

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

Diverse Voices: Intersectionality and the Health of Women Cancer Disparities: Methods and Measurement of Racial and Ethnic Diversity Thursday, January 26, 2023, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. EDT

To participate in this webinar, please register at https://nih.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_owW5laZzR5adiAmq8MzmnA

FEATURING:



Laura Fejerman, Ph.D., M.Sc. *Professor, Department of Public Health Services, University of California, Davis*

Dr. Fejerman is a Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences at the University of California, Davis (UC Davis) and leads the Women Cancer Care and Research Program at the UC

Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center. Her research focuses on the discovery of genetic and non-genetic factors that contribute to breast cancer risk and prognosis in Hispanic/Latina women. Her past work established a relationship between genetic ancestry and breast cancer risk in Hispanic/Latina women, and she has built upon this observation, exploring genetic variants through admixture mapping and genome-wide association approaches. Dr. Fejerman's efforts have also focused on addressing disparities in breast cancer prognosis affecting Hispanic/Latina women, and understanding potential causes, including access to information, screening, and care.



Scarlett Lin Gomez, Ph.D., M.P.H.

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Dr. Gomez's research focuses primarily on cancer health disparities/inequities and aims to understand the multilevel

structural and social drivers of those disparities. As a first generation Taiwanese American, she understands firsthand the importance of lived experiences in cancer risk and has focused much of her research on providing research data to document cancer patterns in disaggregated Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) ethnic groups, and to understand the role of sociocontextual factors and multilevel exposures in affecting these patterns.

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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 January 26, 2023, session of "Diverse Voices: Cancer Disparities: Methods and Measurement of Racial and Ethnic Diversity" will feature presentations from Drs. Laura Fejerman and Scarlett Lin Gomez. During the session, attendees will learn about (1) the relationship between genetic ancestry and breast cancer risk in Hispanic/Latina women; and (2) research on cancer in the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander populations, focusing on approaches to go beyond racial and ethnic categories to understand cancer patterns and risk and prognostic factors in distinct groups.

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