

Center for Drug Abuse Research Howard University

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Center for Drug Abuse Research

- CDAR was established in 1994 in the College of Medicine to build Howard University's capability to conduct substance abuse research and to serve as a repository and resource for HBCUs in the area of substance abuse research on African Americans.
- CDAR is the University's link for coordinating interdisciplinary teams for responding to external sponsored research and training opportunities in substance abuse and related topics. CDAR provides technical, scientific, and administrative assistance in the preparation of research and other funding opportunities.

CDAR's Goals and Objectives

- Develop and maintain an infrastructure on campus for facilitating and enhancing drug abuse research.
- Conduct interdisciplinary, collaborative research projects in the epidemiology and prevention of drug abuse research.
- Conduct campus outreach and communication with faculty and students in drug abuse research.
- Facilitate the participation of faculty and staff in national and international meetings and conferences on drug abuse.
- Identify drug abuse research projects and serve as a coordinating unit within Howard University.
- Provide research training opportunities in drug abuse for faculty and students.
- Provide outreach to community organizations and communication on drug abuse research.
- Disseminate research findings.

Past projects and programs

- Establish Center for Drug Abuse Research (NIDA)
- Maternal Substance Abuse and the Outcome of Pregnancy (NICHD)
- National Center on Permanency for African American Children (Kellogg)
- South Africa Consortium on Substance Abuse (NIDA and USAID)

Past programs and projects (Continued)

- Recruited Scientist/Program in the Epidemiology and Prevention of Drug Abuse (NIDA)
- Partnership with DC APRA to implement research agenda
- DC Community Epidemiology Work Group
- Western Cape (SA) Dept of Social Services Model Drug Treatment Initiative

Conferences and Meetings

- Developing Research Collaborations Among Historically Black Colleges and Universities: Preventing Drug Abuse Among African American College Women, Washington, D.C. 1996.
- Conference on Epidemiology and Prevention of ATOD Abuse in South Africa and the U.S., Washington, D.C. 1998.
- Meeting on Substance Abuse, Crime, Violence, and HIV/AIDS as Consequences of Poverty: Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment in the U.S. and South Africa, Cape Town, South Africa 2000.
- African American Conference on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Washington, D.C. 1999, 2001 & 2003.
- The Dr. Lonnie E. Mitchell National HBCU Substance Abuse Conference, Baltimore, Maryland 1999, 2002 & 2003.
- Collaborations Across Continents: Drug Abuse, HIV, Health Disparities, and Other Health-related Research, Cape Town, South Africa 2003

Past Projects

- “Expanding Institutional Partnerships for Institutional Capacity Building Between the University of the Western Cape and Howard University” funded by the International Partnerships Activity (IDP) and the College Fund/UNCF and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).
- ⑩ “Head Start Partnership with Howard University to Enhance Teacher Effectiveness” funded by DHHS/ACF/Head Start Bureau.
- ⑩ “Head Start – Howard University Partnership to Promote Early Literacy and School Readiness” funded by DHHS/ACF/Head Start Bureau.
- ⑩ “Southern Africa Initiative Research Conference” funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse.
- ⑩ “Dr. Lonnie E. Mitchell National HBCU Substance Abuse Conference” funded by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) and other sponsors.
- ⑩ “The Cost-Effectiveness of Prenatal/Postnatal Treatment/ Intervention for Drug-Abusing Pregnant Women” funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Substance Abuse Policy Research Program.
- ⑩ “HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse at HBCUs in the U.S. and South Africa,” funded by the USAID/ALO.
- ⑩ National African American Drug Policy Coalition (NAADPC)

Faculty Associates



Obstetrics and Gynecology
Human Development
Psychiatry
Emergency Medicine
Psychology
Pharmacology
Social Work
Neurosurgery
Social Work
Inst. Drug Abuse & Addiction
Social Work
Psychology
Human Development
Engineering
Allied Health Sciences
Education
Anatomy
Obstetrics

Faculty Associates, continued

Sociology/Anthropology

Social Work

Communications

Allied Health Services

Radiology

Pediatrics & Child Health

Sociology/Anthropology

Current Projects

- Ward 1 Drug Free Communities grant to reduce underage drinking and marijuana use among youth 12-18 on campus and in the community.
- Partnership for Success High Needs Community for Wards 1 & Ward2 in partnership with NAADPC (funded by D.C. Department of Behavioral Health) to reduce underage drinking and marijuana use among youth 12-18 on campus and in the community. Includes annual funding for AlcoholEdu for Howard University Freshmen

Current Projects (Continued)

- Partnership with the State of Maryland Department of Behavioral Health and the Republic of South Africa Department of Social Services to implement Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Services, including Drug Free Communities in Gauteng, Northern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal provinces.
- Howard University Collegiate Recovery Program (Student Outreach for All Recovery)
- New initiative for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention at Howard University with EverFi

Sample Activities

- Registered 1,000 Howard University incoming Freshman for AlcoholEdu online prevention course
- Collected bi-annual data on four core measures of youth substance abuse and risk and protective factors in the community
- Photo voice enforcement project targeting alcohol establishments in areas surrounding the university
- Establishment of Howard University Alcohol and Drug Prevention Network along with counseling service, department of public safety
- Hosted Town Hall on underage drinking with Director of Prevention Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA)
- Host annual Rock the Mic Positive Spoken Word Competition

Current Student Workers/Interns

- *Stacey McDonald-Lowe* (PFS HNC)
- *Christina Burke* (PFS HNC)
- *Kendra DeLaine* (PFS HNC)
- *Ayanna Johnson* (PFS HNC)
- *Chandler Kinsley* (Ward 1 DFC)
- *Nona Davis* (Ward 1 DFC)