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# Ethics & Challenges in Community-Academic Partnerships

**November 2, 2023**

6:00 - 8:00 PM

*Hybrid*

## Overview

Science funding agencies increasingly call for applications that demonstrate participatory, action, and community-engaged research approaches, though the issues and challenges of doing the work are underreported. Insight is needed to understand the unique challenges scholars, practitioners, and community stakeholders experience when engaging in research and strategies that may be employed to overcome the issues. The purpose of this workshop is to bring together and amplify the voices of experienced academic and community experts who will discuss the needs and challenges of collaborating in research and strategies and support they rely on to be able to foster meaningful and authentic partnerships that lead to actionable outcomes.

The recording of this session can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/VIWGGKlx31h8?si=AH6FJuNiAweeHWNx>



# Agenda

6:00 PM	Dinner & Networking	All
6:30 PM	Welcome	Hayley S. Thompson, PhD
6:35 PM	Panelist Introductions Kenyetta Cole, MHI Jamie Mitchell, PhD Maha Albdour, PhD	Carrie Leach, PhD
6:40 PM	Panel Discussion	Moderated by: Carrie Leach, PhD
7:40 PM	Question & Answer	All
7:55 PM	Wrap-Up & Evaluation	Carrie Leach, PhD
8:00 PM	End	

# Panelists



**Kenyetta Cole, MHI**

President, Detroit Section of the National Council of Negro Women



**Jamie Mitchell, PhD, MSA**

School of Social Work, University of Michigan



**Maha Albdour, PhD, RN, APHN-BC**

College of Nursing, Wayne State University

# Registration:

Total Registered: 51  
Total Attendees: 21  
Participation Rate: 41%

## Attendee Background

Demographic information was available for 21 of 21 attendees.

<b>Job/Work Role</b>	<b>Total Attendees</b>
Community Member/Resident	8
Community Organization Leader or Representative	3
Wayne State University Faculty	3
Wayne State University Staff	3
Other	4

Community organization leaders or representatives who attended work for the following:

- National Council of Negro Women- Detroit Section

And, they hold the following roles/titles at these organizations:

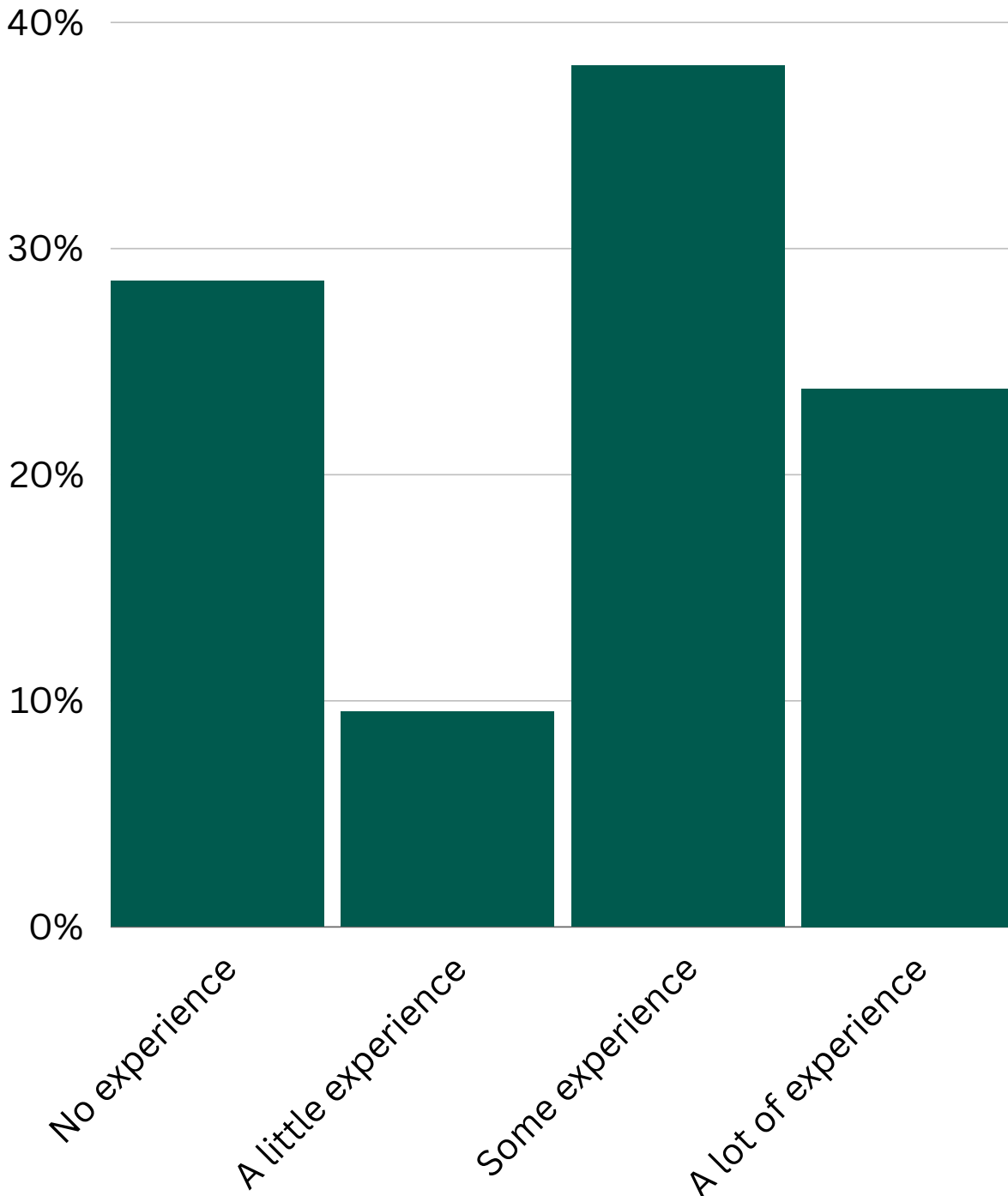
- Executive Committee Member-Chaplain
- Caring Circle Chairperson
- First Vice President
- Program Coordinator
- Second Vice President

WSU faculty and staff represented these departments:

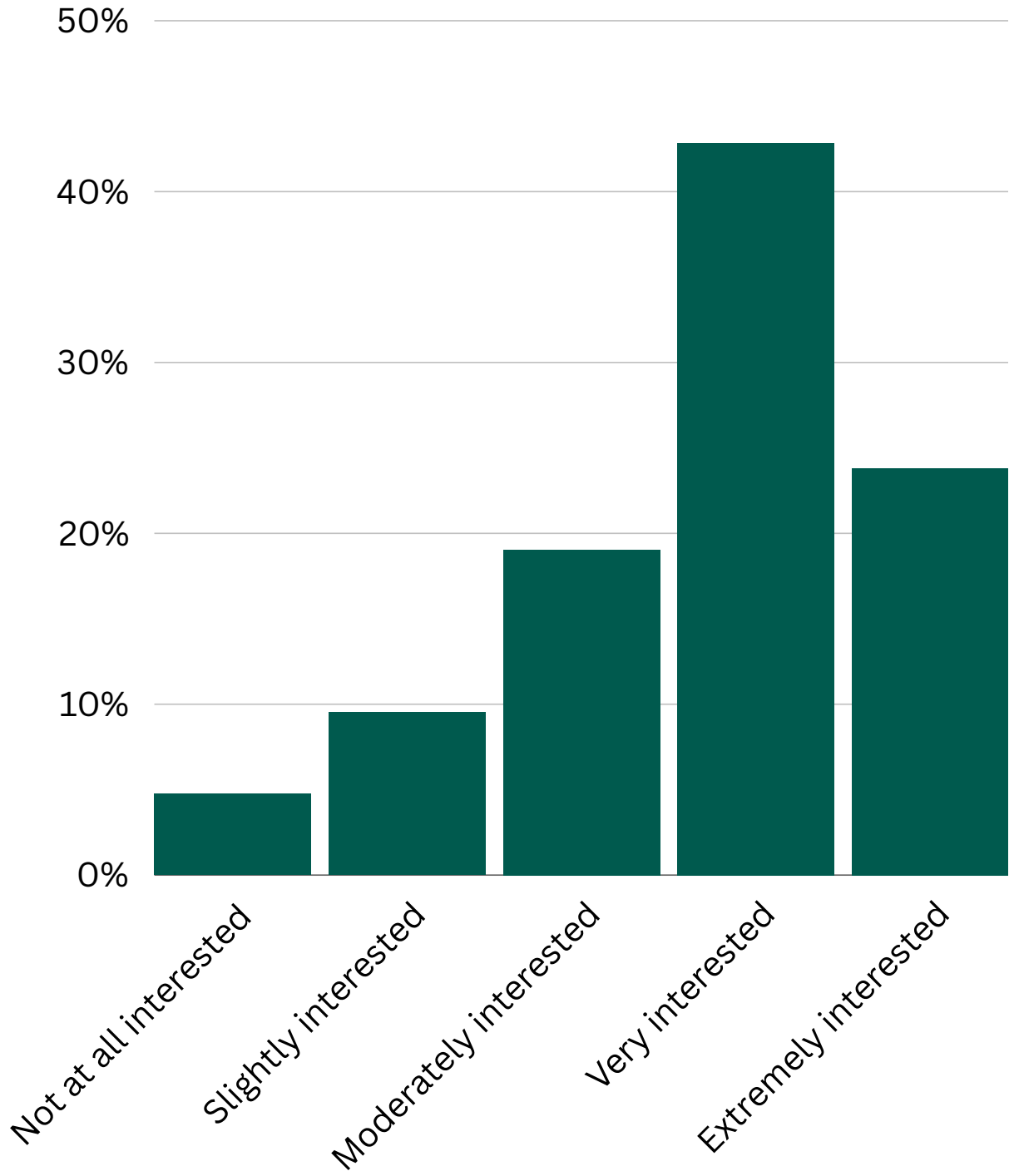
- School of Social Work
- College of Nursing
- Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute
- School of Medicine

Community-engaged research is the process of working collaboratively with groups of people affiliated by geographic proximity, special interests, or similar situations with respect to issues affecting their well-being and meaningfully involving those groups affected by a research finding in the research process (CDC (1997); Staniszewski et al. (2014)).

How much experience have you had with community-engaged research?



# What is your level of interest in community-engaged research?



## Attendee research interests:

<b>Research Interests</b>	<b>Total Attendees</b>
Community Engagement	14
Black Health	13
Physical Activity & Nutrition	10
Women's Health	9
Behavioral Health	8
Social Determinants of Health	8
Health Disparities	7
Chronic Disease	6
Public Health	6
Children's Health	4
Environmental Health	4
Cancer	3
Immigrant Health	2
Other	2
Refugee Health	2
Rural Health	2
LGBTQ Health	1
Basic Science	0
HIV and AIDS	0
Middle Eastern/North African (MENA) Health	0



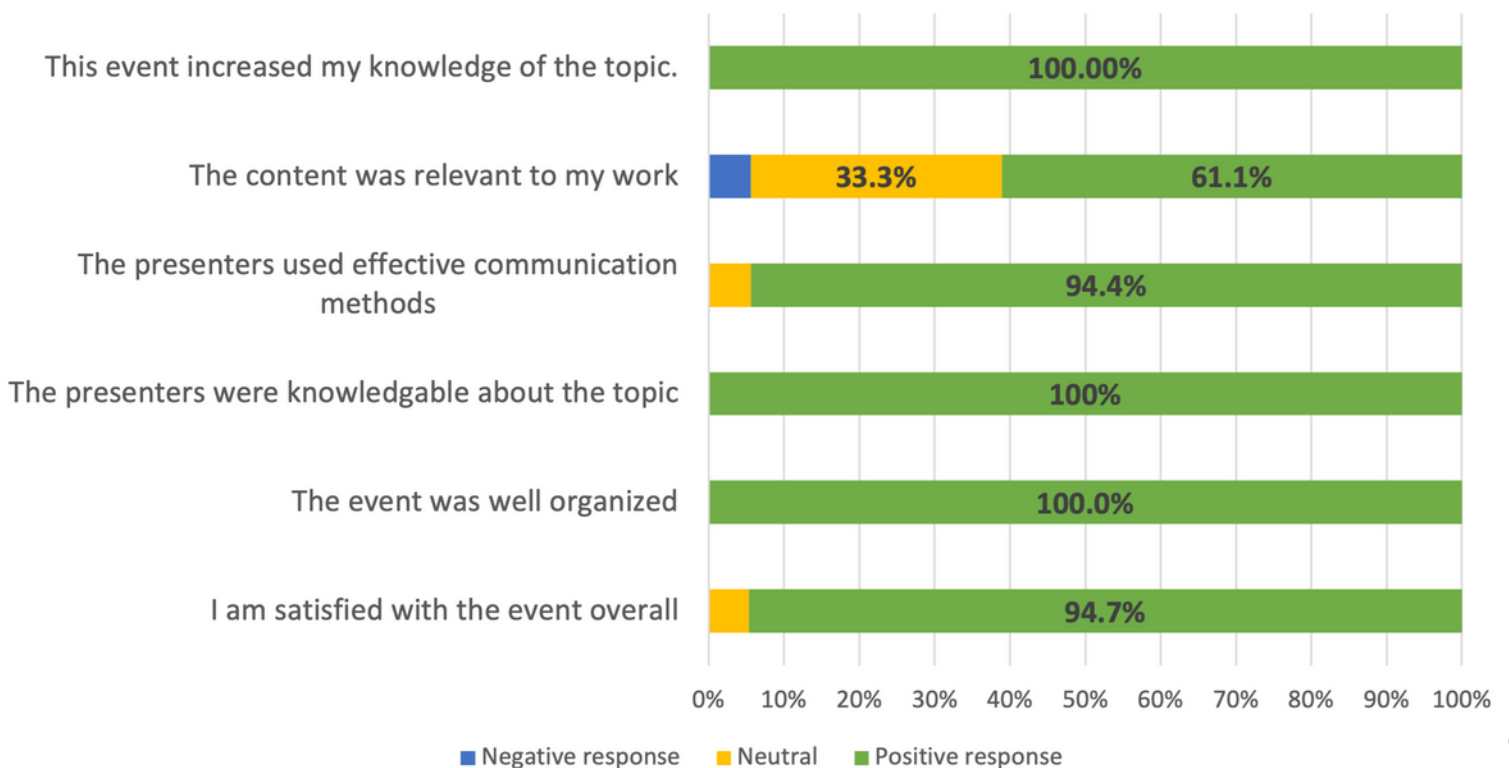
# Evaluation:

20 attendees completed the evaluation.

Which best describes you? (mark all that apply)

Community member/resident	7
Community organization leader or representative	5
Other	5
WSU Faculty	3
WSU Staff	3
Student	2
Community-based healthcare professional	1

## Based on my experience attending today's event...



## Topics of Interest for Future Events



### How will you use the information you learned at today's event?

*"Advocate for underserved/underrepresented individuals"*

*"Further educate my master students"*

*"Will share with my team and incorporate into our community engaged research projects current and future"*

*"Utilize the tools learned to enhance interaction with my community."*

*"Really considering how I use language and jargon and how this can be a barrier to engagement."*

*"Use it in my workplace and in my research activities "*

*"To further engage people in understanding the importance of engaging in research"*

*"What I've learned today, I will keep in mind for how I engage with my students and their families, as well as in my future engagements in community efforts."*

*"Seek to identify more stakeholders in the area of my work"*

*"I will use the strategies discussed to build/establish trust, encourage more participation with in community"*

## **How can CHECK-UP support community engagement with research at WSU?**

*"Keep sharing the information."*

*"Help with community-engagement "friendly" grant/funding opportunities. Or how to write grants in ways that hold community-engaged ethics in mind and are also competitive with funding requirements."*

## **What specific challenges need to be addressed to foster and improve community-engagement with research at Wayne State University?**

*"More communication among departments"*

*"Internally share resources and programs with each other as well as other departments."*

*"University-community relationships need to be investigated and repaired when there has been a rupture."*

*"Understand difficulties/challenges faces by student community"*