

Greetings everyone,

Thank you for your continued support of the Research Theme in Health Equity & Translational Social Science (HETSS) at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

## **\*REMINDER\***

### **The deadline for the UCLA DGSOM Seed Grant Program: Full Grant Application is due on Monday, November 15, 2021.**

*For more information about the Full Grant Application, please see this website:*

<https://medschool.ucla.edu/seed-grant-program>

Please note the following:

- Everyone may still apply, even if you have not applied for a planning grant.
- Our HETSS Research Theme strongly encourages collaborations among social scholars, clinical & biomedical researchers, and community organizations.
- The total amount available for grants for health equity and translational social science this round is \$250,000, so individual grants will be significantly smaller than that. The total amount will be divided among the recipients.
- The review committee will have community organization representation to be part of the review process.

## 2021 DGSOM Seed Grant Program

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### Strategic Vision

The David Geffen School of Medicine (DGSOM) Research Themes, including our new Theme in Health Equity and Translational Social Science, have been charged with increasing the impact of basic, translational, clinical, and community research at UCLA in high-priority and broadly defined research areas. In addition, the Institute of Precision Health (IPH) has been aggressively building an infrastructure for collecting genetic information for a broad range of UCLA patients; IPH seeks to identify diverse research projects that either take advantage of this infrastructure or focus on the development of alternative precision health strategies for advancing knowledge and improving patient care.

Many DGSOM researchers are already immersed in highly impactful research funded by individual grants and contracts, or by start-up funds provided to new faculty. However, to address many of the most important unanswered questions in biology, the most significant unmet needs in medicine, and existing inequities in health and healthcare, the diverse expertise found in multidisciplinary teams of investigators will be required. The assembly of outstanding, multidisciplinary teams is challenging because investigators often are required to reach outside of their comfort zones and interact effectively with researchers with very different areas of expertise, or across the basic/translational/clinical/community research spectrum. Importantly, large team science grants from government agencies and private foundations often require evidence that a team has already established productive interactions.

### 2021 DGSOM Seed Grant Program

#### Important Dates:

**July 15, 2021**

Planning Grant Applications Due by 11:59 PM

**August 16, 2021**

Planning Grant Decisions Announced

**November 15, 2021**

Full Grant Applications Due

(Restricted to Planning Grant Recipients)

**December 20, 2021**

Final Decisions Announced (Tentative)

**January 3, 2022**

Earliest Funding Date

# UPCOMING HETSS WEBINAR:

## All I Eat is Medicine: Going Hungry in Mozambique's AIDS Economy



**Ippolytos Kalofonos MD, PhD, MPH**  
Assistant Professor, UCLA Center for Social  
Medicine & Humanities, UCLA International Institute  
West LA VA Medical Center Department of  
Psychiatry, Department of Anthropology

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Friday, November 5, 2021 at 1:00pm – 2:00pm PT

Free Zoom webinar. Registration required.

Questions? Email: [hetss@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:hetss@mednet.ucla.edu)

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Co-sponsored by the Research Theme in Health Equity & Translational Social Science (HETSS),  
UCLA Global Health, and Rangell Social Medicine Grand Rounds Series



Please join us for an educational webinar on Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 1-2pm PT. Dr. Ippolytos "Ippy" Kalofonos, author of *All I Eat is Medicine: Going Hungry in Mozambique's AIDS Economy*, will present his long-term ethnographic research on the scale-up of the first generation of AIDS treatment programs in Mozambique. Even as the scale-up saved lives, it perpetuated the exploitation and exclusion implicated in the propagation of the epidemic in the first place. The embodied critique of "all I eat is medicine" is a reminder that magic bullet pharmaceutical cures are insufficient responses to entrenched epidemics of disease, hunger, and poverty. A truly therapeutic global health must dismantle embedded power asymmetries and replace them with a collaborative ethics of interdependence. Q&A to follow presentation. This event is free. Registration is required.

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## Save the Date:

- Friday, December 3, 2021 at 1-2 pm: [Dr. Sahar Sadjadi](#) from McGill University and [Dr. Rebecca Jordan-Young](#) from Barnard College will speak on the science and technology studies of gender.

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

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# UPCOMING EVENTS RELATED TO HEALTH EQUITY & SOCIAL SCIENCE MEDICINE:

- [11/1-4/2021 at 8am EDT – 2021 NIH Virtual Seminar on Program Funding & Grants Administration: “Empowering the Research Workforce to Fuel Scientific Discovery”](#)
- [11/3-4/2021 at 12pm – 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual UCLA Health Equity Symposium: “Advancing Anti-Racism and Health Equity in a Lingering Pandemic”](#)
- [11/4/2021 at 12pm – NIBBL: “How Does Structural Racism Impact our Neuropsychology Instrumentation and Normative Studies? Part 1”](#)
- [11/5/2021 at 7:30am – 2021 UCLA Health Integrative Medicine Collaborative Inaugural Conference: “An Integrated U: Healing from Bench to Bedside”](#)
- [11/6/2021 at 10:30am – PCFA 2021 Distinguished Psychiatrist Seminar Series “How our Mind Becomes Racialized across the Developmental Cycle”](#)
- [11/8/2021 at 5pm – UCLA Integrative Biology & Physiology: “The Future of Food & the Brain-Body Connection”](#)
- [11/10/2021 at 12pm – UCLA CTSI Distinguished Speaker Seminar – HETSS Research Theme: “Inequity in Trauma Care in Sub-Saharan Africa: Opportunities for a Multidisciplinary Approach”](#)
- [11/12/2021 at 12pm – UCLA CGP/ HETSS Lunch Talk with Nichole Roxas, MD, MPH, Yale Psychiatry](#)
- [11/17/2021 at 12:30pm – Renal Grand Rounds: “Dismantling ‘the Box’ to Describe a Path to Equity in Kidney Disease”](#)

*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](#).

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# FUNDING & RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

## UCLA 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: General Registration Deadline November 1, 2021](#)

## California Grants

- [Gun Violence Reduction Program \(GVRP\) Application due 11/5/2021 11:59pm](#)
  - Purpose: In accordance with the State Budget Act (the "Act"), the California Department of Justice intends to distribute a total of \$5 million in FY 2021-22 to support California County Sheriff's Department's in conducting activities related to the seizure of weapons and ammunition from persons who are prohibited from possessing them, including efforts based upon entries in the Department's Armed Prohibited Persons System (APPS). Estimated Available Funds: \$5,000,000
- [2021-22 Intimate Partner Violence Prevention \(FD\) Program RFP Application due 11/23/21 5pm](#)
  - Purpose: The purpose of the FD Program is to prevent intimate partner violence, including teen dating violence, prioritize underserved populations within communities, and build the capacity of local organizations to do this work. Estimated Available Funds: \$1,006,030
- [Veterans Support to Self-Reliance Application due 12/1/2021 5pm](#)
  - The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) is announcing the availability of approximately \$3 million to provide consultation, administrative support, and technical assistance to CalVet for the Veteran Support to Self-Reliance Pilot Grant Program. The successful Proposer will provide clear and convincing evidence of adequate personnel and organizational capacity to effectively carry out a contract of this scope and magnitude. Estimated Available Funds: \$3,000,000
- [California Community Reinvestment Grants Program Application due 12/13/21 11:59pm](#)
  - Purpose: The CalCRG program awards grants to Local Health Departments and qualified Community-based Nonprofit Organizations to support job placement, mental health treatment, substance use disorder treatment, system navigation services, legal services to address barriers to reentry, and linkages to medical care for communities disproportionately affected by past federal and state drug policies, also known as the War on Drugs. Estimated Available Funds: \$38,400,000

## NIH Opportunities

- [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.
- [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
- [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
- [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
- [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
- [Promoting Reproductive Health for Adolescents and Adults with Disabilities \(R01 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#)
  - (RFA-HD-23-005); Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; Office of Research on Women's Health; Application Receipt Date(s): March 30, 2022

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# HETSS SPOTLIGHT



JUANITA BOOKER-VAUGHNS EDD, M.ED IS CURRENTLY A COMMUNITY FACULTY INSTRUCTOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PREVENTATIVE AND SOCIAL MEDICINE AT CHARLES R. DREW UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND SCIENCE. SHE COMPLETED HER DISSERTATION IN 2014 THAT ADDRESSED OBESITY INTERVENTION PRACTICES IN MPH AND HIGHER EDUCATION ROLE IN WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES TO HELP INDIVIDUALS LOWER BMI NUMBERS. JUANITA ALSO SERVED AS THE 2020 CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY-BASED PUBLIC HEALTH CAUCUS IN THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION AND IS NOW THE 2021 CHAIR OF THE CAUCUS COLLABORATIVE, OVERSEEING ALL CAUCUSES IN THE APHA.

## Juanita Booker-Vaughns EdD, M.Ed

### OPENING THE DOOR AS A GATEKEEPER

"My personal experience with hostile attitudes from healthcare providers made me recognize the importance of serving as a gatekeeper in healthcare and the issues rooted in the system. Opening the door as a gatekeeper involves being mindful of the culture you conduct your clinical work in and understanding the process of helping community members navigate their health. When it comes to working in health equity systems, it is important to be fair, have humility, and be culturally sensitive. Healthcare providers need to be better gatekeepers because they are creating the models for decision making. All of the biases need to be left out the door. "

### COMMUNITY FACULTY GIVING VOICE TO CHILDREN AT POLICY TABLE

"I have been in research and community engagement over the past two decades in programs involving the classroom and special education. In my current role at Charles Drew as a community faculty member, I am part of a program built and designed to have grassroots providers as the bridge between the community and academic institutions. I represent the voice of children in the community as well as community partners from all walks of life when crafting research studies. My work serves to improve the efficacy of our research at the university so that it can best help the community."

### BEING A DECISION MAKER IN THE APHA

"At the start of my time in the American Public Health Association (APHA), people of color were not in the executive roles. I was able to see how public health policy is made on a national level and in my seven years in the APHA, I became the Community-Based Public Health Caucus chair and now the Caucus Collective chair, allowing me to bring the community perspective to APHA's work towards achieving better population health and health equity."

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