Media Advisory: NIH Office of Research on Women’s Health to Hold Virtual Meetings to Help Advance Research on Sex and Gender and Their Roles in Health and Disease

WHAT: The National Institutes of Health Office of Research on Women’s Health (ORWH) will hold three virtual meetings in the coming weeks. They include:

- Gender and Health: Impacts of Structural Sexism, Gender Norms, Relational Power Dynamics, and Gender Inequities (Oct. 26, 2022)
- The Specialized Centers of Research Excellence on Sex Differences (SCORE) Annual Meeting keynote address (Nov. 1, 2022)
- The Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women’s Health (BIRCWH) Annual Meeting (Nov. 2, 2022)

Members of the public can attend the live-streamed events virtually or watch the recorded videocasts when they are made available after the meetings. See below for details on each event, including links to event pages.

Gender and Health: Impacts of Structural Sexism, Gender Norms, Relational Power Dynamics, and Gender Inequities, a virtual scientific workshop, will convene members of the scientific community to discuss methods and best practices in health research on gender roles, gender norms, gender inequity, and structural sexism.

WHEN & WHERE: The workshop will be held virtually on Oct. 26, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT.

Event page with links to agenda and videocast: https://bit.ly/3BV4dyf

WHO: This workshop will be hosted by ORWH in partnership with the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; the National Institute on Aging; the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; the National Cancer Institute; the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; the National
Institute of Mental Health; the National Institute on Drug Abuse; and the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research. It will feature the following:

- Janine Austin Clayton, M.D., FARVO, Director of ORWH, will introduce the workshop.
- Nancy Krieger, Ph.D., Professor of Social Epidemiology and American Cancer Society Clinical Research Professor in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston, will present a plenary speech titled “From Embodying Gendered Injustice to Advancing Gender-Transformative Intersectional Science: An Ecosocial Proposal.”
- Patricia Homan, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Sociology and Associate Director of the Public Health Program at Florida State University, Tallahassee, will present a plenary speech titled “Health Consequences of Structural Sexism: Conceptual Foundations and Priorities for Future Research.”
- Typhanye V. Dyer, Ph.D., M.P.H., Associate Professor in the Epidemiology and Biostatistics Department at the University of Maryland School of Public Health, College Park, will present a plenary speech titled “Black Feminism: Pushing Towards a Dope Public Health Future.”
- There will be concurrent sessions titled “Measurement and Methods,” “Modifiable Factors and Clinical Interventions,” and “Modifiable Factors and Social Determinants of Health.”

All participants can share thoughts during the event on Twitter using the hashtag #NIHGenderHealth.

For more information, please visit https://bit.ly/3L51tkQ.

The Specialized Centers of Research Excellence on Sex Differences (SCORE) Annual Meeting keynote address is directed to researchers in the SCORE program and is open to the public; the rest of the meeting will be for SCORE investigators only. The SCORE program is the only NIH cooperative agreement program supporting disease-agnostic research on sex differences. Each center serves as a national resource for translational research to identify the role of biological sex differences in the health of women.

**WHEN & WHERE:** The keynote address will be presented by Dr. Cara Tannenbaum and will be held virtually on Nov. 1, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. EDT.

Event page with link to videocast: https://bit.ly/3qxM5Uu

**WHO:** The keynote address will be given by Cara Tannenbaum, M.D., M.Sc., Scientific Director at the Canadian Institutes of Health Research’s Institute of Gender Health, Montreal. Janine Austin Clayton, M.D., FARVO, Director of ORWH, will give opening remarks.
All participants can share thoughts during the event on Twitter using the hashtag #SCORE2022.

LEARN MORE: For more information on the SCORE program, visit https://bit.ly/3REnZTU.

The Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women’s Health (BIRCWH) Annual Meeting will give junior investigators a chance to network with senior investigators and allow BIRCWH (pronounced “birch”) Scholars to present their research findings related to the influences of sex and gender on health and disease.

WHEN & WHERE: The meeting will be held virtually on Nov. 2, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT.

Event page with links to agenda, registration page, and videocast: https://bit.ly/3DP2g7N

WHO: Speakers for the event include:

- Katherine E. Hartmann, M.D., Ph.D.—Vice President for Research Integration, Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Scientist Development, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Medicine, and Lucius E. Burch Chair of Reproductive Physiology and Family Planning at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee—will give the 6th Ruth L. Kirschstein Memorial Lecture (10:15–11:00 a.m.)
- Judith A. James, M.D., Ph.D.—Lou C. Kerr Endowed Chair in Biomedical Research, Associate Vice Provost for Clinical and Translational Science, George Lynn Cross Professor of Research, Professor of Medicine, Professor of Pathology, and Adjunct Professor of Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City, and Vice President of Clinical Affairs and Member and Program Chair of the Arthritis & Clinical Immunology Research Program at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation—will give the 2022 Legacy of Leadership Lecture (1:35–2:15 p.m.)

All participants can share thoughts during the event on Twitter using the hashtag #2022BIRCWH.

LEARN MORE: For more information on the BIRCWH program, visit https://bit.ly/3BBi4cZ.

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About ORWH: ORWH serves as the focal point for women’s health research at NIH. It is the first Public Health Service office dedicated specifically to promoting women’s health research within, as well as beyond, the NIH scientific community. The office also fosters the recruitment,
retention, reentry, and advancement of women in biomedical careers. For more information about ORWH, visit www.nih.gov/women.

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