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## ***JPHCOPH Faculty Accepted as National Scholars***

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Dr. Simone Charles, Associate Professor of Environmental Health Sciences, and Dr. John Luque, Assistant Professor of Community Health of the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, Georgia Southern University, have been accepted as scholars for the NIH National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) Translational Health Disparities Course: Integrating Principles of Science, Practice and Policy in Health Disparities Research that will take place August 5-16, 2013 in Bethesda, Maryland at NIH Campus. The program is offered through joint sponsorship between NIH/NIMHD and the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

The course is a two-week intensive research program that will provide specialized instruction on the concepts, principles, methods, and applications of health disparities science, evidence-based practice, community-engagement, and policy. Nationally and internationally recognized experts in health disparities science will lead individual sessions.



The selection process for the course was extremely competitive. NIMHD selected only 20% of all applicants from across the nation. Drs. Charles and Luque's acceptance as scholars is a great testament to their excellence in health disparities scholarship and their potential to continue to address health disparities. This program will facilitate the work of these faculty scholars as they labor towards reducing health disparities and advancing the health of rural, underserved and minority communities of southeast Georgia.

Dr. Charles' research includes elimination of environmental health disparities in pediatric chronic disease prevention and management, healthy housing, and engaging youth in promoting healthy communities through behavioral and social change. Dr. Luque's research includes Latino immigrant and migrant health, cancer prevention and control, and use of social marketing in health disparities work.

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