



COVID-19 Working Group Includes CHPDP Researchers

A new team of researchers from the United States, Canada, and Kenya has received an award to support a COVID-19 Working Group for Public Health and Social Sciences Research. The working group will be co-led by Dr. Angela Chia-Chen Chen at ASU Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, and Dr. Mamuji at York University in Canada.

This Working Group is interested in issues of stigma, fear, discrimination, and backlash in light of COVID-19, as well as social countermeasures and emergency management actions that can be taken to address them. The group's broad scope includes research interest in Sinophobia, stigma faced by frontline workers and those that have tested positive, compounded by discrimination experienced by those already marginalized, and the role played by culture and social media.

The ASU team also includes Drs. Wei Li and Karen Leong of Asian Pacific American Studies in ASU's School of Social Transformation (who collaborated with Dr. Chen in an NSF-funded post-Katrina study), Drs. Sunny Kim and SeungYong Han in Edson College, and Dr. Chen's doctoral student, Lihong Ou.

"This award provides a timely opportunity to advance our collective efforts to address key ethical, methodological, and empirical gaps related to COVID-19," stated Chen. "We are thrilled by this unique opportunity to work with transdisciplinary scholars across countries and begin to understand the complex phenomena with a cross-national angle."

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