



LAY STAKEHOLDERS IN SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

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HEALTH IMPACT OF STRUCTURAL RACISM

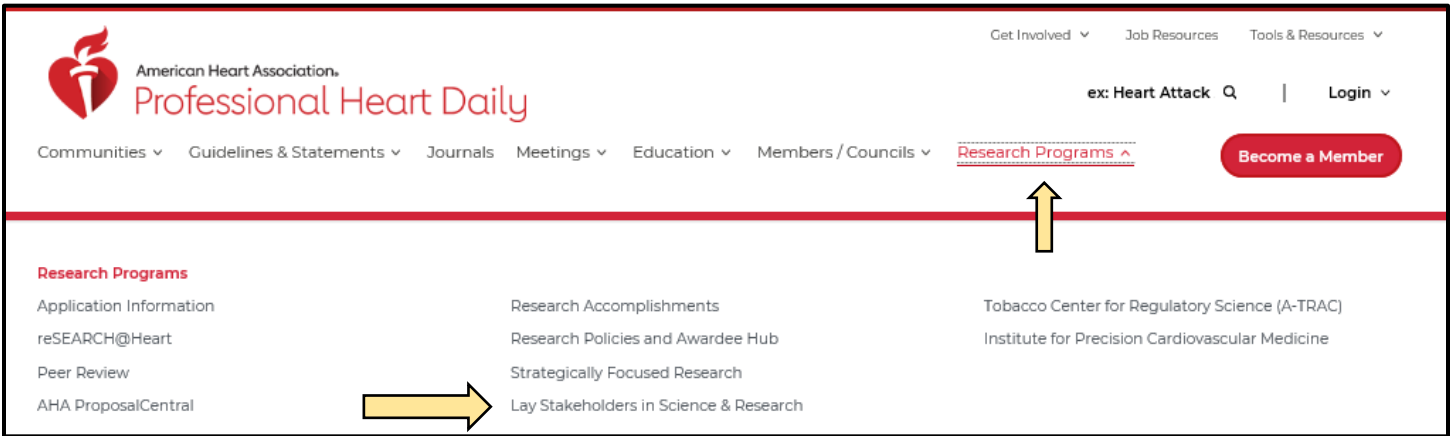
Important [Presidential Advisory](#)

Our new **presidential advisory** declares structural racism a major cause of poor health and early death from heart disease. The advisory lays out the country's history of structural racism and explains the science

history of structural racism and explains the science behind how it harms the health of people who are Black, Latino, Asian, Native American and Alaska Natives.

2024 IMPACT GOAL

*Every person deserves the opportunity for a full, healthy life. As **champions for health equity**, by 2024, the American Heart Association will advance cardiovascular health for all, including identifying and removing barriers to health care access and quality.*



A Place to Call Home Lay Stakeholders Initiative Online

Congratulations to the Lay Stakeholder Task Force for moving us forward with our new web location.

Go here to find opportunities in research and science, newsletters, and educational videos.

<https://professional.heart.org/en/research-programs/lay-reviewer-information>

The design and content are a work in progress.



LAY STAKEHOLDERS IN PEER REVIEW Making A Difference

This last quarter the focus was on peer review and strategically focused science. Thank you to all who served, took the time to review applications, and speak to the science committees on behalf of patients and caregivers.

STRATEGICALLY FOCUSED RESEARCH

Disparities in Cardio-Oncology

Arash Kiankhooy, Darin Cecil
Denise Cutlip, Ella D'Souza
Judy Coffey, Mary Leah Coco
Roger Logan, Shirley Yoshida
Sue Townsel

Health Equity Research Network (HERN): Prevention of Hypertension

Gail Mates
Linda Evers

QCOR COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Mario Browne
Richard James

The Lay Stakeholders In Science And Research Stepped Up To The Task Thank You For Volunteering!

"In reviewing the Strategically Focused Research Network - Disparities in Cardio-Oncology proposals, I learned that I am not only making the right decision in pursuing a career in medicine (I was fascinated by the depth and breadth of the reviews) but, most importantly, that there are so many good, talented people working hard to help patients like myself afflicted with cardio-oncological concerns.

"I am very grateful to have been able to play a small part in these efforts and would jump at every future opportunity to continue to do so.

"Many thanks again for letting me contribute to the AHA's efforts."

Arash Kiankhooy

Lay Stakeholder Peer Reviewer
2021 Strategically Focused Research
Network - Disparities in Cardio-Oncology

What's it all about? click: [Overview: AHA Interactive Learning Modules](#)

TEAM SCIENCE PILOT TESTERS

Gail Mates, Mary Kay Ballasiotes, Rita Figi, Meg Sullivan, Amy Basken, Deborah Pitts, Sharon Barrett, Maricela Wilson, Mario Browne, James Young, Larry Sadwin, Ed Butler, Debbie Hill, Skip Allen, Bill Roach, Monique Acosta House, Debora Grandison

HEART OF COMMUNICATING SCIENCE/ SCIENCE FOR EVERYONE PILOT TESTERS

Mario Browne, James Young, Lawrence Sadwin, Ed Butler, Debora Hill, Robert Allen, William Roach, Monique Acosta House, Gina Burroughs, Amy Basken, Deanna Talley, Jasmine Chavis, Ronda Johnson, Charu Dawra James, Don Fishback, Bern Dennis, Elizabeth Beard, John Blevins, Shelly Marshall, Aimee Rodriguez-Zepeda, Teri Ackerson, Gail Mates, Lee Surridge, Lori Byrd, Santrice Martin, Aseah Khan, Chandra Fechtelkottter, Jennifer Berliner, Sally Powers



THERE IS A NEW BABY IN THE HOUSE

Congratulations to Lauren Evanovich Catsikopoulos and Family. On May 4, 2021 they welcomed daughter, Grace Catsikopoulos!

MILESTONES

COVID-19 challenges did not stop 152 lay stakeholder volunteers from serving in AHA Science and Research for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Wondering which applicants received awards? Click here to find out [Research Accomplishments](#). Check in August for the list of the most recent AHA awardees.

VOLUNTER OPPORTUNITIES

NEW INTERACTIVE ONLINE LEARNING SERIES TO HELP SCIENTISTS BETTER EXPLAIN THEIR WORK

The AHA has launched an online course called The Heart of Communicating Science. Students will submit videos and written lay summaries explaining their work to lay audiences. Lay reviewers will provide encouragement and feedback. Students will also review each other's work to support the learning process. These activities will take place in a private LinkedIn group.

- Course overview: <https://youtu.be/Rgl430Sul2M>
- View the course: <https://learn.heart.org/lms/activity?@activity.id=7179555>
- To bypass the course fee, enter the following discount code on the payment page: **heartfree**

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