

“The Only Thing Missing From Cultural Competency Is Culture”

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Reception to follow

Dr. Kagawa-Singer has worked in cancer care for over 35 years, and during the last 15 years, she has authored over 80 peer-reviewed articles, published 10 monographs, edited 4 books, and written over 20 book chapters in the fields of cultural competency, cancer control, mental health and community health. She has a master's degree in Nursing and a master's and doctorate in Anthropology, all from UCLA. Her work has focused on the etiology and elimination of disparities in health care outcomes for communities of color: primarily with the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. She serves on multiple local, state, and national committees addressing the impact of culture and ethnicity on health care and health outcomes, and has lectured extensively on cross-cultural issues in health, cancer, pain, grief and bereavement, survivorship, end of life decision-making, and quality of life. She also focuses on the impact of culture and cultural competency through her research on health outcomes, and the cross-cultural validity of health behavior theories and measures in communities of color.

Dr. Kagawa-Singer is Regional Principal Investigator in Los Angeles for the NCI funded national Asian American Network on Cancer Awareness, Research and Training (AANCART), and the UCLA NCI funded Minority Training Program for Cancer Control Research. She is also Associate Director and Community Director of UCLA LIVESTRONG Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center Survivorship Program, a member of the LIVESTRONGTM Survivorship Center of Excellence Network, a member of the LAF Steering Committee, the UCLA School of Public Health Center for Health Policy Research, the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, and the UC-wide Multi-campus Research Program: AAPI Policy Initiative. In addition, she maintains an active empirical research portfolio, and is Chief Editor of the journal, AAPI NEXUS: Asian American and Pacific Islanders Policy, Practice and Community.