



Lumas Joseph Helaire serves as the Assistant Dean for Population Health Management and Health Equity Education at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health (HSPH). He assists the dean and members of the school of public health in the identification, development, and promotion of health equity collaborative initiatives. His projects range from maternal health training programs to health equity policy reform. Dr. Helaire also works with the Harvard HealthLab Accelerators (H2A), an accelerator for social impact ventures that offers comprehensive support to Harvard University students who are entering the innovation space. He is a lecturer in the Social and Behavioral

Sciences Department at HSPH and teaches Creativity and Entrepreneurship at Harvard's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

Dr. Helaire also serves on the board of the Center for Community Health Education and Research Services, Inc. (CCHERS), a community-based organization that promotes the development of "academic community health centers" in Boston.

Dr. Lumas received his B.A. in Psychology with honors from Morehouse College, where he was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate. He then earned his M.S. in Developmental Psychology, and Ph.D. in Education and Psychology from the University of Michigan.

«The Value, Challenges, and Path to Community Engagement in Promoting Health Equity»

Health equity seeks to address the economic, social, and institutional factors and structures that lead to health disparities. To understand how these structures operate and to successfully remove or navigate them it is critical to incorporate the perspective of individuals and communities that are directly affected by these health inequities.

Community engagement is a core pillar of public health, yet, researchers, policymakers, health practitioners, and community members frequently face challenges to effective community engagement. This presentation will explore the important role and significance of community engagement in promoting health equity across research, health initiatives, and healthcare systems. We will cover successful case studies to demonstrate the barriers and strategies to effective community engagement.

**Join this special seminar on Thursday, 5th December 2024
at 4:15 pm (CET) on-site at Mittelstrasse 43, room 320 or online on zoom**

**[https://unibe-
ch.zoom.us/j/62816381231?pwd=N598LLGeXXoLaV1D6EUDdZcocsNVWb.](https://unibe-ch.zoom.us/j/62816381231?pwd=N598LLGeXXoLaV1D6EUDdZcocsNVWb.)**

1

Meeting-ID: 628 1638 1231, Kenncode: 163782

Snacks and drinks will be served after the event

S

P

e

C

i

a

l

T

a

l

lk