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This special topic issue, "Health and Wellness Advocacy: A New Public Engagement Pathway for African American Studies," represents our opening foray into developing a pathway to encourage more involvement by African American Studies scholars in this neglected area. Four of the authors (Bailey, Harris, Smith, and Davis) presented papers for a panel sponsored by the journal at the Centennial meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). Two other authors' work (McBride and Madlock Gatison) resulted from continuing outreach conducted at the National Conference of Black Studies (NCBS), the College Language Association (CLA) and the 2016 ASALH conference funded by a Mellon Foundation digital publishing grant obtained by the University of Illinois. The articles in this issue reflect a long-standing tradition—an intellectual history of concern about health conditions in underserved communities, a legacy largely ignored by both mainstream scholarship and national activism.

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