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Letter from our Acting Director

Dear Curtis Center Community,

Michigan is finally getting some much needed sunshine, renewing our energy as we enter the spring season and shining a light on accomplishments of the winter term. In April Dr. Jody Jacobson Frey, PhD, LCSW-C, CEAP, presented "National Guidelines for Workplace Suicide Prevention: How Social Workers Can Help Implement Comprehensive Public Health Approaches" for the Curtis Center Health Equity Virtual Symposium with 61 attendees including students, staff, clinicians and faculty from across the country. The Curtis Center also hosted a joint symposium with the Rogel Cancer Center's University of Michigan Health Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology Program, titled, "Achieving Health Equity in Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Psycho-Oncology Care," which was spear-headed by our Faculty Affiliate Dr. Anao Zhang and Pre-doctoral Fellow Nina Jackson Levin. In the spirit of staying true to the Curtis Center's mission, we remain committed to continuing to facilitate conversations and generate knowledge to promote health equity at the University of Michigan and beyond.

We have lots of great symposiums, talks, and events planned for this summer and fall so stay tuned for future events from the Curtis Center for Health Equity Research and Training!

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Associate Professor, University of Michigan School of Social Work

Acting Director, Curtis Center for Health Equity Research and Training

Co-Director, Pilot and Feasibility Program, MCDTR

CURTIS CENTER STUDENT TRAINEES SPOTLIGHT


Meet Two Of Our Student Trainees
Srijanji & Keion



Srijani Sengupta, B.S.
Biology,
Health, & Society,
(B.S. December 2022),
Curtis Center Clinical
Research Coordinator

Keion Harris
Senior, Undergrad in
Psychology
(B.A. expected April 2023),
Curtis Center Undergrad
Research Assistant

[Click here to view the video](#)**HIGHLIGHTS**

Dr. **James L. Curtis**, the founding donor and namesake of the Curtis Center, celebrates his 101st birthday.

Happy 101st Birthday, Dr. **Curtis**!



Farewell, Curtis Center Postdoctoral Research Associate, Dr. **Ed-Dee Williams**!

We wish you all the best as you embark on your new tenure-track faculty position with Boston College.

Dr. **Hawkins** received a grant through SUCCEED (Supporting Careers and Cultivating Excellence, Engagement, and Diversity) from the U-M ADVANCE Program. This funding opportunity was created to help tenure-track and newly tenured faculty in the arts, humanities, and social sciences meet career needs, with a focus on enhancing the climate for and the success of a diverse faculty.

The grant funded a writing retreat for underrepresented pre-tenure and recently tenured faculty at the School of Social Work (within 2 years). The retreat was held at St. Johns Resort in Plymouth, MI in February 2023. A focus group was held during the retreat to brainstorm how the larger university administration can better support underrepresented early career faculty.



Congratulations, Curtis Center External Advisory Board member and previous Professor at the University of Michigan School of Social Work, Dr. **Michael Spencer**, on your appointment to Acting Dean of the University of Washington School of Social Work, and forthcoming promotion in July as the Ballmer Endowed Dean of the UW SSW!



NEW & RENEWED FACULTY AFFILIATES

This year, we welcome back our previous Faculty Affiliates and welcome our matriculated Signature Program Initiative Faculty Leads into their new roles as Faculty Affiliates! Here is the complete list of our Faculty Affiliates.

- **Nkemka Anyiwo**, PhD, MSW
- **Jade Burns**, PhD, RN, CPNP-PC
- **Fernanda Cross**, PhD, MSW
- **James Ellis**, PhD
- **Paul Fleming**, PhD, MPH
- **Janelle Goodwill**, PhD, MSW
- **Natasha Johnson**, PhD, LLMSW
- **Lenette Jones**, PhD, ACNS-BC, RN
- **Jamie Mitchell**, PhD
- **Gretchen Piatt**, PhD, MPH
- **Katie Schultz**, PhD
- **James Smith**, PhD
- **Anao Zhang**, PhD
- **Kara Zivin**, PhD, MS, MA

WELCOME, NEW STAFF!

Reagan Warnock
The University of Michigan
Undergraduate Student Research Assistant



SAVE THE DATE!

Curtis Center External Advisory Board member, Dr. **Tanya L. Sharpe**, the recipient of the Society for Social Work and Research and the Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, 2023 Aaron Rosen Lecture Award, will present her lecture titled: Beyond a Seat at "The Table": Building a Legacy of Research for Black Survivors of Homicide Victims, virtually, Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 1-2 PM ET. [Click here to access the free registration page.](#)

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

Three Curtis Center undergraduate research assistants are graduating! Congratulations, **Ash Chandrakapure**, **Keion Harris**, and **Reagan Warnock**! We are so proud of you and can't wait to see the impact you make on the world!

EDUCATIONAL IMPACT

On March 30, Dr. **Watkins** gave a keynote speech titled, "Reimagining Mental Health, Manhood, and Social Support Through the YBMen Project" at the Black Men's Mental Health Symposium hosted by the Morehouse College Black Men's Research Institute.

[Morehouse College YouTube channel.](#)



On March 18, our Acting Director, Dr. **Hawkins**, presented on the Curtis Center's health equity outreach, training and research activities at the NextGen Educated Conference, a University of Michigan student-led health equity event.

Our Faculty Affiliate, Dr. **James Smith**, Director, Dr. **Daphne Watkins**, and External Advisory Board member, Dr. **Derek Griffith** just released a new book titled [Health Promotion with Adolescent Boys and Young Men of Colour](#) (Springer, © 2023).



Our Faculty Affiliate Dr. **Zivin** was quoted in the New York Times article [Maternal Deaths Rose During the First Year of the Pandemic](#) (02/23/2022).

Our Faculty Affiliate Dr. **Goodwill** wrote a research brief for The Conversation titled, ["Black College Students Who Turn to Their Faith Think Less About Suicide"](#) (01/31/2023).

The Curtis Center Co-hosted the AYA CARE Symposium, [Achieving Health Equity in Adolescent and Young Adult \(AYA\) Psycho-Oncology Care: A Dynamic Conversation with Four Experts in the Field](#) (02/07/2023).

Our Faculty Affiliate Dr. **Schultz** presented [Strengths, Community, and Frameworks to Advance American Indian and Alaska Native Health Equity](#), for the NIH Health Disparities Research Group (03/14/2023).

The Curtis Center partnered with Peers for Progress at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Michigan Center for Diabetes Translational Research to present [A Continuum of Community Engagement in Research: Reflections on Power and Control](#) (03/23/23).

Our External Advisory Board member Dr. **Jodi Jacobson Frey** presented ["National Guidelines for Workplace Suicide Prevention: How Social Workers Can Help Implement Comprehensive Public Health Approaches"](#) for our Health Equity Symposium Series (03/30/2023).

COMMUNITY IMPACT



A recent photo from a monthly meeting of the Michigan Health Endowment Fund funded "Behavioral Health Collaborative for Young Black Men and Boys" (Curtis Center and Packard Health), held at Ozone House in Ypsilanti, MI.

Through May 1, the Curtis Center is partnering in the A2-ADVANCE (ADVAnCiNg Community hEalth) 2023 spring fundraising drive for the [House by the Side of the Road](#). View the current needs of their clients and make donations [via this Amazon Gift Registry](#).

RESEARCH IMPACT

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JOB POSTING

The Healthier Black Elders (HBE)-Flint Program is hiring a Community Outreach Coordinator! [To learn more or apply to this job click here.](#)

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