

2018 SRA Biennial Meeting

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Invited Program Session

A Social Justice Lens on Equity and Social Determinants of Health

Chair: **Kimber Bogard**, Senior Officer, National Academy of Medicine

Paper 1: ***Health Inequities, Social Determinants, and Intersectionality***

Vivian Gadsden, University of Pennsylvania; Nancy López, University of Mexico

Paper 2: ***Principles of Adolescent-and-Young-Adult Friendly Care: Contributions to Reducing Health Disparities and Increasing Health Equity***

Angela Diaz, Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center and the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai; Ken Peake, Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center

Paper 3: ***Policy/Legal Issues Life Span and Legal/Policy Research as Dual Focuses for Identifying and Implementing Opportunities to Realize Health Equity***

Patrick H. Tolan, University of Virginia; **Velma McBride Murry**, Vanderbilt University; Angela Diaz, Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center and the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai; Robert Seidel, McDaniel College

Paper 4: ***Urgent Dispatch: Calling on Leadership to Respond to Violence in Black Neighborhoods***

Sharon Toomer, BlackandBrownNews.com; Raquel Mack, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

Integrative Statement. Speakers will present three papers describing ways in which research, services, and policies can advance greater equity by addressing complex social determinants of health. A discussant will note major themes and next steps. The authors will present their work through a lens in which the status quo perpetuates disparities and where action is needed to promote equity within the contexts in which adolescents of color grow and develop. Thus, the papers advance the notion that if researchers, policymakers, and practitioners view their work through a social justice lens and aim to better understand the roots of inequity, they can become part of the solution. Gadsden calls out the complexity of problems associated with inequity and proposes that an intersectionality lens can address the multiplicity of identities associated with social determinants of health and their predicted outcomes. Diaz highlights the unique social situation of inner-city adolescents living in poverty and calls for a unique approach to provide health care to reduce disparities and promote equity. According to McBride Murry, in order to realize health equity, researchers must move beyond documenting the existence of disparities; use a lifespan perspective to evaluate various mechanisms and pathways to health equity; and evaluate policy regulations that sustain inequity in health outcomes. Toomer pulls these themes together in a call to address the public health crisis and social and health injustice of violence in Black communities. She calls on leaders to comprehensively analyze, examine, address and more urgently, remedy the factors leading to the present-day conditions.



Chair Biography. Kimber Bogard, PhD is a senior officer at the National Academy of Medicine. In this role, she leads the planning effort at the National Academy of Medicine and catalyzes internal and external partnerships and collaborations to bridge Academies' consensus recommendations with implementation to have a greater impact on health. As the managing officer of the \$10 million Culture of Health Program, in partnership with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Kimber works with communities, researchers, and key decision-makers to find solutions to health inequities and disparities in the United States. Previously, she directed the Board on Children, Youth and Families at the Academies where

she oversaw a portfolio of projects on children's health and development. In 2006, she received her PhD from Fordham University in applied developmental psychology, and she holds a master's degree from Columbia University-Teachers College.