Research in Progress Meeting

Supporting Treatment Adherence for Resilience and Thriving (START): Assessing intersectional stigma within an mHealth intervention to improve treatment adherence among HIV+ stimulant-using MSM

Stimulant-using MSM (SUMSM) may have greater difficulties navigating the HIV care continuum as well as display substantially elevated viral load, amplified HIV transmission risk, and faster clinical HIV progression. Efforts are needed to understand how managing multiple stigmatized identities related to HIV status, substance use, race, and sexual minority status may further challenge HIV-related disparities. This proposed research aims to test an mHealth intervention targeting treatment adherence, substance use, and intersectional stigma among SUMSM.

Dr. Williams is an NIH postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Surgery and a psychiatric registered nurse. Her academic training coupled with her clinical experiences has positioned her to work with various community and state initiatives to reduce HIV-related stigma in Florida. Her research interests are focused on developing a comprehensive understanding of intersectional stigma and the key mechanisms that contribute to HIV-related health outcomes.

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Chika Christie Chuku’s research interests include urban health disparities, especially Black maternal and child health, the life course, and HIV prevention and disease management among women and men who have sex with men (MSM) and other marginalized populations. Since starting her doctoral education, her interests have grown to include intersectional stigma—namely, the multiple identities many individuals may claim that may impact their access to health care.

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Wednesday, January 27 1:00 PM-2:00 PM
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