



THE CUNY INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH EQUITY 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

THE FOLLOWING ARE FEATURED INITIATIVES

PROMOTION OF HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH

GRANTS AWARDED:

CIHE received an NSF sub-award for the HSI Hubs Core Objectives project focused on equity improvements in STEM education for USD \$171,000 for 5 years.

CIHE staff was selected to conduct the Long-term evaluation of the project titled Bronx REACH with CDC funding, in alliance with The Institute for Family Medicine. This award is in the amount of USD \$123,000 over a span of 5 years.

GRANTS UNDER REVIEW:

NIH-R25 SEPA GRANT PROPOSAL

This proposal's aim is to provide health disparities training for high school students and teachers at Marie Curie High School in the Bronx. The overall goal of this project is to increase the number of Bronx high school students who pursue studies and careers in health sciences.

This is a multi-principal Investigator proposal with Drs. Roldós, Budescu, Downing and Gonzáles for USD \$1.2 million for 5 years.

Health Disparities Research Dissemination

The CUNY Institute of Health Equity has played a pivotal role in advancing scholarly and scientific research, facilitating the dissemination of impactful findings. **Among the noteworthy contributions stemming from these endeavors are:**

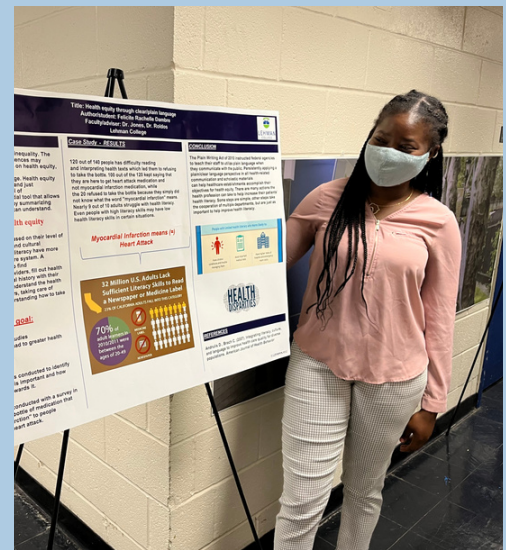
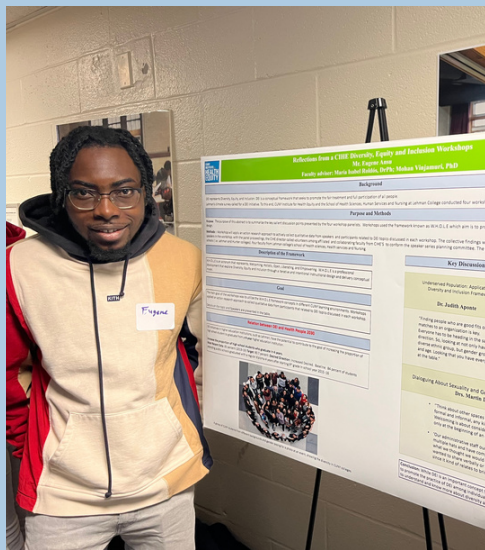
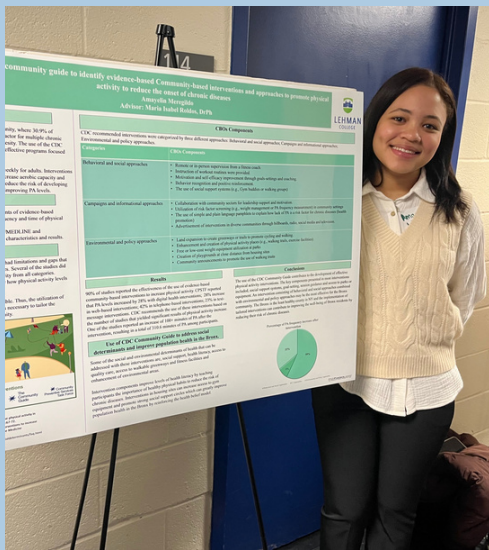
- Dr. Judith Aponte and colleagues worked on a COVID-19 survey among NYC non-Hispanic Black and Hispanic/Latino adults with diabetes.
- Dr. Judith Aponte and Dr. Maria Isabel Roldós, published a portfolio analysis of National Institutes of Health R-series Grants portfolio of racism and healthcare.
- Drs. Roldós and Jaye Jones collaborated with Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and a GIS student to publish "The First Steps to Building a Research Collaborative Using Strength-Based Assessments and GIS Maps."
- Drs. John Orazem, Talita Fortunato Tavares and Dr. Maria Isabel Roldós looked at the Longitudinal trends (2011-2020) of premature mortality and years of potential life loss (YPLL) and associated covariates of the 62 New York State counties.
- Drs. Mia Budescu, Martin J. Downing, Tailisha M. Gonzalez, and Katherine Gregory worked on the Omnipresent Policing and Sleep Health in the Bronx.

PARTNERS IN RESEARCH:

CIHE is in the process of signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with BronxCare to explore research and service projects.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT/MENTORSHIP

- CIHE continued its focus on student mentorship, and supported two Federal Work Study Students and two Interns.
- Participated in the SRAB Student Scholar Conference and the 2023 HS2N Health Equity Summit.
- CIHE mentees also participated in various workshops and events. These included learning to use bibliographic software like Zotero, mastering efficient research tools in the library, and gaining proficiency in GIS mapping.
- During the fall of 2023, CIHE established and cultivated a collaborative partnership with the Latinx Pre-Medical Student Association PLUS (LMSA+).



CIHE WELCOMED TWO NEW ESTEEMED AFFILIATED FACULTY MEMBERS




Dr. Rahwa Haile, Associate Professor
Health Equity, Administration
and Technology



Dr. William Suarez II, Assistant Professor
Health Equity, Administration
and Technology

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

CIHE concluded 2023 by successfully organizing and executing the inaugural CIHE Speaker Summit, themed "Migration and Health with a Human Rights Perspective: Challenges and Opportunities." The event featured engaging presentations, workshops, and a Community-Based Organization (CBO) fair.




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Migration and Health from a Human Rights Perspective

Challenges and Opportunities

December 6-7, 2023
Lehman College

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Migration and Health A Human Rights Perspective

Lehman College
Lovingier Theatre

Keynote Panel: Thurs., December 7, 1-3 p.m.
Also available via Livestream at tinyurl.com/cihe-live

Moderated by: Dr. Noemi Rodriguez and Dr. Mira Goral



Dominicans in the United States: A Socioeconomic Profile (2022)
Dr. Ramona Hernández
Director
CUNY Dominican Studies Institute
Professor of Sociology
The Colin L. Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership,
The City College of New York



Language Access for Individuals with Limited English Proficiency
Making Sure No One is Left Behind Because of Language Barriers
Lauren Jee
Principal Deputy Director
Office for Civil Rights,
United States Department of Health and Human Services



Migrant Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Protection Services in Ecuador
Overcoming Institutional Barriers and Stereotypes
Dr. Cheryl Martens
Director
Institute of the Advanced Studies in Inequalities,
Universidad San Francisco de Quito

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Migration and Health A Human Rights Perspective

Workforce Development Workshops:
Wed., December 6, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Workshops run concurrently. Choose one to attend.



Latinos, Immigrants, and Access to Health Care
Dr. Francisco Rivera Batiz
Professor Emeritus of Economics and Education
Teachers College, Columbia University





Locating Scholarly Articles Online
Vanessa Arco
Head of References, Leonard Lief Library





The Role That Deportability Plays on the Wellbeing of Immigrants
Dr. Shirley Leyro
Associate Professor
Borough of Manhattan Community College



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Photo above: Keynote Panel speakers and guests (from left to right): Dr. Cheryl Martens, Director of the Institute of Advanced Studies in Inequalities at Universidad San Francisco de Quito; Lauren Jee, Principal Deputy Director at the Office for Civil Rights, United States Department of Health and Human Services; Yudelka Tapia New York State Assembly representing the 86th Assembly District; Dr. Fernando Delgado, President of Lehman College; Dr. Ricardo Fernández, former President of Lehman College; Dr. Maria Isabel Roldós, Director-CIHE; and Dr. Ramona Hernández, Director of CUNY Dominican Studies Institute and Professor of Sociology at The Colin L. Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership, The City College of New York.

Photo top right: Bronx Councilwoman Peirina Sánchez, District 14 and Dr. Elgloria Harrison, Dean of the School of Health Sciences, Human Services, and Nursing.

Photo bottom right: CBO participants and guests.



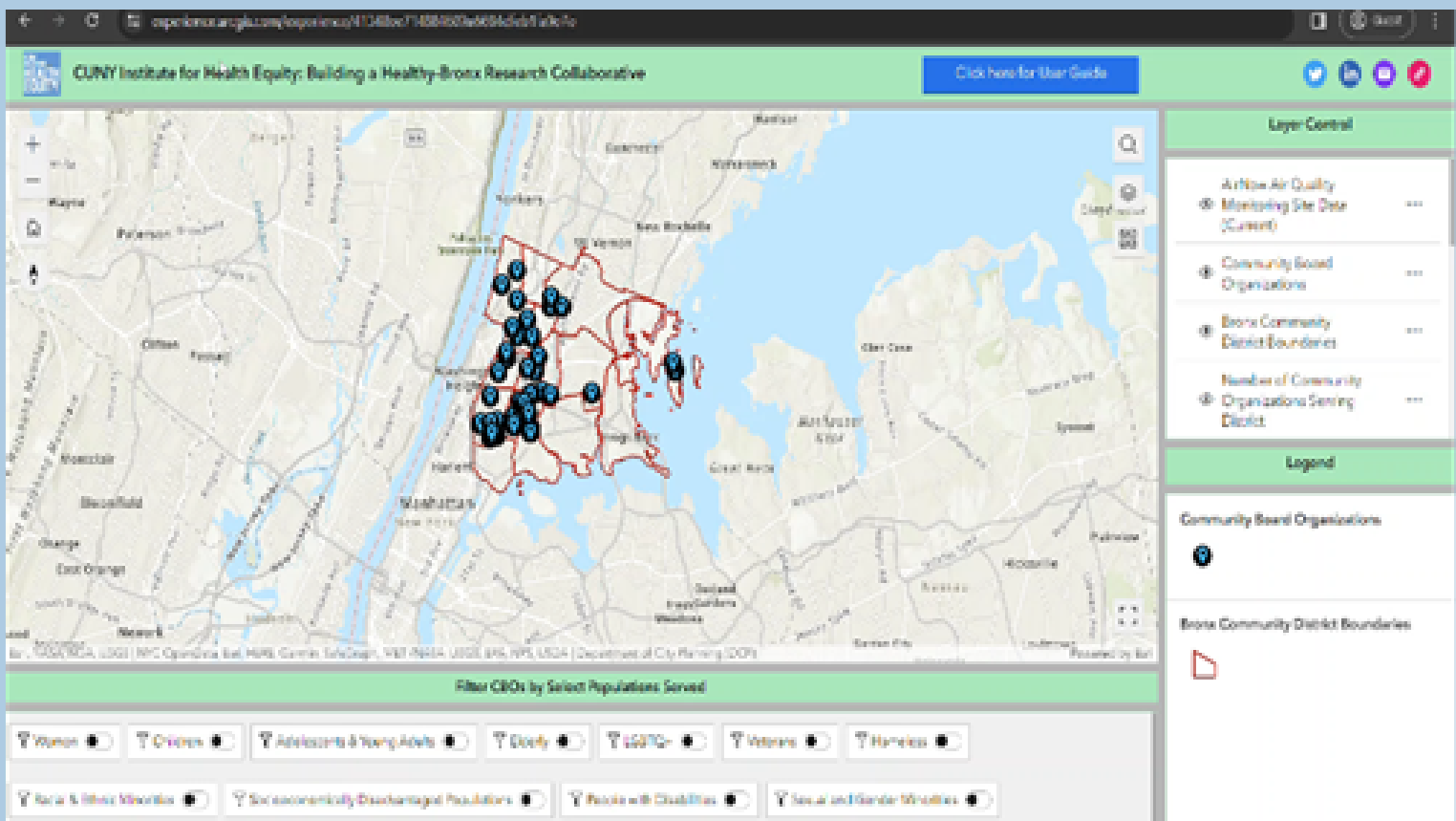
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HEALTHY-BRONX RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE

CIHE revamped its website adding both interactive and static maps that feature data collected from community partners who participated in the Healthy-Bronx Research Collaborative Survey.

The map below shows Bronx community-based organizations spatially aggregated and depicted by self-reported catchment area.

To see interactive maps and more information about this project, click the following link: [CIHE maps](#)-



In 2024, CIHE will conduct a second-round data call with new community partners. This next phase will proceed in collaboration with the Deputy Director of Health's office from the Office of the Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson.



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