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## Education

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| <b>NIH/NIDA Diversity Supplement-funded Postdoctoral Fellowship</b><br><i>Center for HIV Educational Studies &amp; Training at Hunter College</i>                | 2014-2016<br>New York, NY      |
| <b>Doctor of Philosophy, Clinical Psychology</b><br><i>California School of Professional Psychology<br/>at Alliant International University (APA-accredited)</i> | 2008-2014<br>San Francisco, CA |
| <b>Doctoral Internship, Clinical Health Psychology</b><br><i>Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center (APA-accredited)</i>   | 2013-2014<br>Indianapolis, IN  |
| <b>Bachelor of Science, Psychology</b><br><i>Georgia College &amp; State University</i>  | 2002-2006<br>Milledgeville, GA |

## Faculty Appointments

### Current Faculty Appointment

#### **Assistant Professor of Psychology (tenure-track), Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ**

September 2020 – Present

- Teaching responsibilities include instructing courses in the Psychology Department:
  - Psychology of Human Sexuality, The Psychology of Ethnic Identity & Community in America
- Direct the Spiritual and Psychological Intersectionality in Research and Thought (SPIRiT) Lab, supervise research students and staff; write grants, research and ethics protocols, author articles and conference abstracts; and provide all administrative oversight
- Advise/supervise students in educational and research initiatives
- Serve on campus and community committees

### Previous Faculty Appointments

#### **Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychology (tenure-track), Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA**

August 2016 – July 2020

- Taught three courses per semester, including:
  - Introductory Psychology, Multicultural Psychology, Health Psychology, African American Psychology, Abnormal Psychology
- Served as an Africana Studies Program faculty affiliate
- Advised/supervised students in educational and research initiatives
- Served on campus and community committees

#### **Visiting Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco, CA**

June 2017 – July 2020 (2017, 2019, 2020 summer research residencies awarded through a competitive NICHD-NIH grant)

- Conceptualized, wrote, and submitted two grants (R34, R21) to NCCIH and NIMH
- Designed and implemented HIV prevention research studies

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- Disseminated (via publication in scholarly journals and scholarly conference presentations) findings from health inequities research studies
- Wrote IRB protocols; oversaw ethical conduct of research and manage ethical concerns

## **Adjunct Assistant Professor, Fordham University, New York, NY**

September 2015 – December 2015

- Taught one section of Multicultural Counseling to 15 Masters' program students (Fall 2015)

## **Adjunct Assistant Professor, Hunter College-City University of New York (CUNY), New York, NY**

January 2015 – December 2015

- Taught one section of Human Development to 43 undergraduate students (Fall 2015)
- Taught one section of Human Sexuality to 89 undergraduate students (Spring 2015)

## **Publications**

IF = Impact factor at time of publication

† Denotes student co-author

### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

1. **Lassiter, J.**, Brewer, R., & Wilton, L. (in press). Toward a culturally-specific spirituality for Black sexual minority men. *Journal of Black Psychology*. [IF = 1.55]
2. **Lassiter, J.**, & Poteat, T. (2019). Religious coping and depressive symptoms among Black Americans living with HIV: An intersectional approach. *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1037/rel0000284 [IF = 1.66]
3. Poteat, T., & **Lassiter, J.** (2019). Positive religious coping predicts self-reported HIV medication adherence at baseline and twelve-month follow-up among Black Americans living with HIV in the Southeastern United States. *AIDS Care*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1080/09540121.2019.1587363 [IF = 2.32]
4. **Lassiter, J.**, Brewer, R., & Wilton, L. (2019). Black sexual minority men's disclosure of sexual orientation is associated with exposure to homonegative religious messages. *American Journal of Men's Health*, 13(1). doi: 10.1177/1557988318806432 [IF = 2.31]
5. **Lassiter, J.**, Saleh, L., Grov, C., Starks, T., Ventuneac, A., & Parsons, J. (2017). Spirituality and multiple dimensions of religion are associated with mental health in gay and bisexual men: Results from the One Thousand Strong cohort. *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1037/rel0000146 [IF = 2.00]
6. **Lassiter, J.**, Saleh, L., Starks, T., Grov, C., Ventuneac, A., & Parsons, J. (2017). Race, ethnicity, religious affiliation, and education are associated with gay and bisexual men's spiritual and religious beliefs and participation: Results from the One Thousand Strong cohort. *Cultural Diversity & Ethnic Minority Psychology*, 23(4), 468-476. doi: 10.1037/cdp0000143 [IF = 2.04]
7. Parsons, J., Rendina, J., **Lassiter, J.**, Whitfield, T., Starks, T., Grov, C. (2017). Uptake of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) in a national cohort of gay and bisexual men in the United

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- States: The Motivational PrEP Cascade. *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes*, 74(3), 285-292. doi: 10.1097/QAI.0000000000001251 [IF = 3.94]
8. Starks, T., Millar, B., **Lassiter, J.**, & Parsons, J. (2017). Pre-intervention profiles of information, motivational, and behavioral self-efficacy for methamphetamine use and HIV medication adherence among gay and bisexual men. *AIDS Patient Care and STDs*, 31(2), 78-86. doi: 10.1089/apc.2016.0196 [IF = 3.24]
  9. **Lassiter, J.** (2016). Religious participation and identity salience of Black men who have sex with men: Findings from a nationally recruited sample. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity* 3(3), 304-312. doi: 10.1037/sgd0000176 [IF = NA]
  10. **Lassiter, J.** & Parsons, J. (2016). Religion and spirituality's influences on HIV syndemics among MSM: A systematic review and conceptual model. *AIDS & Behavior*, 20, 461-472. doi: 10.1007/s10461-015-1173-0 [IF = 2.92]
  11. **Lassiter, J.** (2015). Reconciling sexual orientation and Christianity: Black same gender loving men's experiences. *Mental Health, Religion, & Culture*, 18(5), 342-353. doi: 10.1080/13674676.2015.1056121 [IF = 0.63]
  12. Grov, C., Saleh, L., **Lassiter, J.**, & Parsons, J. (2015). Challenging race-based stereotypes about gay and bisexual men's sexuality, sexual behavior, and perceived penis size and size satisfaction. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, 12, 224-235. doi: 10.1007/s13178-015-0190-0 [IF = 1.55]
  13. **Lassiter, J.** (2014). Extracting dirt from water: A strengths-based approach to religion for African American same gender loving men. *Journal of Religion and Health*, 53, 178-189. doi: 10.1007/s10943-012-9668-8 [IF = 0.97]
  14. **Lassiter, J.**, Hill, J., Fain, K., & Lamb, K. (2007). Cell phone usage and autonomy in college students. *The Corinthian*, 8, 187-208. [IF = NA]

### Books

1. Follins, L., & **Lassiter, J.** (Eds.). (2017). *Black LGBT health in the United States: The intersection of race, gender, and sexual orientation*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books. \*Winner of the Gay & Lesbian Medical Association's Achievement Award (2017).\*

### Book Chapters

1. **Lassiter, J.**, Follins, L., Smallwood, S., Wilton, L., Alexander, A., & Wall, S. (2020). Black U.S. sexual and gender minority mental health. In E. Rothblum (Ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Sexual and Gender Minority Mental Health*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
2. †Montina, T., & **Lassiter, J.** (2019). From invisible trailblazers to insurgent leaders: An intersectional narrative of transcendence at the intersection of race, class, sexual orientation, and spirituality. In T. Housel (Ed.), *Intersections of Marginalized Identities for First-Generation College Students*. New York, NY: Peter Lang.

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3. **Lassiter, J.** (2017). For us, by us: A manifesto of Black SGL and trans health. In L. Follins and J. Lassiter (Eds.), *Black LGBT health in the United States: At the intersection of race, gender, and sexual orientation*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
4. **Lassiter, J.** (2017). Black bisexual women's health in the United States: A systematic literature review. In L. Follins and J. Lassiter (Eds.), *Black LGBT health in the United States: At the intersection of race, gender, and sexual orientation*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
5. **Lassiter, J.** (2015). Cut from the same rigid cloth: Hate crimes and militarism. In C. Jenkins (Ed.), *The Hampton reader: Selected essays from the Hampton Institute, A working-class think tank*. Clifton Park, NY: Hampton Institute Press.
6. **Lassiter, J.** (2015). Homonegativity in black: A culturally sensitive historical perspective. In C. Jenkins (Ed.), *The Hampton reader: Selected essays from the Hampton Institute, A working-class think tank*. Clifton Park, NY: Hampton Institute Press.
7. **Lassiter, J.** (2015). Housing works: A trans analysis. In C. Jenkins (Ed.), *The Hampton reader: Selected essays from the Hampton Institute, A working-class think tank*. Clifton Park, NY: Hampton Institute Press.
8. Blashill, A., **Lassiter, J.**, Wilson, J., Safren, S. & Parsons, J. (2014). Biomedical HIV prevention: The role of mental health and substance use. In L. Eaton and S. Kalichman (Eds.), *Biomedical advances in HIV prevention: Social and behavioral perspectives*. New York: Springer.

## Commentary, Position Statements, & Reports

1. Lassiter, J. (2020, July). *If you like the taste of peaches program evaluation*. Prepared for the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center in Allentown, PA.
2. Robinson, A., & **Lassiter, J.** (2019, May). *Position statement on the reinstatement of the military ban against transgender service persons*. Retrieved from: [https://www.abpsi.org/ABPsiStatementonTransgenderMilitaryBan\\_Aug2019](https://www.abpsi.org/ABPsiStatementonTransgenderMilitaryBan_Aug2019)
3. **Lassiter, J.** (2013, July). *Open letter to my nephews and niece on the day after the Trayvon Martin verdict*. Retrieved from The Hampton Institute, LGBTQ Rights Department website: <http://www.hamptoninstitution.org/openletter.html#.VUkJdZPw-yY>
4. **Lassiter, J.** (2010, Summer). *What hope do I have?: Achieving respectability among my colleagues. The Diversity Factor*. Retrieved from <http://www.div17.org/SERD/Newsletter.html>

## Book Review

1. **Lassiter, J.** (2009). [Review of the book *Beyond the down low: Sex, lies, and denial in Black America*, by K. Boykin]. *Journal of LGBT Issues in Counseling*, 3, 235-236. doi: 10.1080/15538600903285597

## Scholarly Publications for Lay Audiences

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1. **Lassiter, J.** (2019, August). *Talk to me, that's how we heal: The limits of the 1619 project*. Retrieved from <https://medium.com/@jonathanmathiaslassiter/talk-to-me-thats-how-we-heal-the-limits-of-the-1619-project-7438b9950d52>
2. **Lassiter, J.** (2015, May). *Internalizing Black lives matter: A queer project in loving blackness (Part 2)*. Retrieved from The Hampton Institute, Race & Ethnicity Department website: <http://www.hamptoninstitution.org/internalizing-blacklivesmatter-part-two.html#.VUKJ-ZPw-yY>
3. **Lassiter, J.** (2015, January). *Internalizing Black lives matter: A queer project in loving blackness (Part 1)*. Retrieved from The Hampton Institute, Race & Ethnicity Department website: <http://www.hamptoninstitution.org/internalizing-blacklivesmatter.html#.VOyED8bKINE>
4. **Lassiter, J.** (2014, September). *Whiteness in the psychological imagination*. Retrieved from The Hampton Institute, Race & Ethnicity Department website: <http://www.hamptoninstitution.org/psychology-of-whiteness.html#.VB8AwlPLFvU>
5. **Lassiter, J.** (2014, January). *Facing horror: Implications for life and activism*. Retrieved from The Hampton Institute, LGBTQ Rights Department website: <http://www.hamptoninstitution.org/facing-horror.html#.Uu7c6FNRfOU>
6. **Lassiter, J.** (2013, May). *Gay is the new nothing*. Retrieved from The Hampton Institute, LGBTQ Rights Department website: <http://www.hamptoninstitution.org/gayisthenewnothing.html#.Ud1c7HBalmY>
7. **Lassiter, J.** (2013, May). *The ballroom community in Latino/a culture*. Retrieved from The Hampton Institute, LGBTQ Rights Department website: <http://www.hamptoninstitution.org/ballroom.html#.Ud1ch3BalmY>
8. **Lassiter, J.** (2013, May). *Latino men who have sex with men (LMSM), psychotherapy, and HIV prevention*. Retrieved from The Hampton Institute, LGBTQ Rights Department website: <http://www.hamptoninstitution.org/lmsm.html#.Ud1bDXBalmY>

## Manuscripts Under Review

1. **Lassiter, J.** & †Mims, I. “The awesomeness and the vastness of who you really are:” A culturally-distinct framework for understanding the link between spirituality and health for Black sexual minority men. Manuscript under review at *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality* [IF = 2.37].
2. **Lassiter, J.** Black same-gender-loving male couples' health within an Afrocentric psychological paradigm: The influences of spirituality and religion. In Y. Cooper & E. Holmes (Eds.), *Black Love and Relationships*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

## Manuscripts in Preparation

1. **Lassiter, J.**, Smallwood, S., O'Garro-Moore, J., Rendina, J., & Grov, C. Spirituality, self-compassion, and anxiety symptoms among sexual minority men in a longitudinal study. Manuscript in preparation; will be submitted to *American Journal of Public Health* [IF = 5.38]

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2. **Lassiter, J.**, Dacus, J., & ... What we know and don't know about Black American same-sex couples: Laying the groundwork for culturally-appropriate couples-based psychotherapy and health interventions. Manuscript in preparation; will be submitted to *Journal of Sex Research* [IF = 3.06]
3. **Lassiter, J.**, Smallwood, S., Rendina, J., & Grov, C. Religion, self-perception, and sexual health behaviors among sexual minority men: Findings from the One Thousand Strong cohort. Manuscript in preparation; will be submitted to *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*. [IF = 2.37]
4. **Lassiter, J.**, ... Engaging Black sexual minority men in biomarker studies: Facilitators, barriers, and recommendations. Manuscript in preparation; will be submitted to *The Lancet* [IF = 53.25]
5. **Lassiter, J.**, ... Black sexual minority men's recommendations for developing a spiritually-oriented holistic health intervention. Manuscript in preparation; will be submitted to *American Journal of Public Health* [IF = 5.38]
6. **Lassiter, J.**, & Poteat, T. Religion and health in the lives of transgender Americans: Findings from a national sample. Manuscript in preparation; will be submitted to *LGBT Health*. [IF = 3.30]
7. **Lassiter, J.** Navigating poverty, racism, and homonegativity: The role of culturally-specific spirituality for Black sexual minority men. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* [IF = 2.62]
8. **Lassiter, J.**, Smallwood, S., & Green, R. Religious and minority sexual orientation integration scale (RAMSIS): Associations with mental and physical health. Manuscript in preparation; will be submitted to *Culture, Health, & Sexuality* [IF = 1.74]

## Professional Presentations

1. Johnson, K., **Lassiter, J.**, Lockett, S., & Williams, D. (2019, November). *Okkuurrr!: Still Woke and Still Engaged in Black Rebellion and Intersectional Solidarities*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Studies Association, Honolulu, HI.
2. †Montina, T., †Smith, S., & **Lassiter, J.** (2017, October). *PWIs as an extension of the criminal justice system: Policing Black men's bodies through invisibility and hypervisibility*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Diversity Challenge, Boston, MA.
3. **Lassiter, J.**, Grov, C., Ventuneac, A., Starks, T., & Parsons, J. (2015, November). *Spirituality and multiple dimensions of religion are associated with mental health in gay and bisexual men: Results from the One Thousand Strong panel*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Public Health Association, Chicago, IL.
4. Starks, T., Millar, B., **Lassiter, J.**, Parsons, J. (2015, November). *Tailoring behavioral interventions with a joint focus on substance use and medication adherence: Lessons from an efficacy trial of MI and CBT among HIV positive gay and bisexual men*. Paper presented at Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Chicago, IL.

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5. Starks, T., Millar, B., **Lassiter, J.**, Parsons, J. (2015, November). *Conceptualizing treatment needs from pre-intervention patterns of information, motivation, and behavioral self-efficacy observed among gay and bisexual men who use crystal methamphetamine*. Paper presented at Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Chicago, IL.
6. **Lassiter, J.** (2015, January). *The church is depressing me: Religion-based homonegative messages' influence on black gay and bisexual men's mental health*. Poster presented at the meeting of the National Multicultural Conference and Summit, Atlanta, GA.
7. **Lassiter, J.** (2014, October). *Marking and de-centering whiteness: White culture and implications for psychologists*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Diversity Challenge, Boston, MA.
8. **Lassiter, J.** (2014, August). *Millon clinical multiaxial inventory-III & Millon behavioral medicine diagnostic tests: A comparison of clinical scales and psychometric properties*. Invited presentation at the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center, Indianapolis, IN.
9. **Lassiter, J.** (2014, July). *Black men who have sex with men's religious participation and religious identity*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Association of Black Psychologists, Indianapolis, IN.
10. **Lassiter, J.** (2014, February). *White culture and implications for psychologists*. Invited presentation at the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center, Indianapolis, IN.
11. **Lassiter, J.** (2013, December). *Mindful hearts: Mindfulness and heart health for female veterans*. Invited lecture at the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center, Indianapolis, IN.
12. **Lassiter, J.** (2012, August). *Testimony: A portrait of Black gay and bisexual men's religious and spiritual practices*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, Orlando, FL.
13. **Lassiter, J.**, Smith, A., Montano, S., Luna, K., & O'Toole, S. (2012, August). *The effects of religion and spirituality on African Americans' health outcomes: A meta-analysis*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, Orlando, FL.
14. Desierto, G., **Lassiter, J.**, Large, N. (2012, August). *Kumibo ka naman diyan: Childhood sexual abuse disclosure of Filipino American men*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, Orlando, FL.
15. **Lassiter, J.** (2011, October). *Go tell it on the mountain: African American same gender loving men, religion, and health*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Diversity Challenge, Boston, MA.
16. Kates, E., **Lassiter, J.**, Lenihan, K., & Rodriguez, S. (2011, August). *Gender differences in health, victimization, and incarceration in the urban homeless*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.

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17. Gresham, S., **Lassiter, J.**, Chen, Y., Wong, W., & DeBlaere, C. (2011, January). Black men who have sex with men: Reconciling Christian religion and sexual orientation. In Nadine Nakamura & Karla Anhalt (Co-chairs), *Risk and resiliency among LGBT people of color: Linking science and practice*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the National Multicultural Conference and Summit, Seattle, WA.
18. **Lassiter, J.** (2010, June). *HIV and depression*. Invited presentation at the Alameda County Medical Center-Highland Hospital, Oakland, CA.
19. **Lassiter, J.** (2010, May). *Black men who have sex with men: Reconciling their Christian religion and sexual orientation*. Poster presented at the California School of Professional Psychology PhD Annual Research Conference, San Francisco, CA.
20. **Lassiter, J.** (2010, April). *Academic and Career Success Strategies*. Invited lecture at City College of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA.

## Research Funding

### CURRENT

### UNDER REVIEW

### RESUBMISSIONS

### SUBMITTED BUT NOT FUNDED

PAR-18-417/GRANT13020611 Lassiter, Jonathan (PI) 2020

Cultural Adaptation of MBSR for Black Sexual Minority Men

The objective of this proposed 2-year project (N = 114) is to culturally adapt mindfulness-based stress reduction (MBSR) so that it more effectively addresses the unique character of stress-related anxiety among Black sexual minority (SM) men. The proposed adapted intervention, I'M SACRED (Increasing Mindfulness and Spirituality At the Core to Reduce Stress and Disease), will be aimed at reducing stress and anxiety among Black SM men. The project will include formative and pilot phases. We will assess feasibility and acceptability using objective indicators and individual qualitative exit interviews. It is hoped that I'M SACRED will more effectively engage Black SM men in care, promote their long-term use of mindfulness, reduce stress, and mitigate the disease burden of anxiety.

**Role:** Principal Investigator

**Amount:** \$673,309

1-18-ICTS-004 Lassiter, Jonathan (PI) 2017, 2019

Developing a LGBT-specific Diabetes Prevention Program

The proposed 3-year study aimed to investigate prevalence of diabetes and diabetes-related health conditions among LGBT people in the Lehigh Valley area (Allentown–Bethlehem–Easton, and PA–NJ Metropolitan Statistical Area). A community-based participatory research framework will be used to develop, pilot, and evaluate the acceptability, feasibility, and preliminary effectiveness of a LGBT-specific modification of the Center for Disease Control's evidence-based Diabetes Prevention Program.

**Role:** Principal Investigator

**Funding Source:** American Diabetes Association



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**Amount:** \$598,824

## PAST

5R25HD045810 Neilands, Tor (PI) March 1, 2017 – July 2020  
Minority Population Prevention Researcher Training

Participant in professional development program addressing the urgent need to promote clinical prevention research and reduce health disparities in vulnerable communities where substance use is a crucial public health concern. The program also aims to increase the number of scientists from diverse backgrounds who attain NIH funding by providing a research education curriculum, mentoring, and pilot study funding to early-career clinical scientists (visiting professors or VPs) to secure multiyear funding to conduct innovative health disparities research.

**Role:** PI of pilot study/Visiting Professor

**Funding Source:** National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

**Amount:** \$20,000

Weinberger Artist-Scholar Grant 2018  
Black Psychological Foundations in Black Acting Methods

Developed and co-facilitated a seminar that explored Black psychological theories and strategies for mental health for creative professionals of color and creative professionals of color-in-training. Participated in dialogic project (panel) with theatre professionals tackling issues of race, mental health, and theatre.

**Role:** Artist-Scholar

**Funding Source:** Segal Center and the Weinberger Center

**Amount:** \$620

NEH Visiting Fellowship Kashi Johnson and Monica Miller (co-PIs) 2018  
Hip-Hop Theatre: Dramatizing Mental Health through Beats, Rhymes & Dance

Presented dialogic project (panel) exploring the intersection of mainstream hip-hop music, hip-hop theatre, Black emotionality, and mental health in the post-Obama/post-Jay's *Z's 4:44* era. Project presented in collaboration with Sharrell D. Lockett, PhD (University of Cincinnati) and Kashi Johnson, PhD (Lehigh University).

**Role:** National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH) Guest Scholar

**Funding Source:** National Endowment of the Humanities

**Amount:** \$500

5R25MH083635-06 Townsend, Tiffany (PI) 2015 – 2017  
Cyber Mentors: A Training Program for HIV/AIDS Researchers Working on Health Disparities

Participated in professional development program for early career research scientist as a mentee of Dr. Leo Wilton. Outcomes: Attended NIH grant review panel at American Psychological Association; attended structural equation modeling workshop; wrote and submitted an application for the USCF Visiting Professor's Program research fellowship; began preparation for a R21 to be submitted to NIMH.

**Role:** PI of pilot study; Cyber Mentee (Mentor: Leo Wilton, PhD, Professor of Human Development at University of Binghamton)

**Funding Source:** National Institute of Mental Health

**Amount:** \$4,000

3R01DA036466-02S1 Parsons, Jeffrey (PI) 2014 – 2016

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## Syndemics and Resilience for HIV Transmission in a National Sample of Vulnerable Gay and Bisexual Men

Conducted a sub-study to the parent grant assessing the associations between spirituality/religion, resilience, and HIV syndemics among a US national sample of HIV-negative gay and bisexual men.

**Role:** Pilot Project PI; Diversity Supplement Postdoctoral Fellow

**Funding Source:** National Institute on Drug Abuse

**Amount:** \$55,440

## CSPP Dean's Dissertation Award Lassiter, Jonathan (PI) 2012 Religion-based Homonegative Messages, Depression, and HIV Risk in Black Men Who Have Sex with Men

Conducted a study to understand the influence of religiosity, spirituality, and religion-based homonegativity on Black MSM's mental and sexual health outcomes.

**Role:** Principle Investigator

**Funding Source:** California School of Professional Psychology

**Amount:** \$1,000

## **Other Funding**

- \$5000 Rising Scholar Award to Promote Faculty Research, Muhlenberg College (2020)
- \$4000 Faculty Research and Professional Growth Grant, Muhlenberg College (2018)
- \$1500 Faculty Direct Expenses Grant (2018)
- \$1000 Muhlenberg College's Faculty Center for Teaching Small Group Pedagogical Development Grant (2017)
- \$500 Muhlenberg College's Center for Ethics Faculty Development Grant (2017)
- \$1500 Faculty Direct Expenses Grant (2017)
- \$4000 Faculty Research and Professional Growth Grant, Muhlenberg College (2017)
- \$65 Gay Men's Health Summit Partial Scholarship (2012)
- \$200 Student Development Scholarship sponsored by Alliant International University (2011)
- \$20,000 (total) CSPP Merit Scholarship sponsored by Alliant International University (2008 – 2011)
- \$200 APA's Quantitative Training for Underrepresented Groups Conference Scholarship (2010)
- \$1,000 Mary & Payton Cook Scholarship (2003)
- \$28,000 (total) HOPE Scholarship (2002 – 2006)

## **Research Primarily for the Education or Training of Students**

### Keynote Panel for Psychology Day (December 2019)

Title: *Qualitative research in the SPIRiT lab*

Students: Sydney Crispano, Madeleine Kemo, Ivie Mims, Eva Nelson, Kayla Niemasz, & Marguerite Runyan

### B.A. Thesis Advisor, Muhlenberg College (2018-2019)

Title: *Exploratory study of physical, mental, and structural health variables among middle eastern and Arab men who have sex with men*

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Student: Amir Carter

## Psychology Department's Brown Bag Lecture Series Presentation (November 2017)

Title: *PWIs as an extension of the criminal justice system: Policing Black men's bodies through invisibility and hypervisibility*

Students: Trott-Nely Montana & Steven Smith

## Media Coverage

### Interviews & Research Coverage in Print & Online Platforms

- Health Magazine
- The Chicago Defender
- Blavity
- Healthy Black Men
- Lambda Literary
- Bethlehem Press
- A&U Magazine (review of *Black LGBT Health* book)
- Philadelphia Gay News
- The Valley Ledger
- Bayview National Black Newspaper
- 500 Queer Scientists
- Lavender Magazine
- Between the Lines: A Project of Pride Source
- Psychotherapy.net (reference to *Whiteness in the Psychological Imagination*)
- The American Journal of Economics and Sociology (reference to *Whiteness in the Psychological Imagination*)

### Podcasts & Radio

- Here for It
- A Date with Darkness
- The Breakdown with Dr. Turner
- Affirmative Reaction (SiriusXM Radio)
- Openly LGBT+ News (UK)
- Being LGBTQ with Sam Wise (UK)
- NextNation with Sylvia Alston (SiriusXM Radio)

### TV/YouTube/Film

- PBS39 News Reports
- Wonder Dave's Mental Health Comedy Hour

### Op-Eds

- Windy City Times
- The Hill
- The Washington Blade

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## Invited Talks and Workshops

Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center and Nurse Practitioners of Northeast PA	2020	Lecture	Providing Affirming Nursing Care for Black LGBTQ Community Members
Brooklyn Empowerment Wellness Center	2020	Panel	Mental Health and Spirituality
Black Acting Methods Studio	2020	Lecture	Afrocentric Conceptualizations of Mental Health: Tools for Black Actors' Mental Health
Black Acting Methods Studio	2020	Workshop	Black Actors & Mental Health
Laura McGraw-Cook Psychotherapy Group	2020	CE Workshop	Black LGBT Risk and Resilience with Psychotherapy Patients in Private Practice (declined)
UNC-Chapel Hill	2020	Residency	Black LGBT Health (cancelled)
UNC-Charlotte	2019	Residency	Black Psychology and Performance Interactive Seminar for the Black Acting Methods Studio
Black Acting Methods Studio International Symposium	2019	Workshop	"You Want Me to Do What?" Black Actors in White Spaces
ZAMI NOBLA	2019	Panel Moderator	Exploring Spirituality, Strength, and LGBTQ Identity in the South
ZAMI NOBLA	2019	Panel	Resiliently Tending to Our Emotional Needs: Practicing Radical Mental Wellness in the Midst of the "Isms"
Callen-Lorde	2018	Grand Rounds	Black LGBT Health: HIV, Co-morbid Conditions, and Resilience in the Midst
Segal Center	2018	Panel	Black Acting Methods
Segal Center	2018	Workshop	Black Acting Methods
George Washington University	2018	Panel	LGBT People of Color: Health, Rights, and Respect
LGBT Health Link	2018	Panel	Funding Your Programs Through Practice-based Research Partnerships
Lehigh University	2018	Panel	Hip-Hop Theatre: Dramatizing Mental Health through Beats, Rhymes, & Dance

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Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center	2018	Lecture	Black LGBT Health: Resistance, Resilience, and Risk
Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University	2018	Grand Rounds	Incorporating Resilience in the Medical Appointment with Black LGBT Patients
Rainbow Health Initiative's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Opportunity Conference: Advancing LGBTQ Health	2018	Keynote	Black LGBT Health: Resistance, Resilience, and Risk
California Institute of Integral Studies	2018	Lecture	Interplay of Religion and Romance: Implications for Clinical Work with Black Same-gender-loving Male Couples
BPEEtalks	2017	Keynote	Rootedness in Afrocentric Spirituality: A Path to Wellness and Well-being
Schomburg Museum	2017	Panel	Talks at the Schomburg: Black LGBT Health in the United States
John Hopkins University	2017	Panel	Black LGBTQ Health
Gay and Lesbian Medical Association	2017	Panel	Black SGL and LGBTQ Health at the Crossroads: A Discussion Amongst Black SGL and LGBTQ Providers
Gay and Lesbian Medical Association	2017	Workshop	Incorporating Resilience into the Medical Appointment with Black LGBT People
Bronx-Lebanon Hospital	2017	Grand Rounds	Black LGBT Health: An Intersectional Approach for Healthcare Providers
Alameda County Medical Center	2017	Grand Rounds	Black LGBT Health: An Intersectional Approach for Mental Health Providers
Ruth Ellis Health and Wellness Center	2017	Panel	Discussing Black LGBT Health
Unity Fellowship Church of Philadelphia and COLOURS Organization	2017	Roundtable	A Conversation with Two Black Scholars: Patriarchy and Racial Socialization in Black Families
Winston-Salem State University	2016	Keynote	I Turned Myself into Myself: Philosophical Blackness and Racial Trauma
Muhlenberg College	2016	Keynote	Intersectionality as Praxis for Research and Life

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Judson Memorial Church	2016	Moderator	Who Are Our Families in the Black SGL/LGBTQI Community? A Community Discussion
Connecticut College	2016	Keynote	Spirituality and Resilience: Health in the Face of Death

## Other Research Experience

### Data Analysis Consultant

July 2013 – August 2014

Study: *Empathy and aggressive behavior: A qualitative understanding of the Black adolescent male voice in the inner city*

Principal Investigator: Melissa Guariglia, MA

- Collaborated on thematic coding of transcripts using Consensual Qualitative Research analysis

### Data Analysis Consultant

June 2012 – June 2013

Study: *Kumibo ka naman diyan: Childhood sexual abuse disclosure of Filipino American men*

Principal Investigator: Gregory Desierto, MA

- Collaborated on thematic coding of transcripts using Interpretative Phenomlogical Analysis
- Collaborated on poster presentation for a national conference

## Other Scholarly Activities

### LGBTQ Rights Department Chair, The Hampton Institute, Clifton Park, NY

May 2013 – December 2015

- Conducted scholarly research and authored essays on various topics relevant to LGBTQ communities
- Reviewed submissions to the LGBTQ Rights Department

## Clinical Experience

### Professional Psychologist License

State: New York

Number: 022738

Date of Licensure: 07/18/2018

### Lassiter Health Initiatives

June 2020 – present

- Provide individual and couples psychotherapy for clients in private practice

### Talk Space Approved Mental Health Provider

May 2019 – June 2020

- Provide individual teletherapy for a caseload of 40 patients
  - Utilize several third-wave CBT treatments, including:
    - Mindfulness-based cognitive therapy
    - Cognitive behavioral therapy for insomnia (CBT-I)

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- Cognitive behavioral therapy for anxiety and depression
- Treating presenting problems including but not limited to: health anxiety, coping with chronic illnesses, relationship conflicts, developmental transitions, imposter syndrome, mood disorders, stress management for professionals

## **Clinical Health Psychology Intern, Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center, Indianapolis, IN** August 2013 – August 2014

- Provided psychological services to primary care clinic and returning soldiers in OIF/OEF/OND conflicts:
  - Mental health triage
  - Brief and long-term psychotherapy aimed at treatment adherence, health-behavior change, and reducing patient's psychological distress secondary to medical diagnoses and psychosocial factors
  - Neuropsychological evaluations related to neurocognitive functioning, transplant appropriateness, bariatric appropriateness, and medical treatment readiness
  - Psychodiagnostic evaluations related to personality, intellectual functioning, and attention-deficit disorder
  - Provided evidence-based treatments of trauma-related disorders
- Facilitated behavioral health groups:
  - Lead behavioral health component of MOVE!, the Veteran Health Administration's national weight management program. Taught veterans face-to-face and via telehealth technology
  - Co-facilitated a chronic pain management group
  - Co-facilitated a PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury group
  - Co-facilitated a Spirituality and PTSD group
- Facilitated mindfulness-based cognitive-behavioral conjoint (MB-CBCT) couples's therapy and group psychoeducation for veterans with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and their spouses as part of a Veteran's Health Administration-funded clinical trial
- Created and implemented a pipeline program to increase diversity among students, interns, and staff in the Mental Health Clinic

## **Health Psychology Extern, Harlem Hospital Center, New York, NY**

August 2012 – January 2013

### Clinical duties:

- Conducted individual psychotherapy with adults diagnosed with psychotic disorders and co-morbid medical illnesses
- Administered psychological assessments (including projectives)
- Wrote psychological reports

### Managerial/administrative duties:

- Evaluated psychotherapy groups (e.g. emotional regulation, psychotic symptom management, and anger management) in the partial hospitalization program and made recommendations for their improvement
- Updated wellness program (i.e. relaxation training, mindfulness, and health behavior modification) and facilitated mindfulness sessions for hospital staff

## **Project Therapist and Research Associate, Center for HIV Educational Studies & Training (CHEST), New York, NY**

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September, 2011 – July 2013

Clinical duties:

- Conducted brief (12-sessions) individual psychotherapy with HIV-positive adults ages 50 and older with substance dependence diagnoses
- Conducted brief (8-sessions) individual teletherapy via Facebook with adults ages 18-29 who engaged in substance abuse and risky sexual behaviors
- Conducted one-time interventions aimed at HIV medication adherence for HIV-positive adults 50 and older with substance dependence diagnoses
- Provided on-call crisis intervention and psychological assessments for suicidal, homicidal, emotionally volatile, and intoxicated patients

Research/supervisory/training duties:

- Collaborated on scholarly writing projects with Executive Director Dr. Jeffrey Parsons
- Collaborated on grant writing for governmental funding from the National Institutes of Health
- Trained non-clinical staff members to administer cognitive and psychological symptoms screening
- Supervised educational arm of a large National Institutes of Health funded clinical intervention trial
- Provided supervision of diagnostic interview (CDIS and SCID-I) administration
- Provided supervision of neuropsychological tests (Trail Making Test, Hopkins Verbal Learning, Grooved Pegboard, Go/No Go Visual Reaction Time Test, FAS Verbal Fluency Test, Digit Span Forward and Digit Span Backward) administration

## **Psychology Extern, Psychological Services Center, Oakland, CA**

July 2010 – June 2011

- Administered psychological assessments (including Rorschach and projectives) and wrote integrated psychodiagnostic reports for children ages 6-15
- Provided weekly individual psychotherapy for adolescents in high school setting (6 weekly patients plus drop-ins).
- Provided brief family psychotherapy in school setting
- Co-lead a weekly psychotherapy group for adolescent males
- Provided crisis intervention for emotionally volatile and aggressive adolescent students
- Delivered psychoeducation to multicultural high school faculty and students

## **Psychology Extern, Alameda County Medical Center, Oakland, CA**

September 2009 – September 2010

- Provided weekly individual and couple's psychotherapy in immunology clinic for multicultural HIV-positive adults (4 weekly individual patients, 1 couple, plus drop-ins).
- Provided psychological services to medical inpatient unit, primary care clinic, and emergency room. Services included:
  - Mental health triage
  - Brief cognitive behavioral interventions aimed at treatment adherence, health-behavior change, decreasing self-injurious behaviors, and increasing coping with psychological distress related to medical diagnoses for medical patients
  - Palliative care
  - Family therapy for relatives dealing with caregiver issues
  - Suicide/homicide assessments



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- Created training manual and provided training in medical note charting, basic clinical interviewing skills, and multicultural sensitivity to incoming psychology practicum trainees in the Health Psychology rotation

## **Volunteer Hotline Counselor, Anti-Violence Project, New York, NY**

January 2008 – April 2008

- Conducted telephonic suicide, homicide, and mental health assessments
- Provided mental health referrals to in-house mental health professionals

## **Professional Trainer Experience**

- Co-led Motivational Interviewing Training, Samaritan Village, Queens, NY  
November 17, 2014
- Co-led Cultural Competence & Health Literacy Training, Samaritan Village, Queens, NY  
June 16, 2015
- Co-led Cultural Competence & Health Literacy Training, Samaritan Village, Queens, NY  
July 16, 2015
- Co-led Motivational Interviewing Training, Samaritan Village, Queens, NY  
August 4, 2015

## **Professional Affiliations**

- Association of Black Psychologists
- American Psychological Association
  - Divisions 36, 38, 45
- American Public Health Association

## **Honors and Awards**

- Bridge Builder Award (2017)
- Gay and Lesbian Medical Association's Achievement Award (2017)
- Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society (2005)
- Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society (2003)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Research Paper in the Research Apprentice Program sponsored by the Medical College of Georgia (2002)

## **Professional Development as a Teacher Experiences**

### **Rowan University**

Coming soon...

### **Muhlenberg College**

- Mellon Grant Writing Workshop: Nourishing Writing Communities (May 2019)
- Faculty Center for Teaching: Engaged Liberal Arts for All: Inclusive Pedagogies and High Impact Practices (May 2019)

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- Faculty Center for Teaching: Grants Fair (November 2018)
- Faculty Center for Teaching: Teachers Talking Intellectual Engagement (April 2018)
- Faculty Center for Teaching: Wine & Cheese Preparing for the New Semester (September 2017)
- Faculty Center for Teaching: Teachers Talking Diversity Student Panel (April 2017)
- Faculty Center for Teaching Workshop: Balancing Teaching and Scholarship (March 2017)
- Faculty Center for Teaching Workshop: Creating Your Mentoring Plan (December 2016)
- Peer-to-Peer Junior Faculty Mentoring Program, Muhlenberg College (2016-2018)

## College and Departmental Service

### Rowan University

Coming soon...

### Muhlenberg College

- Psychology Department's Graduate School Forum, Coordinator and Panelist (March 2020)
- Rosenberg Speaker Series - J. Russell Ramsay, Co-coordinator (March 2020)
- Bias Resource & Education Team Conversation about Biased Language, Panelist (February 2020)
- Institutional Review Board, Chair (2019-2020)
- Committee on Campus and Community Life, Member (2019-2020)
- Men of Color Network [Student Group], Faculty Advisor (2018-2020)
- Institutional Review Board, Member (2017-2020)
- LVAIC Undergraduate Psychology Conference, Co-coordinator (2018)
- Psychology Department's Brown Bag Lecture Series, Co-coordinator (2017-2018)
- LVAIC LGBT Conference Workshop, Facilitator (April 2017)
- Fall Open House, Psychology Department Representative (October 2017, October 2018)
- Multicultural Life Center's Alliance Week, Workshop Facilitator (February 2017)
- Theatre Department's Talkback for *Wig Out!*, Panelist (March 2017)
- Psychology Department's Graduate School Forum, Panelist (2016-2019)
- Psychology Department's Research Day, Keynote Speaker (December 2016)
- Health Preprofessionals Club's Career Fair, Panelist (October 2016)
- Public Health Research Night, Panelist (October 2016)

## Service to the Community and the Profession

### Health Committee Board Member, Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center, Allentown, PA

February 2017 – Present

- Collaborate on determining health prevention initiatives of Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center
- Co-design health programs
- Collaborate on grantwriting and research dissemination
- Program evaluation

### Consultant, The COLOURS Organization, Philadelphia, PA

February 2017 – December 2017

- Provide consultation on mental health and social justice community programming and research

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## **Volunteer Co-Facilitator, Black Coalition on AIDS, San Francisco, CA**

March 2009 – June 2009

- Co-facilitated 4 cycles of *Many Men, Many Voices*, a Centers for Disease Control HIV and STI intervention targeting Black gay/bisexual men

## **Resource Center Working Group Volunteer, Audre Lorde Project, Brooklyn, NY**

September 2007 – July 2008

- Provided health education and social justice outreach to LGBT and gender non-conforming people of color
- Collaborated on the design and implementation of holistic health initiatives for LGBT and gender non-conforming people of color
- Taught therapeutic dance class for adult HIV-positive people of color at a community conference

## **Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA), Americorps VISTA HealthCorps, Bronx, NY**

August 2007 – August 2008

- Coordinated health education events at various community sites
- Developed and maintained partnerships with various community based organizations
- Developed evaluation tools and documented and evaluated outreach events
- Collaborated on grantwriting

## **Peer-Reviewed Journal Editorial Experience**

### **Senior Associate Editor**

- Annals of LGBTQ Population and Public Health (2019 – present)

### **Ad hoc Reviewer**

- Race and Social Problems (2020 – present)
  - 1 review
- Journal of Homosexuality (2020 – present)
  - 1 review
- Journal of Black Psychology (2019 – present)
  - 3 review
- Gay and Lesbian Medical Association Conference Abstract Reviewer (2018, 2019)
  - 30 reviews
- Journal of Sex Research (2017 – present)
  - 1 review
- Journal of Religion and Health (2013 – present)
  - 1 review
- Sexuality Research and Social Policy (2015 – present)
  - 1 review
- Journal of HIV/AIDS & Social Services (2015 – present)
  - 1 review
- International Journal of STD & AIDS (2015 – present)
  - 1 review
- Psychology of Religion & Spirituality (2016 – present)
  - 1 review

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## Software Skills

Microsoft Office Suite for Mac and Windows  
SPSS  
Qualtrics  
Mplus  
Moodle  
NVivo

Dragon Naturally Speaking Transcription Software  
Electronic Medical Records  
EndNote  
BlackBoard  
Survey Monkey  
Canvas