

Greetings everyone,

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful summer and are ready for the new school year. As we begin the 2021-2022 academic year, we'd like to thank you for your continued support of our Research Theme in Health Equity & Translational Social Science (HETSS) at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

Please note that the **Full Grant Application for the 2021 DGSOM Seed Grant Program deadline is fast approaching on Monday, November 15, 2021**. For more information, please check out this link: <https://medschool.ucla.edu/seed-grant-program>

For more information about HETSS, please visit our website: <https://medschool.ucla.edu/hetss>

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please email: hetss@mednet.ucla.edu

Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE:

Our fall webinars are back! Co-sponsored by the Research Theme in Health Equity & Translational Social Science (HETSS) and the Rangell Social Medicine Grand Rounds Series.

- **Friday, October 15th at 1-2pm** with Dr. Rupa Marya, Associate Professor of Medicine at UC San Francisco and co-author of the book *Inflamed*
- **October 22nd at 1-2pm** with Dr. Denese Shervington, Chair of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at Charles Drew University School of Medicine
- **November 5th at 1-2pm** with Dr. Ippolytos Kalofonos, Assistant Professor DGSOM Center for Social Medicine and UCLA International Institute and author of *All I Eat is Medicine: Going Hungry in Mozambique's AIDS Economy*

Please check out our [Youtube Playlist](#) for the recordings of our previous webinars.

UPCOMING EVENTS RELATED TO HEALTH EQUITY & SOCIAL SCIENCE MEDICINE:

- [9/8/2021 at 7am: Grand Rounds/ Surgery & Emergency Medicine - Policing Implications for Patients; Zoom ID: 571420558, Password: 750726](#)
- [9/8/2021 at 8am: Surgery Grand Rounds – Gender Dysphoria and Gender Affirmation Surgery; Zoom ID: 571420558, Password: 750726](#)
- [9/9/2021 at 9am: LA Suicide Prevention Network Virtual Suicide Prevention Summit – Re-Envisioning the Journey Together, Pre-Conference Event](#)
- [9/9/2021 at 5:30pm: GHP Virtual Panel Discussion Decolonization of Global Health; Password: GHS2021](#)
- [9/10/2021 at 11am: HIV-CHIPTS & UCLA AIDS Institute Grand Rounds – Innovations in Digital Health Strategies for Engaging Youth in HIV Treatment & Prevention](#)
- [9/14-15/2021 at 8:30am: LA Suicide Prevention Network Virtual Suicide Prevention Summit – Re-Envisioning the Journey Together, Two-Day Summit](#)
- [9/16/2021 at 1pm: Children’s Discovery & Innovation Institute \(CDI\) Seminar Series – Community-Based Approaches to Address Health Disparities](#)
- [9/17/2021 at 9am: LA Suicide Prevention Network Virtual Suicide Prevention Summit – Re-Envisioning the Journey Together, Post-Conference Event 1](#)
- [9/17/2021 at 11:15am: UCLA Caltech MSTP 2021 Research Conference – Dying of Whiteness: Racial Resentment, and the Politics of the Pandemic; RSVP to: \[mstp@mednet.ucla.edu\]\(mailto:mstp@mednet.ucla.edu\)](#)
- [9/17/2021 at 4pm: UCLA Caltech MSTP 2021 Research Conference – Anthropology and Social Medicine: Pursuing Research, Advocacy, and Social Justice with People who Use Drugs RSVP to: \[mstp@mednet.ucla.edu\]\(mailto:mstp@mednet.ucla.edu\)](#)
- [9/18/2021 at 8:30am: Los Angeles Human Rights Initiatives \(LAHRI\) – Forensic Evaluation Training](#)
- [9/24/2021 at 9am: LA Suicide Prevention Network Virtual Suicide Prevention Summit – Re-Envisioning the Journey Together, Post-Conference Event 2](#)

Please note: If above hyperlink is an email address, please email the linked contact to inquire about the respective Zoom webinar information and RSVP to the event.

For more information about upcoming related events, please check out our [calendar](#).

*If you would like to share an event here, please email hetss@mednet.ucla.edu

FUNDING & RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- [2021 DGSOM Seed Grant Program: Full Grant Applications due November 15, 2021](#)
- [UCLA DGSOM F32 Workgroup Announcement - Fall 2021](#)
- [UCLA CTSI R Grant Writing Two-Day Virtual Workshop: Early Registration Deadline September 17, 2021](#)
- [UCLA CTSI R Grant Writing Two-Day Virtual Workshop: Draft Applications due October 8, 2021](#)
- [UCLA CTSI R Grant Writing Two-Day Virtual Workshop: General Registration Deadline November 1, 2021](#)
- [California Grants: Outdoor Equity Grants Program Application due October 8, 2021](#)
 - Purpose: Funds services/program operations including activities in a community and trips to natural areas throughout California. Focuses on delivering environmental education and outdoor recreational activities, service learning, career pathways, and leadership opportunities through activities in the community and trips to natural areas that strengthen a connection to the natural world.
- [California Grants: Registered Nurse Education Programs Capitation Application due October 1, 2021](#)
 - The Song-Brown program aims to increase the number of students and residents receiving quality primary care education and training in areas of unmet need throughout California.
- [California Grants: Allied Healthcare Loan Repayment Program due October 1, 2021](#)
 - Purpose: The CMSP Allied Healthcare Loan Repayment Program (AHLRP) aims to increase the number of appropriately trained Allied Healthcare professionals in California and encourages those professionals to provide direct patient care in CMSP-designated counties in California.
- [California Grants: Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program due October 1, 2021](#)
 - Purpose: The Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program (LMHSPEP) aims to increase the number of appropriately trained Mental Health providers in California and encourages those professionals to provide direct patient care in Medically Underserved Areas in California.
- [California Grants: Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program due October 1, 2021](#)
 - The Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program encourages recently licensed physicians and surgeons to practice in Health Professional Shortage Areas – Primary Care (HPSA-PC) and Primary Care Shortage Areas (PCSA) in California.
- [NIH NCI Mentored Research Scientist Development Award to Promote Diversity \(K01 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#)
 - (PAR-21-295); National Cancer Institute; Application Receipt Date(s): Multiple dates.
- [NIH NCI Mentored Research Scientist Development Award to Promote Diversity \(K01 Clinical Trial Required\)](#)
 - (PAR-21-296); National Cancer Institute; Application Receipt Date(s): November 12, 2024
- [NIH Collaborative Partnership between Research Centers in Minority Institutions \(RCMI\) and Alcohol Research Centers \(U54 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#)
 - (RFA-AA-21-015); National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; Application Receipt Date(s): December 15, 2021
- [NIH A Multilevel Approach to Connecting Underrepresented Populations to Clinical Trials \(CUSP2CT U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#)
 - (RFA-CA-21-057); National Cancer Institute; Application Receipt Date(s): November 19, 2021
- [NIH Data, Evaluation and Coordinating Center for: A Multilevel Approach to Connecting Underrepresented Populations to Clinical Trials \(CUSP2CT\) \(U24 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#)
 - (RFA-CA-21-058); National Cancer Institute; Application Receipt Date(s): November 19, 2021

HETSS SPOTLIGHT



Sonya Young Aadam has been the CEO of the California Black Women's Health Project for nearly 7 years. With a history of working as a highly trained financial and strategic analyst at top corporations, she selflessly moved her work to support community empowerment and engagement through transformative intervention in under-resourced urban communities -- particularly in South Los Angeles, where she was born and raised.

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THE CALIFORNIA BLACK WOMEN'S HEALTH PROJECT

"California Black Women's Health Project is rooted in better health and wellness for Black women and girls. It is a statewide partner-driven organization that works in areas of the state with the largest population of Black women and girls such as Los Angeles County, Alameda County, Sacramento County, Central Valley, and the Inland Empire. Black women tend to be the administrative and health heads of their homes, and as such, the health of the Black community rests, in large part, with Black women. Improving the health of Black women thus has the iterative effect of improving the health of everyone in their familial and social circles. With a strategic focus on advocacy, outreach, policy, and education, the goal is to build the Black community's capacity to address disparities in the provision of/access to care, healthcare knowledge, and its ability to navigate these systems."

MY MOTIVATION TO FIGHT HEALTH INEQUITIES

"I was born and raised in South Los Angeles, so I grew up experiencing all the things that exist for people who live there, both the challenges and the support of community-based organizations. After graduating from an Ivy League University and being the first person in my family to graduate from college, I worked in commercial and investment banking. However, I decided to leave that career and utilize my skills in strategic analysis and management to make a difference in the lives of others. I wanted to be of service to communities like the one where I grew up. When I moved back to South Los Angeles after 14 years outside of CA, I was shocked to see how little had changed. Community conditions seemed to remain unchanged while I growing as a young adult outside the community. I determined to work to shift my efforts to serve the community around me."

SISTER CIRCLES AS AN ENGAGEMENT MODEL

"At CA Black Women's Health Project, we use an engagement model called the Sister Circle, which is an evidence-based practice that provides a supportive environment where Black women can come together to heal and deal with issues involving mental health, maternal health, violence prevention, aging, and chronic health conditions. I have a strong belief in incorporating community-defined evidence practices (CDEPs) into traditional healthcare models, and the CA Black Women's Health Project uses the Sister Circle engagement model across different areas of our work. Sister Circles allow for the integration of cultural and community-defined care with the traditional healthcare system."

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