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CHET's Weekly Communication Digest

CHET Acknowledges Native Peoples and Place

Indigenous People's Day is next Tuesday, **October 11**. To commemorate this important Day, we are highlighting our Land Acknowledgement Statement:

"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."

[Click here for more details on the development of this statement, as well as for recommended educational resources.](#)

Upcoming Talk with Dr. Erica Littlejohn: "Translating Health Equity: Neuroplasticity, Early Life Stress Exposure, and VCID"

SEMINAR SERIES

Monday October 10

12 p.m. ET



Dr. Erica Littlejohn

Office of Global Health and Health Disparities (OGHHD)
Division of Clinical Research
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, NIH

"Translating Health Equity: Neuroplasticity, Early Life Stress Exposure, and VCID"

Host: Dr. Nancy Schoenberg

In-person Seminar - MBSB 104 -
or
Scan the QR Code to access seminar via Zoom



Dr. Erica Littlejohn is interested in conducting mixed methods research to uncover relationships that exist between vascular contributions to cognitive impairment and dementia (VCID) and the neurophysiological consequences of Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) exposure. Through research collaboration, Dr. Littlejohn intends to leverage Sanders-Brown Center on Aging UK-Alzheimer's Disease Center resources to identify biomarkers for VCID secondary prevention screening through clinical studies. Through multidisciplinary research, Dr. Littlejohn also plans to investigate neurophysiological consequences and sensitive ACE exposure periods in ACEs animal models of neglect, like Maternal Separation with Early Weening (MSEW) combined with experimental VCID. Her work will examine hippocampal remodeling and downstream effects on functional outcomes including learning and memory.

[Click here to access the session via Zoom.](#) (Passcode: 966711)

Final Reminder: CHET's Elevating Equity Speaker Series with Dr. Darrell Gray

If you would like to register, please visit: bit.ly/3qIZnDJt. The registration deadline is **October 12, 2022**.

UK Center for Health
Equity Transformation



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

**October 17, 2022
Harris Ballroom
Gatton Student Center
11:30am - 1:00pm**

Save the Date

October 17, 2022

CHET's Elevating Equity Speaker Series



**Darrell Gray II,
MD, MPH, FACG**

Chief Health Equity
Officer for
Elevance Health,
parent company of Anthem
BlueCross and BlueShield



Join us for a luncheon with
clinical and health policy expert
Dr. Darrell Gray II as the
inaugural event for our
2022-2023 CHET Speaker
Series



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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.](#)

*Note: The CHET website currently has an incorrect submission date listed, which we are working to correct. The correct submission date is **November 7**.*

SPARK Student Named 2022 Lyman T. Johnson Torch Bearer

Congratulations to Princess Magor Agbozo on being honored as a 2022 Lyman T. Johnson Torch Bearer! She is a current international and first-generation student pursuing a Public Health major and is on the pre-medical track. Her goals include earning MD and MPH degrees and working in the global health field to improve healthcare accessibility for impoverished and underserved communities. The Torch Bearer Award is given on the basis of "academic achievement" and the "ability to positively impact the lives of others."

[Click here to read more about the 31st Annual Lyman T. Johnson Awards Ceremony, which will be happening on October 14, 2022.](#)



William Turner returns to UK to discuss 'The Harlan Renaissance' Oct. 17

This month, the University of Kentucky will welcome author and distinguished alumnus William H. Turner, Ph.D., back to campus for a presentation on his latest, awarding-winning book, “The Harlan Renaissance: Stories of Black Life in Appalachian Coal Towns.”



The presentation, titled “The Blues on Black Mountain: Stories from The Harlan Renaissance,” will take place 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, in the William T. Young Library’s UK Athletics Auditorium. A reception will follow at 6:30 p.m. at the Appalachian Center, located at 624 Maxwellton Court on campus.

[Click here to read more about Dr. Turner and the upcoming event.](#)

CHET Employment Opportunity: Research Program Manager

Dr. Carolyn Lauckner from the Center for Health Equity Transformation is seeking a Program Manager to assist in the implementation of multiple health equity-related research projects. This position will entail managing daily research operations (patient recruitment, IRB coordination, data entry, manuscript preparation, budgeting, supervising study staff) for ongoing and newly developing research studies related to substance use, LGBTQ+ health, and telehealth. The Program Manager must be able to interact effectively with patients in clinical settings, recruit participants both in-person and remotely, work comfortably with new technologies and smartphones, and have strong research and time management skills. Experience in working with LGBTQ-identifying individuals is strongly preferred, as the primary focus of this position will be overseeing a research project focused on this population.

Application Deadline: **October 13, 2022**

[Click here for more information about the position and to apply.](#)

SAVE THE DATE

WIMS DAY

OCT. 13, 2022

at E.S. GOOD BARN

Join us for a full day of lectures and
workshops, with a keynote address by
Darilyn V. Moyer, MD, EVP/CEO,
American College of Physicians

RSVP: https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2h3SqKElHsrftX8?Q_CHL=qr

All sessions will take place in person in E.S. Good Barn except for the lunch keynote, which will be virtual.

The Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition Presents

Works in Progress

Join DHN for 10-minute presentations by faculty and graduate students about their current research projects or latest research ideas, followed by 15 minutes of questions, idea sharing, and collaboration.



Date: October 19th

Speaker: Dr. Alison Gustafson, PhD, MPH, RD

Speaker: *Food as youR Medicine across Eastern Rural Kentucky*

Title: (FARMER)

12- 12:30 Funkhouser Bldg. Room 115

 College of Agriculture,
Food and Environment
Dietetics and Human Nutrition

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

