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Grant Title	Principal Investigator	Start – End	Preferred	Study Summary
(Award Number)		Dates	Candidate-Level	
Next generation functional genomics of hematology traits 5R01HL146500-03 NHLBI	Alexander Reiner apreiner@uw.edu	9/1/2019 — 8/31/2024	Graduate Post-doc	This project will lead to improved insight into the genetic basis of hematologic traits and red blood cell disorders. Finding the risk factors and causes of these disorders or traits will lead to new insights into why they occur, and, potentially, how they can be treated. This project will create a renewable resource for the scientific community for research into human red blood cell production and how this goes awry in disease.
Novel Statistical Inference for Biomedical Big Data 1R01GM133848-01A1 NIGMS	Ali Shojaie ashojaie@uw.edu	9/5/2020 – 8/31/2024	Graduate Post-doc	Biomedical big data (BBD), including large collections of omics data, medical imaging data, and electronic health records, offer unprecedented opportunities for discovering disease mechanisms and developing effective treatments. However, despite their tremendous potential, discovery using BBD has been hindered by computational challenges, including limited advances in statistical inference procedures that allow biomedical researchers to investigate uncon- founded associations among biomarkers of interest and various biological phenotypes, while integrating data from multiple BBD sources. The current proposal bridges this gap by developing novel statistical machine learning methods and easy-to-use open-source software for statistical inference in BBD, which are designed to facilitate the integration of data from multiple studies and platforms.
NEW Mobile WACh Empower: Mobile solutions to empower reproductive life planning for women	Alison Drake adrake2@uw.edu	4/1/2021 - 3/31/2026	Graduate Post-doc	Use of a mobile health (mHealth) intervention to provide reproductive life counseling to women living with HIV may improve delivery of integrated reproductive health/HIV services and prevent adverse reproductive health outcomes. The proposed study will evaluate SMS platform and reproductive health counseling intervention in a cluster randomized controlled trial among women receiving routine HIV care,

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living with HIV				and plan for future implementation with qualitative and health economic analyses.
5R01HD104551-02				
NICHD				
Person-centered decision	Anne Turner	4/1/2020 -	Graduate	As older adults with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias
making: Developing a	amturner@uw.edu	3/31/2025	Post-doc	(ADRD) decline, they are increasingly omitted from decisions
choice-based preference tool for transitions in			Junior faculty	regarding care. The goal of this research is to keep older adults with
dementia care				dementia involved in decision-making through better understanding their decision-making processes and creating a novel tool to identify
dementia care				preferences related to transitions in care.
1R01AG066957-01				
NIA				
Systems Analysis and	Bradley Wagenaar	4/1/2021 -	Graduate	This implementation research project aims to test the effectiveness of
Improvement Approach	bwagen@uw.edu	3/31/2026	Post-doc	an implementation strategy entitled: "Systems Analysis and
to Optimize the Task- Shared Mental Health			Junior faculty	Improvement Approach" for use in global mental health systems improvement (SAIA- MH). This approach targets helping health
Treatment Cascade				workers in low-resource settings globally improve the delivery of
(SAIA-MH): A Cluster				outpatient mental healthcare. For example, helping workers improve
Randomized Trial				patient retention in care, medication adherence, and improvement of
5D01MU122692 02				function.
5R01MH123682-02				
NIMH				

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Expanding and scaling	Caryl Feldacker	7/1/2020 -	Graduate	Through a randomized control trial and subsequent stepped-wedge
Two-way texting (2wT)	cfeld@uw.edu		Post-doc	designed study in high- volume facilities providing male circumcision
to reduce unnecessary			Junior faculty	(MC) in South Africa, we will demonstrate that two- way texting
follow-up and improve				(2wT) between providers and patients increases adverse event (AE)
adverse event				ascertainment while reducing provider workload as compared to
identification among				routine, in-person follow-up. Implementation science methods and
voluntary medical male				costing analysis will rigorously evaluate 2wT, determining how to
circumcision (VMMC)				optimize 2wT-2-SCALE within routine MC program settings. It is
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South Africa				improve MC efficiency and AE ascertainment at scale, enabling rapid,
				sustainable improvement in the quality of MC services at the
1R01NR019229-01				population level.
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Two-way Texting (2wT) to Improve Patient Retention While Reducing the Healthcare Workload in High- Burden Public HIV Clinics in Malawi R21TW011658-02 FIC	Caryl Feldacker cfeld@uw.edu	9/11/2020 – 6/30/2025	Graduate Post-doc Junior faculty	In sub-Saharan Africa (SSA), where need and resource constraint are highest, sub-optimal antiretroviral treatment (ART) retention threatens to derail global HIV epidemic control efforts. Through a quasi- experimental, pre-post designed test of an mHealth innovation and subsequent scale-up in two, high-volume, public ART clinics with over 35,000 ART clients in Malawi, we aim to demonstrate that interactive, two-way texting (2WT) can increase ART retention in a routine setting while providing distinct advantages in terms of data quality, costs, and reduced healthcare worker burden over routine retention efforts. User-centered assessment of successful 2WT integration into the existing electronic medical records system facilitates transfer from research to routine practice, enabling scale-up of this mHealth intervention to improve ART retention across Malawi
The Community-based ART REtention and Suppression (CARES) App: an innovation to improve patient monitoring and evaluation data in community-based antiretroviral therapy programs in Lilongwe, Malawi R21MH127992-01A1 NIMH	Caryl Feldacker cfeld@uw.edu	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024	Graduate Post-doc Junior faculty	and SSA. In sub-Saharan Africa, differentiated service delivery (DSD) for antiretroviral therapy (ART) is scaling rapidly; however, poor patient monitoring and evaluation (M&E) in DSD settings compromises DSD patient care and program evaluation. We employ user-centered design to guide development, testing, and assessment of a battery-powered App for real-time, point-of-care patient M&E in public, community- based DSD settings in Malawi, optimizing outcomes and reducing workload. Implementation science methods and costing analysis rigorously assess how the App ensures DSD patient care that aligns with integrated care guidelines and provides DSD program evidence towards 95-95-95 milestones.

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Applying Critical Race Theory to investigate the impact of COVID-19- related policy changes on racial/ethnic disparities in medication treatment for opioid use disorder 1R01DA056232-01 NIDA	Emily Williams emwilli@uw.edu	4/1/2022 - 1/31/2027	Graduate Post-doc Junior faculty	With the rise in opioid use disorder (OUD) and overdose, racialized disparities in buprenorphine access and use are a significant concern nationally—studies estimate that Black patients with OUD are 50-60% less likely to access buprenorphine compared to White patients, and similar disparities have also been observed for Hispanic/Latinx patients. COVID-19-related policy changes increased flexibility in the provision of buprenorphine and other effective medications for OUD over telehealth and present an unprecedented opportunity to examine impacts of a structural intervention—relaxed MOUD restrictions—on disparities that result from structural racism and discrimination (SRD). The proposed study, guided by Public Health Critical Race Praxis, will use data from the nation's largest provider of substance use care and quantitative and qualitative methods to examine the impact of these policy changes on racialized disparities for Black and Hispanic/Latinx patients to inform future policy and interventions to improve equitable
HEU outcomes: population-evaluation and screening strategies (HOPE) 1R61HD103079-01 NICHD	Grace John Stewart gjohn@uw.edu	7/1/2020 – 6/30/2025	Undergraduate Graduate Post-doc Faculty	care for OUD.Globally there is an increasing number of HIV-exposed but uninfected children and adolescents (HEU). We propose to evaluate HEU in Kenya, spanning from infancy to adolescence using different epidemiologic approaches to determine whether HEU have increased risk of adverse neurodevelopmental or mental health outcomes. We plan to screen a large population of HEU nationally and work collaboratively with stakeholders to review this data to inform approaches to screen, identify, and refer HEU with adverse outcomes, that could be used programmatically.

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NEW Pediatric HIV reservoir determinants and consequences 2R01HD023412-26 NICHD	Grace John Stewart gjohn@uw.edu	4/1/2022 - 3/31/2027	Graduate Post-doc	Understanding determinants and consequences of the latent HIV reservoir are important for development of HIV cure approaches and optimizing long-term outcomes for children with HIV infection (CHIV). The proposed study will examine HIV reservoir clonal dynamics in early- and late-treated CHIV, specifically evaluating the role of CMV infection, and will evaluate how the reservoir contributes to long-term neurocognitive outcomes.
PrEP and dPEP: Doxycycline post- exposure prophylaxis for prevention of sexually transmitted infections among Kenyan women using HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis 1R01AI145971-01A1 NIAID	Jared Baeten jbaeten@uw.edu	8/1/2019 – 7/31/2024	Graduate	Doxycycline post-exposure prophylaxis (dPEP) use following sexual contact has been shown to be effective at reducing acquisition of curable sexually transmitted infections (STIs; chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis) among men having sex with men taking HIV pre- exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). In this timely and important study, we propose a trial of dPEP for women in an African setting, who have a high and disproportionate burden of morbidity and mortality from STIs. We hypothesize that dPEP will be effective in reducing incident STIs in African women and will be feasible, acceptable, safe, and cost effective and will not contribute to substantial additional antimicrobial resistance.
Impact of Universal Free Meals on Childhood Obesity Risk and Obesity Disparities 1R01HD105666-01 NICHD	Jessica Jones-Smith jjoness@uw.edu	7/1/2021 – 6/30/2025	Graduate Post-doc	This study will assess the impact of a major change to school food policy—the Community Eligibility Provision—which allows high- poverty schools to provide free meals to all children regardless of individual income. We will assess whether the universal free meals under this policy impact child obesity and obesity disparities.

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Integrating expedited partner STI therapy during PrEP delivery for young women 1R01AI155000-01A1 NIAID	Jennifer Balkus jbalkus@uw.edu	9/22/2020 – 8/31/2025	Graduate	Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are highly prevalent in adolescent girls and young women and, in many regions of the world, diagnostic testing is not widely available; therefore, women only receive treatment if they report symptoms. However, the majority of women with an STI do not experience symptoms, resulting in persistent infections that can have serious consequences for reproductive health. In this proposal, we will assess the acceptability of point-of-care STI testing plus expedited partner treatment and its impact on the incidence of common curable STIs among women at risk for STIs and HIV, providing critical information to national policy
mWACh-PrEP: A SMS- based support intervention to enhance PrEP adherence during pregnancy and breastfeeding 1R01NR019220-01A1 NINR	Jillian Pintye jpintye@uw.edu	9/18/2020 - 6/30/2025	Any level	 makers and reducing the burden of STIs in women. Pregnancy and breastfeeding are periods of high HIV acquisition risk for African women. Oral pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) can prevent HIV infection, yet PrEP adherence during pregnancy and postpartum is sub- optimal due to specific issues women face during this period that could be addressed by real-time SMS communication with a health worker. We propose a randomized trial to determine the effect of a bidirectional SMS communication tool (mWACh-PrEP) on PrEP adherence during pregnancy and postpartum and we will collect data on implementation and cost to expedite translation into routine practice.
SOLAir: Environmental Factors and Diabetes Development in Latinos 1R01ES030994-01A1 NIEHS	Joel Kaufman joelk@uw.edu	9/22/2020 – 6/30/2025	Graduate Post-doc Faculty	The link between adiposity and the development of Type 2 diabetes (T2DM) is well characterized, but less is known about the impact of environmental factors on risk of T2DM. Research increasingly implicates traffic-related air pollutants (TRAP) with increased risk of T2DM. Other community-scale environmental factors, including aspects of the built and natural environment are also potential risk or protective factors for T2DM and may act through interactions with physical activity, diet and visceral adiposity. This study will

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				incorporate state-of-the-art environmental exposure assessment with detailed health measures and data on potential confounders, including genetic susceptibility, to study these relationshipsin a comprehensive framework—focusing on a fast-growing population at disproportionate risk of T2DM risk, through the Hispanic Community Health Study/Study of Latinos (HCHS/SOL) cohort.
University of	Joel Kaufman	5/31/2021 -	Graduate	The Center for Exposures, Diseases, Genomics, and Environment
Washington	joelk@uw.edu	2/28/2026	Post-doc	(EDGE) fosters novel research on molecular signatures associated with
Interdisciplinary Center			Junior faculty	toxicant exposures using modern molecular and systems biology
for Exposures, Diseases, Genomics &				approaches to explain interactions between genetic, epigenetic and environmental factors and how these contribute to both acute and
Environment				chronic diseases of public health importance. The EDGE Center is
				dedicated to contributing to evidence-based changes in regulatory
2P30ES007033-26				policy and public health or medical practice that result in a reduction in
NUELLO				the burden of environmentally related diseases.
NIEHS		0.11.100.000	XX 1 1	
PrEP adherence-	Kenneth Mugwanya	9/1/2020 -	Undergraduate	The minimum protective tenofovir diphosphate (TFV-DP)
concentration thresholds associated with HIV	mugwanya@uw.edu	8/31/2024	Graduate Post-doc	concentrations, the active form of tenofovir-based PrEP, in the blood and the level of adherence required to achieve those concentrations
protection among			Faculty	may differ depending on the route and frequency of exposure to HIV.
African women				Using our combined complementary expertise in HIV prevention
				research in women and antiretroviral pharmacology, we will define
5R01AI155086-02				cisgender women-specific adherence- concentration-efficacy
NIAID				benchmarks for TFV moieties in a novel directly observe study of
NIAID				TDF/FTC PrEP in African women, a priority population for HIV prevention. We will then link the newly defined thresholds to the
				Partners PrEP Study clinical cohort to estimate TFV-DP
				concentrations associated with HIV protection for women and the

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				minimum adherence level (doses per week) required to achieve these levels.
Integrating PrEP delivery in family planning clinics in Kenya 1R01MH123267-01 NIMH	Kenneth Mugwanya mugwanya@uw.edu	4/1/2020 – 3/31/2025	Undergraduate Graduate Post-doc Faculty	Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) is a highly effective user-controlled HIV prevention strategy, with tremendous potential for high impact to reduce incident HIV infections among at-risk African women if delivered with high coverage and taken with sufficient adherence. In this highly innovative study, we propose to catalyze integration of optimized universal screening and counseling for HIV risk behaviors and PrEP provision for at-risk women accessing public health family planning clinics in Kisumu, Kenya – a region with an HIV prevalence of up to 28% among young women– using step-wedged randomized design. We hypothesize that family planning clinics will offer a cost- and time-efficient, less stigmatizing, and sustainable woman-centered 'one-stop' access point for PrEP and FP services, with culminating in great reach and impact for PrEP of reducing incident HIV infection in this setting.
Polygenic Risk Score Diversity Consortium Coordinating Center 1U01HG011697-01 NHGRI	Kenneth Rice kenrice@uw.edu	6/1/2021 – 5/31/2026	Graduate Post-doc Faculty	 Polygenic Risk Scores (PRS) combine information across numerous genetic variants to improve disease prediction; however, lack of diversity in PRS research to date threatens applicability in non-European ancestry individuals. The NHGRI Polygenic Risk Score Diversity Consortium will conduct collaborative data integration, analysis, and methods development in existing research cohorts to improve PRS prediction across diverse populations. As Coordinating Center for the Consortium, we will perform genotype and phenotype data harmonization, lead collaborative analysis, contribute to methods development, help identify Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications (ELSI) of PRS, facilitate data sharing, and coordinate program logistics and outreach.

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CHV-NEO: Community- based digital communication to support neonatal health 5R01HD103581-02 NICHD	Keshet Ronen keshet@uw.edu	4/15/2021 – 2/28/2026	Undergraduate Graduate Post-doc Faculty	In Kenya, like many other resource-limited settings, neonatal mortality remains unacceptably high. Community health volunteers (CHVs) are a large cadre of lay health workers whose role includes conducting home visits to pregnant and postpartum women to promote neonatal health. This study will develop an interactive SMS text messaging intervention that remotely connects mothers with CHVs, and evaluate the intervention's effect on clinical outcomes (neonatal mortality, facility visits and essential newborn care), service outcomes (CHV and supervisor workflow), and implementation outcomes (acceptability,
Cumulative burden of <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> and <i>Mycoplasma</i> <i>genitalium</i> in the US: implications for screening guidelines and antimicrobial resistance 1R01AI161019-01	Lisa Manhart lmanhart@uw.edu	4/1/2021 – 3/31/2026	Graduate	 uptake and fidelity of implementation), when implemented as part of routine CHV workflow in Western Kenya. Defining the lifetime risk of <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> in men and characteristics associated with infection in the US population will provide critical information to either support or change current chlamydia screening guidelines. Determining the lifetime risk of <i>Mycoplasma genitalium</i> in the US, whether it is associated with pelvic inflammatory disease, and the extent of antimicrobial resistance in the population will guide nascent national testing and treatment recommendations for <i>M. genitalium</i>.
NIAID Towards Cervical cancer elimination: Implementation and scale-up of a single-visit, screen-and-treat approach with thermal ablation for sustainable	Nelly Mugo rwamba@uw.edu	9/1/2021 – 8/31/2026	Graduate Post-doc Junior faculty	The proposed work leverages implementation science methods to develop, pilot and cost an effective and sustainable facility level-based implementation and dissemination strategy for single visit screen and treat with thermal ablation (SVA-SAT+TA) approach for cervical cancer prevention and inform national program scale up.

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cervical cancer prevention services in Kenya 1R01CA258590-01 NCI				
Genetic Discovery and Functional Validation to Identify Precursors of Clot Embolization in those with a Deep Vein Thrombosis 1R01HL147894-01A1 NHLBI	Nicholas Smith nlsmith@uw.edu	4/1/2021 – 3/31/2025	Graduate Post-doc Junior faculty	The aim of this proposal is to better understand why venous clots in the legs sometimes dislodge and travel to the lungs. These clots block circulation to the lungs and are life-threatening. We are interested in identifying inherited factors that lead to clots traveling to the lung and learning how the inherited factors change the biologic function that causes a clot to dislodge.
The role of enteric pathogens and antimicrobial resistance in driving clinical and nutritional deterioration, and azithromycin's potential effect, among children discharged from hospital in Kenya 5R01AI150978	Patricia Pavlinac ppav@uw.edu	3/15/2020 – 2/28/2025	Any level	To reduce the risk of death, re-hospitalization, and growth faltering following hospitalizations among children living in Sub-Saharan Africa, it is critical to understand mechanisms underlying this risk, including how azithromycin affects these outcomes. Utilizing samples and data from an ongoing placebo-controlled RCT of azithromycin for post-discharge morbidity and mortality, we will characterize enteric pathogens and antibiotic resistance utilizing highly sensitive molecular diagnostic tools to determine the role of these enteric pathways on post-discharge outcomes and azithromycin's effect.

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NIAID				
Lactoferrin and lysozyme to promote nutritional, clinical, and enteric recovery: A factorial placebo- controlled randomized trial among children with diarrhea and malnutrition (LACTOLYZE) 1R01HD103642-01	Patricia Pavlinac ppav@uw.edu	1/1/2021 - 11/30/2025	Any level	To improve the long-term consequences of diarrhea, including malnutrition, recurrent diarrhea, and enteric dysfunction, it is critical to identify new, non-antibiotic interventions to reduce underlying intestinal damage and enteric pathogen carriage. This placebo- controlled, four-armed randomized control trial aims to determine the efficacy and mechanisms of action of two safe and inexpensive milk- derived nutritional supplements, lactoferrin and lysozyme, administered for 16-weeks to Kenyan children recovering from medically attended diarrhea and wasting.
NICHD				
A novel REverSe	Paul Drain	9/1/2020 -	Undergraduate	The lack of an objective PrEP adherence monitoring tool has led to
Transcriptase Chain Termination	pkdrain@uw.edu	8/31/2025	Post-bac Graduate	inefficient counseling and poor supportive care. We recently developed a novel enzymatic assay that semi-quantitatively measures
(RESTRICT) assay for			Post-doc	the concentration of TFV-DP by measuring inhibition of reverse
near-patient, objective			Faculty	transcriptase, which is the cellular target of oral PrEP drugs. In this
monitoring of long-term PrEP adherence				proposal, we will optimize the REverSe TRanscrIptase Chain Termination (RESTRICT) assay to measure TFV- DP concentrations
				in PrEP clients, validate the assay to meet CLIA requirements, and
1R01AI157756-01				conduct a feasibility and acceptability study among PrEP clients and providers.
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Implementation science research on PrEP delivery and costing within MAT and NSP services for PWUD in Uganda 1R01DA051796-01 NIDA	Renee Heffron rheffron@uw.edu	6/1/2020 – 5/31/2025	Undergraduate Graduate Post-doc	For people who use drugs in Uganda, services for harm reduction as well as HIV prevention remain in their infancy, despite a growing epidemic and potential for up to 45% of drug users to be living with HIV. The proposed work leverages methods from implementation science to develop, pilot, and determine the cost of two approaches to integrated harm reduction and PrEP delivery – a facility-based model within a medication-assisted treatment program and a community- based model for needle and syringe exchange. Results will have implications for the Ugandan context, as well as communities in the US, by demonstrating co-location of PrEP and harm reduction services and novel data on PrEP adherence and retention among people who use drugs.
A sequential, adaptive model of differentiated service delivery to reach persons living with HIV who are lost-to-follow- up or who have detectable viral load 1R01MH124465-01A1 NIMH	Ruanne Barnabas rbarnaba@uw.edu	9/1/2020 – 8/31/2025	Undergraduate Graduate Post-doc Faculty	Globally there is an increasing number of HIV-exposed but uninfected children and adolescents (HEU). We propose to evaluate HEU in Kenya, spanning from infancy to adolescence using different epidemiologic approaches to determine whether HEU have increased.
Leveraging cross-cancer shared heritability to better understand the genetic architecture of cancer	Sara Lindstroem saralind@uw.edu	8/1/2015- 7/31/2024	Graduate Post-doc Junior faculty	Leveraging cross-cancer shared heritability to better understand the genetic architecture of cancer Although we have identified hundreds of genetic variants associated with cancer, much of the genetic contribution to increased cancer risk remains unknown. Building on our previous work that established a shared genetic component across

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5R01CA194393 NCI				cancers, we aim to identify novel genetic variants associated with multiple cancers, and quantify the relative contribution of low- frequency and common genetic variation to the familial aggregation of cancers. These results will provide additional insights into the shared and unique biological processes leading to different cancers, and provide guidance on the design and analysis of future sequencing studies.
Integration of genetic, gene expression and environmental data to inform biological basis of mammographic density 5R01CA244670-02 NCI	Sara Lindstroem saralind@uw.edu	2/4/2021- 1/31/2025	Graduate Post-doc Junior faculty	We propose to conduct a series of large-scale genetic association studies to identify genetic risk factors for mammographic density and breast cancer. The proposed research will highlight underlying biological mechanisms and identify novel targets for breast cancer risk prediction and prevention.
The impact of lifestyle and genetic factors on mammographic density in a cohort of Hispanic women 1R01CA255082-01A1 NCI	Sara Lindstroem saralind@uw.edu	2/8/2022 - 1/31/2027	Graduate Post-doc Junior faculty	Mammographic density is one of the strongest known risk factors for breast cancer, but previous studies have almost exclusively been limited to non-Hispanic White women. The proposed research sets out to study non- genetic and genetic risk factors of high mammographic density in a large, diverse population of Hispanic women. Completion of the study aims will advance our understanding of mammographic density and provide insights into racial disparities in breast cancer.

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Air pollution exposures	Sarah Benki-Nugent	6/1/2020 -	Undergraduate	Research in high income countries demonstrates the neurotoxicity of
in early life and brain	benki@uw.edu	5/31/2025	Graduate	ambient and household air pollution on brain development, yet data are
development in children	(contact)		Post-doc	lacking from sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) where exposure magnitudes
				are among the highest worldwide. We develop a prospective cohort
1R01ES032153-01	Grace John-Stewart			and capacity building to understand early life exposure sources and
	gjohn@uw.edu			impacts on child healthy neurodevelopment in Nairobi. We leverage a
NIEHS				foundation of linkages between the University of Washington and
				academic and governmental stakeholders in Kenya to establish a
				sustained program to inform future clinical trials, screening tools,
Identity by descent in	Sharan Drowning	7/1/2021 -	Graduate	program and policy.
Identity by descent in	Sharon Browning	6/30/2025	Post-doc	Individuals share segments of their DNA identical by descent due to inheritance of the DNA from a shared ancestor such as a great-
population data	sguy@uw.edu	0/30/2023	Post-doc	grandparent. These identity by descent (IBD) segments can be detected
2R01HG005701-08				using genotype data, and they can then be used to improve our
2101110003701-08				understanding of human biology and relationships between individuals
NHGRI				and populations. We propose to develop three new IBD-based analyses
MIORI				that will enable improved understanding of the role of genetics in
				human health.
Cardiometabolic risk	Stephen Mooney	8/4/2020 -		The overarching goal of this project is to use the Jackson Heart
development and	(contact)	6/30/2025		Study— a state-of-the-art cohort study of African American adults—
management in changing	sjm2186@uw.edu			to investigate longitudinal associations between features of the
neighborhoods: The				neighborhood physical, social, and healthcare environment and
Jackson Heart Study	Sharrelle Barber			cardiometabolic risk development and management over a 20-year
	smb483@drexel.edu			period. Understanding these associations independently and
1R01HL148431-01A1				synergistically is critical for the prevention and management of
				cardiovascular disease risk factors in African Americans and the
NHLBI				reduction of racial health inequalities.

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National Alzheimer's	Walter Kukull	7/1/2021 -	Graduate	Narrative NACC (as U01 AG016976, at University of Washington —
Coordinating Center	kukull@uw.edu	6/30/2026	Post-doc	now seeking renewal as a U24) has been active since 1999, and has
			Junior faculty	established a standardized, longitudinal clinical database of over
1U24AG072122-01				42,000 individuals (with neuropathology data on over 6,100), as well
				as cross-sectional, retrospective data on roughly 66,000 individuals
NIA				seen at ADRCs between 1984 and 2005. NACC has made these data
				freely available to researchers worldwide, resulting in hundreds of
				publications. We will modernize and intensify our informatics
				approach, making data access and use more efficient; will grow
				communication and coordination capabilities with the ADRCs and
				collaborating NIA projects; will develop and apply big-data research
				tools for the field; and will provide competitive, peer-reviewed
				research support for several new investigators each year. Together with
				the field's leaders, NACC will innovate, develop, and drive solutions
				to meet the changing needs of the field as well as the NIA ADRC
				program.



Grant Title Award Number NIH Institute	Principal Investigator	Start – End Dates	Preferred Candidate- Level	Study Summary
Understanding and	Rashmi K. Sharma	8/15/2021 -	Graduate	This study utilizes mixed methods to identify targets for intervention
Improving Inequities in	rasharma@uw.edu	4/30/2026	Post-doc	to improve palliative care for Latinx, Chinese, and Vietnamese older
Palliative Care for Older			Junior faculty	adults with dementia and limited-English proficiency (LEP). The
Adults with Advanced				long-term goal of this work is to develop, evaluate, and disseminate
Dementia and Limited-				multi-level interventions to facilitate culturally-sensitive palliative
English Proficiency: A				care for older adults with dementia and LEP and their families. Aim
Mixed-Methods Evaluation				1 utilizes quantitative methods to compare the quality of care
				received by decedents with advanced dementia and LEP to those
1R01AG074253-01				with English proficiency in four key palliative care domains using
				EHR-based quality metrics and novel machine learning methods.
NIA				Aim 2 utilizes qualitative interviews with key stakeholders (older
				adults with dementia and LEP and their family members,
				caseworker-cultural mediators and interpreters, and clinicians and
				administrators) to identify modifiable targets for intervention across
				multiple levels (individual, clinical encounter, healthcare system,
				community). Aim 3 utilizes qualitative interviews with leaders of
				community-based organizations to assess community-level
				resources and capacity to support high quality palliative care for
				older adults with dementia and LEP.



Optimizing Response to Chronic Pain Treatments in Veterans: Identifying Key Moderators R01AT011012 NCCIH	Mark Jensen mjensen@uw.edu	9/15/2021 – 6/30/2026	Undergraduate	While behavioral treatments for chronic pain are effective on average, some people benefit greatly from treatment while others benefit very little, and the same person may respond much more to one type of treatment than another. This project aims to better understand the patient factors that could be used to identify – before treatment –who will benefit the most from each of three different chronic pain treatments: cognitive behavioral therapy, Hypnotic Cognitive Therapy, and Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy. The knowledge gained from this research will provide an essential platform for developing algorithms to effectively match patients with chronic pain to treatments that are most likely to be benficial for them.
The High-Intensity Exercise to Attenuate Limitations and Train Habits (HEALTH) in Older Adults with HIV 1R01AG066562-01 NIA	Allison Webel allison.webel@case.edu	4/15/2020 – 3/31/2025	Post-doc Faculty	Aging with HIV may be associated with a greater impairment in physical function and worse fatigue, contributing to an impaired health span; few therapies are effective in slowing physical function decline or improving fatigue in people with or without HIV. Here we propose to test two exercise regimens of varying interval and intensity (high-intensity interval training vs continuous moderate- intensity exercise) on changes in physical function, fatigue, and mitochondrial bioenergetics. Furthermore, we will explore the impact of a biobehavioral coaching intervention vs control on adherence to physical activity following the supervised exercise intervention.
Co-benefits of co-delivery of long-acting antiretrovirals and contraceptives 1R01AI155052-01A1 NIAID	Rena Patel rcpatel@uw.edu	4/14/2021 – 3/31/2026	Undergrad Post-bac Grad (Master's) Grad (PhD/MD) Post-doc Faculty	This research will contribute to public health efforts to improve treatment outcomes for adolescent girls and young women living with HIV in resource-limited settings by evaluating the impact of a novel long-acting HIV treatment. Findings from this study will have important implications for HIV care and treatment approaches and guidelines globally. This research has the potential to make important contributions towards addressing some of the key public health problems in sub-Saharan Africa, including attainment of the UNAIDS 90-90-90 targets; prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV; and maternal morbidity and mortality.



Washington National Primate Research Center P510D010425 ORIP	Deborah Fuller (Co-PI) fullerdh@uw.edu Sean Sullivan (PI)	5/1/2021 – 4/30/2027	Undergrad Post-bac Grad (Master's) Grad (PhD/MD) Post-doc Faculty	The Washington National Primate Research Center provides necessary nonhuman primate models for a variety of diseases and conditions that affect humans such as HIV/AIDS, vision and other neurologic disorders, and issues related to reproduction and fetal/infant development. The availability of these models allows for the development of preventive and interventional medicine and medical techniques to improve public health.
Quantitative Analysis of Labile Metabolites in Biological Samples 1R01GM138465-01A1 NIGMS	G.A. Nagana Gowda ngowda@uw.edu	4/1/2021 – 3/31/2025	Grad (Master's) Grad (PhD/MD) Post-doc Faculty	Coenzymes and antioxidants mediate hundreds of biochemical reactions and are fundamental to the cellular and mitochondrial functions. In this proposal, using nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy and mass spectrometry, we seek to develop methods to reliably measure the coenzymes and antioxidants in blood, cells, mouse tissue as well as subcellular components such as mitochondria and cytoplasm. We also seek to develop methods to measure these coenzymes in live cells and mitochondria in real time. Development of robust methods for analysis of metabolites fundamental to the cellular functions offers new avenues for investigations of human health and diseases.
Genetic, Metabolic and Regulatory Control of MIC and Relapse in M. tuberculosis 5R01AI146194-02 NIAID	David. R. Sherman dsherman@uw.edu	3/10/2020 – 2/28/2025	Any level	We recently discovered that small differences in bacterial susceptibility to TB drugs are important predictors of treatment outcome, but what drives those differences is not known. This project unites three labs with highly complementary expertise to interrogate how M. tuberculosis clinical strains respond to treatment. We will apply with leading edge approaches in genetics, metabolism, gene regulation and network-based modeling to reveal fundamental new knowledge about TB that could lead directly to shorter treatment times and better treatment outcomes.



Understanding the role of TP53 mutation in genetic susceptibility to ovarian cancer 1R01CA259384-01 NCI	Rosana Risques rrisques@uw.edu	4/1/2021 – 3/31/2026	Grad (PhD/MD) Post-doc Faculty	The biological mechanisms that drive genetic susceptibility to ovarian cancer are not well understood. This grant will use ultra- sensitive sequencing to characterize with high resolution TP53 mutations in fallopian tube during normal aging and in women with susceptibility to ovarian cancer to determine whether elevated risk of ovarian cancer is associated with increased somatic TP53 clonal evolution. This research will increase our understanding of ovarian carcinogenesis and enable to develop better strategies for ovarian cancer prevention and prediction.
Acceptability of Sustained- Release Antiretrovirals for Treatment in the US and sub-Saharan Africa 5R01MH121424-02 NMH	Jane Simoni jsimoni@uw.edu	9/17/2019 – 7/31/2024	Post-doc Faculty	The development of sustained-release or long-acting injectable antiretroviral therapy (LAI ART) is an important technological advance that could increase ART uptake and adherence by providing new options to support viral load suppression. The proposed work will advance LAI ART product development efforts by providing key estimates of acceptability and patient preferences, enabling funders, product developers, and policy makers to optimize products for the greatest likelihood of uptake, adherence, and long-term viral suppression.



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Genetic requirements of	Nina Salama	12/2/2003 -	Undergrad	Helicobacter pylori infect the human stomach of 50% of the
Helicobacter pylori	nsalama@fredhutch.org	1/31/2026	Post-bac	world's population where it can cause mild inflammation, ulcer
infection			Grad (PhD/MD)	disease and even gastric cancer, depending in part on the genetic
			Post-doc	diversity of the infecting strain. In this project we study the genes
2R01AI054423-16			Faculty	and mechanisms contributing to chronic colonization to identify
				the mediators of persistent infection. Our studies of genetic
NIAID				variation during stomach infection will show how these mediators
				adapt during the chronic inflammation that leads to severe disease
				(cancer).



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Multilevel Interventions to	Karen Wernli	7/15/2021 -	Pre-doc	Screening for lung cancer has the potential for a profound public
Increase Adherence to	karen.j.wernli@kp.org	6/30/2026	Post-doc	health benefit. Repeat annual screening is necessary for early
Lung Cancer Screening				detection of lung cancer. We will test two interventions which
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1R01CA262015-01				lung cancer screening.
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