

RACIAL AND ETHNIC HEALTH INEQUITIES IN THE UNITED STATES

Thursday, September 17, 2020 (10:00am-12:30pm)

Location: Online

Across the United States, racial and ethnic minorities experience disparities in health outcomes driven by social inequities and the historic and ongoing interplay of oppressive social structures, policies, and norms. The COVID-19 pandemic underline that race/ethnicity, class, and gender are inextricable intertwined and constantly intersect, generating complex social structures that impact the health outcomes of these populations. This event is intended for students, faculty, public health practitioners, clinicians, and members of the community to discuss how we can all learn from each other to achieve health equity. The symposium will tackle the most important health disparities in the US, the role of structural racism, and critical public health frameworks to address health inequities among racial and ethnic minorities.

Please join the UK College of Public Health for a virtual symposium featuring the following nationally recognized public health experts.

KEY NOTE SPEAKERS

Luisa N. Borrell, DDS, PhD, Distinguished Professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy, City University of New York.

Title: "Hispanics/Latinos and COVID-19: Where is the Paradox?"

Luisa N. Borrell, DDS, PhD, is a Distinguished Professor and Chair in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy, City University of New York (CUNY). She is a social epidemiologist with a research interest on race and ethnicity, socioeconomic position, and neighborhood effects as social determinants of health. In addition, she has expertise in research methods and the analysis of large databases, including survey, census and spatially-linked data. Finally, Dr. Borrell has an extensive record in mentoring master and doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows as well as junior faculty.

Robert E. Fullilove, EdD, Professor of Sociomedical Sciences, Associate Dean for Community and Minority Affairs, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University Medical Center.

Title: "COVID-19, Mass Incarceration, and Public Health"

Robert E. Fullilove, EdD is the Associate Dean for Community and Minority Affairs, Professor of Clinical Sociomedical Sciences and the co-director of the Cities Research Group. Dr. Fullilove has authored numerous articles in the area of minority health. From 1995 to 2001, he served on the Board of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention at the Institute of Medicine (IOM) at the National Academy of Sciences. Since 1996, he has served on five IOM study committees that have produced reports on a variety of topics including substance abuse and addiction, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and damp indoor spaces and health. In 2003 he was designated a National Associate of the National Academies of Science. In 1998 he was appointed to the Advisory Committee on HIV and STD Prevention (ACHSP) at the Centers for Disease Control, and in July, 2000, he became the committee's co-chair. Finally, between 2004-2007, he served on the National Advisory Council for the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine at the National Institutes of Health. Since 2010, he has been teaching public health courses in six New York State prisons that are part of the Bard College Prison Initiative (BPI) and serves as the Senior Advisor to BPI's public health program.

Gilbert C. Gee, Ph.D., Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences at the Fielding School of Public Health at UCLA.

Title: "Structural Racism: The Rules and Relations of Inequality"

Gee received his bachelor degree in neuroscience from Oberlin College, his doctorate in Health Policy and Management from the Johns Hopkins University, and post-doctoral training in sociology from Indiana University. His research focuses on the social determinants of health inequities of racial, ethnic, and immigrant minority populations using a multi-level and life course perspective. A primary line of his research focuses on conceptualizing and measuring racism, and in understanding how racism affects health. His research has received distinctions such as a group Merit Award from the National Institutes of Health, Scientific and Technical Achievement Awards from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Delta Omega Award for Innovative Public Health Curriculum, the Paul Cornely Award from the Health Activist Dinner. Dr. Gee was also the former Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Health and Social Behavior, analysis of large databases, including survey, census and spatially-linked data. Finally, Dr. Borrell has an extensive record in mentoring master and doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows as well as junior faculty.

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Donna K. Arnett, MSPH, PhD, Dean and Professor of Epidemiology, University of Kentucky College of Public Health.

Nancy E. Schoenberg, PhD, Marion Pearsall Professor of Behavioral Science, Associate Vice President of Research on Health Disparities, Director Center for Health Equity Transformation, University of Kentucky College of Medicine.

Kathryn Cardarelli, PhD, Associate Professor of Health, Behavior, and Society, Senior Assistant Provost for Faculty Affairs and Professional Development, University of Kentucky College of Public Health.

Rafael E. Pérez-Figueroa, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Health, Behavior, and Society, University of Kentucky College of Public Health.

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This symposium is sponsored by the UK College of Public Health Committee on Diversity and Inclusive Excellence. Drs. Rafael E. Pérez-Figueroa and Kathryn Cardarelli (Health, Behavior, and Society) have served as coordinators for the event.

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