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Division News Briefs

- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates Aimee James, PhD, MPH, on receiving a 3 year, 1.14 million dollar grant from the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. The grant, Understanding and Addressing Cost Related Nonadherence to Medication: A Mixed Method Multi-Phase Study, will build off of previous work that found low-income patients used several strategies to cope with high medical costs and low financial resources. Co-investigators include DPHS faculty Su-Hsin Chang, PhD. Learn more.
- The 2016 Patient Centered Outcomes Research Center Conference will be held April 5-6 at the Eric P. Newman Education Center at Washington University School of Medicine. Registration will be available onsite.
- Join us Thursday, April 21, at 4:30 p.m. for this month's Epidemiology and Clinical Outcomes Research Seminar Series in the Doll & Hill Teaching Room, 2131, in the Taylor Avenue Building. Peter Ubel, MD, Professor of Business, Public Policy and Medicine at Duke University, will present Discussing Healthcare Costs in the Doctor's Office. See upcoming seminar series presentations.
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- Aimee James, PhD, MPH, wrote a podcast on colon cancer screening and prevention that broadcast in March 2016. Dr. James was also interviewed about her work with PECaD and health disparities in region. The Division of Public Health Sciences faculty members are helping to provide content for podcasts that will be translated into Arabic, Bosnian, Spanish, and Vietnamese. The podcasts, produced by MindsEye Radio, are broadcast in the St. Louis region and available online.

- Biostatistics and epidemiology consultation services are available for your cancer research through the Siteman Biostatistics Shared Resource facility. This facility supports cancer research through grant applications, experimental designs, study monitoring, and data analysis. Request services today.

- The Master of Population Health Sciences program will be holding an open luncheon for medical students on April 20 from 12-1pm in FLTC 213. Please join MPHS faculty and alumni to learn about the MPHS program. RSVP to Joyce Linn by April 15.

- Media Notes: 1) Aimee James, PhD, MPH, and Rebecca Lobb, ScD, MPH, were featured in The Institute for Public Health's blog with an overview of their research in Southern Illinois. The P20 grant's research focuses on reducing rural cancer disparities. 2) Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD, was quoted in The Truthout's article discussing the nuclear waste and cancer incidence in Missouri's Coldwater Creek. 3) Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH, was featured on the Breast Cancer Research Foundation's website discussing tips for parents on how to reduce their child's breast cancer risk. 4) Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH, was quoted in an article from Good to Know about reducing breast cancer risk by eating peanut butter.

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