

# CRECH BULLETIN

Center for Research on Ethnicity, Culture and Health

February 2013

## Longest Running Minority Health Training Grant at UM Renewed!

The University of Michigan School of Public Health recently received confirmation that the National Institutes of Health (NIH), has once again renewed the longest running minority training grant at the UM. This grant is sponsored by the prestigious National Institutes of Health's Initiative for Maximizing Student Diversity (IMSD) Doctoral Training Program. The principal investigator for the grant is Harold W. Neighbors, PhD, director of Promoting Ethnic Diversity in Public Health Research Program and professor of Health Behavior and Health Education. Dr. Neighbors was awarded funding from the original training grant at UMSPH in 2000. It has been continuously renewed ever since, and will go to the 18-year mark at completion of the five-year award (2013-2018).

The central purpose of this IMSD program is to increase and maintain the number of underrepresented students (i.e., African American, Latino, and American Indian) who apply, enroll, and successfully complete doctoral studies at the UMSPH. To date, the program has helped to produce 30 new PhDs from underrepresented groups. The program recruits all UMSPH qualified students, regardless of race or ethnicity, interested in the study of racial and ethnic health disparities. The substantive focus on racial/ethnic disparities is justified on the basis of two observations. First, despite improvements in overall health, noticeable inequalities among population groups persist. Second, far too many health problems fall disproportionately on racial and ethnic minority groups. Clearly there remains an ongoing need for public health research scientists working to describe, explain, and reduce health disparities. Students admitted to a UMSPH doctoral program are nominated for one of the IMSD positions. Selected students are appointed as paid graduate research assistants. All IMSD students are matched on the basis of substantive interests with faculty who are responsible for personalized research instruction, direction, and career mentoring. For more information, contact Lynda Fuerstnau at [ljfirsti@umich.edu](mailto:ljfirsti@umich.edu), 734-647-6665, or visit <http://www.crech.org/>.

## 2013 Health Equity Speaker Series

On January 31st, CRECH co-hosted a talk given by Latetia Moore, PhD and former CRECH training scholar, focusing on food environment and diet. Dr. Moore is an Epidemiologist in the Nutrition Branch in the Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Moore described the current state of the science between the food environment and diet and health and identified actions various local, state, and federal entities are engaging in to address lack of access to healthy food in communities, she discussed gaps in the research and how these affect opportunities to improve diet and health through policy and environmental improvement. The live webcast targeted public health practitioners, health educators, researchers with responsibilities in food environment research and surveillance activities, students, faculty and community-based organizations, environmental health professionals, policy/planners, as well as others interested in the topic.



Latetia Moore Freeman

## Upcoming Health Equity Speaker ...

SAVE THE DATE!

### 2013 Health Equity Speaker



Doriane Miller, MD

**FEBRUARY 21, 2013**  
**3:00-4:30 p.m.**  
**1655-SPH I**  
**1415 Washington Heights**

Speaking on "Leveraging  
Community Assets and Resources  
to Improve Health: Chicago's  
Urban Health Initiative"

Associate Professor of Medicine  
Director, Center for Community  
Health and Vitality  
Chicago Urban Health Initiative

#### Learn More About Dr. Miller

The Urban Health Initiative is a long-term commitment to strategically improving health and access to quality care on the South Side of Chicago through patient care, community-based research and medical education. Watch this video at:

<http://uhi.uchospitals.edu/video/center-community-health-and-vitality-community-grand-rounds>

This event was a collaboration of the Michigan Public Health Training Center and the Center for Research on Ethnicity, Culture, and Health, the Center for Social Epidemiology and Population Health, Public Health Students of African Descent (PHSAD), UM-SPH Department of Epidemiology, UM-SPH Department of Health Behavior and Health Education, and the UM-SPH Office of Public Health Practice.

## Upcoming Presentations

**Winter 2013 - Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute (MPSI)  
Training & Research Colloquium**  
**February 14, 2013, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**  
**Charles Lang Freer House, 71 East Ferry Avenue,  
Detroit, MI**

Dr. Cleo Caldwell, an alumnus of the Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute, was invited to present at the Training & Research Colloquium. Dr. Caldwell's topic is Pathways to Prevention: Improving Non-Resident African American Fathers' Parenting Skills to Reduce Aggressive Behavior in their Sons. The event is free to the public.

**Learn More:** <http://www.mpsi.wayne.edu/>  
<http://mpsi.wayne.edu/directions.php>

**American Men's Studies Association 21st Annual  
Conference on Men and Masculinities**  
**University of Michigan**  
**April 4-7, 2013**

The Conference theme is "Multiple Masculinities and Intersecting Identities." The Fathers and Sons Project and Domestic Violence research will be exhibited at the poster presentation.



**Learn More:** [http://mensstudies.org/?page\\_id=941](http://mensstudies.org/?page_id=941)

AMSA  
1080 S. University Avenue  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1106

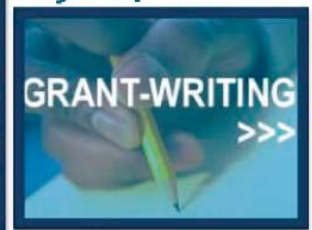
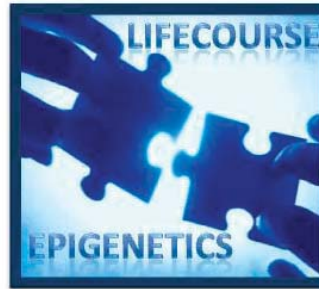
# Center for Integrative Approaches to Health Disparities in Collaboration with the Jackson Heart Study to hold Symposium for Junior Investigators

February 27 - March 1, 2013  
Mississippi e-Center, Convention Hall, Jackson State University

CIAHD is a collaboration between the University of Michigan and the Jackson Heart Study through its partners the University of Mississippi Medical Center and Jackson State University. Renewed for an additional five-years, CIAHD will continue to promote and support research that comprehensively integrates social and biological factors within a multilevel framework in understanding the determinants of minority health and health disparities. Leading the newly added research training and education core of this collaboration, Dr. Cleo Caldwell noted that the 2013 symposium will bring together young minority investigators, doctoral trainees and faculty mentors from the University of Michigan School of Public Health (UMSPH), Jackson State University (JSU), and the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) for the purposes of research dissemination, skill-building, professional development, and networking.

For more information about CIAHD, contact Amanda Dudley at [aidudley@umich.edu](mailto:aidudley@umich.edu), 734-763-5974, or visit <http://www.sph.umich.edu/ciahd/>.

## Junior Investigator Symposium



Center for Integrative Approaches to Health Disparities in Collaboration with the Jackson Heart Study Symposium for Junior Investigators February 27 - March 1, 2013 Mississippi e-Center, Convention Hall, Jackson State University



James Jackson, PhD  
Director and Research Professor  
Institute of Social Research  
Professor of Psychology and Health Behavior and Health Education



Ana Diez Roux, MD, PhD  
Director of CIAHD  
Professor and Chair  
Epidemiology



Amy Schultz, PhD  
Professor Health Behavior and Health Education



Adebowale Adeyemo, MD  
Deputy Director  
Center for Research on Genomics and Global Health,  
National Human Genome Research Institute



Herman Taylor, MPH, MD  
Professor of Medicine  
Director/Principal Investigator Jackson Heart Study



Cleopatra Caldwell, PhD, MA  
Director of CRECH  
Associate Professor Health Behavior and Health Education

February 27, 2013, 2:00 pm- 6:00 pm  
Grant Writing Workshop with Dr. Robert J. Taylor<sup>1</sup>

February 28, 2013, 8:00 am- 5:00 pm

Session I: LifeCourse

Moderator: James Jackson<sup>1</sup>

Plenary Session: James S. Jackson

Presenters: Debbie Barrington<sup>4</sup>, Samson Gebreab<sup>1</sup>, Marino Bruce<sup>2,3</sup>

Session II: Epigenetic

Moderator: Ana Diez Roux<sup>1</sup>

Plenary Session: Adebowale Adeyemo<sup>5</sup>

Presenters: Katherine Saxton<sup>6</sup>, Solomon Musani<sup>2,3</sup>, Jennifer Smith<sup>1</sup>

March 1, 2013, 8:00 am- 2:30 pm

Session I: Community Engagement and Outreach Core,

Community Based Participatory Research

Moderator: Cleopatra Caldwell<sup>1</sup>

Presenters: Amy J. Schultz<sup>1</sup>, Sonya Grant-White<sup>1</sup>

Session II: Career Development Panel Discussion and RoundTables

Moderator: Cleopatra Caldwell<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>University of Michigan, <sup>2</sup>Jackson Heart Study (University Mississippi Medical Center), <sup>3</sup>Jackson Heart Study (Jackson State University), <sup>4</sup>National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities, <sup>5</sup>National Genome Research Institute, <sup>6</sup>Santa Clara University



[www.ciahd.org](http://www.ciahd.org)



<http://jhs.jsu.edu/jhsinfo/>

Attendance is FREE, but space is Limited. Please register at

[www.sph.umich.edu/ciahd/symposium/registration.html](http://www.sph.umich.edu/ciahd/symposium/registration.html)

On-Site registration is NOT available

Supported by Award Number 2P60MD002249 from the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

Conference Location: MS e-Center, 1230 Raymond Road, Jackson, MS 39204



**Come Join Us!**

**February 22, 2013**



**26<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Minority Health  
Conference**

**University of Michigan  
School of Public Health  
Ann Arbor, MI  
8am-3pm**

**“Innovative Approaches to HIV & AIDS Prevention  
Among Youth”**

- ✓ Discuss the importance & effectiveness of youth-focused interventions
- ✓ Explore best practices, program evaluation & development from the youth perspective

**Featuring**

**Dr. Gina Wingood, Emory University Rollins School of Public Health &**

**Dr. Madeline Sutton, Division of HIV & AIDS Prevention Surveillance and Epidemiology, CDC**

**Continental breakfast & lunch will be provided!**

**Free Registration, see link below!**



Register at <http://tinyurl.com/umphsadconference2013>

Send inquiries to [umspHphsad@gmail.com](mailto:umspHphsad@gmail.com)

26th Annual Public Health Students of African Descent (PHSAD) Minority Health Conference

“Innovative Approaches to HIV/AIDS Prevention Among Youth”

**Friday, February 22, 2013**

**8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**UM SPH**

**1415 Washington Heights**

**Registration and More Information: [https://umich.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_b2aVYrq5cMo1Ofz](https://umich.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_b2aVYrq5cMo1Ofz)**

**Lunch will be provided and registration is free at the URL above. Please send inquiries to [umspHphsad@gmail.com](mailto:umspHphsad@gmail.com).**