

CSUSM Health Disparities Working Group

Distinguished Public Health Speaker Series

Shawnita Sealy-Jefferson, PhD, MPH

Fight the Power: An Underdog's Journey

When: Thursday March 4, 2021

Talk: 12:00pm-1:00pm

Small Group Discussion: 1:00-2:00pm (For CSUSM students only-Please contact rarmenta@csusm.edu if you would like to attend)

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Dr. Sealy-Jefferson is a social epidemiologist whose primary research seeks action to combat manifestations of structural racism that limit the human rights of Black families and communities. Dr. Sealy-Jefferson is the Founder, Director, and Principal Investigator of the Social Epidemiology to Eliminate Disparities (SEED) Lab. The mission of the SEED Lab is to conduct high quality epidemiologic research to find solutions to the disproportionate burden of infant mortality among Black women. Specifically, Dr. Sealy-Jefferson's scholar-activism draws from the Reproductive Justice Framework and seeks to: (1) empirically document associations between systems of oppression and preterm birth (which is the leading cause of infant death), (2) explicate the intervening biologic, social, and psychosocial mechanisms, as well as (3) identify effect modifiers of these associations among Black women. The goal of her scholarship is to inform future intervention studies, policy change, and social activism. Dr. Sealy-Jefferson also has expertise in chronic disease epidemiology.



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