

Karen Lincoln

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Dr. Lincoln's research focuses on stress, aging, and mental health disparities

Biography

Karen D. Lincoln is an associate professor, director of the USC Hartford Center of Excellence in Geriatric Social Work, senior scientist at the USC Edward R. Roybal Institute on Aging, and founder and chair of Advocates for African American Elders at the University of Southern California.

Lincoln is an honors graduate from UC Berkeley, where she received a B.A. in Sociology with a minor in African American studies, and a graduate from the University of Michigan, where she earned an MSW, an M.A. in Sociology and a Ph.D. in Social Work and Sociology.

She has published more than 50 articles and book chapters in the areas of stress, aging and mental health disparities. Lincoln has been published in The New York Times and has contributed to articles published in The Washington Post, U.S. News & World Report, Los Angeles magazine and Los Angeles Daily News, and is a regular contributor to The Wall Street Journal. She has received more than \$2 million in grant funding to support her research, which focuses on improving clinical and community-based treatment of African Americans with mental health disorders and chronic health conditions. She also contributes to a blog where she fuses social commentary with her vast knowledge of health and mental health of African American communities, disseminating information about how the Affordable Care Act will impact African Americans, sharing her inspiration for a “healthy black America,” and posing questions such as “Is being black bad for your health?”

Lincoln is a fellow of the Gerontological Society of America and a Hartford faculty scholar. In 2014, she was ranked third among the most influential African American social work scholars in the United States.

Industry Expertise

Public Policy, Program Development, Education/Learning, Elder Care, Research

Areas of Expertise

Alzheimer Disease, Minority Health, Social Networks, African American Families, Social Work, Social Support, Stress and Coping, Caregiving

Education

University of Michigan

Ph. D.

University of Michigan

M. A.

University of Michigan

M. S. W.

University of California, Berkeley

B. A.

Accomplishments

Encore Public Voices Fellow

One of 20 leaders in the inaugural cohort of this Encore.org fellowship, which provides support, skills and mentoring to ensure their ideas shape the greater public conversation, especially through the publication of opinion pieces.

2018-19

Grand Marshal, University of Southern California School of Social Work Commencement

2011

Principal Investigator, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families and the Mathematica Policy Research Project

Marriage and Health in the African American Community, "Stress, Marital Satisfaction, and Mental Health Among African Americans." 5/01/08-12/31/09. \$10,000 (2008)

Scholar, National Institute of Mental Health, African American Mental Health Research Scientist Grant Workshop. Bethesda, Maryland

2006

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