

Transforming UofSC into a National Leader in Health, Inequalities, and Population Research

Dr. Katrina Walsemann



What is your project about?

Our project aims to transform the University of South Carolina into a national leader in health, inequalities, and population research by seeding four interdisciplinary studies that provide collective insight into the myriad social contexts – interpersonal, family, and clinical settings – that produce and reproduce health inequalities over the life course. These studies explore:

- How intergenerational student debt – debt acquired by students and/or parents – influences the mental health of each population;
- The socio-cultural factors shaping contraceptive attitudes and use in SC;
- The interrelationships between discrimination, coping, and mental health at the intersection of race/ethnicity and nativity; and
- How spousal experiences of discrimination influence their partner's well-being among older Black adults.

Why is the project important?

Results from the individual projects will position CHIP affiliates to successfully compete for extramural funding focused on the social determinants of health and strengthen our ability to sustain a dynamic and interdisciplinary culture that promotes intellectual exchange and collaborative research and training in health, inequalities, and population science.

Who are you collaborating with on your project?

Project leads include Dr. Katrina Walsemann (study 1), Dr. Emily Mann (study 2), Dr. Bongki Woo (study 3), and Dr. Andrea Henderson (study 4). Faculty collaborators include Dr. Caroline Hartnett, Dr. Nicole Hair, and Dr. Jaclyn Wong. Graduate assistants include Calley Fisk, Ashley White, Mia Brantley, and Adrienne Dues.

Who is funding your project?

The UofSC Office of the Vice President for Research's ASPIRE II grant program.