



Advancing an Agenda for Research, Policy, and Service in the interest of Black Gay Men

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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 that 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 rigorous manner. One of the major outcomes of the Charlotte Convention was the development of a National Black Gay Men's Research Agenda. In 2012, we will update the Research Agenda to account for important advances that have occurred over the last 5 years in such areas as health policy (e.g., National AIDS Strategy), biomedicine (e.g., HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis), as well as those in arts, culture, education, and the growing intellectual re-connection between Black same-gender practicing communities in Africa and the African Diaspora.

Since publishing the National Black Gay Men's Research Agenda (June 2007), we have focused our efforts and resources on its implementation. Throughout 2010 and 2011, the BGRG Board of Directors and the general membership of the BGRG have developed several domestic and international projects that have moved us in the direction of more fully implementing the research agenda. This report provides a brief overview of the activities of the BGRG in 2010 and 2011 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 that supported the work of the BGRG in 2010 and 2011.

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These organizations include:

- amfAR: The Foundation for AIDS Research
- Global Forum on MSM and HIV
- Emory University
- San Francisco AIDS Foundation
- National Black Gay Men's Advocacy Coalition
- University of California Los Angeles
- National Institute of Mental Health
- University of California San Francisco
- New York State Department of Health
- University of Rochester
- The Legacy Project, HIV Vaccine Trials Network
- University of Toronto
- National AIDS Education & Services for Minorities Inc.

As we celebrate the completion of our 10th full year as an organized body, we acknowledge that it is only with the support and commitment of BGRG members and our allies that the founders' vision 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,
Leo Wilton, PhD
Chair, Black Gay Research Group

SECTION II. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

2010 BGRG Annual Membership Meeting

On January 20, 2010, the BGRG held its annual “face to face” meeting in Atlanta, GA at the National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and other Health Disparities. The annual meeting is where individual member updates are shared and major policy and procedural matters are discussed and decided. The General Body discussed several major items. Descriptions of each item and its final disposition are included below.

- **Steps to Incorporation as 501(c)3**

An ongoing discussion at the BGRG general meetings has been about whether the organization needs to become formally incorporated. At the 2010 annual meeting BGRG once again considered the appropriateness of becoming incorporated. The general body agreed to proceed on a phased process towards incorporation that included developing bylaws and installing a Board of Directors. National AIDS Education & Services for Minorities agreed to take the lead in exploring BGRG incorporation in the State of New York.

- **Developed and Adopted Bylaws for Black Gay Research Group**

As part of our strategic, phased-evolution to a tax-exempt nonprofit corporation, the Black Gay Research Group developed bylaws that will be used as the framework for governance of the organization. The bylaws were developed collaboratively by members of the BGRG Steering Committee and presented to the General Body on two occasions for review and feedback. Our partners at the National AIDS Education & Services for Minorities and the National Black Gay Men’s Advocacy Coalition also reviewed the bylaws. The steering committee refined the bylaws based on the feedback it received then re-presented the bylaws to the General Body for a final vote. On July 21, 2010 the General Body unanimously voted to adopt the BGRG bylaws.

- **Steering Committee Migrated to Board of Directors**

The BGRG instituted a steering committee structure in October 2007. Since then, the steering committee has been responsible for leading the growth and development of the BGRG, including taking responsibility for the implementation of the Black Gay Research Agenda. The newly adopted BGRG bylaws specified that the BGRG was to be governed by a Board of Directors. Thus, the next order of business for the BGRG was to approve the composition of the first BGRG Board of Directors. After considerable open discussion and consideration of various models for assembling the Board of Directors the General Body approved the reconstitution of the BGRG Steering Committee to the BGRG Board of Directors effective August 1, 2010. The General Body also approved for the incoming BGRG Steering Committee Chair to become the BGRG Board Chair effective August 1, 2010.

- **Planning for 2012 Black Gay Research Summit**

Building on the momentum generated from the successful 2010 Black Gay Research Summit and to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of BGRG’s founding, the Board of Directors approved the development of the 2012 Black Gay Research Summit. On the recommendation of the BGRG Board of Directors, Dr. Wilton appointed Craig Hutchinson as the 2012 Summit Chair. The 2012 Summit Planning Committee was convened in September 2010. The summit included standard features such as interdisciplinary presentations across thematic research tracks, special plenary sessions, keynote speakers and the BGRG Awards Ceremony. The 2012 Summit was originally slated as the BGRG’s return its original model of being held in conjunction with a Black Pride Celebration. Due to logistical challenges, the summit was once again scheduled to coincide with the National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and other Health Disparities. The summit planning committee developed a diverse array of summit tracks, symbolizing the group’s commitment to ensuring broad representation of Black gay men’s scholarship in diverse academic disciplines and professional practices.

The BGRG logo consists of the letters "BGRG" in a bold, white, sans-serif font, centered within a purple square with a thin white border.

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- **New BGRG Website**

In 2009, the BGRG launched a newly designed website. There was discussion in 2010 about the user friendliness of our website address. Through a series of discussions and consultations, the BGRG Board of Directors voted to migrate the old BGRG address (www.bgrg-international.org) to a new user-friendly address. In 2010 the BGRG web address was changed to: www.thebgrg.org. The new web address is operational and contains the same features of the previous website.

- **The Black Gay Research Blog**

In an effort to increase our digital footprint, the BGRG launched the Black Gay Research Blog. Dr. Xavier Livermon (Editor) and Mr. Daniel Driffin (Associate Editor) co-manage the blog. The blog is an active way for BGRG members to communicate their ideas and perspectives about issues of interest to Black gay men. The blog can be found at <http://thebgrg.wordpress.com>

2011 BGRG Annual Membership Meeting

On January 22, 2011 the BGRG held it's annual "face to face" meeting in Brooklyn, NY at the National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and other Health Disparities. The meeting was the largest BGRG member meeting to date, with over 40 people in attendance. This meeting also represented our largest single membership drive, generating 10 onsite submissions of applications for membership. Although this was a large meeting, several important items were addressed. Each item is outlined below.

- **Update on Transgender Health Research**

Dr. Ayana Elliott opened the meeting with a brief update on important items related to the clinical care and research related to Black transgender women. Dr. Elliot discussed her clinical and research work with Black transgender women in Washington, DC and offered insights to audience members who are currently engaged in community program work with this population. Dr. Elliott also made herself available to receive questions from the audience and provided thoughtful feedback to attendees' inquiries.

- **Debriefing on Black Gay Research Institute**

The group discussed the implications of the Black Gay Research Institute that concluded just prior to the annual meeting. Most members were present at the institute and were keen to discuss what they viewed as sentinel issues that warranted serious consideration for prioritization by the BGRG and the research endeavors of its members, as well items that needed to be addressed with federal science policymakers and funders. The major items highlighted from the institute related to (1) enhanced efforts to incorporate spirituality into research with Black gay men, (2) adopting a social justice aim as part of the research agenda, (3) adopting the position that knowledge generated within behavioral paradigms to explain and address the HIV epidemic among Black MSM must be supplemented by knowledge from the social and biological sciences through exploring links between unjust social conditions and physiologic vulnerability to HIV.

- **Revisiting the National Black Gay Men's Research Agenda**

Dr. Marlon M. Bailey, BGRG Director, led a discussion on the Research Agenda. This included receiving input from the general membership regarding what items they believed warranted inclusion in the next iteration of the Research Agenda. Among the items that were discussed was a need to consider bringing more attention to Black transgender men and women, since there is considerable overlap between community memberships. It was also presented that the Research Agenda should accommodate potential studies related to the use of PrEP as a HIV prevention tool for Black MSM and transgender women who have sex with men. Finally, attention was called to the increasing rates of incarceration of Black men and the impact this has for Black communities in general, including

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Black gay men and their families. The view that the criminalization of Black men fit within the scope of the National Black Gay Men's Research Agenda reflected the general sentiment among members that the Research Agenda needed to be linked to a larger social justice agenda for Black communities. Members were impressed with the Black Gay Research Institute conducted by Dr. Ron Simmons and Mr. Jamaal Clue and suggested that additional institutes be conducted regionally (South, West, Midwest) to gather information from Black gay men across the country that would inform how we updated the agenda, including determining what areas warranted the highest prioritization. Dr. Bailey will lead the process of updating the agenda and coordinating its planned re-release in 2012.

• Review of Membership Benefits

Mr. Gregory Victorienne, BGRG Director and Membership Chair, provided a verbal report on the current status of membership and reminded the attendees of the benefits of BGRG membership. One important advantage to membership is discounted rates at the Black Gay Research Summits and the priority consideration for BGRG Scholarships to conferences and other scholarly events. Several members in attendance at the summit were recipients of travel and registration scholarships to attend the 2011 National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and other Health Disparities. See Section VIII below for a more comprehensive description of membership benefits and status update.

• Update on the 2012 Black Gay Research Summit

Dr. Ed Brockenbrough, BGRG Director, provided a brief update on the plans for the 2012 Black Gay Research Summit. Dr. Brockenbrough announced the summit theme and invited members who were interested in participating as part of the planning committee to contact him directly. Dr. Brockenbrough also solicited ideas from the audience regarding the upcoming summit.

SECTION III. INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

BGRG

The work of the BGRG continues to be anchored by two core relationships that are vital to the sustainment of the organization and its members.

National AIDS Education and 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 on the BGRG Board of Directors and is Chair of the board's 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) and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

SECTION IV-A. 2010 SCHOLARLY & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

2010 Gay & Lesbian Medical Association Conference, San Diego, California, USA

Presenter: Dr. Sheldon D. Fields

- Dr. Fields presented at the GLMA's annual conference held September 22-25, 2010. He offered an analysis on the potential impacts that the newly released National HIV/AIDS Strategy may have for Black gay men in the United States. Dr. Fields analysis was informed by his research with Black gay men and his work on Capitol Hill as a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy/ American Political Science Association Fellow.

2010 National Coalition for LGBT Health Annual Meeting, Washington, District of Columbia, USA

Presenter: Dr. Ayana Elliott

- Dr. Elliott spoke at the National Coalition for LGBT Health's annual meeting that was held October 25-27, 2010. Ms. Elliott discussed her work with "The Woman in Me" intervention that she developed and delivered with women in the DC area who identify as transgender. She also discussed her current efforts to develop best practice guidelines for medical/health providers working with transgender women of color. Dr. Elliott's work is informed by her clinical expertise as a nurse practitioner, her research experience as a doctoral student, and her experience with transgender communities.

The Forgotten Epidemic- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and Harvard University Center for AIDS Research Symposium, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA

Presenter: Dr. Leo Wilton

- Dr. Wilton presented his perspectives on the state of the science regarding HIV prevention intervention research with Black men who have sex with men (MSM). Dr. Wilton's discussion highlighted the need for multi-layered interventions to address the impact of stigma, marginalization, and structural inequalities on HIV/STD disparities for Black MSM. This symposium was a landmark event that was developed through the partnership of the NAACP and the Harvard Center for AIDS Research.

HIV Prevention Trials Network 061 Black Caucus - Retention Retreat, Leesburg, Virginia, USA

Participants: Rudolph Carn; Jamaal Clue; Dr. Sheldon D. Fields; Dr. LaRon E. Nelson; Dr. Leo Wilton; Gregory D. Victorienne, Craig S. Hutchinson

- Several members of the Black Gay Research Group participated in a retreat to discuss challenges to, and brainstorm potential solutions for, retention in the HPTN Protocol #061 feasibility study.

White House Meeting on Black Men and HIV, Washington, District of Columbia, USA

Participants: Dr. Leo Wilton; Dr. David J. Malebranche; Ernest Hopkins; Damon Humes

- The meeting was convened on June 2, 2010. The purpose of the meeting was to facilitate dialogue between federal officials and community members regarding ways to effectively respond to increasing rates of HIV among Black men. Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Humes, and Dr. Wilton attended the event and participated as community representatives. Dr. Malebranche participated on a panel focused on Black community's response to HIV among Black men.

2010 Ontario Black Gay Men's Summit, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Presenter: Dr. LaRon E. Nelson

- BGRG fully supports the work of groups committed to the development of Black gay men who live outside of the United States. On March 26-28, 2010 Canada's first community summit devoted to the health and social needs of Black gay men was convened in Toronto. Dr. Nelson attended the summit on behalf of the Black Gay Research Group and co-facilitated a workshop with LLana James (Incwell Consulting) on mobilizing Black gay men to promote anti-racism, anti-oppression, and anti-homophobia in health, social, and research policies that impact their lives. Participation in this summit is a reflection of BGRG's commitment to working with Black queer scholars throughout the African Diaspora.

Position Statement on the U.S. National AIDS Strategy

Contributors: Dr. Xavier Livermon; Dr. LaRon E. Nelson; Dr. Leo Wilton

- The BGRG developed a statement in response to the release of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy. The BGRG welcomed the release of this document with enthusiasm and hopefulness. The BGRG's goal in developing the position statement was to offer praise to President Obama's administration for making a bold and revolutionary display of domestic attention to this disease that has impacted Black gay men so disproportionately, for so long. The BGRG also offered recommendations for ways to ensure that the policy has its intended impact, particularly as it relates to Black gay men and the communities where they live.

2010 International LGBTI Psychology Summer Institute, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA

Participants: Jamaal Clue; Dr. LaRon E. Nelson; Dr. Leo Wilton

- Several members of the BGRG participated in the week-long Institute at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. Dr.

Wilton participated the institute as one of the senior faculty, while Dr. Nelson and Mr. Clue attended the institute as participants. The BGRG had very strong visibility at the institute and was able to increase the organizations presence among the researchers from around the world who were a part of the institute. For example, Dr. Wilton provided one of the daily keynote addresses, Mr. Clue and Dr. Nelson presented posters of some of their research work and Dr. Nelson co-facilitated a workshop on religion and sexuality diversity.

CDC Black MSM Consultation, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Participants: Ernest Hopkins; Dr. LaRon E. Nelson; Dr. Ron Simmons

- In September 2010, several BGRG members 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 BGRG also reviewed and provided feedback on research results that the CDC conducted with young Black MSM at cities across the country including Oakland and Atlanta. The overall goal of this CDC-led social marketing campaign is to extrinsically motivate routine HIV testing among Black MSM at high risk of HIV infection.

NIAD/HANC Subject Matter Expert Consultation on Engaging African Americans in HIV Vaccine Research, Washington, District of Columbia, USA

Participants: Dr. LaRon E. Nelson

- Dr. Nelson participated along with African-American health and religious leaders from across the country in a consultation convened in February 2010 by the National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases and the HIV/AIDS National Coordinating Center. The purpose of the consultation was to generate ideas and develop strategies for increasing African-American representation in vaccine clinical trials research. BGRG member Kaijsen Noilmar also participated in the meeting through his work with the Legacy Project.

SECTION IV-B. 2011 SCHOLARLY & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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No. 1 Black Gay Research Institute, National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and other Health Disparities, Brooklyn, New York, USA

The Shifting Paradigm of HIV Infection among Black MSM Communities and the Development of New Strategies for Culturally Relevant Prevention

Presenters: Jamaal Clue; Dr. Ron Simmons; Dr. Sheldon D. Fields; Dr. Xavier Livermon

- This was the first in a series of three institutes designed to discuss the need for a paradigm shift in HIV prevention research and practice from the sole reliance on psycho-behavioral explanations for disparities in HIV incidence and outcomes among Black men who have sex with men. Invited guests Mr. Kenyon Farrow and Dr. William Jeffries contributed to the discussion from their perspectives in social justice/advocacy and social epidemiology.

No. 2 Black Gay Research Institute, National HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

The Paradigm Shift in HIV Prevention among Black MSM and Strategies for Effective Prevention I

Presenters: Jamaal Clue and Dr. Ron Simmons

- This was the second in the series of three institutes. This institute built on the previous one by providing the results of the Brooklyn Institute to the conference attendees. This institute was also another opportunity to gather information regarding what Black gay men and other communities viewed as the most pressing issues and promising methodological and conceptual strategies for addressing the HIV epidemic among Black MSM in the USA.

No. 3 Black Gay Research Institute, United States Conference on AIDS, Chicago, Illinois, USA

The Paradigm Shift in HIV Prevention among Black MSM and Strategies for Effective Prevention II

Presenters: Jamaal Clue and Dr. Ron Simmons

- This was the final installment of the BGRG Institute series. The goal of this institute was to present a synthesis of the two previous institutes in Brooklyn and Atlanta and to offer critical recommendations for the development of anti-racist, anti-oppression, socially just HIV prevention science that more adequately accommodated the complex lived

experiences of Black men who have sex with men and the complexities of the communities within which they are situated.

HIV Prevention Trials Network Concept 073: Model Interventions for the National Implementation of PrEP (MINI PrEP) among Black MSM in Six U.S. Cities

Participating Members: Dr. Sheldon D. Fields; Jonathan Paul Lucas; Dr. LaRon E. Nelson; Christopher Chauncey Watson; Dr. Darrell P. Wheeler

- This workgroup has been working for the past nine months to develop a demonstration project aimed to develop and evaluate community/public health based clinical models of delivering PrEP to Black MSM in the six US cities that conducted HPTN 061. Dr. Nelson is the BGRG's representative to this workgroup. The other BGRG members on this workgroup are participating by virtue of their primary affiliations with the HIV Prevention Trials Network. The concept is still under development as the development team continues to work through design challenges that arise as a result of conducting rigorous evaluations in non-controlled, real world clinical settings.

HIV/AIDS in Black MSM: Research Gaps and Opportunities, National Institute of Health, Office of AIDS Research, Rockville, Maryland, USA

Participating Members: Dr. Nina Harawa; Dr. David J. Malebranche; Dr. LaRon E. Nelson; Dr. Darrell P. Wheeler

- This one-day meeting focused on presenting the National Black Gay Men's Research Agenda to leaders at NIH institutes and distinguished scholars involved in HIV related research with Black MSM in the US. Dr. Nelson presented critical components of the BGRG Research Agenda that served as the basis for critical discussion at the meeting. The meeting included critical discussions about structural and ideological issues that stifle research innovation and the recommendations of strategies for how elements of the Black Gay Men's Research Agenda could be operationalized as NIH priorities. The meeting also resulted in a list of strategies that NIH could employ to help facilitate the generation of culturally relevant, transformative, interdisciplinary HIV prevention research proposals with Black MSM.



Kumasi & Accra Project to Prevent AIDS (KAPPA), Accra, Kumasi, Odumase and Tema, Ghana

Participating Members: Dr. LaRon E. Nelson; Dr. Marlon M. Bailey; Dr. Sheldon D. Fields; Sulaimon Giwa; Dr. David J. Malebranche; Dr. Leo Wilton

- The KAPPA Project is the BGRG's first international research project and is being conducted in collaboration with community partners in Ghana. The goal of KAPPA is to harness the potential of men's social networks to be sites of intra-ventions for the prevention of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections. A major component of the KAPPA study is to understand how to facilitate the understanding of and utilization of pre-exposure prophylaxis among men who have sex with men in Ghana. KAPPA is currently in Phase 1, which is a mixed methods examination of the structure and function of men's social networks, including exploring how networks and network leaders influence and regulate the health behaviors and health-seeking behaviors of their members.

Ambassadors for Change (AFC) Development Project, Oakland, California, USA

Participating Members: Dr. Xavier Livermon; Dr. Robert L. Miller Jr.; Dr. LaRon E. Nelson

- The BGRG continues its commitment to working with the Sexual Minority Alliance of Alameda County (SMAAC) on the development and evaluation of the Ambassadors for Change Project. The AFC project is a community-grown faith based HIV prevention and anti-stigma intra-vention designed to be delivered in Black churches through the medium of gospel music choirs. This innovative project is the first of its kind to use choirs versus the AIDS-ministry or pulpit-based platforms traditionally used in faith-based HIV prevention programs. In summer 2011 BGRG and SMAAC reached an agreement for Dr. Xavier Livermon and Dr. Robert L. Miller Jr. to serve as research team leaders working in collaboration with Mr. Roosevelt Mosby to seek developmental research funding support for the AFC project.

Black Canadian Queer Research Network (BCQRN), Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Participants: Sulaimon Giwa; Dr. Lance T. McCready; Dr. LaRon E. Nelson

- In November 2011 several BGRG members in Canada were invited to join with Black Canadian queer-identified

scholars to form Canada's first research group led by, and in the health and social interests of, Black queer Canadians. The BCQRN was established in order to create a communal, self-determined, transformative intellectual space for queer researchers of the Canadian African Diaspora to shape the types and directions of research on issues that impact them, as well as the families and the communities within which their lives are situated. The BGRG will seek out opportunities to work collaboratively with the sisters and brothers of BCQRN as well as support their successful development.

Health Disparities in Sexual Minorities: Along the Life Cycle: A Beginning Community Conversation, Albany, New York, USA

Participating Members: Dr. Robert Miller; Dr. Ed Brockenbrough; Dr. Ayana Elliott; Dr. Sheldon D. Fields; Dr. David J. Malebranche; Dr. Leo Wilton

- This two-day health research summit, held on Nov. 7-8, 2011, focused on critical issues confronting the mental and physical health of LGBT communities at the University at Albany. The conference director was Dr. Robert L. Miller, Jr., BGRG member and Associate Professor of Social Work at the University at Albany. The conference was designed for community members, students, faculty and researchers concerned with decreasing and eliminating health disparities in underserved populations.

SECTION V. BGRG SUPPORT OF BLACK GAY COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Revolutionized 10 (R-10): House of Blahnik's 10th Anniversary Ball & College Scholarship Fundraiser, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

- The Black Gay Research Group sponsored the R-10 Ball and College Scholarship Fundraiser that was held May 22, 2010 to commemorate 10 years of the House of Blahnik's Achievement inside and outside of Ballroom. Since its founding, BGRG has been committed to supporting the Black gay communities in their efforts at self-determination and development. The House of Blahnik has for many years set itself apart as a leader in developing its family members and contributing broadly to Black gay communities.

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2011 National African-American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and Other Health Disparities, Brooklyn, New York, USA

- In spring 2010, the Black Gay Research Group signed on as a sponsor of the 2011 National Conference. This conference is an annual gathering of scholars, practitioners, and community members from across the United States and Canada who come together to exchange research and practice ideas devoted to improving the health of Black MSM. Supporting this type of conference is in accord with our National Black Gay Men's Research Agenda. The conference is also a major recruiting venue to the BGRG and is where we conduct our Annual General Membership meeting.

BGRG Scholarships: 2010 Black Gay Research Summit and 2010 National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and Other Health Disparities, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

- The Black Gay Research Group, with support from sponsors, provided scholarships to help 35 people to attend the 2010 Black Gay Research Summit and the 2010 National Conference. The scholarships covered Summit and Conference registration fees as well as hotel lodging for the nights of the Summit and Conference. We awarded over \$15,000 in scholarships for community members to attend this conference. We prioritized young Black MSM and staff from agencies whose services are primarily targeted to Black gay men.

BGRG Scholarships: 2011 National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and other Health Disparities, Brooklyn, New York, USA

- The BGRG, with support from sponsors, provided scholarships to help 25 people to attend the 2011 National Conference. The scholarships covered conference registration fees as well as hotel lodging for the nights of the conference. We awarded over \$10,000 in scholarships for community members to attend this conference. We prioritized young Black MSM and staff from agencies whose services are primarily targeted to Black gay men.

BGRG Scholarships: 2012 Black Gay Research Summit, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

- Once again, the BGRG demonstrated its commitment to ensuring community accessibility to research by providing scholarships to assist 40 people to attend the 2012 Black Gay Research Summit. The scholarships covered summit registration fees as well as hotel lodging for the nights of the summit. For this summit, marking our Decennial, we awarded over \$20,000 in scholarships. Priority consideration was given to applicants who were young Black MSM, active members of the BGRG, staff from agencies whose services are primarily targeted to Black gay men, or post-secondary school students.

BGRG Sponsored International Panel of Black Gay Men, Ghana, Canada, England and the Caribbean.

- The BGRG supported travel of Black gay men from outside of the United States to attend the 2010 Summit and the 2010 National Conference. This made it possible for Summit and Conference attendees to hear about the work of Black gay men in other parts of the world including Ghana, Canada, and England. Moreover, it allowed us an opportunity to gather and exchange ideas with our international brothers that can be used to enhance the work they do in their resident countries and the work we do here in the US.

BGRG Sponsored International Panel of Black Gay Men, Canada, Ghana, Malawi, South Africa and the Caribbean.

- In 2011, the BGRG supported travel of Black same gender practicing scholars and community leaders from Africa and the African Diaspora to attend the 2012 Black Gay Research Summit. This made possible for summit attendees to, once again, hear about the innovative work happening with Black gay men in other parts of the world including Canada, Ghana, Jamaica, Malawi, Nigeria, and South Africa. As with the international delegation that attended the 2010 Black Gay Research Summit, this delegation affords us an opportunity for intellectual and practical exchanges that can enhance the work that BGRG researchers do in the US and the work that our sisters and brothers do in the countries where they live.

SECTION VI. COMMUNITY RECOGNITION



2011 Wellness for Life Award, In the Meantime Men's Group, Inc., Los Angeles, California, USA

- In August 2011, the BGRG was recognized by In The Meantime Men's Group, Inc.—Los Angeles' premier Black gay men's wellness organization—with the "Wellness For Life" Award during its Tenth Annual Black Men's Wellness for Life "I Am Powerful" Health Conference/Symposium. The BGRG was honored with the award for its commitment to creating and sustaining a positive research platform focused on the lives of Black gay men. Locally, BGRG members such as Dr. Nina Harawa (Charles Drew University), Gregory D. Victorienne and Dr. John Williams (University of California Los Angeles) have been instrumental in the design and implementation of research and clinical services in the Los Angeles area. BGRG student members are also making their mark as young scholars conducting plot studies or providing their expertise on Community Advisory Boards.

SECTION VII. 2010 BLACK GAY RESEARCH AWARDS

In January 2010, the BGRG hosted its first awards ceremony, designed to "honor our own" who are making important contributions to our community in the area of research leadership, community programming, policy and advocacy, and arts & culture. The sold out event featured the presentation of custom designed BGRG Award statues, emotional and prophetic speeches by the honorees, and a performance by acclaimed artist and intellectual Dr. E. Patrick Johnson. Awards were presented in the following categories:

BGRG Lifetime Achievement Award for Distinguished Scholarly Contributions & Leadership

Dr. Ron Simmons

- This award recognized Dr. Simmons as an outstanding Black gay man who has served a major leadership role in research, education and advocacy as leader who brings a sense of vision, Black gay pride and politics to his leadership role at Us Helping Us People into Living, Inc. Through his timeless writings, his work as the Executive Director of Us Help Us, his legacy as a founding and long-standing member of the BGRG, his work with the National Black Gay Men's Advocacy Coalition and his mentoring, Dr. Simmons has had a significant and far-reaching impact

on the lives of Black gay men. Dr. Simmons exemplifies leadership distinction, has blazed paths upon which future generations of Black men will proudly march and has laid solid foundations upon which future generations of Black gay leaders will continue to build a better community.

BGRG Emerging Scholar and Leadership Award

Kenneth T. Jones

- This award recognized Mr. Jones as an outstanding Black gay man and scientist who has made significant contributions to advancing the ideals of the Black Gay Research Agenda. Through his research, his work in the Black gay community and his role as a founding member of the BGRG, Mr. Jones has demonstrated early exceptional contributions and promise for the development of knowledge relevant to lives of Black gay men. Moreover, he exhibits Black gay pride and demonstrates a personal and professional commitment to advancing social justice for Black gay communities. He is one of our community's brightest stars and, even at the time of the award, he was already well on his way to assuming major leadership roles in research and policymaking. Mr. Jones is an inspiration to young Black gay men around the world who aspire to have meaningful careers in research.

BGRG Founders' Spirit & Soul Award for Outstanding Contributions in Service to the Black Gay Community

Ernest Hopkins

- This award recognized Mr. Hopkins as an outstanding Black gay man who has demonstrated commitment, innovation, caring, and competence in his service to the Black gay community. Mr. Hopkins' work at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the National Black Gay Men's Advocacy Coalition as well as his fearless advocacy on behalf of Black gay men exemplifies the strong advocacy spirit of the men who founded BGRG. Mr. Hopkins inspires both the veteran and junior warriors who fight for the social, political, and health interests of Black gay men and this award was one humble acknowledgement of all the work that he does to hold our leaders accountable for their duties to our communities and to make life better for Black gay men. Mr. Hopkins has also been an essential ally for the BGRG and has provided much strategic counsel to support the growth and development of our organization.

Roosevelt Mosby Jr.

- This award recognized Mr. Mosby as an outstanding Black gay man who has demonstrated commitment, innovation, caring, and competence in their service to the Black gay community. Mr. Mosby has demonstrated excellence through his direct service in community-oriented programming that has had an impact on the lives of Black gay men and, in doing so, advanced the ideals of the BGRG. Mr. Mosby's work at the Sexual Minority Alliance of Alameda County (SMAAC) Youth Center and his continued outspoken advocacy on behalf of Black gay men exemplifies the advocacy spirit of the men who founded BGRG. Mr. Mosby is an inspiration to both clients and colleagues alike and can be counted on 100% of the time to keep us and our allies honest and to sound the alarm anytime and anyplace that injustices against Black gay men are not given their due attention by policy leaders.



BGRG Executive Honors Award

Gregory D. Victorienne

- The BGRG Executive Honor Award was bestowed upon Mr. Victorienne for his selfless devotion to the BGRG as a member of its steering committee, its membership chair, and as the 2010 BGRG Summit Chair. Mr. Victorienne has given endlessly of his time and effort to ensure the active intake and engagement of BGRG members. From sending out personalized, culturally specific, holiday cards for each and every member, to collecting and compiling members' accomplishments for the annual membership report, Mr. Victorienne has exemplified productivity and has done so for years, without thought to personal cost. This award was presented by then BGRG Chair, Dr. LaRon E. Nelson, as an act of appreciation and celebration for Mr. Victorienne's contributions to the BGRG.

Dr. Marlon M. Bailey

- The BGRG Executive Honor Award was also bestowed upon Dr. Marlon Bailey for his service and leadership to the BGRG as its inaugural Chair. Dr. Bailey led the BGRG with fearlessness, integrity and a commitment to intellectual honesty in all internal and public BGRG related discourses. Dr. Bailey was a central figure in the dialogue between the BGRG and HIV Prevention Trials Network regarding the lack of Black gay men's representation in the scientific leadership of HPTN 061 study. Moreover, Dr. Bailey was key in helping establish relationships between the BGRG,

the HPTN 061 investigators and the HPTN 061 Black Caucus. Dr. Bailey presided over the development and release of the 2009 BGRG Annual Report, which established the formal mechanism for reporting of BGRG activities to its members. The groundwork laid by BGRG's first official leader provided a solid foundation that continues to support our growth in representation and intellectual scope.

BGRG Jewels: Lifetime Membership Recognition

The BGRG Purple Diamond was established to recognize extraordinary contribution to the development of the BGRG. Members who receive the distinction of BGRG Jewel receive a lifetime membership and the BGRG Purple Diamond. This is a rare honor and is not awarded regularly.

Dr. Leo Wilton

- Dr. Wilton has been one of BGRG's longest continuing members (alongside Dr. Ron Simmons). Dr. Wilton has been a consistent cultural and scholarly anchor to the group, ensuring that the group maintained the spirit of its founders and providing historical perspective from his vantage point of having seen the BGRG develop from an idea to an institution. His wisdom has and his unwavering and unapologetic commitment to the lives of Black folks has held this group together.

Rudolph H. Carn

- Mr. Rudolph Carn's involvement with the BGRG began in 2007 at the National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS in Charlotte, North Carolina. At the conference, the BGRG convened a meeting (later to be known as the BGRG's "Charlotte Convention") of Black gay scholars and community leaders to develop the National Black Gay Men's Research Agenda. Since then, Mr. Carn has offered the infrastructure of the National AIDS Education and Services for Minorities (NAESM), Inc. to serve as an administrative home for the BGRG at a time when the dissolution of the BGRG's existing infrastructure threatened the survival of the group. Mr. Carn has carved out space at his conference every year since 2007 for the BGRG to hosts its Black Gay Research Institutes and Annual General Membership Meetings. BGRG, an all-volunteer organization, literally would have ceased to exist without the just-in-time support of Mr. Carn and NAESM, Inc.



SECTION VIII. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- In 2011, the BGRG continued along its path of growth as we counted additions to our membership from both domestic US and international-based scholars. During the past decade, the BGRG has been the leading advocate of research that has focused on the lives of Black gay men and we can proudly celebrate our work because of the strength of our members.
- Through their active participation, our members demonstrate that they believe in our efforts to strengthen, empower and provide a network of researchers from a variety of interdisciplinary perspectives. This ongoing commitment and support has led to growth and progress for the BGRG and positive results for Black gay men around the world. The BGRG believes in creating a community where scholars are able to collaborate and build upon each other's knowledge and experiences.
- BGRG members forge a better future each and every day to make a positive impact on the lives of Black gay men's communities and provide opportunities to become an important part of a network of researchers. The BGRG keeps the members informed with weekly digests, which includes targeted scientific peer reviewed contents/publications, updates via the BGRG Facebook page and the BGRG blog.
- Not only do members invest time into the development of the BGRG and related projects, but also make monetary contributions to the organization. Memberships are also integral to our ability to provide professional consultation and capacity development to community agencies and researchers. By becoming a member, renewing memberships, and pledging to be more active, vocal and visible, you are able to reap a substantial list of benefits.

Benefits of BGRG membership include:

- Receive the BGRG weekly digest which includes targeted scientific peer reviewed contents / 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 articles posted on the group's web site
- Participate in quarterly membership toll-free conference calls
- Recognition in the Annual Report including peer review and presentations at National and Local Conferences during the year.
- Discount to the BGRG Summits & Conferences

BGRG is grateful and recognizes that membership is critical for its growth and development. As we move forward, members are volunteering on the planning committee for the 10th Anniversary in New Orleans, LA, January 2012 while others are collaborating on projects affecting the lives of Black gay men.

For the next decade, the BGRG is committed to the following:

- Remaining a leader in research affecting the lives of Black gay men's communities today and for the future
- Maintaining a strong social justice commitment in the research conducted in Black gay men's communities
- Strengthening broad ongoing membership recruitment efforts to increase visibility
- Providing a forum for fellow researchers and community partners
- Celebrating the achievements and activities of members who exemplify commitment and excellence in their field(s) of research, clinical, and community program practice.

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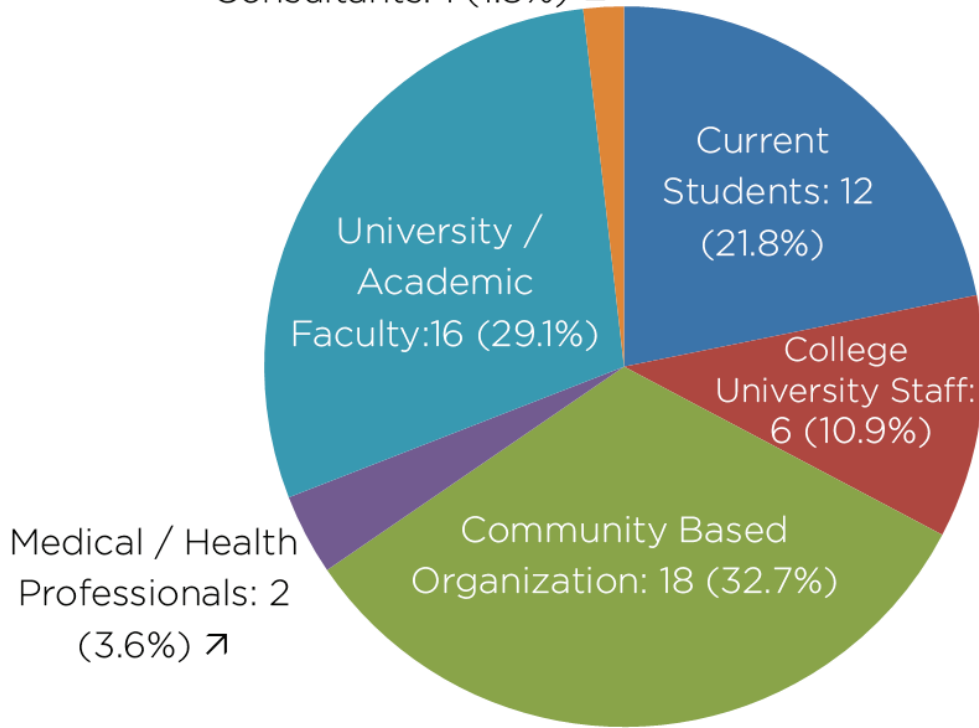
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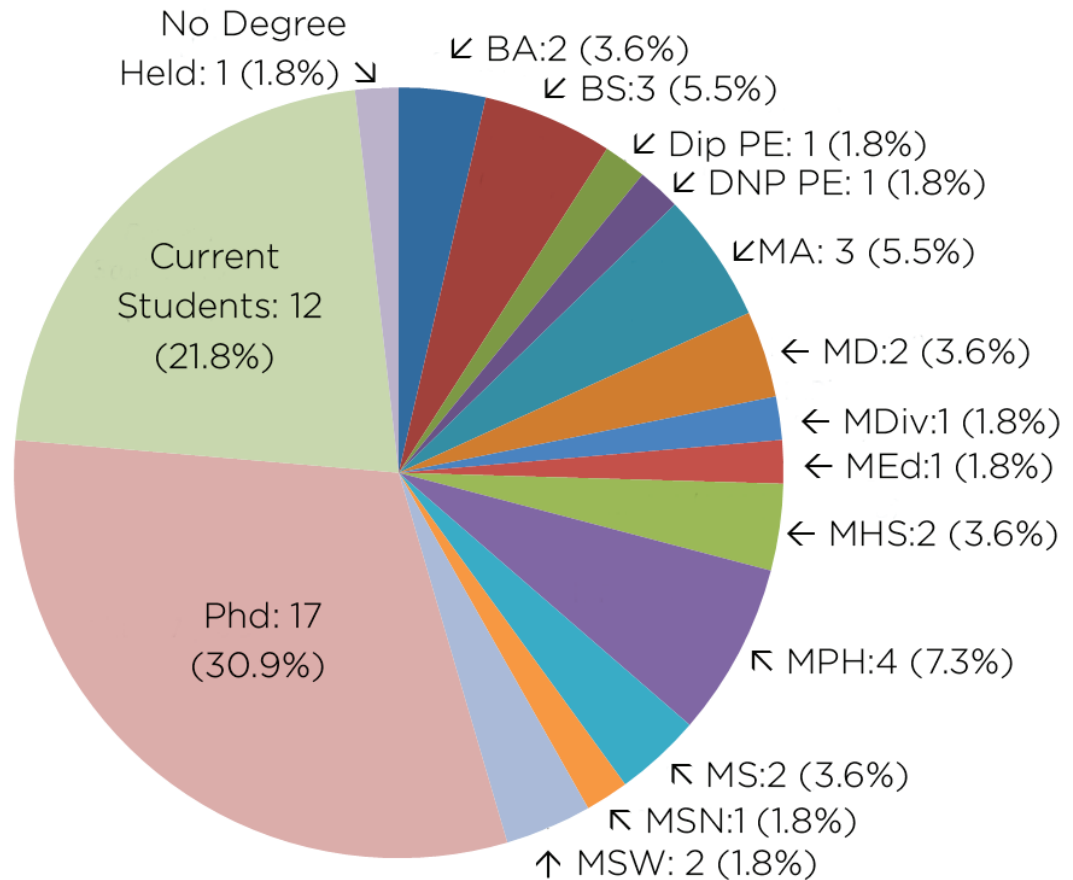
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2011 MEMBER SELECTED WORKS

Selected Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Allen, V., Lachance, C., Rios-Ellis, B., Kaphingst, K. (2011) Issues in the assessment of “race” among Latinos: implications for research and policy. *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*, 33(4), 411 – 424.

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Idemudia, E.S., **Williams, J.K.,** Wyatt, G.E. (In Press). Is South Africa a bed of roses? Experiences of undocumented Zimbabweans immigrating to South Africa. *Journal of Injury and Violence Research*.

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D., Van Der Pol, B., Nix R., Kelle, G., Fortenberry, J.D. (2011). Sexual health and life experiences: voices from behaviourally bisexual Latino men in the Midwestern USA. *Culture, Health & Sexuality*, 13(9): 1073-89.

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Nelson, L. E., Morrison-Beedy, D. (In Press). Conducting intervention research in public health settings. In B. M. Melnyk & D. Morrison-Beedy (Eds.), *Designing, Conducting, Analyzing and Funding Intervention Research for Publication: A Practical Guide for Success*. New York: Springer.

Nelson, L. E. (2011). A review of couples, gender, and power: Creating change in intimate relationships. *Journal of Sex & Marital Therapy*, 37, 327-328.

Nelson, L. E., Morrison-Beedy, D., Kearney, H., Dozier, A. (2011). Always, never, or sometimes: Examining variation in condom-use decision making among Black adolescent mothers. *Research in Nursing & Health*, 270-281.

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of Racial/Ethnic Minority YMSM Living with HIV. *AIDS Patient Care and STDs*, 25(S1): S23-S29.

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Wyatt, G.E., **Williams, J.K.,** Gupta, A., Malebranche, D. (In Press) Are Cultural Values and Beliefs Included in U.S. Based HIV Interventions? *Journal of Preventive Medicine*.

Selected Conference Presentations

Aronson, R.E., McGee, W., Nichols, T., Pulliam, R., **Graham, L.F.** (2011, March). Critical race theory and public health research with African-American emerging adults. Society for Applied Anthropology; Seattle, WA.

Baker, C., Hopkins, E., **Jones, V. C.,** Rennie, L., Brewer, R. (2011, August). Mobilizing Black Gay Leadership in Response to the HIV Epidemic. National HIV Prevention Conference. Atlanta, GA.

Brennan, D., Newman, P., Hart, T., George, C., Ceranto, A., Betancourt, G., Gomez, M., Asakura, K., **Giwa, S.,** Souleymanov, R. (2011, November). Impact of Body Image on Sexual Health among Ethnoracialized Gay & Bisexual Men in Toronto. The 2011 OHTN Research Conference, Toronto, ON.

Brockenbrough, E. (2011, April). Race and role modeling: The divergent perspectives of White, Black, and Latino male teachers. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

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Brockenbrough, E., Boatwright, T. (2011, April). R U down? Culturally competent research with LGBT youth of color. The American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Bruce, L.J. (2011, April). Interlude in Madtime: Black Music, Madness & Metaphysical Syncopation. The American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD.

Bunce, C. A., **Fields, S. D.,** Wallace, S., Humes, D., & Keefer, M. (2011, September). Project Vogue: HIV Education in an Underserved Racial/Ethnic MSM Population. Poster Presentation at the AIDS Vaccine 2011 Conference. (Poster # P15.08). Bangkok, Thailand.

Carn, R., Clue, J., Driffin, D., Williams, E., **Wilton, L.,** & Usher, D. (2011, August). Creating Responsible Intelligent Black Brothers (CRIBB) Fellowship Program. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. National HIV Prevention Conference. Atlanta, GA.

Clue, J.A. (2011, June). Black MSM Prevention Institute. Young, Gifted & Gay: The Self Esteem of Young MSM. South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control. Columbia, SC.

Clue, J.A. (2011, November). Roundtable. HIV Paradigm Shift among Black MSM. United States Conference on AIDS. Chicago, IL

Doshi, R., **Malebranche D.** (2011, August). Health care utilization among Black men in Georgia: Implications for the HIV racial disparity. The National HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, GA,

Elliott, A. (2011, April). Transgender Identified Health Professionals Panel Discussion National Transgender Health Summit. University of California San Francisco. San Francisco, CA.

Elliott, A. (2011, June). Health Concerns for Transgender People of Color 10th Annual Philadelphia Trans-Health Conference. Philadelphia, PA.

Elliott, A. (2011, June). Transgender People of Color Let's Get Together Conference - Rutgers University at Newark. Newark, NJ.

Elliott, A. (2011, November). When Healthcare Isn't Caring: Issues for Transgender People of Color Health Disparities in Sexual Minorities Along the Life Cycle: A Beginning Conversation State University of New York at Albany, Albany, NY.

Elliott, A. (2011, December). Iron Deficiency Anemia Diagnosed in the Private Practice Setting 2011 American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA

Fields, S. D., Watson, C. C., Victorienne, G. D., Lucas, J.P., & the HPTN 061 Black Caucus Members (2011, August). Lessons Learned from a Retreat on Retention of Black MSM in the BROTHERS Study. (Abstract ID1993). The 2011 National HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Fields, S.D., Wharton, M. J., Humes, D. L., Bauman, J., & Anson, E. (August, 2011). YMYV: An HIV Intervention for Young Men of Color Who Have Sex with Men. (Abstract ID 1929). The 2011 National HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Fields, S. D., Bunce, C. A., Wallace, S., Humes, D., & Keefer, M. (2011, November). The Evolution of Project VOGUE: A HIV Vaccine Education Curriculum for an Underserved Racial/Ethnic MSM Sub-Population. Oral presentation at the 24th Annual Conference, Association of Nurses in AIDS Care. Baltimore MD

Fields, S.D., Lucas, J.P., Watson C.C., Victorienne, G.D., Perkins, B., Hutchinson C.S., Wallace, J., Parker, I., Arnold, M. (2011, January). Success and Challenges of Retaining Black MSM in Clinical Research Studies. The National African America MSM Leadership Conference on HIV & other Health Disparities, Brooklyn, NY.

Frew, P.M., Del Rio, C., O'Leary, A., Kuo, I., Justman, J., Haley, D., Chege, W., Golin, C., Adimora, A., Root, C., Waller, H., Jones, L., Lancaster, K., **Lucas, J. P.,** Amsterdam, A., Hodder, S. (2011, July). Multilevel Determinants of Women's HIV Risk in the United States: Qualitative Implications for Intervention Development from the HIV Prevention Trial Network's (HPTN) Women's HIV SeroIncidence Study (ISIS). 6th International Aids Society Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention. Rome, Italy.

Giwa, S., Greensmith, C. (2011, June). Beyond HIV/AIDS: Combating Health Disparities among LGBTQ People of Color. The Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) 2011 Annual Conference, Montreal, QC.

Giwa, S., Greensmith, C. (2011, June). Racism and the Psychology of Sexual Health Decision-Making among LGBTQ People of Color. The Canadian Psychological Association's 72nd Annual Convention, Toronto, ON.

Giwa, S., Greensmith, C. (2011, January). Racism within the LGBTQ Community of Toronto: What do Gay Service Providers of Color Say? The National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS, Brooklyn, NY.

Graham, L.F., Aronson, R.E., Nichols, T., Stephens, C.F., Rhodes, S.D. (2011, November). Factors influencing depression and anxiety among black sexual minority men. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting; LGBT Caucus: 234628. <http://apha.confex.com/apha/139am/webprogram/Paper234628.html> - Oral. Washington, DC.

Graham, L.F., McGee, W.L., Pulliam, R.M., Williams, K., Henny, K.D., Rhodes, S., Aronson, R.E. (2011, November). Using a community-based participatory approach to understand social, cultural & psychological factors that influence HIV risk among African American heterosexually active college men. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting; HIV/AIDS Section: 237612. <http://apha.confex.com/apha/139am/webprogram/Paper237612>. Washington, DC.

Graham, L.F., Bynes, K., Quamina, A. (November, 2011). SPNS Community Involvement Project local qualitative process evaluation. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting; HIV/AIDS Section: 235116. <http://apha.confex.com/apha/139am/webprogram/Paper235116.html> - Poster. Washington, DC.

Graham, L.F., Bynes, K., Quamina, A. (2011, August). SPNS Community Involvement Project local qualitative process evaluation. National HIV Prevention Conference. - Poster. Atlanta, GA

Graham, L.F. (2011, January). Critical race theory as framework and analysis tool for population health research among ethnic and sexual minority men. National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and other Health Disparities. Brooklyn, NY.

Grant, D., Rose, M., Little, N., Charles, H. C., **Jones, V.** C., Uzzi, M., Johnson, E., White, L. D. (2011, August). Strengthening Community Advocacy in HIV Prevention Research: AVAC's PxROAR Program. National HIV Prevention Conference. Atlanta, GA.

Green, K.R. (2011, January). Shifting Paradigm of HIV Infection among Black MSM Communities and the Development of New Strategies for Culturally Relevant Prevention. 2011 National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV & Other Health Disparities. Brooklyn, NY

Green, K.R. (2011, November). Adverse Childhood Experiences & HIV Risk Behaviors among Chicago Black Men who have Sex with Men: New Frontiers for HIV Prevention Intervention. Unites States Conference on AIDS. Chicago, IL

Haley, D. & **Lucas, J. P.** (2011, January). HPTN 064: Identifying and Retaining US Women at Greatest Risk of HIV Infection. International Workshop on HIV & Women from Adolescence Through Menopause. Washington, D.C.

Haley, D., **Lucas, J. P.**, Waller, H., DiNenno, E., Soto-Torres, L., Justman, J., Hodder, S. (2011, August) Identifying and Retaining US Women at Increased Risk of HIV Infection. National HIV Prevention Conference. Atlanta, GA.

Harawa, N.T., Williams, J.K., Ramamurthi H. (2011, August) Academic- Community Collaborative: Lessons from an Intervention for Behaviorally Bisexual Black Men. (Abstract ID 1944). National HIV Prevention Conference. Atlanta, GA.

Harawa, N.T., Williams, J.K. (2011, August) Socioeconomic Status, Sexual Orientation, and Racism among Black MSMW: Associations with Mental Health and Self-Concept. (Abstract ID 1948). National HIV Prevention Conference. Atlanta, GA.

Harawa, N.T., Sylla, M., Hallstrom, C., Kerndt, P.R., Lebowitz, A. (2011, August). Condom Distribution in Jail to Prevent HIV Infection. (Abstract ID 1698). National HIV Prevention Conference. Atlanta, GA.

Harawa, N.T., McCuller, W. (2011, August). Condom Distribution Program in the Los Angeles Men's Central Jail: Sheriff Deputy's Attitudes and Opinions. (Abstract ID 1956). National HIV Prevention Conference. Atlanta, GA.

Hopkins, J. (2011, November). Implementing Physical Activity and Healthy Eating Strategies on Paid Time: The UCLA WORKING Project Pilot Study. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C.

Hopkins, J. Eisenberg, J., Hancock, Y., Tingling-Clemmons, M. (2011, November). It Takes A Village to Get and Keep Us Moving: Prioritizing Proven Strategies, Powerful Partnerships, and Popular Culture to Spark Physical Activity Among Children & Youth. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C.

Hopkins, J. (2011, March) Implementing Organizational Physical Activity & Healthy Eating Strategies on Paid Time. NIH Science of Dissemination & Implementation Annual Meeting, Bethesda, MD.

Jones, V. C. (2011, January). Crossing the Lines: An Intergenerational Conversation Between Black Gay Men. National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS & Other Health Disparities, Brooklyn, NY.

Jones, V. C. (2011, August). What Does New Incidence Data Mean for Us? A Community Conversation among Back Gay & Bisexual Men. National HIV Prevention Conference. Atlanta, GA

Jordan, W., Stone, V., DeLaitsch, L., Wong, E.,

Malebranche, D., Abravanel, R., Baugh, B. (2011, August). HIV testing practices and perceptions of frontline healthcare providers. The National HIV Prevention Conference. Atlanta, GA.

Jones, V.C. (2011, September). How Do We Save Ourselves and Our Communities? National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Conference, Washington, DC.

Jones, V.C. (2011, September). "HIV and Youth." Workshop Presenter. National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Conference, Washington, DC, September 26, 2011.

King, G., & **Lucas, J. P.** (2011, July). Diverse Approaches to HIV Prevention Research with Black Women: Lessons Learned From HPTN's Community Engagement Successes. 39th National Black Nurses Association Annual Institute and Conference. Indianapolis, IN.

King, G., & **Lucas, J. P.** (2011, January) Exploring the TLC-Plus research study: Is a Community-Wide Test and Link to Care Strategy the Key to Curbing the HIV Epidemic Among Black Men Who Have Sex With Men? National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS & Other Health Disparities. Brooklyn, NY.

Kuo, I., O'Leary, A., Justman, J., Frew, P.M., Haley, Golin, C., Adimora, A., Waller, H., Jones, L., Lancaster, K., **Lucas, J. P.**, Amsterdam, A., Soto-Torres, L., Hodder, S. (2011, July). Condom Use Among U.S. Women at High Risk for HIV Infection— Implications for HIV prevention. 6th International Aids Society Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment & Prevention. Rome, Italy.

Kuo, I., O'Leary, A., Justman, J., Frew, P.M., Haley, Golin, C., Smith, J., Adimora, A., Waller, H., Jones, L., Lancaster, K., **Lucas, J. P.**, Amsterdam, A., Hodder, S. (2011, July). Male Attitudes Toward HIV Testing Among Men in Four US Cities. 6th International Aids Society Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment & Prevention. Rome, Italy.

Livermon, X. (2011, April). Noah's Arc as Queer Afrodiasporic Text. The 9th International Conference of the Collegium for African American Research. Paris, France.

Malebranche, D., Stone, A., Park, B., Owens, B., Sangaramoorthy, T., Bowleg, L. (2011, August) The influence of father-son relationships on the structural context of HIV risk among Black men. National HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Mayer, K., Wallace, J., **Fields, S.D.** & the HPTN 061 Black Caucus. (2011, September). HPTN 061 (The BROTHERS Study): Feasibility Study of a Community-level, Multi-component HIV Intervention for Black Men who have sex with Men. The 29th Annual Conference of the Gay & Lesbian Medical Association. Atlanta, GA.

Merchant, S., Waller, H., Jones, L., Cokley, C., Shabazz-El, W., Kuo, I., O'Leary, A., Justman, J., Frew, P., Golin, C. E., Haley, D. F., Amsterdam, A., Lancaster, K., **Lucas, J. P.**, Soto-Torres, L. (2011, May). Contextual factors associated with low condom use among women at high-risk for HIV/AIDS in urban environments. VOICES Conference 2011: Mapping Our Way. Washington, DC.

Miller Jr., R.L. (2011, November). Conceptualized and Organized: The Health Disparities in Sexual Minorities Along the Life Cycle: A Beginning Community Discussion. The Center For the Elimination of Minority Health Disparities, Research Training & Education Core. Albany, NY.

Miller Jr., R.L. (2011, May). African American Gay Men, Spirituality & HIV Disease: How Do We Manage? Providing HIV Prevention Research, Training & Service Through the Region, the Nation & the World. Medical College of Wisconsin, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Medicine's Center for AIDS Intervention Research. Milwaukee, WI.

Prachand, N., **Green, K.R.**, Amarathithada, D., Brown, C. (2011, November). Adverse Childhood Experiences and HIV Risk Behaviors among Chicago Black Men who have Sex with Men: New Frontiers for HIV Prevention Intervention. 2011 United States Conference on AIDS. Chicago, IL

Simmons, R., Fields, S., Green, K.R. (2011, January) Shifting Paradigm of HIV Infection among Black MSM Communities and the Development of New Strategies for Culturally Relevant Prevention. 2011 National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV & other Health Disparities. Brooklyn, NY

Stephens, C., Uzzi, O., Hatcher, K., **Graham, L.F.**, (2011 August). From Where I Stand: A HIV prevention social marketing campaign for black gay men. National HIV Prevention Conference. http://www.2011nhpc.org/search_abstract.asp?fid=173. Atlanta, GA,

Toone, A., Stephens, C.F, **Graham, L.F.**, Uzzi, O.E. (2011, November). From where I stand: Designing a social marketing campaign using a community engaged approach. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting; Community-Based Public Health Caucus: 243507. <http://apha.confex.com/apha/139am/webprogram/Paper24350>. Washington, DC.

Victorianne, G.D., Hucks-Ortiz, C., Shoptaw S. (2011, May). Retention Strategies for Retaining African American MSM in HIV Behavioral Trial Research. UCLA 27th Multi-Campus Research Forum. Los Angeles, CA.

Watkins, L.T. (2011, January). Sex, Sexuality, Spirituality & HIV Prevention. National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS & other Health Disparities. Brooklyn, NY.

Watkins, L.T. (2011, February). HIV Vaccine & Black MSM. Black Men's Health Summit, Birmingham, AL.

Watson, C.C., Wilton, L., Bryant, L., Lucas, J.P., Victorianne, G. D., Fields, S. D., Wheeler, D. & the HPTN 061 Black Caucus (2011, August). Development of a Black Caucus in a Community Level HIV Prevention Intervention for Black MSM. National HIV Prevention Conference, (Abstract ID 1866). Atlanta, GA.

Watson, C. C., Hucks-Ortiz, C., Wilton, L., Fields, S. D., & HPTN 061 Black Caucus. (2011, October). Mobilizing the United States' Diverse African American MSM Population: Engagement, Recruitment and Retention Strategies for HPTN 061, the BROTHERS Study, A Feasibility Study of a Community-Level, Multi-Component Intervention for Black Men Who Have Sex with Men. The 139th annual American Public Health Association Conference. Washington, DC.

Whitlock, M., Vanderlan, J., **Jones, V. C.**, Hambleton, K. (2011, March). Facing AIDS via Twitter, Widgets, & More: Government Strategies for Online Engagement. Non-

Profit Technology Conference, Washington, DC,

Williams, J.K., (2011, June) Intersection of Race, Sexuality & Identity among Racial/Ethnic Minority MSM – Challenges with Language, Models & Culture, HIV Prevention in Primary Care for Gay/Bisexual Men and Other Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM): Best Practices for 2011, Multicultural AIDS Coalition, The Fenway Institute of Fenway Health, & the Sylvie Ratelle STD/HIV Prevention Training Center, The Bureau of Infectious Disease Prevention, Response & Services. Boston, MA.

Selected Invited Lectures / Presentations

Bailey, M.M. (2011, February). Engendering Space: Black Queer Performance and Ballroom Culture in Detroit. Butler University. Indianapolis IN.

Bailey, M.M. (2011, February). Engendering Space: Black Queer Performance and Ballroom Culture in Detroit. Carleton College. Northfield MN.

Bailey, M.M. (2011, January). Health, Hope and Healing (H3) A National Conference on HIV among Black MSM & MSMW. From Intervention to Intravention: Theorizing HIV/AIDS from the Bottom. Los Angeles, CA.

Bruce, L.J. (2011, April). Clay's Revenge: On Black Neurosis, Art & Murder. The Northeast Modern Language Association Annual Convention. New Brunswick, NJ.

Bruce, L. J. (2011, April). Looking for Lauryn: Madness, Genius & the Black Prophetess. Keynote at the Ruminations on Blackness Conference, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ.

Clue, J.A. (2011, October). Keynote Speaker. Building Leadership among Young Black Gay Men. ReachLA Ovahness Youth Summit. Los Angeles, CA.

Daffin, G., Driffin, D., Jones, V., Hopkins, E., Lindsey, K. (2011, August). Saving Ourselves: What Does New HIV Incidence Data Mean for Us? Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. National HIV Prevention Conference. Atlanta, GA.

Driffin, D. (2011, September). Young, Black, Gay and Leadership. Oral Presentation at Advocates for Youth, Inc, Urban Retreat. Washington, DC.

Driffin, D., Eaton, L. (2011, November). Think Twice: A Serosorting Intervention for MSM. Georgia Department of Public Health. Atlanta, GA.

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- Elliott, A.** (2011, February). Health Management of Transgender Inmates. D.C. Department of Corrections. Washington, D.C.
- Elliott, A.** (2011, April). Management of Transgender Patients in Primary Care. Unity Health Care. Washington, D.C.
- Elliott, A.** (2011, September). Transgender 101: Cultural competency for health care workers. Unity Health Care. Washington, D.C.
- Fields, S.D.** (2011, November). University at Albany-Center for the Elimination of Minority Health Disparities, Health Disparities in Sexual Minorities Along the Life Cycle: A beginning Community Discussion Topic: Project's YEAH and VOGUE: HIV Prevention Research for Young MSM of Color. Albany, NY.
- Fields, S.D.** (2011, November). National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Our Collective Response, Responsibility and Solutions to the Black AIDS Crisis in America Topic: Show me the Money: Research OnUs, For Us, By Us. Washington, D.C.
- Fields, S.D.,** Kurtyka, D. (2011, June). American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, 26th National Conference Topic: HIV: A Global Update for Nurse Practitioners (Session 11.2.32). Las Vegas, NV.
- Fields, S.D.,** (2011, February). Nazareth College – School of Health and Human Services, Department of Nursing. Healthcare Reform: What does it Mean for Nursing. Pittsford, NY.
- Graham, L.F.** (2011 June). HIV/AIDS prevention with African-American male college students: A CBPR approach. Medical College of Wisconsin. Milwaukee, WI.
- Grollman, E.A.** (2011, August). Multiple Forms of Perceived Discrimination and Health Among Adolescents and Young Adults. American Sociological Association. Las Vegas, NV.
- Harawa, N.T.** (2011, January). Health, Hope and Healing (H3): A National Conference on HIV among Black MSM & MSMW. SES, Identity, HIV and Racism among African American MSMW: A Story of Resilience in the Face of Multiple Stressors. Los Angeles, CA.
- Harawa, N.T.** (2011, March). Why Women Put Ourselves at Risk. Facing our Fears: Women and Girls Taking Action in the Fight against HIV/AIDS. Charles Drew University. Los Angeles, CA.
- Harawa, N.T.** (2011, October). Understanding HIV Risk in Black and Latina Women. Pacific AIDS Institute. Los Angeles, CA.
- Harawa, N.T.** (2011, November). Efficacy of a Culturally Congruent HIV Risk-Reduction Intervention for African American Men Who Have Sex with Men and Women. Translating Research into Practice (TRiP). Atlanta, GA.
- Hopkins, J.** (October, 2011). Keynote Address: Get up and Move: A Call to ACTION!. Thelma Bennett ECAC Health Summit. Los Angeles Care Health Plans, Inc. Los Angeles, CA.
- Hopkins, J.** (2011, August). Defining Prevention: Treatment and Care (panel discussion). In The Meantime Men's Group, Inc. Wellness For Life Health Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- Hopkins, J.** (2011, July) Prioritizing Physical Activity and Wellness into Workplace Routine National Association of African Americans in Human Resources (NAAHR), Los Angeles Chapter Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.
- Hucks-Ortiz, C.** (2011, January). Health, Hope, and Healing (H3): A National Conference among Black MSM & MSMW. Panel Discussion: Community Based Participatory Research Collaborative: Best Practices. Los Angeles, CA
- Jones, V.C.** (2011, November). University at Albany-Center for the Elimination of Minority Health Disparities, Albany, NY Health Disparities in Sexual Minorities Along the Life Cycle: A beginning Community Discussion Topic: Project's YEAH and VOGUE: HIV Prevention Research for Young MSM of Color. Albany, NY.
- Jones, V.C.** (2011, August). National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Director's Health Department Technical Assistance Meeting on Black Gay Men and HIV/AIDS: I Need A Soldier: Confronting Black Masculinity as a Young Black MSM. Washington, D.C.
- Jones, V.C.** (2011, November). The Impact of HIV/AIDS. Texas A&M University Black Awareness Committee. College Station, TX.
- Jones, V.C.** (2011, December). Addressing the HIV/AIDS Epidemic among Black gay/bi/SGL men. Brother's Speaking Conference. Houston, TX .
- Livermon, X.** (2011, October). Usable Traditions: Creating Sexual Autonomy in Post-Apartheid South Africa" invited lecture for Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies. Washington University, St. Louis, MO.

Malebranche, D.J. (2011, January). Health, Hope and **Healing (H3):** A National Conference on HIV among Black MSM & MSMW. Race, Culture & Sexual Orientation: Impact on the HIV epidemic among Black men who have sex with men. Los Angeles, CA.

Malebranche, D.J. (2011, March). Black AIDS Institute Conference on HIV and Black MSM across the African Diaspora, The IPrex HIV PrEP study: Implications for HIV prevention among Black MSM," Workshop presenter, 2011. Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

Malebranche, D.J. (2011, September). The social context of racial disparities among Black men: The case of HIV. Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University. Atlanta, GA

Malebranche, D.J. (2011, October). HIV, Race and the Obama Administration. University of California Berkeley, Berkeley School of Law. Berkeley, CA.

Malebranche, D.J. (2011, October). National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of AIDS Research (OAR), invited conference participant, "HIV/AIDS in Black MSM: Research Gaps and Opportunities. Bethesda, MD.

Malebranche, D.J., (2011, November). National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of AIDS Research (OAR), speaker, HIV Research in MSM populations. Bethesda, MD

Malebranche, D.J. (2011, November) University at Albany Health Disparities in Sexual Minorities Along the Life Cycle: A Beginning Community Discussion. The HIV racial disparity among Black MSM: Healthcare access and genetic/biologic considerations. Albany, NY.

Nelson, L. E. (2011 October). HIV Prevention Research for Black Men who Have Sex with Men: Identifying Priorities from the Black Gay Research Agenda. National Institutes of Health, Rockville, MD.

Nelson, L. E, Thompson, G. (2011, April). Bridging Clinical Care and Research: Strategies for Success. Adolescent Pregnancy Interagency Network Annual Conference. Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Nelson, L. E. (2011, February). Parenting Inequity and Sexual Risk: The Case for Family Wellness among Teen Moms and Dads. The Hospital for Sick Children. Social Work Rounds. Toronto, Ontario.

Nelson, L. E. (2011, February). Finding Fathers not Fault: Examining Barriers to Engaging the Fathers of Children Born to Teen Moms. Toronto Public Health Lunch and Learn Series. Toronto, Ontario.

Nelson, L. E. (2011, February). Sex, Parenting, and The Hood: Toward Healthy Relationships for Black Teen Moms and Dads. Annual Meeting of the Black Physician's Association of Ontario. Toronto, Ontario.

Thompson, G., Nelson, L.E. (2011, April). Adolescent Parenting: Opportunity for Positive Change. Adolescent Pregnancy Interagency Network Annual Conference. Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Victorianne, G.D., Grant, C., Harawa, N.T., Hucks-Ortiz, C., Williams, J.K., (February, 2011). HIV/AIDS Research in the African American community. In The Meantime Men's Group. Los Angeles, CA

Watkins, L.T. (2011, February). Faith and HIV Prevention, Black Men's Health Summit. Birmingham, AL.

Professional Reports

Bayoumi, A. M., Degani, N., Remis, R. S., Walmsley, S. L., Millson, P., Loutfy, M., Daly, T., **Nelson, L. E.,** Gardner, S., Challacombe, L., Mishra, S., Bierman, A. S. (2011). HIV Infection. In A. S. Bierman's (Ed.), Project for an Ontario Women's Health Evidence-Based Report, Vol 2. Toronto, Canada.

Clue, J.A., Shaul, L. (2011, October). Black Gay Men and HIV/AIDS: Addressing the Epidemic in a Changing Environment – A Meeting Summary of NASTAD's Black Gay Men's Technical Assistance Meeting. Washington, D.C.

Awards / Honors

Bailey, M.M. Faculty Affiliate Summer Visiting Fellow, The Warfield Center for African and African American Studies (WCAAAS), Department of African & African Diaspora Studies, University of Texas, Austin.

Bruce, L.J. 2011-2013 Carter G. Woodson Institute Pre-Doctoral Fellowship at the University of Virginia.

Elliott, A. 2011 Chatham Nursing Honor Society. Pittsburgh, PA.

Elliott, A. 2011 Chatham University Doctor of Nursing Practice Leadership Award. Pittsburgh, PA.

Graham, L.F. 2011 American Academy of Health Behavior (AAHB) Mentorship Program Scholar.

Graham, L.F. 2011 Harold Dean Philpot Leadership Award for Excellence: National AIDS Education & Services for Minorities.

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Green, K.R. for the Chicago Black Gay Men's Caucus.
2011. Chicago Department of Public Health HIV
Prevention Grant.

Green, K. R., Galloway, A. for the Chicago Black Gay
Men's Caucus. 2011. Illinois Department of Public Health
Quality of Life Endowment Fund.

Harawa, N.T. 2011 NAACP Unsung Hero Award. 2011
National Convention. Los Angeles, CA.

Harawa, N.T. 2011 UCLA Clinical and Translational
Sciences Institute Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health
Award. Los Angeles, CA.

Malebranche, D.J. 2011 Founder's Choice Award. My
Brothaz H.O.M.E., Inc., Savannah, GA,

Malebranche, D.J. 2011 Humanitarian Award. Someone
Cares, Inc. Atlanta, GA

Nelson, L.E. 2011 Distinguished Practitioner, National
Academies of Practice.

Nelson, L.E. 2011 Canadian Rising Star in Global Health,
Grand Challenges Canada.

Nelson, L.E. 2011-2012 Domestic HIV Prevention Scholar,
HIV Prevention Trials Network.

Watkins, T.L. 2011 Billy R. Cox Foundation Public Health
Scholarship, University Alabama – Birmingham School
of Public Health.