



## Quarterly Progress Report October – December 2019

### Publications

- Walters, Suzan M.**, Amy Braksmajer, Bethany Coston, Christian Grov, Martin Downing Jr., Irene Yoon, Richard Teran, Sabina Hirshfield. “A Syndemic Model of Exchange Sex among HIV-Positive Men Who Have Sex With Men.” (accepted in *Archives of Sexual Behavior*)
- Braksmajer, Amy, **Suzan M. Walters**, Hugh F. Crean, Rob Stephenson, James M. McMahon. “Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Use Among MSM in Violent Relationships.” (accepted in *AIDS and Behavior*)
- Teran, Richard, Adam Carrico, Keith Horvath, Martin Downing Jr., Mary Ann Chiasson, **Suzan M. Walters**, Sabina Hirshfield. “Stimulant use and study protocol completion: Assessing the ability of men who have sex with men to collect dried blood spots for laboratory measurement of HIV viral load.” *Archives of Sexual Behavior* (2019): 1-5.

### Conferences

- Conference Poster: **Laura Curran**. Gender Differences in Opioid Agonist Treatment and Outcomes Among Persons with Opioid Use Disorder in the United States, presented at Addiction Health Services Research (AHSR), Park City, UT, October 2019
- Conference Roundtable Presentation: **Laura Curran**. Provider Perceptions on the Challenges of Implementation of EBP’s in Substance Use Treatment Facilities in NYC, presented at APHA with colleague Laura Esquivel, Philadelphia, PA, November 2019
- Yohansa Fernandez**. Sexuality Related Discrimination as outcomes of the Substance Use, Violence and HIV/AIDS (SAVA) Syndemic among Gay, Bisexual and Queer/Questioning populations: Results from the Community Health Center Core Data Project. Presented at APHA held November 2019.
- Yohansa Fernandez**. Intersecting Gender and Sexual Identity Differences in Perceived Stigma among a Diverse Population in New York City. Presented at APHA held November 2019
- David Frank** How Recovery Obscures the Role of Criminalization in Drug Users’ Treatment Decisions. American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, November 13-16, 2019
- David Frank** Stigma Toward People Who Use Drugs, the Oppressed and the Marginalized: Innovations and Updates in Theory, Methods, Research, and Practice. Center for drug use and HIV/HCV Research. New York City, November 12, 2019
- David Frank** Complicating narratives of volitional treatment: Towards a more honest relationship between providers and people in substance use treatment. Keynote presentation at VID University Conference on Addiction, Drug Use, and Recovery, Oslo, Norway, November 6, 2019.
- Grimmsley, E.** (2019, November). “The Case of Decriminalization: The Racialization of the Marijuana Possession Drug Law of 1977 in New York State.” Paper presented at The American Society of Criminology conference, San Fransisco, CA.

- Kwok, G. K.** (2019). What do We Know About Acculturation? A Measurement Invariance Examination of Acculturation Domains Between Asian and Latino Populations. Poster Presentation at Society for Social Work and Research Conference at Washington DC.
- Pam Ruiz.** “La Evolución de MS-13 y Barrio 18: Violencia, Extorsión, y Trafico de Droga en el Triangulo Norte de América Central” in Guatemala City, Guatemala for civil society
- Wright, Eric and **Suzan M. Walters.** “Sexual Identities in the US South: Patterns and Correlates among Self-Identified Sexual Minorities.” Society for the Study of Sexualities. Denver, CO. (oral presentation)
- Ezell, Jerel, Yen-Tyng Chen, Kali Defever, **Suzan M. Walters,** John Schneider, Wiley D. Jenkins, and Mai Pho. “Stigma and Social Support Networks among Rural Individuals Who Use Opioids: A Descriptive Analysis.” American Public Health Association. Philadelphia, PA. (poster presentation)
- Ellis, Kaitlin, **Suzan M. Walters,** Samuel R. Friedman, Lawrence Ouellet, and Mai Pho. “Breaching Trust: A qualitative study of healthcare experiences of people who use opioids or methamphetamine in rural settings.” American Public Health Association. Philadelphia, PA. (poster presentation)
- Chen, Yen-Tyng, **Suzan M. Walters,** Jerel Ezell, Wiley D. Jenkins, John Schneider, Mai Pho, and Marynia Kolak. “Network Characteristics and Hepatitis C Exposure Among People Who Use Drugs in Rural Illinois: A network resource framework.” American Public Health Association. Philadelphia, PA. (oral presentation)

## Proposals

### David Frank Grant Proposals Submitted

1. Center for Drug Use and HIV/HCV Research 2020 Pilot Grant Project (\$25,000)
2. Center for Opioid Epidemiology & Policy Grant Program (\$10,000)

**Minerva Francis** submitted a grant proposal to the Open Society Foundation for a Soros Justice Advocacy Fellowship.

## Honors, Awards, and Other Accomplishments

### Minerva Francis

- Completed a graduate-level certificate program in project management through the City University of New York.

### Jennifer Im

- Submitted dissertation proposal titled: "*Association between distress tolerance, substance use, and parenting among adolescent mothers.*"

### Ashly E Jordan

- Completed PhD in Epidemiology at the Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy at the City University of New York (CUNY) "*Hepatitis C virus (HCV) monitoring and control in the context of an opioid epidemic and in the time of curative HCV therapy: Novel HCV community viral load measures and HCV epidemiology among a cohort of patients receiving treatment for opioid use disorder in New York City*".
- Reviewed for Hepatology and MEDICC Review: International Journal of Cuban Health and Medicine (in Spanish).

- Reviewed abstracts for the 2019 and 2020 European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology (ESCAIDE) sections on HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections and other viral infections.