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Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS) Research & Resources for African American HIV/AIDS Prevention

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 past 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

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Research with Gay Men and Men Who Have Sex with Men and Women

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

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

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

This project aims to better understand how 12 community-based organizations, 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 Men Who Have Sex with Men

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

Project Staff: Emily Arnold (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. What we learn during this study will be used to develop an intervention tailored specifically to the Ballroom community.

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

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

Project Staff: Susan Kegeles (PI); John Peterson (Georgia State University, Co-PI); Greg Rebchook (Co-PI); David Huebner (University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Co-investigator); Starley Shade (Statistician, Co-investigator); Lance Pollack (Statistician); Robert Williams (Intervention Specialist), Terrance Anderson, Venton Jones, Chaaz Quigley (Dallas Project Coordinators)



This project will test an adaptation of the Mpowerment Project for young Black men who have sex with men. 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 in adapting Mpowerment for young Black men who have sex with men 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.

A Randomized Controlled Trial of the Bruthas Project

www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2009/Arnold_E-Bruthas2009.pdf

Project Staff: Emily Arnold (Academic PI), Carla Dillard Smith (Community PI), Susan M. Kegeles, (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

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

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

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.

Past Research

Faith-Based HIV Prevention for Young African American Men Who Have Sex with Men

www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2009/Kegeles_S-FaithBasedHIVPrevYouBIMSM2009.pdf

Project Staff: Susan Kegeles (Academic PI); Minister Vera Owens (Community PI); Greg Rebchook, Emily Arnold (Co-PIs); Michael Foster (Project Director); Richard Hamilton (Community Research Associate)

The goal of this project, which was originally conducted in collaboration with the Unity Fellowship Church Movement, was to determine what approaches to HIV prevention for young Black men who have sex with men could be implemented by faith-based organizations.

Bit of Research: We found four different patterns of acceptance for homosexuality and HIV prevention among select Black churches in California: Non-condemning, Accepting, Open and Affirming, and Radically Inclusive.

Research with Youth

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

www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2009/Lightfoot_M-ComptVsInterpersHIVPrevIntervYouth2009.pdf

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



www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2009/Comfort_M-ProjectRelate2009.pdf

Project Staff: Megan Comfort (PI); Olga Reznick, Tor Neilands, Philippe Bourgois (University of Pennsylvania) (Co-PIs); Jackie Ramos (Project Assistant); Claudia Smith and Malcolm Hoover (Recruiters/Interviewers); Samantha Dilworth (Data Manager/Statistician); Timoteo Rodriguez (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. This study will yield important information about HIV risk and risk reduction among couples affected by incarceration that can be used to develop effective interventions for the millions of low-income people of color who experience their own or their partner's incarceration each year.

Currently Recruiting: For more information about Project Relate and to find out if you are eligible to participate, please call (415) 597-9367.

Navigator-Enhanced Case Management for Jail Inmates

Project Staff: Janet Myers (PI)

This project 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.

Evaluation Research

State Minority AIDS Project

www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2008/Rutherford-SMAP.pdf

Project Staff: George W. Rutherford, Lynae Darbes, Gail Kennedy, Usma Khan, Laura Packer

We have been collaborating with the State of California Department of Health Services, Office of AIDS, in conjunction with the California HIV/AIDS Research Program in their Community Collaborative Projects to create and disseminate systematic reviews on HIV prevention interventions focusing on particular at-risk populations in the United States. In addition, the project aims to develop and maintain a database of the best evidence of behavioral HIV prevention interventions conducted with people of color.

Bit of research: For African-American heterosexuals, we found that the most successful interventions were grounded in theory, provided the participants with skills training (e.g., condom negotiation), and were culturally sensitive to the unique needs of African Americans. Positive outcomes from these interventions included increased condom use, decreased numbers of sexual partners, and improved communication with partners regarding safer sexual practices.

Project Websites: The Choice HIV website provides easily accessible information to assist prevention providers in planning education and prevention activities based on science. <http://choicehiv.org>
Systematic reviews- http://chrp.ucop.edu/resources/dissemination_project/index.html

CAPS Resources

CAPS African American research and publications

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

Fact Sheets

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

- **What are African American's HIV prevention needs?**
www.caps.ucsf.edu/pubs/FS/afamrev.php
- **What are Black Men's HIV prevention needs?**
www.caps.ucsf.edu/pubs/FS/blackmen.php
- **What are Black Women's HIV prevention needs?**
www.caps.ucsf.edu/pubs/FS/Blackwomen.php

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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