

Cancer Health Equity Center of Excellence (CHECoE)

# Annual Cancer Disparities Research Symposium

Thursday, May 7, 2026

## JOIN US TO ADVANCE CANCER DISPARITIES RESEARCH!

Hear from inspiring keynote speakers, top researchers, and panel discussions with community scientists. Learn from researchers who engaged in a Community Science Café and explore how science and community come together to make an impact at the Rutgers Cancer Institute and across New Jersey.

### FEATURING:

Scientific Distinguished  
Keynote Speaker:



## Cancer Genomics to Advance Equity Across the African Diaspora

**Sophia HL George, PhD**

Associate Director, Global Oncology Research Strategy  
Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center  
Professor  
Department of Ob, Gyn and Reproductive Sciences  
Division of Gynecologic Oncology  
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

Community Patient  
Advocate Keynote Speaker:



## Survivorship and Advocacy: Understanding Our Assignments

**Melanie A. Nix**

Transformational Speaker  
and Resilience Coach

For updates, visit:

[cinj.org/outreach/cancer-health-equity-center-excellence-annual-research-symposium](https://cinj.org/outreach/cancer-health-equity-center-excellence-annual-research-symposium)

**Register Here**

**REGISTRATION IS LIMITED**

[go.rutgers.edu/checoesympoium2026](https://go.rutgers.edu/checoesympoium2026)

Symposium starts at 8:30 am.

Mocktails, Mingle, and Poster Session starts at 4:30 p.m

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and the Scholars and Early Stage Advancement (SEA) Initiative*

**Rutgers Cancer Institute**  
Auditorium A & B  
195 Little Albany Street  
New Brunswick, NJ