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**The Role of Science Communication in Addressing the Disproportionate Effects  
of COVID-19 on Vulnerable Populations**

June 12, 2020

OPEN SESSION

10:00 am – 12:30 pm

10:00 **Welcome and introduction**

Kirsten Ellenbogen, Co-Chair Standing Committee

**Health Disparities and COVID 19**

Moderator: Georges Benjamin, Standing Committee member  
Nancy Krieger, Harvard University

10:15 Q&A

10:30 **Perspectives on Engaging Disproportionately Affected Communities**

Based on their work with diverse communities who have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19, panelists will offer their perspectives on:

1. What can the science communication community do now to engage and meet the needs of the communities that you work with?
2. What are the longer-term challenges and opportunities around science engagement and broad participation in societal debates about solutions that the research, practice, and funding community should tackle?

Moderator: Amelie Ramirez, Standing Committee member

Panelists:

- [Sacoby Wilson](#), University of Maryland
- [Stephanie Russo Carroll](#), Native Nations Institute
- [Frances Colón](#), Jasperi Consulting and New Voices
- [Justine Kozo](#), Chief, Office of Border Health, Public Health Services Division, SDSU School of Public Health (invited – talking on 5/19)

11:15 Q&A

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11:45 Break

12:00 **The need for new approaches in science communication**

- Dietram Scheufele, Co-Chair Standing Committee
- Vish Viswanath, Standing Committee member

12:30 Wrap up and Adjourn