



# Cancer Prevention & Control Program

## COLLOQUIUM SERIES

### **Designing Culturally-Tailored Palliative Care Programs for Rural African American and Caucasian Elders: A Community Project using CBPR**



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Ronit Elk returned to academia to pursue her deep research interest on designing culturally-tailored palliative care programs in underserved populations, working in partnerships with community groups. To support her current research she was awarded a SCTR grant (MUSC) and ASPIRE grant (USC). Her recent submission to the NIH scored in the top 2%

Prior to USC, Dr. Elk was at the American Cancer Society, where as Scientific Program Director of Cancer Control and Prevention Research at the American Cancer Society, she developed national extramural research programs focusing on (a) Cancer Prevention and Control, (b) Cancer health disparities and (b) Palliative Care. Her program has funded hundreds of researchers nationwide for over \$150 million. Many of the cancer health disparities research projects are discussed in a book she co-edited: "Cancer Health Disparities: Causes and Evidence Based Solutions." Her prior academic research has focused on enhancing adherence to treatment in medically challenged drug-dependent populations. Dr. Ronit Elk received her Bachelors of Social Science in Social Work, Honors in Social Science in Psychiatric Social Work, Masters in Social Science and Ph.D. in Psychiatry, from the University of Cape Town in South Africa.

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