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CURRICULUM VITAE

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EMPLOYMENT

2015-present User Researcher II

Xbox Research
Microsoft
Redmond, WA

2014-2015 Postdoctoral Research Fellow

The Methodology Center & Prevention Research Center
Pennsylvania State University
State College, PA

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (2014), Columbia University
Sociomedical Sciences & Psychology

Dissertation title: Internalized homophobia, psychological distress, and resilience as correlates of substance use during sexual encounters in young adult black men who have sex with men

Advisors: Patrick A. Wilson, Niall Bolger

M.Phil (2013), Columbia University
Sociomedical Sciences & Psychology

M.A. (2011), Columbia University
Sociomedical Sciences & Psychology

B.A. cum laude (2008), Spelman College
Major: Psychology

RESEARCH SUPPORT

Completed

07/11-06/15 National Institute on Drug Abuse, *Prevention and Methodology Training (PAMT)*. Role: Postdoctoral Fellow, 2014-present (PI: M. Greenberg).

07/09-07/14 National Institute on Drug Abuse, *Behavioral Science Training in Drug Abuse Research*. Role: Predoctoral Trainee, 2013-2014. (P.I.: G. Falkin).

- 07/10-07/13 National Science Foundation, *Graduate Research Fellowship*. Role: Predoctoral Fellow, 2010-2013. (P.I.: M. Boone).
- 07/05-07/10 National Institute of General Medical Sciences, *Initiative for Maximizing Student Diversity*. Role: Predoctoral Trainee, 2008-20010. (P.I.: A. Abraido-Lanza).
- 07/05-07/10 National Institute of Mental Health, *Atlanta Univerity Center NIMH Career Opportunities in Research Honors Program (NIMH-COR)*. Role: Undergraduate Fellow, 2006-2008. (P.I.: M. Weber-Levine).

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed publications

- Blake, S., **Boone, M.**, Kassa, A.Y., & Sommer, M. (2017). Teaching girls about puberty and menstrual hygiene management in rural Ethiopia: Findings from a pilot evaluation. *Journal of Adolescent Research* [Epub ahead of print, 2 April 2017].
- Boone, M.**, Cook, S.H., & Wilson, P.A. (2016). Sexual identity and HIV status influence the relationship between internalized stigma and psychological distress in black gay and bisexual men. *AIDS Care*, *28*, 764-770. doi: 10.1080/09540121.2016.1164801.
- Wilson, P.A., Meyer, I., Antebi, N., **Boone, M.**, Cherenack, E., & Cook, S. (2016). Profiles of resilience and psychosocial outcomes among young Black gay and bisexual men. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, *57*, 1-14. doi:10.1002/ajcp.12018.
- Boone, M.**, Cherenack, E., & Wilson, P.A. (2015). Self-efficacy for sexual risk reduction and partner HIV status as correlates of sexual risk behavior among HIV-positive adolescent girls and women. *AIDS Patient Care & STDs*, *29*, 346-353. doi: 10.1089/apc.2014.0175.
- Wilson, P.A., Stadler, G., **Boone, M.**, & Bolger, N. (2014). Fluctuations in depression and well-being are associated with sexual risk episodes among HIV-positive men. *Health Psychology*, *33*(7), 681-685. doi:10.1037/A0035405
- Boone, M.**, Cook, S.H., & Wilson, P.A. (2013). Substance use and sexual risk behavior in HIV-positive men who have sex with men: An episode-level analysis. *AIDS & Behavior*, *17*, 1883-1887. doi:0.1007/s10461-012-0167-4.

Book chapters

- Wilson, P.A., Pace, J., **Boone, M.**, & Leveille, K. (2015). HIV/AIDS among racial/ethnic minority gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men: Epidemiology, risk factors, & prevention strategies. In H.J. Makadon, K.H. Mayer, J. Potter & H. Goldhammer, Eds., *Fenway Guide to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Health*, *2nd Edition*.

PRESENTATIONS

- Hagen, J., & **Boone, M.** (March 2017). Reducing biases in games user research. Oral presentation at the 7th Annual Games User Research Summit, San Francisco, CA.
- Hagen, J., & **Boone, M.** (October 2016). Reducing biases in video games through games user research. Oral presentation at the 4th Annual GaymerX Conference, San Jose, CA.
- Boone, M.**, & Vasilenko, S.A. (May 2015). Racial differences in time-varying effect of age of sexual debut on sexual risk behavior. Oral presentation at the 23rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.
- Gwadz, M., **Boone, M.**, Cleland, C.M., Leonard, N.R., Kutnick, A., & The BCAP Collaborative Research Team (May 2015). Social/behavioral interventions with vulnerable populations: A syndemics perspective. Oral presentation at the 23rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.
- Boone, M.**, Griffin, A., & Li, J. (May 2015). Time-varying effects of health behaviors on cardio-metabolic outcomes in older Mexican adults. Oral presentation at the 23rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.
- Boone, M.**, & Wilson, P.A. (May 2015). Peer social support and connectedness as correlates of internalized homophobia and alcohol use among Black gay and bisexual men. Oral presentation at the 27th Annual Convention for the Association for Psychological Science, New York, NY.
- Boone, M.**, & Wilson, P.A. (April 2014). Internalized homophobia, alcohol use, and resilience in young Black men who have sex with men. Poster presented at the 35th Annual Meeting of the Society for Behavioral Medicine, Philadelphia, PA.
- Boone, M.**, Causadias, J., & Jones, S.C.T. (March 2014). Finding funding in graduate school. Panel discussion presented at the Young Scholars Program Preconference, 15th Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Austin, TX.
- Boone, M.**, & Wilson, P.A. (February 2014). Situational correlates of substance use and HIV risk in vulnerable Black populations. Invited talk presented at the Methodology Center Brown Bag Seminar, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA.
- Boone, M.**, & Wilson, P.A. (October 2012). Internalized homophobia, AIDS stigma, and psychological distress in Black men who have sex with men. Poster presented at the 140th American Public Health Association convention, San Francisco, CA.
- Wilson, P.A., Dennis, N., Cook, S., Grisham, K., Morgan, A., **Boone, M.**, Wittlin, M. R., Valera, N.M., & Muñoz-Laboy, M. (October 2012). Traumatic life experiences and HIV vulnerability among young Black men who have sex with men. Oral presentation at the 140th Annual American Public Health Association Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Wilson, P.A., Dennis, N., Cook, S., Grisham, K., Morgan, A., **Boone, M.**, Valera, P. A., Wittlin, N.M., & Muñoz-Laboy, M. (July 2012). The additive effects of traumatic life events on HIV risk, substance use, and mental health among young Black men who have sex with men in the United States. Poster Presentation at the XIX International AIDS Conference, Washington, DC.

Boone, M., & Wilson, P.A. (April 2012). The use of diary methods in health psychological research. Oral presentation at the 2012 Four Colleges Conference, Yale University, New Haven, CT.

Boone, M., & Wilson P.A. (November 2011). Using diary methods to examine risk in men who have sex with men. Oral presentation at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Houston, TX.

Boone, M., Cook, S.H., & Wilson, P.A. (November 2009). Substance as a predictor of sexual risk behavior in ethnic minority HIV-positive men who have sex with men in New York City. Poster presented at the 137th American Public Health Association convention, Philadelphia, PA.

Boone, M., Chaffers, Q., & McFall, S. (April 2008). African American women's experiences of devaluation: Coping at the cross-section of race and gender. Poster presented at the 11th Annual Atlanta University Center Psychology Research Day, Atlanta, GA.

Boone, M., Doyle, J., & Brakke, K. (April 2006). Development of right- or left-handedness in 12- to 24-month old children. Poster presented at the 9th Annual Atlanta University Center Psychology Research Day, Atlanta, GA.

TEACHING & ADVISING

Research advising

Dissertation committee member, Leah Fredman (2017-present), graduate student in social psychology at the University of Texas at Austin. Topic: Not just a game: A quantitative investigation of online gaming sexual harassment.

Graduate Lab Assistant, Empirical Reasoning Lab, Barnard College (2013-2014). Mentored undergraduate research projects; assisted professors with the development & execution of empirical/quantitative classroom projects

Statistical consultant, Columbia University (2010-2014).

Instructor (Columbia University):

Introduction to Statistics for Behavioral Scientists Lab (Fall 2011)

Teaching Assistant (Columbia University):

Summer Public Health Scholars Program (Summers 2012, 2013, 2014). Sole taught a public health seminar, supervised student internships, mentored student research projects, assisted in curriculum development

Children at Risk (Spring 2013). Co-instructor role.

The Science of Psychology (Spring 2012).

Introduction to Cultural Psychology (Fall 2010).

HONORS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS

Columbia University Center for Social Inequalities Dissertation Award (2015)

Behavioral Science Training in Drug Abuse Research (2013-2014)
National Development & Research Institutes, New York, NY

Mailman School of Public Health Student Travel Award (2010)

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow (2010-2013)

Ford Foundation Fellowship Honorable Mention (2009, 2010)

Initiative for Maximizing Student Diversity (2008-2010)
Columbia University (R25 Institutional Education Project), New York, NY

Society for Research on Adolescence Young Scholar (2008)

NIMH Career Opportunities in Research Fellow (2006-2008)
Spelman College, Atlanta, GA

Spelman College Presidential Scholar (2004-2008)

PROFESIONAL DEVELOPMENT

C3 Conference for Career Opportunities at Liberal Arts Colleges (2013)
Columbia University

Quantitative Training for Underrepresented Groups (2009, 2012)
American Psychological Association

Advanced Statistical Training in Psychology (2007)
American Psychological Association

SERVICE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Field, University, & Scientific

National Science Foundation, reviewer, 2016-2017

Society for Research on Adolescence Junior Mentor (2014)
SRA Biennial Conference, Austin, TX

New York City Science & Engineering Fair Judge (2012, 2014)

New York, NY

Graduate Student Orientation Co-Organizer (2010)
Department of Psychology, Columbia University

Student Research Diversity Day Co-Organizer (2009, 2010)
Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

Public Health Doctoral Students Association (2009-2010)
Columbia University

Community

Director, Writing & Critical Thinking (2015-present)
Minds Matter of Seattle

High School Senior Mentor (2013-2014)
SEO International, New York, NY

Individual Writing Coach (2013)
Posse Foundation, New York, NY

JOURNAL & CONFERENCE REVIEWS

Ad Hoc Journals: PLoS One, Psychometrika, AIDS Care

Ad Hoc Conferences: American Psychological Association Division 45 (Division for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Game Developers Association
American Psychological Association