



Detroit Neighborhood Health Study

Progress Report

We concluded the third year of data collection in May. This year, **1333** participants completed the telephone survey and **609** biological specimens were collected. Our sincere thanks to all who participated! We also wish to thank our field team, Denita Fate, Tameka Coleman, Veronica Hyman, Natosha Gilmore, and Dairun Hoskins, who worked tirelessly to make year three a success!

Meet Dr. Karestan C. Koenan



As an Investigator, Dr. Koenan has contributed to the analyses of genomic data in relation to mental health outcomes.

Dr. Koenan is a licensed clinical psychologist and epidemiologist. She received her MA from Columbia, PhD from Boston University and completed post-doctoral training at Columbia's Mailman School of Public Health.

Dr. Koenan is an Associate Professor of Epidemiology at the Mailman School of Public Health. Her work focuses on the etiology of post-traumatic stress disorder and her research involves a wide range of populations with trauma exposure from war veterans to hurricane survivors.

DNHS Symposium

“Health in the City,” the DNHS annual symposium took place on April 21, 2011 at the UM Detroit Center. This year we had a wide-range of speakers from the University of Michigan School of Public Health, Henry Ford Health System, and Wayne State University. Dr. Allison Aiello gave a background of the DNHS and presented initial results, Dr. Christine Joseph spoke on her work with asthma management in Detroit high school students, Dr. John Flack reported on his work with Vitamin D in African Americans and its potential to protect against cardiovascular disease, Dr. Amy Schulz and Cynthia Gamboa spoke on their work with the Healthy Environments Partnership, and finally, Dr. Erik Volz presented on the evolution and diversity of HIV in SE Michigan. Thank you to all of the speakers and attendees for interesting topics and discussion on the health of Detroit residents. Slides from the presentations are available on our website.

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Year 4

We have received additional funding and will be conducting a fourth year of surveys and biological specimen collection. Keep an eye out for the year 4 Alert Letter in your mailbox for details. Please feel free to contact us if your address or contact information has changed.

If you have **questions regarding the surveys**, please call Abt SRBI toll-free at **888-812-9285**. **Questions about the specimen collection** should be directed to **734-647-8438**. We look forward to continuing our relationship with the Detroit community!