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Faculty Director Message

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

wHAT wAS THE BIG IDEA?

The Office of Community Engagement (OCE) Valley Fellowship Program, generously supported by the Dr. A. Glen and Betty O. M. Valley Foundation, sponsors a paid fellowship program for Stanford Medicine medical students interested in community engagement and translational research.

Pictured (L-R): Courtney Pederson, MS4, Navika Shukla, MS4, Joshua Taylor, MS2

Summer 2019 Valley Fellows

The theme of this year’s Valley Fellowships was “Cultivating Community Power,” centering around several areas of focus:1. Health Disparities and Social Determinants of Health2. Population Health Science and Policy3. Community Power and Activism

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Wipe Out Melanoma

African American Breast Cancer Peer Navigator Program

The goal of the registry is to develop a cohort of patients and their first degree relatives. Lisa Goldman Rosas, PhD, MPH, along with the Melanoma Community Registry of California (MCRC) and a national federation whereby other states will create similar registries that will provide data to the registry. The MCRC has been a key driver of the program and has demonstrated the feasibility of developing such registries. We are excited to share the progress of the registry and the opportunities it presents for research.

The African American Breast Cancer Peer Navigator Program is an intervention to improve breast cancer screening rates among African American women in California. The program was piloted in six counties and expanded to 12 counties in January 2019. The Peer Navigators were excited to showcase their wonderful work and speak to the importance of breast cancer screening. The program is currently in its third year and has been extended to 12 counties.

_Our work is dedicated to the You’re Never Alone, Health Equity, and Community Engagement_ patterns.

RESEARCH RESOURCES

SOMOS Mayfair is a grassroots organization in east San Jose, California with 22 years of experience in community-led processes, infrastructure development, and relationship building methodologies that come to life. Executive Director, Camille Llanes-Byrd, MA, in response to a recent Robert Wood Johnson Foundation call for proposals, SOMOS partnered with the Office of Community Engagement to develop a research collaboration between the OCE and the SOMOS community in San Jose, California.

SPHERE Symposium

A new collaboration between Stanford School of Medicine’s Office of Community Engagement, the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU), and the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. This collaborative program between Stanford School of Medicine's Office of Community Engagement, the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU), and the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

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The course will provide an overview of the science of community engagement, methodologies, and tools for examining the effectiveness of various engagement strategies aimed at achieving health equity. The course will cover topics such as: 

1. Understanding the purpose and importance of community engagement in health-related research
2. Identifying the essential components of effective community engagement
3. Developing and implementing community-centered research projects
4. Identifying and overcoming barriers to successful community engagement

Designed for professionals working in the field of community engagement, this course will provide participants with a deeper understanding of the science and practice of community engagement, and equip them with the skills and knowledge to effectively engage communities in health-related research.