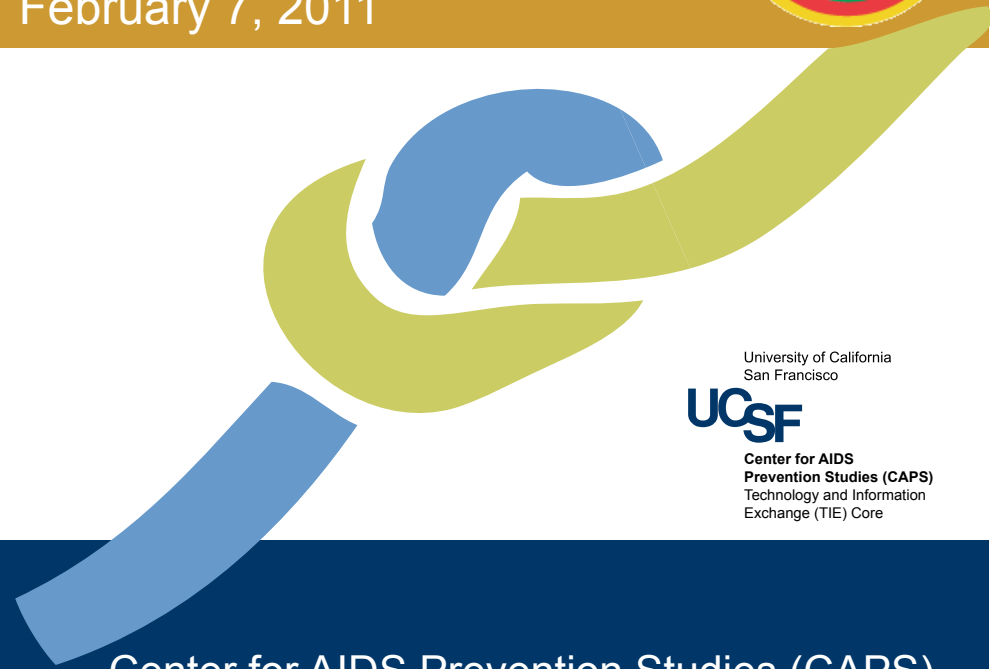


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This brochure lists CAPS research with African Americans and helpful resources produced by CAPS. You might use it to:

- 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.

Questions? Comments?



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CAPS/s TIE Core
“Tying research and community
together.”

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 and Women

The Ballroom Community Project: Social Networks and Social Support for Young African American Men Who Have Sex with Men

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

This project 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. What we learn during this study will be used to develop an intervention tailored specifically to the Ballroom community.



Bit of Research: HIV prevention in the Houses takes many forms. Basic prevention: condom distribution, encouraging testing and knowing your status. Support for HIV+ members: help coping with positive diagnosis, accessing treatment, stigma reduction. Gaining life skills through house-related roles and responsibilities (“treasurer”). Supporting future aspirations and goals (House of Blahnik Scholarship).

A Community Level HIV Prevention Intervention for Young Black Men Who Have Sex with Men

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, Baltimore County, Co-investigator); Starley Shade PhD (Statistician, Co-investigator); Lance Pollack PhD (Statistician); Robert Williams (Intervention Specialist), Terrance Anderson, Venton Jones, Chaaz Quigley (Dallas Project Coordinators)

This project will test an adaptation of the Mpowerment Project, a community-level HIV prevention program, for young Black MSM. U-BE (United Black Ellument) will take place for two years in Dallas, TX. Houston, TX will be the comparison community.



Bit of Research: Homophobia and poverty are huge issues that HIV prevention programs may not be able to impact easily. Facilitating young Black MSM’s empowerment—both as a community and as individuals—including raising men’s consciousness about these issues and assisting them to develop effective responses to them—is essential.

A Randomized Controlled Trial of the Bruthas Project

Project Staff: Emily Arnold PhD (Academic PI), Carla Dillard Smith (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) and 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.

Project Website: www.bruthasproject.com

Social/Sexual Networks & HIV Risk: Men of Color

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

This study seeks to understand HIV risk behaviors by examining how social discrimination impacts sexual risk among MSM of color. The study describes sexual partnership patterns and explains the association between social discrimination, social networks, sexual partnerships and HIV 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.

Research with Youth

Characterizing the Social Environment for STI Testing and Treatment and STI Testing Preferences for Young, Minority Men in San Francisco

Project Staff: Sheri A. Lippman PhD MPH (PI), Susan Philip MD MPH (Co-I)

This study explores the STI testing and treatment environment for young, African American men in San Francisco, CA, including STI services use, barriers to care, and preferences for future diagnostic technologies and testing strategies.

Computer-based vs Interpersonal HIV Preventive Intervention for at-risk Youth

Project Staff: Marguerita Lightfoot PhD (PI)

This study compared two forms of LIGHT, an HIV prevention program for high-risk adolescents: in-person v. computerized. We conducted orientation sessions for all school personnel, parents, and stakeholders. Twenty four schools (n=960 students) in the Los Angeles Department of Education were randomly assigned into one of three conditions: 1) In-person LIGHT in 8 schools; 2) Computerized LIGHT in 8 schools; or 3) a standard HIV control condition.



Bit of Research: In a pilot study of this intervention with 133 adolescents, we found that adolescents in the computerized intervention were significantly less likely to engage in sexual activity and reported significantly fewer sexual partners.

Research with Persons in Prison and Jail

Project Relate: HIV Risk among Male Parolees and their Female Partners

Project Staff: Megan Comfort PhD (PI); Olga Grinstead Reznick PhD MPH, Tor Neilands PhD, Philippe Bourgois PhD (University of Pennsylvania) (Co-PIs); Jackie Ramos (Project Assistant); Claudia Smith and Malcolm Hoover (Recruiters/Interviewers); Samantha Dilworth (Data Manager/Statistician); Timoteo Rodriguez PhD (Project Anthropologist)



This study explores HIV risk among men who were released from prison within the last year and are currently on parole and the women who are in sexual relationships with them. Two hundred couples will be recruited from community sites in Oakland, CA and come to an appointment together but be interviewed separately.

Bit of research: Couples experience HIV risk post-incarceration in varied ways. Once reunited, couples avoid talking about HIV risk behavior that occurred while the man was incarcerated due to a desire to leave the prison experience behind. Unprotected sexual intercourse and conceiving children are important ways of communicating love, trust, and fidelity for partners who are reunited after incarceration.

Navigator-Enhanced Case Management for Jail Inmates

Project Staff: Janet Myers PhD (PI); Jaqueline Tulsy MD (Co-PI); Mark Morewitz, MSW (Project Director); Becky Packard (Research Analyst); Charles Pearson, MA (Qualitative Specialist); John Weeks (Ethnographer); Richard Garcia, MA (Project Coordinator)

This study will pilot and test an enhanced case management intervention for HIV+ individuals with substance abuse and mental health issues as they are released from jail and move back to the community. We will recruit 360 HIV+ men and women leaving the San Francisco Jail.

Translational and Implementation Research

Alameda Research Coalition (ARC)

Project Staff: Marguerita Lightfoot PhD (Academic PI), Alvan Quamina PhD (Community PI); Kevin Bynes, Tracey Bumpus

CAPS and the AIDS Project East Bay (APEB) will build a consortium of health sciences investigators at UCSF, community-based organizations that serve the African American community, and community members to answer significant scientific STI and HIV research questions.

Capacity Building Assistance (CBA) Project

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, Danielle Castro, 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 and bisexual men to build their capacity to mobilize and increase access to and utilization of HIV prevention services.



Mpowerment Evaluation and Monitoring (MEM)

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

The aim of this study 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.

CAPS Resources

Fact Sheets

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

- **What are African American's HIV prevention needs?**
- **What are Black Men's HIV prevention needs?**
- **What are Black Women's HIV prevention needs?**

Survey Instruments

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

- **Topics include 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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