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October 10-14, 2022

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

Advancing Health Equity: Translating Stories to Partnership, Policy and Practice

Monday October 17, 2022
12:00pm-1:00pm

Registration required: <https://conta.cc/3RTECuK>

In person registration has closed, but you may still attend virtually by registering at the link above.

The University of Kentucky Center for Health Equity Transformation is hosting the inaugural event of its 2022-2023 Elevating Equity Speaker Series, sponsored by Anthem BlueCross and BlueShield Medicaid, with a talk from Dr. Darrell Gray! Darrell M. Gray, II, MD, MPH, FACP, the inaugural chief health equity officer for Elevance Health, parent company of Anthem BlueCross and BlueShield Medicaid, is an outspoken health equity advocate, a clinical and policy expert, and a passionate voice for a better healthcare system.





Apply to the Students Participating as Ambassadors for Research in Kentucky (SPARK) Program

SPARK is a health equity research training program for undergraduate students. Students receive mentorship, professional development, and conduct their own research projects.

For more information about SPARK, including eligibility, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3cX1avX> and contact Ariel Arthur at ariel.arthur@uky.edu

Application deadline:
October 31, 2022



[Click here to for more information on the application and program.](#)

IPEP Call for Applications

Applications are due **November 7, 2022** for The Office of the Vice President for Research postdoctoral programs, the Lyman T. Johnson Fellowship and the University Research Fellowships. Fellows pursue an individualized research program under the mentorship of UK faculty. Within these two fellowships programs, the Inclusive Postdoctoral Enrichment Program (IPEP) provides additional support and career development for diverse postdoctoral fellows. IPEP includes personal navigation to UK and the research enterprise, dedicated support from the Proposal Development Office for grant development, mentoring to a career of academia, networking and inclusion opportunities, and other assistance from the research infrastructure. Fellowships provide stipend plus benefits and are available to eligible trainees from all disciplines who have a UK mentored research and training plan.

[Click here to learn more about the program.](#) Submit inquiries and applications to: vprgrants@uky.edu or contact Nancy Schoenberg (nesch@uky.edu) or Baron Wolf (baron.wolf@uky.edu) for more information.

CHET Graduate Student Pilot Grant RFA - Special Funding for Arts and Sciences

Topical Focus

The Center for Health Equity Transformation (CHET) announces an opportunity for graduate students in the College of Arts and Sciences for pilot funding to support meritorious projects that focus on identifying, reducing and/or eliminating health disparities. All applications must address how the pilot project will (1) directly contribute to achieving health equity for a vulnerable population and (2) advance the student's research prospects in terms of publications, pursuit of extramural grant support, and/or job market competitiveness as a health equity researcher. A faculty advisor is required for oversight.

Grant Specifications

- Maximum \$10,000
- Award period is 12 months
- 2-3 proposals may be funded

Deadline: November 7, 2022



[Click here for more details on the Pilot Grant RFA.](#)

CHET Core Faculty Member Highlighted in UKNow

CHET Core Faculty Member Dr. Lovoria B. Williams, [University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center](#)'s Associate Director of Cancer Health Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, was recently spotlighted in UKNow for her work on the how the cost of cancer care impacts low-income survivors.

The results of the study published in [JCO Oncology Practice](#) provides important information about the impact of social determinants of health on low-income cancer survivors, which highlights the urgent need to implement strategies to improve health policy.

On this study, Dr. Williams collaborated with a multidisciplinary team of researchers from the Medical College of Georgia and the Georgia Cancer Center at Augusta University, including the study's senior author Georgia Cancer Center Director Jorge Cortes, M.D.



"To improve the cancer survivorship experience and caregiver distress, proactive approaches to mitigate financial toxicity are imperative," Williams said. "Our findings have important policy implications, and it provides data that support the role of financial navigators as integral members of comprehensive cancer care teams."

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

National Cancer Institute Moonshot Scholars Call for Applications



The Cancer Moonshot Scholars program seeks to diversify the NCI R01 portfolio by enhancing the number of applications submitted by [Early Stage Investigators](#) from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups identified as underrepresented ([NOT-OD-20-031](#)) the biomedical, clinical, behavioral, and social sciences research workforce. In addition, the program seeks to increase the diversity of thought and approach to cancer research. Individuals from underrepresented groups are especially encouraged to work with their respective institutions to apply.

The Cancer Moonshot Scholars funding opportunity announcement is live, and the first due date is **November 8, 2022**.

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



The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) presents:

Gender and Health: Impacts of Structural Sexism, Gender Norms, Relational Power Dynamics, and Gender Inequities

October 26, 2022, 11:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. EDT
Virtual only

Register: <https://genderandhealth.vfairs.com>



[Click here to learn more and register.](#)

The Satcher Health Leadership Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine releases "The Economic Burden of Mental Health Inequities in the United States" Report

Satcher Health Leadership Institute



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About the Report

"This report aims to close an important gap in behavioral health and health equity research relative to mental health inequities. Building upon two landmark reports published 20 plus years ago, this study is intended to help us shed a light on an issue that we have not before been able to wrap our arms around: understanding the economic impact of our failure, as a country, to invest

in behavioral health interventions, services, treatments, supports, and programs. It is for these very reasons that we intend for this report to speak to the existential threat of mental health inequities and chart a path forward toward a more healthy, equitable, and inclusive tomorrow."

[Click here to access the report.](#)

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

