ARCC Launches Community-Academic Anti-Racism Learning Collaborative

The Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC) at Northwestern University in collaboration with the Equity Institute-YWCA Evanston/NorthShore has convened a diverse mix of twenty-eight community and academic partners who are current or previous ARCC seed grantees or Steering Committee members to engage together in questioning, learning, and addressing how racism operates in research institutions and policies and how community-academic research partnerships can apply a racial equity lens to the research and partnership process. Here are some quotes from Learning Collaborative participants about why they joined:

"This whole call really excites me - learning, partnering, applying; locally, personally, professionally."

"I welcome the opportunity to have dedicated time for exploring how racism affects research. I believe the experience will make me a better academic partner in community-engaged research."

"My interest in joining is to try and facilitate a city where people are able to live free from oppression and to build relationships with each other across differences. I desire for all to recognize the historical hurt of the past, in order to create healing."

"This resonates strongly with internal conversations that our community organization is having. Learning from the resources and participants in the collaborative will help to sharpen our practice and inform future decisions."

To learn more about the goal & components of the Learning Collaborative, click here or contact ARCC@northwestern.edu. For related resources: bit.ly/ARCCequityResources.

Design for Digital Health Reading Course

The Center for Behavioral Intervention Technologies (CBITs) is hosting a new Design for Digital Health Reading Course, starting January 14, 2021. The course will run for 8 sessions, every other week.

This reading course will provide an introduction to designing digital health technologies. It is intended for clinical scientists who are developing and studying digital health technologies. The course will teach about the user-centered design process, focusing on methods and techniques that can be leveraged. They will use peer-reviewed journal articles and conference proceedings to provide instruction in these areas.

To sign up, please fill out this form. For more information contact: andrea.graham@northwestern.edu and emily.lattie@northwestern.edu
The Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC) has updated the date for our info webinar and deadlines (see below) for our Seed Grants that support the development of partnerships, that engage communities and stakeholders most impacted by health inequities in research collaboration with Northwestern research teams. This year we have revised the request for application to have a stronger focus on racial equity and addressing root causes of inequities and we want to ensure that we are prepared to provide the most clear guidance to applicants on how to address this focus. Partnership Development awards: Up to $5,000, Up to 18 months.

Request for Applications: bit.ly/ARCC2021grantPD1

Seed Grant Info Webinar: December 9, 2020, Noon

Required One on One Call with ARCC Director: No later than February 2, 2021

Application Deadline: February 16, 2021

State of IPHAM address recording

Institute for Public Health and Medicine (IPHAM) Director Ron Ackermann, MD, MPH delivered the annual "State of the Institute" address on October 29, where he outlined the institute’s response to the twin pandemics - COVID-19 and racial injustice - that captured the attention of public health advocates during 2020.

Dr. Ackermann highlighted several CCH projects and resources, including the Chicago COVID-19 Resource Repository. In case you missed it, you can view the full presentation recording here.