

Quarterly Progress Report October – December 2021

Publications

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- Opara, I., Malik, S., Lardier, D.T., **Gamble-George, J.**, Kelly, R.J., Okafor, C.N., Greene, R.N., and Parisi, D (2021). Increased Alcohol Use and Misuse among Young Adults (18-35 years old) in New York during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, 39(4): 415-429. doi: 10.1080/07347324.2021.1950091.
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- Nkwonta, C. A.**, Messias, D. K. H., Felder, T., & Luchok, K. (2021). Intervention to Reduce Stigma and Improve Knowledge of HPV and Cervical Cancer in Nigeria: A Community-Based Assessment. *Family & Community Health*, 44(4), 245-256.

Brown M.J., **Nkwonta C. A.**, Kaur, A., James, T., Conserve, D. F., Small, B. J., & Haley, W. E. (2021). "Psychologically and emotionally, it affects me 'til this day": exploration of childhood sexual abuse perspectives among older adults living with HIV in South Carolina. *Aging & Mental Health*, 1-6.

Townsend TN, Bohnert ASB, Merlin JS. Opioid Prescribing to Patients With Advanced Cancer: Unanswered Questions. *J Clin Oncol*. 2022 Jan 20;40(3):311-312. doi: 10.1200/JCO.21.02086. Epub 2021 Dec 8. PMID: 34878802.

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Townsend, T., Cerdá, M., Bohnert, A., Lagisetty, P., & Haffajee, R. L. (2021). CDC guideline for opioid prescribing associated with reduced dispensing to certain patients with chronic pain. *Health Affairs*, 40(11), 1766-1775. doi.org/10.1377/hlthaff.2021.00135

Townsend TN, Salz T, Haffajee RL, Caram MEV, Chino F, Bohnert ASB. Has Declining Opioid Dispensing to Cancer Patients Been Tailored to Risk of Opioid Harms? *J Pain Symptom Manage*. 2022 Feb;63(2):179-188. doi: 10.1016/j.jpainsymman.2021.09.014. Epub 2021 Oct 15. PMID: 34656655; PMCID: PMC8816811.

Conferences / Presentations

Eckhardt BJ, **Aponte-Melendez Y**, Fong C, Kapadia SN, Davis L, Smith M, Marks KM, Mateu-Gelabert P. 2021. Accessible HCV Care for People Who Inject Drugs: Randomized Clinical Trial Comparing Low-Threshold Treatment versus Care Coordination. IDWEEK Conference. November 2021.

Program costs of a co-located hepatitis C treatment intervention at syringe services program in New York City. Kapadia SN, Eckhardt B, Mateu-Gelabert P, **Aponte-Melendez Y**, Fong C, Schackman BR, Marks K. International Conference on Hepatitis C in Substance Users. October 2021.

Eckhardt BJ, **Aponte-Melendez Y**, Pai M, Mateu-Gelabert P. HIV contact tracing to engage hard to reach network: Findings from the source patient identification and group overlap treatment (SPIGOT) Pilot Program. International Conference on Hepatitis C in Substance Users. October 2021.

Bond, L. (2021, November). Health impacts from hotel placements during COVID-19. Presented at the Health x Housing Lab Seminar: Crisis Response, Durable Lessons: Hotel Moves & Health During the COVID-19 Pandemic. Department of Population Health at NYU Grossman School of Medicine.

Patterns of self-reported alcohol and tobacco use among recent mothers in Irkutsk, Russia. A. **Capasso, A.** Marianian, A. Belskikh, A. Atalyan, D. Markova, M. M. Zolotareva, A. N. Kalkova, N. Y. Rezvina, L. A. Brow4, T. W. Gauthier, R. J. DiClemente. VIII international scientific and applied conference on "Fundamental and applied reproductive medicine." December 24-25, 2021

Curran L. Substance Use and Community Integration among Individuals with Severe Mental Illness, Oral presentation (in person, Denver, CO), American Public Health Association (APHA), (10/26/21)

Rosen, Jodi, Shah, Gulzar, Shapiro, Eve, Bialek, Ron, Bekemeier, Betty, Ingraham, Kearston, and **Gamble-George, Joyonna**. (2021, October 26). 4080.0: Innovations in Health Administration and Leadership. Health Administration Program: American Public Health Association (APHA) 2021 Annual Meeting and Expo, Denver, CO and Virtual. *Served as Co-host.

Williams, Kristin, Gonzales, Janis, Xiao, Yunyu, Robitscher, John, Bekemeier, Betty, **Gamble-George, Joyonna**, and Mathis, Arlesia. (2021, October 25). 3176.0: Improving Health Equity in Population-Specific Health Services and Programs. Health Administration Program: American Public Health Association (APHA) 2021 Annual Meeting and Expo, Denver, CO and Virtual. *Served as Moderator.

Honors, Awards, and Other Accomplishments

Lynden Bond

- PhD Program Dissertation Research Fund Award (\$1000) New York University Silver School of Social Work

Yesenia Aponte-Melendez

- Under Review-NIH/NIDA – R34. (Submitted in January): Develop and pilot-test a culturally appropriate HIV prevention intervention for migrant Puerto Rican people who inject drugs in New York City Principal Investigators, Drs. Camila Gelpi-Acosta and Honoria Guarino, CUNY Graduate School of Public Health & Health Policy. Co-Investigators, Dr. Yesenia Aponte-Melendez, Dr. Manuel Cano, Dr. Ellen Benoit.

Joyonna Gamble-George

- Proposals:
 - Gamble-George, J. Racial/Ethnic Disparities in HIV/HCV Risk Behaviors in Illicit Fentanyl Users: The Role of Social Support Networks. Pilot grant submitted to CDUHR
 - Gamble-George, J. Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Drug Seeking and Use Behaviors in Illicit Fentanyl Users: The Role of Social Support Networks. Pilot grant submitted to COEP
 - Gamble-George, J. Neural Correlates of Social Connectedness in Opioid Use Disorders During Adulthood. Submitted for Alkermes Pathways Research Awards

Edwin Grimsley

- Awarded a Stone Center Junior Scholar grant for dissertation research.