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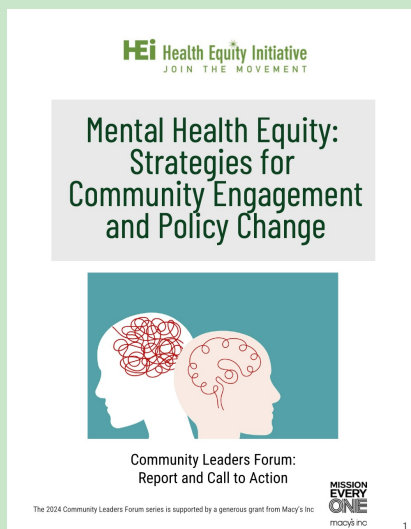


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News and Resources from Health Equity Initiative!

Check out the latest Community Leaders Forum on Mental Health Equity



Mental Health Equity: Strategies for Community Engagement and Policy Change

is now available on [Health Equity Initiative's](#) website and on Soundcloud! We are thankful for the group of community leaders who joined us on Friday, January 19th, 2024 to discuss the current challenges we are facing in the mental health field, and more specifically, the inequities occurring amongst marginalized groups.

This forum was designed, organized, and hosted by Health Equity Initiative to capture the perspectives of community leaders promoting

mental health equity within their work. The forum was moderated by Health Equity Initiative's Founder, Dr. [Renata Schiavo](#), and focused on:

1. the leaders' experience in the mental health field and what kind of changes they have seen as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;
2. promising strategies to reduce implicit and institutional bias in health and social systems;
3. policy solutions that may help advance mental health equity;
4. suggestions for community members from specific groups who are worried about their mental health or feel unwell;
5. a discussion on both key policies that have the potential of jeopardizing mental health equity, as well as policies which may help promote mental health equity;
6. a call to action for organizations, policymakers, and leaders which would help to advance mental health equity;

Please read or listen and share in your network - thank you!

Click on the following hyperlinks to access the:

1. [Full Report and Call to Action](#)
2. [Call to Action](#)
3. [Recording](#)

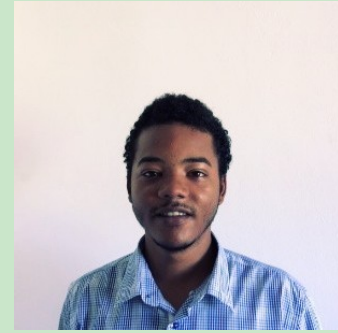
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We are grateful to Macy's Inc. for their generous support and partnership on our *Community Leaders Forums* initiative, which aligns with Health Equity Initiative's commitment to equitable community systems and to raising the influence of community voices on health, racial, and social equity issues. A heartfelt thank you to all of you at [Macy's!](#)

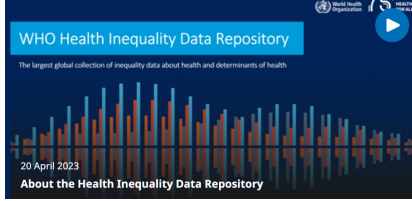
2022 Annual Report



Health Equity Initiative's 2022 Annual Report has been uploaded to the website. Click [here](#) to learn about HEI's 2022 highlights, publications, and more.

Stay tuned for the 2023-2024 Annual Report and in the meantime, visit our updated [Impact](#) page!

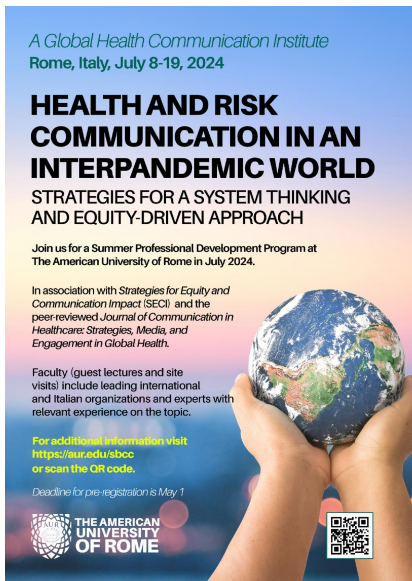
New Resource from the World Health Organization



Health Inequality Data Repository

Recently launched, the World Health Organization's (WHO) Health Inequality Data Repository is designed to encourage data disaggregation and monitor health inequities in multiple countries. Learn more [here](#).

Resources from Our Network: Summer Professional Development Opportunity



In light of global health crises, the need for skilled professionals who can navigate the complex landscape of health and risk communication has never been more critical. The American University of Rome's summer course, "[Health & Risk Communication in an Interpandemic World](#)," offers a unique opportunity for professionals to refine their abilities in this vital area, arming participants with the knowledge and tools necessary to lead in this ever-evolving field and, ultimately, to make a tangible difference in public health and clinical outcomes.

If you are a professional working in Public Health, Health Equity, Communication, Global Health, Human Rights, Healthcare, Medicine and/or International

Development who is looking for a summer professional development opportunity, please see below!

Health and Risk Communication in an Interpandemic World: Strategies for a System Thinking and Equity-Driven Approach

July 8-19, 2024

The American University of Rome
Rome, Italy

Registration Deadline: May 1st

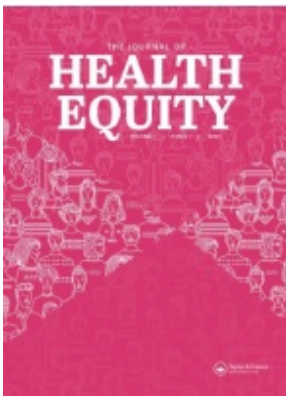
Participation is restricted to a maximum of 25 participants.

HEI's Founder and Board President, Board of Directors, Dr. **Renata Schiavo**, serves as the lead faculty and course director for this 10-day summer institute and professional development course.

Learn more [here](#).

A Certificate of Completion will be Awarded by [The American University of Rome](#)

Resources: NEW open access, peer reviewed journal



The [Journal of Health Equity \(JHE\)](#) (Taylor & Francis) is a new international journal dedicated to promoting health equity through innovative research, policy discussions, and community engagement. The journal focuses on a range of health equity topics, including health policy, administration, services, and systems, public health, health professions education, and community partnerships.

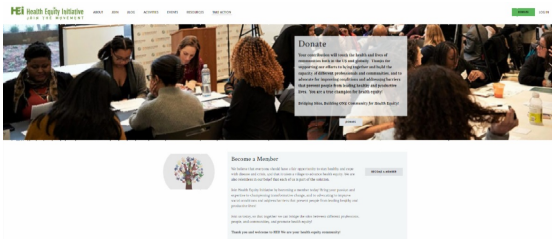
Congratulations to the Journal Editor-in-Chief [Dr. Andreas Xyrichis](#) and to the inaugural editorial board, including HEI's own [Dr. Renata Schiavo](#), who serves as Senior Editor at JHE!

Read the [introductory editorial](#) by members of the editorial board to learn more about the Journal! Submissions are already being accepted!

Resources from Our Network on Health Equity and Related Issues

- **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: [2023 National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Report](#)**
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): [Long COVID Household Pulse Survey](#)**
- **Mental Health Technology Transfer Center: [Crisis Care Guide: Mental Health Equity in Underserved Populations](#)**

Take Action!



There are many ways to get involved with Health Equity Initiative. Learn about how you can [take action](#) and support health equity!

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About Health Equity Initiative

Health Equity Initiative (HEI) is a member-driven membership organization dedicated to building and sustaining a global community that engages across sectors and disciplines to advance health equity. By bringing together and enlisting the efforts of the public and private sectors, professions and communities that have both a stake and an influence on social determinants of health, HEI advocates for improving conditions and achieving equity in health for all. We focus on championing transformative change, supporting knowledge, engaging communities and leaders, and building capacity across sectors and disciplines to address barriers that prevent people from leading healthy and productive lives.

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