CALL FOR PAPERS

Psychology of Health Disparities Among African-American Populations

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Health disparities in the African-American population have been clearly documented in the United States for over 100 years. In 1906, W. E. DuBois reported, in The Philadelphia Negro, an excess of Black (compared to White) deaths from heart disease, stillbirths, consumption, and other ailments. In the mid 1980s, Dr. Margaret Heckler, then Secretary of Health, US Department of Health and Human Services, commissioned a special task force to investigate the excessive death rate of Black Americans. In 2003, the Institute of Medicine’s (IOM) landmark report, Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Healthcare presented clear evidence that Black Americans receive differential treatment regarding health and healthcare and that this differential treatment results in adverse health outcomes.

The Journal of Black Psychology seeks articles that document the causes of this problem and offer suggestions as how to reverse this devastating trend. The guest editors are particularly looking for articles that utilize an interdisciplinary approach integrating psychology with public health and social sciences in the following categories:

• The root causes of health disparities (for example, stress, life styles, and psychosocial mechanisms, etc.).
• The psychology of health-care delivery (for example, physician-patient relations, patient literacy, physical and mental health care disparities, etc.).
• The psychology of eliminating African-American health disparities (for example, ecological approach, culturally sensitive health-care research and interventions, community-based participatory research, etc.).

Interested parties should send a 300-word abstract by June 1st, 2008 to:

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