

Agenda for the 4th Annual Meeting of the NIA-Sponsored Network on Life Course Health Dynamics and Disparities in 21st Century America

Theme: Explaining Social Disparities and/or Trends in Population Health Within the U.S. or Comparatively

Saturday-Sunday, April 28-29, 2018
Boulder, CO

Saturday – April 28th

6:00PM – Cocktails (Hotel Boulderado, Mezzanine Space– 2115 13th Street)

7:00PM – Dinner and “flash talks” from last year’s pilot project investigators – Jennifer Dowd, Hanna Grol-Prokopczyk, Melissa Martinson, Katrina Walsemann

Sunday, April 29th

Room: (University of Colorado, Institute of Behavioral Science Bldg., 1440 15th Street, Boulder)

7:30 – 8:30 – “Light” Breakfast items – (bagels/muffins/fruit/coffee/tea/juice) will be available

8:30 - 8:45 Welcome – (Jim House, UM Institute for Social Research and Myron Gutmann– Institute of Behavioral Science Population Program, University of Colorado)

8:45 – 9:00 Updates from NIA (John Haaga and staff)

9:00 - 9:50 Session 1: The Role of Health Behaviors (Moderator: Robert Hummer)

Jessica Ho (University of Southern California) - The Contribution of Drug Overdose to Educational Gradients in Life Expectancy in the United States

Elizabeth Lawrence (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) –Health Behaviors of U.S. Adults Entering Midlife

9:50 – 10:00 Coffee Break

10:00 – 11:15 Session 2: Biological Factors (Moderator: Eileen Crimmins)

Jason Boardman (University of Colorado) – Race Differences in the Association Between Polygenic Scores and Health Outcomes: The Fundamental Role of Social Context

Kathleen Mullan Harris (University of North Carolina) - Biological Mechanisms of Social Disparities in Add Health

Andrew Stokes* (Boston University) - The Contribution of Diabetes to Trends in Life Expectancy in the United States

11:15-12:30 LUNCH (provided on site)

12:30-1:45 Session 3: Other SES Factors (beyond educ. and income) (Moderator: Jim House)

Brian Aronson (for Lisa Keister*) (Duke University) - Wealth, Ownership and Declining Health in the U.S.

Patrick Krueger (University of Colorado-Denver) – The Value of Education for Longer Lives and Reduced Disability (paper with Ilham Dehry & Virginia W. Chang)

Shannon Monnat (Syracuse University) – Demographic and Geographic Variation in Drug, Alcohol, and Suicide Mortality in the U.S.

1:45-2:00 Coffee Break

2:00- 3:15 Session 4: Social/Geographic Context (Moderator: Mark Hayward)

Jennifer Ailshire (University of Southern California) – Regional Variation in U.S. Dementia Trends and Race/Ethnic Disparities in Cognitive Impairment and Dementia

Claire Margerison-Zilko* (Michigan State University) - Community-Level Determinants of Suicidal Behavior: Preliminary Evidence from California

Ryan Masters* (University of Colorado-Boulder) – Spatial Variation in Drug-related Mortality Trends among U.S. White Men and Women, 1990-2015

3:15-4:00 Wrap Up (Eileen Crimmins, Robert Hummer, Mark Hayward)

*Year 4 Pilot Awardees