



Quarterly Progress Report January – March 2022

Publications

Cartus AR, Li Y, Macmadu A, Goedel WC, **Allen B**, Cerdá M, Marshall BDL. Forecasted and Observed Drug Overdose Deaths in the US During the COVID-19 Pandemic in 2020. *JAMA Netw Open*. 2022 Mar 1;5(3):e223418. doi: 10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2022.3418. PMID: 35311967; PMCID: PMC8938716.

Bennett Allen & Michelle L. Nolan (2022) Impact of a Homeless Encampment Closure on Crime Complaints in the Bronx, New York City, 2017: Implications for Municipal Policy, *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*, DOI: 10.1080/26408066.2022.2043797

Eckhardt B, Mateu-Gelabert P, **Aponte-Melendez Y**, Fong C, Kapadia S, Smith M, Edlin BR, Marks KM. Accessible Hepatitis C Care for People Who Inject Drugs: A Randomized Clinical Trial. *JAMA Intern Med*. 2022 Mar 14:e220170. doi: 10.1001/jamainternmed.2022.0170. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 35285851; PMCID: PMC8922207.

Hart MJ, Brown MJ, Harrison SE, **Nkwonta CA**, James T, Kaur A. "Is it worth living?" psychosocial challenges of childhood sexual abuse survivors aging with HIV. *AIDS Care*. 2022 Apr 25:1-7. doi: 10.1080/09540121.2022.2068494. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 35468013.

Townsend T, Kline D, Rivera-Aguirre A, Bunting AM, Mauro PM, Marshall BDL, Martins SS, Cerdá M. Racial/Ethnic and Geographic Trends in Combined Stimulant/Opioid Overdoses, 2007-2019. *Am J Epidemiol*. 2022 Mar 24;191(4):599-612. doi: 10.1093/aje/kwab290. PMID: 35142341.

Conferences / Presentations

Gamble-George, J. (2022, January 7). Recovering Drug Addicts. Global Panel, Life Service Center of America, Virtual.

Proposals

Aponte-Melendez Y. Assessing the feasibility and acceptability of mobile health to improve access to HIV/HCV care for People Who Inject Drugs in Puerto Rico. Pilot grant submitted to Center for Health Economics of Treatment Interventions for Substance Use Disorder, HCV and HIV.

Gamble-George, J. Racial/Ethnic Disparities in HIV Risk Behaviors in Illicit Fentanyl Users: The Role of Social Support Networks. Pilot grant funded by Yale University Research Education Institute for Diverse Scholars (REIDS).

Gamble-George, J. Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Polysubstance Users: The Role of Social Capital in the Health and Economic Burden of Drug Seeking and HIV/HCV Risk Behaviors. Pilot grant submitted to Center for Health Economics of Treatment Interventions for Substance Use Disorder, HCV, and HIV (CHERISH).

Gamble-George, J. Genetic and Neural Correlates of Social Connectedness in Substance Use During the Transition from Adolescence to Young Adulthood. Submitted to NIH for MOSAIC Postdoctoral Career Transition Award to Promote Diversity (K99/R00).

Gamble-George, J. Neural Correlates Underlying Social Connectedness in Opioid Use Disorder. Submitted to Brain & Behavior Research Foundation.

Honors, Awards, and Other Accomplishments

Ariadna Capasso

- Defended PhD and is now Director of Research & Evaluation at Health Resources in Action

Laura Curran

- Accepted to the Global Research Institute's Summer Dissertation Writing Workshop in Athens, Greece (July 2022)

Joyonna Gamble-George

- Accepted into All of Us Underrepresented Biomedical Researcher (UBR) Scholars Program, Baylor College of Medicine
- Accepted into NIDA Diversity Scholars Network (NDSN) Program, National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Office of Diversity and Health Disparities (ODHD)

Edwin Grimsley

- Received a Graduate Center Dissertation Year Fellowship award for 2022-2023 from the CUNY Graduate Center.