

Editor's Note

Welcome to the first issue of our second year. We thank you, our readers and contributors, for helping make the *Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice* a respected and widely read publication. In the coming year we will hope to take this forum for discussions about disparities international, with an increasingly global understanding of how to eliminate health disparities. We also plan to publish one or more special issues focusing on a particular health concern and/or population.

In the current issue, our lead article by Gilbert Gee and colleagues, presents findings from a study on material hardship, discrimination faced in seeking emergency food services, and the challenges people face in maintaining both their well-being and their human dignity. We present research findings ranging from the implications of increased hospitalization rates for pneumonia to the psycho-social correlates of depressive symptoms. We also present practice-related findings including the utility of process evaluation and consistency of health predictors and the implications for health policy.

We hope you will find the articles in this issue and in forthcoming issues engaging, provocative, and informative. Our shared knowledge and expertise will contribute much to global understand of health disparities and our ability to work towards their elimination

Sincerely,

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Founding Co-Editors

