



THE SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT COLLOQUIUM PRESENTS:

## **Intersectional Stress Exposure and Black Women's Health in Established Adulthood**



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Albion Small Room/SSRB 305  
and via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/3po6g7Z>

Health disparities research confirms relatively poor physical health of Black women vis-à-vis other race-gender groups. Though some research has sought to identify the extent to which social factors explain disparities between Black women and other race-gender groups, the possibility of race-gender specific social mechanisms undergirding these disparities remain underexplored. Moreover, in life span development research, the age range of 30 years to 45 years has recently been identified as a critical life course period referred to as established adulthood. This stage is characterized by deep engagement with familial and work roles which could potentially elicit stress for individuals who also hold multiple marginalized statuses. Using data from a cohort of Black women, in this talk, Dr. Erving will explore how recently developed gendered-racialized stress measures influence Black women's health during established adulthood. Social mechanisms that may mitigate the influence of intersectional stressors on Black women's health will also be discussed.

*In-person attendance is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please email Meredith Clason if you would like to attend the talk in the Albion Small Room (SSRB 305). Once the available seats are taken, the event will be available only by Zoom.*