

# **Tyan Parker Dominguez**

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Health care systems expert, focusing on persistent racial/ethnic disparities in infant mortality, pre-term delivery, and low birthweight

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## **Description**

Tyan Parker Dominguez joined the USC faculty in 2001 after working with children, families and adults in inpatient and outpatient medical settings, as well as community mental health clinics.

Her research focuses on persistent racial/ethnic disparities in infant mortality, pre-term delivery and low birthweight. Specific projects emphasize the psychosocial and biological impact of stress on pregnancy, as well as the role that racism-related stressors might play in perpetuating health disparities. She has presented her research at symposia hosted by the New York Academy of Medicine, Society for Maternal/Fetal Medicine, American Public Health Association, Society for Behavioral Medicine and the American Psychosomatic Society.

Parker Dominguez has served on the Centers for Disease Control's Racism and Health Workgroup and the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality. She also appears in the award-winning PBS documentary series "Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick," which was honored with the 2009 National Academies of Health Award for Outstanding Scientific TV/Radio Programming.

Parker Dominguez chairs the board of directors of the California Black Women's Health Project, a statewide health advocacy organization, co-chairs the Improving Pregnancy Outcomes Committee of the American Public Health Association's (APHA) Maternal and Child Health section, and was recently elected to APHA's Governing Council. In 2007, she was named the Maternal and Child Health Section's Young Professional of the Year.

Co-Coordinator of the Human Behavior in the Social Environment sequence and the Families and Children concentration for the Virtual Academic Center, Parker Dominguez serves as the faculty sponsor of the Christian Caucus and teaches human behavior theory and life span development, program planning and program evaluation.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Health Care - Services, Health Care - Facilities, Program Development, Writing and Editing, Research, Education/Learning, Public Policy, Health and Wellness, Health Care - Providers

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## **Topics**

Inpatient and outpatient medical settings, Community mental health clinics

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## **Affiliations**

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### **Education**

**University of California**

PhD Public Policy and Social Research

**University of California at Berkeley, School of Public Health**

MPH Maternal and Child Health

**University of California at Berkeley, School of Social Welfare**

MSW Health Practice with Families, Individuals, and Groups

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### **Accomplishments**

**Hutton Patterson Award for Distinguished Teaching and Service**

2015

Awarded by the USC School of Social Work

**Federal Appointee, Secretary of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality**

2012

Awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2012)

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