Structural Racism, Police Violence, and Population Health Research

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Structural racism has profound negative effects on population health. The shooting of unarmed Black Americans by law enforcement results from and perpetuates structural racism. These killings have acute, obvious as well as long-term, insidious negative health consequences for Black Americans. In this panel discussion, four leading population health scholars will explore how structural racism manifests itself through institutional and physical violence. Our panelists will share research analyzing the impact of law-enforcement related deaths of unarmed black citizens as well as the impact of exposure to the chronic stress associated with racialized violence. Through their varied conceptual and methodological approaches, the panelists will discuss how the structural violence of law enforcement-related deaths become embodied in and lead to population-level health inequities.

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