

March 12, 2023

Dear colleagues,

Welcome to the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Health Behavior- The science of identities: measurement & methods for translational health behavior research. We have an excellent slate of premier speakers and I am excited to learn alongside you as we explore this theme over the next few days. Our speakers will delve into topics related to health (in)equities in the context of racism and systemic policies, the intersectionality and intersectional analyses, measurement challenges and issues of data validity that arise from these complexities, lifecourse and place-based considerations, and more as they relate to health behavior and translational research.

The meeting officially begins Sunday evening where we recognize this year's Research Laureate, the winners of the Mentorship and Judy K. Black Early Career Awards, our Research Scholars and Mentoring Program class, and Fellows. Poster sessions with refreshments are held every evening and provide an opportunity to learn and network before heading out to dinner with new friends and colleagues. Join us in the mornings for breakfast and more networking, with focused topics at Monday's breakfast roundtables.

Additionally, we will have two skills-enhancing, professional development luncheons. Monday's luncheon will feature a talk on "Power, precision, and sample-size analysis in Stata, with notes on reproducible reporting" and Tuesday's luncheon will be on "Communicating Diversity in Academia: Verbal, Written, and Action." Top-scored abstracts will be featured in Research Lightning Talks throughout the program and the crowd-favorite, the Three Minute Thesis, returns. Don't miss the Monday afternoon Unplug Event, a group walk through downtown San Francisco. We conclude on Wednesday with a summary session facilitated by Dr. Lawrence Green and end the meeting with the inauguration of Dr. Hsien-Chang Lin as the 23<sup>rd</sup> President of the Academy.

It takes a village to build a program. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to Dr. Scott Rhodes, Dr. David Seal, Dr. Lisa Benz Scott, Dr. Matthew Rossheim, members of the Diversity and Equity Council, and the Conference Planning Committee for the many hours of thought and labor given to this meeting. I also want to thank the members of the Board of Directors. This past year was a year of growth and innovation, all thanks to the dedication and energy of this amazing Board. Above all, Joanne Sommers, our Executive Director, deserves all the accolades I can give for the work she does behind the scenes to keep us afloat.

Enjoy the meeting, everything the city has to offer, and let us know what you think on our meeting evaluation.

To that end- enjoy, engage, and evaluate!



Annie Lu Nguyen, PhD, MPH, CPH  
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