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She is engaged in a series of studies on the mental health of African American and Caribbean women to identify unmet mental health needs, several studies involving the identification of how experiences of racism are translated at the neural, cognitive, physiological and emotional levels into damaging health outcomes. She is also the Co-Principal Investigator of the California Quality of Life Survey.