

Mission

To promote high quality, scholarly research and community-based interventions focused on health and health promotion among older racial and ethnic minorities.



About Us

The Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research (MCUAAAR) is a collaborative research and administrative effort based on the campuses of the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. It is one of six centers coordinated by the Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR) to empirically investigate and reduce health disparities between minority and non-minority older adults.

The MCUAAAR is funded by a grant from the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Institutes of Health. Our research, training and community-based activities are implemented through three interacting components: Community Liaison Core, Investigator Development Core and the Administrative Core.

Administrative Core

The Administrative Core oversees the infrastructure that is necessary to achieving MCUAAAR's goal of reducing health inequities by conducting and training scholars in minority aging research and community outreach through its Community Liaison and Investigator Development Cores, as well as through the Methods and Measurements Core and its Dissemination & Health Policy Initiative.

Drs. James S. Jackson & Peter A. Lichtenberg

Community Liaison Core



The Community Core provides education relevant to the needs of older minority community members through an annual Health Reception and the Healthier Black Elders Center (HBEC) Learning Series. In addition, members who are willing to volunteer in research projects are recruited for the Participant Resource Pool.

Directors:
Drs. Letha Chadiha & Carmen R. Green

Investigator Development Core

The Investigator Core trains and mentors scholars and junior investigators who are committed to contributing to the improvement of the quality and quantity of research on aging minority populations through pilot projects and workshops.

Directors:
Drs. Louis A. Penner & Robert J. Taylor



Methods and Measurement Core

MCUAAAR Scholars are provided opportunities to expand their knowledge and understanding of the methodological challenges inherent in conducting research on racial and ethnic health disparities. Workshops are offered quarterly.

Directors:
Drs. Toni Antonucci and Thomas Templin

Dissemination & Health Policy Initiative

The focus of this Initiative is to train investigators in translating research for public dissemination and having influence on health policy issues related to aging among diverse ethnic, race and gender groups in society.

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Research Participant Resource Pool


Community Liaison Core
<http://mcuaaar.iog.wayne.edu/>

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<http://www.rcgd.isr.umich.edu/prba>

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