

CENTER FOR DRUG USE AND HIV | HCV RESEARCH

Quarterly Newsletter Winter 2018

Upcoming Events

March 21 CDUHR 20th Anniversary Conference

March 27 Core Presentation Web-Based Data Collection

April 10AIDS Seminar
Kimberly Page

May 8 AIDS Seminar Blair Johnson

June 12 AIDS Seminar

CDUHR Funded Until 2023

We are pleased to announce that we have received renewal funding from NIDA for the Center through January 2023 (for years 21-25). We look forward to continuing our important work under our new theme of Ending HIV/AIDS Among People Who Use Drugs: Overcoming Challenges.

In addition, to commemorate the Center's 20 years of leadership in sociobehavioral research on HIV and Hepatitis C epidemics among people who use drugs, we will be holding a conference on Wednesday, March 21. This conference will highlight the current research of affiliated investigators on the opioid epidemic.

Social Networks Symposium

Last December, the Center held a half-day symposium focusing on research using social networks that highlighted the costs and advantages of gathering different kinds of social network data. Dr. Samuel Friedman, Associate Director or our Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Theory Core, led a group of experts through presentations and a panel discussion. Dr. Carl Latkin discussed how using social networks can be used to develop better behavior change interventions. Drs Danielle German and April Young focused their presentations on improving recruitment efforts and epidemiological research using social networks.

Research for Implementation

Our most recent Research for Implementation Brief, Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder, provides an overview of medication-assisted treatment, evidence for effectiveness, the barriers to implementing MAT, and recommendations for service providers.



New Projects from CDUHR-Affiliated Investigators



Exploring Daily Microaggressions and Health Behaviors in the Lives of Black Young Sexual Minority Men (funded by the National Center for Institutional Diversity)

Dr. Stephanie Cook will examine the association between perceived exposure to sexual orientation and race-related microaggressions and biological stress functioning among young Black sexual minority men using a five-day daily diary approach. The goal of this study is to contribute to the creation of

comprehensive, culturally-sensitive public health interventions and health policies that impact young Black sexual minority men.



Evaluation of Smoke-Free Housing Policy Impacts on Tobacco Smoke Exposure and Health Outcomes (funded by the National Cancer Institute)

Dr. Donna Shelley, along with fellow PI Lorna Thorpe, will evaluate the impact of the smoke free housing policy on environmental tobacco smoke exposure and health outcomes in the New York City Housing Authority, as well as examine the implementation process. Findings will inform strategies for optimizing

implementation and impact in NYC and public housing associations nationally.

New Affiliated Investigators

Michelle Acosta, PhD NDRI

Timothy Cardozo, MD-PhD NYU Langone

Alexandra Kutnick, PhD NYU Meyers **Ijeoma Opara, MPH, LMSW** NYU Meyers

Bei Wu, PhD NYU Meyers

Recent Accomplishments by CDUHRAffiliated Investigators

Vincent Guilamo-Ramos received the 2017 Hispanic Health Leadership Award from the philanthropic arm of the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA).

Holly Hagan received the New York State Department of Health Commissioner's Special Recognition Award.

Benjamin Han was accepted for the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society's Junior Scholar Program.

Jennifer Manuel was promoted to Associate Professor.

Selected CDUHR-Affiliated Investigators' Recent Publications

Accurso AJ, Lee JD, & McNeely J (2017) High prevalence of urine tampering in an office-based opioid treatment practice detected by evaluating the norbuprenorphine to buprenorphine ratio. Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment, 83, 62-67.

Concheiro M, Blandino V, Wetzel J, Kim J, & Haxhi P (2017) Oral fluid vs. urine analysis to monitor synthetic cannabinoids and classic drugs recent exposure. Current Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, doi: 10.2174/1389201018666171122113934.

Duncan DT, Goedel WC, Williams JH, & Elbel B (2017) Acceptability of smartphone text- and voice-based ecological momentary assessment (EMA) methods among low income housing residents in New York City. BMC Research Notes, 10, 517.

Duncan DT, Park SH, Schneider JA, Al-Ajlouni YA, Goedel WC, Elbel B, Morganstein JG, Ransome Y, & Mayer KH (2017) Financial hardship, condomless anal intercourse and HIV risk among men who have sex with men. AIDS and Behavior, doi: 10.1007/s10461-017-1930-3.

Elliott L, Benoit E, Campos S, & Dunlap E (2018) The long tail of a demon drug: the 'bath salts' risk environment. International Journal on Drug Policy, 51, 111-116.

Giannou F, Nikolopoulos GK, Pantavou K, Benetou V, Kantzanou M, Sypsa V, **Williams LD**, **Friedman SR**, & **Hatzakis A** (2017) Knowledge, normative beliefs and attitudes related to recent HIV infection among people who inject drugs in Athens, Greece. Current HIV Research, doi: 10.2174/1570162X15666171122165636.

Goldsamt LA, Clatts MC, **Giang LM**, Le BQ, Colby DJ, & **Yu G** (2017) HIV and other STIs in male sex workers: findings from a sexual health promotion intervention in Vietnam. International Journal of STD & AIDS, doi: 10.1177/0956462417740291.

Han BH & Moore AA (2018) Prevention and screening of unhealthy substance use by older adults. Clinics in Geriatric Medicine, 34, 117-129.

Jordan AE, Perlman D, Reed J, Smith DJ, & Hagan H (2017) Patterns and gaps identified in a systematic review of the hepatitis C virus care continuum in studies among people who use drugs. Frontiers in Public Health, doi: 10.3389/fpubh.2017.00348.

Jordan AE, Perlman DC, Smith DJ, Reed JR, & **Hagan H** (2017) Use of the PRECIS-II instrument to categorize reports along the efficacy-effectiveness spectrum in an hepatitis C virus care continuum systematic review and meta-analysis. Journal of Clinical Epidemiology, doi: 10.1016/j.jclinepi.2017.10.015.

Khan MR, Scheidell JD, Rosen DL, Geller A, & Brotman LM (2017) Early age at childhood parental incarceration and STI/HIV-related drug use and sex risk across the young adult lifecourse in the US: heightened vulnerability of black and Hispanic youth. Drug and Alcohol Dependence, 183, 231-239.

Kumar PC, Cleland CM, Latkin C, VanDevanter N, Siman N, Nguyen T, Nguyen L, Nguyen N, & Shelley D (2017) Social norms and self-efficacy to quit waterpipe use: findings from a tobacco study among male smokers in rural Viet Nam. Journal of Smoking Cessation, doi: 10.1017/jsc.2017.20.

Lee JD, Nunes EV, Novo P, Bachrach K, Bailey GL, ..., & Rotrosen J (2017) Comparative effectiveness of extended-release naltrexone versus buprenorphine-naloxone for opioid relapse prevention (X:BOT): a multicentre, open-label, randomised controlled trial. The Lancet, doi: 10.1016/S0140-6736(17)32812-X.

Majic S (2017) Sending a dear john letter: public information campaigns and the movement to "end demand" for prostitution in Atlanta, GA. Social Sciences, 6, 138.

Palamar JJ & Le A (2017) Discordant reporting of nonmedical amphetamine use among Adderall-using high school seniors in the US. Drug and Alcohol Dependence, doi: 10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2017.09.033.

Palamar JJ, Mauro PM, **Han BH**, & Martins SS (2017) Shifting characteristics of ecstasy users ages 12-34 in the United States, 2007-2014. Drug and Alcohol Dependence, doi: 10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2017.09.011.

Ramos SR (2017) User-centered design, experience, and usability of an electronic consent user interface to facilitate informed decision-making in an HIV clinic. Computers, Informatics, Nursing, 35, 556-564.

Stevens ER, Nucifora K, Zhou Q, **Braithwaite RS**, **Cleland CM**, Ritchie AS, **Kutnick AH**, & **Gwadz MV** (2017) Cost-effectiveness of peer- versus venue-based approaches for detecting undiagnosed HIV among heterosexuals in high-risk New York City neighborhoods. Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes, doi: 10.1097/QAI.000000000001578.

Tan D, Holloway IW, Gildner J, Jauregui JC, Garcia Alvarez R, & **Guilamo-Ramos V** (2017) Alcohol use and HIV risk within social networks of MSM sex workers in the Dominican Republic. AIDS and Behavior, doi: 10.1007/s10461-017-1896-1.

Werb D, Bluthenthal RN, Kolla G, Strike C, Kral AH, **Uusküla A**, & **Des Jarlais D** (2017) Preventing injection drug use initiation: state of the evidence and opportunities for the future. Journal of Urban Health, doi: 10.1007/s11524-017-0192-8.

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