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Warm Greetings

Happy New Year!

During our 2019 annual RIG meeting, there was a desire from the RIG membership for opportunities for our RIG to connect during the year to share and learn from each other – outside of our MNRS annual meeting. Your leadership team listened, and we have responded. In addition to our second upcoming webinar which will feature [Dr. Amy Knopf](#) (see below for details), we highlight a few more awesome members. Please be sure to follow us on Twitter[®] (details below). New to this edition of our newsletter is our member resources section, where we will share relevant material of potential interest to our members. Feel free to share any such information to be included in this section with us to be included in subsequent editions of our newsletter.

Wishing everyone a wonderful start to the new year!

Karen & Jane

RIG Co-Chairs

Our Leadership Team

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RIG Webinar**Getting to Zero: Engaging Sexual and Gender Minority Adolescents in Biomedical Research to Reduce HIV Disparities**

Presented by

DR. AMY KNOFF, PHD, MPH, RN

Assistant Professor, Indiana University



Date: Friday, January 31st 12 noon - 1pm

Via Zoom: <https://osu.zoom.us/j/7490967903>

Dr. Knopf is an Assistant Professor in the Indiana University School of Nursing. Her research focuses on the ethical implications of including sexual and gender minority adolescents in biomedical trials for sexual health interventions. She is currently the principal investigator with the NIH-funded Adolescent Medicine Trials Network for HIV/AIDS Interventions (ATN) and Co-Principal Investigator on a PCORI funded methods research award. The ATN project is in the dissemination phase; it examined how consent processes affect adolescents' willingness to participate in and parents' willingness to support biomedical HIV prevention trials. The PCORI project will expand this work by attempting to bridge adolescent and parent perspectives on minors' participation in biomedical HIV prevention research. In addition to maintaining an active program of research, she teaches applied ethics for health care to undergraduate nursing students.

RIG Symposium at Annual Conference

Our RIG will offer a symposium, titled ***Patient Reported Outcomes among Diverse Populations*** at MNRS Annual Meeting on **Thursday, April 2nd 5PM-6:30PM CT** Our symposium will feature an awesome group of presenters.

Welcome to Twitter[®]

We are pleased to announce that your HDP is now on Twitter[®]! Here you can keep abreast of the latest in information regarding our RIG as well as other applicable information to support us in the important work that we do. Sincere appreciation to our co-chair elect Nicole Pierce for leading this initiative. Please follow us @MNRS_HlthDivPop.

Volunteer Opportunity

- Social Media Coordinator

If you are savvy with the use of social media such as Twitter, then we have a role made for you! We are seeking a volunteer to manage our Twitter[®] account. Responsibilities will include sharing information from the co-chairs on activities within our RIG as well as keeping sharing of other helpful and applicable resources. Please contact the co-chairs if you are interested in serving in this position.

RIG Faculty Spotlight

LENETTE M. JONES, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC
Assistant Professor, University of Michigan



Dr. Lenette M. Jones is an assistant professor at the University of Michigan School of Nursing in the early stages of her research career. Dr. Jones received her bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH. She is a behavioral nurse scientist interested in eliminating the health disparities affecting African-American women with hypertension. Her program of research is focused on uncovering the mechanisms – biological, psychological, social, and physical – of self-management interventions for chronic illness. She uses neuroimaging (fMRI) to explore the neuroprocesses associated with self-management behaviors, such as diet, exercise, and medication-taking. She also examines how health information behavior (seeking, sharing, and use) can be enhanced to support blood pressure self-management. Dr. Jones is currently designing and pilot-testing interventions to improve self-management of blood pressure among African American women.

RIG Student Spotlight

NICOLE PIERCE, MSN, RN

PhD Candidate, University of Iowa College of Nursing



Nicole L. Pierce, MSN, RN, is a doctoral candidate at the University of Iowa College of Nursing and a nurse scientist in the University of Chicago Medicine's Center for Nursing Professional Practice and Development, focusing on evidence-based practice. Her research primarily focuses on disparities in vascular disease, pain assessment and management, and social determinants of health. Nicole's dissertation explores predictors of endovascular revascularization failure for African American patients with peripheral artery disease and creates a predictive model to target additional monitoring and treatment for those at highest risk of poor outcomes. In 2014, she was recognized as a Nursing Leader and Scholar by the Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare. Nicole is also experienced in data management and statistical analysis and has worked on several studies in this capacity. Nicole is our current chair-elect.

If you would like to be featured in our member spotlight, please email HDP RIG co-chairs, Dr. Karen Moss (moss.391@osu.edu) or Dr. Jane von Gaudecker (jvongaud@iu.edu)

Member Resources

Health Disparities Research Institute (HDRI)

Early-career minority health/health disparities research scientists, consider applying for the NIMHD Health Disparities Research Institute: <https://nimhd.nih.gov/programs/edu-training/hd-research-institute/index.html>

The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) will host the next Health Disparities Research Institute (HDRI) from **August 3 to 7, 2020**. Click [here](#) to sign up for NIMHD updates to receive notices about the course, application cycle and other announcements.

The HDRI aims to support the research career development of promising early-career minority health/health disparities research scientists, and stimulate research in the disciplines supported by health disparities science. Applications will only be accepted from individuals who meet NIH's Early Stage Investigator ([ESI](#)) eligibility criteria.

National Institute on Aging, Butler-Williams Scholars Program

Early-career aging scholars, consider applying for the National Institute on Aging Butler-Williams Scholars Program at: <https://www.nia.nih.gov/form/bw-scholars-20>

Program Date: July 6-10, 2020. Qualified applicants must hold a doctoral degree (PhD, MD, etc.). Only applicants working in the field of aging or actively considering this research field will be considered.

Transdisciplinary (TD) Research on Energetics and Cancer
JUNE 21-26, 2020
4TH Annual Training Workshop for Early Career Investigators

We are **building a diverse community of TD researchers** and invite you to apply to our mentored program: The Transdisciplinary Research on Energetics and Cancer (TREC) Training Workshop. Funded by the National Cancer Institute and led by Yale University's Dr. Melinda Irwin with a Senior Advisory Board and expert international faculty, this program builds capacity in TD **energetics and cancer research** from basic, clinical, and population science perspectives and is designed for early career investigators (i.e., **junior faculty and postdocs**). This **5-day, in residence Workshop** is offered annually and places emphasis on developing and applying TD competencies focused on energetics (i.e., obesity, diet and exercise) and cancer. **Expert faculty** span an array of professional disciplines, from basic scientists to clinicians to behavioral and population scientists. Formal didactic learning is integrated with one-on-one dialog and small group discussions to enable fellows to learn from each other and from faculty, and to develop a TD network. The 4th annual course will be held June 21-26, 2020 at Water's Edge Resort, Westbrook, CT. **Costs are covered (excluding ground transportation).**

Notification of Intent to Apply – December 16, 2019 to dlowry@fredhutch.org
Applications due January 15, 2020

For more detail and to apply: TRECTraining.yale.edu

Thank you and here is to an AWESOME New Year!