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Areas of expertise: Health disparities across the life course, focusing on the consequences of race, skin color, gender, and social class.

Taylor W. Hargrove's research seeks to uncover and explain the development of health disparities across the life course, focusing on the consequences of race, skin color, gender, and social class. Her work addresses both between-group inequalities in health as well as sources of heterogeneity within groups that differentiate pathways to health. She is currently engaged in research that explores linkages among neighborhood contexts, individual-level characteristics, and biological measures of health in early adulthood. Dr. Hargrove's primary research areas of interest are race, aging and the life course, and the social stratification of health. Her program of research examines how and why social inequalities in health unfold across the life course, and is guided by three overarching questions: To what extent do race, skin color, gender, and social class combine to shape health at different stages of life? How do pathways to health and aging differ among members of broadly defined social groups? What are the contextual, psychosocial, and biological mechanisms underlying health inequality? She is currently engaged in research that explores linkages among neighborhood contexts, individual-level characteristics, and biological measures of health in early adulthood. The goal of this work is to elucidate how macro-level environments shape the consequences of social statuses on more proximate causes of poor health. One project, for example, seeks to explore the biological and social mechanisms that may diminish the health benefits of socioeconomic resources for particular social groups in the US. Hargrove plans to continue this line of research in efforts to help elucidate the pathways through which social factors 'get under our skin' to shape health and undergird social stratification.

Education/Learning, Research

Aging and the Life Course, Population Health, Racial/Ethnic, Gender, and Skin Tone Stratification, Health disparities by race and ethnicity

American Sociological Association , Population Association of America , Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science

Vanderbilt University

Ph.D. Sociology

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M.A. Sociology

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

B.A. Psychology

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