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CIRA Early-Career Scientists Panel: “NIH Diversity Supplements to HIV Research Grants”



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Join us for a virtual panel discussion on Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research, also known as Diversity Supplements. This session will offer valuable insights on identifying funding opportunities and crafting a competitive application.

The panel will be moderated by Dr. John Pachankis. Featured panelists are Drs. Susannah Allison, Shan-Estelle Brown, and LaDrea Ingram.

**Thursday, September 19, 2024
11:00 am – 12:00 pm ET**

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This panel is organized by the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA) at Yale University (P30MH062294, PI: Trace Kershaw, PhD).

OVERVIEW

[*Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research*](#), commonly referred to as Diversity Supplements, aim to enhance the diversity of the research workforce by allowing a scientific researcher with an existing NIH-funded award to apply for additional funding to support a trainee from a background shown to be underrepresented in health-related research. Diversity supplement candidates can be students (from high school through graduate school), postdoctoral researchers, or investigators developing independent research careers.

This panel, moderated by Dr. John Pachankis (Yale School of Public Health), will feature Dr. Susannah Allison (Center for Global Mental Health Research and the Division of AIDS Research, National Institute of Mental Health), and two CIRA-affiliated investigators who received diversity supplement awards, Drs. Shan-Estelle Brown (Rollins College) and LaDrea Ingram (Yale School of Public Health).

MODERATOR

John Pachankis, PhD (Yale School of Public Health)

John Pachankis, Ph.D. is the David R. Kessler Professor of Public Health and, secondarily, of Psychiatry and Psychology. As Director of Yale's LGBTQ Mental Health Initiative, his goals are to: (1) identify the complex reasons that LGBTQ populations experience one of the highest risks for mental health morbidity across all of psychiatric epidemiology and (2) bring effective mental health treatments to LGBTQ people in the US and around the world. His NIH-funded studies span population-based cohorts, clinical trials, and community implementation research. This research first seeks to identify the developmental precursors and biopsychosocial mechanisms of LGBTQ people's disproportionate mental health burden. These studies then also engage these mechanisms as treatment targets. These treatments have shown efficacy for reducing the co-occurring mental health risks commonly affecting LGBTQ people (e.g., depression, anxiety, substance use disorders) across several randomized controlled trials. He has published 180+ scientific papers on LGBTQ people's mental health and co-edited the *Handbook of Evidence-Based Mental Health Practice with Sexual and Gender Minorities* (Oxford University Press). His research has received several awards, has influenced policy, and appears in international media.

SPEAKERS

Susannah Allison, PhD (Center for Global Mental Health Research and the Division of AIDS Research, National Institute of Mental Health)

Susannah Allison is a Program Officer at the National Institute of Mental Health within the Division of AIDS Research. She is also the Training Director for the division and for the Center for Global Mental Health Research. She oversees a portfolio of research and research training grants that focuses on how best to prevent the acquisition of HIV among adolescents and young adults as well as research on how best to enhance the well-being of youth who are living with HIV. She serves as the co-chair of the Sexual and Gender Minority Research Coordinating Committee at NIH. Prior to working at NIMH, Dr. Allison worked with children and families affected by HIV in Baltimore, Miami, and Washington, DC. She completed her doctorate at the George Washington University where she received her PhD in Clinical Child Psychology with an emphasis in child health psychology.

SPEAKERS

Shan-Estelle Brown, PhD (Rollins College)

Shan-Estelle Brown, PhD is a mixed-methods medical anthropologist and Associate Professor of Anthropology and Director of the Global Health Program at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida. She is a Fellow with Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Interdisciplinary Research Leaders and the author of *Writing in Anthropology: A Brief Guide* (Oxford).

LaDrea Ingram, EdD, LCASA, LCMHCA, CADC, CHES (Yale School of Public Health)

LaDrea Ingram, EdD, LCASA, LCMHCA, CADC, CHES, is a trailblazing scholar-practitioner whose dual licensure in clinical mental health counseling and addiction specialization propels her to the forefront of health innovation. As a Research Associate Scientist at Yale School of Public Health, Dr. Ingram integrates cutting-edge research with clinical-community practice to drive transformative health equity initiatives. Her recognition as a Culture of Health Leader in Racial Healing underscores her exceptional leadership in forging impactful community partnerships that champion inclusivity and dismantle health disparities.