu. The University of Kentucky is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EEO).

UKIC releases Global Engagement Academy offerings for Fall 2022

Established in Spring 2020, the Global Engagement Academy (GEA) offers free professional development for faculty and staff to build cross-cutting competencies in international education and engagement. Since the program's inception, 218 UK faculty and staff have participated in the 75 sessions that have been offered so far. The Fall 2022 GEA will help past participants build on the foundational knowledge of previous courses, while welcoming new participants just getting started.

"As Kentucky's flagship public research university, global engagement enhances our core institutional missions, priorities and enterprises," said Sue Roberts, associate provost for internationalization. "The Global Engagement Academy supports faculty and staff by giving them, in a very accessible way, the tools they need to effectively navigate the complex and changing landscape of international higher education, research and service."

Faculty and staff can choose to take as few or as many of the academy's short courses as they want, and there are no prerequisites. Courses are an hour and a half each, and they are offered in person and virtually.

[Click here](#) to read more about the program and to see what courses are offered this fall.

Our Summer Reading List:

- ✍ **Take Us to a Better Place**
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- ✍ **The Beautiful Darkness: A Handbook for Orphans**
Joshunda Sanders
- ✍ **"Unlearning Shame and Remembering Love"**
Yolo Akili Robinson in You Are the Best Thing: Vulnerability, Shame Resilience, and the Black Experience
- ✍ **Black Boy Shining and Black Girl Shining**
Rhonda Tsoi-A-Fatt Bryant
- ✍ **The Political Determinants of Health**
Daniel E. Dawes
- ✍ **Necessary Conversations: Understanding Racism as a Barrier to Achieving Health Equity**
Alonzo Plough
- ✍ **The Contagion Next Time**
Sandro Galea
- ✍ **Rx for Racial Healing: A Guide to Embracing Our Humanity**
Gail Christopher
- ✍ **Reducing the Health Harms of Incarceration**
the Aspen Health Strategy Group


Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

[Click here](#) for more information.

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 run twice, unless requested otherwise.

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

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
