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Education

Ph D: Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2012

MSW: Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, 2004

MS: Adult Education, North Carolina A&T State University 200

BS: Business Administration/Economics & Sociology, Greensboro College 1999

Research Interests

Dr. Parker is a health disparities researcher who conducts applied research to examine the structural, social, behavioral and biological factors influencing the transmission of infectious diseases and women's health. She examines the interconnectedness of HIV, concurrent sexual relationships, substance abuse, intimate partner violence, mental health, and gender inequality among people of color and criminal justice involve individuals. Dr. Parker is experienced in the development, implementation, and evaluation of substance abuse and behavioral interventions. She applies a multidisciplinary approach in the areas of both research and clinical practice. Dr. Parker is engaged in community-based and translational research and is a highly respected qualitative methodologist. She is currently engaged in biomedical research examining the use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) with men who have sex with men and heterosexual individuals to reduce the transmission of HIV.



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Recent Projects and Funding

Dr. Parker's recent projects and funding examines the potential use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). In collaboration with research partners from NCAT, University of NC at Greensboro (UNCG), and Duke University, Dr. Parker lead a qualitative study entitled, "PrEP at HBCUs". The study examined the uptake of PrEP with students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Dr. Parker is currently collaborating with colleagues from the University of NC at Chapel Hill on a study entitled, "PREParIng for Prison Release". The study explores ways to connect former prisoners to PrEP medical providers to reduce the transmission of HIV. The study involves conducting qualitative interviews with former prisoners, social workers, community re-entry council, community re-entry case workers, and physicians. Dr. Parker serves as the qualitative expert for this study. Dr. Parker is collaborating with UNCG on a study entitled, "Sexual Health Needs of African American Students at HBCUs & MIS". The mixed method study that examines the sexual health needs of students attending an HBCU and a majority serving institution. Future research will continue to explore the uptake of PrEP at HBCUs and with individuals involved in the criminal justice system and the exploration of masculinity and HIV prevention with college age males, and the impact of health disparities with African American women.

Recent Publications

1. Nunn, A., **Parker, S.**, McCoy K., Monger, M., Bender, M., Poceta, J., Harvey, J., Thomas, G., Johnson, K., Ranesome, Y., Coates, C., Chan, P. & Mena, L. (2018). African American clergy perspectives about the HIV Care Continuum: Results from a qualitative study in Jackson, MS. *Ethnicity & Disease, 28*(2), 85-92. doi:10.18865/ed.28.2.85.
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8. Marshall, B., Perez-Brumer, A., MacCarthy, S., Mena, L., Chan, P., Towey, C., Barnett, N., **Parker, S.**, Barnes, A., Brinkley-Rubinstein, L., Rose, J., & Nunn, A. (2015). Individual and partner level-factors associated with condom non-use among African American STI clinic attendees in the deep South: An event-level analysis. *AIDS and Behavior*, (online).
9. Chan, P.A., Rose, J., Maher, J., Benben, S., Pfeiffer, K., Almonte, A., Poceta, J., Oldenburg, C.E. **Parker, S.**, Marshall, B.D., Lally, M., Mena., L., Patel, R., & Nunn (2015). A latent class analysis of risk factors for acquiring HIV among men who have sex with men: Implications for implementing pre-exposure prophylaxis programs. *AIDS Patient Care STDs, 29*(11), 597-605.
10. Fogel, C., Crandell, J., Neevel, A., **Parker, S.**, Carry, M., White, B., Fasula, A., Herbst, J., & Gelaude, D. (2015). Efficacy of an adapted HIV/STI prevention intervention for incarcerated women: Findings from project POWER. *American Journal of Public Health, 105*(4), 802-809.