



A Letter From The Leadership Team

Dear Colleagues,

The Minority Health Disparities Initiative announces that Director, Kirk Dombrowski, has accepted the position of Vice President for Research at the University of Vermont, effective April 1, 2020.

He leaves MHDII after leading its staff and core faculty members, for more than six years, in innovative research and programming that aims to improve the health status of vulnerable and disadvantaged populations in Nebraska and nationally.

Through Dombrowski's leadership, MHDII has held eight state-wide minority health conferences, three writing retreats for UNL and UNMC faculty that resulted in three books, fostered a significant increase in external funding applications and awards related to minority health, and created a community of like-minded scholars who draw support and inspiration from one another.

MHDII is also proud to announce and welcome Dr. Rick Bevins and Dr. Trey Andrews as its newest Director and Associate Director, respectively. Bevins, the current Chancellor's Professor & Chair of Psychology, joins the MHDII Team in this capacity from his previous work as the Chair of the MHDII Advisory Board and founding Director of MHDII. Likewise, Andrews, an Assistant Professor in the UNL Department of Psychology, has collaborated extensively with University faculty, students, and staff through his participation as an MHDII Core Faculty Member.

As a colleague, mentor, and friend Dombrowski will be missed greatly. The MHDII Leadership Team wishes him the very best in his new endeavors and looks forward to the privilege of working with him in the future.

Sincerely,

The MHDII Leadership Team