
Event Agenda

Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science 2025 (IAPHS)

Monday, September 08, 2025

Advancing Equity and Inclusion in Research Using Community-Engaged Approaches

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM | Location: Cambria

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP **ADDITIONAL PAYMENT REQUIRED**

Workshop Instructor: Rachel Bergmans, University of Michigan

Addressing the unfair and unjust distribution of morbidity and mortality across populations requires approaches that are committed to equity and anti-racism. Community-engaged research can be a valuable tool for increasing accessibility, equity, inclusion, and diversity within population health research. However, few researchers are well equipped to implement community-engaged approaches and do not know where to start. The overarching goal of this workshop is to provide participants with tools and strategies that they can implement within their research to advance health equity. Content for this workshop is rooted in community-engaged research principals. Workshop participants will learn about how a sole focus on diversity can compromise inclusion, as well as the unintentional ways that research can be exclusive. Workshop participants will also learn about how incorporating community advisory boards and qualitative methods within their research can support health equity. This 3- to 4-hour interactive workshop combines a mix of didactic presentation, discussion, and hands-on activities. Workshop activities will include (1) tailoring a study flyer so that it is responsive to community partner perspectives; (2) developing a protocol for engaging with a community advisory board that is customized to each workshop participant's research needs; and (3) creating open-ended questions that will help workshop participants prioritize the perspectives of community partners and research volunteers.

Target Audience: Graduate students, postdoctoral research fellows, clinical researchers, and junior and senior faculty who are newly interested in applying community-engaged approaches within their program of work

Learning Objectives:

1. Describe factors that contribute to health inequities and underrepresentation of marginalized communities within research and intervention development.
2. Explain why an emphasis on diversity can conflict with achieving equity and inclusion.
3. Describe unintentional ways that research can be exclusive and identify steps to avoid them.
4. Describe the importance of treating race as a social construct and how to adapt your research approach to support this.
5. Identify steps for establishing and partnering with a community advisory board that is tailored to the needs of your research.
6. Describe the value of using qualitative and mixed methods approaches for advancing equity and inclusion.
7. Identify ways to partner with communities even when you are at a transitional career stage (e.g., PhD student, postdoc, training fellow).

Speaker



Rachel Bergmans

Research Assistant Professor | University of Michigan

Language Justice to Advance Health Equity

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM | Location: Somerset

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP **ADDITIONAL PAYMENT REQUIRED**

Workshop Instructors:

- Elizabeth Godown, Refugee Community Partnership

Refugee Community Partnership is a grassroots organization of 2,000+ refugee and migrant Members in the Triangle region of North Carolina, pioneering community-designed solutions to advance the health and safety of refugee communities. In this workshop, we will engage participants in learning about Language Justice - a critical framework for addressing persistent systemic inequities and transforming research, institutions, and healthcare provision to equitably serve speakers of all languages. We will describe key tenets of language justice and examples of its implementation through RCP's community-designed health interventions, findings from our community-based participatory action research, and stories highlighting our Members' lived experiences and expertise.

We will guide attendees through identifying impacts of language access barriers and English language and cultural dominance in the populations and settings in which they work, intersectional applications of language justice principles, and tools for implementation.

Using case studies, small group and dyad exercises, and experiential activities, participants will apply learnings about language rights and language justice principles, critically analyze the roots and impacts of language in-access, and identify ways to incorporate best practices and opportunities for advocacy into their areas of work and study to advance health equity.

Target Audience: Everyone

Learning Objectives:

- Define language justice and articulate key principles
- Differentiate between language access and language justice
- Identify key legislation establishing language access rights in the US
- Describe health impacts of language in-access on individual and population levels
- Identify and operationalize language justice best practices in healthcare and community-led research
- Utilize tools and articulate commitments to incorporate language justice practices and principles into their work across sectors and roles

Speaker



Elizabeth Godown

Organizational Learning & Wellness Manager | Refugee Community Partnership

Community Organizing to Build Power to Advance Health Equity: Building Your Organizing Skills

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Location: Cambria

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

ADDITIONAL PAYMENT REQUIRED

Workshop Instructors:

- Jonathan Heller, University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute
- Keshia Pollack Porter, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Co-Facilitators:

- Zinzi Bailey
- Marjory Givens
- Jamila Michener
- India Ornelas

U.S. life expectancy has been declining, with continued inequities among racialized and marginalized populations. By wielding power through society's written and unwritten rules such as laws, policies, institutional practices, and by shifting worldview - also called the structural determinants of health - those with more power maintain their advantages and create community conditions that lead to pervasive and persistent health problems. Advancing health equity therefore requires contesting power. Organizing for equity within academic spaces and learning to partner with community organizers is critical at this moment.

In this pre-conference workshop, participants will learn skills and tools of community organizing - e.g., relational meetings and power analyses - and how to use them to mobilize for change within academia and in partnership with community power-building organizers.

The Health and Power Organizing Project (HPOP) is an organized group of population health academics who believe we need to organize to advance health and racial justice. We believe that, with the data we can access, our research and dissemination skills, and our relationships with policymakers, media and other academics across the country, we have a role to play beyond education and knowledge creation. It is vital that we build and break power to not only level the playing field but repair centuries-old harms. Come learn about organizing with us!

Target Audience: Population health science faculty and students who want to use their research to advance justice with communities facing inequities

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the importance of elevating the idea of power in their work
- Conduct relational meetings (1-on-1 or house meetings) to build power around an advocacy topic of interest
- Participate in and analyze a negotiation for the ways in which power was used (power game)
- Conduct a power analysis about a specific campaign
- Find community-power building organizations to collaborate with
- Join a national effort to build power in population health academia to change oppressive practices that keep us from using our work to make change for health equity

Speakers



Keshia Pollack Porter

Bloomberg Centennial Chair, Dept Health Policy and Management | Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health



Jonathan Heller

Senior Health Equity Fellow | UW Madison Population Health Institute



Jamila Michener

Associate Professor | Cornell University



Zinzi Bailey

University of Minnesota School of Public Health



Marjory Givens

University of Wisconsin, Population Health Institute



India Ornelas

Professor | University of Washington

Building Together: A Co-Design Approach for Community-Led Research

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Location: Butler

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

ADDITIONAL PAYMENT REQUIRED

Workshop Instructors:

- Megan Collado, AcademyHealth
- Dr. Curtis L. Webb III, Design Impact

Historically, institutions with power, privilege, and resources have led efforts to improve population health, often without including those most impacted by health disparities as decision-makers. Yet, when we amplify community voices in the research process, we ask better questions, gain deeper insights, and advance strategies that directly benefit communities.

In 2022, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation launched its Community Research for Health Equity (CRHE) program. This program funds community-led research to dismantle traditional power structures, build community power, and center community priorities in local

health system transformation.

The CRHE program applied our belief that community voices must shape research at every step by co-designing both the program and the technical assistance for grantees. We engaged community-led research practitioners, people with lived experience, and funders as key decision-makers in shaping the program's structure, content, and supports.

This immersive workshop will introduce co-design principles and practical applications. Session chairs Megan Collado (AcademyHealth) and Dr. Curtis L. Webb III (Design Impact) will share a case study of the CRHE program, foundational co-design mindsets (e.g., curiosity, learning by doing, being in the grey, etc.), and a framework for facilitating a "co-design day." Participants will explore how to integrate co-design into their own work and leave with concrete strategies to apply.

Target Audience: Program Staff, Researchers, Funders

Learning Objectives:

- Understand co-design as a powerful change-making process.
- Learn how to position those with lived experience as co-creators throughout a process.
- Understand how to apply co-design practices in processes such as research, program design, change efforts.

Following the workshop, participants will be able to answer:

- What is co-design? When and why might I use it?
- What mindsets or ways of working support including more voices and sharing power?
- What practical ways can I apply co-design in my work?

Speakers



Curtis L. Webb III

Senior Researcher | Design Impact



Megan Collado

Senior Director | AcademyHealth

The power of storytelling to heal, build community, and establish community

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Location: Somerset

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

ADDITIONAL PAYMENT REQUIRED

Workshop Instructors:

- Alexis Joanna Smith, Emory University

BRIDGE Community facilitates a space where current and former breast cancer patients' stories can be amplified. Through this process we hope that our participants can continue in their healing journey and create a community of support for them to process their experiences and emotions. Session-specific activities are designed to encourage self-reflection, exploration of personal identities, and discussion of fears. Through the workshop, participants will learn how to use aspects of narrative medicine, arts and crafts, and self-reflection as a way to build and establish community among participants.

Target Audience: All researchers and practitioners who engage with and work alongside the community

Learning Objectives:

- To identify opportunities to apply hands-on activities into their community-based research and activities
- To understand how storytelling can build community among participants
- To apply session activities to their existing work

Speaker



Alexis Smith

Registration

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM | Location: Foyer

Tuesday, September 09, 2025

Breakfast

7:30 AM – 8:15 AM | Location: Allegheny 3

Registration

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Location: Foyer

Plenary Session 1

8:15 AM – 10:30 AM | Location: Allegheny 1&2

PLENARY SESSION

Session Chair: Magdalena Cerda

Presidential Remarks: Philip Alberti

"Movements"

This first plenary will be a fireside chat that showcases local community-engaged research focused on two Pittsburgh neighborhoods – the Hill District and Homewood communities – in an initiative that has been sustained for a decade and a half over several projects, including multiple grants sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Results from PHRESH (Pittsburgh Hill/Homewood Research on Neighborhood Change and Health) studies have provided valuable information for city planning, housing authorities, community development corporations, and real estate developers on issues that are important to communities nationwide. Panelists represent a range of PHRESH community members, community partners, and researchers, who will discuss the logistics and lessons learned from sustaining rigorous community-focused work, and make connections to the other two plenary topics (Methods, Money). The session will conclude with time for questions and answers, and we welcome audience engagement.

- **Moderator:** Matthew Lee
- **Presenters:**
 - Tamara Dubowitz
 - Andrea Rosso
 - Walter Lewis
 - La'Vette Wagner

Speakers



Magdalena Cerda

Professor | New York University School of Medicine



Philip Alberti

AAMC Center for Health Justice



Matthew Lee

NYU Grossman School of Medicine



Tamara Dubowitz

University of Pittsburgh



Andrea Rosso

Associate Professor | University of Pittsburgh



Walter Lewis

President & CEO | Homewood Children's Village



La'Vette Wagner

PHRESH Field Coordinator | University of Pittsburgh



Perry Halkitis

Dean, Hunterdon Professor of Public Health & Health Equity. Distinguished Professor of Biostatistics & Epidemiology Director, Ce...

Break

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM | Location: Allegheny 3

Policy Determinants of Health

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM | Location: Cambria

ABSTRACT CONCURRENT SESSION

Session Chair: Gabe Miller

Presenters:

Abdinasir Ali

"Health Effects of the 2021 Earned Income Tax Credit Expansion on Young Adults Without Children"

Katherine LeMasters

"Association between a Citywide Ban on Syringe Distribution and Provision of Other Harm Reduction Services and Syringe Litter in Pueblo, Colorado"

Nafeesa Andrabi

"Immigration Policy Climates and Birth Outcomes among Muslim immigrants in the United States"

Meredith Riley

"Structural climate threat: state-level climate policy and population health"

Parvati Singh

"Suicide deaths among reproductive-aged women in the US post-Dobbs: A national time-series analysis"

Speakers



Abdinasir Ali

Postdoctoral Fellow | Harvard University



Nafeesa Andrabi



Katherine Lemasters

University of Colorado



Gabe Miller

University of Alabama at Birmingham



Meredith Riley

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



Parvati Singh

Assistant Professor | The Ohio State University

Heterogeneity in Health and Well-Being Among Older Adults: The Role of Social and Contextual Factors

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM | Location: Butler

ABSTRACT CONCURRENT SESSION

Session Chair: Heather R. Farmer

Presenters:

Akilah Collins-Anderson

"'Yeah, it was bad. But I'm tough. And they didn't know I was tough': An Exploratory Qualitative Analysis of Life Stressors among older Black Americans in St. Louis"

Susan Elliott

"Aging Through the Pandemic in Sub-Saharan Africa"

Natalie Rivadeneira

"An intersectional analysis of birth cohort trends in activity limitations among U.S. adults before midlife"

Kimson E. Johnson

"Early Life Educational Environments and Cognitive Health: The Role of Formal and Informal K-12 Contexts in Later-Life Cognitive Functioning"

Gopinath Annadurai

"Neighbourhood 'enclave' effects of caste dominance on the social and mental wellbeing of older adults in rural India"

Speakers



Gopinath Annadurai

Doctoral Candidate | Indian Institute of Management Bangalore



Akilah Collins-Anderson

Pathway to Faculty Fellow | Wayne State University



Heather Farmer

Assistant Professor | University of Delaware



Kimson Johnson

University of Michigan



Natalie Rivadeneira

Graduate Student | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



Susan Elliott

It's Complicated: Innovative Research Methods for Complex Situations

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM | Location: Westmoreland

ABSTRACT CONCURRENT SESSION

Session Chair: Felice Le-Scherban

Presenters:

Mengya Xu

"Beyond Census Tracts: A GIS and Mobility Data Framework for Enhanced Measurement of Healthy Food Access and Environmental Exposures"

Mindy DeRouen, Rebecca Ward, Ila McDermott

"A conceptual framework for investigating measures of neighborhood-level structural racism developed through academic and community collaboration"

Connor Emmert

"DISCO (Developing Information-sharing Standards through Community): Using a Deliberative Democracy Process to Elicit Community Members' Input on Data-Sharing Practices"

Kati Hinman

"Participatory Action Research and Arts-Based Methods to Explore Intersectional Violence in Buenaventura, Colombia"

Talia Kieu

"Innovating Quantitative Intersectional Methods to Identify Mental Health Disparities from Adolescence to Adulthood"

Speakers



Mindy Hebert-DeRouen

Assistant Professor | New Mexico State University



Connor Emmert

NYC Department Of Health And Mental Hygiene



Kati Hinman

Drexel University



Talia Kieu

Predoctoral Trainee | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



Félice Lê-Scherban

Associate Professor of Epidemiology | Drexel University, Dornsife School of Public Health



Mengya Xu

Postdoctoral Researcher | University of Southern California



ILA McDermott

Meharry Vanderbilt TSU Cancer Prevention (MVTCP) Cancer Outreach Core Community Advisory Board Co-Chair



Rebecca Ward

President (retired) | Ward Research, Inc

The Benefits and Harms of Social Connections

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM | Location: Allegheny 2

ABSTRACT CONCURRENT SESSION

Session Chair: Bruce Link

Presenters:

Michelle Livings

"Technology-facilitated intimate partner violence and young adult mental health"

Michael Green

"Discrimination in Healthcare is Associated with Myocardial Infarction Risk in Middle-Aged and Older Adults"

Abigail Kappelman

"Vicarious trauma: A pre-post analysis of exposure to a racially motivated mass shooting and adverse birth outcomes in South Carolina"

Tim Bruckner

"It's Who You Know: Bridging Ties in Low-Resourced Neighborhoods and Maternal and Infant Health"

Speakers



Michael D. Green

Duke University School of Medicine



Bruce Link

University of California Riverside



Tim Bruckner

Professor and Chancellor's Fellow, Public Health | University of California, Irvine



Abigail Kappelman

MD-PhD candidate | University of Michigan



Michelle Livings

Assistant Professor of Health Sciences | Rutgers University-Camden

Health and Social Justice in an Era of Retrenchment: Power, Politics and Possibility

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM | Location: Allegheny 1

ABSTRACT CONCURRENT SESSION

Session Chairs: Rebekah Israel Cross & Jackie Jahn

Presenters:

Abaki Beck

"Our knowledge and expertise are invaluable": Participatory Research with People Impacted by Incarceration"

Gabriel Schwartz
"Theories of change in public health research: Implications for community & policy action"

Tricia Miranda-Hartsuff
"Mapping Power to Plan Effective Public Health Interventions"

Ryan Petteway
"For People Who Read Dangerously: On Epistemic Violence, (Creative) Resistance, and the Future of Population Health"

Maren Spolum
"Neoliberal deregulation: what is it and why it matters for US population health inequities"

**Organized in partnership with the IAPHS Health & Social Justice Committee*

Speakers



Abaki Beck

PhD Student | University of Minnesota School of Public Health



Rebekah Cross

University of Chicago



Patricia Miranda-Hartsuff

Associate Professor of Public Health | Wayne State University



Ryan Petteway

Associate Professor | OHSU-PSU School of Public Health



Gabriel Schwartz

Assistant Professor | Drexel University



Maren Spolum

PhD Candidate | University of Michigan



Jackie Jahn

Assistant Professor | Drexel University

Publish and Flourish: Meet the Editors

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM | Location: Allegheny 2

LUNCHTIME SESSION

This workshop is designed to help authors who are interested in publishing their work in leading journals. Panelists will explain what their journals are looking for, demystify the peer-review process, and share tips on writing strong papers and navigating revisions. They will also help attendees understand the unique focus of each journal and what makes for a great submission. This session will feature brief presentations from journal editors and then ample time for conversation and questions.

Panelists:

Sandro Galea
Editor-in-Chief, *JAMA Health Forum* and Washington University in St. Louis

Alan Cohen
Editor, *The Milbank Quarterly*

Jackie White Hughto
Co-Senior Editor of the Social Epidemiology Office at SSM
Associate Professor of Behavioral and Social Sciences; and Associate Professor of Epidemiology, Brown University School of Public Health

Speakers



Sandro Galea

Washington University in St Louis



Alan Cohen

Editor, *Milbank Quarterly* | Milbank Memorial Fund



Jackie Hughto

Mentoring Roundtables

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM | Location: Pennsylvania

ADDITIONAL PAYMENT REQUIRED

LUNCHTIME SESSION

Mentoring Roundtables will be held at the Conference Hotel. Each table will be hosted by a Mentor with 8-10 registered Mentees to engage in an informal discussion. Lunch is included in the session. Each participant is required to pay a \$25 fee to cover the cost of the lunch. Pre-registration is required to participate.

For details on this event, visit <https://iaphs.org/mentoring-roundtables/>

Speakers



Mark Hayward

Centennial Commission Professor of Sociology | University of Texas at Austin



Alexander Tsai

Psychiatrist | Massachusetts General Hospital



Bettina Beech

Chief of Population Health and Translational Science | University of Houston



Kia Davis

Washington University



Katie Berry

Assistant Professor | University of Minnesota



Richard Carpiano

University of California, Riverside School of Public Policy



Audrey Dorelien

Associate Professor | University of Washington



Philip Alberti

AAMC Center for Health Justice



Roland Thorpe

Professor | Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health



Rita Hamad

Professor | Harvard School of Public Health



Ryan Suk

Assistant Professor (Health Economics) | Emory University

Tenants Tell a Story: Qualitative Research Illustrates the Health Impacts of Housing Policy

1:45 PM – 3:00 PM | Location: Westmoreland

PANEL SESSION

Housing policies play a pivotal role in shaping health outcomes for vulnerable populations, yet the ways in which these policies impact individuals' well-being remain insufficiently understood. Qualitative research provides a unique ability to understand the realities of housing policy implementation.

This panel underscores the importance of qualitative research in uncovering the lived experiences of those navigating housing systems, revealing how protections—or the lack thereof—affect access to housing stability and its health benefits. First, panelists will describe the health realities faced by justice-involved individuals and eviction-impacted tenants. Second, presenters will explore how housing policies can shape housing security. Drawing on in-depth interviews with tenants, these studies explore how various housing policies influence the health and social outcomes of those they intend to support. Qualitative research provides essential insights into the barriers and opportunities within existing housing frameworks, highlighting how policy gaps can exacerbate health disparities, disrupt social networks, and hinder access to resources. By centering the voices of those most impacted by housing instability, the studies illuminate the direct pathways through which policy decisions—whether protective or punitive—shape physical and mental health outcomes.

This panel of early-career researchers emphasizes how qualitative methods can inform the development of more effective, responsive, and equitable housing policies that not only address the immediate needs of those experiencing housing instability but also promote long-term health and well-being. Through these narratives, we demonstrate how qualitative research serves as a powerful tool in shaping policy that can reduce disparities, improve access to resources, and ultimately support healthier communities.

Session Chair: Whitney Denary

Presenters:

Cassandra Michel

"Putting a Strain on Social Networks: The Impact of Housing Insecurity on the Social Networks of Justice-Involved Individuals"

Patrick Smith

"I Got Kicked Three Steps Back": Eviction and the Management of Stress-Related Chronic Diseases"

Leah Robinson

"Tenant Right to Counsel: Implementation, Impact, and Lessons Learned from Cleveland, Ohio."

Kyra Rost

"Their behavior, their anxiety. Its hard to see them... suffering" The impact of Eviction risk and ERA on children and parenting"

Whitney Denary

"How Wildfire Displacement Policy Shapes Diabetes Outcomes and Management: Stories from Maui Residents"

Speakers



Whitney Denary

Doctoral Candidate | Yale School of Public Health



Cassandra Michel

Program Coordinator/ Graduate Assistant | Yale University



Patrick Smith

(1) UCLA; (2) Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Greater Los Angeles



Leah Robinson

PhD Student | Johns Hopkins University, Department of Health Policy & Management



Kyra Rost

Community Engaged Research for Wildfires & Community Health

1:45 PM – 3:00 PM | Location: Allegheny 2

PANEL SESSION

In the face of increasing climate-driven disasters, there is an urgent need for us as researchers to expand our collective capacity for rapid and responsive research to facilitate learning and support short- and long-term recovery and resilience. Understanding both how communities are impacted post-disaster, and also identifying effective preparedness measures for future disasters are both urgent research agendas in wildfire and community health. However, to advance the most rigorous, meaningful science around wildfire recovery and preparedness, research efforts must be tailored to the social, cultural, environmental, and technical realities of each community and disaster context. This panel will highlight findings and methodologies across three different Colorado-based wildfire research efforts, all of which center community-engaged practices, including youth engagement. While based in Colorado and tailored to specific communities, each of these studies offer insights for how these approaches can be adapted to other natural disaster contexts and geographies.

Session Chair: Katie Dickinson

Presenters:

Savannah D'Evelyn

"Living and Learning with Wildfire Smoke"

Colleen Reid

"Environmental & Physical Health Impacts of the Marshall Fire"

Katie Dickinson

"Engaging Community, Government, and Academia to Generate Years-Long Lessons from the 2021 Marshall Fire"

Jackie Laundon

"Understanding prescribed burning attitudes to inform policy and practice within Colorado"

Speakers



Katherine Dickinson

Colorado School of Public Health



Savannah D'Evelyn

Assistant Professor | University of Colorado



Jacqueline Laundon

Senior Professional Research Assistant / DrPH student | Colorado School of Public Health



Colleen Reid

Associate Professor | University of Colorado Boulder

Community, health department, and academic perspectives on the co-creation of the Philly Joy Bank and its community-driven evaluation

1:45 PM – 3:00 PM | Location: Allegheny 1

PANEL SESSION

In Philadelphia, structural and systematic restrictions of access to vital resources have produced persistent health inequities for Black birthing people and their children. The city's infant mortality rate is nearly 40 percent higher than the national rate, and there are significant disparities by race in a city where 40 percent of residents are Black. Guaranteed income (GI) during the critical perinatal time period is a bold approach to addressing structural inequities in access to resources and holds promise for reducing infant mortality. The Philly Joy Bank (PJB) is a GI pilot program in Philadelphia aimed at reducing financial instability during the perinatal period to improve parental and infant health outcomes. PJB is the product of an existing partnership between the Philadelphia Department of Public Health and the Philadelphia Maternal and Infant Health Community Action Network (Philly CAN), a coalition of community partners. The program, including the evaluation study, has been co-developed through participatory processes that center voices of Black birthing parents (i.e., Lived Experience Experts). The goal of this panel is to describe the process of co-creating the PJB with community members and other key stakeholders. Panelists will include community members, the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, and academic partners directly involved in developing the PJB and its community-driven evaluation.

Session Chairs: Elizabeth Valdez & Nia Coaxum

Presenters:

Nia Samuels

"Guaranteed income (GI) as a community-driven solution to advance health equity during and after pregnancy in Philadelphia"

Nia Coaxum
"The community-driven development of the Philly Joy Bank"

Ali Groves
"The development of a community-driven evaluation of the Philly Joy Bank"

Speakers



Nia Coaxum
Philly Joy Bank Program Manager | Philadelphia Department of Public Health



Nia Samuels
Lived Experience Expert | Philly CAN (community action network)



Elizabeth Valdez
Assistant professor | Drexel University



Ali Groves
Associate Professor | Drexel University

Place-Based Approaches to Engaging Latine Communities to Improve Population Health

1:45 PM – 3:00 PM | Location: Cambria

PANEL SESSION

Latines continue to be one of the fastest growing racial/ethnic groups in the United States. The health of Latine communities is shaped by their unique political, social and cultural context - including geography, immigration patterns, and access to resources. This panel will highlight approaches to engaging Latine communities in four distinct settings across the U.S.: Washington, D.C.; Yakima Valley, Washington; Detroit, Michigan; and Orange County, California. Researchers will describe their academic-community partnerships to collaboratively address critical population health issues, such as HIV prevention and treatment, access to healthy foods, maternal and child health, lead exposures, and models of systems change. Presentations will highlight both theoretical frameworks and methodological approaches to community engagement, including how teams work across sectors and disciplines to address community priorities. Panelists will identify and elucidate themes around how different political, social and geographic contexts shape community engagement efforts. Discussion will focus on how academic and community partnerships can build and shift power to achieve health equity.

Session Chair: India Ornelas

Presenters:

Thespina (Nina) Yamanis
"Community-engaged research to address multiple minority stressors associated with HIV prevention and care for Latine populations"

Barbara Baquero
"Community-engaged participatory research to advance food equity for Latiné communities living in rural communities"

Clara Reyes
"Community-based collaborative working towards improved maternal and child health among Latine families in Detroit"

Alana M.W. LeBrón
"Community-Centered Research to Understand and Address the Policy, System, and Environmental Drivers of Latiné Health Inequities"

Speakers



India Ornelas
Professor | University of Washington



Thespina (Nina) Yamanis
Professor | American University



Barbara Baquero
Associate Professor | University of Washington



Clara Reyes
Doctoral Candidate | University of Michigan



Alana M.W. LeBrón

Bridging academic and lived expertise to advance research and education on housing and health

1:45 PM – 3:00 PM | Location: Butler

PANEL SESSION

With homelessness reaching record levels across the United States in 2024, understanding the links between homelessness and health is more urgent than ever. This panel will explore several initiatives led by the Health x Housing ("health by housing") Lab at NYU Grossman School of Medicine which involve collaborating with people with lived experience of homelessness on research and educational initiatives. The panel includes the co-directors of the Lab and two partners with lived experience of homelessness. Panelists will discuss two community-engaged research studies exploring 1) the health, housing, and social needs of homeless adults over 55 and 2) the impacts of a hoteling initiative during the COVID-19 pandemic on substance use outcomes. Panelists will also discuss a unique Lab initiative, the Speakers Bureau and Peer Network, which connects people with lived experience of homelessness to speaking and writing opportunities with academics, journalists, policymakers, and service providers in the health and housing fields. Attendees will learn:

- Ways to engage community members with lived experience across multiple focus areas, including research, education, and policy;

- Best practices for engaging people with lived experience in their work, including topics such as compensation, technology, travel, and communication; and
- How to foster collaboration with community partners from within an academic medical center.

Session Chair: Giselle Routhier

Presenters:

Giselle Routhier

"Partnering with people with lived experience of housing insecurity in population health research and education"

Cynthia English

"What is lived expertise and how can it advance population health?"

Kelly Doran

"Learning from lived experts in research on homelessness and substance use"

Milton Perez

"Working together to improve the health of people with histories of homelessness"

Speakers



Giselle Routhier

Research Assistant Professor | NYU Grossman School of Medicine



Cynthia English

Lived Expertise Advocate/Consultant/Peer Specialist/Public Speaker | NYU Grossman School of Medicine



Kelly Doran

Associate Professor; Co-Director, Health x Housing Lab | NYU School of Medicine



Milton Perez

NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Break

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM | Location: Allegheny 3

Exploring the Roles of Trust and Shared Decision Making in Health Care

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM | Location: Cambria

ABSTRACT CONCURRENT SESSION

Session Chair: Bobbie Johannes

Presenters:

Michael Green

"Community Trust in Health Care and Medical Research: Insights from Project ENTRUST Survey"

Fatima Fairfax

"Racial Differences in the Use of Personal Health Technologies to Improve Shared Decision Making in Healthcare"

Margaret Tait

"Considering Catholic Health Care: Exploring Perceptions of Trust and Discrimination in Religiously Affiliated Health Systems"

Biyyiah Lee

"Barriers faced by primary care physicians when discussing cannabis-based treatments for chronic pain"

Mrithula Suresh Babu

"Stakeholder Perspectives on Barriers and Facilitators to Breast and Cervical Screening among Hispanic women in Indiana"

Speakers



Michael D. Green

Duke University School of Medicine



Fatima Fairfax

Duke University



Bobbie Johannes

Assistant Professor | Geisinger



Biyyiah Lee

Wayne State University College of Nursing



Mrithula Suresh Babu

PhD Candidate | Purdue University



Margaret Tait

Assistant Professor | University of Richmond

Social Determinants of Mental Health

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM | Location: Allegheny 2

ABSTRACT CONCURRENT SESSION

Session Chair: Alexander Tsai

Presenters:

Catherine Ettman

"Suicidal ideation, assets, and race in U.S. adults from 2023 to 2024"

Yunyu Xiao

"Pandemic-Related Social Determinants of Health Profiles and Their Association with Children's Mental Health Outcomes: An ABCD Longitudinal Study"

Kyle Moon

"Medical debt and foregone mental health care due to cost among U.S. adults, 2023–2024"

Ruby Steedle

"Does Giving People Cash Increase Substance Use?"

Iliya Gutin

"State Policy Contexts, COVID-19 Response Policies, and Mental Health among U.S. Working-Age Adults"

Speakers



Catherine Ettman

Assistant Professor, Health Policy & Management | Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health



Iliya Gutin

Research Assistant Professor | Syracuse University



Kyle Moon

PhD Student | Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health



Alexander Tsai

Psychiatrist | Massachusetts General Hospital



Yunyu Xiao

Assistant Professor | Weill Cornell Medicine, Population Health Sciences



Ruby Steedle

Researcher | NYU Cash Transfer Lab

Exclusionary by Design: Structures and the Marginalization of Sexual and Gender Diverse Populations

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM | Location: Butler

ABSTRACT CONCURRENT SESSION

Session Chair: Kent Cheng

Presenters:

Christie Caruana

"Exploring Mental Health Outcomes by Sexual Orientation, Race/Ethnicity, and Rurality"

Delvon Mattingly

"Everyday and Healthcare Discrimination at the Intersection of Age, Gender, Race, Ethnicity, and Sexual Orientation"

Katrina Kennedy

"Cissexism and the Structural Vulnerability Framework to Understand Housing Instability Among Transgender and Gender Diverse Populations"

Speakers



Christie Caruana

University of Alabama at Birmingham



Kent Cheng

University of Massachusetts Boston



Katrina Kennedy

PhD Candidate | Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health



Delvon Mattingly

Assistant Professor | University of Kentucky College of Medicine

Early Life Social Conditions and Midlife Health

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM | Location: Westmoreland

ABSTRACT CONCURRENT SESSION

Session Chair: Andrew Fenelon

Presenters:

Kelsey Shaulis
"Race- and Gender-Specific Educational Trajectories and Cardiometabolic Health"

Christine Percheski
"Same Start, Diverging Destinations: Associations between State Mortality Contexts and Health in Midlife among Siblings"

Haotian Zheng
"Childhood Food Autonomy and Household Income: A Longitudinal Examination of Their Influence on BMI from Adolescence to Early Midlife"

Bruce Link
"American Dreaming? Evaluating Trait Explanations for Health Inequalities by Race and Socioeconomic Status"

Anna Shetler
"Life Course Exposure to Local Racial Income Inequality and Individual Health Outcomes: Zero Sum, Universal Harm, or Countervailing Forces?"

Speakers



Bruce Link
Distinguished Professor | University of California Riverside



Andrew Fenelon
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities



Kelsey Shaulis
Postdoctoral Scholar | Pennsylvania State University



Anna Shetler



Haotian Zheng
Michigan State University



Christine Percheski
Associate Professor | Northwestern University

Community Engaged Intervention Research

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM | Location: Allegheny 1

ABSTRACT CONCURRENT SESSION

Session Chair: Tracy Nichols

Presenters:

Minerva Orellana
"Creating an endometrial cancer educational toolkit for the community by the community"

Jazmin Cascante
"Breaking Barriers: Transforming Maternal Health Services Through Community Engagement and Care Coordination"

Yvette Castaneda
"Integrating Food Insecurity Interventions into Primary Care: Evaluating the Feasibility and Acceptability of Integrating an Online Food Delivery Service for Diabetes Management"

Jennifer Wong
"Lessons from Co-Developing a Culturally- and Linguistically-Tailored Health Information Campaign for Asian American Communities in New York City"

Rachel Bergmans
"Advancing equity in lupus chronic pain through a yoga-based coaching intervention: A community-engaged feasibility study"

Speakers



Rachel Bergmans
Research Assistant Professor | University of Michigan



Jennifer Wong
Program Manager | NYU Langone Health



Jazmin Cascante
Director of Patient Safety & Quality | Hackensack Meridian Health



Yvette Castañeda
Rosalind Franklin University



Tracy Nichols
Professor and Chair, Department of Community and Global Health | Lehigh University



Minerva Orellana
Postdoctoral Fellow | University of Washington

Membership Meeting

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM | Location: Butler

Poster Session 1

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM | Location: Allegheny 3

POSTER SESSION

RECEPTION

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Breakfast

7:30 AM – 8:15 AM | Location: Allegheny 3

Registration

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Location: Foyer

Plenary Session 2

8:15 AM – 10:30 AM | Location: Allegheny 1&2

PLENARY SESSION

Session Chair: Jennifer Karas Montez

Humana Foundation Excellence in Health Equity Research Award Winner: Zinzi Bailey

Student Award Winner: Hanseul Cho

Ida B. Wells Public Engagement Award Winner: University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute/County Health Rankings & Roadmaps (Representative: Marjory Givens)

"Methods"

The second plenary illuminates the methodological strengths of community-engaged research by featuring three researchers with a range of rich experiences. Be inspired to learn more about community-engaged research and how it can strengthen both our *research quality* and *impact*. Panelists will discuss their methodological approaches and why CER can lead to higher quality, rigorous research. We welcome questions and answers from the audience at the end.

- **Moderator:** Elaine Hernandez
- **Presenters:**
 - Consuelo Wilkins
 - Nina Wallerstein
 - Anna Mueller

Speakers



Jennifer Karas Montez

Syracuse University



Zinzi Bailey

University of Minnesota School of Public Health



Elaine Hernandez

Associate Professor | Indiana University



Nina Wallerstein

Director, Center for Participatory Research, College of Population Health, University of New Mexico



Consuelo Wilkins

Senior Vice President & Senior Associate Dean | Vanderbilt University Medical Center



Anna Mueller

Luther Dana Waterman Professor | Indiana University Bloomington



Hanseul Cho

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health



Sheri Johnson

Director | UW Population Health Institute

Break

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM | Location: Allegheny 3

Enhancing Community-Engaged Research Methods to Improve Equity in Public Health & Policy

PANEL SESSION

The social sciences are facing a myriad of data collection challenges: survey response rates are down, administrative data access involves more and more red tape, and communities are increasingly recognizing even collaborative research efforts as extractive. With this panel, we offer methodological insights from four different projects that address major public health problems. The solution? We find that leveraging carefully designed and thoughtful community-engaged research methodologies can help resolve the frequent methodological challenges faced by researchers in the 21st century. The projects span efforts to promote health equity among Medicaid recipients, to strategies to build healthcare systems change, to an analysis of the importance of affordable housing. Methodological insights range from big picture strategies for collaborating with community partners to specific strategies for different types of data collection (e.g., focus groups, interviews, surveys, and administrative data). Ultimately, the audience will walk away with an improved understanding of how to do excellent community-engaged research that is truly collaborative (and not extractive) alongside interesting insights to many of today's biggest social problems.

Session Chairs: Anna Mueller & Elaine Hernandez

Discussant: Anna Mueller

Presenters:

Erin Bradley

"Shifting Focus: How Community Engaged Methods Improve Focus Group Data Quality"

Elaine Hernandez

"Community Engaged Approaches Enhance Research"

Sarah Gollust and Yusra Murad

"Partnering with a Power-Building Organization to Assess Narrative Strategies to Advance Health Care Systems Change"

Speakers



Anna Mueller

Luther Dana Waterman Professor | Indiana University Bloomington



Elaine Hernandez

Associate Professor | Indiana University



Erin Bradley

Linda Lentz Hubert Associate Professor of Public Health | Agnes Scott College



Sarah Gollust

Professor | University of Minnesota



Yusra Murad

University of Minnesota

Sustaining community-engaged research through building community capacity in public health research education: The example of the Community Research Fellows Training Program, its application, and an adaptation

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM | Location: Westmoreland

PANEL SESSION

Engaging impacted communities in the research process is imperative to address health inequities. However, there could be challenges in community-academic partnerships if researchers lack the cultural humility to effectively engage with community members or if community members lack the research literacy to effectively engage in research. The Community Research Fellows Training (CRFT) program is a comprehensive public health research training program offered in partnership with Washington University in St. Louis and Siteman Cancer Center that was designed to increase research literacy and build capacity among community members to engage in research. CRFT was developed using community-based participatory research principles and resulted in a summer-long course modeled after a master's in public health curriculum and includes courses from research methods and epidemiology to community organizing. It is offered to community partners and stakeholders around the greater St. Louis region interested in reducing health inequities so that they can be engaged throughout the research process in an equitable way. First offered in St. Louis in 2013, the CRFT program has graduated over 190 alumni who are activated community partners ready to engage in research, and this year we just graduated our eighth cohort. Graduates of the program are given ongoing opportunities to participate in the research process, including serving on community advisory boards, IRB committees, and co-leading their own research projects. Moreover, CRFT has been adapted to fit the needs of specialized groups such as rural communities and youth. Aligning with this year's theme of "Community Engagement in Population Health Science", this panel aims to provide tools and templates to help you create a pool of activated community partners who feel empowered to be full partners in health research through three presentations highlighting (1) the history of CRFT, tools to get started, and strategies to continue to engage graduates, (2) CRFT alumni discussing how they applied knowledge from CRFT to conducting a pilot research project, and (3) an application of the CRFT model for health policy impact.

Session Chairs: Kia Davis & Nicole Ackermann

Moderator: Kia Davis

Presenters:

Sarah Humble & Nicole Ackermann

"The past, present, and future of the CRFT program"

Jillian Bell & Brittany Jones

"An example of a CRFT funded community led pilot project: The Intersection of Health Literacy and Cardiovascular Disease Management"

Sasha Zhou

"Health policy training as a community power-building approach"

Speakers



Jillian Bell

Clinical Partner Student | SSM Health



Sarah Humble

Senior Statistical Data Analyst | Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine



Nicole Ackermann

Washington University School of Medicine



Kia Davis

Washington University



Brittany Jones

Director of Community Driven Innovation | Speaker



Sasha Zhou

Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health | Wayne State University

A Seat at the Table: Amplifying Pittsburgh's Community Voices in Population Health Research and Practice

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM | Location: Cambria

PANEL SESSION

This session will explore the transformative potential of Community Advisory Boards (CABs) in fostering equitable population health strategies, particularly through the lens of fatherhood in Pittsburgh. Panelists will highlight the importance of engaging fathers and community members as active contributors to research, emphasizing how CABs can serve as platforms for co-creating knowledge and influencing action-oriented work. Drawing from Pittsburgh's context, panelists will share insights on empowering community voices to address health inequities, bridge gaps between scientific research and lived experiences, and generate actionable, community-driven solutions. This panel aims to showcase how community engagement, particularly Community Advisory Boards, can drive equitable population health solutions and inform decision-making that reflects the lived experiences and needs of local communities.

Session Chair: Paula Powe

Presenters:

Arthur Terry

"I've Been Doing This So Long, Where's My Honorary Degree?"

George Fleming

"Righting Your Wrongs: How Community-Based Participatory Research Can Help Heal a Community's "Research Trauma""

Nyil Dorsey

"In the Room Where it Happens: My Experience as a Community-Based Participatory Research Participant"

Speakers



Nyil Dorsey



George Fleming

CAB Panel



Arthur Terry

Fatherhood Coordinator | Healthy Start Pittsburgh



Paula Powe

Assistant Professor, Psychiatry; Medical Director, UPMC Theiss Center for Child and Adolescent Trauma Services | University of...

Considering Community when Evaluating Impacts of Social Policies on Health

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM | Location: Allegheny 2

PANEL SESSION

This panel will explore various approaches to community involvement when designing and analyzing the impacts of social policies and/or programs on population health. The first panelist will orient us to the value of community-engaged approaches in the current federal policy landscape, which has altered funding streams, data access, and the valuation of evidence, further marginalizing the communities with whom we work. Using a case study approach, each subsequent panelist will (1) describe ways in which they involve communities affected by the social policies they are examining; (2) reflect on ways in which this involvement affects evaluation design, findings and/or use; and (3) consider the power of community involvement to build relationships and address historical harms, including racism and sexism, that have engendered mistrust in the research process. Case studies will examine community involvement across a diverse set of social policies, including those related to criminal legal system reform, housing, and place-based policies to promote Black maternal health.

Session Chair: Allison Groves & Patrick Smith

Presenters:

Patrick Smith

"Reality-based communities: community-engaged research in a shifting political landscape"

Jackie Jahn

"Ending cash bail for community health equity"

Yusra Murad & Jamila Michener
"Building alternatives to the health-harming housing system, through tenant organizing and narrative power"

Irene Headen
"Using Systems Frameworks to Inform Equitable Neighborhood Environments for Black Birthing People"

Speakers



Irene Headen

Assistant Professor | Drexel University



Jamila Michener

Associate Professor | Cornell University



Yusra Murad

University of Minnesota



Jackie Jahn

Assistant Professor | Drexel University



Patrick Smith

(1) UCLA; (2) Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Greater Los Angeles



Ali Groves

Associate Professor | Drexel University

Using participatory systems science approaches to improve population health

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM | Location: Butler

PANEL SESSION

Community engagement is a cornerstone of effective public health interventions, providing a foundation for inclusive, locally-driven solutions. However, capturing the full complexity of social, structural, and behavioral dynamics that influence health outcomes remains a challenge. This panel explores how systems science—particularly participatory modeling methods like Group Model Building and analytic approaches like System Dynamics modeling—can complement and strengthen community-driven efforts in population health. Panelists will present case studies demonstrating how these methods have been applied in different community settings to address different issues, highlighting both successes and challenges. Irene Headen will describe using community-based system dynamics to work toward equitable investment systems for Black-led maternal health organizations. Stina Mair will discuss how participatory system dynamics modeling with college students and staff enhances understanding of alcohol-involved sexual violence and informs prevention efforts. Larissa Calancie will explore the use of Group Model Building to engage community groups in addressing childhood obesity and Social Determinants of Health, emphasizing community partner alignment and feasibility. Travis Moore will share insights from using participatory modeling and implementation mapping with community advisory councils to develop informal maps and formal models to support child health equity efforts. While highlighting the benefits of participatory systems science—such as fostering shared learning, improving intervention design, and translating research into action—the panel will also critically examine challenges such as power imbalances, data limitations, and the sustainability of engagement. Panelists will engage the audience in a discussion of the potential and limitations of systems science and provide practical takeaways for researchers and practitioners seeking to implement these methods.

Session Chairs: Travis Moore & Christina Mair

Presenters:

Christina Mair

"Collaboratively developing a system dynamics model of alcohol-involved sexual violence on college campuses"

Irene Headen

"'Building our Own': A Systems Approach to Understanding Inequitable Investment in Black-led Maternal Health Community Based Organizations"

Larissa Calancie

"Community Coalitions Members' Perceptions of How Social Determinants of Health Interact to Influence Children's Health Equity Across Seven US Sites"

Travis Moore

"Participatory Systems Modeling to Understand Evidence Adoption in Community Coalitions Promoting Child Health Equity"

Speakers



Travis Moore

Postdoctoral Scholar | Tufts University



Larissa Calancie

Assistant Professor | Tufts University



Irene Headen

Assistant Professor | Drexel University



Christina Mair

Professor | University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health

Mental Health and Substance Use Challenges Facing the United States: What Can State Policymakers Do?

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM | Location: Allegheny 2

LUNCHTIME SESSION

Moderator: Magdalena Cerda

Hannah Maniates

"Medicaid's Role in Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Care: Both Standard-Bearing and a Work in Progress"

Hannah Cooper

"Laws Governing Substance Use During Pregnancy: Next Steps for Health Equity Research"

Katherine Keyes

"US State Policies Regarding Social Media: Do Policies Match the Evidence?"

**This session is sponsored by The Milbank Quarterly*

Speakers



Hannah Maniates

National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMD)



Hannah Cooper

Rollins Chair of Substance Use Disorders Research | Emory University



Katherine Keyes

Professor of Epidemiology | Columbia University



Magdalena Cerda

Professor | New York University School of Medicine

Equitable Community-Engaged Research to Improve Health Outcomes

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM | Location: Somerset

LUNCHTIME SESSION

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Research partners of the Humana Foundation will discuss interventions and strategies aimed at addressing health equity challenges related to nutrition and emotional well-being in directly impacted populations. This panel will explore the application of community-engaged research practices, emphasizing principles of equity such as access and opportunity, community leadership and respecting human dignity. They will provide concrete examples of how they have applied equitable practices to their community-engaged research initiatives. Panelists will highlight the efficacy of these approaches, especially how they strengthen science and health outcomes.

Presenters:

Kelley Anderson

"Community Collaborations to Promote Quality of Life, Mental Health, and Nutrition for Rural Seniors with Cardiovascular Disease"

Alison Gustafson

"Food as Medicine for the Whole Family: A Whole Person Approach to Reduce Food Insecurity and Improve Clinical Outcomes"

Lu Qi

"Community Teaching Kitchen Based Culinary Intervention to Improve Health Among Racially/Ethnically Diverse Populations"

Anna Mueller

"Advancing Equitable Suicide Prevention through Community Engagement: Insights from the Connect to Care in Schools Study "

Silvia Bigatti & Virna Diaz

"Challenges and Opportunities Building a Multicomponent Community-Based Participatory Research Study Focused on Latino Families"

**This session is sponsored by The Humana Foundation*

Speakers



Kelley Anderson

Associate Professor | University of Virginia



Alison Gustafson

Professor & Director of Food as Health Alliance | University of Kentucky



Lu Qi

Professor | Tulane University



Anna Mueller

Luther Dana Waterman Professor | Indiana University Bloomington



Silvia Bigatti

Professor | IU Fairbanks School of Public Health at IUPUI



Virna Diaz

Executive Director | Latino Health Organization-Community Base Organization

Leadership Roundtables

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM | Location: Pennsylvania

ADDITIONAL PAYMENT REQUIRED

LUNCHTIME SESSION

Join us for an exclusive 10th Anniversary IAPHS Leadership Luncheon! Past leaders of IAPHS will be seated at a roundtable with 7-8 participants per leader. After a 20 minute discussion, leaders will rotate to a 2nd table. Participants will be randomly assigned to their leaders.

Each participant is required to pay a \$25 fee to cover the cost of the lunch. Pre-registration is required to participate. For more information, visit: <https://iaphs.org/conference/conference-program/10th-anniversary-leadership-roundtables/>

Speakers



Bruce Link

University of California Riverside



Frederick Zimmerman

Professor | University of California, Los Angeles



Kathleen Harris

Professor | University of North Carolina



Mark Hayward

Centennial Commission Professor of Sociology | University of Texas at Austin



Roland Thorpe

Professor | Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health



Chris Bachrach

Research Professor | University of Maryland



Michael McGinnis

National Academies



Dorothy Daley

Professor | University of Kansas



Jennifer Karas Montez

Syracuse University



Philip Alberti

AAMC Center for Health Justice



Sandro Galea

Washington University in St Louis



Ana Diez Roux

C3 Multiple Principal Investigator | Drexel University

Reproductive and Maternal Health

1:45 PM – 3:00 PM | Location: Allegheny 2

ABSTRACT CONCURRENT SESSION

Session Chair: Alison Gemmill

Presenters:

Mitali Ray

"Allostatic load change from first trimester to post-pregnancy differs by self-identified race/ethnicity"

Shelby Wyand

"Community-Engaged Evaluation of Maryland's Medicaid Doula Program: Policy Lessons and Pathways Forward"

Ashley Judge

"The association between racial discrimination and preterm birth subtype by education"

Julie Maslowsky

"Adolescence Post-Dobbs: A Policy-Driven Research Agenda for Minors and Abortion"

Speakers



Alison Gemmill

Johns Hopkins University



Ashley Judge

Evaluation Data Collector | Indiana University Bloomington



Julie Maslowsky

Associate Professor | University of Michigan



Mitali Ray

Assistant Professor | University of Pittsburgh



Shelby Wyand

MedStar Health

Implementing Community-Engaged Approaches within Clinical Research

1:45 PM – 3:00 PM | Location: Cambria

ABSTRACT CONCURRENT SESSION

Session Chair: Rachel Bergmans

Presenters:

Callie Ogland-Hand

"Towards a more complete science: community engagement in research using community-based system dynamics"

Kevin Boehnke

"Introducing the Michigan Veterans Cannabis (MiVetsCan) program: a community-based participatory research model to assess the effectiveness of cannabis products on chronic pain symptoms among Veterans"

Priyanka Gautom

"Culturally Tailored Telehealth Research: Insights from an Asian Indian Cultural Advisory Board"

Lida Sarafrazarpatapeh

"Double Colonization in Community-engaged Research: The Role of Mediators in Racialized Knowledge Production"

Speakers



Rachel Bergmans

Research Assistant Professor | University of Michigan



Kevin Boehnke

Assistant Professor | University of Michigan



Callie Ogland-Hand

Case Western Reserve University



Lida Sarafrazarpatapeh

UTSA



Priyanka Gautom

Structural Oppression, Power, and Health

1:45 PM – 3:00 PM | Location: Allegheny 1

ABSTRACT CONCURRENT SESSION

Session Chair: Iliya Gutin

Presenters:

Megan Reynolds

"Health Power Resources and Health Inequalities"

Ekaterina Baldina

"Structural heteronormativity, sexual identity, and health among college students in a conservative state"

Evan Eschliman

"A qualitative meta-synthesis of structural stigma toward mental health conditions and substance use"

Morgan Scarzafava

"Historical Redlining and Binge Drinking in Early Midlife: The Mediating Role of Racial/Ethnic Disparities"

Natalie Bradford

"'Everybody I know went to the doctor at 10 S. Kedzie': Differential spatial racialization, medically underserved area designations, and the expansion of community health centers in Chicago, Post-ACA"

Speakers



Ekaterina Baldina

Research Assistant | Indiana University Bloomington



Natalie Bradford

Assistant Professor | University of Texas at San Antonio



Evan Eschliman

Postdoctoral Research Fellow | Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health



Megan Reynolds

Associate Professor | University of Utah



Morgan Scarzafava



Iliya Gutin

Research Assistant Professor | Syracuse University

Place, Participation, and Possibility: Community-Rooted Approaches to Advancing Population Health Equity

1:45 PM – 3:00 PM | Location: Westmoreland

ABSTRACT CONCURRENT SESSION

Session Chair: Will Story

Presenters:

Jennifer A. Wong

"An Approach to Building Community Impact: Best Practices for Co-Creating Community Health Data Reports"

Nora Akcasu

"Transportation access and forgoing healthcare due to lack of transportation: Evidence from the Detroit Research on Cancer Survivors (ROCS) study"

Sajeela Munir

"Access to Healthcare among Muslims in Southeast Michigan: A Systems Approach"

Samantha Gailey

"Do Food Environments Shape Children's Diet? Weak Evidence from a Poverty Reduction RCT"

Lizbeth Garcia

"Community Insights on Organ and Tissue Donation to Improve Outreach in the West and South sides of Chicago"

Speakers



Jennifer Wong

Program Manager | NYU Langone Health



Nora Akcasu

Research Assistant | Wayne State University



Samantha Gailey

Assistant Professor of Environmental Health Equity | Michigan State University



Lizbeth Garcia

Sinai Urban Health Institute



William Story

University of Iowa



Sajeela Munir

Institute for Social Policy and Understanding

Infants / Children / Youth

1:45 PM – 3:00 PM | Location: Butler

ABSTRACT CONCURRENT SESSION

Session Chair: Megan Todd

Presenters:

Richard Carpiano

"Community socioeconomic context and measles vaccination in Denmark: A multi-level analysis of initiation trends across eight population-based birth cohorts"

Juan Echenique

"School Instructional Choices and Mental Health Outcomes Post-Lockdown"

Leah Frerichs

"Redefining Emotional Health: A Youth-Led Approach to Stress, Self-Awareness, and Coping in Rural Black Communities"

Soobin Kim

"Expanding the Scope of School-Based Mental Health Services: Addressing Adolescent Depressive Symptoms and Happiness"

Speakers



Richard Carpiano

University of California, Riverside School of Public Policy



Juan Echenique

Postdoctoral Research Fellow | NYU Grossman School of Medicine



Leah Frerichs

Associate Professor | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



Soobin Kim

University of Georgia School of Social Work



Megan Todd

Chief Epidemiologist | Philadelphia Department Of Public Health

Break

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM | Location: Allegheny 3

With and for Us: Community Engagement in Multidisciplinary Alcohol Research

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM | Location: Cambria

PANEL SESSION

Including community members as equal partners in research and action is crucial to improve the suitability of elements of the study design and the interpretation of study outcomes to inform evidence-based programs and policies. This panel highlights three community engagement projects in the field of alcohol research designed to examine how local policies and environments impact alcohol use outcomes among LGBTQ+ young adults (project 1), create a collaborator-designed agent-based model to inform alcohol-involved sexual violence prevention on college campuses (project 2), and test the efficacy of community-informed game-based intervention for preventing and reducing binge drinking in LGBTQ+ youth (project 3). Presentations will describe the processes and outcomes of research activities conducted in collaboration with community members to achieve these goals. This series of talks provides a nuanced perspective on community engagement in alcohol research in multiple ways. First, presenters include both academic and community partners to provide guidance on collaborative ways for researchers and community members to engage in efforts to reduce alcohol-related inequities. Second, presentations describe community engagement considering a range of alcohol outcomes including alcohol-related inequities in LGBTQ+ young adults, alcohol-involved sexual violence in college students, and binge drinking in LGBTQ+ youth. Third, presentations focus on community engagement in multidisciplinary alcohol research including public health and policies, agent-based models, and a randomized controlled trial. Presentations will provide guidance on collaborative ways for researchers and community members to engage in efforts to reduce alcohol-related inequities in vulnerable populations.

Session Chairs: Sharon Lipperman-Kreda & Dannie Ceseña

Presenters:

Dannie Ceseña

"A Community Engagement Approach to Investigate the Impact of Local Structural Environments on Alcohol Use in LGBTQ+ Young Adults"

Christina Mair

"Using Participatory Systems Science to Collaboratively Identify Approaches for Reducing Alcohol-Involved Sexual Violence on College Campuses"

Robert Coulter

"Empowerment Exchange: A Community Collaborative of LGBTQ+ Youth for Developing and Implementing an Alcohol Harm Reduction Intervention"

Speakers



Robert Coulter

Associate Professor | University of Pittsburgh



Christina Mair

Professor | University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health



Dannie Cesena

California LGBTQ Health & Human Services Network



Sharon Lipperman-Kreda

Prevention Research Center, Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation

Sustaining Research Partnerships: Harnessing Systems Science and Community Engagement

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM | Location: Allegheny 1

PANEL SESSION

This panel will explore how research teams can use innovative systems science methods to inform, develop, and sustain community-engaged research programs and multisector partnerships. The session will feature a series of presentations and discussions on best practices for fostering long-term collaboration and impact in population health sciences.

The presentations will include:

- 1) Best practices to increase recruitment and retention of underrepresented in research and health disparity communities;
- 2) Participatory systems thinking and group model building as approaches to understand and identify modifiable levers for community-engaged research;
- 3) Social networks analysis as a tool to strengthen multisector partnerships and capacity for effective health promotion; and
- 4) Harvest Share case study, an applied case example of a six-part sustainability strategy for an equity-centered program to improve diet and social/build environments for immigrant communities.

Session Chairs: Celine Chan & Lan Doan

Presenters:

Celine Chan

"Examining inclusive research practices to engage communities underrepresented in research – A dyadic interview approach"

Rachel Thompson

"Identifying drivers of and recommendations for long-term sustainability of community-engaged health equity research: A participatory systems science approach"

Lan Doan

"Social Network Analysis for Evaluating Collaborations in Health Equity Research"

Stella Yi

"Enhancing Sustainability of a Culturally Adapted, Community-Supported Agriculture Model: Case Study of the Harvest Share Program in Brooklyn, NY"

Speakers



Stella Yi

Associate Professor | NYU Langone Health



Lan Doan

Assistant Professor | NYU Langone Health



Rachel Thompson

PhD Student, Research Associate | City University of New York Graduate School of Public Health & Health Policy



Celine Chan

Project Coordinator | NYU Langone Health

Structural Determinants of Health: A Panel of RWJF Health Equity Scholars for Action

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM | Location: Allegheny 2

PANEL SESSION

In the U.S., individuals from minoritized communities face significant barriers to quality health care and are vulnerable to a range of negative health outcomes including suicidality. In this panel, researchers funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Health Equity Scholars for Action (HES4A) Program offer an upstream approach to addressing these challenges by focusing on laws, policies, and community-level practices that may provide critical insight to address these disparities. Using qualitative approaches, one study examined how recent restrictive legislations informed practices among gender-affirming care providers, whereas another study examined the role of economic insecurity on mental health service use among Black emerging adults at risk for suicidality. Using quantitative approaches, one study examined area deprivation in areas with and without community benefit agreements between developers and local communities. Another study examined geographic and temporal variations in state- and county-level immigration policies, and a final study examined the impacts of state-level anti-CRT laws on mental health among U.S. college students.

Session Chairs: Gabe H. Miller, Lillian Polanco-Roman, Sasha Zhou

Presenters:

Laura Stamm

"Gender-Affirming Care Providers' Experiences of Legislative Bans: A Qualitative Study"

Kaleea R. Lewis

"When your priority is living, you're not worried about a therapist": Culturally Bound Economic Insecurity, Suicidality, and Mental Health Service Utilization"

Kia Davis

"The promise and peril of community benefits agreements: A policy solution or a catalyst for gentrification"

Danielle M. Crookes

"The complex landscape of state and local immigrant policies in the US and implications for health"

Lillian Polanco-Roman

"A state-level analysis of anti-CRT bills in higher education and mental health among U.S. college students"

Speakers



Sasha Zhou

Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health | Wayne State University



Gabe Miller

University of Alabama at Birmingham



Lillian Polanco-Roman

Assistant Professor | The New School



Laura Stamm
University of Rochester



Kaleea Lewis
Assistant Professor | University of Missouri - Columbia



Kia Davis
Washington University



Danielle Crookes
Assistant Professor | Northeastern University

Legal Epidemiology for Health Departments: Measuring the Law and Evaluating Policy Impacts on Population Health

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM | Location: Butler

PANEL SESSION

Law is a powerful tool for influencing population health. The field of legal epidemiology draws on expertise in public health, social science, and law in a transdisciplinary effort to better study and evaluate how laws impact population health. With appropriate training and capacity development, health departments can use legal epidemiology methods to advance population health and essential public health services.

This panel will discuss methodological challenges facing health policy research, identify core legal measurement standards, introduce policy surveillance methods to improve the collection of legal data, and discuss how these methods can be adapted to build capacity within health departments to understand the evolving policy landscape and better meet the needs of the populations they serve.

Session Chair: Elizabeth Platt

Presenters:

Elizabeth Platt
"Setting Health Policy Research Standards"

Elizabeth Platt
"Legal Epidemiology through Policy Surveillance"

Elizabeth Van Nostrand
"Utilizing Legal Epidemiology in Health Departments"

Speakers



Elizabeth Van Nostrand
Temple University



Elizabeth Platt
Director of Research and Operations | Center for Public Health Law Research

Student Gathering

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM | Location: Butler

Poster Session 2

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM | Location: Allegheny 3

POSTER SESSION

10th Anniversary Celebration

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM | Location: Allegheny 2

RECEPTION

Join us in celebrating IAPHS's 10th Anniversary with brief remarks, champagne toast and refreshments.

Thursday, September 11, 2025

Breakfast

7:30 AM – 8:15 AM | Location: Allegheny 3

Registration

8:00 AM – 11:30 AM | Location: Foyer

Plenary Session 3

PLENARY SESSION

Session Chair: Philip Alberti

Mentoring Award Winner: Tara McKay

The Milbank Quarterly Early Career Award Winner: Lauren Gaydosh

Postdoctoral Award Winner: Shaon Lahiri

"Money"

The third panel features a conversation with leaders from philanthropy and academia who steward resources to support community-engaged research. During this conversation on “money” the panelists will discuss topics like sharing power, administrative barriers, academic culture, and transparency while navigating decisions about funding. This session will include time for questions and answers, as the panelists invite in the audience to this timely conversation, which is occurring as the funding landscape rapidly changes.

- **Moderator:** Keshia Pollack Porter
- **Presenters:**
 - Michael Yonas
 - Zinzi Bailey
 - Cara James

Speakers



Philip Alberti

AAMC Center for Health Justice



Zinzi Bailey

University of Minnesota School of Public Health



Keshia Pollack Porter

Bloomberg Centennial Chair, Dept Health Policy and Management | Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health



Michael Yonas

Vice President of Public Health, Research and Learning | The Pittsburgh Foundation



Cara James

President & CEO | Grantmakers In Health



Lauren Gaydosh

Associate Professor | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



Tara McKay

Associate Professor | Vanderbilt University



Shaon Lahiri

Assistant Professor of Public Health | College of Charleston

Break

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM | Location: Allegheny 3

World Café Conversations as a Meaningful Community Engagement Methodology

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM | Location: Allegheny 1

PANEL SESSION

Community engagement is crucial for effective population health research and science as it improves research relevance, builds trust by rebuilding relationships with historically marginalized communities, and promotes health equity. World Café Conversations (WCC) facilitate community engagement and provide meaningful opportunities for community input and governance on population health research and efforts. This panel will present four examples of utilizing WCCs with diverse populations (immigrants, older adults, LGBTQ youth and academic-community partners) and focus areas (community collaboration with researchers, PrEP access and physical activity). We will provide a basic overview of WCCs, implementation considerations including opportunities, challenges, and lessons learned, as well as how WCCs can best be integrated into interdisciplinary population health research.

Session Chair: Liana Petruzzi, American University

Presenters:

Phillip Schnarrs

"PrEP for ALL: Preferences for longer-acting pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) in transgender and gender expansive Texans"

Carmen Valdez

"Latinas United for Research and their Community's Well-being"

Elizabeth Munoz

"Supporting Physical and Mental Well-Being in Older Adults Post-Pandemic"

Liana Petruzzi

"Not just research for research sake": Community-Led Research is Essential for Population Health"

Speakers



Liana Petruzzi

Assistant Professor | American University



Elizabeth Munoz

Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Sciences | University of Texas at Austin



Carmen Valdez

UT San Antonio School of Public Health



Phillip Schnarrs

Building community engagement into all modes of research: experiences from three projects engaging Black cancer survivors, caregivers, and advocates at the Gynecologic Research and Cancer Equity (GRACE) Center

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM | Location: Westmoreland

PANEL SESSION

How can researchers adapt engagement approaches for different modes of research while maintaining integrity to a set of engagement principles? The Gynecologic Research and Cancer Equity (GRACE) Center at the University of Washington School of Medicine engages with this question while conducting multi-disciplinary, community-engaged research focused on reducing the Black-White mortality disparity in endometrial cancer – one of the widest disparities in U.S. cancer care. Through an exploration of three different GRACE Center projects, this panel will illustrate opportunities and challenges of integrating community engagement into different research types – health services research, interventional randomized trials, and translational genetics research. These studies utilize quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods approaches, and all aim to center the voices of those most impacted by the racial inequity in endometrial cancer survival. Presentations will refer to a set of community-established engagement principles that crosscut all projects and will highlight similarities and differences in community engagement approaches across types of research, all of which enable meaningful public health research and action.

Session Chair: Julianna G. Alson

Presenters:

Julianna G. Alson

"Finding the survivors – laying the groundwork for Black women's engagement in endometrial cancer research"

Adrienne Moore

"A SISTERhood of Research: the first community-engaged multi-site national randomized trial in endometrial cancer - The Social Interventions for Support during Treatment for Endometrial Cancer and Recurrence (SISTER) Study"

Patrice Williams

"Using community stories to change clinical guidelines and health education in the diagnosis of endometrial cancer: The GUIDE Projects"

Tiffany N. Jones

"Building a BRIDGE with community: The Biorepository for Research and Inclusion of Diverse Groups with Endometrial Cancer."

Speakers



Tiffany Jones

Gynecologic Oncology Fellow | University of Washington



Patrice Williams

University of Washington



Adrienne Moore

Research Coordinator | University of Washington



Julianna Alson

University of Washington

Connecting Past to Present: Public Health, Structural Racism, and Expanding the Use of the Historical Record

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM | Location: Allegheny 2

PANEL SESSION

Structurally-minded analysis has played an increasingly important role in public and population health over the last two decades. Though the relationship between health – global, public, and personal – and the wider social terrain has long been evaluated, the WHO's 2005 establishment of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health marked a major commitment to studying the non-biomedical causes of disease. The growing wave of structurally-minded research took on new magnitude in the context of the Movement for Black Lives and the COVID-19 pandemic. In the years since, public health practitioners have increasingly sought to incorporate analyses of the determinants of health, structural racism, political economy, structural violence, and history into their work. Yet of these frameworks, history is the least explored. Despite explicit calls for increased historical emphasis, as well as the historical elements implied in notions of structural racism, there is a lack of writing and research which explores the possibilities and requirements of incorporating history into public health work.

This panel gathers together scholars who critically engage the uses, theories, and possibilities of history in public health research, particularly in the context of structural racism. In highlighting scholars who deploy varied approaches for data collection and analysis (archival, quantitative, qualitative, mixed-methods, interdisciplinary) and who are situated within a range of disciplines (sociology, anthropology, epidemiology), the panel will offer case studies of how history is being applied in interesting ways across the field (list of

studies). Such case studies seek to convey that a historical disposition is urgent for developing and executing structurally-minded health work. Importantly, in convening one of the first health panels on historical methods, the panel will create a space for scholars and audience members to consider: What does it mean to apply history to public health work? What is required for adding historical theories and methods to ongoing and future work? How can historical thinking fundamentally shift, not just supplement, population health frameworks?

Session Chairs: Devon Payne-Sturges & Elise Ferrer

Presenters:

Elise Ferrer

"More Than the Sum of Its Parts: The Importance of Ethnographic Approaches to Historical Documents in Public Health Research"

Michael Esposito

"Enhancing Models of Health Inequities through Diverse Historical Information"

David Rigby

"Linking Historical Exposure to Racist Violence and Control to Health Inequities in Surrounding Areas"

Amy Bailey

"Historical White Supremacist Violence and Perinatal Depression"

Speakers



Amy Bailey



David Rigby

Assistant Research Scientist | Institute for Social Research



Michael Esposito



Elise Ferrer

UM Environmental Health Science



Devon Payne-Sturges

Professor | UM Environmental Health Science

Advancing collaboration through community-engaged global population health research

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM | Location: Cambria

PANEL SESSION

This panel is aimed at sharing experiences about conducting interdisciplinary global population health research so that students, researchers, and practitioners can learn about the key components of meaningful community engagement. The panelists with lived experiences will share tips and strategies that enhance global health research collaboration by sharing examples from their community-engaged research processes.

Session Chair: William Story

Presenters:

Rima A. Afifi

"Community-engaged research with Syrian refugees in Lebanon"

Nema C.M. Aluku

"Meaningful community engagement in global health research: Experiences from Kenya"

Oluwafemi A. Adeagbo

Ethical issues in global health research collaboration: Evidence from South Africa

Speakers



Oluwafemi Adeagbo

University of Iowa



Rima Afifi

Professor | University of Iowa College of Public Health



Nema Aluku

Africa Community Leadership and Development & University of Iowa



William Story

University of Iowa

Patient-led research: Lessons learned and new models from the Patient-Led Research Collaborative

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM | Location: Butler

PANEL SESSION

Patients and communities often understand their health and needs differently from researchers. When patients are provided power and leadership within research, they can generate new ideas; improve study design, data collection, and analysis; and enhance translation of research into practice and policy. This panel of Patient Led Research Collaborative (PLRC) patient-researchers living with long

COVID and associated chronic conditions will discuss lessons learned from patient-led research initiatives and new funding and study partnership models to facilitate these efforts.

Session Chair: Elisabeth Stelson

Presenters:

Elisabeth Stelson

"Impact of the Patient-Led Research Collaborative: Documenting Long COVID and Shaping Research, Policy, and Funding"

Toni Wall Jaudon

"Beyond Participation: Patients as Decision-Makers in Research Funding"

Leticia Soares

"Challenges and Rewards Incorporating Patient Representatives In Research"

Gina Assaf

"Patient-Led Research Scorecards: A Tool to Evaluate Research Collaborations"

Speakers



Gina Assaf

Co-founder & Co-Lead | Patient-led Research Collaborative



Leticia Soares

Co-Lead | Patient-Led Research Collaborative



Toni Jaudon

Graduate Student and Patient Researcher | Univ. of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and Patient-Led Research Collaborative



Elisabeth Stelson

Postdoctoral Research Fellow | Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health