

The University of North Carolina School of Public Health presents the  
**27th Annual Minority Health Conference**



*Community-Based Research  
and Practice:  
How do we make it work for everyone?*

**February 24, 2006**

**William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina**

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## POSTER SESSION

The Conference Planning Committee invites you to participate in the Conference poster session. To do so, please submit an abstract that demonstrates your topic as timely and relevant to minority health and to the conference theme. All abstracts must be received by the Office of Continuing Education by **December 16, 2006**.

### Guidelines

- Abstracts should be timely and relevant to minority health and to the Conference theme: “Community-Based Research and Practice: How do we make it work for everyone?”
- Abstracts must be typed, single-spaced, and no more than 250 words.
- Center title at top of page followed by author’s name and academic degrees.
- Include the presenting author’s position/title, mailing address, phone number (including area code), fax number and e-mail address.
- Indicate permission to post your abstract and presenting author’s information (position/title/organization) on the Conference website.
- Organize by sub-headings: Introduction, Methods, Results, and Conclusion.

If you choose to use our on-line form, please send an additional copy of your abstract by e-mail.

Presenters will be notified of acceptance by February 3, 2006. All presenters are expected to register for the Conference. All accepted abstracts will be posted on the Conference website by February 14, 2006. Abstracts that do not adhere to the above guidelines will NOT be reviewed.

**Please submit your abstract via the following:**

- (1) **use our on-line form at [www.minority.unc.edu/sph/minconf/](http://www.minority.unc.edu/sph/minconf/); or**
- (2) **e-mail your abstract to [yriggsbe@email.unc.edu](mailto:yriggsbe@email.unc.edu); or**
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## OVERVIEW

This conference seeks to create a dialogue about the successes and challenges of researchers and communities working together to address health disparities and positively impact public health in communities of color. In order to create better health outcomes and have sustainable programs, it is essential to have communities involved in public health research and intervention development. There is an increasing trend for universities to work directly with communities collaboratively on projects. It is important to talk about these relationships and how they can be strengthened for mutual success. You will hear community members and their collaborators speak about their programs and their ideas on how to make these partnerships work.

# AGENDA

8:00 am Registration/Continental Breakfast

9:00 Introductions and Welcome

9:30 **William T. Small, Jr. Keynote Address:**  
**Meredith Minkler, DrPH Professor of Health and Social Behavior, University of California, Berkeley**



10:30 Break and Poster Session I

## Faith-Based Health Research and Practice

Faith-based organizations have come to play an important role in the search for new and creative ways to eliminate health disparities. In this session we will examine different faith-based health ventures and what makes them work, as well as discuss how we can expand upon and learn from the lessons of past projects.

## Latino/Immigrant Health

As Latinos become the fastest growing ethnic group in the nation, identifying and meeting their health needs takes on even greater importance in terms of overall public health. Latinos and immigrants must overcome cultural, linguistic, and economic barriers to obtain basic healthcare services for themselves and their families. This session will discuss how community-based research and participation can help in the development of procedures and attitudes that are more culturally sensitive and immigrant-friendly.

## Minority Participation in Research Trials

Although minorities are disproportionately affected by many diseases, including HIV/AIDS, cancer, and type 2 diabetes, they are often under-represented in clinical trials. Barriers to recruiting minorities into trials range from transportation and childcare costs to more complex issues such as fear and mistrust of medical research. This session will highlight efforts to increase minority participation in research trials.

## Sexual Health

Good sexual health is connected with both physical and mental health, and affects people of all ages. While there are many positive aspects of sexuality, there can be undesirable consequences, such as alarmingly high levels of sexually transmitted disease (STD) and HIV/AIDS infection, unintended pregnancy, abortion, sexual dysfunction, and sexual violence. This session will look at community-based programs that are trying unique efforts to work on sexual health issues.

11:45 Exhibits and Poster Preview Central Atrium

12:15 pm Lunch Trillium Room

1:30 AFTERNOON CONCURRENT SESSIONS

## School-Based Research and Practice

Schools are not only central to children's lives, but they are also an important part of the community. This unique position allows them to play an important role in promoting health among young people. Many Americans believe that schools should take responsibility for stemming rising rates of overweight children as well as addressing other health issues. This session will examine ways in which schools and public health practitioners are working together to improve the health of our children and our country.

## Environmental Health

Increased rates of cancer, asthma, and diabetes are linked directly to environmental hazards. Often issues of environmental justice, such as access to quality food and occupational health concerns, disproportionately affect communities of color. This session will look at programs where communities have formed strong coalitions and have positioned themselves to be dynamic forces of local change.

## Disaster Management/Preparedness

North Carolina commonly experiences hurricanes, which result in the need for substantial response by public health agencies and communities. Minority and underserved populations are more acutely affected by natural disasters because they are more vulnerable to the disruptions caused by natural disasters. This session will discuss how communities can get their needs on the agendas of disaster preparedness officials and ongoing community work in this area.

## Homicide and Young Minority Men

Homicide is the leading cause of death for only one population—African American males ages 15–24. In no other age or racial/ethnic group does fatal violence have such a large impact. This session will discuss the community response to the homicide epidemic in the minority communities.

## Native American Health

Due to their numbers, their diversity, and their scattered locations, Native Americans' health needs are often ignored, even though the group is disproportionately affected by diabetes, tuberculosis, suicide, pneumonia, influenza and homicide. Deaths attributable to alcoholism are also alarmingly high among Native Americans. This session will address how to work with Native American populations and some successful community-based programs

## 3:00 Skill Building Workshops

These workshops will give participants an opportunity to develop skills to take back their communities. In addition to learning about programs that work, it is essential for conference participants to be able to use conference information to build capacity.

- **Community Empowerment**
- **How to Build a Coalition**
- **Grant Writing/Funding**

4:45 Closing

## REGISTRATION and HOTEL INFORMATION

Fees	Registration	Lunch*	Sheraton Hotel	Courtyard by Marriott
All students and senior citizens (over age 60) who register by 2/10/06	\$15	Included	919-968-4900	919-883-0700
UNC (all 16 campuses) faculty and staff	\$50	Included	<b>Hampton Inn</b>	<b>Holiday Inn</b>
Working professionals who register by 2/10/06	\$65	Included	800-426-7866	888-452-5765
Working professionals who register after 2/10/06	\$75	Not included		

\* Lunch is available to those who pre-register and pay by 2/10/06. Participants who do not pre-register and pay by 2/10/06 may purchase lunch at nearby restaurants.

Registration fees are due prior to the conference. Make checks payable to NCIPH.

### Cancellations/Refunds

Full refunds will be issued to individuals who cancel by 2/10/06. Substitutions from the same agency are allowed at any time with prior notification to the registrar 919-966-4032.

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