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Gateway YMCA in Winston Salem, NC held a "Let's Move It" event on Saturday, September 25th. Sarah Langdon, Associate Project Manager with the Maya Angelou Center for Health

Maya Angelou Center Participates in Meeting of North Carolina Health Disparities Centers



The Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity (MACHE) participated in a meeting of representatives from the North Carolina academic health disparities centers convened on Friday, September 24th, 2010 at Senior Services in Winston Salem. Dr. Ronny Bell, MACHE Director, was a member of the planning committee for the meeting and attended on behalf of the MACHE. The meeting included representatives from all 11 academic institutions with health disparities centers or programs across the state. Also in attendance were Dr. Jeffrey Engle, State Health Director of North Carolina, and representatives from several state funding agencies. Barbara Pullen-Smith, Director of the North Carolina Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, presented findings from the newly released 2010 Minority Health Report Carolina and the African American, American Indian and Hispanic Fact Sheets. The meeting included time for attendees to brainstorm about ideas for collaboration among the health disparities centers. The planning committee will take the ideas generated from the meeting to map out a plan for the group to work together to address the many health disparities across the populations served by these institutions

Dr. Latham-Sadler Wins National Award for Distinguished Service in the Health Field

Dr. Brenda Latham-Sadler has been selected as the 2010 winner of the National Association of Medical Minority Educator's Award (NAMME) for Distinguished Service in the Health Field. Dr. Latham-Sadler is

Equity participated by conducting blood pressure screenings, calculating BMI's and providing health education related to those areas for everyone in attendance.

Upcoming Events



FREE Disparities Research Webinar Series

The Affordable Care Act: Impacts and Opportunities for Disparities Research

October 5, 2010
1:00-2:30pm ET



Harriet Washington, Author of *Medical Apartheid: The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present*, will be speaking at NCCU in Durham, NC October 6, 2010 5:00 pm
Contact Justin C. Smith at 919-843-4722 to register



an Associate Professor of Family and Community Medicine, Assistant Dean for Student Services and Director of Diversity and Development Initiatives at Wake Forest University School of Medicine. She unanimously won the award very capably demonstrating distinguished service in the health field to minority and disadvantaged citizens; excellence in the practice of medicine; a demonstrated commitment to the health of minority and disadvantaged citizens; an exemplary record of financial support of programs that undergird minority access and retention; and a demonstrated commitment to equal opportunity practice and goals of law relating to minorities. Candidates were required to demonstrate service excellence in only one of the areas mentioned above; Latham-Sadler documents a mastery of all requirements. Click [here](#) to read more)

Community Impact Champion Mary Jamis



I grew up outside of Pittsburgh, PA in a small steel mill town. My parents were first generation American born. My grandparents immigrated from Greece in the early 1900s. The older I got, the more I came to take greater notice of the inequities around gender, race, sexual orientation, immigration status and so much more. In 2003, I traded my corporate job in marketing and advertising for the kinder, gentler world of nonprofit communication at M Creative-a small marketing and design firm in downtown Winston-Salem.

At M Creative we have the pleasure of working with nonprofits and foundations doing impressive work in this community and throughout the state and region--The Winston-Salem Foundation, the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation, Hospice & Palliative CareCenter, Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust, the North Carolina Institute for Minority Economic Development, Senior Services, Bethesda Center, Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind, the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation, and Ronald McDonald House to name just a few. We even did early work for the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity. ([more](#))

Latino Medical Student Association Approved at Wake Forest University School of Medicine



A Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) chapter initiated by Jennifer Gastelum (MS 2013) and Pedro Cardama (MS 2014) has been approved at Wake Forest University School of Medicine. LMSA has several goals which include



2010 Medical Student Research Day
Dr. Ary L. Goldberger will be the guest speaker
October 13th
12:15-4:00pm
Commons Conference Rooms



MACHE Journal Club - Dr. Alain Bertoni will present the article "*The Geography of Diabetes in London, Canada: The Need for Local Level Policy for Prevention and Management*" [Click here to read article.](#)
October 25th
12:00 noon
Conference Room 7

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expanding exposure to all medical students regarding Latino health issues, providing a voice for underrepresented students in medicine, establishing a course in medical Spanish, and providing mentorship and networking with Latino health professionals. Dr. Jorge Calles will serve as the faculty advisor for LMSA.

Book Corner

Medical Apartheid: The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present

- by Harriet Washington

Click [here](#) for book review

We hope you enjoyed this month's Health Equity Updates. Please email with any comments or suggestions.

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