



Quarterly Progress Report July – September 2019

Publications

- Stanhope, V., Ross, A., Choy-Brown, M., **Jessell, L.** (2019). A mixed methods study of organizational readiness for change and leadership during a training initiative within community mental health clinics. *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research*, 1-10.
- Bolinski, Rebecca, Kaitlin Ellis, Whitney Zahnd, **Suzan M. Walters**, Colleen McLuckie, John Schneider, Jerel Ezell, Christofer Rodriguez, Sam Friedman, Mai Pho, and Wiley Jenkins. 2019. "Social Norms Associated with Opioid Use in Rural Communities: A Systematic Review." *Translational Behavioral Medicine*

Conferences

- Francis, M.** co-presented a workshop on Sisterly Responsive Pedagogy (SRP) during the HipHopEd Conference at Teachers College, Columbia University. SRP is a conceptual framework based on the tenets of critical race theory that examines how Black girls and women are positioned in society.
- Guttentag, S.** Poster selected for International Conference on Public Health & Epidemiology
- Kwok, G. K.** (2019, August). *Perceived Neighborhood Disadvantage, Religiosity, and DSM-Based Alcohol and Drug Use Disorders*. Breakout Sessions Speaker presented at Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- Walters, Suzan M.,** Amy Braksmajer, Bethany Coston, Christian Grov, Martin Downing Jr., Irene Yoon, Richard Teran, Sabina Hirshfield. "Exchange Sex and Syndemic Factors Among HIV-Positive Men Who Have Sex With Men." American Sociological Association Preconference on Social Science and Social Justice: Global Health Research. New York, NY. (oral presentation)
- Muncan, Brandon, Ashly E. Jordan, David C. Perlman, **Suzan M. Walters.** "Perceptions of Hepatitis C Virus among People Who Inject Drugs." Drug Use, Health, and Self Medication Panel. Society for the Study of Social Problems. New York, NY. (oral presentation)
- Manuel, J. I., Herman D., **Yuan, Y.,** Esquivel, L., Curran, L., & Israel, K. (October 2019). *Feasibility and Preliminary Outcomes of Critical Time Intervention for People with Substance Use Disorders Transitioning Residential Treatment*. Poster presented at 2019 Addiction Health Services Research Conferences, Park City, UT.

Proposals

- Frank, D.** submitted two pilot grant proposals: "Stakeholders' perceptions of Opioid Substitution Treatment: Factors influencing patient uptake and retention during the overdose crisis era" to the Center for Drug Use and HIV/HCV Research (CDUHR), and "Patients' experience of Opioid Substitution Treatment: Improving uptake and retention during the overdose crisis" to NYU Langone Health.

Honors, Awards, and Other Accomplishments

Curran, L.

- Completed and submitted Comprehensive Literature Review in fulfillment of Qualifying Exam for NYU Silver School of Social Work degree requirements
- Developed first draft of dissertation proposal
- Completed team qualitative analysis for project: Provider Views of Barriers and Facilitators in Transitioning from Inpatient Psychiatric Care in South Africa

Francis, M.

- Completed a summer course with Dr. Barbara Wallace, a former BST post-doc, on addictions and dependencies.
- Taught a 5-week graduate-level social work course on alcoholism and substance abuse for the City University of New York (CUNY)
- Joined the Attachment and Health Disparities research lab of Dr. Stephanie Cook at NYU

Guttentag, S.

- Guest speaker for NYU GPH Doctoral Student Seminar (presented for first year doctoral students and other students/faculty at the college)
- Invited to be a reviewer for Elsevier proposal (textbook proposal)
- Co-reviewed articles for publication in Tobacco Research journal with my advisor, Dr. Tom Kirchner
- Urban Doctoral Fellowship at NYU (second year of this fellowship)

Jordan, A.

- Committee has approved her three dissertation papers.
- Entire dissertation is currently being reviewed by dissertation Chair and will subsequently be sent to Committee for approval.
- On track to defend dissertation fall 2019.

Kwok, G.

- Spotlighted on SSWR [website](#)