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Colloquium on Qualitative Health Sciences Research

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11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central Time

In Person & Virtual (via Zoom)

Hudson College of Public Health, CHB 150

801 NE 13th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73104

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Agenda at a Glance

Hudson College of Public Health, Room CHB150,
801 NE 13th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73104

- 11:30 – 11:35 a.m.** Welcome & Coffee
- 11:35 – 11:55 a.m.** **Survivorship and Sexual Health: What We Learned from Black Men in Community Town Halls**
Parisa Ghasemi, MD, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, TSET Health Promotion Research Center, University of Oklahoma Health Campus
- 12:00 – 12:20 p.m.** **"I Became a Shadow of Myself": Menstruation and Nigerian Girls' Life Constraints**
Rachel M. Schmitz, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Sociology, Oklahoma State University
- 12:25 – 1:25 p.m.** **Keynote Address: Thinking With and Through Language: The Politics and Economics of Translation in Qualitative Health Research**
Nancy J. Burke, Ph.D., Professor of Medical Anthropology and Public Health, School of Social Sciences Humanities and Arts, University of California, Merced
- 1:25 – 1:55 p.m.** Lunch
- 1:55 – 2:35 p.m.** Poster Session
- 2:40 – 3:00 p.m.** **Reconstructing a Professional Identity: Impact of Cultural Capital on the Professional Socialization of Immigrant Physicians**
Vinayak Jain, MD, Pulmonary & Critical Care Fellow, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Oklahoma Health Campus
- 3:05 – 3:25 p.m.** **Towards a Critical Pedagogy of Qualitative Methods***
Michael R. Duke, Ph.D., Senior Qualitative Researcher and Ethnographer at the UC San Francisco Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative
- 3:30 – 3:50 p.m.** **Conceptualizing a "Lifetime of Inequity:" Physician Perspectives of Racial Disparities in End-of-life Care and Caregiver Perspectives of End-of-life Care Barriers***
Emily Schuler, M.A., Vanderbilt University
- 3:55 – 4:00 p.m.** Closing Remarks

**Indicates a remotely presented talk; Underlined name indicates a student/trainee presentation*

Full abstracts and author information is available online.
Winners of the student/trainee prizes for oral and poster presentations
will be announced on the QMCOP listserv and online:

<https://qmcop.ouhsc.edu>



Introducing Our Keynote Speaker

Nancy J. Burke, Ph.D. is Professor of Medical Anthropology and Public Health in the School of Social Sciences Humanities and Arts at the University of California, Merced. She directs the Health Equity Research group and served as Co-Director of the UC-Cuba Academic Initiative from 2015-2025. Professor Burke has designed, led, and collaborated on ethnographic, qualitative, and mixed methods research in community and clinical settings for the last twenty-five years. She employs community-engaged approaches to study the cascading effects of structural racism, chronic illness, and rurality. Her current research includes a focus on aging in the context of the changing Cuban economy and healthcare system, lay health worker/promotora models of care in rural settings, diagnostic and treatment challenges for Valley Fever, and strategic response to climate change among Hmong and Punjabi farmers in California.



Keynote Presentation: Thinking With and Through Language: The Politics and Economics of Translation in Qualitative Health Research

In a recent article, I argued that decolonizing fiscal relationships between universities and community-based organizations would also require decentering English as the primary language of research in multilingual settings in recognition that, as Membe (2016) has contended, ‘colonialism rhymes with monolingualism.’ In this talk I build upon this sentiment to reflect on the many ways translation occurs in qualitative research, the structural constraints that drive teams to choose one approach over another, and what is often lost in the process. While most researchers recognize the importance of including speakers of languages other than English in their projects, particularly those that address health disparities and inequities, how to adequately and optimally work across languages remains a challenge. Despite knowing that narratives provided in interviews become data, funding constraints drive decisions to translate in expeditious, rather than thoughtful and careful manners. Having engaged in a spectrum of approaches in qualitative and mixed methods studies over the years in which decisions were often driven by funding and timing constraints, in this talk I highlight possibilities in insight, nuance, and meaning gained by utilizing approaches that prioritize bi- and tri-lingualism in question development, research conduct, and data analysis. I close with a discussion of the broader epistemological and political considerations that undermine routinization of such approaches.

TSET Health Promotion Research Center



The OUHC Qualitative Methods Community of Practice (QMCOP) would like to thank the TSET Health Promotion Research Center (HPRC) for sponsoring the 2026 Colloquium on Qualitative Health Sciences Research



The TSET Health Promotion Research Center (HPRC) is a leading research program with a focus on the entire translational continuum – from the discovery of basic mechanisms of health behavior and behavior change, to the development and evaluation of novel interventions, to the dissemination and implementation of interventions, policies, and education throughout Oklahoma.

The mission of the HPRC is to reduce the burden of disease in Oklahoma by addressing modifiable health risk factors such as tobacco use, sedentary lifestyle, poor diet, and risky alcohol and other substance use through research, novel intervention development, and dissemination of research findings. The HPRC contains four major resources that facilitate research: Mobile Health Shared Resource, Tobacco Treatment Research Program, Postdoctoral Fellowship Training Program, and Tobacco Regulatory Science Clinical Laboratory. The center was established in 2007 with funding from the Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) as part of their efforts to support statewide and community-based cessation and intervention projects.

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The OUHC Qualitative Methods Community of Practice (QMCOP)

The OU Health Campus Qualitative Methods Community of Practice (QMCOP) is a campus-wide initiative to foster and disseminate cutting-edge qualitative research within and beyond the University of Oklahoma Health Campus. The QMCOP conducts itself according to three characteristics of an effective Community of Practice. First, a shared domain of interest. We believe in conducting rigorous qualitative research and aim to bring together members who are equally committed to understanding how best to advance high-quality, impactful qualitative research at OU Health Campus. Second, the community. We believe in creating an environment that values qualitative research and offers members the opportunity to engage in discussions and activities, as well as fostering relationships that promote co-learning. We are committed to providing mentorship to trainees in qualitative research methods, as well as creating a community of expert faculty members from diverse academic disciplines. Finally, the practice. The QMCOP meets quarterly through a seminar series. Members present both recently completed and ongoing projects so we, as a community, can learn from and provide support to other members when needed. Our ultimate goal is to develop an inventory of practical resources, ranging from knowledge and first-hand experiences, to advanced learning materials and shared datasets that offer opportunities for collaboration on exciting and meaningful qualitative research projects.

This campus-wide community of practice aims to build the OU Health Campus' capacity and reputation in employing excellent qualitative research methods in the health sciences. The QMCOP is led by TSET HPRC faculty Julia McQuoid, PhD and Jordan Neil, PhD, and Hudson College of Public Health faculty Kerstin M. Reinschmidt, PhD, MPH.

You can learn more about QMCOP seminar announcements, activities, and resources at: <https://qmcop.ouhsc.edu> or by emailing contact-QMCOP@ouhsc.edu

Poster Presentations

Mothers' Stories of Perceived Childhood Vaccine Injury: A Constructionist Narrative Inquiry

Carianne Cornell, MA, Graduate Student, Oklahoma State University

Beyond the App: A Qualitative Study of Culture, Trust, and PSA Screening in a Randomized Digital Health Trial Among Black Men

Brittany Hudson, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Research Fellow, TSET Health Promotion Research Center, University of Oklahoma Health Campus

How Does Double Up Oklahoma Influence Food Choices? A Thematic Analysis of Open-Ended Text Box Responses from the PROVIDE Study

Yajaira L. Valdez-Garcia, Community Outreach Coordinator, University of Oklahoma Health Campus

Exploring Barriers to Cervical Cancer Screening Among Hispanic Women in Oklahoma

Nubwa St James, Doctoral Student, Hudson College of Public Health, University of Oklahoma Health Campus

Patient Perspectives on a Care Coordination and Communication Program in Oncology for Tribal Health Systems

Esma Sheikh, Master's Student, Hudson College of Public Health, University of Oklahoma Health Campus

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