



**Society for Prevention Research, Diversity Network Committee**

## **DNC Speaker Series**

*Advances in Prevention Science, Diversity, and Inclusion*

### **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**

#### **Studying and Advocating Asian American Mental Health: Challenges and Rewards**

**Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 2:00pm – 3:00 pm EST / 11:00 am – 12:00 pm PST**

**Join us over Zoom. Register here:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvcOytrjwHtwK0bc4oOeEMcxvFz3jNGDM>

**Speaker:**

***Brian T.H. Keum, PhD***



**Dr. Brian T.H. Keum**, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Welfare at the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs. He received his PhD in Counseling Psychology at the University of Maryland-College Park. Dr. Keum's research examines the mental health of Asian individuals in the U.S. using an intersectional lens. Specifically, he examines body image issues and gendered racism as risk factors for mental health issues and risky behaviors among Asian men and women. Additionally, Dr. Keum's primary research examines the impact of online racism and racial violence in today's digital society. He examines the mental health implications, risky behavioral outcomes (e.g., substance abuse, suicidal ideation), and negative social perceptual/worldview shifts linked to online racism among developmentally vulnerable and digitally-connected (e.g., Gen Z) youths and emerging adults of color.

Dr. Keum has published widely and extensively on these topics with 50 peer-reviewed journal articles. Dr. Keum's research has been funded and recognized by multiple divisions (General Psychology; Counseling Psychology; Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity, and Race; Group Psychology and Group Psychotherapy; Advancement of Psychotherapy) of the American

Psychological Association, the American Psychological Foundation, the Asian American Psychological Association, Society for Psychotherapy Research, Active Minds, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council in Canada. Dr. Keum' scientific contributions have led him to receive national recognition such as the 2022 National Multicultural Conference and Summit *Rising Star Award* which honors the efforts and significant contributions of early career psychologists in multicultural research, teaching, advocacy, policy, and/or clinical care. His research has garnered public attention and has been covered in major media outlets including The Washington Post, Kaiser Health News, and Vice.

The aims of the *DNC Speaker Series* are to highlight research on prevention science and public health that is led by researchers from underrepresented groups and primarily conduct research with groups that are understudied (e.g., racial/ethnic minorities, individuals who identify as a sexual minority, individuals with disabilities). The presentation series will also aim to create a forum for the guest speaker(s) to share career/professional reflections as a researcher from an underrepresented group(s) and to promote discussions of diversity and inclusion in professions related to prevention science and public health.