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BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH EQUITY SUMMIT

2024

Sunday, April 14, 2024

12:00PM - 4:00PM

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THE CTSC OF NORTHERN OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

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AGENDA

12:00PM - 12:15PM	ARRIVALS
12:15PM - 12:20PM	WELCOME
12:20PM - 12:25PM	KEYNOTE INTRODUCTION BY RACHEL DUDLEY, PhD
12:25PM - 1:30PM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND Q&A BY DEIRDRE COOPER OWENS, PhD
1:30PM - 2:20PM	VOICES FROM MOTHERS
2:20PM - 2:30PM	BREAK
2:30PM - 3:00PM	RESEARCH & POLICY HIGHLIGHTS, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES
3:00PM - 3:50PM	IMPACT ROUNDS
3:50PM - 4:00PM	CLOSING REMARKS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



DEIRDRE COOPER OWENS, PhD

Deirdre Cooper Owens, an award-winning historian and popular public speaker, is a professor of history in New England.

As a teacher and public speaker, Cooper Owens knows that staying immersed in the worlds that cultivated her growing interest in history is what keeps her grounded and committed to teaching community-based history. As a child, she remembers sitting on the front porch with her granddaddy in SC’s Low Country listening raptly while he regaled her with ghost stories about the enslaved in his Gullah tongue to listening to her working-class neighbors lovingly play the dozens with each other in her childhood hometown of Anacostia in SE Washington, DC. Dr. Cooper Owens learned early on that stories are what draw people into wanting to know more about the past.

Cooper Owens is a proud graduate of two historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), the all-women’s Bennett College and Clark Atlanta University. She earned her Ph.D. in history at UCLA and has had a number of prestigious fellowships at the University of Virginia, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and as a Big Ten Academic Leadership Fellow. As one of the country’s most “acclaimed experts in U.S. history,” according to Time Magazine, Cooper Owens is steadily working towards making history more accessible and inspiring for all.

Politically, she proudly works to advance reproductive justice.

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VOICES FROM MOTHERS

Learn about local organizations championing and trailblazing for optimal health outcomes for Black moms and hear from moms about their labor, delivery, and postpartum health experiences who may have received services from Birthing Beautiful Communities, Village of Healing, Pregnant with Possibilities Resource Center, MomsFirst, First Year Cleveland, or ROOTT.

INTRODUCTIONS



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RESEARCH & POLICY

HIGHLIGHTS, CHALLENGES
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ACTIVATOR

We work in partnership with communities to identify and advocate for policy and system changes centered in racial and social justice to ensure equity and accountability to support infant vitality.



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Juneteenth Annual Meeting
On Wednesday, June 19, 2024**



Join UBF for their Annual Meeting at the TRUSS Event Center on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, to celebrate Juneteenth and the progress UBF has made for the Black community.

The event will feature an in-depth genealogy conversation and a performance by GUMBO, Cleveland's premier musical artist, known for its unique blend of live brass instruments, jazz, hip-hop, and soul music.

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SHARK TANK-INSPIRED RESEARCH PITCH NIGHT, “BIG DATA TANK”, HELPS LAUNCH EXPLORATION FOR MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH EQUITY



After hearing David Kaelber, MD, Chief Medical Informatics Officer at MetroHealth and CTSC Informatics Module Lead, present about Big Data at the CTSC’s first Health Equity Research Bootcamp in 2023, the seed was planted for big data possibilities amongst the crowd of 17 participants, many who expressed an interest in researching maternal and infant mortality and morbidity. Dr. Kaelber explained that TriNetX is a real-world data platform for the life sciences and healthcare with seemingly endless potential for quickly answering certain research questions that, historically, would’ve taken months, if not years, to analyze.

With no institutional review board requirement due to anonymized data from a global network of healthcare organizations and life sciences companies, the CTSC team saw this as a perfect opportunity to engage interested participants in an exploratory journey, largely self-driven, to learn how to use TriNetX and apply some of the insights from the bootcamp.

Two teams of two completed TriNetX orientation with Dr. Kaelber, completed TriNetX trainings, asked medical students questions along the way, and participated in a pitch development webinar to prepare for the pitch night, hosted at MetroHealth on Monday, October 30, 2023.



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TEAM 2

What do they have to say about the process?

“After the Health Equity Research Bootcamp I was excited. I had a boost, but then as time went on self-doubt crept back in. I had some encouragement from a colleague [Mary Louise] who helped me get out of my thoughts. I didn’t know what to do or how to do it. Once I got over my anxiety and made it through Big Data Tank and saw how many stakeholders were willing to help, I felt like I could do this. We had Professor Gerido who offered data scientist support and Dr. Aderibigbe (CCF) saying he’d support us from a clinical subject matter expert standpoint,” Stallings shared.

“It’s [TriNetX] in our toolbox now. We have the ability to use it. One of the questions that we have isn’t as answerable in TriNetX now. We like to think about social level factors and community level factors. From Dr. Kaelber’s response and follow up, that’s an area we hope TriNetX continues to develop. We need to think about our questions that are answerable through TriNetX,” Masotya explained.

What do they plan to do next?

“Continue navigating the research process, publish, provoke further discussion that will create change at the policy level. I’m going to go to politicians to talk about policy. I was awarded a Cleveland Clinic Catalyst Grant to support mental health training and I’m going to work to make it mandatory to complete similar to the required 10 hours of sex trafficking training required for barbers,” Tatum said.

“We’re interested in exploring questions that center social determinants of health. We need to figure out how to reframe our questions or use additional tools to help with our research,” Copeland-Smith expressed.

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HEALTH EQUITY RESEARCH BOOTCAMP



Friday, August 2, 2024



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DETAILS

Evaluation

Clara Pelfrey, PhD, Evaluation Director, CTSC of Northern Ohio

Proposal Development

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Big Data: TriNetX, Cosmos

David Kaelber, MD, Chief Medical Informatics Officer, MetroHealth

Health Equity Researcher Panel

Jarrold Dalton, PhD, Director, Center for Populations Health Research, Cleveland Clinic

Anne Gaglioti, MD, Family Physician and Associate Clinical Professor at the Population Health, Equity, and Research Institute in the Center for Health Care Research and Policy, MetroHealth

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1 CHALLENGE

What problem does your research address?

2 UNIQUE VALUE

What do you propose to help solve the problem? Why is your approach innovative and unique?

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3 PARTNERS

Who will benefit from your research? Which populations, partners, or communities will be affected?

Review the  [Partner Mapper](#)

4 EQUITY

How will your research advance equity and inclusion? What unintended consequences could result from your research, and how could you alter your approach?

Review the  [Partner Mapper](#),  [Dissemination Planner](#) &  [Case Study Builder](#)

5 DISSEMINATION

How will your research reach decision makers, practitioners, or communities?

Review the  [Product Navigator](#),  [Dissemination Planner](#),  [Case Study Builder](#) &  [Impact Profile](#)

6 IMPACT METRICS

Which specific quantitative or qualitative measures will you use to demonstrate impact?

Review the  [Impact Tracker](#)

7 TEAM

Which types of expertise will you need on your team to achieve your benefits? How will you promote diversity within your team?

Review the  [Team Manager](#)

8 POTENTIAL BENEFITS

What specific benefits do you expect from your research (e.g., biomedical technology, health education resources, patents, or standards)?

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Adapted from The University College of Dublin Impact Planning Canvas

MESSAGES FROM BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH CHAMPIONS



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