

**Minority Health & Health Disparities
Grantees' Conference**

The 2014 Minority Health & Health Disparities Grantees' Conference (MHHDGC), themed *Transdisciplinary Collaborations: Evolving Dimensions of US and Global Health Equity*, highlighted the importance of basic, clinical, and population science collaborations to address minority health and health disparities. The Conference featured research sessions addressing environmental, cultural, socioeconomic, bio-behavioral, genetic and other factors related to health disparities.

Although the conference offered a burgeoning body of literature in December 2014, the conference planning committee would like to extend the reach of the research by disseminating articles through *Ethnicity & Disease*, a peer-reviewed, PubMed-indexed journal.

We are seeking your original research presented at the conference and expanded into a 2,700-word manuscript. All manuscripts selected for inclusion must reflect topics presented at the conference (below). Research that utilizes qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods are welcome, as are papers that focus on young, middle-aged, or older populations. Papers that explore the intersection between sociocultural, behavioral and biological factors that influence the health of racial and ethnic groups, or discuss the design, implementation, and evaluation of health-promoting interventions for minority populations are strongly encouraged.

Topics for Supplement

Topics considered for manuscripts include, but are not limited to:

- Behavioral and social sciences
- Biomedical informatics and computational biology
- Cancer health disparities research
- Cardiovascular and cerebrovascular disease
- Women, child and adolescent health
- Clinical and transitional science research
- Cellular and molecular biology of human diseases
- Complementary and alternative medicine
- Environmental health and toxicology
- Health literacy and health information technology
- HIV and AIDS and Infectious diseases
- Nanoscience and nanotechnology
- Neuroscience and health disparities
- Public health sciences

The guest editors will appoint a peer review group who will provide feedback to authors of selected manuscripts. All final manuscripts will be submitted to *Ethnicity & Disease* for publication; we anticipate a December 2015 publication date and will follow the timeline below.

Publication timeline

Thursday, June 04	Call for manuscripts released
Friday, June 12	Deadline for letter of intent to submit manuscript (see below)
June 12– June 26	Peer review panel recruited
Monday, July 06	Deadline for manuscripts submitted via <i>Ethnicity & Disease</i> Manuscript Tracking System
July 06 - Aug 28	Peer review; author feedback; author revisions
Mon, Aug 31	Manuscripts submitted for editorial review completed by <i>Ethnicity & Disease</i>
Aug 31 – Sept 30	Editorial review completed by <i>Ethnicity & Disease</i>
Oct 01 – Oct 30	Production of articles for publishing
Oct 30 – Nov 13	Authors receive/review final proofs of articles
Nov 13 – Nov 30	Final production including author corrections
Mon, Dec 14	Supplement issue released online at www.ethndis.org

If you are interested in submitting a paper for this *Ethnicity & Disease* supplement, **please send a letter of intent that states your proposed manuscript title, an abstract of the paper, title page, and your ability to meet the July 06 deadline to submit the manuscript and supporting material.** This letter should be sent by June 12 to paul.b.tchounwou@jsums.edu with the subject line of “Letter of Intent: Paper for *Ethn Dis* Supplement on MHHD.” The abstract should be no more than 250 words and it should be preceded by a title page that includes the title of the paper, key words, and each author’s name, institutional affiliation, and complete contact information.

If you have questions about this supplement, please contact Dr. Paul Tchounwou at paul.b.tchounwou@jsums.edu. *Ethnicity & Disease* manuscript guidelines will be provided to authors of selected abstracts.

About the Editors

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