

August 2021

## Consortium of African American Public Health Programs Monthly Newsletter

### CAAPHP Program Announcements

**The next CAAPHP Business Meeting will be held on  
Tuesday, August 12th from 12pm to 1:30pm EST.**



Welcome Back to a new semester! Good luck to all the students, faculty and staff this year in your CAAPHP Programs!

### CAAPHP Member Spotlight

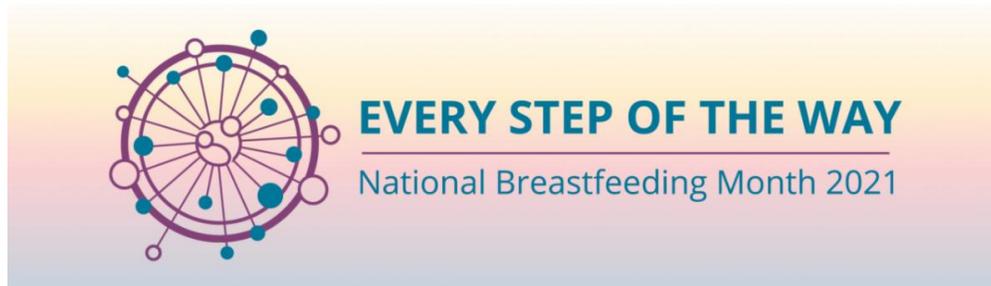


The Master of Public Health program is comprised of a total of 48 graduate credit hours inclusive of a Public Health practicum and capstone. The curriculum for the generalist MPH degree prepares students to be public health professionals who draw on the knowledge and skills from a variety of disciplines to define and assess urban public health problems. The MPH curriculum consists of foundation courses in each of the five core public health domains, additional required research, practice courses and electives.

Click [here](#) to visit the Morgan States Master's Public Health Program.

## National Events and Educational Opportunities

### August is National Breastfeeding Month!



Each August the United States Breastfeeding Committee celebrates National Breastfeeding Month by hosting a social media advocacy and outreach campaign with member organizations, breastfeeding coalitions, partner organizations, and individuals to participate in online action and conversation about the policy and practice changes needed to build a "landscape of breastfeeding support." Register [here](#) for the launch event webinar for the "Continuity of Care in Breastfeeding Support: A Blueprint for Communities" on **August 24, 1 p.m. ET.**

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### August is National Immunization Awareness Month



National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. **Use these resources** to assist you in communicating to healthcare professionals, parents, and patients about immunization during August and throughout the year.

## News and Updates

We can only achieve the **Healthy People 2030 vision** of a society in which all people can achieve their full potential for health and well-being across the lifespan when we collaborate with partners nationwide. That's why Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion is inviting public- and private-sector organizations that support Healthy People's vision to become **Healthy People 2030 Champions**.

Healthy People 2030 Champions are organizations committed to working toward **Healthy People's overarching goals and objectives**. ODPHP will recognize Healthy People Champions on health.gov, and Champions will receive a digital badge to highlight their support of the initiative on their own websites. They'll also get information, tools, and resources to help them promote Healthy People 2030 among their communities, partners, and others interested in achieving Healthy People 2030 goals.

Click [here](#) to learn about eligibility.

## African American Research Collaborative

Understanding and Communicating Black Political Action

**The African American Research Collaborative (AARC)** recently conducted the **nation's largest poll on COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy**, and is interested in hosting a webinar for our membership to present their findings. Join us for a unique opportunity to learn more about the findings, ask questions and interact with the data from this poll. The presentation will be hosted via Zoom and the log in information is below. You should have also received this information via calendar invite.

Topic: COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy

Time: Aug 11, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: [Link](#)

Meeting ID: 890 6047 9741

Passcode: 104795

## MCHB Project Update



Morgan State is leading the charge to address maternal and child health disparities among African Americans by building the capacity of CAAPHP institutions. With interest and support from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau [MCHB], Morgan State has convened representatives from several CAAPHP member institutions to participate in a proposed pilot project. If your program is interested but has yet to attend the weekly meetings, please feel free to reach out to Dr. Yvonne Bronner at [Yvonne.Bronner@morgan.edu](mailto:Yvonne.Bronner@morgan.edu) or Dr. Keshia Baptiste at [keshia.baptisterobert@morgan.edu](mailto:keshia.baptisterobert@morgan.edu).



## Grant Opportunity

National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Commerce, has issued funding to award grants for the Connecting Minority Communities (CMC) Pilot Program. The Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program provides new federal funding for the Assistant Secretary to make grants for the expansion of broadband internet access, connectivity, and digital inclusion.

The Act authorizes new federal funding for the Assistant Secretary to make grants to eligible recipients in anchor communities: for the purchase of broadband internet access service or any eligible equipment, or to hire and train information technology personnel; to facilitate educational instruction and learning, including through remote instruction; to operate a minority business enterprise (MBE); or to operate a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. The Act also authorizes grants to a consortium, led by an eligible recipient institution (i.e., educational institution), that includes an MBE or a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization. Proposals are due December 1, 2021. Learn more at [here](#)

## Funding Opportunity

Combating Disinformation in Communities of Color Funding Opportunity  
The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation seeks proposals for research that can inform near-term interventions that mitigate the impacts of disinformation and targeted online manipulation of communities of color. Proposals for up to \$175,000 are due at 11:59 pm on Sep. 15, 2021. For more on

the open call, visit [here](#).

## Student SOPHE Opportunity

The Collegiate Champion program gives undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to serve as liaisons between the National SOPHE Office and their respective college and university campus. Each Champion serves a two-year term, the first year as a Champion and the second year as a mentor to the successor. SOPHE believes that mentorship is vital to the success and relationship-building of all Champions and program alumni. In addition to accessing SOPHE's national membership benefits, Champions may choose to seek local chapter membership, volunteer and leadership opportunities and connections to mentors.

Champions will:

- Share news and information about the field of health education/promotion.
- Promote professional and academic award opportunities for students.
- Host events on and around the campus, or virtually.
- Encourage national membership to SOPHE among peers and colleagues.
- Highlight the benefits of attendance at SOPHE conferences and events.

Website link [here](#)

***PLEASE NOTE: the program will only accept up to 2 students from each college/university.***

Link for the application [here](#)

Deadline for submission: September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 11:59 PM PST.



## Register Now for HBCU faculty webinar

*Role of Faculty in Addressing COVID Vaccine Hesitancy among HBCU Students*

August 12, 2021

1:00 pm EST - 2:00 pm EST

Webinar Sponsor by SOPHE HBCUs Advisory Council  
CHES CEU will be offered

Register for the free webinar by creating a  
MySOPHE Account using this [link](#)

## Participants Needed



### PURPOSE:

This study will explore how minorities trust and implement these prevention and containment methods. Specifically, this project will be focused on understanding the effects of 1) disease prevention messages during epidemic and pandemic outbreaks; and 2) how minority communities' access and attend to these messages. Goal is to implement culturally sensitive tools and materials, that promote disease prevention.

### PARTICIPANTS:

You are eligible to participate in this study if you are 18 years of age or older. The information you provide will be confidential, and any data reported will be anonymous. The findings of this research we anticipate will help us have a better understanding of how African Americans adhere to, attend to and adapt to health education and communication during pandemics.



Ready to complete a 30 minute survey?  
Simply click the link below

[https://tuskegeepublichealth.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_agGyZDiPNb1qyAl](https://tuskegeepublichealth.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_agGyZDiPNb1qyAl)

### Questions of concerns?

Contact Program Manager Dr. Melvena Wilson  
MWilson2@Tuskegee.edu

This Project is Funded by the National Science Foundation

## Job Opportunities and Fellowships



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## Public Health Preparedness Program Assistant

The Public Health Preparedness Program Assistant will support several key public

health preparedness planning and response activities, including providing administrative and logistical support, assisting with the planning and execution of Program meetings, trainings and exercises, and supporting new planning initiatives. This position is Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with occasional work after hours and on weekends to support Program activities. This is a grant-funded position; continuation of the position is contingent upon sustained funding.

Click [here](#) for more information.

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## Senior Epidemiologist/ Study Director - Remote



Westat has an immediate opening for a Senior Epidemiologist/Study Director to join our team of leading researcher in clinical health studies conducting research, surveys and evaluation studies on infectious diseases including COVID-19, influenza, and other respiratory diseases and/or HIV.

As a Senior Epidemiologist, you will lead and support large and small epidemiology studies on infectious diseases. You will collaborate and consult with networks of external investigators and internal project team members on your work designing and implementing multi-site network studies and surveys including COVID-19, influenza, other respiratory diseases, HIV, and other infectious diseases. You will provide epidemiology and data management support including developing protocols, overseeing, and conducting data management and analysis for Westat projects to support and contribute to scientific peer reviewed publications.

For more information click [here](#).

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## Fellowship Opportunities

- [CDC Emergency Operations Planning Fellowship](#)
- [Environmental Public Health Tracking Fellowship - Program Evaluation](#)
- [FDA Emerging Issues in Controlled Substances Fellowship](#)
- [CDC Epidemiology Fellowship](#)
- [FDA Postdoctoral Fellowship in Computational Modeling](#)

## COVID-19 Information and Resources

### Delta Variant - What We Know About The Science

According to the CDC, the Delta variant causes more infections and spreads faster than early forms of SARS-CoV-2

- The Delta variant is more contagious: The Delta variant is highly

- contagious, nearly twice as contagious as previous variants.
- Some data suggest the Delta variant might cause more severe illness than previous strains in unvaccinated persons. In two different studies from Canada and Scotland, patients infected with the Delta variant were more likely to be hospitalized than patients infected with Alpha or the original virus strains.
  - Unvaccinated people remain the greatest concern: Although breakthrough infections happen much less often than infections in unvaccinated people, individuals infected with the Delta variant, including fully vaccinated people with symptomatic breakthrough infections, can transmit it to others. CDC is continuing to assess data on whether fully vaccinated people with asymptomatic breakthrough infections can transmit. However, the greatest risk of transmission is among unvaccinated people who are much more likely to contract, and therefore transmit the virus.

Click [here](#) for more information about the Delta Variant.

## Partnerships



CAAPHP will be pursuing an organizational partnership/membership with APHA in the near future. A few benefits that the organization will receive as an APHA Member are listed below.

- Discounted APHA Annual Meeting and Expo registration for all employees.
- Reduced individual membership pricing for employees – \$70 for employees of nonprofits, government agencies and academic institutions and \$145 for employees of companies and consultants.
- Savings of up to 30% on all APHA Press books.
- Savings of up to 50% on ads in APHA publications and up to 30% on job postings on APHA's Public Health CareerMart.

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### **Bethune-Cookman University Department of Public Health and Health Equity**

Since September 2020, Bethune-Cookman University has been the convening site for CAAPHP.



Learn More about the BCU Masters' of Public Health here.

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