

Melissa Creary, PhD, MPH

<http://www.melissacreary.com>

Assistant Professor

Health Management and Policy

School of Public Health

Faculty Affiliates:

Science, Technology, and Society Program

Science, Technology and Public Policy Program

Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation

Institute for Research on Women and Gender

Center for Bioethics & Social Sciences in Medicine

Poverty Solutions

RacismLab

Melissa Creary, PhD, MPH is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Management and Policy in the School of Public Health and the Senior Director for the Office of Public Health Initiatives at the American Thrombosis and Hemostasis Network (ATHN). As Senior Director she assists ATHN in finding ways to leverage public health research and policy to make a broader impact within the bleeding and blood disorders community. She received her PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies (focusing on Health, History, and Culture) at the Graduate Institute for the Liberal Arts (ILA) and Masters in Public Health at Emory University. Over a nine-year career at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the Division of Blood Disorders, she helped create and lead the first national program and data collection system for sickle cell disease (SCD) at the agency. Dr. Creary's research and teaching interests broadly include how science, culture, and policy intersect. Through a health equity lens and using historical and ethnographic methods, she investigates how national policy for SCD (in Brazil and the U.S.) is influenced by race and other notions of belonging. Her research also interrogates how inclusion and knowledge production are at odds with structural barriers. In her most recent project, she analyzes how equity-based scientific and public health policies are incongruent to the very justice they are trying to produce. She speaks on topics of justice, racism and anti-racism in health and biomedicine, COVID-19, identity politics in health, and bioethics. She has been published in Social Science and Medicine, BioSocieties, Law, Medicine, and Ethics, The American Journal of Bioethics, and JAMA Open Network.

Recent media:

[COVID-19 pandemic highlights, exacerbates health inequities in marginalized communities](#) (Radio), Michigan Radio

[What's behind the racial disparity in COVID-19 cases](#), Bridge Michigan Magazine (Print)

[Racial disparities in the time of COVID-19](#) (Print), University of Michigan

[How COVID-19 has highlighted racism as a health risk](#) (Podcast), Kings College London

[Public health and systemic racism are on the ballot in prosecutor elections](#) (Print), Michigan Advance

[A Black woman getting the first U.S. coronavirus vaccine sparked celebrations — and suspicion](#) (Print), The Lily, a product of the Washington Post