Frontiers in Pregnancy Research Symposium

Watch for registration information in August, 2009

Thursday, September 17, 2009
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Keynote Speaker

James W. Collins, Jr., MD
Professor – Northwestern University
Renowned expert on racial and ethnic disparities in perinatal health

Session I – Maternal Stress, Biomarkers and Preterm Delivery

Claudia Holzman, DVM, MPH, PhD
Associate Professor of Epidemiology - Michigan State University
Pioneer in studies of preterm birth, birth defects and vaginal infections

Panelists
Mark Laudenslager, PhD
Mary Coussons-Read, PhD
Jenn Leiferman, PhD

Friday, September 18, 2009
8:00 am – 12:30 pm

Session II – Behavioral and Social Factors and Preterm Delivery

Dawn Misra, PhD
Director of Epidemiology and Biostatistics – Wayne State University
Chair of Psychosocial and Behavioral Workgroup
during Surgeon General’s Conference on Preterm Birth (June 2008)

Panelists
Sona Dimidjian, PhD
Tracy Johnson, PhD
Brian Stafford, MD, MPH

Session III – Special Populations and Preterm Delivery

Jandel Allen-Davis, MD
VP of Government and External Relations – Kaiser Permanente
A leading state healthcare advocate for disparate populations

Panelists
Arne Beck, PhD
Sophia Newcomer, MPH
Stephen Scott, MD
Sharon Devine, PhD

Christopher Howson, PhD
VP of Global Programs – March of Dimes
Creating international networks to improve birth defects and preterm birth