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Dr. Simon's primary research interests are aimed at promoting health equity and eliminating health disparities among low-income, medically underserved women across the lifespan.



Integrating health services research with social epidemiologic models, Dr. Simon's research focuses on interventions (such as patient navigation and community health outreach) that aim to reduce and eliminate such disparities. Dr. Simon prefers to leverage culture and community to achieve these goals and thereby integrates a community-based participatory research framework into her work. She also has a strong portfolio of workforce development programs, including the world's first free massive open online course dedicated to health care pipeline development on the Coursera platform. Dr. Simon serves as a member of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and the National Academy of Medicine's Roundtable on the Promotion of Health Equity.