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**International Conference on Health
in the African Diaspora of the Americas**

Baltimore, Maryland, July 4-8, 2012

The International Conference on Health in the African Diaspora of the Americas -- ICHAD2012 -- will be held July 4-8, 2012 at the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel, in Baltimore, Maryland, USA. The conference will include the creation of an edited book of the proceedings for the conference. We seek to bring together a dynamic, interdisciplinary group of scholars and health and social science leaders from across the world. Scholars from diverse disciplines, including political science, sociology, anthropology, economics, public health, and medicine are invited to submit papers for presentation at the conference. Authors of selected papers will be invited to present their work at the ICHAD plenary sessions.



The theme of ICHAD2012 is "The Great Scattering: Solving the Puzzle of Slavery, Race, and Contemporary Health in the African Diaspora of the Americas." The conference will explore how the legacy of slavery and the concept of race inform our understanding of contemporary health patterns and major health challenges in the African Diaspora of the Western Hemisphere. As the conference is focused specifically on the African descent populations of the Western Hemisphere, papers focused on Africa that do not make a clear connection to the experiences of African descent populations in the Americas will not be accepted. Topics presently under consideration include: (1) History of the African Diaspora in the Americas and the Caribbean -- An historical comparison of slavery and the lived experience of "race" in the region and the implications for contemporary black health and racial inequities in the social determinants of health. Conceptualizing Race in the Western Hemisphere -- A cross-country comparison of the meaning and utility of "race." (2) Health Status of Slave Descendants in the Western Hemisphere -- A composite profile of the health of 60 million descendants of the trans-Atlantic slave trade. (3) Nature versus Nurture -- The implications of race-based genomics for the growing movement to

address the social determinants of health and eliminate racial disparities in health in the African Diaspora of the Western Hemisphere. (4) The Social Determinants of Health -- An exploration of health and the "black experience" throughout the region, including commonalities and variance in living conditions, education, health care access, psychosocial stressors, and racism and discrimination. (5) Pathways to Partnership -- Moving to solutions through vision, unity, and transformation.

Please note that the conference sessions are not limited to these topics. Scholars are encouraged to think broadly and creatively within their respective discipline when choosing a topic for presentation. Submission of your manuscript proposal does not automatically register you for the conference. If your paper is accepted for presentation at ICHAD2012, you will be notified and offered a \$5,000 (USD) honorarium plus travel and hotel expenses to support your attendance and presentation at the conference. Submission of abstracts and proposals due July 1, 2011. Format for submission: Please submit an abstract and outline for your paper. In the abstract please be sure to clearly indicate what country or countries will be the focus of your paper. Please also indicate your academic discipline and affiliation; provide your contact information; and briefly describe the manuscript's relevance to the conference theme. Multiple submissions are permissible. Spanish, Portuguese, and French submissions are permissible, but English is preferred. Manuscript proposals should be emailed to "submissions@ICHAD.org." Please include "Attention ICHAD2012 Presentation" in the subject line of the email. If you have any questions about the submission or the conference in general, please contact John Sankofa, ICHAD Project Director at 410-955-6243 or via email at jsankofa@jhsph.edu.