COVID-19, Health Equity, and the Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Native Hawaiian Communities: A Virtual Workshop

AGENDA | December 7 & 9, 2021
12:30 – 3:30 pm Eastern Time

Workshop Objectives | will explore: the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and hate crimes targeting Asian populations on their health and wellbeing, including vaccination and testing participation rates, mental health consequences, access to cultural and linguistically competent services; and lessons learned from the long history of bias against the AA/PI/NH communities.

Tuesday, December 7
Day 1: The Myth Constructed

12:30 - 12:40 pm ET  Introduction
Winston Wong
UCLA-Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity

12:40 – 12:45 pm
Victor Dzau
President, National Academy of Medicine

12:45 - 1:20 pm  Keynote Speaker
Howard Koh
Harvard University
Toward Healing and Health Equity for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders

Moderator
Winston Wong

1:20 - 1:30 pm  Discussion

1:30 - 2:30 pm  Panel 1: Historical Overview of the Model Minority

Moderator
Melissa Simon
Northwestern University
Speakers
Nadia Islam
NYU Grossman School of Medicine
NYU Langone Institute for Excellence on Health Equity

Brittany Morey
University of California, Irvine

Sheri Daniels
Papa Ola Lōkahi

2:30 - 2:40 pm  Break

2:40 - 3:40 pm  Panel 2: The Conundrum of Data and Data Aggregation

Moderator
Ernest Moy
Office of Health Equity
Department of Veterans Affairs

Speakers
Karthick Ramakrishnan
University of California, Riverside

Karla Thomas
UCLA

Xinqi Dong
Rutgers University

3:40 pm  Wrap up and closing comments

Thursday, December 9
Day 2: Deconstructing the Myth

12:30 - 12:45 pm ET  Introduction
Winston Wong
UCLA-Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity

12:45 - 1:30 pm  Keynote Speaker
Helen Zia
Author, Journalist, Activist
*Asian American Dreams: The Emergence of an American People*

**Moderator**
Winston Wong

(Discussion time included)

1:30 - 2:30 pm  **Panel 3: Impact of Racism on COVID-19 Outcomes for the AA/NH/PI Communities**

**Moderator**
Michelle Wong
Center for the Study of Healthcare Innovation, Implementation & Policy (CSHIIP)
VA Health Service Research & Development

**Speakers**
Andy Subica
University of California Riverside

Tavae Samuelu
Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC)

2:30 - 3:15 pm  **The Future and Ways Forward**

**Moderator**
Karla Thomas
UCLA

**Speaker**
Juliet K. Choi
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum

3:15 - 3:30 pm  **Final comments, wrap up, audience questions**

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**Workshop Planning Committee** | Ernest Moy (Office of Health Equity, Department of Veterans Affairs), Melissa A. Simon (Northwestern University), Karla Thomas (UCLA’s Center for Health Policy Research), Michelle Wong (Center for the Study of Healthcare Innovation, Implementation & Policy (CSHIIP), VA Health Service Research & Development), Winston Wong (UCLA-Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity).

*Note: The planning committee’s role is limited to planning the workshop. A proceedings based on the workshop will be prepared by staff.*

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