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Exploring the Unique Community-Academic Relationship

CONFERENCE FACULTY, in alphabetical order

Name

Biography

**Brenda Battle, RN, BSN,
MBA**



Ms. Battle joined Barnes-Jewish Hospital as director of the Center for Diversity and Cultural Competence in August 2006. In her role, Battle oversees and implements programs to eliminate health disparities for and to promote diversity and cultural competence within Barnes-Jewish Hospital and other BJC affiliated hospitals and health services. Ms. Battle has more than 30 years of health-care related experience beginning with nursing and including long-term care and over twelve years in managed care. Ms. Battle is a member of the Board of Directors of the Missouri Foundation for Health and serves on the Executive, Programs and Grants, Health Policy Committees. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the National Conference for Community and Justice, St. Louis. She is an Advisory Board Member of the Program to Eliminate Cancer Disparities (PeCAD) at Siteman Cancer Center, the African American Advisory Board for the Alzheimers Disease Research Center at Washington University School of Medicine and Gateway Homeless Services. (Barnes-Jewish Hospital)

Lori Behrens, MSW, LCSW



Ms. Behrens is the Executive Director of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome in St. Louis, Missouri. She is co-investigator on a study funded by the newly established St. Louis Community/University Research Partnership Awardees through the St. Louis Regional Health Commission. (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, Inc)

Lisa Buchanan, MAOM, CIP



Ms. Buchanan, is the Public Health Analyst, Division of Compliance Oversight, Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), Department of Health and Human Services, Rockville, Maryland. Ms. Buchanan investigates allegations of noncompliance with HHS regulations for protection of human research subjects. She has over 18 years of experience in the human research industry, specifically in the areas of regulatory compliance and IRB operations and training. Previously, she held human research protection (HRP) leadership roles at the Chesapeake Research Review, Inc. (an independent IRB in Columbia, Maryland), the National Cancer Institute – Central IRB, George Washington University, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (intramural IRB), and Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, DC. (Office for Human Research Protection - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)

Mario Castro, MD, MPH



Dr. Castro is Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. He is also Adjunct Associate Professor of Community Health at St. Louis University School of Public Health. Dr. Castro is using his background in research and public health to tackle the problem of respiratory disease from two angles. On the public health side, Dr. Castro is involved in a number of community-based efforts in St. Louis to improve delivery of asthma care, and to boost awareness of smoking health effects and respiratory diseases. Through a grant from the CDC, Dr. Castro led the Controlling Asthma in St. Louis (CASL) project. This project built collaborations and community-based participatory approach of the St. Louis Regional Asthma Consortium to improve asthma management in a defined urban population with a large and unmet asthma control need. The Asthma Consortium continues to carry forward many of the methods that were found to be effective in CASL. “The Let’s Face It for a Healthier St. Louis” program is part of the St. Louis County Department of Health’s Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) grant. The CPPW program will engage in a variety of interventions to decrease secondhand smoke exposure, increase smoking cessation

and reduce smoking initiation. Dr. Castro has spent the last 20 years examining mechanisms of asthma and translating these results to clinical and public applications. This has resulted in 130 scientific articles, reviews and book chapters. (Washington University)

Graham Colditz, MD DrPH



Dr. Colditz is the Niess-Gain Professor of Surgery, Professor of Medicine; Chief, Division of Public Health Sciences, Department of Surgery; Associate Director, Prevention and Control, Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center; and the Deputy Director, Institute for Public Health, Washington University in St. Louis Member, Institute of Medicine. Dr. Colditz is an internationally-known epidemiologist and public health expert with a longstanding interest in the causes and prevention of chronic disease, particularly among women. His work with large population cohorts is exemplary. From 1996 to 2006, Dr. Colditz was the principle investigator of the Nurses' Health Study, one of the largest and longest running investigations of factors that influence women's health. He continues to pursue approaches to the translation of epidemiologic data to improve risk stratification and tailor prevention messages and screening strategies. He has published over 850 peer-reviewed publications, six books and six reports for the Institute of Medicine, National Academies of Health. Dr. Colditz was elected to membership of the Institute of Medicine, an independent body that advises the U.S. government on issues affecting public health. (Washington University)

Barbara Council

Ms. Council has served in several capacities, including program coordinator, business administrator, and project assistant, with the Community Enrichment Organization (CEO), which is a non-profit organization offering resources to the communities in Edgecombe County, NC. During her experience with the CEO, the organization implemented several subcontracts with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH) on a variety of Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) projects, especially those dealing with HIV/AIDS. She has participated in the 2009 Community Advisory Board for UNC-CH's Program on Ethnicity, Culture, and Health Outcomes. She is currently a CBPR Community Expert where she serves as a consultant with other community-academic partnerships through charrettes. Ms. Council holds an Organizational Management BS degree from St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, NC and is a candidate for a master's degree in Human Services: Social and Community Services with a concentration in Public Health. (Community Enrichment Organization)

Bradley Evanoff, MD, MPH



Dr. Evanoff is the Dr. Richard A. And Elizabeth Henby Professor of Occupational, Industrial and Environmental Science. Dr. Evanoff is currently the Principal Investigator for the Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) grant whose focus includes community engaged research. He will soon assume the role as Assistant Dean for Clinical and Translational Research with responsibilities for coordinating and integrating research regulatory oversight and research support services. Dr. Evanoff established the Mentoring Training Program in Clinical Investigation and the Masters of Science in Clinical Investigation degree programs through a K30 Clinical Research Curriculum Award. His professional experience includes community-based participatory research in the prevention of work related injuries. (Washington University)

Jane Garbutt, MB ChB



Dr. Garbutt is Research Associate Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics and heads the Community Health Care Practitioners program. She is also Co-Director of the Center for Community-Engaged Research in the Institute of Clinical and Translational Science and Director of a Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN) of community pediatricians. This network has developed a formal infrastructure to actively engage community practitioners in clinical and translational research. (Washington University)

Sarah Gehlert, PhD



Dr. Gehlert is the E. Desmond Lee Professor of Racial and Ethnic Diversity charged with expanding research in and with the community and Director of the Center for Community-Engaged Research in the Institute of Clinical and Translational Science. She has presented nationally on the GenoCommunity as well as Community Based Participatory Research and transdisciplinary approaches. She is the co-Director of the Center for Community-Engaged Research, Institute for Clinical and Translational Research and has hosted national community engaged workshops. (Washington University)

Christina Yongue Hardy, MPH



Mrs. Hardy currently serves as the Community Research Fellow/Project Manager on a project launched by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in collaboration with the Clinical and Translational Science Institutes at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (TraCS) and Vanderbilt University. This project accelerates the use of community-based participatory research (CBPR) principles for community-academic partnerships, and provides Mrs. Hardy the opportunity to coordinate and co-facilitate Charrettes. She is also the Regional TraCS Campus Community Coordinator, which is a research service support role for the Greensboro Area Health Education Center eight-county region. Mrs. Hardy has experience working as the Project Coordinator on a CBPR project that explored racial health disparities regarding breast cancer on a systems-level, utilizing Undoing Racism principles. It was an investigation initiated and organized by the Greensboro Health Disparities Collaborative, an organization for which Mrs. Hardy currently serves as the Co-Chair. (University of North Carolina)

Tiffany Israel, MSSW



Ms. Israel the Translational Research Coordinator/Community Navigator for the Vanderbilt Institute for Clinical and Translational Research. She has more than fifteen years of experience working with communities and families to create solutions to the challenges that plague at-risk neighborhoods. With a proven track record of building and sustaining long-term community collaborations, she possesses the innate ability to work with people from all walks of life creating an environment of dignity for everyone engaged in the process. Prior to joining Vanderbilt, Mrs. Israel served as the Director of Programs and Resource Development for the Neighborhoods Resource Center where she convened coalitions of churches, businesses and neighborhood groups to create and implement a plan for community change and economic development. She facilitated the creation and successful implementation of a 3-year community improvement plan that was designed by neighborhood leaders building their capacity to become the spokes people for their own community. Tiffany's qualifications include a Master's degree in Social Work and Community Practice from the University of Tennessee and a Bachelors of Social Work from the Middle Tennessee State University.

Loretta Jones, MA



Ms. Jones is the founder and CEO of Healthy African American Families, Phase II (HAAF). She is an Assistant Professor at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU), representing community. Her career as a civil rights activist, health policy advocate, and social architect has spanned more than 30 years. In an effort to level the playing field for all people, Ms. Jones continues her unyielding commitment as a change agent against disparities in human health, development, and opportunity. She's the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Award for National Contribution to Minority Health Programs, the NAACP William Montague Cobb Award, the Rose Award from Senator Curren D. Price, Jr., the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine & Science President's Award, the Black Caucus of Health Workers of the American Public Health Association Community Service Award, and the National Community-Based Organization Network (NCBON) Lucille Webb Award. She's co-authored more than 40 articles, including two in JAMA, and three special issues of Ethnicity & Disease. Her research interests include pre-term pregnancy, mental health, diabetes, men's health, women's health, and kidney disease. She's recognized as a Community Engagement expert, with more than 200 presentations locally, nationally, and internationally. Loretta Jones currently resides in Los Angeles, California, the area she so tirelessly serves. (Healthy African American Families, Phase II (HAAF) and Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science)

Yvonne Joosten, MPH



Ms. Joosten serves as the Executive Director for the Office for Community Engagement at the Vanderbilt Institute for Medicine and Public Health, which builds sustainable and mutually beneficial research partnerships between the academic institution and community organizations. She has over 30 years experience in the design, development and management of community based programs and initiatives, as well as expertise in building the capacity and strengthening the infrastructure of community coalitions and advocacy organizations. Ms. Joosten has developed and supported community-based interventions benefitting families and children, seniors, ex-offenders, neighborhoods and schools. Prior to coming to Vanderbilt, she worked with the local United Way to create a citywide network of family resource centers serving 14 low-income neighborhoods. (Vanderbilt University)

Rick Kittles, PhD



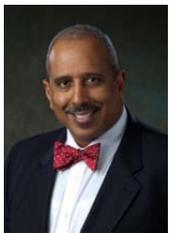
Dr. Kittles is well known for his research on the genetics of prostate cancer and health disparities among African Americans. He has also been at the forefront of the development of ancestry-informative genetic markers, and how genetic ancestry can be used to map genes for common traits and disease. In addition to his research, he is Scientific Director and Co-founder of African Ancestry, Inc., a private company that provides DNA testing services for tracing African genetic lineages to genealogists and the general public around the world. Kittles earned a Ph.D. in Biology from the George Washington University in 1998, and joined the University of Illinois at Chicago faculty as an Associate Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology and Biostatistics in 2010. (University of Illinois at Chicago)

**Anna “Aziza” Lucas-Wright,
Med**



Ms. Lucas-Wright better known as **Aziza** is the one of the first members of the Community Faculty cohort appointed to the Charles Drew University (CDU) faculty. She was additionally the first of the cohort to apply for and receive a grant from Drew’s *Center to Eliminate Cancer Health Disparities* to conduct a pilot study in the faith community. Aziza currently works for the RAND Corporation co-leading a mediation panel for UCLA’s Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI), and for CDU’s CTSI as the Administrator of the “Building Bridges to Optimum Health” Conference Series and the Clinical Instructor of the Research 101 Bi-Monthly Seminars, as Project Manager of a collaborative between UCLA, Drew, Healthy African American Families, Queens Care, and LA BioMed- Harbor/UCLA funded by the National Library of Medicine to archive work focused on Depression Care and finally, as Quality Assurance Manager for both the Dangerfield Urban Institute and South Central Prevention Coalition. Aziza sits on numerous Boards and Committees, including the Research Centers in Minority Institutions Translational Research Network (RTRN)’s External Advisory Committee She currently holds a seat on the Advisory Council of RCMR – aimed at providing research in the area of health disparities in the aging minority populations. Aziza’s formal training was completed at Loyola Marymount University where she holds a Masters Degree in Child Development.

Charles Mouton, MD, MS



Dr. Mouton is senior vice president for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn. He is also Professor of Family and Community Medicine at Meharry Medical College and Professor of Medical Education and Administration at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. As dean, he serves as chief academic and administrative officer of the school and is responsible for academic programs, student affairs, graduate medical education, curriculum development and management and financial management of Meharry’s largest academic unit. As senior vice president of health affairs, he is responsible for overseeing, enhancing and expanding Meharry clinical programs, working closely with key stakeholders of the College and within the community. Dr. Mouton’s major areas of research interests are violence and elderly mistreatment in older women, health promotion and disease prevention in minority elders (especially exercise for the elderly), ethnicity and aging and quality health care for minorities. (Meharry Medical College)

Velma Mc Bride Murry, PhD



Dr. McBride Murry is an Endowed Chair, Education and Human Development and Professor, Human and Organizational Development. She also serves as Director, Center for Research on Rural Families and Communities and Co-Director, CTSA Community Engagement Research Core, Vanderbilt Medical Center. Dr. McBride Murry has extensive experience collaborating with rural African American communities to conduct longitudinal prospective research studies and implement randomized control prevention trial targeting HIV-related risk reduction among rural African American youths. (Vanderbilt University)

Joan Packenham, PhD



Dr. Packenham is the Director of the Office of Human Research Compliance in the Clinical Research Program, Division of Intramural Research and Training at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) / National Institutes of Health (NIH) and she serves as the Vice-Chair for the NIEHS Institutional Review Board. Dr. Packenham was awarded an American Association for the Advancement of Science, Science Policy Fellowship and served as a Senior Science Advisor for the U.S. EPA (headquarters) Office of Research and Development. She received the NIH Award of Merit for planning and implementation of the NIEHS Human Research Protection Program for the NIEHS Clinical Research Program and the NIH Award of Merit for successful implementation of the NIEHS Protocol Tracking and Management System for the review of Clinical Studies. Dr. Packenham received the National 2010 Women of Color in STEM award for Career Achievement in Government. (Office of Human Research Compliance (National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences)

Russell Poland, PhD

Dr. Poland is Vice President for Research and Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. He is a psychopharmacologist and has been actively engaged in basic, clinical and translational research throughout his career, including research on ethnicity and psychopharmacology, pharmacogenomics, and health disparities. He was continuously funded by NIH for more than 25 years, including a MERIT award. (Meharry Medical College)

Ivor A. Pritchard, PhD



Dr. Pritchard is the Senior Advisor to the Director in the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) in the Department of Health and Human Services. He came to OHRP in 2004 from the Institute for Education Sciences at the U.S. Department of Education, where he was a Senior Research Analyst. He joined the U.S. Department of Education in 1986. He has a Ph.D. in philosophy from Boston University. Dr. Pritchard's authored or co-authored publications in the area of human subjects protections include "How Do IRB Members Make Decisions? A Review and Research Agenda" (*Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics*, 2011), "Searching for 'Research Involving Human Subjects': What is Examined? What is Exempt? What is Exasperating?" (*IRB: Ethics & Human Research*, 2001); "Travelers and Trolls: Practitioner Research and Institutional Review Boards" (*Educational Researcher*, 2002); *Ethical Standards of the American Educational Research Association: Cases and Commentary* (Strike et. al., 2002); "Students as Research Subjects" (with Koski, in *The Encyclopedia of Bioethics*, 2004); and "Power, Truth and Justice in Youth Participatory Action Research: Ethical Questions" (*Practicing Anthropology: A Career-Oriented Publication of the Society for Applied Anthropology*, 2004.) His research interests are in research ethics and federal policy, moral and civic education research and practice, and education policy. (Office for Human Research Protection - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)

Susan Racette, PhD



Dr. Racette is an Associate Professor at Washington University School of Medicine with appointments in the Program in Physical Therapy, the Department of Medicine - Division of Geriatrics and Nutritional Science, and the Department of Medicine - Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism & Lipid Research. Dr. Racette has a doctorate in nutrition from the University of Chicago and then completed a postdoctoral research fellowship in exercise physiology at Washington University School of Medicine. Her clinical research throughout the past 22 years has focused on diet and exercise interventions to promote health and fitness by ameliorating obesity and other cardiovascular disease risk factors. She is co-investigator on *Nourishing an Urban Community II*, a study with many facets that is being done in conjunction with Gateway Greening, St. Louis Public Schools, Neighborhood Houses and the Learning Tree in the St. Louis community. This study is funded by the newly established St. Louis Community/University Research Partnership Awardees through the St. Louis Regional Health Commission. (Washington University)

Hannah Reinhart, MS



Ms. Reinhart is the Community Development Coordinator for Gateway Greening, a St. Louis, MO, nonprofit promoting community development, health and wellness through community gardens and urban food projects. She is co-investigator on *Nourishing an Urban Community II*, a study funded by the newly established St. Louis Community/University Research Partnership Awardees through the St. Louis Regional Health Commission. (Gateway Greening)

**Wayne J. Riley, MD, MPH,
MBA, MACP**



Dr. Riley, on January 1, 2007, became the 10th President and Chief Executive Officer of historic Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee, the nation's largest, private, independent, historically black academic health center dedicated to educating health professionals. Previously, he served as Vice-president and Vice Dean for Health Affairs and Governmental Relations and Associate Professor of Internal Medicine at the renowned -- and highly ranked by U.S. News and World Report -- Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) in Houston, Texas. He joined the prestigious faculty there after completing residency training at Baylor's highly regarded internal medicine residency training program. (Meharry Medical College)

Russell Rothman, MD MPP



Dr. Rothman is the Director, Vanderbilt Center for Health Services Research, Co-Director Meharry-Vanderbilt Community Engaged Research Core. Dr. Rothman received his bachelor's degree from Duke University in 1992, and his MD from Duke in 1996. During this time he also completed a master's in Public Policy (M.P.P) at the Sanford Institute of Public Policy at Duke. After this, Dr. Rothman remained at Duke where he completed a combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics residency in 2000. From 2000 to 2002, he served as a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. In 2002, he joined the faculty at Vanderbilt. Dr. Rothman's current research focuses on improving care for adult and pediatric patients with diabetes, obesity and other chronic diseases. He has been funded by the NIH, American Diabetes Association, the Pfizer Clear Health Communication Initiative, and other sources to examine the role of literacy and numeracy in patients with diabetes and obesity. He is currently the Principal Investigator on several studies addressing literacy and health communication in obesity prevention and diabetes. He has served as a reviewer on the NIH Special Emphasis Panel on Health Literacy and the Pfizer Health Literacy Fellowship Awards. Dr. Rothman has been a Pfizer Visiting Professor in Health Literacy at the University of Pittsburgh and the

University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr. Rothman also currently serves as Chief of the Vanderbilt Med/Peds Section, Co-Director of the Vanderbilt Community Engaged Research Core of the Vanderbilt Institute of Clinical and Translational Research (VICTR), and the Associate Director of the Vanderbilt Center for Diabetes Translational Research (Vanderbilt University)

Larry J. Shapiro, MD



Dr. Shapiro is an internationally renowned research geneticist and pediatrician. He became executive vice chancellor for medical affairs at Washington University in St. Louis, dean of the School of Medicine and the Spencer T. and Ann W. Olin Distinguished Professor. Shapiro has been internationally recognized for his significant research in human genetics, molecular biology, and biochemistry. His contributions to academic medicine include patient care, research, teaching and administration. Shapiro serves on the Council of the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine and is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, has served as the president of the American Society of Human Genetics, the American Board of Medical Genetics, the Society for Inherited Metabolic Diseases, the Western Society for Pediatric Research, the Society for Pediatric Research and of the American Pediatric Society. He is currently the Chairman of the Advisory Panel for Research and serves on the Executive Committee of the Council of Deans for the Association of American Medical Colleges. He has served on the Board and is currently the Chair of the Association of Academic Health Centers. (Washington University)

Samantha Smith, PhD



Ms. Smith is a clinical psychologist and clinician-researcher. She is experienced in research and statistical methods, scientific writing, management of research projects, clinical practice of psychology, planning the delivery of evidence-based psychological services, teaching, supervising, and public speaking. Her current position allows her to integrate her experience and training by applying these skills to larger-scale clinical, research and policy decisions in the realm of human subjects protections. (Office for Human Research Protection - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)

Lauren Solberg, JD, MTS

As the Assistant Vice President of Human Subjects Protection and Research Integrity at Meharry Medical College, Ms. Solberg provides oversight for human subjects compliance activities, including the Institutional Review Board (IRB), clinical research integrity and ethics education of both researchers and IRB members, and auditing/monitoring of human subjects research activities. She works with the IRB members and supervises IRB staff to ensure the preservation of rights and well-being of participants involved in research. Additionally, she serves as a primary resource for regulatory and research integrity/ethics advice for the IRB, researchers, and



institutional officials. Ms. Solberg studied the roles of ethics and the law in medicine and has published articles that address regulatory issues in medicine. (Meharry Medical College)

Elyse I. Summers, JD



Ms. Summers is the Director of the Division of Education and Development (DED) for the Office for Human Research Protections. She oversees the design and implementation of DED's activities, which endeavor to enhance the protection of human subjects in HHS conducted or supported research, by providing education to individuals involved in the human subjects research enterprise. (Office for Human Research Protection - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)

Caroline Vemulapalli



Ms. Vemulapalli coordinates and manages clinical trials in the Department of Internal Medicine at Washington University. She joined Internal Medicine in 2007, after completing a successful two year project in Community Intervention research with The Epidemiology and Prevention Research Group (EPRG) with Dr. Linda Cottler in the Department of Psychiatry. There, her research efforts focused on the NIDA-funded "Deconstructing HIV Interventions for Female Offenders" study, which aimed to understand salient factors associated with women's participation in EPRG's prior HIV prevention studies. Her professional research experience includes understanding important public health problems facing vulnerable populations. She has extensive expertise in Sudden Infant Death research in formulating and implementing interviews and focus groups for underserved populations and has published work in this area. In addition, she previously administered community intervention projects targeting caregivers' beliefs on safe sleep practices and infant's sleep environments. One such project consisted of distribution (and set up) of safe cribs to mothers upon baby's birth. (Washington University and SIDS consultant)

**Consuelo H. Wilkins, MD,
MSCI**

Dr. Wilkins is an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Geriatrics and Nutritional Science, with a secondary appointment in Psychiatry. She is a Co-Director of the Center for Community-Engaged Research in the Institute of Clinical and Translational Science, Director of the Community Outreach



Program in the Nutrition Obesity Research Center, and Director of “Our Community, Our Health.” She is also the Health Editor and a columnist for the St. Louis American newspaper. (Washington University)

**Monique Williams, MD,
MSCI**



Dr. Williams is the Director, African American Outreach Satellite for the Knight Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, Director, Community Outreach and Recruitment Core for the Bioethics Infrastructure Initiative and Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Geriatrics and Nutritional Science. (Washington University)

Neely Williams, M.Div.

Reverend Williams is the Program Director for the Interdenominational Minister’s Fellowship Peniel Initiative. In her role she works with law enforcement officials, crime victims services and faith communities to expand and develop relationships with victims of crime and their support networks as well as build alliances with established service providers and faith communities. Reverend Williams is also the Community Liaison and Coalition Chair. In this role, she provides administrative support and carries out community mobilization and outreach strategies in targeted communities. She works directly with the PI and Program coordinator of the Meharry Medical College Nashville Urban Partnership, Academic Center of Excellence (NU PACE) to promote an academic/community partnership that integrates prevention science with community action in order to reduce violence among youth 10-24 year of age in Nashville/Davidson County. The coalition/work group membership consists of University professionals, service providers and community members.