



# The Dr. John Lamont Peterson Annual Research Symposium

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9:00am - 5:00pm

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## Symposium Schedule

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| Time           | Activity   | Location                    |
|----------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 9:00 am        | <b>Registration &amp; check-in</b>   | Atrium                      |
| 9:30-10:00 am  | <b>Welcome Remarks</b>   | Forum Hall & Zoom           |
| 10:00-11:00 am | <b>SOAR Scholar Lightning Talks</b>  | Forum Hall & Zoom           |
| 11:00-12:00 pm | <b>Keynote Talk: Dr. Jalicia Jolly,<br/>"HIV/AIDS in Ethnographic<br/>Perspective: Black Women, Bodily<br/>Autonomy, &amp; Reproductive Justice"</b> | Forum Hall<br>& Zoom        |
| 12:00-12:45 pm | <b>Lunch</b>   | Great Lakes<br>Central Room |
| 12:45-1:45 pm  | <b>SOAR Scholar Poster Presentations</b>   | Great Lakes<br>Central Room |
| 2:00-3:00 pm   | <b>SOAR Scholar Lightning Talks</b>  | Forum Hall & Zoom           |
| 3:00-4:00 pm   | <b>Mentor Recognition &amp;<br/>Graduation Celebration</b>   | Forum Hall & Zoom           |
| 4:00-5:00 pm   | <b>Reception</b>   | Great Lakes<br>Central Room |

# Keynote Talk

## 11:00–12:00 pm

### Forum Hall and Zoom



#### **HIV/AIDS in Ethnographic Perspective: Black Women, Bodily Autonomy, & Reproductive Justice**

Dr. Jallicia Jolly is an Assistant Professor in American Studies and Black Studies at Amherst College. A 2022 Ford Postdoctoral Fellow based at Yale University, Dr. Jolly researches and teaches on Black women's health, political leadership, and reproductive justice organizing; intersectionality, HIV/AIDS, and health equity; and Black and Caribbean feminist theory and transnational social movements. Dr. Jolly's first book manuscript, *III Erotics: Black Caribbean Women and Self-Making in the Time of HIV/AIDS*, under contract with the

University of California Press, is an ethnography of the reproductive justice organizing of young Black Jamaican women living with HIV that chronicles how the politics of HIV care and self-making meet in their everyday confrontations with illness, reproductive violence, and inequality in neocolonial Jamaica. Dr. Jolly connects her research to tailored community interventions that advance equity, systemic change & community-building within and beyond U.S. borders. She is appointed as a Visiting Research faculty by the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS at the Yale School of Public Health to the Research Education Institute for Diverse Scholars (REIDS).

A public scholar committed to political action, Dr. Jolly co-leads Birth Equity & Justice Massachusetts (BEJMA), a reproductive justice coalition that aims to advance maternal health equity in policy and to improve the health outcomes of Black and Brown birthing people. Her public writing, which merges her community-based work on black politics, women's health, and political leadership in the United States and the Caribbean, has appeared in *The Washington Post/The Lily*, *USA Today*, *Jamaica Gleaner*, *Ms. Magazine*, and *Huffington Post*. Dr. Jolly's work has been published in *American Quarterly*, *The Lancet*, *Feminist Anthropology*, *Souls*, and *Journal of General Internal Medicine* and has received support from the Ford Foundation, U.S. Fulbright Program, the Andrew Mellon Foundation, American Association of University Women, the National Women's Studies Association, Brown University's Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation.

She leads with justice and joy while honoring her core intention, stating "I am determined, with all my heart, to keep generating and supporting teaching, research, movements, and community-based work that will enhance our collective well-being and create new legacies beyond inequality and violence."

## SOAR Senior Scholar Lightning Talks Part 1

10:00–11:00 am

Forum Hall and Zoom

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1. Eamonn McGonigle, *Preventing HIV in pregnancy: An exploration of PrEP-Related Decision Making (DeMPrEP)*
2. Myla Lyons, *Kenyan Gay and Bisexual Young Men's Recommendations for HIV Prevention*
3. Noelle Harris, *Owning Our Power: Understanding the Barriers to Recognizing and Resisting Coercion Among Transgender College Students*
4. Holly Gurnik, *Changing the Standard: Inclusion of HIV Testing Services in Substance Use Treatment Facilities*
5. Jasmine Mumpfield, *Underrepresented: How Women Left Out of HIV Clinical Trials Hinders HIV Treatment Progress*

## SOAR Junior Scholar Poster Presentations

12:45–1:45 PM

Great Lakes Central Room

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1. Isabella Bonnewit, *Critical Consciousness Among Men with Histories of Incarceration: Implications for HIV Prevention*
2. Ava Burzycki, *Barriers to Rape Resistance in Transgender & Nonbinary Undergraduates: Implications for Interventions*
3. Feaven Gebrezgi, *HIV-Related Knowledge and Behaviors of South Asian GBMSM Residing in the United States*
4. Hadas Kluger, *Experiences of Trans and Non-Binary Individuals with Non-HIV STI Testing: Solutions to Improve Quality of Care*
5. Maddy Ligon, *HIV Status Self-Disclosure: Experiences among Youth Living with HIV in the U.S.*
6. Kaitlene Poblete, *Awareness and Willingness for Uptake of PrEP Among Youth*
7. Anita Shubert, *Examining Clinicians' Justification for Diagnosing Borderline Personality Disorder: A Qualitative Study*

## SOAR Senior Scholar Lightning Talks Part 2

2:00–3:00 pm

Forum Hall and Zoom

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1. Adrian Beyer, *Evaluating HIV Prevention and Testing Experiences Among Transmasculine Youth*
2. Niah Boyd, *Bridging the Gap: Community-Informed Basic Science HIV Research*
3. Joshua Kennedy, *Increasing Broadband Internet Access in Massachusetts to Improve Rural Health*
4. Rakira Uruquhart, *Real Talk: Conversations About HIV with Black Heterosexual Men*
5. Evan Hall, *Checking the Tank and Fueling Up the Next Generation of HIV Prevention Funding*

# SOAR Scholars

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**Adrian Beyer (he/him/his)** is a current student at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and a member of the inaugural SOAR cohort. His academic and research interests include gender and sexuality studies, LGBTQ+ studies, Thai language, Thai studies, and sociology.



**Isabella Bonnewit (she/her/hers)** is a junior at the University of Michigan studying the intersections of disease and society. Her research interests include HIV prevention and treatment, resilience factors for children and adolescents living with HIV, and how these can be enhanced through critical consciousness.

**Niah Boyd (she/her/hers)** currently serves as a member of the Evaluation Team for CommonGround, and as an undergraduate researcher in the Center for RNA Studies under Dr. Alice Telesnitsky. Niah is passionate about the impacts of infectious diseases on marginalized communities and she plans to become a physician-researcher to study these impacts.



**Ava Burzycki (she/her/hers)** is a junior at the University of Michigan majoring in Public Health Sciences with a minor in Gender and Health. She is interested in researching sexual, maternal, and women's health, and pursuing an MPH in this focus area. Outside of SOAR, she is a senior arts editor for the Michigan Daily and a sexual wellness program assistant at Wolverine Wellness.

**Rafael Cortes (he/him/his)** is an undergraduate student at the University of Michigan pursuing a dual degree in Community and Global Public Health and Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology. As an aspiring public health professional, Rafael is passionate about the integration of engineering, natural science, and public health as a way to promote health equity.



**Feaven Gebrezgi (she/her/hers)** is planning to graduate with her Bachelors of Science from the School of Public Health, studying Public Health Sciences. She hopes to pursue HIV research focused in Sub-Saharan Africa, and is also passionate about community engagement research. She hopes to get her MPH in Global Health. She currently works as a Campus Day Tour Guide and as a Resident Advisor.

# SOAR Scholars, continued

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**Holly Gurnik (she/her/hers)** is currently studying Community and Global Public Health at the School of Public Health and minoring in Sociology of Health and Medicine! She is interested in injury prevention, particularly substance use prevention and treatment as well as HIV-related research. After undergrad, she will be pursuing an M.P.H. from Boston University.



**Evan Hall (he/they)** is an HIV activist. His spectrum of work includes community initiatives on the Michigan HIV/AIDS Council as Co-Chair, policy advancements as Policy & Legislative Affairs intern with NASTAD, and as a researcher with Professor Rogério Pinto in the School of Social Work. Evan's goal is to synthesize the biomedical perspective with behavioral and social science research to enter the next generation of ending the HIV epidemic.

**Noelle Harris (she/her/hers)** is a graduating senior from the School of Literature, Science, and the Arts with a B.S. in Biopsychology, Cognition, and Neuroscience (BCN) and Gender and Health. While in SOAR she has been a part of the EMPOWER Project and the Owning Our Power Project, where she conducts mixed-methods research with marginalized populations who have experienced sexual assault. After graduation she will attend graduate school with hopes to pursue a career in therapy and counseling for individuals who have experienced sexual assault. Outside of work she enjoys going to bookstores and trying out new recipes.



**Joshua Kennedy (he/him/his)** is studying Sociology with a minor in Biochemistry in the College of LSA at Michigan. During his time in SOAR he used qualitative research to assess the intersection of masculinity, sexual positioning, and risk for HIV among men who have sex with men, as well as PrEP adherence in Sub-Saharan Africa. Upon graduation he will be pursuing an M.P.H. in Community Health Research at Northwestern University. Outside of academics he enjoys hiking and finding new coffee shops.

**Hadas Kluger (she/her/hers)** is a junior studying Psychology within LSA. After graduation, she plans on pursuing a Masters in Social Work and potentially a PhD in Psychology. She hopes to become a Sex Therapist or a professor. She is very passionate about sex education and reproductive care access for everyone!



# SOAR Scholars, continued

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**Maddy Ligon (she/her/hers)** is a junior at the University of Michigan planning to study philosophy, politics, and economics. She is interested in studying the political implications of HIV/AIDs and working towards creating policies that promote acceptance and equality.



**Myla Lyons (she/they)** is pursuing bio psychosocial research pertaining to health and well being for communities of color and sexual/gender minoritized groups. She will be matriculating to George Washington University to obtain her PhD in Applied Social Psychology under guidance from Dr. Lisa Bowleg. Outside of research, she loves going to the gym and reading a good nonfiction book.

**Eamonn McGonigle (he/him/his)** is a graduating senior from the School of Public Health with a B.S. in Public Health Sciences and a minor in the Environment. During his time in SOAR he has focused on medication adherence strategies for youth living with HIV in the US and the PrEP decision making process for pregnant Zimbabwean women. After graduation Eamonn will be pursuing an MPH in Global Health at the University of Washington in Seattle. Beyond school he loves swimming, planning elaborate parties and cooking.



**Celia Morones (she/her/hers)** is originally from Detroit, Michigan and is a first-generation Mexican American college student. She takes an interest in canvas painting, watching Korean films, and shopping on Poshmark. She enjoys participating in research related to marginalized LGBTQ+IA groups in Asia and hopes to pursue a master's in Asian Studies or Women's Studies in the near future.

**Jasmine Mumpfield (she/her/hers)** is a graduating senior majoring in Gender & Health and a minor in AfroAmerican and African Studies. She is passionate about Black women's health, reproductive justice, maternal and child health, and public health. In the fall, she will be pursuing a master's of public health in Maternal, Child, and Family Health at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Outside of school, she loves bowling, painting, and binge watching her favorite tv shows Power, All American: Homecoming, and Abbott Elementary.



# SOAR Scholars, continued

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**Kaitlene Poblete (she/her/hers)** is a junior in the School of Public Health. She is passionate about sexual health and hopes to pursue sexual health research among adolescents. Kaitlene plans to continue to get an MD/MSCE, and become a physician-researcher. Outside of academics, she dedicates her time to volunteering at SafeHouse Center and spending time with friends.



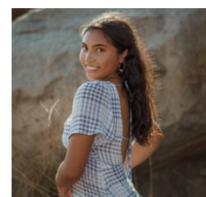
**Saige Porter (she/her/hers)** is a first generation college student majoring in Gender and Health and minoring in Community Action and Social Change with the intention to pursue a career in global public health. She is passionate about traveling abroad and interacting with different cultures, and also advocating for the rights of marginalized communities.

**Anita Shubert (she/they)** is a junior at the University of Michigan double majoring in Psychology and Women's and Gender Studies. She is interested in research pertaining to mental health, marginalized communities, and the media. In their free time, Anita enjoys painting her nails with intricate designs, starring in musicals, and scrapbooking.



**Rakira Urquhart (she/her/hers)** currently serves as the President of the Black Undergraduate Medical Association, in addition to being a SOAR Scholar. She is interested in using feminist theory and intersectionality as frameworks to address the health outcomes of marginalized communities.

**Annabella Vidrio (she/her/hers)** is a 2nd generation Mexican-American originally from Norwalk, California. On campus, she serves as a Research Assistant for U-M's Science, Technology, and Public Policy Program, and also as a Student Coordinator at SMTD's Office for DEI. Through her research, Annabella hopes to raise awareness for minority communities and address issues relating to accessible healthcare.



# SOAR Leadership and Mentors



## Leadership

- **Gary W. Harper**, SOAR Co-Director & Research Director; Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Health Behavior & Health Education, Global Public Health, School of Public Health
- **Anna R. Kirkland**, SOAR Co-Director & Academic Director; Kim Lane Scheppeler Collegiate Professor of Women's & Gender Studies, LSA
- **Andrea Bolivar**, SOAR Education Director; Assistant Professor of Women's & Gender Studies; Faculty Associate of Latina/o Studies Program
- **Heidi Bennett**, SOAR Program Coordinator & Academic Counselor
- **Gabriel Johnson**, SOAR Graduate Research Assistant & Mentor Coordinator
- **Nicole Perry**, SOAR Administrative Coordinator
- **Andrea Marquez**, SOAR Program Intern
- **Myla Lyons**, SOAR Program Associate

## 2022-23 Research Mentors

- **K. Rivet Amico**, Associate Professor, Health Behavior & Health Education, School of Public Health
- **Jade Burns**, Assistant Professor, Department of Health Behavior & Biological Sciences, School of Nursing
- **David Cordova**, Associate Professor, School of Social Work
- **Lauren Harrison**, Research Area Specialist Intermediate, Health Behavior & Health Education, School of Public Health
- **Ashley Lacombe-Duncan**, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work
- **Sarah Peitzmeier**, Assistant Professor, Department of Health Behavior and Biological Sciences, School of Nursing
- **Rogério M. Pinto**, Professor & Associate Dean for Research and Innovation, School of Social Work
- **Craig Rodriguez-Seijas**, Assistant Professor, Psychology, College of LSA
- **Akshay Sharma**, Assistant Professor, Department of Health Behavior and Biological Sciences, School of Nursing

## 2022-23 Graduate Student Mentors

- **Marcus Andrews**, PhD Student, Public Health
- **Kathryn Berringer**, PhD Student, Social Work/Anthropology
- **Janae Best**, PhD Student, Public Health
- **Laura Brotzman**, PhD Student, Public Health
- **Danielle Crafford**, PhD Student, Public Health
- **Azia Harris-Martin**, PhD Student, Health Infrastructures & Learning Systems
- **Vitalis Im**, PhD Student, Social Work/Anthropology
- **Gabriel Johnson**, PhD Student, Public Health
- **Chelle Jones**, PhD Student, Sociology
- **Akilah Patterson**, PhD Student, Public Health
- **Danielle Rosenscruggs**, PhD Student, Psychology
- **Amy Rusch**, PhD Student, Public Health
- **Maya Smith**, Medical Student, School of Medicine
- **Savannah Sturla**, PhD Student, Public Health
- **Lauren Ward**, PhD Student, Public Health

# About SOAR

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The Student Opportunities for AIDS/HIV Research (SOAR) Program is a two-year intensive academic and research mentoring experience for juniors and seniors at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor grounded in feminist, intersectional theory and praxis.

The program aims to support students in the completion of their undergraduate degree and prepare them for doctoral-level graduate education and eventual research careers in HIV-related behavioral and social science research (BSSR), with a preferred focus on HIV prevention and treatment within sexual and gender minority communities

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The program is administered by the University of Michigan's Institute for Research on Women and Gender, in collaboration with the School of Public Health, School of Nursing, School of Social Work, and College of Literature Science & the Arts.

More information: [soar.research.umich.edu](http://soar.research.umich.edu)

# About John Lamont Peterson

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Dr. John Lamont Peterson (1949-2021) was a leading figure in early HIV/AIDS research and a mentor to many Black behavioral and social scientists. He earned his Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Michigan in 1974. After teaching at Claremont's McKenna College and Graduate School in the late 1970s and early 1980s, and realizing the growing impact of the early AIDS epidemic on African American men, Dr. Peterson joined the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS) at the University of California, San Francisco, where he served as a Research Scientist from 1986 to 1993. In 1994 he joined Georgia State University's Department of Psychology, first as an associate professor, then as a full professor from 2003 until his retirement in 2015. Over the course of his career, he contributed to understanding the predictors of HIV/AIDS risk reduction, the effects of behavioral interventions to reduce this risk behavior, and the social determinants of racial disparities in HIV infection, primarily among Black men who have sex with men. Dr. Peterson's mentorship to many laid the foundation for the ever-expanding field of HIV research and advocacy. This event is named in his honor.



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