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## A Blast from the Past: Tamara Baker - Educator, Researcher, Mentor...and Mom

Former Cornely Postdoctoral Fellow (2001-04), Tamara Baker has broadened her responsibilities on all fronts. Spending time in her pain management lab at the University of South Florida (USF) with a research agenda that focuses on the behavioral and psychosocial predictors and outcomes of chronic pain and disease in older adults from diverse racial and ethnic populations fulfills one niche of her life. Baker also has a particular interest in examining health disparities and disparities in chronic pain management across the age continuum among community-dwelling and clinic-based adults...



## Sidewalk Improvements Promote Physical Activity in Urban Communities, Study Shows

There is growing interest in the contributions of characteristics of the neighborhood environment to inequalities in physical activity. However, few studies have examined the relationship between observed neighborhood environmental characteristics and physical activity. Jamila Kwarteng, MS, a current CRECH scholar, is working closely with her mentor, Amy Schulz, Professor of HBHE and they have published an article in the *Journal of Public Health* that examines the condition of sidewalks in poor and middle-class neighborhoods in Detroit...



## ISR Research Center for Group Dynamics long-running seminar series focuses on new science on race, discrimination and the social lives of Black Americans

**EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT:** Winter 2014 Seminar Series will be held at the Institute for Social Research Building in room 6050. The seminars are open to the entire University community and continue to provide an opportunity for researchers, scholars, staff, and students to meet and learn about new theoretical developments as well as ongoing research...



## Kappa Alpha Psi Health Initiative "Continuing the Dream in 2014" Launched - April 10-13, 2014, Romulus, MI

### EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT:

Collaborative efforts have led to the development of the Men's Health Project for the upcoming Northern Province Council. Former Paul B. Cornely Scholar, Dr. Rohan Jeremiah, leads the local level projects...



## CRECH to co-sponsor series on reducing health disparities and improving access to care in underserved communities

**EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT:** 3:00-4:30 p.m., February 6, 2014. "Improving Obesity Prevention in Licenses Childcare: Addressing the Needs of Low-Income Communities," is the title of a presentation by Adam



**Next Generation: Have We Met? Five Questions with André Markon, MPH, and CRECH Scholar (an interview)**

André Markon is wrapping up his dissertation and hopes to defend in May of this year. He is waiting for word on a couple fellowships, with one being the Presidential Merit Fellowship (PMF), a prestigious two-year government fellowship, for which he has an upcoming interview...



**Shervin Assari, Cornely Postdoctoral Fellow, is appointed as a new member of the American College of Epidemiology (ACE) Board of Directors**

ACE serves the interests of its members through sponsorship of scientific meetings, publications and educational activities, recognizing outstanding contributions to the field and advocating for issues pertinent to epidemiology...



**2014 SRA Biennial Meeting to focus on social justice giving attention to equity in economic, political and social rights for adolescents**

**EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT:** On March 20, 2014, Cornely Scholar Dr. Jocelyn Smith will be giving a paper presentation titled "People are dropping left and right: Understanding the frequency and timing of peer homicide and traumatic loss among young, Black men," at 12:15 p.m. in Room 402 in the Hilton Austin Hotel. On March 22 at 2:45 p.m. in the Governor's Ballroom, Floor 4, a poster presentation (#58) will be delivered by Drs. Assari, Caldwell, and Zimmerman. The poster reports the protective effects of parents on mental health of Black adolescents who have been engaged in delinquency...



**Winter 2014: UM interdisciplinary seminar series launches on issues of concern for fathers and fathering**

**EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT:** CRECH to co-sponsor seminar series focused on fathering. "Fathers, Fathering and Fatherhood: Interdisciplinary Seminar on Research, Paradigms, and Possibilities" is the title of a timely speaker series by visiting leading researchers from different schools and disciplines who will address various ways in which fatherhood and fathering are being pursued...

Becker, HBHE MPH '92, PhD '99, designed to help researchers learn how to create and support environments that promote healthy eating and physical activity...



**47th Annual Conference of the American Association of Suicidology, April 9-12, 2014, Los Angeles, CA**

**EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT:** A presentation titled "Synergistic Effects of Lifetime Psychiatric Disorders on Suicidal Ideation among Blacks in the United States," will be given by Dr. Shervin Assari, Cornely Scholar, on Thursday, April 10, 2014...

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