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Dr. Croyle previously served as the division’s associate director for the Behavioral Research Program, leading its development and expansion. Before joining the NCI in 1998, he was professor of psychology and a member of the Human Cancer Institute at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Prior to that, he was a visiting investigator at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, visiting assistant professor of psychology at the University of Washington, and assistant professor of psychology at Williams College in Massachusetts. Dr. Croyle graduated with a BA in psychology from the University of Washington in 1978 and received his PhD in social psychology at the University of California, Los Angeles in 1985. His research has examined how individuals process, evaluate, and respond to cancer risk information, including tests for inherited mutations in BRCA1 and BRCA2. He is widely published in professional journals of behavioral science, public health, and cancer, and he has edited two volumes: Mental Representation in Health and Disease (2001) and Psychosocial Effects of Screening for Disease Prevention and Detection (2005). He is a co-author of the Handbook of Behavioral Medicine, a Fellow of the American Psychological Association, and a recipient of several awards for his research and professional service. He is associate editor for Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers and Prevention and consulting editor for Health Psychology and the British Journal of Health Psychology. Dr. Croyle received the American Psychological Association’s Nathan Perry Senior Career Award to Health Psychology Award in 2000. In 1999, he was elected to the Institute of Medicine, and received the NCI Merit Award in 1990, 2002, and 2008 and the NCI Director’s Award in 2000.

The UAB Health Disparities Research Symposium is UAB’s annual forum designed to keep scientists at UAB, the University of Alabama, and key minority institutions across the Southeast at the forefront of health disparities research. The event highlights the work of investigators in basic science, clinical, behavioral, and community-based research as it relates to the scientific and behavioral domains and disciplines, including epidemiology, behavioral science, surveys, biostatistics, and health services research.

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**Topic 7**: HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

*The Science of Health Disparities: From Discovery to Delivery*

**Tuesday, April 10, 2012**

**Registration and Breakfast**

**8:15 am – 9:45 am**

**Session I: Epidemiology and Social Determinants of Health Disparities**

- **9:45 am – 10:00 am**
  - **Openings Remarks and Introduction of Keynote Speaker**
  - **Keynote Address and Session Overview**

**11:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Break-Out Sessions**

**1:00 pm – 2:00 pm**

**Session II: Mechanisms and Outcomes of Health Disparities**

**2:00 pm – 2:30 pm**

**Lunch**

**2:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Session III: Basic and Clinical Science**

**5:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Poster Session**

**7:00 pm – 10:00 pm**

**Alumni Roundtable and Panel**

**8:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Reception**

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**SPEAKER TOPIC: Epidemiology and Outcomes Research**

**Moderator: Kenneth Saag, MD, MSc**

- **11:00 am – 12:00 pm**
  - **Shanmal-Hobert Mager,M.D., Ph.D.**
  - **Heine Ray, Ph.D.**
  - **Kishaw Singh, Ph.D.**

**SPEAKER TOPIC: Behavioral Research**

**Moderator: Richard Allman, MD**

- **2:00 pm – 2:30 pm**
  - **Dr. Eileen John, MPH**
  - **Ryan Scott, MPH**
  - **Diane Powell, MD**

**SPEAKER TOPIC: Social and Community-Based Research**

**Moderator: Karen Mennes, PhD**

- **12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**
  - **Thomas Wynn-Wallace, PhD**
  - **Angelo Jaktulu, PhD**
  - **Kathryn Morgan, PhD**

**SPEAKER TOPIC: Social and Behavioral Research**

**Moderator: Wendy Demars-Walnfeld, PhD, RD**

- **2:30 pm – 3:00 pm**
  - **Kathryn Morgan, PhD**
  - **Nicole Redmond, PhD, MPH**
  - **Susan Appel, PhD**

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**Heritage I**

- **7:45 am – 8:15 am**
  - **Comrie Kohler, DPhil, Professor, UAB School of Medicine, Berne, Switzerland**
  - **Michaela Fixott, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor, UAB School of Medicine, Berne, Switzerland**
  - **Jennifer Qu, PhD, Research Assistant Professor, UAB School of Medicine, Health Services, and Informatics**

**Heritage II**

- **11:00 am – 12:00 pm**
  - **Mónica Lafford, MD, Assistant Professor, UAB School of Medicine, Preventive Medicine**
  - **Susan Appel, PhD, Professor, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio**
  - **Monika Safford, MD, Assistant Professor, UAB School of Medicine, Preventive Medicine**

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**7th ANNUAL MTDNA diversity, ethnicity, and risk of cancer**

- **American and younger women is independent of body mass index, of incidence and survival after stroke**
- **The higher incidence of triple-negative breast cancer in African American and younger women is independent of body mass index, poverty, and potential carcinogenic exposure**
- **The SCAT system for early-stage breast cancer**
- **The relationship between body mass index and self-rated mental health among older adults: Do racial/ethnic differences exist?**
- **The influence of parents' values about health behaviors on child weight**
- **Use of audience-response systems or “clickers” to evaluate episodes of care provided in the hospital setting**
- **The science of health disparities: From discovery to delivery**
- **The role of health disparities in obstetric patients**
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