

**Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH)**

**An Interdisciplinary Research Seminar**

# **Avoiding Savior Syndrome in Academic/Community Partnerships for Research**

**Friday, October 17, 2008**

**10:30am - noon**

**College of Medicine Research Building (909 S. Wolcott); Room 5175**



This discussion will consider behaviors and communication mishaps that arise from inequitable academic/community research partnerships. Using a case study approach, participants will identify symptoms and outcomes of "savior syndrome", a phenomenon where well meaning individuals on both sides of the relationship fail to appreciate and utilize the expertise of partners.

Participants will examine the attributes of authentic community engagement for research and will identify potential barriers to

productive relationships in community engaged research.

**Presented by Cynthia Barnes Boyd, PhD, RN, FAAN**

Dr. Boyd is the Director of UIC Great Cities Neighborhoods Initiative; Director of Community Health Initiatives; Director of UIC Health City Collaborative and Assistant Dean for Community Initiatives for the UIC College of Nursing. Her research has included studies addressing social and cultural contributors to health disparities, service utilization barriers, cultural alienation, and health problems of importance to racioethnic groups. She has dedicated her career to improving access to health care by underrepresented groups. She has published, consulted and lectured nationally and internationally on issues related to health, post-neonatal mortality, and management. Dr. Boyd is nationally recognized for her work with organizations in the areas of cultural competency and work force diversity. In 2006, Dr. Boyd was inducted into the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellows Program and in 1992, she was inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing for outstanding contributions to her field.

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