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Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS
at Yale University

CIRA Early-Career Scientists Panel: “The Nuts and Bolts of NIH Review”



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Join us in a panel event featuring an interactive discussion and Q&A with CIRA faculty who will share their advice and experiences with the NIH review process. Early-career researchers, training fellows, research staff, and other Yale affiliates are welcome.

This is a hybrid event, in-person at CIRA and virtually via Zoom. Refreshments and networking will follow the panel discussion for in-person attendees.

**In-person venue: CIRA Conference Room, 135 College St, Suite 200,
2nd floor, New Haven, CT 06510.**



**Monday, April 29, 2024
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm ET**



**RSVP to attend in-person
by Tuesday, April 23rd.
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via Zoom.
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Contact dini.harsono@yale.edu questions about this event.

This panel is organized by the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA) at Yale University (P30MH062294, PI: Trace Kershaw, PhD).

OVERVIEW

This panel event will highlight CIRA faculty's experiences with the NIH review process.

- Navigating the NIH application and review process
- Understanding the summary statement and review scores
- How to get advice from NIH review and program staff.

This panel event is part of CIRA's Early Career Scientists Networking Forum (CIRA-ECS) initiative, co-sponsored by the [Yale Global HIV/AIDS Research Network \(GARNER\)](#). The forum aims to create a space for CIRA and GARNER-affiliated early-career researchers to share works-in-progress, grant ideas, manuscripts, professional development topics, and foster opportunities for networking and collaboration.

PANELIST BIOS

Jaimie Meyer, MD, MS, FACP

Associate Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology

Yale School of Medicine

Dr. Meyer is an Associate Professor of Medicine and Public Health at Yale. She is a physician with board certification in Internal Medicine, Addiction Medicine and Infectious Diseases. Her clinical work has included a weekly HIV clinic at York Correctional Institution for Women, the only carceral facility for women in the state of Connecticut, which informs her investigative work. She has received formal training in clinical research methods through two post-doctoral fellowships, one in Investigative Infectious Diseases and one in Interdisciplinary HIV Prevention Training at the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS, and a Master of Science in Biostatistics and Epidemiology at Yale School of Public Health. Her research focuses on HIV prevention and treatment in women, addressing criminal legal system involvement, substance use disorders, and intimate partner violence. She has published in a broad array of peer-reviewed journals, collaborating with interdisciplinary teams of scientists, and has been continuously funded by the NIH and other federal, industry, and foundational sources for over a decade.

LaRon E. Nelson, PhD, RN, FNP, FNAP, FNYAM, FAAN

Associate Dean for Global Affairs & Planetary Health

Independence Foundation Professor of Nursing

Yale School of Nursing

Professor LaRon E. Nelson is the Independence Foundation Professor of Nursing and Associate Dean of Global Affairs and Planetary Health. He also serves on the Yale Institute of Global Health's Leadership Advisory Committee. He is also a scientist with MAP Centre for Urban Health Solutions in the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. He is the inaugural holder of the Ontario HIV Treatment Network Research Chair in Implementation Science with Black Communities in Canada. His work in research and implementation science spans multiple countries. He co-founded the Central and West Africa Implementation Science Alliance (CAWISA)—a collaboration of implementation scientists and implementing agencies from Cameroon, Congo, Ghana and Nigeria aimed to improve HIV related outcomes among adolescents the region. He is also leading implementation science efforts to reduce racial disparities in HIV incidence, treatment and viral suppression among African, Caribbean, and Black communities in Canada. His work in the US focuses on the use of multi-level (e.g., social/structural, behavioral, and clinical) interventions to reduce HIV infections among Black MSM.

MODERATOR BIOS

Sheela Shenoi, MD, MPH

Associate Professor of Medicine (Infectious Diseases)

Yale School of Medicine

Sheela Shenoi is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the AIDS Program of the Section of Infectious Diseases and Associate Director of the Office of Global Health at Yale University School of Medicine. Dr. Shenoi received her M.P.H. from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and her M.D. from the University of Connecticut, and completed residency and fellowship training at Yale School of Medicine. She is a member of the International AIDS Society, the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease. Dr. Shenoi was honored as a Fulbright Scholar and was awarded an international clinical research fellowship in global health by the U.S. National Institutes of Health Fogarty International Center for Advanced Study in the Health Sciences. Dr. Shenoi works to improve clinical outcomes of those with HIV and/or tuberculosis and prioritizes implementation of prevention strategies.

Jeffrey Wickersham, PhD

Assistant Professor of Medicine (AIDS)

Yale School of Medicine

Jeffrey Wickersham is Assistant Professor of Medicine in the section of infectious diseases. His research is focused on improving HIV treatment and prevention outcomes among sexual and gender minorities, including transgender women, gay men, and bisexual men. Dr. Wickersham's research has focused on development of biomedical and behavioral interventions, including peer/patient navigation, implementation of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV prevention, development of artificial intelligence-based "chatbot" technology to improve uptake of HIV testing, and adaptation of mHealth applications for transgender women to scale-up HIV testing and linkage to PrEP services. Most of this research is being conducted in Southeast Asia, primarily at sites in Malaysia and Thailand.