

Structural Racism and Rigorous Models of Social Inequity: A Workshop

Committee

Hedwig Lee

Chair

Hedwig (Hedy) Lee is professor of sociology at Washington University in St. Louis. Before joining the sociology faculty, she was associate professor at the University of Washington, where she also served as a faculty affiliate of the Center for Research on Demography and Ecology and the Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences. After receiving her Ph.D., she took a position as a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation health and society scholar at the University of Michigan, School of Public Health. Dr. Lee is interested in the social determinants and consequences of population health and health disparities, with a particular focus on race/ethnicity, poverty, race-related stress, and the family. She has a keen interest in engaging in interdisciplinary research and has published and worked with scholars across a wide range of fields including sociology, demography, psychology, political science, public health, and medicine. Her recent work examines the impact of family member incarceration on the health and attitudes of family members, association between discrimination and mental and physical health, documenting trends in racial/ethnic health disparities, socioeconomic causes and consequences of obesity in childhood and adolescence, and using social media data for demographic and health research. She has a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is a current member of the National Academies' Committee on Population.

René D. Flores

Member

René D. Flores is the Neubauer Family Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Chicago. He received his Ph.D. in Sociology and Social Policy from Princeton University in 2014. He was the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research at the University of Michigan's School of Public Health. Flores' research interests are in the fields of international migration, race and ethnicity, and social stratification. His research explores the emergence of social boundaries around immigrants and racial minorities across the world as well as how these boundaries contribute to the reproduction of ethnic-based social inequality. His work has appeared in *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Social Forces*, and *Social Problems*, among others. Flores serves on the editorial boards of the *American Sociological Review* and the *American Journal of Sociology*. He is a member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Executive Committee of the Population Association of America.

Margaret T. Hicken

Member

Dr. Hicken is a research associate professor (tenured) at the Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan. She is trained as a social demographer and social epidemiologist, with further training in statistical and population genetics through a 5-year career development award from the National Institutes of Health. She leads several projects funded by the National Institutes of Health to examine role of structural racism in population health inequities. Specifically, she examines the interactive roles of historical and contemporary racial residential segregation and social and toxicant exposures on contemporary population health inequities. Further, she links these exposures to health through potential biological mechanisms includes DNA methylation and other biomarkers, as well as examining the interactive role of social and genetic risk on population health.

Trevon D. Logan

Member

Trevon D. Logan is the Hazel C. Youngberg trustees distinguished professor of economics and associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences at The Ohio State University. He is a research associate in the Development of the American Economy Program and the director of the Race and Stratification in the Economy Working Group at the National Bureau of Economic Research. A former president of the National Economic Association and member of the American Economic Association's Committee on the Status of the Minority Groups in the Economics Profession, he is currently co-director of the American Economic Association's Mentoring Program and member of the editorial boards of the Journal of Economic Literature and the Journal of Economic Perspectives. His current research focuses on racial inequality and economic history. He was named by Fortune Magazine as "One of the 19 Black Economists You Should Know and Celebrate" in 2020. He is currently a member of the National Academies' planning committee Strengthening the Evidence Base to Improve Economic and Social Mobility in the United States. Dr. Logan received his B.S. in economics from the University of Wisconsin—Madison, his M.A. degrees in demography and economics from the University of California, Berkeley, and his Ph.D. in economics from University of California, Berkeley. He is a current member of the National Academies' Committee on Population.

Jennifer J. Manly

Member

Jennifer J. Manly is associate professor of neuropsychology at the Gertrude H. Sergievsky Center and the Taub Institute for Research in Aging and Alzheimer's disease at Columbia University. She completed her graduate training in neuropsychology at the San Diego State University/University of California at San Diego joint doctoral program in clinical psychology. After a clinical internship at Brown University, Dr. Manly completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Columbia University. Her research on cultural, medical, and genetic predictors of cognitive aging and Alzheimer's disease among African Americans and Hispanics has been funded by the National Institute on Aging and the Alzheimer's Association. She has authored over 100 peer-reviewed publications and 8 chapters. Dr. Manly aims to improve the diagnostic accuracy of neuropsychological tests when used to detect cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease among African American and Hispanic elders. This work clarifies the independent influences of language, acculturation, educational experiences, racial socialization, and socioeconomic status on cognitive test performance, with the ultimate goal of understanding more about the relationship between culture and cognition. Recent work focuses on the specificity of cognitive tasks in detecting subtle cognitive decline among illiterate and low-literacy older adults. This work has important implications for determining the complex influence of reading and writing skills on brain function. Dr. Manly has a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of California, San Diego. She is a current member of the National Academies' Committee on Population.

David T. Takeuchi

Member

David T. Takeuchi is associate dean for faculty excellence in the School of Social Work at the University of Washington. He is a sociologist with extensive experience in research design, sampling strategies for diverse populations, and data analyses using different statistical methods. He has written extensively on issues related to the unequal distribution of health and illness in society, particularly around race, ethnic, immigration, and socioeconomic status (SES). He is an elected member of the Washington State Academy of Sciences, the Sociological Research Association, and the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare. He has received the Legacy Award from the Family Research Consortium for his research and mentoring and the Innovations Award from the National Center on Health and Health Disparities for his research contributions. He is the recipient of the University of Washington 2011 Marsha Landolt Distinguished Mentor Award, the Leonard Pearlin Award for Distinguished Contributions of the Sociological Study of Health, and the ASA Distinguished Contributions to the Study of Asian American Communities. He received his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Hawaii. He is a current member of the National Academies' Committee on Population.