

ISHIB APPOINTS NEW EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF *ETHNICITY & DISEASE*

The ISHIB Board of Trustees officially announces the appointment of Roland J. Thorpe, Jr., PhD as the new editor-in-chief of *Ethnicity & Disease*. Dr. Thorpe is an associate professor in the Department of Health, Behavior, and Society, the founding director of the Program for Research on Men's Health in the Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions, and deputy director of the Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (JHBSPH). He holds a joint appointment in the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Department of Medicine, Division of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology, and the Department of Neuroscience, and in the Undergraduate Program in Public Health Studies Program in the Johns Hopkins Krieger School of Arts & Sciences. He is a faculty associate in the Johns Hopkins Center to Reduce Cancer Disparities at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He is also a faculty associate in the Johns Hopkins Center of Aging and Health at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and a faculty associate in the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing Center for Innovative Care in Aging. Dr. Thorpe is also a visiting research fellow at Duke University's Center on Biobehavioral Re-

search on Health Disparities.

Dr. Thorpe is a social epidemiologist and gerontologist whose research agenda focuses on understanding how key social determinants of health such as race, socioeconomic status, and segregation affect health and functional outcomes among men across the life course. He serves as principal investigator of the Stress and Longevity among African American Families, Race Disparities in Mobility Disability Among Men Project, National Black Men's Health Pilot Study, the Black Men's Health Project, and the Disparities in Prostate Cancer Treatment Modality and Quality of Life: Baseline Study. He has published more than 130 peer reviewed journal articles and 10 book chapters. His work appears in flagship journals including, *Journals of Gerontology Medical Sciences*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *American Journal of Men's Health*, *Ethnicity & Disease*, and *International Journal of Men's Health*.

Dr. Thorpe's research has been supported by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities and the National Institute on Aging. Dr. Thorpe serves on the feder-



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ally appointed Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health Advisory Committee for Minority Health, and the National Committee for Vital and Health Statistics. He also serves on the American Psychological Association Working Group on Health Disparities for Boys and Men. He is a guest editor of the *Journal of Gerontology Psychological Sciences* on the topic of psycho-social influences of African Americans men's health, guest editor of *Family and Community Health* on the topic of social determinants of men's health disparities, guest editor of *Behavioral Medicine* on the topic of health of

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boys and men, lead guest editor of *Ethnicity & Disease* on the topic of minority men's health explaining disparities using a life course perspective.

Dr. Thorpe also teaches courses on health disparities, research methods, advanced methods in health services research, and scientific writing in public health. In addition, he serves as faculty co-sponsor of the Critical Issues in Health Disparities journal club and the certificate program in Health Disparities and Health Inequality. Dr. Thorpe also serves as program faculty on three T32 grants and a R25 grant that focuses on mentoring early career faculty primary from minority serving

with several of these trainees. In 2011, Dr. Thorpe was a recipient of the JHBSPPH's Advising, Mentoring, and Teaching Recognition Award.

Dr. Thorpe will serve a five-year term as editor-in-chief of *Ethnicity & Disease* through December 31, 2021. "I am excited about the opportunities the journal has in advancing science and discovering solutions for reducing health disparities," Dr. Thorpe commented. *Ethnicity & Disease*, now in its 27th volume year, will continue its focus on publishing information on the causal and associative relationships in the etiology of common illnesses through the study of ethnic patterns of disease. "In the upcoming year, we will focus on special themes including: Critical Race Theory in Public Health; Advances in Community Partnered Participatory Research: Behavioral Health and Beyond; and Eliminating Health Disparities through Academic Community Partnerships," continued Dr. Thorpe.

At the same time, the ISHIB Board of Trustees commends Keith C. Norris, MD, PhD who has served as editor-in-chief for the last 15 years, with service on the board for another two years prior to his appointment as editor-in-chief. "It has been a distinct pleasure to serve *Ethnicity & Disease* during these years and I remain committed to work with the journal to continue to achieve our goals of providing scientifically valid scholarly



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information for researchers and others interested on a variety of topics including ethnic differential disease rates, impact of migration on health status, social and ethnic factors related to health outcomes, and metabolic epidemiology, to name a few," stated Dr. Norris. Under Dr. Norris' guidance, the journal has grown to: deliver robust scholarly content through its website launched in 2015; conduct peer review through its customized portal; and deposit all content with PubMed Central as a permanent repository. The editorial board was also expanded in membership and re-structured to include nine associate editors actively involved in peer review guidance. Associate editors represent the fields of epidemiology, basic science, biostatistics, behavioral science and public health / policy. Dr. Norris will remain on the editorial board as editor-in-chief emeritus.

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1998

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1999-2001

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2002-2017

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institutions. During Dr. Thorpe's career, he has mentored 15 undergraduate (10 underrepresented minorities), 5 master (3 underrepresented minorities), 6 predoctoral (4 underrepresented minorities), 5 medical (4 underrepresented minorities) and 2 postdoctoral students (both underrepresented minorities). He has published