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## SUMMARY

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- Public health researcher and leader with expertise in addressing social and structural determinants of health across diverse populations.
- Proven ability to lead complex public health initiatives spanning infectious diseases, behavioral health, health equity, and community resilience. Skilled in applying implementation science, systems thinking, and stakeholder engagement to real-world challenges.
- Extensive experience in designing and evaluating interventions, securing research funding, and leading interdisciplinary teams to improve health outcomes and reduce disparities.
- Skilled in policy analysis, program evaluation, and community-engaged research.
- Adept at translating research into practice and influencing public health strategies across various domains, including infectious and chronic diseases, behavioral health, and health systems strengthening.
- Over 40 publications spanning behavioral health, implementation science, health equity, and infectious disease prevention.

## EDUCATION

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Doctor of Philosophy, Community Health Sciences

May 2013      University of Illinois at Chicago      Chicago, IL

National Institutes for Drug Abuse Pre-doctoral Fellow

Dissertation: *Running the Risks: Drug use, psychosocial issues, internet use, and sex in minority gay/bisexual men and transgender women*

Chair: Jesus Ramirez-Valles, PhD

Master of Public Health, Community Health, Human Sexuality

May 2002      New York University      New York, NY

Practicum: HIV/AIDS Advocacy and the Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network

National Association of Health Services Executives Scholarship

Bachelor of Science, Biology/Chemistry

May 2000      Xavier University of Louisiana      New Orleans, LA

Howard Hughes Biomedical Scholar

Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Scholar

Science, Engineering, and Math Fellow

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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July 2013 – June 2025

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA**

***Senior Epidemiologist*** GS-601-14 40 hours/week M-F

- Social Determinants of Health Research Team Lead in the former HIV Research Branch, Division of HIV Prevention
- Managed a team of ten epidemiologists, health scientists, behavioral scientists, and fellows in the implementation of a portfolio of research projects including, but not limited to:

- Implementation Research Consortium to Accelerate Impact of Health Department-Delivered HIV Prevention Activities
- Strategies to Maintain HIV Viral Suppression amongst State Prison Inmates Released to the Community
- Identifying and Addressing Historical and Structural Drivers of Medical Mistrust among Hispanic/Latino Gay, Bisexual and Other Men Who Have Sex with Men for HIV Prevention, and the Minority HIV Research Initiative
- Minority HIV/AIDS Research Consortium
- Led research initiatives to examine social and structural determinants influencing health outcomes across multiple public health domains.
- Developed and evaluate interventions to enhance health equity and service uptake among diverse and disproportionately affected populations.
- Secured and managed research funding, overseeing multi-institutional collaborations.
- Provided mentorship and guidance to early-career researchers and public health practitioners.
- Translated research findings into policy recommendations and programmatic strategies.

***Behavioral Scientist*** GS-101-13 40 hours/week M-F

- Acting Operational Research Team Lead in the Prevention Research Branch – May to September 2021
- Conducted epidemiological research on health disparities and community health interventions.
- Published findings in peer-reviewed journals, influencing public health policies and interventions.
- Led program evaluations to measure intervention effectiveness and inform best practices.
- Collaborated with governmental and non-governmental organizations to implement public health initiatives
- Co-lead for two COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence Rapid Community Assessments in Sumter and Macon County, AL
- Led evaluation of TransLife Care, a combination HIV prevention strategy (biomedical/ PrEP/nPEP, behavioral, and structural) for transgender women at risk for HIV acquisition in Chicago, IL
- Led qualitative research to understand consumer opinions and preferences for emerging HIV prevention products among MSM in Atlanta, Houston, and Miami
- Led qualitative research on health technology acceptability among underserved populations in the U.S. South, with implications for behavioral health innovation and community health education.
- Co-project officer for a discrete choice experiment assessing preferences for longer-acting PrEP methods among persons in US populations at highest need
- Co-project officer for demonstration project assessing transgender status-neutral community-to-clinic models to end the HIV epidemic
- Consultant for the GAIN (Greater Access and Impact with NAT) Study: Improving HIV Diagnosis, Linkage to Care, and Prevention Services with HIV Point-of-Care Nucleic Acid Tests (NATs)
- Led mixed methods study investigating the context of risk among HIV-negative men who have sex with men (MSM) in Atlanta, GA, Jackson, MS, New Orleans/Baton Rouge, LA, and Miami, FL
- Led mixed methods study investigating HIV prevention, treatment and transition-related healthcare among HIV-negative and HIV-positive transgender women and their healthcare providers in Atlanta, GA, Philadelphia, PA, and Washington, DC
- Co-led evaluation of *MyLife MyStyle*, an HIV prevention behavioral intervention for young, Black men in Los Angeles, CA

- Consultant for Messages4Men, a study examining PrEP acceptability and prevention messages among 320 HIV-positive and 605 HIV-negative Black and Latino MSM

November 2007 – September 2012

**Community Outreach Intervention Projects, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL**  
***National Institutes for Drug Abuse Pre-doctoral Fellow***

- Coordinated the development and implementation of two research projects on HIV risk for low-income drug-using populations
- Provided technical assistance, data collection support and monitoring activities for three local field sites conducting research projects
- Conducted qualitative data analysis using grounded theory, content and constant comparative analysis methodologies
- Conducted quantitative data analysis using frequencies, chi square, correlation, factor analysis, Rasch analysis, multiple linear and logistic regression and mediator analysis methodologies

April 2005 – September 2007

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Northrop Grumman Mission Systems, Atlanta, GA**

***Public Health Analyst***

- Provided coordination for the development and implementation of research projects within the National Center for HIV and Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, Behavioral and Clinical Surveillance Branch
- Developed protocols and operation manuals for the Web-based HIV Behavioral Surveillance (WHBS) project which included methodological design, questionnaire design and Questionnaire Development System (QDS) programming
- Provided technical assistance, on-site training, data collection support and monitoring activities for sites conducting surveillance projects

June 2003 – April 2005

**Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health, Atlanta, GA**

***Senior Research Project Coordinator***

- Coordinated the National HIV Behavioral Surveillance Project of HIV Risk and Prevention Behaviors of At Risk Populations for the Atlanta, Georgia site
- Supervised field operations including training and management of personnel and the monitoring and collection of survey data
- Managed databases including data uploads via the Handheld Assisted Personal Interview (HAPI) software, coding, analysis, and storage utilizing QDS software.

February 2003 – June 2003

**ORC Macro International, Inc., Calverton, MD**

***Data Collector***

- Administered the National Youth Risk Behavior Survey to public and private high school students across the United States
- Served as liaison to high school principals and guidance counselors to field questions and concerns related to the survey
- Implemented mass and parallel group administrations for over 1500 ninth through twelfth grade students

June 2002 – January 2003

**YouthPride, Inc., Atlanta, GA**

***Program Manager***

- Organized, developed, and implemented HIV/AIDS prevention workshops and/or educational events for youth between the ages of 13 and 24
- Implemented the Mpowerment HIV prevention intervention to young African American men who have sex with men (MSM) at risk for HIV
- Developed, recommended, and reviewed high quality, culturally and linguistically appropriate health education materials related to HIV prevention and tailored those materials toward appropriate populations
- Built and maintained collaborative relationships with local health departments and AIDS service providers; supported free HIV testing and other HIV/AIDS services.

## CONSULTANCIES

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January 2013 – July 2013

**DARE Global Innovations, LLC, Washington, DC**

***Consultant***

- Delivered technical assistance and program design support across multiple public health domains
- Provided technical assistance, data collection support, and monitoring activities to four clients in the development and implementation of HIV-related public health programs
- Analyzed epidemiological incidence, prevalence, social determinants, risk factors, and morbidity and mortality findings utilizing surveillance data and systematic reviews of the literature
- Identified and resolved problem areas within data collection, storage and analyses.
- Developed reports, tables, graphs, and presentations for various audiences

June 2011 – June 2012

**Institute for Health Research and Policy, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL**

***Consultant***

- Conducted qualitative and quantitative data analysis for the Chicago Tobacco Prevention Project
- Drafted focus group and qualitative interview guides, serving as liaison to university institutional review board
- Conducted focus groups and one-on-one in depth interviews

February 2009 – March 2009

**Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health, Chicago, IL**

***Consultant***

- Conducted qualitative data analysis using Grounded Theory
- Developed database design and management of qualitative data for over 20 focus groups and 400 individuals
- Provided detailed technical assistance to Program Director and Staff

February 2005 – April 2007

**The Hope Clinic, Emory Vaccine Center, Decatur, GA**

***Consultant***

- Conducted a formative assessment identifying over 150 venues while garnering community support within these agencies that target at-risk populations eligible for an HIV vaccine trial
- Serving as a community liaison utilizing excellent interpersonal communication, organizational, writing and presentation skills to collaborate with, identify and/or recruit hard to reach populations

- Established an electronic network of collaborators via internet message boards, list serves, chat rooms and social marketing websites

## PUBLICATIONS

Roberts, S. T., Browne, E. N., **Denson, D.**, Moore, E., Mungo, J., Mancuso, N., & Hoover, K. W. (2025). Longer-acting pre-exposure prophylaxis product and delivery preferences among US populations disproportionately affected by HIV: a discrete choice experiment. *AIDS*, 10-1097. [doi.org/10.1097/QAD.0000000000004247](https://doi.org/10.1097/QAD.0000000000004247)

**Denson, D. J.**, Stanley, A., Randall, L., Tesfaye, C. L., Glusberg, D., Cardo, J., Frew, P. M. (2024). Understanding Preferences for Visualized New and Future HIV Prevention Products Among Gay, Bisexual and Other Men Who Have Sex with Men in the Southern United States: A Mixed-Methods Study. *Journal of Homosexuality*, 72(7), 1268–1286. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00918369.2024.2373803>

**Denson, D.J.**, Tesfaye, C.L., Glusberg, D. *et al.* Assessing Non-Oral PrEP Alternatives Among Young Black Women in the Southern USA. *J. Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities* (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40615-024-02263-y>

Gelaude, D., Roland, K.B., Gaul, Z., **Denson, D.J.** “Honesty, Communication and Trust Are What Bring Peace of Mind”: Narratives of HIV Risk Among Hispanic/Latino Men Who Have Sex with Men in the Southern United States. *J. Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities* (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40615-024-02106-w>

Kuhns, L. M., Perloff, J., Johnson, A. K., Paul, J. L., Pleasant, K., Evans, K., **Denson, D.J.** & Hotton, A. L. (2024). An Evaluation of TransLife Care: A Locally Developed Structural HIV Prevention Intervention for Transgender Women in Chicago, Illinois. *AIDS Education and Prevention*, 36(3), 155-167.

Kuhns, L.M., Perloff, J., Johnson, A.K., **Denson, D.J.** et al. (2023) A cross-sectional analysis of psychosocial and structural barriers and facilitators associated with PrEP use among a sample of transgender women in Chicago, IL. *AIDS Res Ther* 20, 24 (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12981-023-00516-0>

Gant, Z., Dailey, A., Hu, X., Song, W., Beer, L., Johnson Lyons, S., **Denson, D.** & Satcher Johnson, A. (2023). The associations of income and Black-White racial segregation with HIV outcomes among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years—United States and Puerto Rico, 2019. *Plos one*, 18(9), e0291304.

Millman AJ, **Denson DJ**, Allen ML, Malone JA, Daskalakis DC, Durrence D, Rustin RC, Toomey KE; Atlanta Black Gay Pride Festival Monkeypox Response Team. A Health Equity Approach for Implementation of JYNNEOS Vaccination at Large, Community-Based LGBTQIA+ Events - Georgia, August 27-September 5, 2022. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep.* 2022 Oct 28;71(43):1382-1883. doi: 10.15585/mmwr.mm7143e4. PMID: 36301799; PMCID: PMC9620574.

Perez SM, Panneer N, France AM, Carnes N, Curran KG, **Denson DJ**, Oster AM. Clusters of Rapid HIV Transmission Among Gay, Bisexual, and Other Men Who Have Sex with Men - United States, 2018-2021. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep.* 2022 Sep 23;71(38):1201-1206. doi: 10.15585/mmwr.mm7138a1. PMID: 36136909; PMCID: PMC9531569.

Gelaude, D. & **Denson, D.** (2022) “Why You Putting This Drug in Your Body to Fight off Something that You Don’t Have?” Perceptions About PrEP Use Among Black and Latino Men Who Have Sex with Men in the U.S. South, *Journal of Homosexuality*, 70:5, 900-916, DOI: 10.1080/00918369.2021.2005998

Kobau R, Carry M, Rubenstein BL, **Denson, D.** et al. Implementing the COVID-19 Rapid Community Assessment on Vaccine Confidence: Lessons Learned From Alabama and Georgia. *Public Health Reports.* 2022;137(5):832-840. doi:10.1177/00333549221112610

**Denson, D.**, Gelaude, D., & Schoua-Glusberg, A. (2022). “We in this fight together...”: HIV treatment and prevention among couples of HIV-discordant Black and Latino men who have sex with men. *Journal of Prevention and Health Promotion*, 26320770221074979.

Gelaude, D., & **Denson, D.** (2021). "Why You Putting This Drug in Your Body to Fight off Something that You Don't Have?" Perceptions about PrEP Use among Black and Latino Men Who Have Sex with Men in the US South. *Journal of homosexuality*, 1-17.

Rhodes, S.D., Kuhns, L.M., Alexander, J., Alonzo, J., Bessler, P.A., Courtenay-Quirk, C., **Denson, D.J.**, Evans, K., Galindo, C.A., Garofalo, R. and Gelaude, D.J., (2021). Evaluating Locally Developed Interventions to Promote PrEP Among Racially/Ethnically Diverse Transgender Women in the United States: A Unique CDC Initiative. *AIDS Education and Prevention*, 33(4), pp.345-360.

**Denson, D. J.**, Gelaude, D., Saul, H., Schoua-Glusberg, A., Randall, L. A., Kenward, K., ... & Frew, P. M. (2021). "To Me, Everybody Is infected": Understanding Narratives about HIV Risk among HIV-negative Black Men Who Have Sex with Men in the Deep South. *Journal of Homosexuality*, 68(6), 973-992.

Carnes, N.A., Carey, J.W., Gelaude, D.J., **Denson, D. J.**, & Bessler, P. (2020) Improving HIV medical care engagement by attending to status disclosure and social support, *AIDS Care*, DOI: 10.1080/09540121.2020.1718588

Carey, J. W., Carnes, N., Schoua-Glusberg, A., Kenward, K., Gelaude, D., **Denson, D. J.**, & Frew, P. M. (2019). Barriers and Facilitators for Antiretroviral Treatment Adherence Among HIV-Positive African American and Latino Men Who Have Sex With Men. *AIDS Education and Prevention*, 31(4), 306-324.

Finlayson T, Cha S, Xia M, Trujillo, L., **Denson, D.**, et al. Changes in HIV Preexposure Prophylaxis Awareness and Use Among Men Who Have Sex with Men — 20 Urban Areas, 2014 and 2017. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep* 2019;68:597–603.

Olansky, E., Mansergh, G., Pitts, N., Mimiaga, M. J., **Denson, D.J.**, Landers, S., & Herbst, J. H. (2019). PrEP Awareness In The Context of HIV/AIDS Conspiracy Beliefs Among Black/African American And Hispanic/Latino MSM In Three Urban US Cities. *Journal Of Homosexuality*, 1-11.

McNair, O. S., Gipson, J. A., **Denson, D.**, Thompson, D. V., Sutton, M. Y., & Hickson, D. A. (2018). The associations of resilience and HIV risk behaviors among black gay, bisexual, other men who have sex with men (MSM) in the Deep South: The MARI Study. *AIDS and Behavior*, 22(5), 1679-1687.

Carey, J. W., Carnes, N., Schoua-Glusberg, A., Kenward, K., Gelaude, D., **Denson, D.**, & Frew, P. M. (2018). Barriers and Facilitators for Clinical Care Engagement Among HIV-Positive African American and Latino Men Who Have Sex with Men. *AIDS patient care and STDs*, 32(5), 191-201.

Herbst, J. H., Mansergh, G., Pitts, N., **Denson, D.**, Mimiaga, M. J., & Holman, J. (2018). Effects of brief messages about antiretroviral therapy and condom use benefits among Black and Latino MSM in three US cities. *Journal of homosexuality*, 65(2), 154-166.

Henny, K. D., Wilkes, A. L., McDonald, C. M., **Denson, D.J.**, & Neumann, M. S. (2018). A rapid review of eHealth interventions addressing the continuum of HIV care (2007–2017). *AIDS and behavior*, 22(1), 43-63.

McCree, D. H., Oster, A. M., Jeffries IV, W. L., **Denson, D. J.**, Lima, A. C., Whitman, H., ... & Henny, K. D. (2017). HIV acquisition and transmission among men who have sex with men and women: What we know and how to prevent it. *Preventive medicine*, 100, 132-134.

Jeffries, W. L., **Denson, D.J.**, Oster, A. M., McCree, D. H., Whitham, H., Lima, A. C., & Henny, K. D. (2017). Jeffries et al. respond to" Men who have sex with men and women (MSMW), biphobia and the CDC: A bridge ignored!?" *Preventive medicine*, 105, 370.

**Denson, D.J.**, Padgett, P. M., Pitts, N., Paz-Bailey, G., Bingham, T., Carlos, J. A., & Finlayson, T. (2017). Health care use and HIV-related behaviors of Black and Latina transgender women in 3 US metropolitan areas: results from the transgender HIV behavioral survey. *Journal of acquired immune deficiency syndromes*, 75 (Suppl 3), S268.

- Gelaude, D. J., Hart, J., Carey, J. W., **Denson, D.**, Erickson, C., Klein, C., & Spitzer, T. (2017). HIV provider experiences engaging and retaining patients in HIV care and treatment: "A soft place to fall". *Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care*, 28(4), 491-503.
- Mimiaga, M. J., Closson, E. F., Battle, S., Herbst, J. H., **Denson, D.**, Pitts, N., & Mansergh, G. (2016). Reactions and receptivity to framing HIV prevention message concepts about pre-exposure prophylaxis for Black and Latino men who have sex with men in three urban US cities. *AIDS patient care and STDs*, 30(10), 484-489.
- Sanchez, T., Smith, A., **Denson, D.**, DiNenno, E., & Lansky, A. (2012). Developing a Web-Based HIV Behavioral Surveillance Pilot Project Among Men Who Have Sex with Men. *The Open AIDS Journal*, 6, 224.
- Sanchez, T., Smith, A., **Denson, D.**, DiNenno, E., & Lansky, A. (2012). Internet-Based Methods May Reach Higher-Risk Men who have Sex with Men Not Reached Through Venue-Based Sampling. *Open AIDS Journal*, 6(1), 83-89.
- MacKellar, D., Hou, S., Whalen, C., Samuelsen, K., Sanchez, T., **Denson, D.** (2010). Reasons for not HIV testing, testing intentions, and potential use of an over-the-counter rapid HIV test in an internet sample of men who have sex with men who have never tested for HIV. *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*, 37(12), 1.
- Denson, DJ**, Ouellet, LJ. Patterns and trends of drug abuse in Chicago. In: *Epidemiologic Trends in Drug Abuse: Volume II. Proceedings of the Community Epidemiology Work Group*, June 2009. Rockville, MD: National Institute on Drug Abuse.

## SELECT INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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### *Oral*

- Denson, D.J.** Preferences for Emerging PrEP among Black Women in the South. Workshop at the 2024 United States Conference on HIV/AIDS, New Orleans, LA
- Denson, D.J.**, Gelaude, D. Using Qualitative Inquiry Methods to Understand Issues in HIV Prevention, Care, and Treatment in the United States (iQual) for the 2023 HRB Lunch & Learn.
- Denson, D.J.**, Clarke, D. 2023 EHE Prevent Pillar Workgroup: Review of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and syringe service program (SSP) activities for the Quantitative Sciences Branch.
- Denson, D.J.**, Olansky, E., Carnes, N. Transgender and Gender Diverse People Affected by mpox and HIV, and the Complexity of Sex and Gender Data Collection and Reporting for the February 22, 2023 Turning Research Into Practice (TRIP) meeting
- Denson, D.J.**, Rubenstein, B., Wilhelm, E., Beavers, L., Preliminary Results from COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence Rapid Community Assessments in Sumter and Macon Counties, AL. March 2021 Alabama Department of Public Health Closeout Meeting
- Denson, D.J.**, Gelaude, D. T-Qual: Understanding Barriers and Facilitators to HIV Prevention for Transgender Women and Providers for 2021 Prevention Research Branch Science Meeting
- Denson, D.J.** Our Time, Our Stories: A Conversation about Black Gay Men, Research, and the CDC for The Legacy Project at the Office of HIV/AIDS Network Coordination (HANC). February 2020.
- Denson, D.**, Gelaude, D., Saul, H., Schoua-Glusberg, A., Randall, L., Kenward, K., Gall, E., Hickson, D., Schamel, J., Frew, P. "To me, everybody is infected": Understanding Narratives about HIV Risk among HIV-negative Black Men who have Sex with Men in the Deep South. Oral Presentation. Oral Presentation. National HIV Prevention Conference. 2019.
- Erickson C, Malcolm N, Rollison J, Mijares A, Hart J, Klein, C, **Denson D**, Gelaude D. "We have to hide our identity, and now we have to hide that we're HIV-positive, too": Describing multiple stigmas among transgender women in HIV treatment. Oral Presentation. National HIV Prevention Conference. 2019.

**Denson, D.J.** Addressing HIV risk among gay, bisexual, and other MSM of color. Plenary speaker. Transforming Care: Midwest Conference on LGBTQ Health Equity and HIV/AIDS. Columbus, OH. 2016.

Peterson, A., Mansergh, G., Herbst, J., Mimiaga, M., Pitts, N., **Denson, D.J.**, Landers, S., Holman, J. General medication adherence, health insurance type, and recent condomless sex: Implications for PrEP implementation among HIV-uninfected black/African-American and Latino MSM in three US cities. Oral presentation. Sexually Transmitted Diseases Conference. 2016.

**Denson, D.**, Padgett, P., Pitts, N., Herbst, J., Bingham, T., Carlos, J., McCann, P., Prachand, N., Risser, J., Finlayson, T. HIV risk behaviors and prevention experiences of black and Latina transwomen in three U.S. cities: Results from the Transgender HIV Behavioral Survey Pilot. Oral presentation. National HIV Prevention Conference. 2015.

**Denson, D.** "Update on CDC Activities on HIV and Black gay, bisexual and other MSM." State of AIDS in Black Chicago "From the Bench to the Bedside... a Science & Treatment Conference." February 19, 2015.

**Denson, DJ.** HIV Risk among Men who have Sex with Men and Women. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National Community Health Partners. Webinar. September 2013.

**Denson, DJ.** & Green KR. LoveFest: Sharing Best Practices on conducting and Evaluating CBGMC's annual HIV/STI Testing and Educational Event. National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and Other Health Disparities. New Orleans, LA. January 2012.

**Denson, DJ.**, Branch, L., Galloway, A. Using Asset-Based Community Development to decrease local HIV/AIDS disparities in Black MSM in Chicago: A review of lessons learned from collaborations between the private sector, public health and a coalition of Black gay and bisexual men. United States Conference on AIDS Pre-Conference Institute. Chicago, IL. November 2011.

**Denson, DJ.** Context of Sexual Risk for HIV of Low-Income Crack-using Men Who Have Sex with Men in Chicago, IL. Oral presentation. National HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, GA. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. August 2009.

#### *Poster*

Finlayson T, Cha S, **Denson, D**, Trujillo, L., et al. Changes in HIV Preexposure Prophylaxis Awareness and Use Among Men Who Have Sex with Men — 20 Urban Areas, 2014 and 2017. Poster presentation. Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections. 2019

**Denson, D.**, Gelaude, D., Schoua-Glusberg, A., Berkowitz, S., Carey, J.W., Frew, P. "We in this fight together..." HIV treatment and prevention among HIV-discordant couples of black and Latino men who have sex with men. Poster Presentation. National HIV Prevention Conference. 2019.

Marshall, B., **Denson, D.J.**, Salabarría-Pena, Y. "*We started using condoms, but we don't use 'em no more: An exploration of intimate partnerships and HIV risk among HIV-negative black MSM in the South.*" Poster Presentation. National HIV Prevention Conference. 2019.

**Denson, D.**, Gelaude, D., Erickson, C., Malcolm, N. Rollison, J., Mijares A., Hart, J., Klein, C., Provider perspectives on caring for transgender women: a model for HIV treatment and prevention. Poster presentation. International Conference on HIV Treatment and Prevention Adherence. 2018.

Mansergh, G., Herbst, J., Mimiaga, M., Pitts, N., **Denson, D.J.**, Landers, S. Variables associated with less concern for HIV given effective treatment in an era of increasing HIV prevention methods among black/African American and Latino MSM in three US cities. Poster presentation. Sexually Transmitted Diseases Conference. 2016.

Olansky, E., Mansergh, G., Pitts, N., Herbst, J., Mimiaga, M., **Denson, D.J.**, Landers, S., Holman, J. HIV/AIDS conspiracy beliefs and PrEP unawareness among black/African American and Latino MSM in three US cities. Poster presentation. Sexually Transmitted Diseases Conference. 2016.

Allen, J., Mansergh, G., Herbst, J., Mimiaga, M., **Denson, D.J.**, Pitts, N., Holman, J. Mobile phone and internet sex seeking: Associations with recent STIs among black/African American and Latino MSM. Poster presentation. Sexually Transmitted Diseases Conference. 2016.

**Denson, D.**, Hart, J., Mijares, A., Sptizer, T., Klein, C. Erickson, C. Carry, M., Pitts, N., Gelaude, D., Carey, J. "Understanding Barriers and Facilitators Experienced By HIV Care Providers When Engaging Patients in Care." International Conference on HIV Treatment and Prevention Adherence. 2015.

Kroeger KA, Habel MA, Abad N, **Denson D**, Petrosky E, Kinsey J ,Castle J, LaClair M, DeSilva M, Zlot, A, Schafer S, Toevs K "What Do Gay Men Say About Syphilis? Perceptions of Community Members and Health Care Providers Regarding Syphilis Increases in Portland, Oregon." Poster Presentation. National STD Prevention Conference. 2014.

**Denson, DJ** & Ramirez-Valles, J. The Association of Sexual Scripts on Internet Partner-seeking and HIV Risk among Latino Gay or Bisexual men and Transgender Women. American Public Health Association Conference. New Orleans, LA. Poster Presentation. November 2014.

**Denson, DJ.** Context of Sexual Risk for HIV of Low-Income Crack-using Men Who Have Sex with Men in Chicago, IL. National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and Other Health Disparities. New Orleans, LA. Poster Presentation. January 2012.

Lansky, A., **Denson, D.**, Sanchez, T., Online Recruitment and Survey of MSM: A Comparison of Three Methods. National HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, GA. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. August 2007.

## TEACHING

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- Lecture: Best Practices in Developing Quantitative Instruments and Qualitative Interview Guides, Behavioral Science and Health Education, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, GA. February 2014
- Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Behavioral Sciences in Public Health, Department of Community Health Sciences, School of Public Health, University of Illinois at Chicago: Spring 2010
- Lecture: HIV/AIDS/STI: Problems, Prevention, and Policy, Satcher Health Policy Leadership Fellowship, Morehouse School of Medicine. Fall 2012.

## LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

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2022 – Present: HIV Research Branch Equity Change Team Ex Officio Member

2018 – Present: Prevent Pillar Workgroup Founding Member

2022 – 2023: CDC Health Equity Science Manuscript Development Fellowship

2022 - Member of Gay Men's Awareness Day MMWR Working Group

2021 – Present: Member of DHP Social Determinants of Health Analysis Working Group

February – April 2021: Detailed to Alabama for Vaccine Confidence for CDC COVID Response

March 2020: Detailed to South Carolina Health Department for CDC COVID Response

2020 – Present: Member of DHP HIV Diagnostics and Testing Working Group

2020 – Present: Member of DHP Biomedical Prevention Working Group

2019 CDC Emerging Leaders Certificate Program

- Group Capstone: *Increasing Leadership Efforts to Support Sustainability Across CDC*

2019 – Present: Member of DHAP Ending the HIV Epidemic Prevent Pillar Working Group

2017 – 2020: Co-Lead of CDC DHAP Transgender Working Group

2014: Detailed to Monrovia, Liberia as Sexual Health consultant for Semen Study during CDC Ebola Emergency Response

## CIVIC AND VOLUNTEER ROLES

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2019 – Present

Atlanta Fulton Public Library System, Atlanta, GA

*Board of Trustees*

- Advises on the management of the Fulton County Library System, which serves the citizens of Fulton County and the City of Atlanta.

2016 – 2020 New Leaders Council, Atlanta, GA

*2018 – 2020 Co-Director*

- Manages the volunteer Executive and Advisory Boards and is responsible for chapter-wide recruitment, selections, institute curriculum, fundraising, and alumni and community engagement activities in collaboration with the National office.

*2018 Selections Co-Chair*

- Developed and implemented the application, interview, rubric, and selection processes resulting in a cohort of 23 fellows in the Class of 2018.

*2017 Curriculum Co-Chair*

- Implemented the 5-month leadership training Institute covering communications, fundraising, political management, and civic engagement for 22 fellows in the Class of 2017.

*2016 NLC-ATL Fellow*

- Selected and completed Institute as a member of the Class of 2016 and chosen by cohort peers to be Master of Ceremony for the annual fundraiser.

2018 – 2020 Red Clay Democrats, Atlanta, GA

*2019 - 2020 Board of Directors, Membership Co-Chair*

- Invited to serve on Board of Directors after Board of Governor service
- Donor responsible for member recruitment and development of membership tiers and donor solicitation at select events.

*2018 Board of Governors, Membership Committee*

- Donor responsible for assisting with member recruitment and tasked with check-in and payment processing at events.

2016 - 2020 The Counter Narrative Project, Atlanta, GA

*Steering Committee*

- Advises Founder and Staff on initiatives that work in solidarity and coalition with movements committed to social and racial justice for black gay men and allies.
- Assists with implementation of #BlackGayVote arm.

2017 – 2018 Positive Impact Health Centers

*2017 Vice Chair, Board of Directors*

- Advised Executive Director and Senior Staff on clinic mission and operations.
- Member of Development Committee assisting with fundraising and corporate giving.

## HONORS & AWARDS

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- 2019 CDC/DHAP Director's Award for Innovation – iQual Team
- 2019 CDC/NCHHSTP Director's Award for Innovation – iQual Team
- 2018 CDC/DHAP Health Equity Award – *MyLife MyStyle* Team
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- 2018 Volunteer Involvement Program (VIP) – United Way of Greater Atlanta
- 2017 CDC/NCHHSTP Plain Writing Act Award – *Messages4Men* Team

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- 2017 NZEZID Honor Award – Ebola Men’s Health Study Team
- 2017 New Leaders Council – Atlanta Most Valuable Player Award
- 2017 Young Government Leaders – Atlanta 40 under 40 Award
- 2017 Urban League of Greater Atlanta Certificate of Appreciation for STEM Day of Service
- 2016 New Leaders Council – Atlanta Fellow
- 2016 CDC/DHAP Director’s Recognition Award – *Messages4Men* Team
- 2014 HHS/CDC Certificate of Appreciation – West African Ebola Response
- 2008 Dr. William Fitzsimmons Public Health Award - Village of Oak Park Department of Public Health

#### GRANTS & FUNDING

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- June 2011: City of Chicago Department of Public Health Request for Proposal 11-01 for support of HIV and STI community events - Funded at \$4,000
- July 2011: Vertex Pharmaceuticals Sponsorship of Special Events Grant Proposal – Funded at \$10,000

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

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- Urban League of Greater Atlanta
- New Leaders Council
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- Cheeky Scientist Association
- American Public Health Association
- Society for Public Health Education
- Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality
- Chicago Black Gay Men’s Caucus – Executive Planning Committee