

Sinai Urban Health Institute and DePaul University Faculty Research Fellowship Program

Now accepting applications for the 2020 SUHI-DePaul Research Fellows program!

Information & Networking Session

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Conference Room 2201 (22nd Floor)

55 East Jackson, Loop Campus

Join us for informational session about the Fellowship Program. Dr. Fernando De Maio, the 2019 DePaul Faculty Fellow, and Dr. Maureen Benjamins, SUHI Senior Research Fellow, will discuss their fellowship experience work which resulted in a forthcoming book, *Unequal Cities: Racial Disparities in Mortality* (Johns Hopkins University Press). SUHI President Dr. Sharon Homan will share more about this unique opportunity to engage in place-based social justice oriented research. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions as well as network with DePaul colleagues. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

Purpose

The [SUHI](#)-DePaul Research Fellows program creates the opportunity for faculty to collaborate on research that aims to understand health disparities, and improve health equity by translating research into scalable actions for improving health equity in Chicago. Fellows have the opportunity to experience SUHI's unique, community-focused research center, using a transdisciplinary approach. We tackle complex social problems by recognizing that human perceptions (e.g., risk for HIV) and behaviors (e.g., opioid use, gang violence) are place-based (i.e., are defined by a geography and the stakeholders within that geography), and that the solutions must be built on trustful relationships to ensure the solutions have ownership by all partners, enhancing the implementation of solutions and their long-term success.

Transdisciplinary research approach to advancing health equity

The Fellowship experience fosters systems thinking and the use of transdisciplinary approaches to (1) engage community members in assessing, prioritizing, and addressing mutable causes of health inequities as well as the exacerbating influencers; (2) collaborate in the development of adaptive solutions and systems of care that leverage technology to improve health care access, quality, and outcomes; or (3) develop or apply cutting edge evaluation approaches, tools and metrics (e.g., equity

evaluation, mapping, rapid cycle improvement, health impact evaluation) to assess community interventions, such as those implemented as part of the [West Side United](#) collective impact partnership to close the 16-year life expectancy gap on the West Side. Transdisciplinary research merges multiple knowledge streams across a variety of disciplines, value systems and data sources to create usable knowledge for building solutions and communities.

Fellowship Activities

Fellows generally spend one day a week at SUHI, collaborating on manuscripts, proposals, and other projects. Specific deliverables are jointly developed during the first month. They are based on both SUHI needs and Fellow's interests and career goals. Fellows are considered part of the SUHI team and are invited to participate in all SUHI research meetings and events.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Candidates must have a PhD and be a DePaul faculty member. Current priorities include, but are not limited to, the following areas of expertise:

- Place-based methods including mapping, qualitative research, mixed methods analyses
- Evaluation and health impact assessment (including economic analyses)
- Health care integration using community health workers/care managers and digital technology to improve access, care continuity and patient outcomes
- Latinx health
- Developing communication tools and products for translating research and information about health disparities and health improvement into, playbooks, policy briefs, videos to empower communities and elected officials to mobilize action for health

Deadlines and Key Dates

The Fellowship runs from April 1 through August 31, 2020 (Spring and Summer Quarters). Fellows will receive a stipend of \$5000. **Applications are due by February 15th**. Notifications will be sent by March 1, 2020.

How to Apply

To be considered, please submit a CV or biosketch (5 pages or less) and cover letter to pophealthtraining@sinai.org. In your cover letter, please describe your area of expertise as it relates to the fellowship purpose, your research goal and desired outcome(s) (e.g., book chapter, article, proposal, video, tech solution, etc.).