Thursday, June 20th

Jane Simoni

Jane M. Simoni, Ph.D., is the Associate Director for Behavioral and Social Sciences Research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Director of the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR). She joined NIH in 2023 to lead OBSSR's efforts in advancing behavioral and social sciences research, working closely with NIH Institutes and Centers.

Dr. Simoni has more than 25 years of experience in research focused on health disparities and resilience among groups that have been socially marginalized, including people with HIV and other chronic illnesses and Latinx, LGBT, and Indigenous peoples. Her intervention research focuses on behavioral aspects of chronic illness, using mixed methods and clinical trials to evaluate strategies such as peer support and mobile health technologies to promote treatment engagement and improve health outcomes.

A clinical psychologist, Dr. Simoni joined NIH from the University of Washington (UW) in Seattle, where she was a professor and Director of Clinical Training in the Department of Psychology. She was the founding Director of the UW Behavioral Research Center for HIV and co-directed the UW/Fred Hutch Center for AIDS Research.

Dr. Simoni earned her Ph.D. from UCLA, with postdoctoral fellowships at USC and Columbia University. She has led over 24 NIH-funded research projects globally and has authored over 300 publications. Her work spans across New York City, Seattle, the U.S.–Mexico border region, Beijing, Shanghai, Haiti, and Kenya, focusing on HIV, mental health, substance use, trauma, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and pediatric overweight treatment. Her work on medication adherence strategies is recognized in the CDC's Compendium of Evidence-Based Interventions.

She has also trained a diverse and interdisciplinary group of students and early career investigators. She has been a mentor on more than 50 training awards, including as a sponsor for individual trainees and as part of the leadership or mentoring faculty for NIH-funded research education programs.

Friday, June 21st

Michelle Voss

Michelle Voss is an Associate Professor and Ronnie Ketchel Faculty Fellow in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences at the University of Iowa. Research in her lab applies a cognitive neuroscience approach to study how aging affects cognition, and how health behaviors like physical activity both affect and are affected by brain structure and function as we age. She has published over 100 scientific articles that are well-cited, she's an active mentor and co-director of the Behavioral and Biomedical Interface Training Program for graduate students and the Diversifying Research Experiences and Mentorship post-bacc program.

Pete Gianaros

Pete Gianaros is a Professor of Psychology at the University of Pittsburgh. His background is in psychophysiology and human brain imaging. He studies the neurobiology of psychological stress and the relationships between stress, social disadvantage, and brain structure and function. Last year, he was the President of the Society for Biopsychosocial Science and Medicine.

Lisa Barnes

Dr. Lisa Barnes is the Alla V. and Solomon Jesmer Professor of Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine and a cognitive neuropsychologist within the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center at Rush University Medical Center. She is also the Associate Director of the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Research Center. She received her PhD from the University of Michigan in biopsychology and completed a post-doctoral fellowship in cognitive neuroscience at the University of California, Davis. She has been a faculty member at Rush since 1999. Dr. Barnes has received many NIH grants and has published over 300 manuscripts. Her research interests include disparities in chronic diseases of aging, cognitive decline, and risk factors for Alzheimer's disease. She directs a community-based study of older African Americans, called the Minority Aging Research Study (MARS), which has been funded by the National Institute on Aging since 2004. She advocates for recruitment of under-represented groups into clinical studies and has received many awards and fellowships in recognition of her contributions to aging among diverse older adults.

Daichi Shimbo

As Professor of Medicine, the Director of the Hypertension Center and Hypertension Laboratory at Columbia University and a board-certified cardiologist, Daichi Shimbo conducts translational research into the behavioral, psychosocial, and biological mechanisms that underlie hypertension and cardiovascular disease (CVD). He has expertise in office blood pressure (BP) measurement, and out-of-office BP monitoring including ambulatory BP monitoring (ABPM) and home BP monitoring (HBPM); and the characterization of several BP phenotypic measures including those that represent an office-out-of-office hypertension mismatch (white coat hypertension and masked hypertension). Further, he has expertise in uncontrolled and treatment resistant hypertension and in BP variability. In addition to hypertension, Daichi has expertise how pathways that underlie atherosclerosis and CVD risk relate to negative emotions and stress. This research relies on laboratory procedures to assess the link between negative emotions and stress and CVD risk.

Daichi is also the Director of the TRANSFORM (Training and Nurturing Scholars for Research that Is Multidisciplinary) Resource of the Columbia University Irving Medical Center (CUIMC) Clinical and Translational Research Award (CTSA). TRANSFORM is the Irving Institute's educational resource, administering the interdisciplinary master's, predoctoral, postdoctoral, and career development programs. The primary goals of the TRANSFORM programs, which include the KL2 Scholars Mentored Career Development program, the pre-doctoral and post-doctoral TL1 programs, the Columbia Summer Research Institute, and the Master of Science in Patient-Oriented Research (POR) Program, are to produce clinical and translational scientists who are familiar with interdisciplinary team structures, comfortable with leadership roles, able to integrate research from other disciplines and methodologies, and are prepared to direct multi- and interdisciplinary research.

Michele Allen

Dr. Allen is an associate professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, Director of the Program in Health Disparities Research, and Endowed Chair of Health Equity Research at the University of Minnesota Medical School. She currently is MPI of the NIMHD P50 Center for Chronic Disease Reduction and Equity Promotion Across Minnesota (C2DREAM), and directs the community engagement and collaboration core of the University of Minnesota Clinical Translational Science Institute. Dr. Allen is a leader in the science of participatory research and in increasing capacity on both academic and community sides for research collaboration that addresses health inequities. Dr. Allen's research focuses on community-based participatory approaches to developing and implementing health promotion, and tobacco and other substance use prevention interventions for BIPOC adolescents including those from immigrant communities. As MPI on a NCI-funded T32 on Cancer Health Disparities, and a R25 designed to support the academic persistence of high school and undergraduate students underrepresented in science, Dr. Allen is committed to enhancing the diversity of the research and clinical workforce.

Beth Lynch

Elizabeth Lynch, PhD, is a health equity researcher focused on development and implementation of effective community partnerships to conduct behavioral intervention research to promote health equity across a wide range of health conditions. She serves as Director of the Section of Community Health in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine and co-leads the Research arm of the RUSH BMO. Dr. Lynch founded the Alive Faith Network (AFN), fostering partnerships between African American churches and researchers to address health disparities. She also co-leads the Chicago Chronic Conditions Equity Network (C3EN), focused on community-based interventions for chronic diseases in Chicago.Institute for Health Equity. As Director of the Community Core at the Chicago Institute for Translational Medicine (ITM), she facilitates collaborative research initiatives across multiple institutions. Her NIH-funded projects include church-based trials aiming to improve health outcomes among African Americans, building on successful interventions developed within AFN churches.

Judy Moskowitz

Judy Moskowitz, PhD, MPH is a Professor and the Intervention Science Division Chief in the Department of Medical Social Sciences at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Trained as a social psychologist, her current research is focused on the unique adaptive role of positive emotion in the process of coping with various types of health-related and other life stress and, through randomized trials, her team tests whether a positive emotion regulation intervention can increase positive emotion, reduce stress and depression, and improve health behaviors in at risk samples.

Currently, she is PI or MPI on 5 tests of the positive emotion regulation intervention in people coping with various types of stress with funding from NCCIH, NIMH, NIA, and NCI. Most recently, her team is conducting hybrid implementation-effectiveness trials and working to integrate the emotion regulation intervention into clinical contexts.

Lise Solberg Nes

Dr. Solberg Nes is currently Head of the Department of Digital Health Research in the Division of Medicine at Oslo University Hospital in Oslo Norway, a position she combines with being a Professor in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Oslo. She also holds an Adjunct Associate Professor of Psychology position in the Department of Psychiatry and Psychology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, and is licensed as a Clinical Psychologist in the state of Minnesota, in Europe, and in Norway. Her active research portfolio currently includes design, development, testing and implementation of evidence-informed, user centered digital health interventions, with a goal to increase outreach of evidence-based treatment interventions that can support people living with acute or chronic health challenges.

Lindsey Rosman

Dr. Lindsey Rosman is an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology at the University of North Carolina (UNC) and a licensed Clinical Health Psychologist. She has an active multidisciplinary research program that uses longitudinal clinical databases, prospective cohort studies, machine learning, and data science approaches to examine modifiable risk factors, care patterns, and clinical outcomes in patients with arrhythmias and implanted cardiac devices. Much of this work, including her current NIH K23 award, has focused on the adoption of new health technologies (e.g., wearable and implanted biosensors, remote patient monitoring, and mHealth) to improve surveillance and management of patients with cardiac arrhythmias and on developing and testing interventions to improve health and quality of life outcomes in these patients. Dr. Rosman also serves as the Principal Investigator (PI) for the UNC Cardiovascular Device Surveillance Registry and is the PI/co-investigator for several ongoing studies of environmental determinants of cardiovascular health.

Jeannette Ickovics

Dr. Jeannette Ickovics is Professor of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Psychology at Yale University. She has long standing expertise running large, scientifically rigorous clinical trials embedded in community settings. Her newest work, focuses on climate resilience, health, and equity. See more here: https://ysph.yale.edu/profile/jeannette-ickovics/

Ken Freedland

Dr. Ken Freedland is Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology at Washington University in St. Louis. He primarily studies the effects and treatment of depression, stress and anxiety in patients with heart failure, coronary heart disease or other chronic medical conditions. He is also actively involved in work on clinical research methodology, particularly in the area of clinical trial methodology in behavioral intervention research. See more here:

https://publichealth.wustl.edu/people/kenneth-e-freedland/

Lisa Uebelacker

Dr. Lisa Uebelacker is a Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at Alpert Medical School of Brown University. She is also Director of Research at Butler Hospital and a licensed clinical psychologist. Her interests center on developing and testing innovative behavioral strategies for treating depression and chronic pain. She has conducted trials on collaborative treatment for depression and comorbid health conditions in primary care and HIV treatment settings, and the use of yoga-based interventions and physical activity interventions to support health and well-being in people with depression, chronic pain, and other health conditions. See more here: https://mindfulness.sph.brown.edu/people/lisa-uebelacker-phd

Andrew Busch

Dr. Andrew Busch is a Sr. Investigator at Hennepin Healthcare and a professor of medicine at university of Minnesota Medical School. His research is focused on the development and testing of interventions to extended the health span of people with mental illness. See more here: https://www.bheresearch.org/

Daniel Clauw

Dr. Daniel Clauw is a Professor of Anesthesiology, Medicine (Rheumatology) and Psychiatry at the University of Michigan. He began his academic career at Georgetown University, after attending undergraduate and medical school at the University of Michigan. He was a faculty member at Georgetown from 1990 – 2002, serving as Chief of the Division of Rheumatology and Vice Chair of Medicine. While at Georgetown he founded the Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Center (CPFRC), and in 2002 was recruited to bring this group to the University of Michigan, where the group has become one of the most successful pain research groups in the world. He also served as the first PI of the University of Michigan Clinical and Translational Sciences Award (CTSA), as well as the first Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research, and founded the institute that houses the UM CTSA, the Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research (MICHR). He has over 450 peer-reviewed publications, over \$100M in federal funding, and the CPFRC was recently awarded the first NIH HEAL Interdisciplinary team science award. He also has been a very active mentor, serving as the primary mentor for 35 NIH K awardees, nearly all of whom have gone on to obtain R series funding or the equivalent.

Saturday, June 22nd

Dayna Johnson

Dr. Dayna A. Johnson is a Tenured Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and the Gangarosa Department of Environmental Health at Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health. She is a distinguished sleep epidemiologist whose research focuses on the social determinants of sleep health disparities and their implications for adverse health outcomes including cardiovascular disease, cancer, and cognitive decline. Dr. Johnson's research is particularly noted for addressing the underlying social and environmental factors contributing to sleep disorders and insufficient sleep among different populations, with a significant emphasis on African American communities.

Dr. Johnson received her PhD in Epidemiologic Science from the University of Michigan, where she laid the groundwork for her extensive research into sleep health. Following her doctoral studies, she completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Sleep and Circadian Disorders at Harvard Medical School, which further solidified her expertise in the field. She is actively involved in studies that explore how household and neighborhood-level factors influence sleep patterns and how these patterns affect health outcomes like hypertension. One of her key research projects, the ARISE Study (Assessment of Rhythms in Sleep and the Environment study, a NHLBI R01 grant), focuses on measuring environmental factors in real-time and their impact on sleep and circadian disruption and cardiovascular health (ambulatory blood pressure monitoring and arterial stiffness) among African Americans adults.

Dr. Johnson has over 120 publications and numerous appearances in the media as a sleep expert. Her work has been featured on CBS and other prominent platforms, where she discusses strategies to improve sleep health and reduce related health disparities. Dr. Johnson's passion for public health extends beyond her research. She actively engages in community outreach and education, aiming to promote better sleep health in underserved communities. Her efforts have been instrumental in highlighting the importance of addressing social and environmental factors to achieve equitable health outcomes. Through her pioneering research and dedication to public health, Dr. Dayna Johnson continues to make significant strides in understanding and addressing the complex factors that influence sleep health disparities and their broader impact on public health.

Jeanne Mandelblatt

Dr. Mandelblatt is a tenured Professor of Medicine and Oncology at Georgetown University. With her clinical training in geriatrics, Dr. Mandelblatt is a pioneer in the field of gero-oncology. Beginning with her publication in JAMA on cancer and aging in 1986, with her colleagues she has published over 300 scholarly papers focused on cancer screening, treatment, and survivorship care for aging and minoritized individuals. A unique aspect of her research is the use of population-based research findings to drive basic discovery about aging and cancer in animal models, and to use mechanistic insights from the basic science laboratory to inform the next generation of clinically relevant population research studies, and address policy questions that follow from these discoveries. In recognition of her sustained leadership and collaborative scientific accomplishments, Dr. Mandelblatt was awarded seven-year NCI Outstanding Investigator Grants (R35) in 2015 and 2023 to conduct research at the intersection of aging, disparities and cancer.

Judith Carroll

Dr. Judith Carroll conducts NIH- and American Cancer Society-funded research examining patterns and predictors of accelerated aging in various populations across the lifespan (e.g., maternal-child health, late life). One key area of her work is in cancer survivorship. Here she seeks to understand the interaction of cancer and aging with psychosocial and behavioral factors (See a recent paper in Nature Reviews Clinical Oncology). She was recently named section editor for the Psychosocial Oncology section of the journal Cancer and serves as the Principal Investigator and lead for the laboratory studies in the multi-site "Thinking and Living with Cancer" (TLC) Study. Dr. Carroll is an associate professor in the department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Science at UCLA and holds the Endowed Chair for the George F. Solomon Professorship in Psychobiology. She is faculty member of both the Cousins Center for Psychoneuroimmunology and the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, and founder and director of the Aging Biology & Behavior Laboratory.

Jennifer Knight

Dr. Knight completed her undergraduate training at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and her medical training at the Medical College of Wisconsin. She did a combined Internal Medicine and Psychiatry residency program at Rush University in Chicago before completing a T32 postdoctoral research fellowship in clinical psychoneuroimmunology at the University of Rochester Medical Center.

The purpose of Dr. Knight's research is to investigate biological risk and pharmacologic interventions for social health disparities in cancer, specifically among transplant and cellular therapy recipients. She studies how variations in immune function based on socioeconomic status, among other social health variables, contribute to different patient responses to hematopoietic cell transplantation and chimeric antigen receptor T cell therapy as cancer treatments. She does this by studying biobehavioral mechanisms of cancer progression. Clinically, she is the Medical Director of the Psycho-Oncology Program at the Medical College of Wisconsin and specializes in general and psycho-oncology psychosomatic medicine consultation. She is also the Associate Director of the Wisconsin Institute for Neuroscience's Clinical Neuroscience Research Center and co-directs the NCI T32 "Biobehavioral Oncology Training Program" for postdoctoral researchers interested in the biology of cancer disparities.

Susan Lutgendorf

Susan Lutgendorf is the Dewey B. and Velma P. Stuit Professor of Psychological and Brain Sciences at the University of Iowa. She is a Clinical Health Psychologist and a member of the Clinical Science Training Area. She also has faculty appointments in the Departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Urology and is a member of the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center. She is the Program Director of the NIGMS-funded T32 Mechanisms of Health and Disease at the Behavioral and Biomedical Interface Training Program. Dr. Lutgendorf is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and of the Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research. She formerly served as the President of the Psychoneuroimmunology Research Society and the President of the American Psychosomatic Society. Her current research is funded by the National Cancer Institute.

Lisa Cooper

Dr. Lisa A. Cooper, MD, MPH, MACP, is the James F. Fries Professor of Medicine and the Bloomberg Distinguished Professor of Equity in Health and Health Care at the Johns Hopkins University Schools of medicine, nursing, and public health. She founded and directs the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Equity, and also directs the Johns Hopkins Urban Health Institute. A physician trained in internal medicine and public health researcher, Dr. Cooper's work highlights the transformative role of doctor-patient relationships in reducing racial and ethnic health disparities. Regarded as one of the top clinicians and scientists in health equity, Dr. Cooper has designed innovative approaches to improve the physicians' communication skills, patients' self-management skills, and the ability of healthcare organizations to address the needs of populations experiencing health disparities. She has authored more than 300 highly cited and influential, peer-reviewed publications, the book *Why Are Health Disparities* **Everyone's Problem**, and several book chapters—one of which was featured in the Institute of Medicine's 2003 Report, Unequal Treatment. In 2021, President Biden appointed Dr. Cooper to the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, where she advises policymakers on crucial scientific and technological developments. She has been honored with numerous prestigious awards, including a MacArthur Genius Fellowship in 2007, Helen Rodríguez-Trías Social Justice Award from the American Public Health Association in 2017, the 2023 Eisenberg Award for career achievement in research from the Society for General Internal Medicine, and the 2023 William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research. As a respected member of the U.S. National Academy of Medicine, Dr. Cooper is recognized globally for her research on health disparities in racially and economically marginalized communities.

Sunday, June 23rd

Simon Bacon

Dr. Bacon's research deals with the impact of health behaviours and lifestyle (e.g., physical activity, diet, weight management, stress) on the development and progression of chronic diseases (e.g., obesity, cardiovascular disease, COVID-19). He utilises multiple methodologies including epidemiological, psychophysiological, evidence syntheses, and behavioural trials designs. Currently, Dr. Bacon is the FRQS co-Chair in Artificial Intelligence and Digitial Health for Health Behaviour Change and the CIHR SPOR Chair in Innovative, Patient-Oriented, Behavioural Clinical Trials. He is also a fellow of the Obesity Society, the Canadian Cardiovascular Society, and the Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research. In addition to Concordia, Dr. Bacon is co-director of the Montreal Behavioural Medicine Centre (www.mbmc-cmcm.ca), a researcher at the Centre intégré universitaire de santé et de services sociaux du Nord-de-l'Île-de-Montréal (CIUSSS-NIM), and co-leads the International Behavioural Trials Network and the CIHR funded Canadian Behavioural Interventions and Trials Network.

David Williams

Dr. David R. Williams is the Norman Professor of Public Health and Chair, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. He is also a Professor of African and African American Studies at Harvard University. His prior faculty appointments were at Yale University and the University of Michigan. An internationally

recognized social scientist, his research has enhanced our understanding of the complex ways in which socioeconomic status, race, stress, racism, health behavior and religious involvement can affect health. He is the author of more than 500 scientific papers and the Everyday Discrimination Scale that he developed is the most widely used measure of discrimination in health studies. Dr. Williams is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the National Academy of Sciences. He has been ranked as the Most Cited Black Scholar in the Social Sciences, worldwide, and as one of the World's Most Influential Scientific Minds.

He directed the South African Stress and Health Study, the first nationally representative study of the prevalence and correlates of mental disorders in sub-Sahara Africa. He was also a key member of the scientific team that conducted the largest study of the mental health of the black population in the U.S. and the first U.S. health study to include a large national sample of Blacks of Caribbean ancestry.

He has played a visible, national leadership role in raising awareness levels of inequities in health, including serving as staff director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Commission to Build a Healthier America and a key scientific advisor to the award-winning PBS film series, Unnatural Causes: Is inequality Making Us Sick? His research has been featured in the national print and television media and in his TED Talk.

Roger McIntosh

Dr. Roger McIntosh is an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology Divisions of Health Psychology and Cognitive & Behavioral Neuroscience at the University of Miami. He has a secondary appointment in the Miller School of Medicine Department of Public Health and is director of the BREATH Lab. Dr. McIntosh's program of research examines the biobehavioral mechanisms that allow for inflammation to subjugate the brain and contribute to "sickness behaviors" (e.g., depression, cognitive impairment, fatigue/frailty, and socio-emotional dysregulation) that are often reported in geriatric and chronic disease cohorts such as persons living with HIV. His current work examining psycho-neuro-immune outcomes of HIV-stigma/discrimination and the effect of cognitive/behavioral interventions on the gut-brain axis in depressed persons living with HIV is funded by NHLBI (K01 HL139722-05) & (1R01 HL171416-01) as well as NIMH (R01MH128868). To date, Dr. McIntosh has published over 50 manuscripts, with many in behavioral medicine journals such as: Brain Behavior and Immunity, NeuroVirology, Psychoneuroendocrinology, Journal of Infectious Disease, Neuroscience & Biobehavioral Reviews, Psychosomatic Medicine, and JAIDS.

Leo Wilton

Leo Wilton, Ph.D., MPH, is a Professor in the Department of Human Development at the State University of New York at Binghamton. His research interests include health disparities and inequities (HIV prevention and care) and Black psychological development and mental health. His research examines how socio-structural and—cultural contexts influence people's development and well-being within African and African Diaspora communities. His research explores how intersectional inequalities provide a praxis framework for developing culturally-congruent HIV prevention and care interventions. He has served as Principal Investigator (PI) or Co-Investigator on several National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded research studies. He is an elected fellow of the American Psychological Association (APA), Association for Psychological Science (APS), and New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM).

Zinzi Bailey

Zinzi Bailey is a social epidemiologist focused on cancer health disparities, as well as the health impacts of and policy solutions for structural and institutional discrimination, especially at the intersection of public health and criminal justice. She is currently an Associate Professor in the Division of Epidemiology & Community Health at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. Zinzi also serves as the Director of the Interdisciplinary Research Leaders program funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Simon Craddock Lee

Simon Craddock Lee, PhD MPH is chair and Sosland Family Professor in Preventive Medicine in the Department of Population Health in School of Medicine, University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC). A medical anthropologist, Dr. Lee conducts pragmatic trials at the intersection of healthcare delivery research and implementation science, partnering with community health clinics and other safety-net health systems, urban and rural, to optimize care delivery for under- and uninsured patients managing cancer and chronic conditions. Dr. Lee currently serves as Associate Director for cancer workforce equity for the University of Kansas Cancer Center. He was previously on the faculty of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, where he was a research program co-leader in the Simmons Cancer Center and associate director for community and collaboration in the UTSW Center for Translational Medicine.

A Yale graduate, Dr. Lee received his MPH from the University of California, Berkeley and his doctorate from the Joint Program in Medical Anthropology at University of California, San

Francisco and Berkeley. He completed postdoctoral training through the NCI Cancer Prevention Fellowship Program in Bethesda, MD. A Fellow of the Society for Applied Anthropology, he has held multiple leadership positions in the American Anthropological Association. He is honored to serve on the leadership team of Population Health Leaders in Academic Medicine, an affiliate of the AAMC Council of Faculty & Academic Societies.

Elizabeth Brondolo

Dr. Brondolo is a Professor at St. John's University in Queens, NY and Director of the Collaborative Health Integration Research Program (CHIRP), aimed at training medical residents and psychology students in health and health care disparities research. Dr. Brondolo and the CHIRP Fellows conduct programmatic, mechanistic research aimed at understanding the effects of stress on health. Their projects include studies of the effects of the effects of stress associated with racism, poverty, work, and end-of-life. The research conducted by the CHIRP program employs a variety of methodologies, including ambulatory monitoring and ecological momentary assessment, to bring the "lab to the field". Dr. Brondolo's research has been funded by the National Institutes of Mental Health, National Heart Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institute of

Occupational Safety and Health, the American Heart Association and other organizations. She has been a permanent member of several study sections, including Mechanisms of Emotions Stress and Health and the Clinical Trials review for NHLBI. She served as Chair of the Working Group which produced the American Psychological Association's report on Stress and Health Disparities. Among other awards, she has received the Patricia Barchas Award from the American Psychosomatic Society for her work in sociophysiology. Dr. Brondolo has published widely in behavioral medicine and health. Dr. Brondolo is also a working clinician, specializing in the treatment of post-traumatic stress and bipolar disorder, and the author of Break the Bipolar Cycle: A Day-to-Day Guide to Living with Bipolar Disorder (McGraw Hill). She is also the author of Psychology Research Methods: A Writing Intensive Approach, published by Academic Press.

Richard Sloan

Richard Sloan is Nathaniel Wharton Professor of Behavioral Medicine in the Department of Psychiatry at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University Medical Center. He also is Chief of the Division of Behavioral Medicine at the New York State Psychiatric Institute.

During his nearly 30 years at Columbia University Medical Center, Dr. Sloan's research has focused on a variety of topics, all revolving around the general theme of understanding the links between psychological, psychosocial, and behavioral factors and physical illness. He and his research group have studied how depression and hostility influence the risk of heart disease and the mechanisms – nervous system, inflammation, health behaviors like smoking and exercise – that may be responsible for this connection. This work has led to a series of intervention trials designed to use cognitive behavior therapy, exercise, and nutritional agents to improve health and lower risk.

In addition, Dr. Sloan is an investigator on several multi-center national studies on the development of atherosclerosis (the Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis, MESA), aging (Midlife in the U.S., MIDUS), and the origins of coronary heart disease (Coronary Artery Disease in Young Adults, CARDIA). His publications have appeared in the New England Journal of Medicine, the Lancet, Nature

Neuroscience, the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, Circulation, the Journal of the American Heart Association, and many other scientific journals.

Mark Hatzenbuehler

Mark L. Hatzenbuehler, PhD, is a Professor of Psychology at Harvard, where he directs the Biopsychosocial Effects of Stigma Lab. He received his PhD in clinical psychology from Yale and completed his post-doctoral training in population health at Columbia, where he was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholar. Dr. Hatzenbuehler's work examines the role of stigma in shaping population health inequalities, with a particular focus on the health consequences of structural forms of stigma. His work has been published in leading journals across multiple fields, including Nature Communications, Nature Human Behavior, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Lancet Public Health, Annual Reviews of Public Health, JAMA Psychiatry, Psychological Bulletin, and American Psychologist. He has received several awards for his work, including the Janet Taylor Spence Award for Transformational Early Career Contributions from the Association for Psychological Science, the Early Career Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology in the Public Interest from the American Psychological Association, the Division 44 Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award from the American Psychological Association, and the Gold Medal Award for Impact in Psychology (formerly the Gold Medal Award for Life Achievement) from the American Psychological Foundation. For the past 5 years, he has been named to the Highly Cited Researcher List by Clarivate Analytics in recognition of his research influence, as demonstrated by the production of multiple highly-cited papers that rank in the top 1% by citations for field and year in the Web of Science. Dr. Hatzenbuehler is an elected fellow of the Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research, the premier honorary organization for scientists working at the interface of behavior and medicine, and he has been appointed to serve on two consensus committees at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. He was voted one of the favorite professors of the Harvard Class of 2023.