Message from the President

Dear AAHB Members,

As Fall has arrived and the temperatures in Austin are starting to drop, I hope you are enjoying the changing weather. This seems to be the perfect time to renew ourselves at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort and it appears to be the perfect site to renew ourselves physically, mentally, and spiritually. As Fall has arrived and the oppressive temperatures are starting to drop, I hope you are enjoying the changing weather. This seems to be the perfect time to renew ourselves at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort and it appears to be the perfect site to renew ourselves physically, mentally, and spiritually.

The 2016 annual of the Jay B. Black Early Career Research Award is now available online. This year’s recipient is Dr. Gloria.item Key track for Fall and Winter is the AAHB/NSF-funded “Salud Para Usted y Su Familia” project. This project is looking to hire an assistant within the USDA funded “Salud Para Usted y Su Familia” project. To apply, please email application materials to aahb.org@gmail.com.

We are also getting close to the launch of our new journal, Health Behavior Research. I am sure it will be a great addition to AAHB resources and a source of information for all of us.

Dr. Jay Maddock
Ph.D., FAAHB
President
AAHB

Professional Updates

2016 News of the Year: The Lucy R. Acott Award

The 2016 awardee of the Jay B. Black Early Career Research Award is Dr. Gloria.item Key. In addition, Dr. Spotlight: Dr. William J. H. Nies, PhD, received the 2016 AAHB Fellow/Research Laureate/Lifetime Achievement Award in public health nursing: Promoting the health of populations and communities. She co-authored and published a study in the American Journal of Health Promotion titled “Dietary Habits in a Large Group, Community-Based Intervention: Prevention and Control of Obesity” in this October’s American Journal of Public Health. Researchers merged field data collected at the University of Michigan and Community-Based Intervention: Prevention and Control of Obesity to identify a culturally adapted evidence-based intervention in rural African American churches. The study’s findings are published in the Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health, 18 (5): 941-942. She co-authored and published a study in the American Journal of Health Promotion titled “Dietary Habits in a Large Group, Community-Based Intervention: Prevention and Control of Obesity” in this October’s American Journal of Public Health.

Dr. Sarah Maness and Dr. Lorraine Reitzel’s collaboration through the AAHB RSMP yielded a funded doctoral gradual assistant position at Baylor University. Dr. Maness is the Principal Investigator and Dr. Reitzel is the Co-Principal Investigator. The mission of the Institute is focused on Helping Everyone Achieve a Lifetime of Health (HEALTH) and is a joint project of the Department of Health Promotion and Behavior and the Department of Exercise Science. The Institute was established to address health disparities in underserved communities and to promote health equity through evidence-based and community-based interventions.

Job Announcements

New Associate/Assistant Professor of Epidemiology Position at Baylor University

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Annalisa K. Reitzel is Taking Texas Tobacco Free

Lorrine Reitzel is Taking Tobacco-Free

Dr. Lorraine Reitzel (Associate Professor, University of Houston) and her colleagues Dr. Virginia McFarland (University of Texas at Austin) and Dr. Elizabeth Coggin (University of Alabama at Birmingham) with community partners Dr. Ellis H., Dr. Blythe Kryczka, and Dr. Terry S. Travis (Tarrant County Chronic Care, Texas) recently received a grant from the College Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (PP160081, 8/30/16) to disseminate and implement a previously funded multi-component tobacco-free workplace program and assess the impact of the tobacco-free workplace program in the workplace setting. The program was implemented in 15 military behavioral health centers in Texas that were not touched by the original award. The implementation of a lifestyle modification program, in a community setting, using a large group, community-based intervention: prevention and control of obesity, has been effective in reducing depressive symptoms among rural African American: REJOICE - Military Medicine: Prevention and Control of Obesity. The implementation of a lifestyle modification program, in a community setting, using a large group, community-based intervention: prevention and control of obesity, has been effective in reducing depressive symptoms among rural African American adults.

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