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### **Former NORC member Dulin Keita honored with endowed chair at Brown University**

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[Akilah Dulin Keita, PhD](#) [1], formerly a postdoctoral trainee in [UAB's Nutrition Obesity Research Center \(NORC\)](#) [2] before accepting a position at Brown University in 2012, has been honored with an endowed chair position, which is among the institution's highest honors. Her official title of Manning Assistant Professor of Behavioral and Social Sciences reflects the recognition of Dr. Dulin Keita's outstanding abilities, significant commitment in the classroom as well as in the community, and excellent scholarly work, as well as her dedicated service to Brown University and the field of public health. The assistant professorship is named for James Manning, the university's first president.

"I am extremely proud to be among the assistant professors honored with this endowed chair," says Dr. Dulin Keita

Her work focuses on identifying neighborhood contexts of diet, physical activity, and obesity-related comorbidities. She has particular interests in processes of neighborhood dynamics resulting from urban revitalization policies and public health interventions and the potential effects on the aforementioned behavioral and health outcomes. Dr. Dulin Keita is also interested in using mixed methods approaches to identify culturally appropriate childhood obesity interventions for underserved Asian populations and in examining the roles of psychosocial stressors on health behaviors and cardiovascular disease risk factors.

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