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Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS) Research & Resources with Gay Men

This brochure lists CAPS research with gay men and helpful resources produced by CAPS. You might use it to:

- Stay up-to-date on research and learn what we found out from research
- Use the materials in trainings/presentations
- Advocate for services/funding
- Write grants
- Develop new or modify existing HIV prevention programs
- Evaluate current programs
- Connect with CAPS to develop new projects. Lead researchers (PIs) are listed for each study. Contact us below to connect.

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Acronyms

MSM – Men Who Have Sex with Men

PI – Principal Investigator (Lead researcher on the study)

Research with Gay Men and Men Who Have Sex with Men - African American

AAIM: Assessment of the Adaptation and Implementation of the Mpowerment Project

www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2009/AAIM.pdf

Project Staff: Greg Rebchook PhD (PI), Susan Kegeles PhD (Co-PI), Alberto Curotto PhD (Co-I)

This project aims to better understand how 12 CBOs, funded under CDC's program announcement 06-618, are implementing and adapting the Mpowerment Project for young men of color who have sex with other men and young transgendered people of color.



The Ballroom Community Project: Social Networks and Social Support for Young African American MSM

www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2009/Arnold_E-BallroomCommunityProject2009.pdf

Project Staff: Emily Arnold PhD (PI), David Williams (Research Assistant)

This research investigates the relationship between social networks, social support and HIV-related risk behavior among young African American MSM who participate in the Ballroom community. The Ballroom community consists of houses, figurative and sometimes literal homes for queer youth of color, and the elaborate balls they host and compete in.

Bruthas Project Randomized Controlled Trial

www.bruthasproject.com

Project Staff: Emily A. Arnold PhD (Academic PI); Carla Dillard Smith MA (Community PI); Susan M. Kegeles PhD (Co-PI); Michael Arnold PhD (Statistician); Michael Benjamin (Project Director); Don Operario PhD (Consultant, Brown University); Shakema Snow (Project Data Manager), Desmon Pierceson (Counselor)



The Bruthas Project is a randomized controlled trial of an enhanced HIV counseling intervention focused on African American men who have sex with men and women. The Bruthas Project intervention sessions address: increasing comfort with one's personal identity, establishing positive relationships, and building safer sex skills.

Currently Recruiting For information about free HIV testing or how you can qualify for our paid survey, call 510-467-8432 or 510-874-7850 ex 132.

A Community-Level HIV Prevention Intervention for Young Black MSM

www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2009/Kegeles_S-CommLevelHIVPrevYoungBLMSM2009.pdf

Project Staff: Susan Kegeles PhD (PI); John Peterson PhD (Georgia State University, Co-PI); Greg Rebchook PhD (Co-PI); David Huebner PhD (University of Maryland, Co-I); Starley Shade PhD MPH (Statistician, Co-I); Robert Williams (Intervention Specialist)

This project will test an adaptation of the Mpowerment Project for young Black MSM. The Black Mpowerment Project will take place for two years in Dallas, TX. Houston, TX will be the comparison community.

Bit of Research: One theme for adapting Mpowerment was the importance of emphasizing the whole man. Young Black men do not want to be reduced to their sexual activities and desires. Recognize that their identity includes family, spirituality, community, history, etc.

Research with Gay Men and Men Who Have Sex with Men - *Latino*

Multi-Level Prevention in Culture and Context for Latino MSM

www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2009/Binson_D-MultiLevelPrevCultContextLatinoMSM2009.pdf

Project staff: Diane Binson PhD, William J. Woods PhD (PIs); LeRoy Blea MPH (Co-PI); Margery Lazarus (Co-I); Robert Siedle-Khan (Project Director), Gabriel A. Ortiz and Mateo Rutherford (Interviewers)

This is a culturally sensitive, multi-level HIV prevention program for Latino MSM who do not self-identify as gay. The intervention addresses both the individual and environments of public places where sex takes place. It is a collaboration between CAPS and the City of Berkeley, CA AIDS Office, Department of Public Health.

Bit of Research: In “straight” venues, men communicated sexual interest through body language and ritualized exchanges that did not jeopardize their public expression of a heterosexual identity. In mixed venues with both straight and gay-identified men, men relied on trusted networks of men in whom they confided their preferences, plus non-verbal communication of their interests.

Partner Management among Latino MSM

www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2010/Galindo_Partner-Management_2010.pdf

Project Staff: Gabriel R. Galindo DrPH MPH CHES (PI)

This study will explore “partner management” processes of Latino MSM. Partner management describes a process in which men initiate behaviors to maximize their sexual pleasure and minimize the risk involved.

Research with Gay Men and Men Who Have Sex with Men - *Couples*

Duo Project: Relationship Factors and HIV Treatment Adherence

www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2009/Johnson_M-DuoProject2009.pdf

Project Staff: Mallory Johnson PhD (PI); Lynae Darbes PhD, Tor Neilands, PhD (Co-Is); Scott Stumbo and Joey Taylor (Project Directors), Christina Chung (Interviewer), Gilda Mendez (Phlebotomist/Interviewer), Gabriel Ortiz (Recruiter/Interviewer), Judith Wrubel PhD (Qualitative Analyst)

The DUO Project investigates how relationship factors are associated with adherence to antiretroviral therapy (ART) among HIV+ seroconcordant and serodiscordant male couples.

Bit of Research: Partners offered a wide range of kinds of practical support, often tailored to partners' styles or to the changing process of adherence: reminding, instrumental helping and coaching.

Research with Gay Men and Men Who Have Sex with Men - *Drug Users*

Stonewall Treatment Evaluation Project (STEP)

www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2009/Woods_STEP.pdf

Project Staff: Bill Woods PhD (PI); Adam Carrico PhD (Co-PI)

STEP will evaluate the Stonewall Project, which is an innovative, outpatient substance abuse treatment program for methamphetamine-using MSM that is implementing evidence-based interventions (such as the Matrix Model) in a real world clinical setting.

Research with Gay Men and Men Who Have Sex with Men - *General*

Evaluation of SFAF's Magnet Program

www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2010/Steward_Magnet_2010.pdf

Project Staff: Wayne T. Steward PhD MPH - UCSF, Steve Gibson MSW - San Francisco AIDS Foundation (PIs); Kimberly Koester MA, Gabriel Galindo DrPH (Co-Is)



In this collaborative project, CAPS and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation will evaluate Magnet, a clinic and community center located in the Castro District of San Francisco, the City's primary gay and lesbian neighborhood.

Exploring the Core of High-Risk Networks

www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2009/Binson-Woods-ExploringtheCoreHighRiskNetworks2009.pdf

Project Staff: Diane Binson PhD, William J. Woods PhD (Co-PIs); Lance Pollack (Statistician), Paul Cotton and Robert Siedle-Khan (Project Directors), Justin Bailey, Jason Euren, Gabriel A. Ortiz, Mateo Rutherford (Recruiters)

This project looks at a core network of men who engage in high-risk behaviors at public venues. We will interview men at two San Francisco sex clubs to learn more about influences and dynamics of their intimate encounters.

HIV Prevention for Middle Adulthood Gay Men: A Formative Research Project

www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2009/Rebchook_G-HIVprevMidAdultGayMen2009.pdf

Project Staff: Greg Rebchook PhD (PI); Alberto Curotto PhD, Kim Koester MA (Co-PIs)

This is an exploratory, qualitative study of middle-adulthood gay and bisexual men, ages 30-49, to identify their significant psychosocial needs that might be addressed as part of a culturally grounded, targeted HIV-prevention effort.

International Travel Research to Inform Prevention (I-TRIP)

www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2009/Truong_H-ITRIP2009.pdf

Project Staff: Hong-Ha M. Truong PhD MS MPH (PI); Willi McFarland MD PhD, Robert Grant MD MPH, Olga Grinstead Reznick PhD MPH, Wayne Steward PhD MPH, Alberto Curotto PhD (Co-Is); Michael Grasso BA, Tyler Robertson BA, Henry Raymond MPH, Timothy Kellogg MA

I-TRIP studies sexual risk behavior in the context of international travel among gay and bisexual men from the San Francisco Bay Area. We will measure the prevalence of sexual risk behavior during international travel; document the prevalence of ART drug resistance and examine the informational, motivational and behavioral skills correlates of safer sex disinhibition during international travel.

Serosorting among Men at Risk for HIV

www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2010/McFarland_Serosorting_2010.pdf

Project Staff: Willi McFarland PhD, Hong-Ha Truong PhD (PIs)

This study looks at "HIV serosorting" among MSM in San Francisco. We define HIV serosorting as strategies to reduce HIV acquisition or transmission by intentionally selecting sexual partners of the same serostatus or by modifying sexual practices depending on the partner's serostatus.

Social Sexual Networks and HIV Risk: Men of Color

www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2009/Choi_K-SocialSexualNetworksRiskMofC2009.pdf

Project Staff: Kyung-Hee Choi PhD MPH (PI), George Ayala PsyD (Co-PI), Jay Paul PhD, Matt Mutchler PhD, and Steven Gregorich PhD

This study seeks to understand HIV risk behaviors by examining how social discrimination impacts sexual risk among African American, Asian and Pacific Islander (API), and Latino MSM in Los Angeles, CA.

Bit of Research: Many African American, API and Latino men reported strong ties to their communities, families and the church – environments in which they also commonly reported experiencing homophobia and a sense of being unwelcome due to their sexuality. Some MSM reported feeling accepted by specific family members, including mothers, grandmothers, and siblings.

A Structural Intervention to Improve HIV Test Counseling

www.palmpal.org/

Project Staff: Nicolas Sheon PhD (PI); Noah Carraher (Project Director); Shelley Facente (Collaborator- San Francisco Dept. of Public Health)



This project developed a risk assessment survey that HIV rapid testers take using a hand-held computer (PalmPal) before they see the counselor.

Bit of Research: The PalmPal Intervention has been implemented at three HIV testing agencies in SF which collectively conduct the majority of HIV tests in the City: Magnet, Forensic AIDS Project (SF Jails) and UCSF AIDS Health Project.

International Research

HIV Prevention among Township MSM in South Africa

www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2009/Lane_T-TownshipMSMinSAfrica2009.pdf

Project Staff: Tim Lane PhD MPH (PI)

This project explores the HIV-related collective and individual belief systems of low-income MSM from Soweto township, and will assess the prevalence of HIV risk factors and HIV infection among MSM.

Bit of Research: We looked at the relationship between MSM and their healthcare workers (HCW). Gay-identified men sought out clinics with reputations for employing HCW who respected their privacy and their sexuality and challenged those HCW who mistreated them.

Influence of Stigma and Discrimination on HIV Risk among Men in China

www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2010/Choi_China-Stigma-MSM_2010.pdf

Project Staff: Kyung-Hee Choi PhD MPH (CAPS PI); Pierre Miège PhD (Beijing Normal University Co-PI); Wayne Steward PhD MPH, Steve Gregorich PhD (CAPS Co-Is); Xiulan Zhang PhD (Beijing Normal University Co-I)

This study will identify how MSM stigma affects sexual risk behaviors among MSM in Beijing, China. We will also explore the range of management strategies used to cope with MSM stigma.

Multilevel HIV Prevention Intervention with MSM and Transwomen in Peru

Project Staff: Susan Kegeles PhD (PI); Carlos Caceres MD PhD (Cayetano Heredia University, Peru); Andre Maiorana MA MPH; Kelika Konda PhD (UCLA).

This project seeks to develop a multilevel HIV prevention intervention for MSM and transwomen which is based on the Mpowerment Project and Hermanos de la Luna y Sol. We will work with a community advisory board in Peru to develop a “combination intervention” that addresses individual, interpersonal, social and structural level issues that are associated with sexual risk behavior and HIV testing.

Policy Research

A Formative Study of the Role of Gender, Ethnicity and Sexual Orientation in the Provision of Prevention Counseling with HIV+ Patients

www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2009/Shade_S-GenderEthnicitySexualinProvCouns2009.pdf

Project Staff: Starley Shade PhD (PI); Wayne Steward PhD MPH (Co-PI); Kim Koester MA (Co-I); Charles Pearson MA (Project Manager)

We will develop a discrete choice experiment that will assess the relative importance of gender, ethnicity and sexual orientation in healthcare providers' decisions to provide Prevention with Positives counseling to HIV+ clients.

Translational and Implementation Research

Capacity Building Assistance (CBA) Project

www.caps.ucsf.edu/projects/CBA/index.php

Project Staff: Greg Rebchook PhD (PI); Susan Kegeles PhD, Michael Reyes MD MPH, Jae Sevelius PhD, Marguerita Lightfoot PhD (Co-PIs); JoAnne Keatley MSW, Jamison Green, Yavanté Thomas-Guess, Andre Maiorana MA MPH, Kevin Khamarko MA, John Hamiga, Luis Gutierrez-Mock MA, Angel Ventura (CAPS); Katie Kramer MSW MPH, Barry Zack MPH (The Bridging Group, LLC)

Using a culturally and linguistically competent approach to services, CAPS is partnering with transgender communities and communities of young gay/bisexual men to build their capacity to mobilize and increase access to and utilization of HIV prevention services.

The Eastern Caribbean-Community Access Project (EC-CAP): Increasing Access to HIV/AIDS Services through Evidence-Based Programming

www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2009/Myers_J-ECCAP2009.pdf

Project Staff: Janet Myers PhD MPH (PI); Andre Maiorana MA MPH, Gertrude Khumalo-Sakutukwa MSSW MMedSc (Co-Is); Jay Newberry MSSW

In collaboration with the Caribbean HIV/AIDS Alliance and Intrahealth, CAPS is working in four Eastern Caribbean countries to enhance the response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. EC-CAP supports prevention, development and use of strategic information, roll-out of community-based counseling and testing, and provision of care services (palliative and home based care).

Mpowerment Evaluation and Monitoring (MEM)

www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2010/Rebchook_MEM_2010.pdf

Project Staff: Greg Rebchook PhD (PI); Susan Kegeles PhD, Alberto Curotto PhD (Co-PIs)

The aim of this project is to better understand the capacity of CBOs to conduct outcome monitoring of the Mpowerment Project for the purpose of improving their implementation of the intervention.

TRIP 2: Putting Community-Level HIV Prevention Research into Practice

www.mpowerment.org/

Project Staff: Susan Kegeles PhD (PI); Greg Rebchook PhD (Co-PI); Ben Zovod (Project Coordinator), Scott Tebbetts (Evaluator), John Hamiga and Robert Williams (Technical Assistance Providers), Lance Pollack (Statistician)

Translating Research into Practice (TRIP) 2 studies facilitators and barriers to the successful implementation of the Mpowerment Project at 80 CBOs and their funding agencies around the US.



CAPS Resources

CAPS research and publications with gay men

www.caps.ucsf.edu/articles/article.php?kw=menwhohavesexwithmen

Fact Sheets

www.caps.ucsf.edu/pubs/FS/

- **What are men who have sex with men (MSM)'s HIV prevention needs?**
www.caps.ucsf.edu/pubs/FS/MSMrev.php
- **What are the HIV prevention needs of young men who have sex with men?**
www.caps.ucsf.edu/pubs/FS/revYMSM.php
- **What are Black men's HIV prevention needs?**
www.caps.ucsf.edu/pubs/FS/blackmen.php
- **What are transgender men's HIV prevention needs?**
www.caps.ucsf.edu/pubs/FS/Transmen.php

Hojas de Datos en español

www.caps.ucsf.edu/espanol/hojas/

Survey Instruments

www.caps.ucsf.edu/tools/surveys/

- Topics include counseling and testing, healthcare providers, risk behavior, adherence, coping, substance use and knowledge/attitudes.

Evaluation Manuals

www.caps.ucsf.edu/pubs/manuals/

- **Good Questions Better Answers: A Formative Research Handbook for California HIV Prevention Programs**
- **Working Together: A Guide to Collaborative Research in HIV Prevention**

Intervention Curricula

www.caps.ucsf.edu/tools/curricula/

- **Programs for HIV+ and HIV- persons.**

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