The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Research on Women’s Health (ORWH) presents:

**Diverse Voices: Intersectionality and the Health of Women**

**Violence and Women: Trauma and Addiction Impacts on Pregnant/Postpartum Women**

Thursday, September 29, 2022, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EDT

To participate in this webinar, please register at https://nih.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_9MlLLqZgQOyfBw_Id2pTbQ

**FEATURING:**

Natacha De Genna, Ph.D
Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Dr. De Genna studies patterns of commonly used substances in young people and those who are pregnant and parenting. She is currently conducting a study of cannabis and tobacco use in pregnant people under the age of 22 and associated infant outcomes. This mixed-methods project seeks to center the voices of young pregnant people with qualitative interviews to better understand the context of perinatal substance use and child development. This study also includes standardized assessments, medical chart data, urine and saliva samples, and data on social service usage. Dr. De Genna’s research is intersectional, acknowledging interactions among race, sex assigned at birth, substance use, structural racism and discrimination, exposure to violence, and mental and reproductive health.

Sahnah Lim, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.I.A.
Assistant Professor, Department of Population Health
New York University School of Medicine

Dr. Lim is a health disparities researcher who conducts applied, community-engaged studies that seek to address gender-related health issues among hard-to-reach populations such as sex workers and immigrant survivors of gender-based violence. Her research uses intersectionality and syndemic frameworks, and trauma-informed approaches to understanding how multiple marginalization impact mental and sexual health outcomes. Dr. Lim is a mixed-methods researcher with expertise in psychosocial statistics and survey methods.

**DIVERSE VOICES: INTERSECTIONALITY AND THE HEALTH OF WOMEN**

ORWH’s virtual speaker series, titled “Diverse Voices: Intersectionality and the Health of Women,” disseminates research findings that (1) are relevant to diverse groups of women and (2) incorporate a multidimensional focus on sex and gender. The speaker series aims to increase public awareness, understanding, and engagement with research relevant to diverse populations of women and to highlight work by investigators receiving ORWH funding, with ORWH affiliations, and/or employing an intersectional or multidimensional framework.

The September 29, 2022, session of “Diverse Voices: Intersectionality and the Health of Women” will feature presentations from Drs. Natacha De Genna and Sahnah Lim. During the session, attendees will learn about (1) trauma-informed recovery approaches and maternal health during pregnancy and postpartum; (2) and using an intersectional lens in maternal health research to center the voices of populations experiencing multiple marginalizations, with an emphasis on gender-related health issues (e.g., survivors of gender-based violence), mental health and reproductive health outcomes.

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