How Long Will We Allow Intersectional Stigma (+ Invisibility) to Beget Inaccessible Miracles for HIV Prevention, Treatment & Cure?

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TAG catalyzes open collective action by affected communities, scientists, and policymakers to ensure that all people living with or impacted by HIV, TB, or HCV — especially communities of color and other marginalized communities experiencing inequities — receive life-saving prevention, diagnosis, treatment, care, and information.

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We are science-based activists working to expand and accelerate vital research and effective community engagement with research and policy institutions for an end to the HIV, TB, and HCV pandemics.
Monitoring Intersectional Stigma: A Key Strategy to Ending the HIV Epidemic in the United States

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Strategies for successful monitoring, which we believe will lead to more comprehensive, equitable, and ethical HIV interventions in the United States.

INTERSECTIONAL STIGMA IN PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE

This section describes how selected data sources can better address intersectional stigma at multiple levels of public health practice (federal, state, local, and

Stigmatizing Spaces and Places as Axes of Intersectional Stigma Among Sexual Minority Men in HIV Prevention Research

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Addressing Intersectional Stigma and Discrimination to Improve HIV-Related Outcomes

Factors contributing to ageism in people living with HIV

Interventions to fight ageism

Ageism: the -ism affecting the lives of older people living with HIV

Giovanna Guarnieri, Joana M. Mello, Maria G. Costa, Cristina Mazzoni, Esteban Marzioni, Julie Lewis, Daniele Calabrese, Rebecca Mhawe, Julian Falata, O’Neel Dubé, Matthew Gratz, Jeffrey P. Lazzaro
Negative Police Encounters and Police Avoidance as Pathways to Depressive Symptoms Among US Black Men, 2015–2016

Lisa Bonage, PhD, MA, Ana Maria del Río-González, PhD, MA, MN, Mary Muba, MPH, Cheriko A. Boone, MSW, MPH, and Sidney L. Holt, MA

A mixed-methods assessment of off-duty police shootings in a media-curated database

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Researchers who exploit African Americans were the norm for much of our nation’s history …

… understanding the true extent of unethical medical research with African Americans is more than idle curiosity or an academic exercise: …

… It [is] key to removing barriers between African Americans and the bounty of the American health-care system."

-- Harriet A. Washington
Historically, women of all racial/ethnic backgrounds, men of color and injection drug users have been underrepresented in clinical trials for HIV/AIDS drugs (Stone et al., 1997). Women, and men of color, are less likely to know about new HIV/AIDS drugs or to be informed that they are eligible to participate in clinical trials (Stone et al., 1997).

As protease inhibitors began to show promise in clinical trials, AIDS activists continued to advocate for expedited and expanded access to medications prior to approval by the Food and Drug Administration (Gavaghan, 1995). Yet, most of the knowledge about protease inhibitors has been based on clinical trials conducted on men.”
Women remain dramatically underrepresented in all HIV research (including HIV cure research)

Data suggests that disparities in representation are not due to screening failure

Data on race and ethnicity is under-reported, and when reported, diversity is suboptimal
Unpublished data, as of November 2022. Treatment Action Group
Inequities in U.S. vaccinations for mpox

Sources: Dr. Demetre Daskalakis CDC / White House Mpox Response Team; Quartz - qz.com; and POZ.com

Inequities in U.S. mpox vaccinations & deaths:
JYNNEOS vaccine doses administered, by race/ethnicity
(though March 14, 2023)

90% of mpox deaths in the US have been Black men
The majority of victims were immunocompromised because of HIV

Sources: Dr. Demetre Daskalakis CDC / White House Mpox Response Team, Quartz - qz.com, and POZ.com
“Across all medical conditions studied, stigmatizing language appeared more frequently in notes written about non-Hispanic Black patients.”

“Compared with White patients, Black patients had 2.54 times the odds of having at least one negative descriptor in the history and physical notes. Our findings raise concerns about stigmatizing language in the EHR and its potential to exacerbate racial and ethnic health care disparities.”

SCOTUS affirmative action ruling was 'blow' to Black students, but it put 'spotlight' on HBCUs: Advocates

“This provides an opportunity,” one educator said.
The PrEP in Black America Initiative — Key Recommendations

Energize: Energize the Black public health workforce to lead the HIV prevention response.

Educate: Educate Black masses on the science and effectiveness of PrEP.

1. Underrepresentation still presents key points for continued advocacy.

2. Meaningful and inclusive community engagement drives ALL aspects of research endeavors.

3. Equitable enrollment of affected communities is achievable when there are adequate resources and an established commitment to doing so.

“Ending HIV . . . will require us to lean in and learn from those closest to the epidemic. We need data that tells the whole story — research that captures the full spectrum of experiences and communities impacted by HIV. We have to make things more accessible and remove the mystery around people gaining access to research, resources, and opportunities.”

-- Dafina Ward
Executive Director, Southern AIDS Coalition
Braidwood v. Becerra

- Judge Reed O’Connor: Appointed by George W. Bush
- U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) was unconstitutional
- The judge ruled that because the USPSTF was unconstitutionally appointed any preventative care procedure they rated as A or B from March 23, 2010 onward is void.
- Poses a threat to a range of preventive services, including PrEP, cancer screenings, STIs, diabetes, etc.
In 2023, the Republican-led House Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (L-HHS) proposed $767 million in cuts and eliminations to domestic HIV funding:

- **Eliminates** funding for the *Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative* within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (-$220 million), the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (-$165 million), and Community Health Centers Program (-$157 million)
- **Eliminates** funding for Part F of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Programs which includes:
  - Dental Programs (-$13.6 million)
  - AIDS Education and Training Centers (-$34.9 million)
  - Special Projects of National Significance (-$25 million)
- **Eliminates** funding for Minority AIDS Initiative activities within the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (-$119.3 million)
- **Cuts** funding for the Minority HIV/AIDS Fund by 53% (-$32 million)
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John Meade, 11/11/2023

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Get Involved!

Tell Congress to #SaveHIVFunding

PrEP IN BLACK AMERICA ACTIVIST NETWORK
A newly launched network exclusively for Black HIV prevention activists and community members to:
- Receive updates on policy issues impacting PrEP access
- Learn about new professional opportunities
- Participate in virtual convenings
- Engage with other activists on how to increase PrEP use in the Black community and make your voice heard!

Join now at bit.ly/piba-network

THANK YOU!

"There is no such thing as a single-issue struggle because we do not live single-issue lives."
- Audre Lorde -

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