UNEQUAL TREATMENT REVISITED AFTER TEN YEARS: ARE WE ON THE RIGHT PATH? Part II

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Featuring...

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2014 W. Montague Cobb Lecturer
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Building on the NMA's century-long history of advocacy on behalf of the medically underserved, the Cobb Institute strives to achieve health equity for populations of color through research and policy analysis. The vision of the Cobb Institute is to become a premier resource center for data, information, and research pertaining to racial and ethnic health and healthcare disparities.

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Dear Friend and Supporter,

Welcome to Hawaii!!

The W. Montague Cobb/NMA Health Institute is hosting our Ninth Annual Lecture and Health Disparities Lectureship and Symposium during the National Medical Association’s Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly in Honolulu, Hawaii. This event will take place on August 3, 2014 from 2:00 pm until 4:30 pm in the Honolulu Convention Center. We are honored each year to host this major plenary session that explores the latest thinking and action in the field of Health Disparities research.

The theme of the Symposium, as well as the other activities of the Cobb Institute at this convention, is “Unequal Treatment Revisited: Where Have We Been, Where Are We Now and Where Are We Going?”

The W. Montague Cobb lecturer for 2014 is Dr. Thomas LaVeist. He will frame the question and the dilemma we face today. He will be joined by an outstanding group of speakers for the panel discussion including Dr. Alvin Poussaint, Dr. John Ruffin, Dr. Gail Wyatt, Dr. Cato Laurencin and Dr. Gary Puckrein.

The Cobb Institute celebrates the 10th year of its existence, having been launched by the National Medical Association in Washington, D.C. in 2004. The Cobb/NMA Health Institute was established to combat and reduce health disparities of the poor and medically underserved. We seek to utilize research and policy analysis to provide the most current data, information and research related to healthcare, racial and ethnic health inequalities.

The office of the Cobb Institute remains in Washington, D.C. and Cobb is a close supporter of the National Medical Association in efforts to mitigate the impact of health and healthcare disparities that are related to race and ethnicity and continue to reside in our communities. We have many academic and community partners who support the existence of the Cobb Institute on a daily basis. Each of these organizations has contributed to the programs of the Cobb Institute that will be presented during this meeting in Hawaii.

We look forward to meeting you and hope you enjoy and benefit from the many educational offerings provided at the National Medical Association Convention. We should all plan to enjoy the beauty and hospitality of Hawaii as well.

Sincerely,

Randall Morgan, M.D. M.B.A.
Executive Director
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Thomas A. LaVeist, Ph.D.
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INTENDED AUDIENCE
This program is designed for physicians, nurses, physician assistants, residents, fellows, scientists, and other healthcare professionals interested in closing the gap in health and healthcare disparities.

FORMAT
Keynote lectures from leading institutions, scientists, and researchers will provide a forum for scientific exchange between faculty scientists and NMA researchers interested in eliminating health disparities among African Americans.

RESEARCH GOAL
Resource Slide Kit that focuses on unequal healthcare treatment of African Americans and patient management strategies.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION CREDIT
The National Medical Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The National Medical Association designates this educational activity for a maximum of 2 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. The National Medical Association has reviewed and approved as an Authorized Provider by the International Association for Continuing Medical Education and Training (IACET), 8405 Greensboro Drive, Suite 800, McLean, VA 22102-5120. The NMA will award 0.3 of CEUs to participants who successfully complete this program.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE
Upon completion of the symposium the participant should be able to:

1. Examine progress made toward the elimination of health disparities during the decade following the publication of Unequal Treatment (2002).
2. Understand principles and new theories regarding health and health care disparities.
3. Discuss current research centered on the reduction and elimination of health disparities.
4. Address interventions that impact the underserved community.

DISCLAIMER
All speakers participating in CME activities provided by the National Medical Association Department of Continuing Medical Education are expected to disclose to the audience any real apparent conflict(s) of interest related to the content of their presentations.
STATEMENT OF NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Studies have shown that despite improvements in the overall health of the United States, racial and ethnic minorities continue to experience a lower quality of health care and have higher rates of morbidity and mortality than non-minorities. Disparities in health care exist even when controlling for gender, condition, age and socio-economic status. The sources of these disparities are complex, rooted in historic and contemporary inequities, and involve many participants at several levels, including health systems, their administrators and bureaucratic process, utilization managers, healthcare professionals and patients. Evidently, many actors may contribute—wittingly or unwittingly, in ways both large and small—to create a pattern of inequitable care.

The Institute of Medicine’s Report *Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities* increased awareness of the existence of Racial and Ethnic Disparities in healthcare. The report concluded that stereotyping, biases, and uncertainty on the part of the providers can contribute to unequal treatment of minority patience. The Report also described how these disparities emerge, and summarizes relevant findings and recommendations to help healthcare managers and professionals meet the objective of providing high-quality care for all patients. The W. Montague Cobb/NMA Health Institute convened a panel of medical professionals, public health experts and community practitioner in January 2014 to review the progress in the elimination of health and healthcare disparities.

The 2014 W. Montague Cobb Annual Lecture and Scientific Symposium will explore a detailed comprehensive multi-level strategy needed in order to address disparities in the healthcare system. Participants will discuss where we’ve been, where we are, and where we’re going in the elimination of health and healthcare disparities. The goal is to understand the impact of social determinants of health while exploring promising strategies and opportunities in research. Subject matter experts will share information from the healthcare and health policy disciplines and provide an update in the progress to eliminate health care disparities, since the release of the *Unequal Treatment* Report.
The distinguished faculty includes scientists, researchers and public health practitioners that are internationally recognized from leading institutions.

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Cobb Lecture and Disparities Symposium
Location: Honolulu Convention Center

1:30–2:00 pm CME Registration and Credit

2:00–2:10 pm Welcome and Introduction
Moderator: Randall C. Morgan, Jr., M.D., M.B.A.
Executive Director, W. Montague Cobb/NMA Health Institute, Past President,
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Distinguished Remarks
Cato Laurencin M.D., Ph.D.
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2:10–3:00 pm W. Montague Cobb Lecture

Introduction of the W. Montague Cobb 2014 Lecturer
George Hill, Ph.D.
Levi Watkins Jr. Distinguished Professor of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology
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Race, Ethnicity and Health: Historical, Political and Economic Context Then and Now
Thomas A. LaVeist, Ph.D.
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Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Discussion and Audience Q & A
3:00–3:45 pm  Panel I: Unequal Treatment: Have We made Progress?

Moderator  Randall C. Morgan Jr., M.D., M.B.A.

**The Evolution of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, a Retrospective Analysis.**

John Ruffin, Ph.D.
Former Director, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities

**Minority-serving Providers in the Information Age: The ACA and Big Data Solutions**

Gary A. Puckrein, Ph.D.
Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Minority Quality Forum

3:30–3:45 Discussion and Audience Q & A

3:45–4:45 pm  Panel II-Unequal Treatment: Where Are We Going?

Moderator  George Hill, Ph.D.

**Mental Health and Health Disparities**

Alvin F. Poussaint, M.D.
Harvard Medical School
Professor of Psychiatry, Faculty Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Director of the Office of Recruitment and Multicultural Affairs

**Racism and Social Determinants of Health**

Gail E. Wyatt, Ph.D.
Professor, Dept. of Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sciences
UCLA Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior
Director, UCLA Sexual Health Program
Director, Center for Culture, Trauma and Mental Health Disparities
Co-Director, HIV/AIDS, Substance Abuse and Trauma Training Program (HA-STTP)
Associate Director, UCLA AIDS Institute
Director, UCLA HIV/AIDS Translational Training Program (HATT)

**Diversity in the Health Professions: The Role of Under-represented Minorities in the Elimination of Health Disparities**

Cato T. Laurencin M.D., Ph.D.
Chairman of the Board of Directors,
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4:30—4:45 Discussion and Audience Q & A

4:45 pm  Wrap-up and Next Steps

George Hill, Ph.D.
ALVIN F. 
POUSSAINT, M.D.

Alvin F. Poussaint, MD is a Professor of Psychiatry and Faculty Associate Dean for Student Affairs at Harvard Medical School. He served on the staff of the Judge Baker Children’s Center from 1978–2010, including serving as Director of the Media Center from 1994–2010. He is author of Why Blacks Kill Blacks, 1972; co-author, with James Comer, of Raising Black Children, 1992; co-author, with Amy Alexander, of Lay My Burden Down, 2000; and co-author with Bill Cosby, of Come On, People, 2007.

He has written over a hundred articles for lay and professional publications. In 1997, he received a New England Emmy award for Outstanding Children’s Special as co-executive producer of Willoughby’s Wonders. Dr. Poussaint is an expert on race relations in America, the dynamics of prejudice, and issues of diversity as our society becomes increasingly multicultural. He believes that extreme (violent) racists suffer from a delusional mental illness. He lectures widely on college campuses and also serves as a consultant to government and private agencies. In addition, he is active in consulting to the media on a wide range of social issues. He is concerned with media images and issues regarding the needs of children and the changing family. He is a strong proponent of non-violent parenting and parenting education.

GEORGE C. 
HILL, PH.D.

George C. Hill, Ph.D. is currently the Distinguished Professor of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology Emeritus and the Levi Watkins, Jr. Professor in Medical Education Emeritus at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. He also served as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Multicultural Affairs and Special Assistant to the Provost at Vanderbilt University (2011–2012). From 2002–2011, he served as Associate Dean for Diversity in Medical Education. He is also a past President of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (2007–2009).

Dr. Hill was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies in 1998 and is a Fellow of the Academy of Microbiology in 2002. He was elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2011 for distinguished contributions to tropical diseases research, leadership as President of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases, and for fostering a diverse research and healthcare workforce.

He was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Nairobi, in Nairobi, Kenya and a NIH Special Research Fellow at the University of Cambridge in Cambridge, Great Britain. As a biochemist, his research interests include the study of the molecular biology of African trypanosomes. He also has interest in the elimination of health disparities.

Dr. Hill is the Founder and President of Leadership Excellence, LLC which is committed to working towards a diverse workforce of science and medical leaders. The mission of Leadership Excellence, LLC is to help institutions and organizations nurture, mentor, and increase the numbers of leaders from diverse backgrounds in the healthcare and biomedical sciences fields.

Dr. Hill has trained Ph.D. students, M.S. students and post-doctoral fellows. In 1999, Dr. Hill was recognized as a “Giant in Science” by the Quality Education for Minorities Network for his commitment to motivating minority students to pursue the sciences. He received the 2013 Levi Watkins Jr., M.D. award from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine for fostering diversity and inclusion throughout the university as well as nationally.

Before joining Vanderbilt, Dr. Hill was Professor of Microbiology and served as Vice President for Sponsored Research at Meharry Medical College, where he also served as Dean of the Graduate School, Director of the Division of Biomedical Sciences, and Associate Vice President for International Programs.
Currently, he serves on the NIH Fogarty International Center Scientific Advisory Board, Cobb/NMA Health Institute Board of Directors and the Cooper Medical School of Rowan University Medical Board. Dr. Hill obtained his B.S. from Rutgers University, M.S. from Howard University, and Ph.D. from NYU in Biochemistry.

CATO T. LAURENCIN, M.D., PH.D.

Cato T. Laurencin, M.D., Ph.D. is the Albert and Wilda Van Dusen Distinguished Endowed Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, and Professor of Chemical, and Biomolecular, and Materials Engineering at the University of Connecticut. In addition, Dr. Laurencin is a University Professor at the University of Connecticut (the 7th in the institution’s history). An internationally prominent orthopaedic surgeon, engineer, and administrator, he is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and an elected member of the National Academy of Engineering.

Dr. Laurencin is the Founder and Director of both the Institute for Regenerative Engineering and the Sackler Center for Biomedical, Biological, Physical and Engineering Sciences at the University of Connecticut Health Center. In addition, he serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Connecticut Institute for Clinical and Translational Science at the University of Connecticut. Dr. Laurencin earned his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from Princeton University and his medical degree magna cum laude from Harvard Medical School. During medical school, he also earned his Ph.D. in biochemical engineering/biotechnology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dr. Laurencin has been named to America’s Top Doctors and America’s Top Surgeons, and is a member of the American Surgical Association, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. He is the recipient of the Nicolas Andry Award from the Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons. In research, Dr. Laurencin is an International Fellow in Biomaterials Science and Engineering and a Fellow of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering, and a Fellow of the Biomedical Engineering Society. Dr. Laurencin was named one of the 100 Engineers of the Modern Era by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers at its centennial celebration.

Dr. Laurencin’s work in mentoring students is well known. He received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring from President Obama in ceremonies at the White House. In 2012, Dr. Laurencin received the Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award for mentoring and the American Association for the Advancement of Science’s Mentor Award. Formerly the Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean of the School of Medicine at the University of Connecticut, Dr. Laurencin served as the Lillian T. Pratt Distinguished Professor and Orthopaedic Surgeon-Chief for the University of Virginia Health System. He has held numerous national leadership positions including Speaker of the House of the National Medical Association, and Chair of the W. Montague Cobb/NMA Health Institute. Nationally he has served as a member of the National Advisory Council for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering at N.I.H., and the Advisory Committee to the Director of the National Institutes of Health.

EDITH P. MITCHELL, M.D., PH.D., FACP

Edith P. Mitchell, MD, PhD, FACP, serves as Clinical Professor of Medicine & Medical Oncology and Program Leader in Gastrointestinal Oncology at Thomas Jefferson University. Dr. Mitchell serves as an Associate Director of Diversity Programs for the Kimmel Cancer Center at Thomas Jefferson University. Her research in pancreatic cancer and other GI malignancies involves new drug evaluation and chemotherapy, development of new therapeutic regimens, chemo radiation strategies ... for combined modality therapy, patient selection criteria, and supportive care for patients with gastrointestinal cancer. She served as a physician in the U.S. Air Force, where she attained the rank of Brigadier General.

Dr. Mitchell has extensive clinical research experience and is a member of multiple national study sections and committees. She travels nationally and internationally teaching and lecturing on the treatment of gastrointestinal malignancies. Dr. Mitchell serves as a Member of the
Strategic Advisory Board at DiagnoCure Oncology Laboratories. She serves as a Member of Strategic Advisory Board at DiagnoCure Inc. Dr. Mitchell served as a Director of Response Genetics, Inc. from January 2010 to September 21, 2010. She has authored and co-authored more than 100 articles, book chapters, and abstracts on cancer treatment, prevention, and cancer control.

GAIL E. WYATT, PH.D.

Gail E. Wyatt, Ph.D., is a clinical psychologist, sex therapist and professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Bio-behavioral Sciences at UCLA. She was an NIMH Research Scientist Career Development Awardee for 17 years. She has conducted national and international research since 1980, funded by the National Institutes of Mental Health, the National Institute of Drug Abuse, state and private foundations.

Dr. Wyatt is Director of the UCLA Sexual Health Program, an Associate Director of the UCLA AIDS Institute and coordinates a core of behavioral scientists who consult with other researchers to recruit underserved populations and conduct research that effectively incorporates socio-cultural factors into HIV/AIDS research. Dr. Wyatt has received numerous awards and honors for her scientific accomplishments, mentoring, and teaching. She has also testified before the United States Congress eight times on issues related to health policy. She was the first African-American woman to be licensed as a psychologist in the state of California.

GARY A. PUCKREIN, M.D., PH.D.

Gary A. Puckrein, MD., Ph.D. is President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Minority Quality Forum (formerly the National Minority Health Month Foundation), a not-for-profit organization that he founded in 1998. The Forum addresses the critical need for strengthening national and local efforts to use evidence-based, data-driven initiatives to guide programs to eliminate the disproportionate burden of premature death and preventable illness for racial and ethnic minorities and other special populations.

The goal of the Forum is to strengthen the capacity of local communities to eliminate the disproportionate burden of premature death and preventable illness in minority populations through prevention, early detection, and control of disease complications. Dr. Puckrein also serves as the Executive Director of the Alliance of Minority Medical Associations (a collaborative effort of the Asian and Pacific Physicians’ Association, the Association of American Indian Physicians, the Interamerican College of Physicians and Surgeons, and the National Medical Association), which was formed on the basis of evidence-based data that highlight significant disparities in health-care treatment plans and outcomes among many underserved populations within the United States. In April 2001, the National Minority Health Month Foundation launched National Minority Health Month in response to Healthy People 2010, the national health-promotion and disease-prevention initiative.

Dr. Puckrein graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Brown University, where he received his master’s degree (1974) and doctorate (1978). Between 1974 and 1992, he taught and lectured at Roger Williams College, Brown University, Connecticut College, and Rutgers University, where he was a tenured member of the faculty. Dr. Puckrein has received many awards and honors, including being named a visiting scholar and fellow at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History and a visiting fellow at Princeton University. He was publisher of American Visions, the country’s leading African American art and cultural magazine, which he launched during his tenure at the Smithsonian Institution and Rutgers University. Dr. Puckrein also created and launched Minority Health Today, which served the needs of clinicians practicing in minority communities.
JOHN RUFFIN, PH.D.

Dr. John Ruffin recently retired as the Inaugural Director of the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities. He is a well-respected leader and visionary in the field of health disparities. He has devoted his professional life to improving the health status of minority populations in the United States and to developing and supporting educational programs for minority researchers and health care practitioners. His success has been due in large part to his ability to motivate others and gain the support of key individuals and organizations, as well as to his expertise in strategic planning, administration, and the development of numerous collaborative partnerships. For over 15 years, he has led the transformation of the NIH minority health and health disparities research agenda from a programmatic concept to an institutional reality. He has served as the Associate Director for Minority Programs, Office of Minority Programs; and the Associate Director for Research on Minority Health, Office of Research on Minority Health. As the NIH federal official for minority health disparities research, through multi-faceted collaborations, he has planned and brought to fruition the largest biomedical research program in the nation to promote minority health and other health disparities research and training.

RANDALL C. MORGAN JR., M.D., M.B.A.

Randall C. Morgan Jr., M.D., M.B.A. was appointed the Executive Director of the W. Montague Cobb/ National Medical Association (NMA) Health Institute in June 2005. He also is an Orthopedic Surgeon who practices in Sarasota and Bradenton, Florida. After serving as founder and President of University Park Orthopedics in that community, he has become a partner in the Sarasota Orthopedic Associates. Dr. Morgan served as the 95th President of the National Medical Association during the years 1996 and 1997. He was the first board certified orthopedic surgeon to hold that position.

Dr. Morgan is a true pioneer in his profession and was among the first surgeons to perform total joint replacement surgery at Northwestern University. Dr. Morgan has practiced medicine in Evanston, Illinois and well as in his hometown of Gary, Indiana for over 30 years prior to his relocation to Sarasota. With the assistance of his father, Mr. Randall C. Morgan Sr., he founded The Orthopedic Centers of Northwest Indiana and served as its president from 1975 to 1999. At one time this was the largest minority owned Orthopedic Practice in the United States. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and the American Board of Managed Care Medicine. He is also a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

THOMAS A. LAVEIST, PH.D.

Thomas A. LaVeist, Ph.D. is the William C. and Nancy F. Richardson Professor in Health Policy and Director of the Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, his doctorate degree in medical sociology from the University of Michigan and postdoctoral fellowship in public health at the Michigan School of Public Health.

Dr. LaVeist has published more than 100 articles in scientific journals including Health Affairs, Journal of General Internal Medicine, American Journal of Public Health, American Journal of Epidemiology, American Journal of Sociology, Milbank Quarterly, Medical Care, Journal of the American College of Cardiology, Ethnicity and Disease, Health Services Research, and Social Science & Medicine. He is a highly sought after lecturer at leading universities, corporations, professional conferences and workshops. His research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, Center for Disease Control, Department of Defense, Commonwealth Fund, Sage Foundation and the Agency for Healthcare Research. In 2012 he organized and hosted the International Conference on Health in the African
Diaspora, which brought together health advocates from 24 countries in the Western Hemisphere.

Dr. LaVeist has provided consultation services for numerous federal agencies and healthcare organizations on minority health and cultural competency issues and racial disparities in health. His dissertation on racial disparities in infant mortality was awarded the 1989 Roberta G. Simmons Outstanding Dissertation Award by the American Sociological Association. He is the recipient of the “Innovation Award” from the National Institutes of Health, and the “Knowledge Award” from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health. In 2013 he was elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies.

In addition to his scholarly writing, Dr. LaVeist has written articles for Newsweek magazine, Black Enterprise magazine, and the Baltimore Sun. The second edition of his edited volume, Race, Ethnicity and Health: A Public Health Reader (Jossey-Bass Publishers) was published fall 2012. His textbook, Minority Populations and Health: An Introduction to Race, Ethnicity and Health in the United States, (Jossey-Bass) was published in 2005. He is also the author of The DayStar Guide to Colleges for African American Students (Stanly Kapkin/Simon and Schuster), and co-author of 8 Steps to Help Black Families Pay for College (Princeton Review/Random House). His most recent book project, Legacy of the Crossing: Life, Death, and Triumph among Descendants of the World’s Largest Forced Migration is planned for publication in 2014.
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ABOUT THE COBB INSTITUTE

William Montague Cobb M.D., Ph.D., D.Sc.

The W. Montague Cobb/NMA Health Institute (Cobb Institute) was launched by the National Medical Association at Howard University in 2004 in Washington, DC. The Institute was named in honor of the distinguished Physician, Anthropologist and Professor of Medicine and Anatomy at Howard University, the late William Montague Cobb M.D., Ph.D., and D.Sc. The Cobb Institute is presently engaged in various research activities focused on the reduction and elimination of health disparities.

The vision of the Cobb Institute is to change the landscape of population health by advancing the use of health research to eliminate health disparities and improve the health of all Americans. The solution to one of society’s most pressing problems, inequities in health, lie in the collaborative work of communities, public agencies, private organizations, and the broader scientific community. Through research and policy analysis, the Cobb Institute seeks to inform communities, researchers, practitioners, and policymakers to improve practice, policy and decision-making.