Journal Examines Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Health Issues

A unique effort to bring together Hawaiian community activists and researchers has spawned the latest issue of the journal *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action*. The journal, which is published by the Johns Hopkins University Press, is the first scholarly journal dedicated to Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR). This special issue (Volume 2, number 4) catalogs CBPR projects focusing on Hawaiian and Pacific Islander populations. For more information on the journal, visit [http://pchp.press.jhu.edu/](http://pchp.press.jhu.edu/).

“`Imi Hale—Native Hawaiian Cancer Network is a program in Hawai`i that leverages community and university resources to reduce cancer health disparities experienced by Kanaka Maoli (Native Hawaiians), the indigenous people of the Hawaiian archipelago. `Imi Hale’s work is guided by CBPR principles and empowerment theory, both aimed at strengthening the capacity of Native Hawaiian individuals and communities to identify their own problems and advocate for their own solutions. This program is based in the community, rather than the university,” writes Kathryn Braun and JoAnn Tsark, guest editors of the issue.

Braun serves as Research Director of `Imi Hale, which is funded through a grant to Papa Ola Lokahi (a Native Hawaiian Health organization) from the Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities - National Cancer Institute (5 U01 CA114630). Tsark is the Co-Project Director at `Imi Hale.

The journal features articles focusing on tobacco cessation, cancer assessment, drug prevention, and genetic research. The researchers represent a wide range of disciplines because of the wide net cast by the editors.

“We called for manuscripts that reported on community-based research and programs, strongly encouraging manuscripts from Native Hawaiian researchers associated with `Imi Hale. All of the articles in this issue feature indigenous and/or junior researchers as authors and reflect the principles of CBPR,” the editors write.

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