

Power Shifting and Advancing Equity in Research Collaborations

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 | 1-5 pm

Bolden 4, Hyatt Regency New Orleans, Louisiana

Background

Colonialism and its legacy are part of our shared human history. The social structures, funding models, and knowledge generation practices that define global health are rooted in a history of inequality, exploitation, and racism. For the community that focuses on population, this is also a history of coercion, population control, and eugenics. This history may not be un-done and prior calls to challenge this legacy have fallen short. There is a growing awareness and pressure to address this as the world moves to 'de-colonize' global health.

Proof of Concept

In [November 2022](#), over 200 members of the international family planning community came together to discuss how we can shift power and advance equity in global health. A coalition of the willing co-created a pre-conference intentionally centering Black and Brown leadership, drawing from a non-traditional pool of speakers, modeling authenticity and transparency along the way.

Power Shifting at PAA

With the aim of identifying, connecting, and amplifying others interested in power shifting, members have come together to develop a community dialogue to be held before the start of the [Population Association of America's annual meeting](#).

We hope to encourage participants to engage confidently in conversations about decolonizing knowledge production, legitimization, and use. The session will begin with a reflection on the conversations already happening in these spaces and then explore successes and challenges in centering individuals and communities within research collaborations and partnerships.

View the event [agenda](#) and [speakers](#) on the following page.

Agenda & Speakers

Time & Format	Session Description
<p>1:00 – 1:15 pm Plenary Presentation</p>	<p>Meeting Facilitators: Goodness Ogeyi Odey & Amanda Burgess Introduction & Stage Setting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflections on the history of demography • What is happening in other spaces? • What does it mean to decolonize knowledge?
<p>1:15 – 2:00 pm Plenary Panel</p>	<p>Part 1: Power Shifting in Action – Reflections from Case Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Apoorva Jadhav, United States Agency for International Development • Dr. Jean Christophe Rusatira, Johns Hopkins University • Althea Anderson, The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation • TBC, African Institute for Development Policy
<p>2:00 – 3:00 pm Facilitated Table Discussions</p>	<p>Part 2: Exploring opportunities and challenges to shifting power in research collaborations and partnerships</p>
<p>3:00 – 3:15 pm</p>	<p>Coffee & Tea Break</p>
<p>3:15 – 4:15 pm Fireside Chat</p>	<p>From co-founding to decolonizing: how has power shifting worked in practice?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jacques Emina (University of Kinshasa) and • Dr. Thomas A. LaVeist (Tulane University)
<p>4:00 – 5:00 pm Interactive Brainstorm</p>	<p>Part 3: What might this look like?</p>

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