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**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

**On the Horizon Partner Program**

- **Jessica Simard, ScD, Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine, Oregon Health & Science University**: She has dedicated her career to understanding preeclampsia and preterm birth among women with lupus. Then, she proposed to bring these findings to women and their providers. Her study design included cutting-edge epidemiologic techniques using three large data sets to examine preeclampsia and preterm birth. Her focus is on health equity for pregnant women with lupus and their providers.

- **Valerie Roman, PhD**: She is leading efforts to form the California Melanoma Registry of a national federation whereby other states will create similar registries that will provide data to the California Melanoma Registry. The registry will form part of a comprehensive effort to prevent and detect melanoma. The team is currently building a data repository called the Melanoma Curation Engine.

- **Monica Agarwal, PhD**: She is working on a national campaign to educate the public about screening and early detection in melanoma. The campaign has included a public radio PSA, to a full-day conference with speakers, to collaborations with faith-based organizations. The OCE worked with the Peer Navigators to develop a conference poster that was presented at the National Conference on Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved that took place in San Francisco this year.

  *The African American Breast Cancer Peer Navigator Program* was established in June 2018 to engage the community in breast cancer awareness and survivorship among African American communities in Alameda County in the San Francisco bay area. The African American Breast Cancer Peer Navigator Program is a comprehensive effort including educational outreach, health-related research topics, clinical research, and opportunities for community engagement. Peer navigators serve as community facilitators, conducting community meetings at local community centers, health fairs and events; developing community collaborations; and leading focus groups. In the training phase, each Peer Navigator created their own plan for engaging their local community in breast cancer awareness and survivorship, and breast cancer clinical trials. In the activation phase, each Peer Navigator implemented their plan, while working with students, faculty, and community partners to build new research and education partnerships with the community.

  **African American Breast Cancer Peer Navigators**

- **Courtney Pedersen (Community Partner: Santa Clara County Public Health Department)**
- **Navika Shukla (Community Partner: Latino Cancer Institute)**
- **Sarika Naik (Community Partner: Alameda County Health District)**
- **Ryan Cheng (Community Partner: UCSF)**

**RESEARCH PROJECTS**

- **Research Team at Stanford University**: The team is developing tools to measure the impact of social action on community health. In collaboration with the Latino Cancer Institute, they have designed a qualitative methodology called Ripple Effects Mapping and quantitative tools to assess the impact of social action on community health. The team is also collaborating with UC Berkeley and Stanford University to develop a comprehensive intervention to address the social determinants of health in the Latino community. The intervention includes a multi-disciplinary approach involving researchers, clinicians, and community members.

**RESEARCH RESOURCES**

- **Community Engagement in Health Research**
  - **CHPR227: Science of Community Engagement in Health**: This graduate course is designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of community engagement in health research. The course covers a range of topics, including the ethical considerations of community engagement, strategies for involving communities in research, and methods for conducting community-based research. The course is taught by Janine Shepherd, an experienced community engagement scholar and researcher. Students will have the opportunity to work on real-world projects with community partners and researchers.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **SPHERE Symposium**: The SPHERE Symposium is an annual conference that brings together researchers, practitioners, and community members to share knowledge and best practices in community engagement. The conference includes a range of sessions, including keynote presentations, panel discussions, and workshops. The symposium provides a platform for networking and collaboration among community engagement practitioners.

- **Undergraduate Student Spotlight**: This event is designed to highlight the work of undergraduate students in community engagement. The event includes presentations by undergraduate students who have conducted research in collaboration with community partners. The event provides an opportunity for students to present their work and receive feedback from peers and experts in the field.

- **Examining base-building efforts with SOMOS Mayfair**: This event is a community engagement workshop that will bring together community members and researchers to explore strategies for building strong community partnerships. The workshop will include a range of activities, including facilitated discussions, role-playing exercises, and hands-on activities. The workshop will be facilitated by Camille Llanes-Fontanilla, the Executive Director of SOMOS Mayfair, and her team.