

Distinguished Women Scholars in the Social and Behavioral Sciences Lecture Series

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Please Join Us On:

Monday, March 6th, 2023

12-1 PM

Lilly Auditorium, University Library

As We Welcome and Learn From:

Sasha A. Fleary, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor

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Dr. Fleary's Seminar Title:

Leveraging Health Literacy in the Fight for Equity

Dr. Sasha's Background and Research Focus:

Dr. Fleary is an Associate Professor in the Department of Community Health and Social Sciences at CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy. She is the treasurer of the International Health Literacy Association and co-founder and chair of the Child and Family Health Literacy Interest Group of the International Health Literacy Association. Dr. Fleary's program of research focuses on building social and cultural health capital in children, adolescents, and families who are minoritized and their communities through individual and community-level interventions. She leverages health literacy as an empowerment tool for personal and community advocacy. Among her currently funded research are an NIH-NIDDK funded digital health literacy and obesity prevention intervention for adolescents and an USDHHS-funded (in collaboration with NYCDOHMH) community organization-level health literacy intervention. Acknowledging that these types of interventions work best if systemic inequities are addressed, Dr. Fleary's most recent work has zoomed in on the role of the library as a transformative system critical for improving public health. Dr. Fleary's work has been published in *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*, *American Journal of Health Behavior*, *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, *Health Literacy Research and Practice*, and *Appetite*.



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