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Section I. Introduction

After more than a quarter-century of the AIDS pandemic, Black men who have sex with men (MSM) have experienced increasingly disproportionate rates of HIV infection as compared to MSM representing other racial/ethnic groups in the United States. To respond to the urgent nature of this crisis, a group of Black gay researchers convened an organization in order to address the disproportionate HIV infection rates among Black MSM. Notwithstanding the multitude of pertinent research activities in which Black gay researchers have been engaged long since this moment, in January 2007 the Black Gay Research Group (BGRG) met in Charlotte, North Carolina to chart a new course aimed at confronting the scourge of HIV and its impact on Black MSM in a more focused and aggressive manner. In collaboration with the National Black Gay Men's Advocacy Coalition and with funding from the California Office of AIDS, members of BGRG convened a research think tank convention. One of the major outcomes of the Charlotte Convention was the development of a national research agenda focused broadly on HIV prevention and treatment research with Black gay men.

After drafting and publishing the Black Gay Research Agenda, (June 2007), the BGRG has focused its efforts and resources on the implementation of the research agenda. Throughout 2009 the steering committee and the general membership of the BGRG have embarked on several domestic and international projects that move us in the direction of more fully implementing the research agenda. This report provides a brief overview of the activities of the BGRG in 2009, including research projects and publications/presentations by individual BGRG members.

The BGRG is a totally volunteer organization made up of primarily Black gay men who are health, humanities, and social science researchers, as well as community based leaders and service providers. As such, we are deeply grateful to the organizations who have generously supported the work of the BGRG in 2009. These organizations include:

- amfAR: The Foundation for AIDS Research
- Center for Health & Behavioral Training
- Emory University Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing
- National AIDS Education & Services for Minorities (NAESM), Inc.
- National Black Gay Men's Advocacy Coalition
- New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute
- San Francisco AIDS Foundation
- University of Rochester School of Nursing
- University of Toronto Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing

The BGRG is fast approaching its 10th year as an organized body. It is only with the support and commitment of members of Black gay communities and our allies that the vision of BGRG's founders has become more and more of a reality. As long as there is a need for research in the interest of Black gay men, the BGRG will be here to lead the way.

Sincerely,
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Section II. Administrative Updates

On January 22, 2009, the BGRG held its annual "face to face" meeting at the National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS in Atlanta, GA. This annual meeting of the general body of the BGRG is where individual member updates are shared and major policy and procedural matters are discussed and decided. Five major items were discussed at the 2009 annual meeting. Descriptions of each item and its final disposition are included below.

STEERING COMMITTEE EXPANSION

Currently, the Steering Committee constitutes the leadership body of the BGRG. The Steering Committee meets monthly, two weeks prior to monthly meetings with the general membership of the BGRG. The Steering Committee manages and coordinates all BGRG sanctioned activities in which our members are involved. The steering committee is composed of the chairpersons of BGRG standing committees. Each committee Chair is responsible for coordinating the tasks of their respective committee and reporting the monthly progress to the Steering Committee. The Chair of the committee also assists the Chair and Chair Elect with the implementation of organizational aims that directly relate to the role of the committee. In addition, the Steering Committee generates and vets proposals that are designed to improve the function of the organization as well as advance our overall goals.

The year 2008 was the first full year of BGRG operations under its newly adopted formal administrative structure (adopted in 2007). After reflecting on the overall experience of 2008 operations, including the limitations of the new structure, the Chair Elect proposed to the general body that two modest expansions

be made. The proposal before the general body was to create a position of Immediate Past Chair and Public Relations Chair. The general body approved the revisions to the organizational structure as proposed by the Chair Elect. Details about the personnel serving in steering committee positions are included in section VIII of this report.

INCORPORATION AS 501(c)3 ORGANIZATION

An ongoing discussion at the BGRG general meetings has been about whether the organization needs to become formally incorporated. There was, and has always been, strong opinions from proponents and opponents of this evolution. Since the BGRG's administrative structure had been in place for less than a year at the time of the meeting it was proposed that we operate under the existing structure throughout 2009 and then reassess the need for incorporation. There was consensus that at least for 2009 the BGRG would remain an informal body with a close affiliation with NAESM for administrative and fiscal management support. At the 2010 annual meeting BGRG will once again consider the appropriateness of becoming incorporated.

2010 BLACK GAY RESEARCH SUMMIT

Acknowledging that over four years had passed since a Black Gay Research Summit was held, the group voted that a 2010 summit should be held in conjunction with the 2010 National African-American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and other Health Disparities. In a subsequent meeting, Dr. Nelson appointed Gregory D. Victorienne as the 2010 Summit Chair and the summit was planned to accommodate 16-20 peer reviewed presentations across four thematic research tracks, with special plenary and keynote speakers. The BGRG Summit planning committee spent nine months of intense planning for this event. Details on the 2010 Black Gay Research Summit program are included in the front section of this booklet.

REVENUE STRATEGIES

Fee Schedule

During the BGRG's earlier history, the organization depended on fiscal support derived from being embedded within the program structure of a funded community-based organization. In an effort to develop a more self-sustaining organization, the Steering Committee proposed that the BGRG adopt a membership fee schedule in order to generate revenue that could help support the basic operational needs of the organization. The BGRG general body voted unanimously to institute a membership fee structure that would take effect immediately. Details about the membership fee schedule is included in Section VIII of this report.

Fundraising

The general body voted unanimously to engage in a fundraising campaign to generate financial support for basic BGRG operations and to fund the planned 2010 Research Summit. One recommended fundraising strategy was for all current BGRG members to begin active recruitment of full, organizational, and corporate members thus generating revenue through the payment of newly approved membership fees. Goals were set for the targeted number of membership enrollment increases in 2009. The Steering Committee was also charged to begin relationship building with potential public and private donors, which they have done throughout 2009.

NEW BGRG WEBSITE

Under the leadership of Dr. Leo Wilton and Craig S. Hutchinson, BGRG embarked on an intensive overhaul of its website. After a brief hiatus, the BGRG launched its redesigned website in 2009. The new official web address is www.bgrg-international.org. The website includes profiles of all active BGRG members, copies of the annual reports, and archives of past research summits. There are plans to upgrade the functionality of the website to allow for online membership payments, message board posting, and community/corporate advertising. The website is designed to be a resource where people around the world can learn about the work of the BGRG and its members, as well as make professional connections with Black gay researchers.

Section III. Institutional Relationships

Currently, the work of the BGRG is anchored by two core relationships that are vital to the sustainment of the organization and its members.

National AIDS Education & Services for Minorities (NAESM), Inc.

Our administrative home is with NAESM, Inc. BGRG remains headquartered in New York, New York where it has been since its founding in 2001. The fiscal operations of BGRG are managed through the NAESM office in Atlanta, GA. NAESM's Founder and CEO, Mr. Rudolph H. Carn, is the Chair of the BGRG Finance Committee.



National Black Gay Men's Advocacy Coalition (NBGMAC)

Since NBGMAC's founding in 2006, it has been the BGRG's strongest advocacy partner. NBGMAC is our closest ally in advocacy for policies that positively impact the lives of Black Gay Men, including research policies and priorities at the local, state, and federal levels. Over the years, we have worked collaboratively on several initiatives, including advocacy work with the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Section IV. Scholarly & Community Activities

2009 CDC HIV Testing Social Marketing Campaign Targeting High Risk Black MSM

Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America

■ Participated in ongoing consultation with the Technical Information and Communication Branch of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention. BGRG representatives provided technical input for the planning, implementation and evaluation of the HIV Testing Campaign for African American MSM. The overall goal of this CDC-led social marketing campaign is to extrinsically motivate routine HIV testing among Black MSM who are at high risk of HIV infection.

2009 (January) National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS

Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America

■ Building on previous work, the BGRG developed and sponsored a Black Gay Men's Research Institute at the 2009 National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS. The BGRG organized and facilitated a highly active schedule of events at the leadership conference. The list of organized and facilitated activities are as follows:

- BGRG Institute (see Section V.)
 - ▶ Introduction to the BGRG
 - ▶ Introduction to the Black Gay Men's Research Agenda
 - ▶ Interdisciplinary Research Methods
- Skills Building Workshop: Introduction to Program Evaluation (see Section VI.)
- Participation in Town Hall meeting
- BGRG Steering Committee Meeting with HPTN 061 Co-PIs (see Section VII.)

2009 (August) Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora Conference

Accra, Ghana

Black Sexualities in the African Diaspora: The Black Gay Men's Research Group

- Presented a scholarly paper and facilitated discussion on Black sexualities in the African-Diaspora including how poverty, racism, and homophobia interact to fuel the spread of HIV.
- BGRG met with local HIV/AIDS prevention service providers and workers in Accra, Ghana regarding the research needs/interests of the local MSM community.
- Disseminated information about BGRG and the Black Gay Men's Research Agenda

2009 (October) Research with Pride Conference

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression in Community Based Research with Black MSM

- Participated on a multidisciplinary panel to discuss experiences with racism and oppression in research with queer communities of color, as well as strategies for overcoming these obstacles.
- Met with local Black gay researchers and community workers in Toronto, Canada regarding the research needs/interests in their community.
- Established research mentoring arrangement between BGRG and young Black gay researchers in the Greater Toronto Area.

2009 (October) Fire & Ink 3: Cotillion:

Austin, Texas, United States of America

■ Although a high percentage of BGRG members have backgrounds in health related program practice and research, the group is composed of a stellar group of scholars who represent disciplines in literature and the arts. In an important and sincere display of solidarity and support of Black gay scholarship in prose and poetics, BGRG members attended and participated in the Fire & Ink Writers Festival. The BGRG also sponsored a full-page ad in the Fire & Ink program book. Fire & Ink delegates were also invited to attend and participate in the 2010 Black Gay Research Summit.



2009 (October) Capacity Building Assistance for Canadian Black Queer Research Network

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

■ BGRG fully supports the development of other groups committed to social justice in research that benefits the interests of queer people of color in their communities. In service to this aim, BGRG has linked with Black queer scholars in Canada who are building a network of researchers engaged in community-based health, social and policy research using anti-racist, anti-oppression, intersectional and other critical inquiry approaches.

2009 (November) National HIV/AIDS Strategy Research Meeting

Washington, DC, United States of America

■ BGRG, along with other scientists engaged in primary and secondary HIV prevention research as well as leaders in HIV program and science policy, participated in a two-day consultation designed to generate innovative recommendations to inform the United States National HIV/AIDS Strategy. The purpose of the meeting was to engage a cross-section of experts in identifying and prioritizing research that would accelerate the country's movement towards achieving the goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy.

2009 (November) International AIDS Prevention Research Collaborative Meeting

New York, New York, United States of America

■ Convened a meeting with research partners from Ghana and Nigeria to develop an agenda and associated research strategies for the prevention of HIV/AIDS among MSM in West Africa. This collaborative meeting resulted in the conceptualization of the Kumasi & Accra Project to Prevent AIDS (KAPPA). The KAPPA Initiative has several interrelated components that are briefly described in section VII of this report.

Section V. Institute

Black Gay Research Group Institute

In our continuing effort to advance items in the agenda, the BGRG developed and sponsored a Black Gay Research Group Institute at the 2009 National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS in Atlanta, Georgia.

The purpose of this Institute was to discuss the National Black Gay Men's Research Agenda with conference participants. More specifically, the overall objectives of the Institute were:

1. To examine the socio-historical, political, and cultural contexts of HIV-related health disparities for Black MSM.
2. To explore how the BGRG and the Black Gay Men's Research Agenda can serve as a catalyst to encourage and direct future research, policy, and program undertakings.
3. To discuss interdisciplinary approaches to research on HIV/AIDS and Black MSM.
4. To facilitate discussion on the next steps to be undertaken by the BGRG and its collaborators.
5. To promote dialogue about how research and community based organizations can operationalize research agenda recommendations in their respective settings.

Section VI. Skills Building Workshops

One way in which the BGRG helps to build research capacity in the Black gay community is by offering annual skills building workshops at the National African American Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and other Health Disparities. Our inaugural workshop in 2008 focused on foundational program evaluation, skills, terminology, and techniques. The 2009 workshop, developed by Dr. Leo Wilton, was an intermediate level workshop for people who completed the 2008 workshop or who otherwise have competence in basic program evaluation.

Introduction to Program Evaluation (Level II)

"The Master's Tools Will Never Dismantle the Master's House": Raising the Bar of Competence with Culturally Relevant Program Evaluation for Black MSM Communities

Based on the substantial recent HIV incidence rates among Black MSM in the U.S., there is a critical need for the development and implementation of innovative, culturally-relevant program evaluation strategies for Black MSM. Within this context, the development of innovative, well conceptualized, and efficacious community based program evaluation strategies nested within culturally relevant conceptual frameworks will be paramount to addressing the increasing HIV rates among Black MSM. Thus, the purpose of this workshop was to provide a forum to discuss how to conduct culturally relevant evaluations of HIV and other health disparities programs in Black MSM communities. The overall objectives of the workshop were to:

- provide an overview of program evaluation within the context of Black MSM communities
- explore culturally relevant program evaluation strategies in Black MSM communities
- facilitate discussion on the emergence of “intraventions” within Black MSM communities.

Section VII. BGRG Impacting Research on Black Gay Men

BGRG is committed to partnering with community-based organizations to support the development of home grown health/wellness promotion and disease prevention interventions. In 2009, BGRG began partnering with several CBOs on research projects that impact the lives of Black men who have sex with men in the U.S. and abroad.

CEPEHRG

BGRG formed an international partnership with the Center for Popular Education and Human Rights Ghana (CEPEHRG) that capitalizes on the interdisciplinary make-up of the group as well as serves the needs of MSM on the African continent. Several projects are under development as part of the KAPPA Initiative, including:

- an ethnographic study of the sexuality GLBT people in Ghana
- a study of sexually transmissible infection (STI) prevalence among MSM in Ghana
- a pilot/feasibility test of a peer outreach/social network model for engaging MSM in STI screening and treatment services.

APEB

BGRG has partnered with CEPEHRG and AIDS Project East Bay (APEB) to conduct a policy analysis of MSM targeted HIV prevention funding allocation trends of U.S. and international agencies making fiscal aid to Africa. This project is also a part of the KAPPA Initiative.

SMAAC

The Sexual Minority Alliance of Alameda County (SMAAC) Youth Center and the BGRG have partnered to evaluate a community-grown faith based HIV prevention and anti-stigma intervention delivered in Black churches through the medium of gospel music. This innovative intervention is the first of its kind to use choirs as the prevention messengers, versus the individual messengers traditionally used in HIV prevention programs.

HPTN 061: The BROTHERS Project

BGRG's relationship with the HIV Prevention Trials Network [HPTN] 061 BROTHERS Project [Broadening the Reach of Testing, Health Education, Resources, & Services] began with a January 2008 meeting between BGRG, NBGMAC, and Dr. Kenneth H. Mayer. In January 2009 the BGRG Steering Committee convened another meeting with the Co-Chairs of the BROTHERS Project: Dr. Beryl Koblin, Dr. Kenneth H. Mayer and Dr. Darrell P. Wheeler. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the project's progress over the previous twelve months and to share updates on the status of the project from the perspectives of the protocol Co-Chairs and the BGRG leaders. The meeting was also used to collaboratively forecast issues and opportunities that may arise during the course of the feasibility study.

During the meeting BGRG reaffirmed its commitment to providing critical feedback and the intellectual/socio-cultural resources necessary to ensure that the project is successful. The Co-Chairs too reaffirmed their commitment to proceeding with the study in a way that reflects anti-racist and anti-oppression approaches in community-based research while maintaining the scientific integrity of the project. BGRG and The BROTHERS Project will continue to meet 1-2 times annually to discuss the progress of the project and to engage in consultation, as needed, to ensure its successful nationwide implementation. The BGRG also provided scholarly support to the HPTN 061 Black Caucus in the development of a comprehensive work plan.



Section VIII. Membership Report

The year 2009 was full of incredible successes for the BGRG. BGRG members were involved in the development of several domestic and international partnerships, and volunteered countless hours to planning the 2010 Black Gay Research Summit. Not only did members invest time into the development of BGRG and BGRG related projects, but members also invested their money.

At the 2009 Annual meeting in Atlanta, BGRG members voted to initiate a membership fee structure. Through their active participation and payment of membership dues, our members demonstrate that they believe in our efforts to strengthen, empower and provide a network of Black gay researchers from variety interdisciplinary perspectives. The ongoing commitment and support of our members will lead to growth and progress for BGRG and positive results for Black gay men around the world. A brief overview of the membership levels are listed in the table below:

Full	\$100/ year	Membership is open to all self-identified Black Gay Men / MSM with an expressed interest in research activities related to the lives of Black gay men. Full members are eligible to vote and hold position on the BGRG steering committee.
Affiliate	\$50/ year	Membership is open to all individuals with an expressed interest in research activities related to the lives of Black gay men. Affiliate members are not eligible to vote or hold positions on the BGRG leadership steering committee.
Student	\$25/ year	Open only to graduate, undergraduate, or post-graduate students. Documentation of current student status is required. Student members are not eligible to vote or hold positions on the BGRG steering committee.
Organizational Support	\$500/ year	Membership is open to all community based, professional and private organizations with an expressed interest in supporting research activities related to the lives of Black gay men. Member may delegate one person as a voting member of BGRG.
Corporate Support	\$ varies	Membership is open to all corporations with an expressed interest in supporting research activities related to the lives of Black Gay Men. Member may delegate one person as a voting member of BGRG.

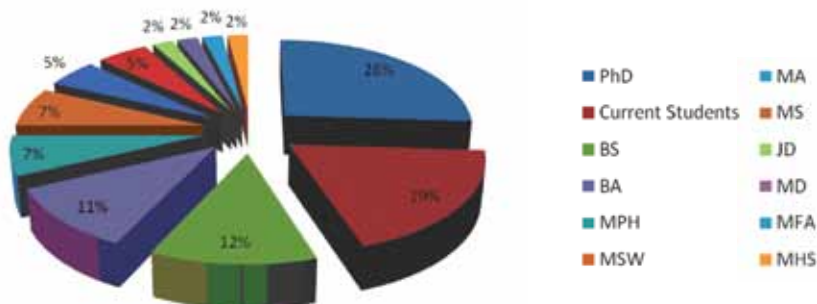
BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Receive the BGRG weekly digest which includes publications
- Year round personal and professional development opportunities
- Leadership and mentoring opportunities
- Regional and national networking
- Scholarship and internship opportunities
- Participate in the annual elections
- Biographies and peer reviewed article's posted on the group's web site
- Participate in monthly membership conference calls toll free.
- Recognition in the 2010 Summit Program / Annual Report including peer review and presentations at National and Local Conferences during the 2009 year.

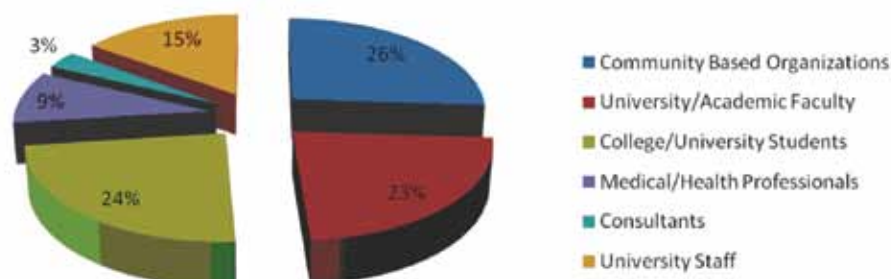


BGRG recognizes that membership is critical for its growth and development. As we move forward towards the organization's 10th anniversary, BGRG is committed to the following: (1) strengthening broad ongoing recruitment efforts to increase visibility, (2) providing a forum of fellow researchers and community partners, (3) remaining a leading advocate on research affecting the lives of Black Gay men today and the future, and (4) celebrating the achievements of activists in their field who exemplify commitment to the health and well-being of Black gay men.

MEMBERSHIP BY ACADEMIC DEGREE HELD



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Chicago, Illinois, USA

Center for Health and Behavioral Training

Rochester, New York, USA

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Members reside throughout the United States, Canada and BGRG has partnered with researchers from Accra, Ghana to build collaborative efforts for members who live on the African continent.



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Selected Conference Presentations

- Bailey, M. M. (2009, November). Performing sex, facing AIDS: A point at which performance ethnography and public health can meet. Panelist, American Studies Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- Bailey, M. M. (2009, April). HIV/AIDS and Black gay sex: Toward a performance praxis. Paper presented at the Annual American Men's Studies Association Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Black Gay Research Group (2009, August). Black sexualities in the African diaspora. Paper presented at the Fifth Biennial Conference of the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora, Accra, Ghana (Bailey, Nelson, & Wilton).
- Bartlett, C., Noilmar, K., Pegues, T.S., Fox, R. (2009, August) Leadership for LGBT Health: Building the infrastructure for the next decade. Paper presented at the LGBTI Health Summit, Chicago, IL.
- Buchbinder, S., Mayer, K., & Noilmar, K., Bernstein, K. (2009, August). Integrated biomedical and behavioral interventions. Paper presentation at the CDC NIMH, Advancing HIV Prevention Intervention Research with MSM Workshop, Atlanta, GA.
- Fields, S. D. (2009, August). Childhood sexual about in men who have sex with men:



- Implications for HIV/AIDS acquisition. Paper presented at the 2009 National HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, GA. (Session D25).
- Fields, S. D., Bunce, C., Noilmar, K., Keefer, M., & Humes, D. (2009, August). Project Vogue: Creative Innovation to Engage MSM Subpopulations at Risk for HIV. Poster Presentation at the 2009 National HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, GA. (Poster # 144T)
- Hildago, J., Fields, S. D., & Outlaw, A. (2009, January). Finding and retaining hard-to-reach HIV infected young MSM of color (YMSM) in care: Lessons learned from the Outreach, Care, and Prevention to Engage HIV seropositive young MSM of color Special Project of National Significance (SPNS) Initiative. Institute presentation at the 2009 African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS (National AIDS Education & Services for Minorities, Inc), Atlanta, GA.
- Hidalgo, J., Jones, K., Phillips II, G., Binson, D., Hightow-Weidman, L., Richards, C., ... the YMSM of Color SPNS Initiative Study Group. (2009, August). Characteristics associated with HIV-testing prior to diagnosis among hard-to-reach HIV+ YMSM of color: Results from the Outreach, Care, and Prevention to Engage HIV Seropositive Young MSM of Color Special Project of National Significance Multisite Study. Poster presented at the 2009 National HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Hidalgo J., Jones K., Phillips II G., Binson D., Hightow-Weidman L., Richards C., ... Magnus M. (2009, August). Characteristics associated with HIV-testing prior to diagnosis among hard-to-reach HIV+ YMSM of color: Results from the Outreach, Care, and Prevention to Engage HIV Seropositive Young MSM of Color Special Project of National Significance Multisite Study. Poster presented at the 2009 National HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Hopkins, J. M. (2009, January). Givin' me BODY: Defining fitness and wellness for Black men. Paper presented at the 2009 National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS. Atlanta, GA.
- Jackson, F., Clements-Walton, D., Fields, S. D., Pines, E., & Montgomery, S. (2009, November). Strengthening collaborative relationships within the context of diversity. Workshop presentation at the 22nd Annual meeting of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care, Jacksonville, FL.
- Kafaar, Z., Calazans, G., Church, R., & Noilmar, K. (2009, May). Community perspectives on behavioral and social science. Oral Presentation at the Behavioral and Social Science in HIV Vaccine Clinical Research, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Division of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome, Washington, D.C.
- Kurth, A., Hampton, J., & Noilmar, K. (2008, November). Community-academic partnerships, What are the common problems/operational challenges for CFARs involved in community-based participatory research? Oral Presentation at the Social and Behavioral Science and Research Network, 3rd National Scientific Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- Livermon, X. (2009, November). Queering Africa, Queering Diaspora. Paper presented on the Black Sexual Citizenship: Queering Diasporic Performances, Practices, and Productions Panel, American Studies Association Annual Meeting.
- Lubensky, M., & Bradford, T. (2009, August) Drawing and retaining a crowd: Enfolding Black MSM into Black Brothers Esteem, an HIV-prevention program." Paper presented at the National HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Magnus, M., Jones, K., Phillips, G., Binson, D., Hightow-Weidman, L., Richards, C., ... Hidalgo, J. (2009, February). Characteristics associated with retention in HIV care for hard-to-reach adolescent men of color who have sex with men for the YMSM of Color SPNS Initiative Study Group. Poster presented at the 16th Conference of Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI), (Poster # 906—Abstract S-186).
- Nelson, L. E. (2009, October). Anti-racist and anti-oppression approaches to community based research with Black gay men. Paper presented at the 2009 Research with Pride Forum. Toronto, Canada.
- Noilmar, K. (2009, May). HIV Vaccines Research/Studies Update. Oral presentation at the Latin American Health Institute, HIV Vaccine Awareness Day, Boston, MA.
- Noilmar, K., Bartlett, C., Pickett, J., Yoon, R., Jones, K.T., Hoppe, T., ... Lopez, F. (2008, October). The Gay Men's Wellness Construct. Oral presentation at the Gay Men's Health Summit, Seattle, WA.
- Noilmar, K., Fox, R., & Mayer, K. (2009, August). The Prevention of HIV/AIDS and other Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs): Strategies across the life span. Oral Presentation at the LGBTI Health Summit, Chicago, IL.
- Rennie, L., & Noilmar K., (2009, August). Community mobilization strategies to affect HIV prevention programs and research outcomes for BGM. 2009 HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, GA

Selected Invited Lectures/ Presentations

- Bailey, M. M., Invited Roundtable Presenter: "Ten Years Since The Boundaries of Blackness: AIDS and the Breakdown of Black Politics," a roundtable discussion on the impact of Cathy Cohen's groundbreaking book. National Communications Association (NCA), Chicago, Ill, November 14, 2009.
- Bailey, M. M., Invited Panelist: Black Queer Literature: Preservation, Interpretation and Criticism, Fire and Ink: A Writers Festival for GLBT People of African Descent, Austin TX, October 9, 2009
- Bailey, M. M. (2009, June). Constructing Home and Family in the Ballroom Community. Paper presented at the Community Action Group (CAG) Retreat.
- Bailey, M. M. (2009, February). "Engendering space: Black queer performance and ballroom culture in Detroit." Paper presented at the University of Vermont.
- Nelson, L. E. (2009, October). Fast girls? Rethinking motivations for sexual risk taking among Black adolescent mothers in the U.S.. Paper presented at Gender and Sexuality in Africa and the African Diaspora. Kent State University, Department of Pan-African Studies, Kent, Ohio, USA.
- Nelson, L. E. (2009, November). Influences of sexual partner-type on condom use decision making by Black adolescent mothers. Paper presented at Adolescent Medicine Grand Rounds, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

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- Aiken, D., Hucks-Ortiz, C., Smith, M. D., & Smith, T.L. (2009, April). Breaking the silence: A community forum about the impact of stigma and homophobia on Black gay men. Los Angeles, CA.
- Bailey, M. (2009, December). Primary Investigator: HIV (STDs, STIs, and Viral Hepatitis) Prevention and MSM Needs Assessment for the Indiana State Department of Health.

