CCRTD AT CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY TO HOST TOWN MEETING ON HEALTH DISPARITIES AMONG AFRICAN AMERICANS

WHAT: The Center for Cancer Research and Therapeutic Development at Clark Atlanta University is hosting a town hall meeting. This year’s town hall meeting theme, “Improving Health Outcomes to Eliminate Health Disparities among African-Americans,” is designed to share knowledge about prostate cancer health disparities. A panel of experts and community advocates will explore the biological, environmental, genetic, and concerns of survivor activists in regards to health discrepancies among minority populations. We will engage in discussions with health professionals, researchers, community advocates and concerned individuals will lead to systematic changes in health disparities.

Confirmed panelists include:
- Dr. Robert D. Bullard, Director of Environmental Justice Resource Center and Edmund Asa Ware Distinguished Professor of Sociology, Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia
- Dr. John Carpten, Senior Investigator, Translational Genomics Research Institute, Phoenix, Arizona
- Mr. Daniel Mitchell, National Coordinator, Second Opinion Society, Atlanta, Georgia
- Dr. Gary Schwartz, Associate Professor of Cancer Biology and Epidemiology and Prevention, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

WHEN: November 18, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Clark Atlanta University, Robert W. Woodruff Library
CAU TV Studio A of the Mass Media Arts Facility

WHY: The goal of this town hall meeting is to educate and disseminate information regarding the issues of health disparities, in addition to providing support to eliminate racial and ethnic incongruities. Despite improvements in overall health of the general population, racial, ethnic, and medically-underserved populations continue to experience striking disparities in the burden of illness, disability, and premature death. African Americans are disproportionately affected by all health issues. African-American men may have the highest rate of prostate cancer incidence in the world. In addition, their prostate cancer mortality rate is twice as high as the rate for white Americans. The Center for Cancer Research and Therapeutic Development is focused on reducing prostate cancer health disparities as they relate to the African-American community.
PRESS CONTACT: To arrange a pre- or post-event interview with panelist and other spokespeople, please contact: Dr. Kimberly Davis at 404-880-6750 or kedavis@cau.edu.

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