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COVID-19 response grants awarded for innovative research related to pandemic



WMU's Office of Research and Innovation has awarded five grants for research related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The projects cover a diverse field of study, from religion to education and language support. Several of these research projects are being performed by faculty members of the College of Arts and Sciences. Totaling \$31,620, the grants are funded by the Meader

Presidential Endowment—a fund specifically designated for promoting excellence at WMU.

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Two Broncos tapped to help address racial disparity in COVID-19 outcomes



Dr. Renée Branch Canady, CEO of the Michigan Public Health Institute, and Celeste Sanchez Lloyd, Community Program Manager at Strong Beginnings, are among a diverse group of two dozen medical professionals, health and community leaders appointed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to the Michigan

Coronavirus Task Force on Racial Disparities. Canady and Sanchez Lloyd both earned a master's degree in public administration from WMU. Led by Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist, the group is tasked with developing strategies to address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on communities of color in Michigan.

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WMU experts, alum explain why locally sourced food is enjoying a renaissance



Given COVID-19 disruptions that have affected everything from customer directional flow down grocery store aisles to meat availability decreases due to sick processing plant workers, evidence abounds of increased interest in how food reaches our palates and the types of food available for consumption. Food security and commercial pricing have increasingly become a concern for many families. Therefore, the way we're eating is evolving.

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