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**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*  
Josie Howard  
We Are Oceania

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**

**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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