

CURRICULUM VITAE
Martez D. R. Smith, PhD, LMSW

EDUCATION

- 2017 – 2023 **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Nursing & Health Science**
School of Nursing, University of Rochester
Rochester, NY. Dissertation: *Exploring Associations of Autonomy Support, Needs Satisfaction, and Sexual Health Behaviors for Black MSM in the House Ball Community*
- 2013 – 2017 **Master of Social Work (MSW)**
School of Health Professions, Long Island University Brooklyn,
Brooklyn, NY. Concentration in Substance Use and Addictions
- 2009 – 2013 **Bachelor of Science (BS) in Social Work**
College of Social Work, The Ohio State University,
Columbus, OH

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FUNDING

- 2023 – 2024 Sponsor: New York State Department of Health
Grant #: **C38368GG**, (\$65,000)
Title: Pilot Program to Support Methamphetamine Overdose Prevention: Crystal Meth Use Among Black Men who have Sex with Men in New York State
Role: PI: Martez D. R. Smith; Co-I: Natalie Leblanc
- 2021 - 2023 Sponsor: National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
Grant #: **F31MH124585-01A1**, (\$81,496)
Title: Exploring Associations of Autonomy Supportive Sexual Health Communication, Needs Satisfaction, and Sexual Health Behaviors for Black MSM in the House Ball Community.
Role: PI, Martez D. R. Smith
- 2021 – 2023 Sponsor: Interdisciplinary Sexual Health and HIV Research (INSHHR) Group, University of Rochester School of Nursing; Dissertation Support Award to support related expenses
Grant #: **STUDY0005823** (\$4,000)
Title: Exploring Associations of Autonomy Supportive Sexual Health Communication, Needs Satisfaction, and Sexual Health Behaviors for Black MSM in the House Ball Community.
Role: PI, Martez D. R. Smith

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Muno, B. A., Haris, M., Zegeye, A., Behailu, R., Hassan, S. A., Islam, J. Y., **Smith, M. D.**, Picou, B., Nnaji, C., Barnes-Balenciaga, J., Miller, M., Sawyer, S., McCullough, D., Mares, L., Burley III, U., Bijole, P., Haddock, I. L., Hall, B., Warren, M. ... Patel, R. C. (2025). Understanding the lived experiences with and manifestations of structural racism for HIV now in the context of COVID-19: qualitative insights from racial and ethnic minority communities affected by HIV across the U.S. *American Journal of Public Health*, 9(1), 474-490. <https://doi.org/10.1177/24731242251375878>
- Shrader, C., Robinson, C., Hassan, M., Brown, B., Lee, J.Y., **Smith, M.**, Latkin, C., Kanamori, M., Schneider J. A., Ompad, D. C., & Duncan, D. T. (2025). It's whack, it's not gonna work: Feasibility of sociocentric network recruitment for interventions among Black, Latine, and Caribbean sexual and gender minorities in New York City. *AIDS Education and Prevention-An Interdisciplinary Journal*, 37(4), 288-311. <https://doi.org/10.1521/aeap.2025.37.4.288>

- Leblanc, N. M., Muheriwa-Matemba, S. R., St. Vil, N., Alcena-Stiner, D., Bond, K. T., Glazer, A., Rosario-McCabe, L., Lambert, F., & **Smith, M.** (2025). Couple-centered HIV prevention and care: Endorsement, practice and uncertainty among US healthcare providers in Western-Central Upstate New York. *PLOS One*, 20(2), 1-22. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0299185>
- Kelley, C. F., Acevedo-Quiñones, M., Agwu, A. L., ... & **PURPOSE 2 Study Team** (including **Smith, M. D.**) (2025). Twice-yearly lenacapavir for HIV prevention in men and gender-diverse persons. *New England Journal of Medicine*, 392(13), 1261-1276. <https://doi.org/10.1056/NEJMoa2411858>
- Birnbaum, J., Roberson, M., Bailey, M. M., **Smith, M. D. R.**, Turner, D., Qian, H. Z., Jeon, S.; Hirshfield, S., & Nelson, L. E. (2023). Leveraging family-based assets for black men who have sex with men in house ball communities: Protocol for a cluster randomized controlled trial. *PLOS ONE*, 18(9), 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0289681>
- Roth, G., Osmundson, J., **Smith, M. D. R.**, Diamond, N., Barnes-Balenciaga, J., & Makofane, K. (2023). Learning from south to north: A community-led response to mpox in New York City. *PLOS Global Public Health*, 3(6), 1-4. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pgph.0002042>
- Hirshfield, S., Birnbaum, J., Turner, D., Roberson, M., Bailey, M. M., **Smith, M. D. R.**, & Nelson, L. E. (2023). An innovative adaptation of an HIV status-neutral, community-informed, socioemotional asset-building intervention with the House Ball Community. *Health Promotion Practice*, 24(3), 398-400. <https://doi.org/10.1177/15248399221140794>
- Smith, M. D. R.**, Leblanc, N. M., Nelson, L. R. E., & McMahon, J. M. (2023). Autonomy-supportive sexual health communication and sexual health behaviors for black and Latino MSM in the house ball community: Protocol for a social network analysis and exploratory structural equation model. *PLOS ONE*, 18(2), 1-15. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0276350>
- Abubakari, G. M., **Smith, M. D. R.**, Boyd, D. T., Ramos, S. R., Johnson, C., Benavides, J. L., Threats, M., Allen, J. L., & Quinn, C. R. (2022). Assessing different types of HIV communication and sociocultural factors on perceived HIV Stigma and testing among a national sample of youth and young adults. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 19(2), 1-11. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph19021003>
- McMahon, J.M., Simmons, J., Haberer, J. E., Mannheimer, S., Leblanc, N., Torres, L., Quiles, R., Aedo, G., Javier, A., Braksmajer, A., Harriman, G., Trabold, N., Pouget, E. R., Kurth, A., **Smith, M. D. R.**, Brasch, J., Podsiadly, E. J., & Anderson, P. L. (2021). The magnetic couples Study: Protocol for a mixed methods prospective cohort study of HIV-serodifferent heterosexual couples' perspectives and use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). *BMJ Open*, 11(7), e048993. <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2021-048993>
- Leblanc, N. M., Crean, H., Dyer, T. P., Zhang, C., Turpin, R., Zhang, N., **Smith, M. D. R.**, McMahon, J., & Nelson, L. R. E. (2021). Ecological and syndemic predictors of drug use during sex and transactional sex among U.S. Black men who have sex with men: a secondary data analysis from HPTN 061. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 50(5), 2031-2047. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10508-020-01871-z>
- Smith, M. D. R.**, Carter, L., & Phillips, J. (2020). Vogue dance, flow, and a new dimension for performance psychology. *The Humanistic Psychologist*, 48(2), 142-149. <https://doi.org/10.1037/hum0000135>
- Djiadeu, P., **Smith, M. D. R.**, Kushwaha, S., Odhiambo, A. J., Absalom, D., Husbands, W., Tharao, W., Regan, R., Sa, T., Zhang N., Kual, R., Nelson, L. R. E & the KALI Study Research Team. (2020). Social, clinical and behavioral determinants of HIV infection and HIV testing among black men in Toronto, Ontario: a classification and regression tree analysis. *Journal of the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care*, 1-11. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2325958220934613>
- Ogunbajo, A., LeBlanc, N., Kushwaha, S., Boakye, F., Hanson, S., **Smith, M. D. R.**, & Nelson, L. R. E. (2019). Knowledge and willingness to use HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) among men who have sex with men (MSM) in Ghana. *AIDS Care*. 32(3), 330-336. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09540121.2019.1675858>

Grov, C., Koken, J., **Smith, M.**, & Parsons, J. T. (2017). How do male sex workers on Craigslist differ from those on Rentboy? A comparison of two samples. *Culture, Health and Sexuality*, 9(4), 405-421. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13691058.2016.1229035>

PEER-REVIEWED MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Smith, M. D. R., Leblanc, N. M., Nelson, L. R. E., Bond, K. T., Albritton, T., Duncan, D. T., McMahon, J. M. (*revision submitted*) Investigating the role of autonomy support in the self-determination of sexual health behaviors for black MSM in the house ball community. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*.

Williams, R., Remund, E., Almiol, E., Carrico, A., Moline, T., Matthews, I., Hanson, H., **Smith, M.**, ... Duncan, D. (*under review*). Multilevel factors associated with cannabis use disorder in an HIV status-neutral cohort of young Black sexual and gender minority adults assigned male at birth - the N2P2 cohort study. Submitted to *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, November 2025.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Smith, M. D. R., Lucas, C., Tibbetts, E., & Carter, L., (2019) Mandating intersectionality in sport psychology: Centering LGBTQ women of color. In Carter, L. (Ed.), *Feminist applied sport psychology: Theory to practice*. New York, NY: Routledge.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)

Jones, S. S., Lima, M., Cohn, E., Bond, K., **Smith, M.**, Rittmon, B., Bullock, Y., Agosto, R., & Green, C. R. (2026, July). Mapping Health in Our Communities. Oral presentation given at the RCMI Consortium National Conference, Bethesda, MD.

Smith, M. D. R., Leblanc, N., Nelson, L., McMahon, J. (2023, October). Examining the Relationship Between Autonomy Support and Sexual Health Behaviors Among Black MSM in the House Ball Community. *Oral presentation given at the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care Conference*, New Orleans, LA

Makofane, K. Barnes-Balenciaga, J. Carneiro, P.B., Diamond, N., Kunichoff, D., Lett, E., Maloney, K. M., Mayer, K. H., McCombs, C., Pitts, R., Roth, G., **Smith, M.**, Tran, N. Mobilising a rapid and comprehensive community-led response to MPOX: lessons from the RESPND-MI study team. (2023, July). Oral presentation given at the IAS Conference on HIV Science, Brisbane, Australia.

Birnbaum, J. et al. (2023, January). HIV Disparities Among Young Men of Who Have Sex with Men & Young Transgender Women and House Ball Community Youth in Brooklyn. *Institute presented at NAESM National Leadership Conference*, Atlanta, GA.

Van der Merwe, L., **Smith, M. D. R.**, Brown, L., Carter, C., Hojila, J.C., Das, M., Baeten, J., Rapues, J. (2022, November). Inclusion, experience, and data: Approaches for prioritizing the transgender and gender-diverse voice in a phase 3 clinical trial of long-acting PrEP. *Oral presentation accepted for presentation at the 17th International Conference on HIV Treatment and Prevention Adherence*, Washington, D.C.

Bailey, M. M., Nelson, L. R. E., **Smith, M. D. R.** Identifying Embedded Socioemotional Assets in House Ball Families: Implications for HIV Prevention. (2022, November) *Oral presentation given at the Annual Conference of The Society for Scientific Study of Sexuality*, Vancouver, BC.

Roberson, M., Birnbaum, J., Nelson, L. R. E., Bailey, M. M., Hirshfield, S., **Smith, M. D. R.**, Turner, D., Sinclair, C., Marshall-Turman, E. (2022, October). The Trans sounds of Black freedom: Identifying embedded socio-emotional assets in House Ball Families: Implications for HIV prevention, grass roots organizing and a new understanding of a theology of liberation. *Roundtable discussion facilitated at the American Academy of Religion*, Denver, CO.

Ochoa, J., **Smith, M. D. R.**, Tobias, T., Taylor, H. A., & Hull, S. C. (2020, October). Community Mobilization amid Public Health Gaps: Addressing Crystal Meth Use in the New York City Ballroom Community. *Virtual Oral Presentation at The American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Conference*.

Ochoa, J., **Smith, M. D. R.**, Tobias, T., Taylor, H. A., & Hull, S. C. "A For Us By Us Model": A Grassroots Initiative to Address Crystal Meth Use in the Ballroom Community. (2020, October). *Virtual Oral Presentation at the In My Mind Conference*.

- Ogunbajo A., Leblanc N., Kushwaha S., **Smith M.**, Boakye F., Hanson S., & Nelson L. (2019, February). Knowledge, Acceptability, and Willingness to use HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) among men who have sex with men (MSM) in Ghana. *Oral presentation at the 2019 Inter-CFAR Sub-Saharan Africa Symposium*, Machakos, Kenya.
- Smith, M.** (2018, January). HIV Prevention with Networks of Chosen Kin. *Oral presentation at National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and other Health Disparities*, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Smith, M.** (2017, October). Exploring Chosen Kinship and HIV among Indigenous and African Diaspora Queer Communities. *Presented at C2C: Two Spirit & Queer People of Color Call to Conversation with LGBT & Allies*, University of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)

- Cohn, E., Jones, S. S., Agosto, R., Bond, K., Smith, M., Bullock, Y., Rittmon, B., Lima, M., & Green, C. R. (2026, July). Community-Engaged Interactive Mapping of Health Priorities in Harlem and South Bronx: Community Advisory Board-Driven Development of an Open-Source Community Health Mapping Tool. *Presented at the 2026 RCMI Consortium National Conference*, Bethesda, Maryland.
- Shrader, C., **Smith, M.** Kanamori, M., Hamner, S., Robinson, C., Hassan, M., Knox, J., Latkin, C., Schneider, J., Ompad, D., & Duncan, D. (2024, August). Feasibility of Respondent-Driven Sampling to Recruit Black, Latine, and Caribbean Sexually Minoritized Men and Gender Expansive Communities. *Presented at the National LGBTQ Health Conference*, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Leblanc, N. M., **Smith, M. D. R.**, Lambert, F., Rosario-McCabe, L. A., St. Vil, N. M., Alio, P. A. (2021, November). PrEP Perspectives and Implementation Among Health Care Providers in Western New York State. *Presented at the 34th Annual ANAC Conference*, Washington, D.C.
- Leblanc, N. M., Lambert, F. A., Rosario-McCabe, L., **Smith, M. D. R.**, St. Vil, N., Alio, P. A. (2021, November). Making Meaning and Operationalizing Sexual Health Promotion among Health Care Providers in Western New York State. *Presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality 2021 Annual Conference*, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Smith, M. D. R., Moton, P., Campbell, D., Kirkman, L., Collins, S. E., Wurapa, A. (2021, January). Advocating for Diversity in Drug Company Trials: Lessons from the Community-Based Study Advisory Committee of BRAAVE 2020. *Presented at the 2021 NAESM African-American MSM Leadership Conference*
- Smith, M. D. R., Leblanc, N. M., McMahon, J. M., Nelson, L. R. E. (2019, November). A Scoping Review of HIV Prevention with Black Men who have sex with Men Belonging to Gay Family Networks. *Presented at the 32nd Annual ANAC Conference*, Portland, OR
- Smith, M. D. R.** (2017, November). HIV Prevention with African American Gay Family and Ballroom Networks. *Presented at the 30th Annual ANAC Conference*, Dallas, TX.
- Smith, M.**, Carter, L. (2015, April). Exploring the Experiences of Flow and Meaning in Life Amongst Members of New York City's Kiki Ballroom Scene. *Presented at Long Island University Brooklyn Discovery Day*, Brooklyn, NY.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| 2025 - Present | Research Program Manager , Community Engagement Core, The NYCenter for Advancing Translational Research and Health, The City University of New York, CUNY School of Medicine |
| 2024 - 2025 | Chief Postdoctoral Research Fellow , Columbia University Medical Center |

- 2023 - 2025 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow** in Behavioral Sciences Research in HIV Infection (T32MH019139), Center for HIV Clinical and Behavioral Studies; Columbia University Department of Psychiatry, Division of Gender, Sexuality & Health; New York State Psychiatric Institute; Mailman School of Public Health, Social and Spatial Epidemiology Unit (Scientific Mentor: Dustin Duncan, ScD)
- 2020 - 2022 **Research Coordinator**, Research Foundation of the State University of New York *Leveraging Family-Based Assets for Black MSM in House Ball Communities (as "Our Family, Our Voices")*
Assist investigative team with IRB amendments, facilitate communication among investigative team; oversee recruitment, data collection, and data management; assist with data analysis and drafting manuscripts
M.P.Is.: Jeffrey Birnbuam, PhD, MPH, LaRon E. Nelson, PhD, RN, FNP, FAAN
- Research Assistant**, University of Rochester School of Nursing
The Provider Study
Research Assistant: Data collection, analysis, and manuscript preparation
P.I. Natalie M. Leblanc, PhD, MPH, BSN, RN
- The Couples Study*
Research Assistant: Data collection, analysis, and manuscript and poster preparation
P.I. Natalie M. Leblanc, PhD, MPH, BSN, RN
- 2018 - 2021 **Research Assistant**, University of Rochester School of Nursing
PrEP Implementation with HIV-Serodiscordant Couples ("Magnetic Couples PrEP Study").
Research Assistant: Designing data collection instruments, coordination of web-based dissemination of study outcomes, scheduling participant interviews, data collection via in-person assessments
P.I.: James McMahon, PhD
- Threats to Sexual Health: Investigating the Role of Ecological and Syndemic Factors among U.S. Black Men who have sex with Men (A Secondary Data Analysis)*
Research Assistant: Manuscript preparation
P.I. Natalie M. Leblanc, PhD, MPH, BSN, RN
- 2019 – 2020 **Project Director**, University of Rochester School of Nursing
Client Centered Care Coordination & PrEP for Black MSM (Also known as "The C4-4NY Study").
Project Director: Coordinating project meetings and communications with sponsors, overseeing contractual deliverables for the remainder of grant (July – December 2019), assisting with data analysis, drafting final report and manuscripts.
P.I.: Natalie LeBlanc, PhD, MPH, BSN, RN
- 2017 - 2019 **Research Assistant**, University of Rochester School of Nursing
Translating knowledge into Action to Support Effective Responses to HIV in Heterosexual Black Men and Women in Ontario: Co-Infections Study KTE – Resource Development ("The KALI study").
Research Assistant: Manuscript preparation.
P.I.: LaRon E. Nelson, PhD, RN, FNP, FAAN
- Client Centered Care Coordination & PrEP for Black MSM ("The C4-4NY Study").*
Research Assistant: Serving as a first level technical assistance contact for 3 of 6 implementation sites.
P.I.: LaRon E. Nelson, PhD, RN, FNP, FAAN

An Assessment of Motivation-Needs for Participation in a Clinical Trial Evaluation of Broadly Neutralizing Antibodies to Prevent HIV Infection
Research Assistant: Participant recruitment and data collection
P.I.: Natalie LeBlanc, PhD, MPH, BSN, RN

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

SOSC P8709. *Seminar in Sexuality, Gender, Health, and Human Rights* Spring 2026
Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. New York, NY
Class size: 24 students.

SOSC P8912. *Applied Qualitative Research Methods* (in Sociomedical Sciences) Fall 2025
Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. New York, NY
Class size: 15 students.

MED 11209. *Introduction to Population Health and Community-Oriented Practice* Spring 2023
CUNY School of Medicine, City College of New York, New York, NY
Class size: 91 students.

Teaching Assistant

MED 32509. *U.S. Healthcare Systems and Policy* Fall 2025
CUNY School of Medicine, City College of New York, New York, NY
Class size: 91 students

MED 22409. *Evaluation in Healthcare Settings* Summer 2025
CUNY School of Medicine, City College of New York, New York, NY
Class size: 91 students

SOSC P8912. *Applied Qualitative Research Methods (in Sociomedical Sciences)* Fall 2024
Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. New York, NY
Class size: 56 students (2 sections).

MED 22409. *Evaluation in Healthcare Settings* Summer 2023
CUNY School of Medicine, City College of New York, New York, NY
Class size: 67 students

NLX 466. *Epidemiology* Spring 2023
University of Rochester School of Nursing, Rochester, NY
Class size: 28 students

NLX 466. *Epidemiology* Spring 2021
University of Rochester School of Nursing, Rochester, NY
Class size: 28 students

Guest Lecture

GNPH 8771: *Community-Based Participatory Research* Spring 2026
Participatory Approaches for Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods in CBPR
New York, NY

GSWS 204: *Black Sex & Sexuality* Fall 2022
Black Sexuality and the House Ball Community
University of Rochester Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender, Sexuality and Women's
Studies. Rochester, NY

PUBH 711: <i>Critical Issues in Global Health</i> Connecting Ballroom to Healthcare: Implications for Chosen Family Networks. University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health. Chapel Hill, NC.	Spring 2021
Community Engaged Learning in Physical Activity Temple University, College of Public Health, Kinesiology Undergraduate Program. Philadelphia, PA.	Spring 2021
Psychology of Physical Activity Temple University, College of Public Health, Kinesiology Undergraduate Program. Philadelphia, PA.	Spring 2021
Exploring Vogue and Flow: Implications for Sport Psychology and the House Ball Community. California State University, Department of Psychology, Graduate Sport and Exercise Psychology Course. Long Beach, CA.	Fall 2020
Epistemology and Research Methods. Long Island University – Brooklyn Campus Division of Athletic Training, Health and Exercise Science Undergraduate Research Methods and Clinical Practicum Courses. Brooklyn, NY.	Fall 2020
NUR 506: <i>Epistemology and Concept Development</i> Queer Kinship: A Conceptual Clarification, Operational Definition, Model, and Hypothesis. University of Rochester School of Nursing. Rochester, NY.	Fall 2019
<u>Preceptor</u> SWK 180. Social Work Fieldwork I. Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY Class size: 2 students	Fall 2021 - Spring 2022
<u>COMMUNITY CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS</u> HIV Vaccine Trials Network Research Symposium. Hosted by Keeping Ballroom Community Alive Network, New York, NY.	April 2023
Organizing Towards Liberation: Artistic Expression, Activism and Advocacy. Presented at 40 to None Summit, Los Angeles, CA.	October 2016
Community-Informed Solutions Within the House and Ballroom Community. Presented at United States Conference on AIDS, Hollywood, FL.	September 2016
NYC Ballroom Symposium: Using Social Structures for LGBTQ Youth of Color to Build Capacity and Address Health Inequities. Presented at National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and Other Health Disparities, Los Angeles, CA.	January 2016
The Young & The Restless - An Intergenerational Partnership. Presented at United States Conference on AIDS, Washington, D.C.	September 2015
MSM RISE Program. Presented at United States Conference on AIDS, Washington, D.C.	September 2015
The Ballroom Institute at NEQPOC 2015. Presented at New England Queer People of Color Conference, Providence, RI.	April 2015
Cultural Competency and HIV: Learning the Language. Presented at United States Conference on AIDS, San Diego, CA.	September 2014

Race, Gender, Class, and Sexuality: Recommendations for Forensic Social Work. Presented at Queer Justice: The National Organization of Forensic Social Work Pre-Conference, Brooklyn, NY	July 2014
An Introduction to Queer Sex Work. Presented at All Hands On Deck Conference, Brooklyn, NY.	August 2013
<u>INVITED ENGAGEMENTS (SELECTED)</u>	
Co-facilitator; PrEP: Prevention as Pleasure — Reframing HIV Prevention Through a Sex-Positive Lens. NMAC Ballroom Leadership Summit. Washington D.C.	May 2026
The Hidden Drivers of Black Men's Battle to Thrive: HIV, Substance Use and Loneliness. Virtual brief provided to Congressional Black Caucus via AIDS United.	May 2026
Master of Ceremony; Association of Nurses in AIDS Care 2025 Conference Closing Gala. Philadelphia, PA.	November 2025
Facilitator; Resiliency enhancement dialogue aimed at addressing stigma among Black men living with HIV. The Gatekeepers Collective Intergenerational Conciliation Retreat. New York, NY.	October 2025
Panelist; Paris is Burning: Film screening and panel discussion hosted by the Same-Gender Loving Task Force of Manhattan Community Board 9. New York, NY.	March 2025
Thought Leadership for Public Health Fellowship; Editorial Panel Discussion. Virtual panel discussion hosted by Boston Congress of Public Health.	February 2025
Panelist; From School Boy Realness to the Ivory Tower: Ballroom Studies Now. Panel discussion hosted by The Hemispheric Institute at New York University. New York, NY.	December 2024
Presenter; Overcoming Barriers to Effective HIV Prevention: Primary Barriers to Achieving Equitable HIV Prevention and Treatment Outcomes the United States. Presented during the CommUnity HIVision Global Knowledge Exchange. Amsterdam, Netherlands.	November 2024
Panelist; Harnessing the Collective Strengths of Global Communities to Advance Innovation of HIV. Fireside chat with Carmen Villar, Vice President for ESG and Corporate Citizenship, Gilead Sciences. 2 nd Annual Health Equity Forum, 2024 United Nations General Assembly. New York, NY.	September 2024
Master of Ceremony; Dr. Stephaun Elite Wallace Memorial Ball. Hosted during the 2023 Association of Nurses in AIDS Care Conference. New Orleans, LA.	November 2024
Ballroom 101. Oral presentation presented at the HIV Vaccine Trials Network Conference. Seattle, WA.	May 2024
Presenter; Social Network Strategy and the House Ball Community. Online learning community hosted by the San Francisco Department of Health, Center for Learning and Innovation.	April 2024
Speaker; New York City Pride: The Rally. New York, NY.	June 2023
Panelist; Queer Resilience in the “Don’t Say Gay”/Dobbs Era at the Symposium on Action for Sexual and Gender Minority Health, Dornsife School of Public Health, Drexel University. Philadelphia, PA.	March 2023

Panelist; Exploring the Impact of Crystal Meth in the Black MSM Community. Panel discussion at the 7 th Annual Ending The Epidemic Summit hosted by the New York State AIDS Institute. New York, NY.	November 2022
Panelist; Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Fellowship Webinar.	June 2022
Crystal Meth Detox Q&A, online panel discussion hosted by Ballroom We Care, Inc.	May 2022
Facilitator: What's the Tina? Crystal Meth Training, hybrid crystal methamphetamine educational workshop for students and community members, City College of New York LGBTQ+ Student Center. New York, NY.	April 2022
Biomedical HIV Prevention Intervention for the Black LGBTQIA+ Community, online panel discussion hosted by The Center for Black Equity, Washington, D.C.	March 2022
Panelist for Improving Community Health Symposium: "The Kitchen Table" hosted by the Wisconsin Department of Health. Milwaukee, WI.	November 2021
Facilitator; An Introduction to Community-Based Health Promotion with Black Communities in the United States. Online webinar hosted by Wisconsin Department of Health Services.	September 2021
Panelist; The Impact of Ballroom on Black, Brown, & Queer Communities, online panel discussion hosted by St. John's University Office of Equity and Inclusion.	November 2021
Panelist; Egg Strategy Pride Month, Webinar hosted by Egg Strategy.	June 2021
Facilitator; Mental Health Mondays and Community Forums, webinar series hosted by HCC, Inc., Brooklyn, NY.	May 2020
Panelist; Conversations on COVID-19 and Black Communities: Historical Trauma, webinar hosted by Black AIDS Institute, Multicultural AIDS Coalition, House of Blahnik, and Harvard Center for AIDS Research.	May 2020

LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

2026	Clinical Research Scholars Training (CREST) Program , SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University, New York, NY
2026	AI-Supported Instructional Design , UMass Chan Medical School
2017 - 2026	Licensed Master Social Worker , New York State, License #101763
2021 - 2023	Clinical and Community-Based HIV/AIDS Research Training Fellowship , Brown University School of Public Health
2021	Summer Mentoring Workshop for Advanced Doctoral Students , Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research
	Social Networks: Statistical Approaches , Statistical Horizons, Philadelphia, PA
	Introduction to Social Network Analysis , Statistical Horizons, Philadelphia, PA
2019	Introduction to Structural Equation Modeling , Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan
2015	Couples HIV Testing and Counseling , Center for Disease Control and Prevention, New York, New York

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2026	Legacy of Pride Award, Presented by Harlem Pride, Inc., New York, New York
2023	Change Maker Award, Presented by University of Rochester Institutional Office of Equity and Inclusion; \$1,250
2022	The Infiniti Award, Presented by the House of Mizrahi for contributions to the Milwaukee, WI house and ball community University at Buffalo Visiting Future Faculty Program (VITAL), Fall 2022 School of Public Health and Health Professions; \$1,000 The HIV League Scholarship, \$3,500 for one year to support promising students living with HIV
2021 - 2023	Clinical and Community-Based HIV/AIDS Research Training Fellowship Brown University School of Public Health
2021	Student Diversity Engagement Award, University of Rochester School of Nursing Council for DEI; \$500 The HIV League Scholarship, \$3,500 for one year to support promising students living with HIV 2021 Summer Mentoring Workshop for Advanced Doctoral Students: Fellow Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research
2020	The HIV League Scholarship, \$3,500 for one year to support promising students living with HIV
2019	ANAC Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Scholarship, Association of Nurses in AIDS Care Conference, Portland, OR Plug'd Trailblazer of the Year, Haitian-American Community Coalition; Brooklyn, NY
2018	People's Choice Award for Advocacy, 4 th Annual People's Choice KiKi Ballroom Scene Awards; New York, NY
2017 - 2021	Provost's Fellowship, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
2017	Joseph Jefferson Youth Leadership Award, NYC Black Pride, New York, NY Harold Dean Philpot Leadership Award for Excellence in Support for HIV/AIDS and Community Service, NAESM Leadership Conference, Atlanta, GA
2016	Stokely Carmichael Young Adult Leadership/Organizing Award, UNITY Human Rights Ball, New York, NY Luna Khan Youth Leader Award, The Latex Ball Awards, New York, NY Albert Evisu Award for Community Service, The Kiki Legend's Ball, New York, NY

COMMUNITY-BASED GRANTS

Keeping Ballroom Community Alive Network (KBCAN), New York, NY, 2015-2025

Total Direct Support: >\$220,000

Principal and Co-Principal Investigator on competitive community-based grants supporting HIV prevention, mental health programming, substance use education and leadership development for Black LGBTQ+ communities.

Selected Awards:

- \$50,000 - Gilead Sciences (2018), Co-Principal Investigator
- \$20,000 - New York City Department of Mental Health and Hygiene (2022), Principal Investigator
- \$15,000 Destination Tomorrow TRANScend Fund (2021)
- Additional awards from Trans Justice Funding Project, NYC Pride Gives Back, Borealis Philanthropy, COVID-19 Prevention Network, ViiV Healthcare, and Open Society Foundation

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2025 - Present	CDC Component E Community Advisory Board Member NMAC, Washington D.C.
2025 - Present	Global HIV Prevention Community Advisory Group Gilead Sciences, Foster City, CA
2024 – Present	Review Panel Member (Ad Hoc) Journal of Sex Research
2023 – Present	Board Member Coalition for Food and Health Equity
2023 – 2025	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Co-Chair Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC)
2022 - 2024	Global Community Advisory Group Member PURPOSE 2 Study, Gilead Sciences, Foster City, CA
2020 - 2021	Study Advisory Committee Co-Chair BRAAVE Study, Gilead Sciences, Foster City, CA
2020 - 2021	Board Member Liberation House
2020 – 2021	Senior Program Manager Coalition for Food and Health Equity (Formerly known as Hudson County Hunger Project)
2019 - 2023	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Member Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC)
2019 - Present	Manuscript Reviewer (Ad Hoc) Journal of Urban Health
2019 – 2021	Holistic Admissions Committee University of Rochester School of Nursing
2019 – 2021	AIDS Education Posters Exhibit Advisory Group University of Rochester, River Campus Libraries
2018 – 2019	University Diversity and Equity Council University of Rochester
2018 - Present	Manuscript Reviewer (Ad Hoc) BMC Public Health

2018 - 2019	Storytelling Co-Chair , 2019 National HIV Prevention Conference Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA
2018	HIV Stops With Me Spokesperson New York State Department of Health
2018	Proposal Reviewer Wisconsin Department of Health Services
2017 - Present	Research Committee Member and Abstract Reviewer , Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC)
2017 - 2023	Interdisciplinary Sexual Health & HIV Research Group (INSHHR) University of Rochester School of Nursing
2017 - 2023	PhD Subcommittee University of Rochester School of Nursing
2017 - 2020	North American Community Advisory Group Committee Member Gilead Sciences, Foster City, CA
2017 - Present	Alumni Mentor , Creating Responsible Intelligent Black Brothers (C.R.I.B.B.) Fellowship, NAESM, Inc., Atlanta, GA
2016 - 2017	Community Co-Chair , Ending The Epidemic Initiative (ETE) Black MSM Advisory Group, AIDS Institute, New York State Department of Health
2015 - 2016	Alternate Member , New York City HIV Planning Group, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York, New York
2014 - 2016	Community Advisory Board Member , Center for Health, Identity, Behavior and Prevention Studies, New York University, New York, New York

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND HONOR SOCIETIES

2026 – Present	National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW)
2023 – Present	National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
2017 – 2026	Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC) Alpha Eta National Allied Health Honor Society
2022 - 2023	International AIDS Society
2021 - 2023	Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, Epsilon Xi National Black Nurses Association (NBNA)