



We expand, promote, facilitate multidisciplinary activities in HIV/AIDS research

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NEWS

HU CFAR Leadership Updates:

Rajesh T. Gandhi, MD and Galit Alter, PhD have each accepted the role of Co-Director for the Harvard University CFAR, with Dr. Gandhi additionally assuming the role of Principal Investigator. As former Directors of the HU CFAR Clinical and Advanced Technologies Cores, respectively, Drs. Gandhi and Alter bring a wealth of experience to carry forward the CFAR mission.

The HU CFAR also welcomes ***Lisa Bebell, MD; James Billingsley, PhD; Zack Herbert, MS; and Boris Juelg MD, PhD*** as recent additions to the HU CFAR Executive Committee. All have been contributors to the HU CFAR in various ways and are now in the following official roles:

- **Lisa Bebell, MD**, Director of the HU CFAR Placental Scientific Working Group ([see the “Advancing Placental Science”](#) symposium from 10.19.20)
- **James Billingsley, PhD**, HU CFAR Biostatistics and Bioinformatics Core Associate Director (James provides [Bioinformatics support services](#))
- **Zach Herbert, MS**, HU CFAR Advanced Technologies Core Associate Director (see Zack’s [new services available at the Molecular Biology Core Facilities](#))
- **Boris Juelg, MD, PhD**, HU CFAR Clinical Core Associate Director (a Clinical Core Inter-CFAR Symposium with the Providence Boston CFAR is coming in December 2020)
- **Douglas Krakower, MD**, HU CFAR Clinical Core Associate Director
- **Jonathan Li, MD**, HU CFAR Clinical Core Director (a Clinical Core Inter-CFAR Symposium with the Providence Boston CFAR is coming in January 2021)

CFAR Supplement Funding:

Congratulations to these investigators who received NIH Supplement funds this year!

- 2-year EHE Award: **Douglas Krakower, MD; Julia Marcus, PhD, MPH** “*Clinical decision support for PrEP*”
- Reaching Cisgender Heterosexual Women with PrEP: **Bisola Ojikutu, MD, MPH** “*Addressing unmet PrEP needs among diverse Black women*”
- General CFAR Supplement: **Malika Boudries, PhD** “*Pre-vaccination Biomarkers of Vaccines Protection Efficacy*”

See all CFAR/ARC Ending the HIV Epidemic Supplement awards:

<https://www.niaid.nih.gov/research/cfar-arc-ending-hiv-epidemic-supplement-awards>

Research Education Program Funding:

Congratulations to **Jessica Haberer, MD** who was recently awarded an R25 grant for the "Fostering Diversity in HIV Research" program to address the lack of racial and ethnic diversity in HIV research.

REMEMBERING TIMOTHY BROWN A Champion for HIV Cure Research

COVID-19 & HIV Events / Webinars

- **Upcoming 11.5.20** “What you need to know about vaccines” Education Session
- **January 2020** (more details coming soon) for "Recruiting for HIV Clinical Studies during COVID-19: Challenges and Solutions" an HU and Providence/Boston Inter-CFAR symposium
- **Past: 10.28.20** Equitable Vaccine Distribution: Community Discussion of the National Academy of Medicine Framework
- **Conversations on COVID-19 and Black Communities Series**
- **Past 8.20.20** Black Communities and the Search for COVID-19 Vaccines
- **Past 7.1.20** Equity and COVID-19 Research 101

EVENTS / WEBINARS

- **Upcoming 11.2.20-11.6.20** National CFAR Meeting and Scientific Symposium hosted virtually by UCSD CFAR
- **Upcoming 11.05.20** Virtual Vaccine Education Event: What you need to know about vaccines
- **Upcoming. 11.16.20-11.17.20** NIAID Strategies for a Cure 2020 meeting
- **Upcoming 11.17.20** Scaling up HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis to End the HIV Epidemic
- **Upcoming 12.16.20** HU CFAR Virtual Grand Rounds: Dr. Myron Cohen, UNC CFAR, will present on the AMP Study
- **Ongoing** HOPE (HIV Online Provider Education) Series
- **Ongoing** HU CFAR HIV Clinical Research-in-Progress Meeting Series
- **Ongoing:** First Wednesdays Bio-Behavioral and Community Science Core Research-in-Development meetings
- **Ongoing:** T.H Chan SPH Department of Biostatistics HIV Working Group meetings
- **Past 10.27.20** HU CFAR Virtual Grand Rounds: ARVs in Pregnancy: the VESTED and Tsepamo Study Results, and Participation of Pregnant Women in Clinical Research
- **Past 10.19.20** Placental Primer

- Past 10.19.20 Advancing Placental Science: Setting a Research Agenda for HIV and SARS-CoV-2
 - Past 10.5.20 ART for Prevention: ED PrEP work in progress
 - Past 7.30.20 HU CFAR Virtual Grand Rounds: Long-acting Injectable Cabotegravir for HIV Pre-exposure Prophylaxis
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PUBLICATIONS

[Scanned publications that acknowledge the HU CFAR \(last 12 months\)](#)



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[HU CFAR RFP for Developmental Awards](#)

See above for the COVID-Impacted Research Renewal RFA for Current Awardees Funded During August 2019 or February 2020 RFP Cycles

[NIH Notices pertaining to HIV/AIDS](#)

Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Administrative Supplements for Minor Alterations and Renovations to Advance Ongoing HIV/AIDS Research Projects Supported by the NIMHD RCMI Program or the NIGMS IDeA and NARCH Programs

NOT-MD-21-004

NIMHD, NIGMS, OAR

[Funding Opportunities Pertaining to HIV/AIDS](#)

Multidisciplinary Approaches to HIV-Associated Comorbidities and Prioritizing Intervention Targets (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

PAR-21-027

NHLBI

Application Receipt Date(s): January 7, 2021

AIDS Research Center on Mental Health and HIV/AIDS (P30 Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-20-308

NIMH

Application Receipt Date(s): August 25, 2021

Using Archived Data and Specimen Collections to Advance Maternal and Pediatric HIV/AIDS Research (R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

RFA-HD-21-030

NICHD

Application Receipt Date(s): December 10, 2020

Developmental AIDS Research Center on Mental Health and HIV/AIDS (P30 Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-20-307

NIMH

Application Receipt Date(s): August 25, 2021

Using Syndemics to Understand HLBS Disease Emergence and Progression in People with HIV (PWH)(R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

RFA-HL-21-018

NHLBI

Application Receipt Date(s): January 11, 2021

New Technologies for the In vivo Delivery of Gene Therapeutics for an HIV Cure (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

RFA-AI-20-076

NIAID

Application Receipt Date(s): March 17, 2021

Elucidation of mechanisms underlying complex morbidities of SUD and other mental illnesses in people living with HIV/AIDS (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

RFA-DA-21-012

NIDA

Application Receipt Date(s): January 6, 2021

Role of Myeloid Cells in Persistence and Eradication of HIV-1 Reservoirs from the Brain

RFA-MH-20-701 (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

RFA-MH-20-702 (R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

NIMH, NINDS, NIDA

Application Receipt Date(s): January 8, 2021

Investigation of the Transmission of Kaposi Sarcoma-Associated Herpesvirus (KSHV) (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

RFA-CA-20-046

NCI

Application Receipt Date(s): December 15, 2020

Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health (PATH) Study Biospecimen Access (X01)

PAR-21-044

NIDA

Application Receipt Date(s): April 30, 2021

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