

**Mississippi Health Disparities Conference 2021
Thematic Platform Session**

Session Title:

“Community Engaged Research to Address Health Disparities of Underserved Populations”

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Session Description:

Community engagement is a continuum of community involvement that spans from little to complete community involvement in research. Community engaged research approaches have been particularly effective to address health disparities in IDeA states. Health disparities exist when certain population groups suffer disproportionately from disease. Health disparities research seeks solutions to promote health equity. Both community engagement and health disparities research are essential to enhance health, lengthen life and reduce illness and disability. IDeA programs are optimally designed to lead community engagement and health disparities research in their respective states. Several IDeA states have explored fundamental mechanisms and transformed new knowledge into solutions that promote health equity among underserved and minority populations, such as African Americans and Native Americans.

Session Goals:

1. Showcase the contribution of IDeA programs to community engagement and health disparities research.
2. Provide a space to share best practices and built collaborations across IDeA programs.
3. Promote research in the area of community engagement and health disparities in IDeA states.
4. Enhance student and faculty involvement in community engagement and health disparities research in IDeA states.

Learning Objectives:

1. Define and increase awareness of community engagement and health disparities research.
2. Identify best practices to tailor approaches to engage specific underserved communities in research.
3. Develop approaches to enhance faculty and student involvement in this critical area of research.

Session format (lecture/seminar, workshop, panel, etc.):

Lecture/seminar-style with 3 abstract-selected short talks (~10 minutes each) and a series of abstract-selected flash talks (1 minute each) as well as 10 minute Q&A session.

Short Talks:

Speaker 1, Affiliation, E-mail Address
Speaker 2, Affiliation, E-mail Address
Speaker 3, Affiliation, E-mail Address

Flash Talks:

Student 1, Affiliation, E-mail Address
Student 2, Affiliation, E-mail Address
Student 3, Affiliation, E-mail Address