

DHERN July 2026 Newsletter

DHERN Announcements

- **Save the date for the annual DHERN conference** on September 29th from 12 to 4 pm EST. This year's topic will be *"At the Intersection of Structural Ableism and Disability Health Equity"*.
- If you would like to contribute to our work advancing disability health equity research, connecting researchers and trainees, and fostering the inclusion of disabled people in these efforts, you can [make a donation](#) to help sustain DHERN's mission.
- Share your recent publications, upcoming events, job opportunities with the DHERN community! To contribute to the next newsletter, please send details to us at dhern@jh.edu by the 28th of July.

Job Opportunities

- [AAAS Project Manager](#)
 - a. The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) is seeking a Project Manager to support national initiatives that advance inclusion and opportunity in STEMM education and careers, with a focus on students and people with disabilities. The Project Manager will coordinate and manage multi-year projects that strengthen STEMM pathways, including operational support and resource management, communication and dissemination, stakeholder engagement and community building, and project planning and management. If you're energized by managing complex projects, building stakeholder relationships, and contributing to programs that drive meaningful change in STEMM education, this role offers an exciting opportunity. To apply, submit a resume and cover letter outlining qualifications and interest in the position. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.
- [Remote AAPD Disability Data Fellow](#)

- a. The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) is accepting applications for a fellowship supporting work on disability data research. The fellowship offers hands-on experience in disability policy and data-driven research aimed at advancing equity and improving outcomes for people with disabilities. This opportunity is part of AAPD's broader efforts to build a pipeline of disability policy and research leaders. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, with priority consideration given to applications received by Monday, June 22, 2026. Applicants with disabilities are especially encouraged to apply.

Health Affairs Featured Article

- Janicki, M. P., and McCallion, P. (2026). "[Expanding The GUIDE Model To Include Adults With Intellectual Disability And Dementia.](#)" Health Affairs
 - a. The Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience (GUIDE) Model was designed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to improve care coordination, reduce caregiver burden, and delay institutionalization for adults with dementia. With modest administrative refinements (such as clarifying eligibility, adapting assessment approaches, and strengthening partnerships) CMS will broaden access without increasing program size. In doing so, the GUIDE Model becomes a more inclusive, efficient, and equitable model of dementia care—one that reflects the full diversity of aging in the United States.

Member Submissions

- Frederick, Angela. [*Disabled Power: A Storm, A Grid, and Embodied Harm in the Age of Disaster.*](#) NYU Press, 2025.
 - a. Extreme weather events, and the infrastructure failures that often accompany these events, pose serious threats to the health and well-being of people with disabilities and chronic health conditions. In *Disabled Power* (NYU Press 2025), sociologist Angela Frederick illuminates the experiences of people with disabilities and caregivers who endured this preventable disaster. Drawing from dozens of interviews, Frederick demonstrates how people with disabilities and chronic health conditions bear unique forms of harm when basic infrastructure, such as power and water systems, fail amid the extreme weather events that are becoming all the more common. The insights Frederick shares in this book, on both vulnerability and resilience, are especially salient as our communities contend with the rise in frequency and severity of extreme weather events.
 - b. [The code NYUAU30 can be used for a 30% discount when ordering from this link](#)

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