Dr. Lisa Sánchez-Johnsen is the Vice-Chair for Research and an Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at Rush University Medical Center. She is also the Co-Chair of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Workgroup in the Department of Family Medicine and is a licensed clinical psychologist. Dr. Sánchez-Johnsen is the Founder and Current Chair of the Latinx Health Equity and Health Disparities Special Interest Group in the National Latinx Psychological Association. Dr. Sánchez-Johnsen has over 26 years of experience conducting research and clinical work with Latinxs, Blacks, and other ethnic minorities in the area of culturally competent health behavior assessments and interventions. She has research interests in culturally competent health care, culturally competent obesity (diet, physical activity, and body image) interventions and assessments for Latinxs and Blacks using community-engaged approaches, disparities in weight loss after bariatric surgery across ethnic groups, and cancer, diabetes, and cardiovascular risk reduction in Latinxs and other underserved groups. Dr. Sánchez-Johnsen has received numerous NIH grants and other private awards and grants for her research in these areas. She also has a strong commitment to training and mentoring faculty, students, and trainees in conducting culture-based health research and in providing culturally competent care. This presentation will describe Dr. Sánchez-Johnsen’s approach to conducting culture-based health equity and obesity research and opportunities for community engagement and developing cultural humility as she describes her research with Latinx men and women.