The Blueprint: Paradigm Project Updates

At a Glance...

- Stephen Shortell and Mark Fleming discuss the field of medical anthropology and its relevance to HSR in the latest installment of the Paradigm Project's *Voices of a New Paradigm* series.

- Robin Strongin, a member of the Paradigm Project community, highlights the role visual arts can play in exposing racial bias and draws insights from racial equity efforts in the museum world that could be applied to health care in an AcademyHealth blog post.

- A new issue brief summarizes a Paradigm Project convening to examine greater use of real-world data in HSR and related issues.

- **In other news:**
  - The Georgia Health Policy Center published a study that finds strategies to engage communities vary in their levels of passivity, power-sharing between communities and collaborators, and needed community involvement.

  - An article in the *Journal of Comparative Effectiveness Research* places "evidence-based methods for meaningful patient engagement along a ten-step framework for continuous engagement."

  - Sandro Galea reflects on what he sees as the false choice between diversity, inclusion, and the pursuit of excellence.

  - A *New England Journal of Medicine* "Perspectives" piece proposes a set of strategies for reducing negative sequelae of the minority tax.

  - A recent episode of the Healthcare Triage podcast explores ways to encourage success among underrepresented groups in research, higher education and medicine.

  - An upcoming webinar, sponsored by The Conversation, features Andrew J. Hoffman discussing his book on engaged scholarship and the risks, rewards,

and responsibilities of researchers bringing their work into the public sphere. Tuesday, June 22 at 5:15-6:15 p.m. ET. Space is limited. Register here.

- "Scientific publishing needs to stop treating error-checking as a slightly inconvenient side note and make it a core part of academic research." A *STAT* op-ed urges greater use of "rapid correction."

- A commentary from *The Atlantic* argues that a recent, satiric comic strip actually captures many truths about the research enterprise.

Latest Paradigm Project Updates

In the Paradigm Project's latest installment of *Voices of a New Paradigm*, Stephen Shortell, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., professor of health policy and management emeritus at the University of California, Berkeley School of Public Health, and Mark Fleming, Ph.D., assistant professor of health and social behavior at the University of California, Berkeley School of Public Health, discuss the field of medical anthropology and how it can be used to examine patient-centered research and power structures within the field of HSR.

A new Paradigm Project blog post similarly looks outside the health care field for inspiration in reimagining health services research. Robin Strongin, previously an AcademyHealth Senior Scholar and active member multiple Paradigm Project Design Teams, highlights the role visual arts can play in exposing racial bias and draws insights from racial equity efforts in the museum world that could be applied to health care.

Finally, as AcademyHealth's Paradigm Project continues to use human-centered design and other tools to identify ways to increase the relevance, timeliness, quality, and impact of HSR, integrating conversations about real-world data, community engagement, and participation will be critical. A recent issue brief summarizes a meeting of researchers and research users that took place virtually on February 24-25, 2021, titled "Complex Data and New Methods: Emerging Opportunities for Health Services Research." The meeting was convened by the Paradigm Project to examine greater use of real-world data in HSR and related issues, including safeguarding against the introduction of racial and other biases; addressing privacy concerns; establishing data standards; developing data resources as public goods; and helping researchers gain needed skills to design and conduct studies and interpret and disseminate findings.

Other key topics discussed include:

- Using nontraditional data sources and artificial intelligence methods alongside traditional HSR approaches to answer questions related to health care costs, quality, and access.

- Tapping real-world data sources to untangle the causal inference of policy and practice interventions on heterogeneous subgroups.

- Preparing the HSR infrastructure, including academia, research funding, and peer-reviewed publications, to capitalize on the promise and avoid the pitfalls of real-world data.

- Applying research findings to answer real-world policy and practice questions related to improving health and health care.