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October 24-28, 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

CHET's Dr. Carolyn Lauckner Highlighted in UKNow

Dr. Carolyn Lauckner, CHET primary faculty member and Assistant Professor in the Department of Behavioral Science in the College of Medicine, is leading a study to better understand the link between HIV and alcohol use in young adult sexual minority men and transgender (SMMT) individuals aged 18-34, with the goal to reduce HIV risk behaviors.

The study will use a three-arm randomized controlled trial to test different approaches to address alcohol use.

Participants will meet with a counselor weekly. They will discuss triggers for drinking, strategies to address those triggers and set goals for reducing drinking. It's part of Tracking and Reducing Alcohol Consumption (TRAC) intervention messaging that Lauckner developed and has used in other studies.

In combination with that, participants will monitor their alcohol use and sexual behavior daily through an app on their phones. They will take surveys and use Bluetooth breathalyzers twice daily, which send breath alcohol data to researchers.

The study is still in its planning stages with formative research expected to begin in the fall and participant recruitment in Kentucky to potentially begin in the spring with the help of Transform Health Clinic and [UK Family & Community Medicine at Turfland](#). The study will also recruit participants in Connecticut.

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



CHET GRA Selected for UNITE Predoctoral Program

Congratulations to Yolanda Jackson, PhD student in the Department of Communication with a concentration in Health Communication, for being selected as one of 18 students in the inaugural cohort of the UNITE Predoctoral Research Enhancement Program.

The **UN**ited **I**n **T**race Racial **E**quity Research Priority Area (UNITE RPA) is led by Dr. Danelle Stevens-Watkins, CHET core faculty member and Associate Vice President for Research, Diversity and Inclusion. She created this program in 2022, with support from the Office of the Vice President for Research, Office of Institutional Diversity and The Graduate School, to engage and support scholars who enhance diversity, equity and inclusion in Ph.D. programs at UK.



The program is aligned with university priorities to create cultures of inclusive excellence while integrating students into the world of research and academia. The enhancement program will provide a stipend for students in addition to funding from their home college and department. Each fellow will also receive annual funding to support research-related expenses such as travel or equipment needs.

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

Administrative Research Assistant Senior (Interviewer) Call for Applications

The Sociology Department in the College of Arts and Sciences in partnership with the Center on Drug & Alcohol Research (CDAR) at the University of Kentucky is seeking a full-time Administrative Research Assistant Senior to work on the **G**eographic Variation in **A**ddiction **T**reatment **E**xperiences study (GATE). The candidate will be collecting data from individuals involved in or employed by the criminal justice system. This is a limited-term (2-3 years) position. Duties include recruiting participants, collecting survey data, conducting qualitative interviews, and locating participants for follow-up data collection.

The job requires a BA and 2 years related experience (or equivalent experience, details found here <http://www.uky.edu/hr/employment/working-uk/equivalencies>). The salary range for this position is \$17.07-27.31/hour.

Those interested in applying can do so through UK Jobs with the following link: <https://ukjobs.uky.edu/postings/431065>.

The deadline to apply is 11/2/2022.



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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.](#)

Are you age 18-24 and from a rural community?

If so, we invite you to participate in a research study on rurality, gender, and health!

This study seeks to understand how rurality and gender relate to health views and practices, particularly around COVID-19 and sexual health. Interviews will be conducted on Zoom using audio only (no video) and will last between 45 minutes and 1 hour.

Participants who complete an interview will receive a \$20 gift card.



If you are interested, please scan the QR code or send an email to kc.vick@uky.edu.



Principal Investigator: K.C. Vick
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Edward Morris
University of Kentucky, Department of Sociology

In collaboration with:

SPECIAL SEMINAR

Thursday November 17

In person Seminar – MN563 -

This seminar will also be available via Zoom:

<https://uky.zoom.us/j/82350418880>



Dr. Shakira Suglia – 12 pm

Professor,
Department of Epidemiology
Emory University, School of Medicine

**"Early life adversity and cardiometabolic health:
Examining mediators and modifiers"**

Host: Drs. Analia Loria and Erin Haynes

The Zoom link can be accessed [here](https://uky.zoom.us/j/82350418880).



On March 29, 2023, the 5th Kentucky Local Food Systems Summit will bring together local food systems practitioners from across Kentucky to share challenges, opportunities, best practices, and build capacity for our local/regional food economy.

[Click here if you are interested in submitting a proposal.](#)

Register for the Markesbery Community Symposium

The Markesbery Community Symposium will happen on **Saturday, November 19th 2022** from 8am to 12:30pm. This is a hybrid event—in person at the Central Bank Center, 430 West Vine St., Lexington, KY, as well as via Zoom. Breakfast will be provided for those who attend in person.

CHET primary faculty member, Dr. Elizabeth Rhodus, and CHET core faculty member, Dr. Lauren Whitehurst will both be speaking.

[Click here to see the full program.](#)

[Click here to register.](#)

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

