

The Dr. John Lamont Peterson Annual Research Symposium

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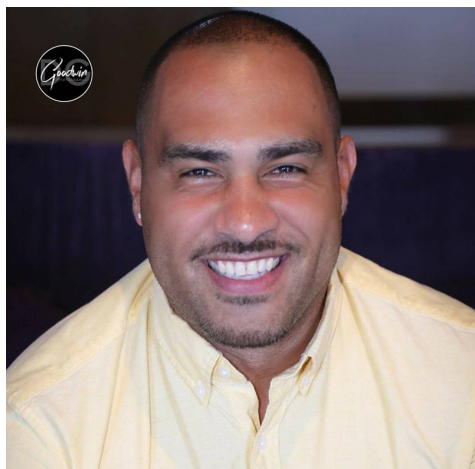
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Symposium Schedule:

Time	Activity	Location
9:00 am	Registration & check-in	Atrium
9:45-10:00 am	Welcome Remarks Gary Harper & Anna Kirkland	Forum Hall & Zoom
10:00-11:30 am	Keynote Talks David Malebranche & Gregorio Millett	Forum Hall & Zoom
11:30 am-12:00 pm	SOAR Scholar Poster Presentations 1	Great Lakes Central Room
12:00-1:00 pm	Break	
1:00-1:30 pm	SOAR Scholar Poster Presentations 2	Great Lakes Central Room
1:30-1:45 pm	Recognition of SOAR Mentors	Forum Hall
1:45-2:45 pm	Michigan Research Talks: Behavioral and Social Science Research on HIV/AIDS Akshay Sharma, Racquelle Trammell, & Celeste Watkins-Hayes	Forum Hall & Zoom
2:45-3:00 pm	Closing Remarks Gary Harper & Anna Kirkland	Forum Hall & Zoom

Keynote Speakers

10:00 - 11:30 am
Forum Hall & Zoom



David Malebranche, MD, MPH, is a board-certified internal medicine physician with expertise in sexual health and HIV/STI prevention and treatment. He is a former Associate Professor of Medicine at both Emory School of Medicine and Morehouse School of Medicine. He is also a public health official, activist, and educator who lives in Atlanta, Georgia, and has appeared in the YouTube series “Revolutionary Health” as part of [The Counter Narrative Project](#) and also on the [#AskTheHIVDoc video series](#). Dr. Malebranche has served as faculty for several continuous medical education (CME) series for Prime Inc., Clinical Care Options, Medscape and others, training health care professionals and lay communities on topics such as sexual health, racial inequities in medicine,

and HIV/STI prevention and treatment. Dr. Malebranche’s writings and research have been published in *JAMA*, the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, the *American Journal of Public Health*, and *Lancet*. He has also been featured on the “[Greater than COVID](#)” campaign with the Kaiser Family Foundation and has written several articles on [HIV treatment education](#) at [thebody.com](#). In 2015, he penned a memoir entitled “Standing on His Shoulders,” a memoir about lessons learned from his relationship with his father, which is available on [Amazon](#).



Gregorio (Greg) Millett is a Vice President at amfAR, the Foundation for AIDS Research, and the Director of amfAR’s Public Policy Office. Mr. Millett, a former senior scientist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, also worked as a Senior Policy Advisor in the White House Office of National AIDS Policy where he helped author President Obama’s original National HIV/AIDS Strategy and worked to support the Strategy’s implementation across the federal government. Mr. Millett has published quantitative research studies in top medical, public health and policy journals, including *JAMA*, *Lancet*, *Health Affairs*, and *AJPH*; and his work has received over 7500 citations to date in the scientific literature. Mr. Millett is a member of several domestic and

global scientific committees, and he has worked and published with Dr. Anthony Fauci. In addition, he has been the recipient of scientific profiles in *The Washington Post*, *Scientific American*, *The Lancet* and other media. Recently, Mr. Millett’s COVID-19 research provided the first national glimpse of the pandemic’s impact on Black and Latinx communities, and these research findings have been quoted by Members of Congress during Capitol Hill hearings, used as an underpinning for proposed legislation, and reported widely across domestic and global print and televised media. In 2020, Mr. Millett was the opening plenary speaker for the International AIDS Conference. He is an alumnus of Dartmouth College and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

SOAR Scholar Poster Presentations

Great Lakes Central Room

11:30 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 - 1:30 pm



Poster Session 1: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm

1. Holly Gurnik, *Differences in HIV Testing Among Sexual Orientation Subgroups in the United States*
2. Evan Hall, *Translating Pandemic Disruptions Into Informed Policy From Stakeholders to State Government*
3. Celia Morones, *Transgender Women of Color's Perspective on Appropriate Biomedical Confirmation Methods for Rigorously Evaluating Social and Behavioral HIV Prevention and Treatment Interventions*
4. Saige Porter, *Developing a Model of HIV Care for Transgender Women Living with HIV*
5. Rakira Urquhart, *Experiences Living With HIV: Impact on Mental Health and Adherence*
6. Annabella Vidrio, *Dance and Movement in Carceral Settings and Their Potential for HIV Prevention*
7. Preetam Vupputuri, *Provider Bias in Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) Diagnosis for Sexual Gender Minority (SGM) Populations*

Poster Session 2: 1:00 - 1:30 pm

1. Adrian Beyer, *Perceptions of HIV Risk in Transmasculine Communities*
2. Niah Boyd, *Expansion of Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) in School-Based Health Centers*
3. Rafael Cortes, *Understanding Barriers and Facilitators Associated with HIV Testing and Risk Behaviors Among Youth*
4. Noelle Harris, *The Making of an Accessible Health Communication Resource on Binding*
5. Joshua Kennedy, *Sexual Positioning, Masculinity, and Sexual Risk for HIV among MSM: A Scoping Review*
6. Myla Lyons, *Exploration of Substance Use and HIV Among Gay/Bisexual Young Men in Kenya*
7. Eamonn McGonigle, *Reactions to Adherence Dosing Data Visualization among Youth Living With HIV in a Coaching Intervention*
8. Jasmine Mumpfield, *Gendered Differences in Relationship Quality Among HIV-Affected Couples in Kenya*

Research Talks: Behavioral and Social Science Research on HIV/AIDS

1:45 - 2:45 pm
Forum Hall & Zoom



Akshay Sharma, MBBS, MPH, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Health Behavior and Biological Sciences,
U-M School of Nursing

Dr. Sharma's research interests include designing and evaluating new approaches for increasing the frequency of HIV and STD testing among sexual and gender minorities in the United States, with a focus on telehealth and home self-testing. He is also interested in comprehensive behavioral and biomedical interventions for HIV and STD prevention, and epidemiologic study design and methodological issues.



Racquelle Trammell, Research Associate, *Love Her Collective*,
U-M School of Public Health

Racquelle Trammell was born and raised on the Westside of Detroit. She is a social justice advocate and organizer in the city of Detroit, who wishes to abolish the injustices faced by Trans women of color throughout the nation. She has organized for Black Future Lab on the 2018-2019 National Black Census project. She is Vice President of Research and National Advocacy at Trans Sistās Of Color Project. Racquelle is the voice behind the *Miss Mouthy Podcast*, which has been recognized by Pride Source Magazine, and highlighted as one of the "Top 50 Transgender Podcasts You Must Follow in 2021."



Celeste Watkins-Hayes, Professor of Sociology, University
Diversity and Social Transformation Professor, and Jean E.
Fairfax Collegiate Professor of Public Policy at the Ford
School of Public Policy, U-M

Dr. Watkins-Hayes works at the intersection of sociology, African American Studies, and public policy. Her work analyzes the impact of the HIV epidemic on women and the growth of the HIV safety net. Her award-winning recent book, *Remaking a Life: How Women Living with HIV/AIDS Confront Inequality*, uses the HIV/AIDS epidemic as a lens to understand how women achieve radical improvements in their social wellbeing in the face of social stigma and economic disadvantage.

SOAR Scholars

Adrian Beyer is a third-year student at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and a member of the inaugural SOAR cohort. His academic and research interests include gender and sexuality studies, LGBTQ+ studies, Thai language, Thai studies, and sociology. Currently, Adrian works with Professor Gary Harper on various research projects investigating HIV/AIDS, resilience, and empowerment in gender and sexual minority communities in Sub-Saharan Africa. Adrian looks forward to pursuing his Ph.D. and a future career in social science research.

Niah Boyd served as a member of the Michigan Community Scholars Program (MCSP) and as a Meta-Facilitator for the 2021 Summer Youth Dialogues on Race and Ethnicity in Metropolitan Detroit. As a Meta-Facilitator, she assisted local high school youth in the development and implementation of community-based social justice projects. Currently, Niah serves as a Common Ground Workshop Facilitator for The Program on Intergroup Relations. In the future, she aspires to work as a physician-researcher, performing social and behavioral research concentrating on infectious diseases.

Rafael Cortes is an undergraduate student at the University of Michigan where he is pursuing a dual degree in Community and Global Public Health and Microbiology. On campus, he is actively involved in the CAMEO Multicultural Council, the Health Sciences Scholars Program, and the Latinx Alliance for Community Action Support and Advocacy. Upon graduation, Rafael plans to combine his interests in medicine and legislation to create cogent health policy that will provide aid to disenfranchised populations.

Holly Gurnik is studying Community and Global Public Health at the School of Public Health and minoring in Sociology of Health and Medicine. Her interests include injury prevention, particularly substance use prevention and treatment as well as HIV-related research. Holly works on a research project called System for Opioid Overdose Surveillance (SOS) and as a tour guide. Her SOAR research experience is through the Center for the Study of Drugs, Alcohol, Smoking, and Health (DASH). In the future, Holly is planning to pursue a Master's in Public Health.

Evan Hall is an HIV activist. His broad impact ranges from policy initiatives with the Michigan HIV/AIDS Council to mixed methods research in HIV prevention with Professor Rogério Pinto. He is majoring in Biology, Health, and Society with a minor in Chemistry. Evan works with the AIDS Institute and GMHC, Inc. as a policy intern to advance PrEP legislation. Evan's goal is to synthesize the biomedical perspective with behavioral and social science research to enter the next generation of ending the HIV epidemic. He plans to pursue an MD and Ph.D. in social and behavioral sciences, specializing in implementation sciences.

Noelle Harris is currently an undergraduate researcher within the Multiple Identify Intersections (Mii) Lab and the BREATHE (Binding Research to Advance Transmasculine Health) Project, where she conducts mixed-methods research with marginalized populations. In addition to her research, Noelle spends her time working with the Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center (SAPAC) and has worked with the Michigan Fertility Alliance to advance surrogacy legislation in Michigan. In the future, she hopes to pursue a Ph.D. in psychology and continue researching sexuality and the psychological consequences of mistreatment while continuing her work on gender-based violence.

Joshua Kennedy is currently a junior studying Sociology & Biochemistry. He is interested in research related to domestic public health, specifically among historically disadvantaged communities- especially those in rural backgrounds. Upon graduation he aims to work towards a Master's in Public Health with a focus in community health sciences; more importantly, he hopes his eventual career will allow him to translate community-based research into impact.

SOAR Scholars, continued

Myla Lyons is a junior majoring in Biopsychology, Cognition, and Neuroscience with a minor in Entrepreneurship. Her research interest includes health of minoritized communities, substance use, and more. Her general interests include nutrition, exercise, and holistic wellness. She is passionate about empowerment and aspires to attain a Clinical and Community Psychology Ph.D. after graduating from U-M in spring 2023.

Eamonn McGonigle is a junior majoring in Public Health and minoring in the Environment with a focus on sexual health education, activism, and research, specifically as it pertains to HIV/AIDS and health inequity. He hopes to go on to do a Master's degree in the US or abroad in infectious disease epidemiology. His research thus far has focused on ART adherence strategies with continuing work in global PrEP promotion.

Celia Guadalupe Morones Martinez is a junior double majoring in Women's and Gender Studies and Sociology. She currently is an Outreach Fellow in the Nam Center for Korean Studies, as well as is on the academics and community representative committees for her social sorority Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority Inc. A lot of her research interests include researching gender, sexuality, family, and feminist issues within the context of East Asia, specifically South Korea. As of now, she plans to apply to the Fulbright Program as an English Teacher Assistant and the Peace Corps.

Jasmine Mumpfield is a third-year student studying Gender & Health and AfroAmerican and African Studies. In the future, she hopes to go the MD/MPH route or MD/Ph.D. route with the goal of making health care more equitable for women of color, and more specifically Black women. Jasmine is interested in any and all research surrounding the reproductive health disparities Black women face to inform her practice and research as an agent of change in the future.

Saige Porter is a junior at the University of Michigan, studying Gender and Health with a minor in Entrepreneurship. Her goal is to complete a Ph.D. program, and she is personally interested in racial disparities in the healthcare system. Saige is active in bringing awareness to the systemic inequities affecting Black communities as the president of the Black Undergraduate Medical Association. Once a medical professional and researcher, she intends to conduct research on the social determinants of health and their role in health outcomes for marginalized groups on a local and global scale.

Rakira Urquhart serves as the President of Doctors of Tomorrow and the Treasurer for the Black Undergraduate Medical Association. She is passionate about improving health outcomes for her hometown, Detroit, MI, and communities of similar racial and social-economic backgrounds. Rakira's hope is as a future MD/MPH her research experiences can inform her patient care and community outreach.

Annabella Vidrio is a 2nd generation Mexican-American, originally from Norwalk, California. On campus, she works for SMTD's Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, with the intent of promoting a supportive university environment. Through her research, Annabella hopes to raise awareness for minority communities and address issues relating to accessible healthcare. In the future, she strives to pursue a Masters degree in Public Policy and lead a career in Reproductive Justice.

Preetam Vupputuri is a third-year student majoring in Philosophy and Biochemistry. He currently is working in the SPLAT Lab with Professor Craig Rodriguez-Seijas studying provider bias with Sexual Gender Minority Populations. Preetam plans to get a Master's in Public Health and an MD and is interested in working in medicine serving LGBT individuals and communities in the future. He also has a special interest in issues with how queer identities intersect with HIV/AIDS, food insecurity, race, and stigma at large.

SOAR Leadership, Mentors, & Staff

Leadership

- Gary W. Harper, SOAR Co-Director & Research Director; Professor of Health Behavior & Health Education, School of Public Health
- Anna R. Kirkland, SOAR Co-Director & Academic Director; Director, Institute for Research on Women & Gender; Professor of Women's & Gender Studies
- Andrea Bolivar, SOAR Education Director; Assistant Professor of Women's & Gender Studies; Faculty Associate of Latina/o Studies Program

2021-22 Research Mentors

- K. Rivet Amico, Associate Professor, Health Behavior & Health Education, School of Public Health & Megan Mueller-Johnson
- Jade Burns, Assistant Professor, Department of Health Behavior & Biological Sciences, School of Nursing & Mackenzie Adams
- David Cordova, Associate Professor, School of Social Work
- Lynae A. Darbes, Associate Professor, Center for Sexuality and Health Disparities, Department of Health Behavior and Biological Sciences, School of Nursing
- Rebecca Evans-Polce, Assistant Research Scientist, Department of Health Behavior and Biological Sciences, School of Nursing
- Kristi E. Gamarel, Assistant Professor, Health Behavior and Health Education, School of Public Health
- Gary Harper, Professor, Health Behavior and Health Education, School of Public Health & Laura Jadwin-Cakmak
- Ashley Lacombe-Duncan, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work
- Sean Esteban McCabe, Professor and Director, Center for the Study of Drugs, Alcohol, Smoking and Health, Department of Health Behavior and Biological Sciences, School of Nursing
- Okeoma Mmeje, Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, School of Medicine; Health Behavior and Health Education, School of Public Health
- Sarah Peitzmeier, Assistant Professor, Department of Health Behavior and Biological Sciences, School of Nursing
- Rogério M. Pinto, Professor & Associate Dean for Research and Innovation, School of Social Work & Vitalis Im
- Craig Rodriguez-Seijas, Assistant Professor, Psychology, College of LSA

2021-22 Graduate Student Mentors

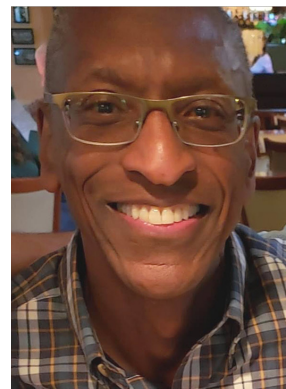
- Kelly Borton, PhD Student, Public Health
- Laura Brotzman, PhD Student, Public Health
- Jacob Caponi, PhD Student, Sociology
- Azia Harris-Martin, PhD Student, Health Infrastructures and Learning Systems
- Vitalis Im, PhD Student, Social Work/Anthropology
- Gabriel Johnson, PhD Student, Public Health
- Chelle Jones, PhD Student, Sociology
- Carol Lee, PhD Student, Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- So'Phelia Morrow, PhD Student, Sociology/Social Work
- Danielle Rosenscruggs, PhD Student, Psychology
- Maya Smith, Medical Student, School of Medicine

Admin Staff

- Heidi Bennett, SOAR Program Coordinator & Academic Counselor
- Gabriel Johnson, SOAR Graduate & Undergraduate Peer Mentor Coordinator
- Nicole Perry, SOAR Administrative Coordinator

About John Lamont Peterson and SOAR

Dr. John Lamont Peterson (1949-2021) was a leading figure in early HIV/AIDS research and a mentor to many Black behavioral and social scientists. He earned his Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Michigan in 1974. After teaching at Claremont's McKenna College and Graduate School in the late 1970s and early 1980s, and realizing the growing impact of the early AIDS epidemic on African American men, Dr. Peterson joined the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS) at the University of California, San Francisco, where he served as a Research Scientist from 1986 to 1993.



In 1994 he joined Georgia State University's Department of Psychology, first as an associate professor, then as a full professor from 2003 until his retirement in 2015. Over the course of his career, he contributed to understanding the predictors of HIV/AIDS risk reduction, the effects of behavioral interventions to reduce this risk behavior, and the social determinants of racial disparities in HIV infection, primarily among Black men who have sex with men. Dr. Peterson's mentorship to many laid the foundation for the ever-expanding field of HIV research and advocacy. This event is named in his honor.

Student Opportunities for AIDS/HIV Research (SOAR) is a two-year intensive academic and research mentoring experience that aims to prepare students for graduate education and eventual research careers in behavioral and social science research on HIV/AIDS, with a focus on sexual and gender minority communities.

SOAR is funded by a five-year grant from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research (OBSSR). The program is administered out of the Institute for Research on Women and Gender, in collaboration with the School of Public Health, School of Nursing, School of Social Work, and College of Literature Science & the Arts.

More information: irwg.umich.edu/soar