The Science of Health Disparities: From Social Causes to Personalized Medicine
Dear Symposium Guests,

With great pleasure I welcome you to the 10th Annual UAB Health Disparities Research Symposium.

The symposium highlights research related to health disparities by academic investigators, students, and community partners in basic science, clinical research, social and behavioral science, community-based, and health outcomes research.

Organized by the UAB Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center (MHRC), a University-Wide Interdisciplinary Research Center and a designated Center of Excellence by the National Institutes of Health, in the past decade this scientific meeting has expanded in ways that reflect the growth and proliferation of the Center. The symposium began in 2005 as a Minority Health Research Day with presentations by UAB faculty. Over the years, its themes covered a range of health disparities topics, such as obesity, diabetes, cancer, genomics, and health policy. The forum eventually expanded to reflect the entire science of health disparities “from discovery to delivery,” and became distinctly integrative in its approach, highlighting the convergence of biological, clinical, social, and behavioral disciplines in health disparities research.

As the symposium’s scientific concept matured, the event began to attract nationally and internationally prominent experts and scientists, as well as informed and engaged participants from across the country. In its 10th anniversary edition, the symposium is co-sponsored by three national transdisciplinary collaborative centers (TCCs) for health disparities research: the Mid-South TCC focused on the social determinants of health disparities, the Center for Healthy African American Men through Partnerships (CHAAMPS), and the Gulf States Health Policy Center. Befitting this diversity of scientific approaches and nationwide reach, an impressive line of speakers will share their insights about challenges and opportunities in the multidisciplinary science of health disparities, from the fundamentals of social conditions to the ramifications of personalized medicine. The topics of academic-community collaborations and policy solutions for health equity will round up the discourse, addressing the applied aspects of the science of health disparities.

The symposium’s success over the years would not have been possible without you, your interest in the causes and mechanisms of health disparities, your passion for excellence and innovation, and your enthusiasm for equity in health and health care. Thank you for your time, commitment, and continued support!

I hope that you will use this scientific forum to enrich your views, share ideas and perspectives with colleagues, create networks, and generate collaborations that will bear future projects.

With best wishes for a productive and enjoyable meeting,

Mona N. Fouad, MD, MPH
Senior Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion, School of Medicine
Director and Professor, Division of Preventive Medicine
Director, Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center
The University of Alabama at Birmingham
The Past 10 Years

2005
Minority Research Day

2006
 Eliminating Health Disparities: Obesity and Diabetes

2007
 From Discovery to Delivery

2008
 Genomics and Health Disparities

2009
 The Science of Health Disparities: From Discovery to Delivery

2010
 Where Biology, Behavior, and Socioeconomics Converge

2011
 The Science of Health Disparities: From Discovery to Delivery

2012
 Integrating Social and Biological Factors in Health Disparities Research

2013

2014

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015**

**7:30 AM**  
Registration and Breakfast

### POSTER SESSION  
8–9:30 AM  
Open Forum: Review Research Posters and Discuss with Presenters

### OPENING REMARKS  
9:30 AM  
Heritage I  
**Mona Fouad, MD, MPH**  
Senior Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion, UAB School of Medicine; Director and Professor, UAB Division of Preventive Medicine; Director, UAB Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center

### BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**9:45–11:15 AM**  
**African American Men’s Health**  
**Moderator: James M. Shikany, DrPH**  
Professor, UAB School of Medicine, Preventive Medicine

- **Ewan Cobran, PhD**  
  Assistant Professor, University of Georgia, College of Pharmacy  
  Racial Differences in Diffusion of Intensity-modulated Radiation Therapy for Localized Prostate Cancer

- **Kristine Hearld, PhD**  
  Assistant Professor, UAB School of Health Professions, Health Services Administration  
  Panic Attacks in Minority Americans: The Effects of Alcohol Abuse, Tobacco Smoking, and Discrimination

- **Bradford Jackson, PhD**  
  Postdoctoral Fellow, UAB School of Medicine, Preventive Medicine  
  Unintentional Injuries and Violence-related Behavior among Adolescent Males: Racial and Geographic Region Differences

- **Monika Safford, MD**  
  Professor, UAB School of Medicine, Preventive Medicine  
  Race–Sex Differences in the Management of Hyperlipidemia: The REasons for Geographic And Racial Differences in Stroke (REGARDS) Study

**9:45–11:15 AM**  
**Health Policy**  
**Moderator: Michelle Martin, PhD**  
Associate Professor, UAB School of Medicine, Preventive Medicine

- **Tanya Funchess, DHA, MPH, MSM**  
  Director, Health Disparity Elimination, Mississippi State Department of Health  
  Training Community Members to Be Better Consumers of Research

- **Chelsea Singleton, MPH**  
  UAB School of Public Health, Epidemiology  
  Association between Farm-to-Consumer Outlet Use and Daily Fruit and Vegetable Intake among WIC Program Participants in Jefferson County, Alabama

- **Jammie M. Hopkins, DrPH, MS**  
  Project Director, Transdisciplinary Collaborative Center (TCC) for Health Disparities Research, Morehouse School of Medicine  
  Harnessing the Power of Transdisciplinary Collaboration to Inform Health Policy and Advance Health Equity in the South

- **John Estrada, MD**  
  Director of Education and Community Services, Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center; Associate Director, Clinical and Translational Research Center, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center  
  HPV Vaccine Uptake in the Recommended Population: Policy Implications

**9:45–11:15 AM**  
**Community-based and Outcomes Research – I**  
**Moderator: Kenneth Saag, MD, MSc**  
Professor, UAB School of Medicine, Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology

- **Dori Pekmezci, PhD**  
  Assistant Professor, UAB School of Public Health, Health Behavior  
  Testing the Feasibility and Acceptability of an Interactive, Internet-based Physical Activity Intervention for Latinas in Alabama

- **Yu-Mei Schoenberger, PhD, MPH**  
  Assistant Professor, UAB School of Medicine, Preventive Medicine  
  Usage of Social Networking Sites in Research and Collaboration

- **Andrea Silber, MD**  
  Associate Professor, Yale Medical School  
  Changing the Ratio: Racial and Ethnic Diversity in Cancer Clinical Trials in New Haven, Connecticut

- **Donna Antoine-LaVigne, PhD, MPH, MSEd**  
  Associate Director, Community Partnerships; Vice President for Research and Federal Relations, Jackson State University  
  Engaging Minority Participants in Research Using Community Engagement Studios
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<td>7:15 PM <strong>Recognition of Community Partners</strong>&lt;br&gt;7:30 PM <strong>Concluding Remarks</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Mona Fouad, MD, MPH</strong>&lt;br&gt;Senior Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion, UAB School of Medicine; Director and Professor, UAB Division of Preventive Medicine; Director, UAB Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center</td>
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### Breakout Sessions

**8:15–9:15 AM**

**Basic Science**  
**Moderator:** David Chaplin, MD, PhD  
**Location:** Arlington

- **Esther Suswam, DVM, PhD**  
  Assistant Professor, UAB School of Medicine, Neurology  
  Molecular and Cellular Localization Profiles of Tristetraprolin in Colorectal Cancer: Implications for Tumor Progression in Diverse Patient Populations

- **Jesus Salazar-Gonzalez, PhD**  
  Research Associate, UAB School of Medicine, UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center  
  Frequency Distribution and Prognostic Significance of Codon 72 and Intron-3 Polymorphisms Differs with Race in Colorectal Cancer

- **Prachi Bajpai, PhD**  
  Research Associate, UAB School of Medicine, Genetics  
  Genetic Differences in African and Caucasian Populations in Nuclear Gene Encoding Mitochondria Localized POLG1 Polymerase

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**Epidemiology**  
**Moderator:** Linda Moneyham, PhD, RN, FAAN  
**Location:** University

- **George Howard, DrPH**  
  Professor, UAB School of Public Health, Biostatistics  
  Where Should Interventions Be Focused to Reduce the Black–White Disparity in Stroke Mortality? Insights from the Reasons for Geographic and Racial Differences in Stroke (REGARDS) Study

- **Virginia Howard, PhD**  
  Professor, UAB School of Public Health, Epidemiology  
  Apparent Treatment-resistant Hypertension among Individuals with History of Stroke or Transient Ischemic Attack

- **Karen Albright, DO, MPH**  
  Vascular Neurology / Stroke Fellow, UAB School of Medicine, Neurology  
  Secondary Stroke Prevention Prescribing: Findings from the REasons for Geographic And Racial Differences in Stroke (REGARDS) Study

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**Social Determinants of Health – I**  
**Moderator:** Wendy Denmark-Wahnefried, PhD, RD  
**Location:** Centennial I

- **Richard Scribner, MD, MPH**  
  D’Angelo Professor, Louisiana State University School of Public Health  
  Effect of Neighborhood Disadvantage on Metabolic Control among Pediatric Diabetes Patients

- **Douglas Moellering, PhD**  
  Assistant Professor, UAB School of Health Professions, Nutrition Sciences  
  Preliminary Findings: Adverse Effects of Life Stress on Obesity

- **Maura Mohler, MPH**  
  Louisiana State University School of Public Health  
  Relationships between Obesity, Metabolic Health, and Neighborhood Concentrated Disadvantage in Pre-pubertal Children

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**Social Determinants of Health – II**  
**Moderator:** Robert Weech-Maldonado, PhD, MBA  
**Location:** Centennial II

- **Henna Budhwani, PhD, MPH**  
  Assistant Professor, UAB School of Public Health, Health Care Organization and Policy; Deputy Director, UAB Sparkman Center for Global Health  
  Generalized Anxiety Disorder in Racial and Ethnic Minorities: A Case of Nativity and Contextual Factors

- **Daniel Velez-Ortiz, PhD**  
  School of Social Work and Julian Samora Research Institute, Michigan State University  
  Culture, Gender, and Depression: Puerto Rican Older Adult’s Experiences with Depression

- **Magdalena Szafiarski, PhD**  
  Assistant Professor, UAB College of Arts and Sciences, Sociology  
  Social Determinants of Health Lifestyles in Poland: Effect Changes Over Time
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<td>Challenges and Opportunities in Studying the Multilevel Determinants of Health</td>
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### SYMPOSIUM CONCLUSION

The UAB Health Disparities Research Symposium is UAB’s annual forum designed to keep scientists at UAB and other academic institutions across the Southeast, including key minority institutions, at the forefront of health disparities research. The event highlights the work of investigators in basic science and clinical, behavioral, social, and community-based research as it relates to health disparities, enabling scholars to share ideas and build important network in the scientific community. The symposium, now in its tenth year, works hand in hand with other programs of the UAB Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center to encourage investigators to enter the field of health disparities research. Thank you for your participation and support.

**Symposium Scientific Planning Committee**
Mona Fouad, MD, MPH; Linda Moneyham, DNS, RN, FAAN; Edward Partridge, MD; Robert Weech-Maldonado, PhD, MBA
**Mark Alexander, PhD**  
100 Black Men of America, Inc.

Dr. Alexander is an epidemiologist committed to improving the health outcomes of marginalized communities. He is particularly interested in the effects of racism and social class on health. Dr. Alexander has been a member of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of 100 Black Men since 1994, and was Chairman of the Bay Area Chapter’s Board of Directors for three terms. He served as Chairman of the National Health and Wellness Committee for 100 Black Men of America, and currently serves as Secretary of the organization’s National Executive Committee. Dr. Alexander is a retired research scientist at the Division of Research, Kaiser Permanente Northern California. He is the former Assistant Director of the Medical Effectiveness Research Center for Diverse Populations, University of California at San Francisco.

**Regina Benjamin, MD, MBA**  
Professor and Endowed Chair, Department of Public Health Science  
Xavier University of Louisiana

Dr. Benjamin served as the United States 18th Surgeon General. She specializes in prevention policies and health promotion, especially concerning obesity and children’s health. She has interest in rural health care, health disparities, suicide, violence, and mental health. From her early days as the founder of a rural health clinic in Alabama, to her leadership role in the worldwide advancement of health, Dr. Benjamin has forged a career that has been recognized by a broad spectrum of organizations. In 1998, she was the U.S. recipient of the Nelson Mandela Award for Health and Human Rights; in 2000, she received the National Caring Award; in 2008, she was honored with a MacArthur Genius Award Fellowship; and in 2011, she became the recipient of the Chairman’s Award at the 42nd NAACP Image Awards. In 2013, Reader’s Digest ranked her #22 of the 100 Most Trusted People in America.

**Ana Diez Roux, MD, PhD, MPH**  
Dean and Distinguished Professor of Epidemiology, School of Public Health  
Drexel University

Dr. Diez Roux is an international leader in the investigation of the social determinants of health, the application of multilevel analysis in health research, and the study of neighborhood health effects. Her research areas include social epidemiology and health disparities, environmental health effects, urban health, psycho-social factors in health, and cardiovascular disease epidemiology. She has served on advisory committees for the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Center for Health Statistics, and the International Council for Science. She was a member of the MacArthur Network on Socioeconomic Factors and Health and is Co-Director of the Network on Inequality, Complexity and Health. Dr. Diez Roux was awarded the Wade Hampton Frost Award by the American Public Health Association, and is an elected member of the American Epidemiological Society, the Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research, and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

**Barbara A. Israel, DrPH**  
Professor of Health Behavior and Health Education, School of Public Health  
University of Michigan

Dr. Israel has published widely in the areas of the social and environmental determinants of health and health inequities; the relationship between stress, social support, and physical and mental health; and community-based participatory research (CBPR). Since 1995, she has worked with academic and community partners to establish and maintain the Detroit Community-Academic Urban Research Center, which involves multiple NIH and foundation-funded research projects aimed at increasing knowledge and addressing factors associated with health inequities.

**Nita A. Limdi, PharmD, PhD, MSPH, FAHA**  
Professor of Neurology and Epidemiology; Director, Personalized Medicine Institute  
University of Alabama at Birmingham

The research interests of Dr. Limdi center on pharmacogenetics/ genomics and pharmacoepidemiology of cardiovascular phenotypes. Her primary focus is to elucidate genetic and environmental determinants of oral anticoagulants drugs response, specifically those that are associated with toxicity and lack of efficacy. Currently her research includes both prospective cohort and randomized clinical trials designed to understand the genetic and environmental contributors to warfarin response. Complementing the pharmacogenetic research is her interest in cardiovascular epidemiology and pharmacoepidemiology. Dr. Limdi aims to fill critical knowledge gaps in atrial-fibrillation and stroke and to identify genetic susceptibility to adverse reactions thereby selecting other medications for patients who are genetically likely to benefit.
**Bruce Link, PhD**  
Professor of Epidemiology and Sociomedical Sciences, Mailman School of Public Health  
Columbia University  

Dr. Link is the Director of the Center for Social Inequalities and Health, the Director of the Psychiatric Epidemiology Training Program, and Director of the Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholars Program at Columbia University. He is also a Research Scientist at New York State Psychiatric Institute. A social epidemiologist, Dr. Link conducts research aimed at understanding health inequalities by race/ethnicity and socioeconomic status, the life-course origins of health inequalities, and the health consequences of social stigma. He is a recipient of the Leonard Pearlin Award for career achievement from the American Sociological Association (2002), the Leo G. Reeder Award from the American Sociological Association (2007), and the Rema Lapouse Award from the American Public Health Association. He was elected to the Institute of Medicine in 2002.

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**Jo Phelan, PhD**  
Professor of Sociomedical Sciences, Mailman School of Public Health  
Columbia University  

Dr. Phelan is Professor of Sociomedical Sciences in the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. Her research focuses on stigma, prejudice, and discrimination, especially with respect to mental illness, and the impact of the genomic revolution on stigma and racial attitudes. She has published extensively on the topic of social conditions as fundamental causes of inequalities in health and mortality, and the legitimation of social inequality. She is particularly interested in the interplay between structural conditions and social psychological processes in the creation and reproduction of inequalities.

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**Zachary Rowe**  
Executive Director, Friends of Parkside  

Mr. Rowe is Executive Director of Friends of Parkside, a community-based organization located in a public housing complex in Detroit. He is also a founding and current member of the Detroit Community-Academic Research Center (URC) Board and serves on several URC affiliated partnerships. Mr. Rowe has co-authored manuscripts, helped develop CBPR curriculum, and co-presented with Detroit URC faculty and community partners at national conferences. He is a vocal advocate for making research responsive and relevant to community needs and for designing interventions that can make a difference in the lives of community members. He serves as the Co-PI on National Institute of Health (NIH) and Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality’ (AHRQ) grants.

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**Brian Smedley, PhD**  
Executive Director, National Collaborative for Health Equity  

Dr. Smedley is co-founder and Executive Director of the National Collaborative for Health Equity, a project that connects research, policy analysis, and communications with on-the-ground activism to advance health equity. From 2008 to 2014, Dr. Smedley was Vice President and Director of the Health Policy Institute of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington, DC, a research and policy organization focused on the needs of communities of color. Formerly, he was Senior Program Officer in the Division of Health Sciences Policy of the Institute of Medicine (IOM), where he served as Study Director for the IOM reports *In the Nation’s Compelling Interest: Ensuring Diversity in the Health Care Workforce and Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care*. In 2013, he received the American Public Health Association’s Cornely Award for social activism.
UAB MHRC Membership

The UAB MHRC is a University-Wide Interdisciplinary Research Center that provides infrastructure for innovative health disparities research, including research, training/career development, and community outreach support.

Eligibility: Membership is available to UAB faculty interested in health disparities research. Appointments are available in the categories of Senior Scientist and Associate Scientist, based on faculty status and academic rank.

Application: Submit a letter describing your experience or interest in health disparities research, and your Curriculum Vitae at: uab.edu/mhrc

Your Opportunity to Mentor

The UAB MHRC Training Program relies on dedicated mentors to guide new investigators in the field of health disparities research. The Center is recruiting UAB faculty who are willing to serve as mentors for undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, junior faculty, and physician scientists.

Benefits: The mentor–mentee relationship can lead to mutually benefitting research opportunities and may result in long-term research collaborations. The research assistance provided by mentees is a valuable resource, and the mentoring experience often meets faculty requirements for service.

Application: Visit the UAB MHRC Mentors’ Bureau at: uab.edu/mhrc

HealthSmart

UAB HealthSmart is an innovative prevention and wellness facility located in downtown Birmingham. An initiative of the UAB Division of Preventive Medicine and the UAB MHRC, UAB HealthSmart improves the health of people throughout the Greater Birmingham area by offering health evaluations and preventive screenings, nutrition and fitness counseling, healthy lifestyle demonstrations, and health education.

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The UAB MHRC is a University-Wide Interdisciplinary Research Center, approved by the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama System. It is a designated Center of Excellence in Health Disparities Research by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. uab.edu/mhrc

Mid-South Transdisciplinary Collaborative Center for Health Disparities Research (Mid-South TCC)
The Mid-South TCC is a regional academic-community research consortium that investigates the social determinants of health disparities in obesity and related chronic diseases in six Mid-South states (Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Kentucky) and implements interventions to ameliorate such disparities. uab.edu/midsouthtcc

Center for Healthy African American Men through Partnerships (CHAAMPS)
CHAAAMPS is a national academic-community research consortium that seeks to address the socioeconomic, behavioral, and biological factors driving the disparities in unintentional and violence-related injuries and chronic diseases in African American men, with the goal of improving the health of African American men throughout their life course.

Gulf States Health Policy Center
The Gulf States Health Policy Center is a comprehensive community, education, and research center focused on improving health outcomes in the Gulf States region (Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida, and Texas). The Center’s work involves coalition building, health education, and interdisciplinary, community-driven research. It is committed to helping create a more healthy and fit nation.

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