Cognitive Health Disparities Research and National Policy
An NIA Conference to Improve Research Skills in Minority Aging and Address the National Alzheimer’s Plan

Workshop sponsored by:
The National Institute on Aging Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR)
in Collaboration with the NIH/NIA Alzheimer’s Disease Centers (ADC) and
Gerontological Society of America Task Force on Minority Issues in Gerontology

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Overview
The National Alzheimer’s Project Act (NAPA) was signed into law by President Obama in January of 2011 and requires the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to address NAPA’s goals include creating and maintaining an integrated national plan to overcome Alzheimer’s disease, coordinating Alzheimer's disease research and services across all federal agencies, accelerating the development of interventions and treatments that would prevent, halt, or reverse the course of Alzheimer's disease and improving early diagnosis and coordination of care and treatment of Alzheimer's disease. The growing ethnic and racial diversity of our aging population has important scientific and translational implications for NAPA. This conference will present up to date findings and address research and translational priorities highlighting the importance of growing ethnic and racial diversity for NAPA.

The research presented at this conference will address programs and policies to inform NAPA. It will further develop priority areas for research and translation that address the needs of ethnically and racially diverse older adults and their families. Presentations by investigators at NIA RCMARs and ADCs will examine issues of ethnic and racial diversity on three topics aligned with NAPA priority areas: 1) disparities in cognitive aging, 2) recruitment of ethnically and racially diverse populations for research and 3) gaps and opportunities in prevention and translation for minority older adults and their caregivers. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about training and funding opportunities to support new research in cognition and minority aging.

Objectives
At the conclusion of this workshop, participants will:
1. Understand how NAPA is addressing issues of diversity
2. Specify disparities and knowledge gaps in cognitive aging and related healthcare in diverse populations.
3. Identify methodological and recruitment challenges and approaches in conducting cognitive aging research with minority populations.
4. Understand innovative approaches to prevention and translation into policy and practice to advance cognitive health and outcome in minority elders.

Outcomes from the Conference
1. Increased collaboration between National Institute on Health (NIH) Alzheimer’s Disease Centers (ADC) and Resource Centers on Minority Aging Research (RCMAR)
2. Publication(s) from the conference in a peer-reviewed journal
3. Presentation of findings and recommendations to the NAPA Advisory Council on Alzheimer’s Research, Care and Services.
4. Dissemination of information about ADC and RCMAR opportunities for junior investigators

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Agenda

8:00  Welcoming Remarks and Overview of Conference Objectives
Ladson Hinton, MD
Latino Aging Research Resource Center (LARRC)
University of California, Davis

8:05  Addressing Disparities in Cognitive Health and Related Healthcare for Diverse Populations: The Role of NIA’s Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research and ADCs
Jonathan King, PhD and Nina Silverberg, PhD
National Institute of Health- National Institute on Aging

8:25  Keynote: Minority Aging, Disparities and our National Alzheimer’s Plan*
Jennifer Manly, PhD
Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center
Columbia University

9:10  Q&A Session

9:25  Morning Break

9:40  Panel 1- Cognitive Aging in Diverse Populations
Moderator: Dan Mungas, PhD

Cognitive Aging in Older Latinos: Lessons from SALSA and the NINOS Study
Mary Haan, PhD
Center for Aging in Diverse Communities (CADC)
University of California, San Francisco

Strong Heart Stroke Study Findings on Cognitive Impairment in Native Elders
Steven Verney, PhD
Native Elder Research Center (NERC)
University of New Mexico

Rush Minority Aging Research Study (MARS)
Lisa Barnes, PhD
Alzheimer’s Disease Center
Rush University

Honolulu Asia Aging Study
Lenore Launer, PhD
National Institute of Health- National Institute on Aging

11:00  Panel Discussion and Q & A: Implications of Cognitive Aging Studies of Diversity Studies for NAPA
Dan Mungas, PhD
Latino Aging Research Resource Center (LARRC)
University of California, Davis
11:25  NACC Dataset - A Resource for Studies of Cognitive Aging in Diverse Populations
Bud Kukell PhD, Director, National Alzheimer’s Coordinating Center
National Institute of Health - National Institute on Aging

11:35  National Campaign to Raise Research Awareness and Participation (ROAR)
Jennifer Watson and Nina Silverberg, PhD
National Institute of Health - National Institute on Aging

11:45  Working Lunch | Facilitated Small Group Break-Out Session:
Methodological and Recruitment Challenges in Cognitive Aging Research in Diverse Populations
Facilitators: Jim Galvin MD (NYU ADC), Jennifer Lingler PhD (UP ADC), Dorothy Farrar PhD (UW ADC)

12:45  Report back from working lunch (Facilitators)

1:15  Panel 2- Prevention of Cognitive Decline in Diverse Populations
Moderator: Steve Wallace
The Value of Delaying Alzheimer’s Disease Onset
Julie Zissimopoulos, PhD
Minority Aging Health Economics Research Center (USC RCMAR)
University of Southern California

Lessons from ACTIVE and Experience Corps for Prevention of Cognitive Decline in Minorities
George Rebok, PhD
Johns Hopkins University

Community Choirs to Promote Health in Diverse Older Adults: Community of Voices Study Design and Baseline Characteristics
Julene Johnson, PhD
Center for Aging in Diverse Communities (CADC)
University of California, San Francisco

Q & A session

2:20  Break

2:35  Panel 3- Advancing Dementia Interventions and Services for Diverse Populations
Moderator: Ladson Hinton

Intervention Research in Diverse Aging Populations: Improving the Quality of the Evidence
Maria Glymour, ScD, MS
Center for Aging in Diverse Communities (CADC)
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Collaborative Care and Community-Based Models for Dementia Care and Disparities Reduction
Michael LaMantia MD
Indiana University
Multicultural Caregiving and Caregiver Interventions: What has been done and where should we go next?
Ester Carolina Apesoa-Varano, PhD, MA
Latino Aging Research Resource Center (LARRC)
University of California, Davis

Q & A session
3:45
Concluding Remarks
Steve Wallace, PhD
RCMAR Coordinating Center
University of California, Los Angeles

4:00
Young Investigators Poster Session and Reception
(open to all non-registrants)

5:30
Adjourn