LINK 2007 REMA LAPOUSE AWARD WINNER

Bruce G. Link, PhD has been awarded the American Public Health Association’s Rema Lapouse Award for 2007. Dr. Link is Research Scientist at the New York State Psychiatric Institute and Professor of Epidemiology and Sociomedical Sciences at Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health with joint appointments in Psychiatry and Sociology.

The Rema Lapouse Award was established by the late Milton Terris, MD to honor his wife, Rema Lapouse, MD, who died an untimely death in 1971. Terris and Lapouse were founding members of the Mental Health Section of the American Public Health Association. Granted by the Epidemiology, Statistics, and Mental Health Sections of the Association, this Award recognizes “significant contributions to the scientific understanding of the epidemiology and control of mental disorders.”

Bruce obtained his PhD from Columbia University in New York City where he received a NIMH Predoctoral Fellowship in Psychiatric Epidemiology and a Postdoctoral Fellowship and a MS in Biostatistics. Remaining at Columbia, he has taught and conducted research since 1980. He is Director of the Columbia Center for Youth Violence Prevention, Director of the NIMH Psychiatric Epidemiology Training Program, and Program Director of the Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholars Program. This past year he received the Columbia University Presidential Award for Outstanding Teaching.

Dr. Link has been successful in receiving national, state, and foundation support for his research program from such entities as: the National Institute of Mental Health, NY State Department of Mental Hygiene, Robert Wood Johnson, CDC, and NARSAD. Beginning with his dissertation research to the present, he has broadened our understanding of social stigma on people with mental illness. His studies of labeling and its effects on employment, earnings, and quality of life have appeared in successive publications in sociology, public health, and psychiatry as well as in scores of presentations at major conferences and symposia. An early chapter on measurement of demoralization remains a major publication. Papers on occupations and work conditions have been widely quoted. Through his research, he has been instrumental in advancing our understanding of the relationships between illness and violence. Another avenue of exploration (with Jo Phelan) has been his influential studies on social conditions as fundamental causes of disease. In all, there are some 150 publications which have appeared in the leading journals of such disciplines as: Epidemiology, Health Services, Sociology, Social Psychology, Criminology, Psychiatry, General Medicine, Public Health, and Science.

Everyone is welcome to attend the special ceremony and session hosted by the Epidemiology, Mental Health, and Statistics Sections in his honor at the APHA’s annual meetings where Bruce Link will present the Rema Lapouse Lecture on Monday, November 5, 2007 at 2:30 pm at the Washington Convention Center. ~Anthony C. Kouzis
## SECTION-SPONSORED & RELATED SESSIONS AT THE 2007 ASA MEETINGS IN NEW YORK

**Editor's note:** The following information was taken directly from the ASA website; my apologies if I unknowingly reproduced their errors. Please check online for details about scheduling, last minute changes, and other helpful information regarding the conference.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 11**

### 2:30-4:10 Section on Medical Sociology Council Meeting—Hilton New York

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 12**

### 8:30-10:10 Regular Session. Medical Sociology I: Health and Mortality—Sheraton New York

**Organizer & Presider:** Isaac W. Eberstein (Florida State University)

*Neighborhood Effects on Health: Concentrated Affluence and Concentrated Disadvantage,* Brian Karl Finch (San Diego State University), *Dien Phuong Do* (University of Michigan), Chloe E. Bird (RAND), Teresa Seeman (UCLA), Melanie Heron (Centers for Disease Control), Tamara Dubowitz (RAND), Jose Escarce (RAND), Nicole Lurie (RAND)

*Transition to Widowhood, Quality of Health Care and Elevated Mortality Risks Among the Elderly,* Lej Jin (Harvard University), Nicholas Christakis (Harvard University)

*Disability in the Transition to Adulthood: Life Course Pathways among American Males,* Gina M. Allen (University of Minnesota), Ross F. Macmillan (University of Minnesota)

*Understanding Links Between Children’s Health and Education,* Margot I. Jackson (UCLA)

*Disussant:* Naomi J. Spence (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill)

### 10:30-12:10 Regular Session. Space, Health, and Wellbeing: Role of Neighborhoods and Living Conditions—Sheraton New York

**Organizer & Presider:** Ruth E. Zambrana (University of Maryland)

*Race, Hypersegregated Communities and Negative Health Outcomes: Assessing the Racialized Risk of Hypertension and CHD,* Antuan Jones (Bowling Green State University)

*The Effects of Crowded Housing on Children's Wellbeing,* Claudia Dina Solari (UCLA), Robert Mare (University of California-Los Angeles)

*Social Isolation and Health Among Older Adults: Assessing the Contributions of Objective and Subjective Isolation,* Erin York (University of Chicago), Linda J. Waite (University of Chicago)

*Neo-Materialist Theory and the Temporal Relationship Between Income Inequality and Longevity Change,* Andrew Clarkwest (University of Michigan)

### 12:30-2:10 Regular Session. Social Relationships, Socioeconomic Status, and Health—Hilton New York

**Organizer & Presider:** Ruth E. Zambrana (University of Maryland)

*Health and Happiness in Europe: A Multilevel Analysis of Data from the European Social Survey,* Kristen Ringdal (Norwegian University of Science and Technology), Terje Eikemo (Norwegian University of Science and Technology), Arne Mastekaasa

How Subjective Social Status Affects Self-Reported Health: The Role of Gender, Marriage, and Social Participation, Dana Garbarski (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Marriage, Perceived Discrimination, and Health among Puerto Rican and Mexican Americans: Buffering Effect of the Lazo Matrimonial? Min-Ab Lee (Cornell University), Kenneth F. Ferraro (Purdue University)

Income Inequality and Population Health: Correlation and Causality, Salvator J. Babones (University of Pittsburgh)

**MONDAY, AUGUST 13**

### 8:30-10:10 Regular Session. Aging and the Life Course—Sheraton New York

**Organizer:** Dennis P. Hogan (Brown University)

*Presider:* Carrie L. Shandra (Brown University)

*Cancer Diagnostics and Mental Health: Assess the Immigration, Acculturation, and Socioeconomic Effects on Mexican-Origin Elders’ Well-being,* Ching-yi Agnes Shieh (Fayetteville State University)

*Navigating a Biomedical Identity: Everyday Life with Memory Loss,* Renee Lynn Beard (University of Illinois at Chicago)

*Resources Across the Life Course and Later-Life Cognitive Functioning among Women and Men in Ismailia, Egypt,* Kathryn M. Yount (Emory University)

*Understanding Barriers to Mammography for Women with Disabilities,* Judith K. Barr (Qualidigm), Tierney E. Giannotti (Qualidigm), Thomas J. Van Hoof (University of Connecticut School of Medicine), Jennifer Morgen (Visiting Nurse Service of New York), Maureen Curry (Qualidigm)

*Discussant:* Dennis P. Hogan (Brown University)

### 8:30-10:10 ASA Minority Fellowship Program Session. Issues in Health and Mental Health—Hilton New York

**Organizer:** Jean H. Shin (American Sociological Association)

*Presider:* Carol A. Boyer (Rutgers University)

*Comparative Epidemiology of Depression in a Nationally Representative Probability Sample of Youths & Adults,* Delores A. Forbes-Edelen (University of Central Florida)

*Race, Aspirations, and Mental Health,* Clifford L. Brown (Michigan State University), Temple Day Smith (Michigan State University)

*Thin, But Not Too Thin: Mexican American Girls’ Perceptions of Ideal Bodies,* Gloria Gonzalez (University of California-Los Angeles)

*Autistic Youth, Face Work, and Peer-Mediated ‘Theory of Mind’,* Jooyoung Kim Lee (University of California Los Angeles)

*The Confluence of Life Course, Stress, and Health—Sheraton New York

**Organizer & Presider:** Leonard I. Pearlin (University of Maryland)

*A Life Course Perspective of Chronic Stress: The Mental Health Consequences of Long-Term Socioeconomic Disadvantage,*

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Table 3. Health Disparities

Presider: R. Jay Turner (Florida State University)

Physical Inactivity among Low-Income Adults: Trends and Explanations from Time-Diary Data, Brent Berry (University of Toronto)

Racial/Ethnic Health Disparities for Women of Childbearing Age: Continuity and Perceptions of Care, Karina M. Shreffler (The Pennsylvania State University), Julia McQuillan (University of Nebraska-Lincoln), Arthur L. Greil (Alfred University), Naomi L. L. Lacy (University of Nebraska), Christine Ngornyia (The University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

Social Disparities in Overweight and Obesity Among Nearly Elderly and Elderly People in Taiwan, Zhibong Su (University of Maryland), Ulla Larsen (University of Maryland)

A Critical Examination of Race, Ethnicity, and Cultural Competency in Health Care, Doug M. Monzon (Rutgers University)

Table 4. Health and Place

Presider: William R. Avison (University of Western Ontario)

Well-Being of People in the Urbanization Process in Suburban Area of Hanoi, Dzung Thi Kieu Vu (Vietnam National University)

The Influence of Air Quality, Social Status, and Family Status of Urban Areas on Health: A Multilevel Analysis, Christo Wolf (Center for Survey Research and Methodology - ZUMA)

Neighborhood Disorder and Mental Health: The Role of Social Relationships as Mediating Mechanisms, Joonghaeck Kim (University of Texas-Austin)

Local Reactions to (In-Home) Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) for HIV in Rural Malawi, Nicole Angotti (University of Texas-Austin), Lauren Gaydosh (University of Pennsylvania), Eitan Zeev Kimchi (Jefferson Medical College), Susan Cotts Watkins (University of California), Sara Yeatman (University of Texas-Austin)

Neighborhood Social Disorganization and Intimate Partner Femicide: A Multi-level Investigation, Victoria A. Frye (New York Academy of Medicine), Sandro Galea (University of Michigan), Melissa Tracy (University of Michigan), Angela Buciairelli (New York Academy of Medicine), Sara Putnam (New York Academy of Medicine), Susan Will (Columbia University)

Table 5. Stress and Health

Presider: Eliza K. Pavalko (Indiana University)

The Effect of Spousal Working Hours on Health: Does the Existence of Dependent Family Members Matter? Kuen Bok Lee (Yonsei University)

The Long-term Consequences of Adult Relationship Violence on the Health of Low-Income Urban Women, Terrence D. Hill (University of Miami), Jeannette M. Huisman

Role Transformation, Re-Socialization, and Psychological Distress, Wai He (People's [Renmin] University of China)

Is this Job Killing Me? The Organization of Work Time and Health, Silly R. Bedford (Indiana University), Eliza K. Pavalko (Indiana University)

Table 6. Innovative Research Approaches in Medical Sociology

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Presider: Koji Ueno (Florida State University)

Who is Most Concerned about Homophily as Referral Criteria: The Case of Singaporean Clergymen, Matthew Mathew (National University of Singapore)


Does Philosophical Congruence Theory Explain Racial and Ethnic Differences in Use of CAM? Stephanie Ayers (Arizona State University), Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld (Arizona State University)

Oncofertility and Sociology: Future Research Directions, Karrie Ann Snyder (University of Chicago)

Table 7. Health Care Delivery
Presider: Kathryn Harker Tillman (Florida State University)
Beliefs Influencing Decisions of Primary Care Physicians to Prescribe Health Information, Jeanette de Richemond (Rutgers University)

“It’s broken”: Physician Experiences with Medicaid, Heidi Chiragath (Bates College)

Expertise, Availability, or Reciprocity? Explaining the Consultation Networks of Nurses in an Intensive Care Unit, Eleanor T. Lewis (VA Palo Alto Health Care System), Michal Tanuce (University of Tennessee Health Science Center)

Physician Attitudes Toward Pharmaceutical Direct-to-Consumer Advertising, Benjamin Allan Lewin (Arizona State University)

Table 8. Health Care Systems
Presider: Christine Kay Oakley (Washington State University)

Identity and Enterprise in an English Primary Health Care Setting: A Pay-for-Performance Case Study, Ruth McDonald (University of Manchester), Kath Checkland (University of Manchester), Stephen Harrison (University of Manchester), Stephen Campbell (University of Manchester)

Health Care Reform, Public Health, and Institutional Change, Christine Kay Oakley (Washington State University)

Do Health Insurance and Residence Pattern the Likelihood of Tubal Ligation Among American Women? Mary Nicole Wardlaw (University of Oklahoma), Loretta Bias (University of Oklahoma)

The ‘Healthcare State’ in Transition: National and International Contexts of Changing Professional Governance, Ellen Kuhlmann (Centre for Social Policy Research, University of Bremen), Viola Borau (University of Aarhus, Denmark)

Table 9. Social Responses to Injury and Illness
Presider: Rose Weitz (Arizona State University)

Living with Medically Unexplained Physical Symptoms (MUPS) in Canada: An Empirical Study, Sarah Knudson (University of Toronto), June Oue Parke

‘Horses for Courses’: Using and Evaluating Complementary Medicine for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Jonathan Peter Gabe (Royal Holloway, University of London), Susan Robinson (Lewisham Primary Care Trust, London)

The Power of Aesthetics: Constructing Paradigmatic Identities of Polio and Tuberculosis in 20th Century America, Tabitha White (Indiana University-Bloomington)

Chasing the Social Good: Regulating Active Treatment of Tuberculosis in Vancouver, 1910-1960, Alan G Czaplinski (Northwestern University)

The Elephant in the Room: The Invisibility of Poverty in Research on Type 2 Diabetes, Claudia N. Chaylan (University of California-Santa Cruz), Rose Weitz (Arizona State University)

Table 10. The Sick Role and Health Behaviors
Presider: Kryzsa Massakowski (University of Miami)

Eating-Related Health Behaviors: Creation of the New Health Behaviors Decision and Enactment Model, Abigail Richardson (University of Georgia)

Gender-Role Orientation, Family Structure, and Health Behavior: A Focus on Physical Activity, Cathryn Elise Brubaker (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)

Integrating the Triad Disease-Illness-Sickness: The Concept of “Sickscape”, Antonio Franceso Maturn (Universitat Bologna)

Illness Behaviour Revisited, Michael Cahn (MRC HSRC)

Self-Healing in Late-Modernity: The Case of Mindfulness, Kristin Kay Barker (Oregon State University)

Table 11. Macro Influences on Health and Health Care Systems
Presider: Kenneth L. Wilson (University of Alabama-Birmingham)


Coping with Challenges of the Health Care System Near the End of Life, Eva Kabana (Case Western Reserve University), Boaz Kabana, Jane A Brown, Cathie King (Case Western Reserve University)

From Art and Science to Artful Science: Incorporating Social Science into the Medical School Curriculum, Jason Adam Wasserman (University of Alabama-Birmingham), Kenneth L. Wilson (University of Alabama-Birmingham)

Medical Students: The Cultural Arts, Activities, and the Acquisition of Habitus, Catherine T. Harris (Wake Forest University), Michael Wise (Appalachian State University), Velma Watts (Wake Forest University)

The Impact of the Women’s Health Initiative (WHI) Findings on the FDA Review of the Intrinsa Testosterone Patch, Heather Hartley (Portland State University)

Table 12. Social Disparities in Psychological Well-Being
Presider: Tony N. Brown (Vanderbilt University)

Consequences of the Timing of Onset of Psychiatric Disorders on Social Support and Psychosocial Resources, Mathew D. Gayman (Florida State University)

Explaining Mood Disorders Among Black Adults: Evidence from the National Survey of American Life, Pamela Braboy Jackson (Indiana University), David R. Williams (Harvard University), James S. Jackson (University of Michigan)

Latent Life Pathways of Transition to Adulthood and Mental Health, Elaine Marie Hernandez (University of Minnesota), Scott R. Elaison (University of Minnesota), Jennifer C. Lee-Rau (University of Minnesota), Eric Trubyn (University of Minnesota), Jeremy Staff (The Pennsylvania State University), Jeylan T. Mortimer (University of Minnesota)

The Relationship Between Perceived Parental Rejection During
Early Adolescence and Adult Depressive Affect, Zeng-Yin Chen (California State University-San Bernardino), Rath Xiaolu Liu (San Diego State University), Howard B. Kaplan (Texas A&M University)
Do Bad Jobs Matter? Women’s Employment Patterns and Health in the United States, Sarah Burgard (University of Michigan), Jennie E. Brand (University of Michigan)

Table 13. Social Psychological Approaches in the Study of Health and Well-Being
Presider: David J. Russell (Florida State University)
Breast Cancer Survivors’ Beliefs about the Causes of Cancer, Karen A. Kaiser (University of Illinois at Chicago Cancer Center)
Getting a Grip on Pain: The Meaning of Pain and Injury for Professional Wrestlers, Tyson Smith (SUNY-Stony Brook)
Stance-Shifting in Focus Group Narratives by African-American Breast Cancer Survivors, Boyd Davis (University of North Carolina-Charlotte), Peyton R. Mason (Linguistic Insights, Inc.), Margaret Wilmoth (University of North Carolina-Charlotte), Delores Sanders (University of North Carolina-Charlotte)
The Health of Nations: Global Governance, Disease Control, and National Sovereignty in an Era of Epidemic Disease, Rachel M. Safman (National University of Singapore)

Table 14. Psychosocial Processes in Health and Well-Being
Presider: Kristine J. Ajrouch (Eastern Michigan University)
Life with Cancer: The Breast Cancer Experience of Chinese-American Women in Houston, Furjen Dong (Sam Houston State University), Lib-jian Fann (National Dong Hwa University)
No Choice No Guilt Preferences and Emotional Responses in Life and Death Decisions in Medicine, Kristina Orfali (Columbia University)
Stress Resilience or Sorrow: Comparing Status Differences in Socio-Economic Status, Stress Exposure, and Health, Gneida Y. Dinovildes (Princeton University)
SES, Everyday Discrimination, Social Relations, and Depressive Symptoms Within an Urban African American Sample, Kristine J. Ajrouch (Eastern Michigan University), Susan Reisine (University of Connecticut), Woosung Sahn (University of Michigan), Sungwoo Lim (University of Michigan), Amid Ismail (University of Michigan)
Collective Efficacy, Trust, and Reciprocity: A Case Study of SARS in Taiwan, Ly Yun Chang (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan), Eric Fong (University of Toronto)

Table 15. Special Topics in Medical Sociology I
Presider: John R. Taylor
Crisis and Reform in Health Care Systems: Explaining the Spread of a Global Health Policy Agenda, Tiiba Ini Agarita (SUNY-Binghamton)
Does Income Inequality Really Not Harm Health? Changes in Income Inequality and Individual’s Self-Rated Health, Hui Zheng (Duke University)
Have We Underestimated the Extent of Health Inequality by Being Gradational? Yuqi Lin (Stanford University)
Health Needs and Health Care: Perspectives from Katrina, Nancy G. Katner (Emory University)
Weighing in on Soda, Sara J. Brown (Lycoming College)

Table 16. Special Topics in Medical Sociology II
Presider: Robyn K. Lewis (Florida State University)
The Likelihood of Mexican Immigrants Having Type II Diabetes or Being Obese in California, Phillip Granberry (UMass Boston)
The Effect of Weight Loss Based on the LIFE Project: Spiritual and Church-Based Program in Terms of Social Support for Rural African-American Women, Sang Geo Nam (Clemson University)
Contextual Analysis of Health Care Disparity: Lessons from Three Ethnic Communities in Hawaii, Jin Young Choe (Sam Houston State University)
Marketing Oral Contraceptives: Treating Acne, Limiting Periods, and Preventing Pregnancy, Stephanie Rene Medley-Rath (University of West Georgia)

4:30-6:10 Section on Aging and the Life Course Paper Session.
Social Inequalities in Health, Functioning, and Well-Being Over the Life Course—Hilton New York
Organizer & Presider: James S. House (University of Michigan)
Race and Age Trajectories of Functional Health, Jinyoung Kim (University of Colorado-Denver and Health Sciences Center)
Health Consequence of Immigration on Women’s Later Life, Chizuko Wakabayashi, Katherine M. Donato (Rice University)
The Effects of Childhood, Adulthood, and Community Socioeconomic Status, Ming Wen (University of Utah), Donan Gu (Duke University)
The Timing of Early-Life Health and Socioeconomic Disadvantage, Margot I. Jackson (UCLA)
Discussant: Paula M. Lantz (University of Michigan)
6:30-8:00 Section on Medical Sociology Reception—Sheraton New York

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14
8:30-10:10 Section on Medical Sociology Paper Session.
Gender, Health, and the Environment—Sheraton New York
Organizers: Sabrina McCormick (Michigan State University), Sara N. Shostak (Brandeis University)
Presider: Sabrina McCormick (Michigan State University)
Pollution Comes Home and Gets Personal: Women’s Experience of Household Toxic Exposure, Rebecca Gasior Altman (Brown University), Rachel Morell-Frosch (Brown University), Julia Greene (Brown University), Rachel Morell-Frosch (Brown University)
Young Kids at Home, Long Hours at Work: Gender Differences in the Health Consequences of Paid Work and Household Conditions, Jenifer Hamil-Luker (Duke University), Angela M. O’Rand (Duke University)
Discussants: Sara N. Shostak (Brandeis University)

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8:30-10:10 Regular Session. Health Care and Care Delivery—Sheraton New York
Organizer & Presider: Bradford H. Gray (Urban Institute)
How Does Physician Certainty Affect Clinical Decision Making? Results from a Cross-National Experiment, Karen Laffey (New England Research Institutes), Carol L. Link (New England Research Institutes), Lisa D Marceau (New England Research Institutes), Ann Adams (University of Warwick), Sara Arber, Johannes Siegrist (University of Dusseldorf), Markus Boente (University Medical Centre Hamburg-Eppendorf), Olaf von dem Knesebeck (University Medical Centre Hamburg-Eppendorf), John McKinlay (New England Research Institutes)
Human Resources in Intensive Care: Do Doctors and Nurses Make a Difference to Patient Outcomes? Elizabeth West (University of Greenwich), David N. Barna (University of Oxford)
Intra-Professional Stratification and the Rationalization of Clinical Practice, Leif Jin (Harvard University)
Beyond Cultural Competency: Bourdieu, Patients and Clinical Encounters, Ming-Chong M. Lo (University of California-Davis), Clare L. Stacey (Kent State University)
Discussant: Fred Hafferty (University of Minnesota Medical School-Duluth)
10:30-12:10 Section on Medical Sociology Paper Session. The Co-Occurrence of Physical and Mental Health Problems: Reciprocal Effects or Shared Risk Factors?—Sheraton New York
Organizer & Presider: Verna M. Keith (Florida State University)
Adolescent Weight and Psychological Distress: The Confluence of Weight Perceptions and Actual Weight, Jason N. Hoad (Pennsylvania State University), Ashleigh L. May (Pennsylvania State University), Molly A. Martin (Pennsylvania State University), Michelle Friso (Pennsylvania State University)
Temporal and Reciprocal Relationship Between Physical Limitations and Depressive Symptoms, Matthew D. Gayman (Florida State University), R. Jay Turner (Florida State University)
The Interplay of Comorbidity among Patients with Medical Illness and Mental Illness: A Sociological Perspective, Carlos A. Rodriguez, Thantam S. Sunil (University of Texas-San Antonio)
Comorbidity in Life Course Context, R. Jay Turner (Florida State University), Donald A. Lloyd (Florida State University)
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Comorbidity in Life Course Context, R. Jay Turner (Florida State University), Donald A. Lloyd (Florida State University)
Discussant: Chloe E. Bird (RAND)
Organizer & Presider: Diane R. Brown (University of Medicine & Dentistry of NJ)
Differential Health Insurance Coverage within Families: Evidence from the National Health Interview Survey, Diane S. Shinberg (University of Memphis)
Insurance Coverage Among Hispanic Adults in the United States: The Impact of Immigration, T. Elizabeth Durden (Bucknell University), Abhy Miller (Bucknell University)
Hospital Utilization at the End of Life: Variation Between Traditional Medicare and Managed Care Populations, Brenda Ohba (Arizona State University), Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld (Arizona State University)
Phantoms of Home Care: Regulatory Constraints on the Management of Home Health Alzheimer’s Disease Patients, William Dane Cabin (Hunter College/CUNY)
12:30-2:10 Section on Medical Sociology Paper Session. Understanding Health Disparities: The Search for Promising Intervention Targets—Sheraton New York
Organizer & Presider: William R. Arison (University of Western Ontario)
Mortality Disparities by Socioeconomic Status and Race/Ethnicity, Richard A. Mich (University of Colorado-Denver), Tiyong Kim (University of Colorado-Denver and Health Sciences Center)
Scientific Knowledge as Resource and Risk: What does Hormone Replacement Therapy tell us about Health Disparities? Richard M. Carpio (University of British Columbia), Brian Christopher Kelly (Purdue University)
Gender and Barriers to Health: Constrained Choice in Everyday Decisions, Patricia P. Rieker (Boston University), Chloë E. Bird (RAND)
2:30-4:10 Regular Session. Medical Sociology II: Gender Issues—Sheraton New York
Organizer & Presider: Isaac W. Eberstein (Florida State University)
Adiposity Distribution and CCU Admission: Gender Differences for Evaluating the Body? Markus H. Schaefer (Purdue University), Tetyana P. Shippee (Purdue University), Kenneth F. Ferraro (Purdue University)
The Gendering of Mood Disorders in Consumer-Directed Print Advertisements, 1997-2003, Jennifer Arney (Arizona State University), Adam Rafalovich
The Role of Relationship-Based Power, Individual Status Characteristics, and Gender Ideology in HIV Testing Decisions, Monique Carry (Emory University)
The Biomedicalization of Breast Cancer, Gayle A. Sulik (Vassar College)
Discussant: Jeraldyn Sittig Cassman (Mississippi State University)
2:30-4:10 Section on Aging and the Life Course Paper Session. Aging and Health Policy: Gender and Race/Ethnic Dimensions (co-sponsored with the Section on Medical Sociology)—Hilton New York
Organizer: Jill Quadagno (Florida State University)
Presider: John R. Taylor
Alzheimer’s and Dementia: The Extent of Mortality by Alzheimer’s by Gender in the United States, Mary Ann Davis (Sam Houston State University)
Examining the Black/Black Gap: An Exploratory Study of Health Disparities among Elderly Blacks in the United States, Sharmila Udyavar (Fayetteville State University), Jessica D. Severance (Fayetteville State University)
Immigrant Aging Populations, Globalization, and Transnationalism, Sheila M. George (Charles R. Drew University)
The Work-Health Insurance Nexus: The Weak Link for Hispanics, Ronald J. Angel (University of Texas-Austin), Jacqueline L. Angel (University of Texas-Austin), Jennifer Karas Montez
Career & Employment

This summer, we are focusing our column on opportunities for medical sociologists in international development agencies, including organizations sponsored by national governments, organizations sponsored by intergovernmental entities, and NGOs. In the year 2000, the United Nations signed the United Nations Millennium Declaration, which includes eight Millennium Development Goals to be achieved by 2015. Three of the eight goals concern health care: reduce child mortality (#4), improve maternal health (#5), and combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases (#6). For those with an interest in demography, health services, or the evaluation of social programs this may be a place to look for employment opportunities.

North American national government agencies focused on international development are USAID and CIDA. USAID, the United States Agency for International Development, is the major federal government agency that oversees and funds programs in agriculture, democracy and governance, economic growth, the environment, education, health, global partnerships, and humanitarian assistance. In Global Health, USAID supports programs in maternal and child health, nutrition, HIV/AIDS, health systems, family planning, infectious disease and environmental health in all areas of the world. Most of the jobs at USAID require acceptance into a training program and there are both civil service and foreign service categories as USAID is administered by the U.S. State Department. Many of the listings do require specialized (graduate) training; database management, language skills, and international experience are also important. Jobs: [link to USAID Careers](http://www.usaid.gov/careers/). CIDA, the Canadian International Development Agency, partners with a number of other international development agencies to use Canadian expertise to help reach the Millennium Goals. In the area of health, Canada is one of five major international development agencies to use Canadian expertise to help reach the Millennium Goals. In the area of health, Canada is one of five major international development agencies to use Canadian expertise to help reach the Millennium Goals. In the area of health, Canada is one of five major international development agencies to use Canadian expertise to help reach the Millennium Goals. CIDA was established in 1989 by the Government of Canada to promote and strengthen development cooperation among Canadian citizens and permanent residents. Jobs: [link to CIDA](http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/cidaweb/acdicida.nsf/En/NIC-5492333-HQE).

Organizations tied to the United Nations that focus on international development and global health include WHO and UNFPA. WHO, the World Health Organization, is the directing and coordinating authority for health within the United Nations system. It is responsible for providing leadership on global health matters, shaping the health research agenda, setting norms and standards, articulating evidence-based policy options, providing technical support to countries, and monitoring and assessing health trends. Their criteria for employment include: a high level of technical knowledge, good analytical skills, and a keen interest in and an understanding of policy issues in the area of public health, the ability to work in a multicultural team, working experience in public health, and proficiency in at least one official language of the Organization (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) and working knowledge of a second. In addition, smokers and other tobacco users will not be recruited by WHO. Their health-related career positions are usually filled by: medical officers; epidemiologists; public health specialists; related paramedical fields; environmental health specialists; health scientists; statisticians; health economists; and policy analysts. Jobs: [link to WHO](http://www.who.int/employment/en/). UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, is an international development agency that promotes the right of every woman, man, and child to enjoy a life of health and equal opportunity. UNFPA supports countries in using population data for policies and programs to reduce poverty and to ensure that every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe, every young person is free of HIV/AIDS, and every girl and woman is treated with dignity and respect. Their work in the areas of global health include improving reproductive health, making motherhood safer, and preventing HIV infection. Employment with UNFPA generally requires an advanced degree in a study pertinent to UNFPA’s program, for example demography, public health, or population studies. Some experience in a developing country, preferably with a development organization similar to UNFPA, is a prerequisite. Fluency in English is required and speaking and reading ability in one other UN language, preferably French or Spanish, is desirable. In addition to career positions, UNFPA offers a junior professional officer program and internships. Jobs: [link to UNFPA Jobs](http://www.unfpa.org/about/employment/index.htm).

The World Bank is made up of two unique development institutions owned by 185 member countries the IBRD (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development), which focuses on middle-income and creditworthy poor countries, and the IDA (International Development Association), which focuses on the poorest countries in the world. Projects promoting improved health and health care include issues such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, iodine deficiency, river blindness, and nutrition, in countries as diverse as Bulgaria, Guatemala, Madagascar, Ghana, and Bangladesh. The World Bank website does not appear to have a link to employment opportunities; use the Site Map link at the top of the website and select “Jobs/Careers” under “Business Center” to get to their employment opportunities section. Employment opportunities include professional and technical staff, young professionals, and junior professional programs for Afro Descendants, and staff exchange programs. Jobs: [link to World Bank](http://www.worldbank.org/).

NGOs with international development and health components include the Carter Center, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and Save the Children. The Carter Center, in partnership with Emory University, is committed to advancing human rights and alleviating unnecessary human suffering. The Atlanta-based Center has helped to improve the quality of life for people in more than 65 countries. The Carter Center has a major initiative to improve world health, which includes 11 different health programs focused on specific issues, such as guinea worms, river blindness, trachoma, schistosomiasis, mental health, and malaria. Their webpage “How to Get Involved” includes links to internship opportunities for undergraduates, recent graduates, and graduate students; volunteer opportunities; and careers. Career positions are handled by the Emory University human resources department. Jobs: [link to Carter Center](http://www.cartercenter.org/involved/index.html). The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation’s mission is to bring innovations in health and learning to the global community. The foundation is guided by the belief that all lives, no matter where they are lived, have equal value. The mission of their Global Health Program is to encourage the development of lifesaving medical advances and to help ensure they reach the people who are disproportionately affected. They focus their funding in two main areas: access to existing vaccines, drugs, and other tools to fight diseases common in developing countries; and research to develop health solutions that are effective, affordable, and practical. Their webpage “Working With Us” provides links to jobs and volunteer opportunities with the foundation. Jobs: [link to Gates Foundation Jobs](http://www.gatesfoundation.org/AboutUs/WorkingWithUs/default.htm). Save the Children is the leading independent organization creating real and lasting change for children in need in the United States and around the world. It is a member of the International Save the Children Alliance, comprising 28 national Save the Children organizations working in more than 110 countries to ensure the well-being of children. In the area of global health, Save the Children supports health programs in over 30 countries around the world. They work in partnership with Ministries of Health, local and international non-governmental organizations, and donors in the areas of newborn and child health and survival, reproductive health (including family planning, safe motherhood, and adolescent health), HIV/AIDS, and school health and nutrition. Their jobs website includes categories for internships, children in emergencies and crisis, developmental programs for children, and international program management. Jobs: [link to Save The Children Jobs](http://www.savethechildren.net/about/jobs/).
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