Inequality and Health Through the Lifespan
Thurs., Oct. 25, 2018  •  Madison, WI
Pre-Registration Required

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
REGISTER EARLY • SPACE IS LIMITED
Registration opens the first Monday in August (8/6/18) and usually fills up in less than a week. Because more people want to attend than can be accommodated, please register only if you’re confident you will attend. If your plans change unexpectedly, please cancel at least 2 weeks in advance, so we have time to register someone from the waiting list. Because we have a waiting list, no walk-ins will be accepted.

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FREE BOX LUNCH INCLUDED: Choose meat or vegetarian. Some special meals can be provided for those with serious dietary restrictions.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS: 0.3 CEUs are available for attending all four lectures (none are available for partial attendance). You must sign in after the last speaker. (CEUs are required in some professions to remain licensed.)

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS: If you need accommodations (assisted hearing devices, wheelchair seating, etc.), please request them when you register or at least a month in advance of the event.

Recordings: By participating in the event, you grant IOA permission to use photos & videos of you taken by event staff, if any, in future promotional materials.

Comments from Last Year:
• Intellectually stimulating—opened our minds to new forms of thinking, acting, & living. A day well spent!
• Excellent through & through, great job. Hopefully this great event goes on and on.
• Very interesting and fun...well organized!

We Recommend Purchasing Campus Parking in Advance:
• Several self-pay public parking lots, both campus & city run, are available within 1-3 blocks of the event.
• To guarantee parking, you can purchase a campus parking permit in advance (by Fri., Oct. 5th). An application will be sent with registration confirmation & is on our website.
• The event is also easily accessible via city buses. See: www.cityofmadison.com/metro/planyourtrip

The Gordon
Dining and Event Center
770 W. Dayton St.
Madison, WI
The 1st floor of Gordon is a public dining hall. The 2nd floor event center has been reserved for the Colloquium.

For directions & parking information see:
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Health Disparities: Who is at Risk and How Does Risk Get Under the Skin?

Based on sound evidence, across the whole of society and across the whole life course.

Economic circumstances are important but are not the only drivers of health inequalities. Tackling the health gap will take action, across research projects in New York City.

Position. He has also worked for a civil rights organization in Buffalo, NY, to address housing discrimination and has implemented multi-site initiatives in the life span. Promising future directions for the science of health disparities will also be discussed.

Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California Riverside

Recent studies estimate that about half of U.S. adults were exposed to one or more adversities as children, including abuse, neglect, household dysfunction, or low socioeconomic status. Stressful experiences in childhood may be linked to a wide array of health problems, even decades after the adversity occurred. Thus, understanding the social, psychological, and biological pathways that are responsible for these associations is a critical public health issue. This talk will focus on how and under what conditions early-life adversities compromise health in midlife and old age and whether these relationships differ for men and women. Dr. Lee is committed to investigating the social stratification of life adversities and health disparities over the life course, with a focus on gender differences. She is the recipient of a Career Development Award from the National Institute on Aging. Her recent work examines the gender-specific pathways (risk and resilience factors) through which early-life adversities affect cumulative risk of obesity and cardiovascular disease in midlife and old age.

Socioeconomic Health Disparities in the United States: Recent Research and Notable Future Directions

Thomas Fuller-Rowell, PhD

Associate Professor, Human Development & Family Studies, Auburn University

Social inequality has increased substantially in recent decades and has become a salient social problem in many societies around the world. This lecture will review recent trends in socioeconomic and racial health disparities in the United States and describe examples of recent research examining mechanisms for disparities at particular points in the life span. Promising future directions for the science of health disparities will also be discussed. Dr. Fuller-Rowell’s research focuses on the impact of social stress, discrimination, and broader contextual influences (e.g., neighborhood or social policy) on health and health disparities across the lifespan. He completed postdoctoral training as a Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Scholar at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and as a research fellow in the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan before starting his current position. He has also worked for a civil rights organization in Buffalo, NY, to address housing discrimination and has implemented multi-site action research projects in New York City.

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Growing inequality is a defining feature of our era. Risks for poor health track with inequality; they are higher among less advantaged individuals compared to those more advantaged. However, socioeconomically disadvantaged individuals bring unique psychological profiles to their experiences, and these psychological differences matter for understanding risks for poor health through different pathways. This talk will focus on psychological well-being as a protective factor among socioeconomically disadvantaged individuals as well as address how responses to stress may be a key biological pathway that helps us understand who is at risk for poor health and who is resilient. Dr. Morozink Boylan completed post-doctoral fellowships in Health Disparities at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health and in Cardiovascular Behavioral Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh, before joining the University of Colorado faculty in 2016. Her research addresses the ways in which psychological factors engender risk and resilience and affect risk for poor health among socioeconomically disadvantaged individuals as well as the underlying neurobiological pathways.