

Research Brief

Message from the Senior Associate Dean for Research

Dear Colleagues,

This weekend once again gun violence claimed the lives of three young victims - Devin Chandler, Lavel Davis, and D'Sean Perry - all students at the University of Virginia. This is just one of thousands of tragedies caused by guns this year in the U.S., and the second case of gun violence reported from a university this past weekend. I cannot begin to express the amount of sadness and outrage I feel at the countless lives lost to these senseless shootings. Not only are lives lost, but communities grieve for their loved ones, and survivors must heal from the trauma they have faced - while communities face the risks of such violence every day.

Gun violence is a public health emergency and a threat to everyone everywhere. It is an epidemic that must be treated as any other issue in public health. This means addressing the issue with advocacy for stricter gun laws, evidence-based policies, prevention programs, and lots of research. I am proud of the work many of us do on this topic and hope that others will join as opportunities and funding are enhanced. We deserve to live in a society where we do not fear for our own safety nor the safety of others.

With condolences to the victims and their families,

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Lectures & Events



When: November 18, 2022 at 12:30pm ET

The **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** will be hosting a webinar on exploring how to tap into global networks to build community power and drive collective action to improve health and equity for all in the United States. How can U.S. communities apply methods such as deep community listening tours, grassroots leadership development, and steadfast engagement with government decision-makers to advance health equity and wellbeing back at home? Register to find out [here](#).

Research Highlight:

Susan Mawemuko



This past week, the Office of Research Excellence (ORE) in the School of Public Health hosted Susan Mawemuko, a Senior Grants and Administration Manager at Makerere University School of Public Health (MakSPH). Susan was visiting GWSPH on a learning tour which was part of a National Institutes of Health (NIH) funded G11 grant on Strengthening Makerere University's Research Administration capacity for efficient management of NIH grant awards (SMAC) that is being implemented in partnership with George Washington University. Makerere University is the prime awardee and Susan is one of the two investigators at Makerere University. Dr. Paul Ndebele is the GW PI on the sub-award and the other GW investigators are Theresa Chapman and Michael Burdan, both Senior Managers in Pod 2. As part of the G11 award, during the past months, GW persons with expertise in various areas related to grants management at both pre and post award stages, facilitated webinars that were attended by research administrators at Makerere University. During the visit last week, Susan held meetings with various experts representing GW offices to learn more about how the offices supported investigators and the GW research enterprise. She met representatives from the IRB, the Office of Research Integrity, Technology Commercialization Office and Pod 2. The visit also provided an opportunity to brainstorm on how to sustain the various activities that have been initiated in MakSPH through NIH support including mentoring, training and grant tracking systems.

Funding Opportunities



HPTN Call for Research Concepts

Deadline: November 30, 2022

The HIV Prevention Trials Network is a worldwide collaborative clinical trials network that

develops and tests the safety and efficacy of interventions designed to prevent the transmission of HIV. The network is calling for research concepts specifically focused on pilot studies addressing two priority areas: HIV prevention in heterosexual men in high-burden settings and HIV prevention in stimulant users. Proposals can include identification of specific sub-populations with the greatest need. All investigators are welcome to submit concepts, with guidelines on the HPTN [Call for Concepts page](#). Please send any queries to concepts@hptn.org.



Become a Fellow of
**HIV Drug Abuse Prevention Research Ethics
Training Institute**

Application Deadline: February 15, 2023

Join an international network of scholars examining current challenges in HIV & drug abuse research ethics! Applications for the NIDA-funded HIV Drug Abuse Prevention Research Ethics Training Institute (RETI) fellowship program are now being accepted. The summer program will take place July 9-17, 2023 at Fordham University. Ethics training and a grant of \$30,000 to conduct a mentored research project on evidence-based HIV and drug abuse research ethics policies and procedures will be provided. RETI fellows make a 2-year commitment that includes two in-person summer programs in 2022 and 2023 including fully funded travel, lodging, and meals. For more information and how to apply, visit <https://www.fordham.edu/RETIapply/>.

See flier [here](#).

November Deadlines

Continuous Deadlines

 **Pod Spotlight**

**Meet our Pod 2 Team Member of the Week:
John Dresen**

John Dresen joined the GW Community and Pod 2 in June 2022. He works with both pre-award and post-award activities. He has also helped to produce quarterly financial reports for GWSPH and the Law School, along with financial reports specific to each of the eight departments in GWSPH. John graduated from William & Mary in May 2022 and is proud to join the Pod.

 **Research Resources**



GW iRIS, the electronic platform used by the GW OHR/IRB and the GW research community, is used to manage IRB documents. Visit the login page [here](#). If you have any questions about using the service, contact you may contact OHR staff at (202) 994-2715 and ohrib@gwu.edu.

GW COVID UPDATES:

See the CDCs recommendations for travel during the holidays [here](#). **GW Campus Advisory**- this resource includes the latest university guidance for COVID-19. **Human Subjects Research during COVID-19 Pandemic** - this resources includes updated guidance from GW on research involving human subjects.



REDCap is available for current GW faculty, staff, students, and affiliates after completing the GW RedCap Online Training.

REDCap (Research Electronic Data Capture) is a secure web application for building and managing online surveys and databases. REDCap can be used to collect virtually any type of data, enables rapid project development, provides users with complete autonomy and control of a project, and direct exports to common statistical packages.

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