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| **This document is a final report to the NCRM detailing the project deliverables and outcomes and the contribution of the visitor exchange proposal to the broader NCRM remit is required within 6 months of completion of the visit (Maximum 3000 words)** | |
| **Project title** | |
| Developing appropriate intersectionality-informed social science research methodologies in ethnicity and health research which incorporate how ‘race’, gender and class intersect. | |
| **Type of award: Outgoing** | |
| **Principal Investigator (PI)** | |
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| **Institution** | The Open University |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables from the application** | 1. To explore social science methodologies for developing intersectionality-informed research.  2. To develop intersectionality-informed methodological frameworks that can investigate the intersections of race, class and gender into ethnicity and health research.  3. To develop a research proposal based upon a social science, intersectionality –informed research methodology on the health and wellbeing of Black Caribbean women in the UK and Atlantic diaspora with Dr Lisa Bowleg.  4. To produce research outcomes from the International Visitor Exchange Scheme including a peer-reviewed joint article with Dr Lisa Bowleg on developing social science methodologies for intersectionality-informed mixed-methods research.  5. To bring together a community of interest in the UK to inform and take forward the proposal produced.  6. To advance the state of knowledge in the field of research methodologies on intersectionality and health to inform ethnicity and health research in the UK.  7. To facilitate knowledge exchange to support the development of future research projects around intersectionality and health.  8. To work with the NCRM to disseminate the findings from the International Visitor Exchange Scheme through a joint seminar at the Open University with the NCRM. Prof Ros Edwards at the NCRM has agreed to co-organise the seminar and will link this into the NCRM seminar series and publicity processes.  9.To disseminate the findings from the International Visitor Exchange Scheme on the website of the Black Women’s Health & Wellbeing Research Network at the Open University [Black Women’s Health &Wellbeing Research Network:  [www.open.ac.uk/black-womens-health-and-wellbeing](http://www.open.ac.uk/black-womens-health-and-wellbeing)],  10 to produce a contribution to NCRM Methods News and a NCRM Methods Review paper. The topic of the contribution will be about how taking an intersectional approach addresses some of the methodological limitations of existing research on ethnicity and health in the UK. |
| **Outcomes (Academic and Non-Academic) of the IVES fellowship** | I have developed a research proposal based upon a social science, intersectionality –informed research methodology on the health and wellbeing of Black Caribbean women based on discussions with Professor Lisa Bowleg during my NCRMIVES Fellowship. The proposal ‘Improving the maternal health and wellbeing of Black women in the UK’ was submitted as an application for a Wellbeing of Women Research Project Grant in February 2019. I will receive the outcome of the application in July 2019.  I am working with Dr Lisa Bowleg on a peer-reviewed joint article on developing social science methodologies for intersectionality-informed mixed-methods research.  I am working with Prof Ros Edwards at the NCRM to disseminate the findings from the International Visitor Exchange Scheme through a joint seminar with the Open University. The seminar will take place on 4th June 2019 and Professor Ann Phoenix has agreed to speak on intersectionality –informed qualitative methodologies, Professor Greta Bauer on intersectionality-informed quantitative methodologies and I will speak on intersectionality- informed mixed methods methodology.  I am facilitating knowledge exchange around intersectionality and health. I am presenting a paper at the Mixed – Methods Research Conference at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad and Tobago, on intersectionality –informed mixed methods research (March 26th to 28th 2019).  I have been invited to speak at intersectionality workshop as part of an ESRC intersectionality project at Sheffield University through the network of intersectionality scholars I met during my NCRMIVES Fellowship.  I will produce a contribution to NCRM Methods News and a NCRM Methods Review paper. The topic of the contribution will be about how taking an intersectional approach addresses some of the methodological limitations of existing research on ethnicity and health in the UK.  I am currently co-editing a research topic (Special Issue) on Caribbean Women’s Health and Intersectionality for the peer-reviewed journal Frontiers in Sociology. |
| **Impact e.g. how have you been able to publicise your research/project or get your message out to people (Academic and/or Non-Academic)?** | I have publicised my IVES Fellowship through my contacts made in North America at George Washington University, Boston University and the University of Pennsylvania.  I recently spoke at the Caribbean and African Health Network in Manchester which was a non-academic audience. My contribution to NCRM Methods News and information on the IVES Fellowship will be posted on the Black Women’s Health & Wellbeing Research Network website. |
| **Who else has benefitted from the IVES fellowship (eg. details of workshop/seminar attendees) and how have they benefitted?** | On 4th April, I am presenting a paper on ‘Black Women’s Health : Updates from the USA’ at a Black British Academics Event on Health, Wellbeing and Happiness. I am planning a seminar on 4th June where we hope to have 40 attendees and the workshop in Sheffield, where I am presenting a paper will have 30 attendees. They will benefit from an exploration of intersectionality-informed social science research methodologies on ethnicity and health. |
| **What contribution has the fellowship made to the development of social science research methods? Please refer to the NCRM research needs consultation http://eprints.ncrm.ac.uk/3744** | The fellowship has deepened and developed my understanding of intersectionality-informed social science research methods. The fellowship has enabled me to develop research methods to investigate specific intersections. Although intersectionality-informed social science research methods were not identified in the NCRM research needs consultation. This area of research is gaining momentum and robust social science research methods are required to explore the intersections of ‘race’, gender and class in ethnicity research. Research on health inequities has tended to examine ‘race’, class, or gender and has rarely brought these dimensions together. Intersectionality proceeds from the recognition that these demographic dimensions are not isolated, independent variables that are additive but rather that they are interlocking and inter-active. My fellowship has enabled me to explore research methods that address this. |
| **How will collaborations from the IVES fellowship continue?** | As a result of my IVES Fellowship, I have become part of an international network of intersectionality scholars. This will provide opportunities for further collaboration.  Professor Lisa Bowleg has established an Institute for Intersectionality Equity Research and Policy (chartered in March 2019). I will apply to become a research affiliate of the institute and plan to continue to collaborate with Prof Lisa Bowleg.  I am working with Greta Bauer and Olena Hankivsky, intersectionality and health scholars in Canada. Following my visit to the Black Women’s Health Study in Boston, I have been invited to contribute to a book on Black Women and Public Health to be published by SUNY press in 2020. I have submitted a draft chapter which has been peer reviewed and accepted.  ankHankivskyHankivsky |