# EDUCATION

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| 2019 –  | Associate Research Scientist (Faculty)Yale University, CT |
| 2018 – 2019 | Postdoctoral AssociateYale University, CTMentor: Dr. Frederick L. Altice |
| 2017 – 2018 | Postdoctoral Research AssociateUniversity of Connecticut, CTMentor: Dr. Michael M. Copenhaver |
| 2017 | Ph.D., Public HealthUniversity of Connecticut, CTDissertation: *Developing and testing an integrated, brief bio-behavioral HIV prevention intervention targeting high risk drugs users in treatment* * Awarded the ‘**Outstanding Dissertation Award 2018**’ and the ‘**Optimization of Behavioral & Biobehavioral Interventions Research Award**’ by the Society of Behavioral Medicine
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| 2013 | Master of Public Health University of Connecticut, CTThesis: *Understanding HIV-related risk behaviors among migrant workers in Nepal*  |
| 2011 | **B.S.,** (*summa cum laude*) with Highest DistinctionWiley College, TX |

# ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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| 2015 – 2017 | Teaching AssistantUniversity of Connecticut* *Biostatistics for Health Professionals (AH 5005, STAT 3005)*
* *Health Education and Behavioral Interventions for At-risk Populations (GPAH 5319)*
* *Critical Issues in Health Promotion, Disease, and Disability Prevention (GPAH 6324)*
* *Research for the Health Professionals (AH 4241, AH 4239)*
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| 2015 – 2016 | InstructorUniversity of Connecticut* *Writing Allied Health Research (AH 4240W)*
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| 2011 - 2017 | Graduate Research Assistant University of Connecticut |
| 2009 – 2011 | Academic TutorStudent Support Services, Wiley College |
| 2008 – 2010 | Lab AssistantDepartment of Chemistry, Wiley College |

# RESEARCH SUPPORT (PI or Co-I)

**Ongoing Research Support**

**Gilead Investigator Sponsored Research Shrestha (PI) 08/01/19-07/31/21**

**Role:** *Principal Investigator Total direct cost*: $401,636

**Title**: Expanding Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Implementation in Communities of People Who Inject Drugs and Their Risk Network Members

**Fordham HIV & Drug Abuse Prevention Shrestha (PI) 07/08/19 - 07/07/21**

**Research Ethics Training Institute (RETI)** *Total direct cost*: $25,000

**Role***: Principal Investigator (Sub-award - R25DA031608)*

**Title**: Examining Ethical Concerns in the Context of App-Based HIV Prevention Research with Men who have Sex with Men in the Malaysian Context

**FLAGS Research Grant Shrestha (PI) 10/26/18 - 10/25/20**

**(Fund for Lesbian and Gay Studies)** *Total direct cost*: $5,000

**Role***: Principal Investigator*

**Title**: Theory-based approach to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) uptake among men who have sex with men (MSM) in Malaysia

**Busch Biomedical Grant Rawal (PI) 10/15/18 - 10/14/20**

**(Seed Grant for Early Stage Faculty)** *Total direct cost*: $40,000

**Role:** *Co-Investigator*

**Title**: Methadone vs. Buprenorphine Therapy for Opioid Dependence: Diet and Metabolic Implications

**Research Proposal (Under Review)**

**K01 Training Grant (NIH) - Resubmission Shrestha (PI) 04/01/20-03/31/25**

**Role:** *Principal Investigator Total direct cost*: $791,288

**Title**: Training in mHealth Prevention with MSM

**R21 (NIH) Shrestha (PI) 04/01/20-03/31/22**

**Role:** *Principal Investigator Total direct cost*: $297,421

**Title**: Integrated rapid access to HIV prevention program for people who inject drugs (iRaPID)

**R01 (NIH) Copenhaver (PI) 06/01/20-05/31/25**

**Role:** *Co-Investigator Total direct cost*: $274,826 (Subaward)

**Title**: Developing optimal primary HIV prevention among non-treatment seeking opioid-dependent persons

**Completed Research Support**

**UConn InCHIP Seed Grant Shrestha (PI) 05/12/16 - 09/25/18**

**Role***: Principal Investigator Total direct cost*: $2,000

**Title**: Integrated bio-behavioral HIV prevention intervention targeting PWID

**UConn InCHIP Seed Grant Shrestha (PI) 05/01/14 - 04/30/16**

**Role:** *Principal Investigator Total direct cost*: $2,000

**Title**: Developing an evidence-based intervention targeting high-risk migrant workers

**UConn CLAS Research Grant Shrestha (PI) 05/01/11 - 05/01/13**

**Role***: Principal Investigator Total direct cost*: $1,500

**Title**: HIV-related risk behaviors among returnee male migrant workers in Nepal.

**Unfunded Proposals**

**NSF DDRI Award Shrestha (PI) 11/01/11 - 10/30/13**

**Role***: Principal Investigator*

**Title**: Doctoral Dissertation Research: Developing an evidence-based intervention targeting high-risk migrant workers.

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| 2019 –  | Principal InvestigatorYale UniversityProject: *Expanding Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Implementation in Communities of People Who Inject Drugs and Their Risk Network Members (USA)* |
| 2019 –  | Principal InvestigatorYale UniversityProject: *Theory-based approach to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) uptake among men who have sex with men (MSM) in Malaysia* |
| 2019 –  | CollaboratorYale University/University of Malaya (Malaysia)Project: *An Evaluation of Medical Doctors’ Knowledge of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and Willingness to Prescribe PrEP for HIV Prevention in Malaysian Medical Centers* |
| 2018 –  | Principal Investigator Yale University/University of ConnecticutProject: *A Self-Report Tool to Measure Neurocognitive Impairment: Preliminary Validation of the Brief Inventory of Neurocognitive Impairment (BINI) among Drug Users* |
| 2018 –  | Postdoctoral AssociateYale UniversityProject: *Developing a smartphone application to prevent and treat HIV among people who inject drugs (PWID)* |
| 2018 –  | Co-InvestigatorYale University/Rutgers UniversityProject: *Methadone vs. Buprenorphine Therapy for Opioid Dependence: Diet and Metabolic Implications* |
| 2019 –  | CollaboratorYale University/University of Malaya (Malaysia)Project: *A Study of Willingness to Use HIV Self-Testing (HIVST) Kit Among Key Population (KP) in Malaysia* |
| 2017 – 2019 | Postdoctoral AssociateYale University/University of ConnecticutProject: *Testing an Integrated Bio-Behavioral Primary HIV Prevention Intervention Among High-Risk People Who Use Drugs* |
| 2017 – 2018 | Research Consultant Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New OrleansProject: *HIV/AIDS & Alcohol-Related Outcomes; Translational Evidence-Based Interventions* |
| 2016 - 2018 | Principal InvestigatorUniversity of ConnecticutProject: *Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Adherence & HIV Risk Reduction among Drug Users* |
| 2016 – 2018 | Research ConsultantConnecticut Department of Public HealthProject: *Cooperative Re-Engagement Controlled Trial (Project CoRECT)* |
| 2016 – 2017 | Principal InvestigatorUniversity of ConnecticutProject: *Improving health care services during drug treatment*  |
| 2016 – 2017 | Principal InvestigatorUniversity of ConnecticutProject: *Adapting an Evidence-based Behavioral Intervention Targeting High-risk Drug Users in Treatment*  |
| 2015 – 2016 | Principal InvestigatorUniversity of Connecticut Health CenterProject: *Developing Evidence-based Intervention Targeting High-risk Migrant Workers* |
| 2012 – 2018 | Research AssistantUniversity of ConnecticutProject: *Secondary HIV Prevention and Adherence Among HIV-infected Drug Users* |
| 2012 – 2013 | Principal InvestigatorUniversity of Connecticut Health CenterProject: *Exploring HIV Risk Behaviors among Returnee Male Migrant Workers in Nepal* |
| 2012 | Research Intern (*CT-RI Public Health Training Center Program*)United Community & Family Services Health Center |
| 2011 – 2013 | Research AssistantUniversity of ConnecticutProject: *Testing a Community-Friendly Risk Reduction Intervention for Injection Drug Users* |

# PUBLICATIONS

**Book Chapter**

**Shrestha, R**., Karki, P., & Copenhaver, M. (2019). Addressing the Challenges of Neuro-cognitive Impairment (NCI) on Treatment Engagement. In ‘*The Wiley Handbook of Patient Engagement in Healthcare Treatment: Theory, Research and Clinical Practice*’. Wiley. (In press)

**Shrestha, R**., Benjamin, M., & Meyer, J. (2019). Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PREP) for People Who Inject Drugs (PWID). In ‘*The Opioid Epidemic and Infectious Diseases*. Elsevier. (In press)

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

**Shrestha, R.,** Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. (2019). HIV-Related Stigma, Motivation for Medication Adherence, Viral Suppression, and Adherence to Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) among HIV-Positive Drug Users*.* *JAIDS* *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes*, 80(2):166-173. doi: 10.1097/QAI.0000000000001891

Ranjit, Y.S., **Shrestha, R.**, Copenhaver, M., Altice, F.L. (2020). Online HIV Information Seeking and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Awareness among People Who Use Drugs. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 111: 16-22. doi: 10.1016/j.jsat.2019.12.010

**Shrestha, R.,** Lim, H.S., Altice, F. L., Copenhaver, M.M., Wickersham, J., Saifi, R., Halim, M.A., Naning, H., & Kamarulzaman, A. (2019). Use of Smartphone to Seek Sexual Health Information Online Among Malaysian Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM): Implications for mHealth Intervention to increase HIV testing and reduce HIV risks*.* *Journal of Community Health.* doi: 10.1007/s10900-019-00713-x

**Shrestha, R.,** Altice, F., Sibilio, B., Ssenyonjo, J., & Copenhaver, M. (2019). Rationale and design of an integrated bio-behavioral approach to improve adherence to pre-exposure prophylaxis and HIV risk reduction among opioid-dependent people who use drugs: The CHRP-BB study*. Contemporary Clinical* Trials, 82: 77-84. doi:10.1016/j.cct.2019.06.012

**Shrestha, R.** & Copenhaver, M. (2018). Viral Suppression among HIV-Infected Methadone-Maintained Patients: The Role of Ongoing Injection Drug Use and Adherence to Antiretroviral Therapy (ART)*.* *Addictive Behaviors*, 85:88-93. doi:10.1016/j.addbeh.2018.05.031

**Shrestha, R.,** Altice, F., Karki, P., & Copenhaver, M. M. (2018). Integrated bio-behavioral approach to improve adherence to pre-exposure prophylaxis and reduce HIV risk in people who use drugs: A pilot feasibility study. *AIDS & Behavior*, 22(8):2640-2649. doi: 10.1007/s10461-018-2099-0

**Shrestha, R.,** Altice, F., Sibilio, B., & Copenhaver, M. (2018). HIV Sero-Status Non-Disclosure among High-Risk Drug Users Living with HIV: The Roles of HIV-Related Stigma, Risk Behavior, and Social Support. *Journal of Community Health,* 44(1):112-120. doi: 10.1007/s10900-018-0560-7

**Shrestha, R.,** & Copenhaver, M. (2018). Exploring the Use of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV Prevention among High Risk Drug Users. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 6:195 doi: 10.3389/fpubh.2018.00195

**Shrestha, R.,** Karki, P., Altice, F., Dubov, O., Fraenkel, L., Huedo-Medina, T., & Copenhaver, M. M. (2017). Measuring acceptability and preferences for implementation of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) using conjoint analysis: An application to primary HIV prevention among high risk drug users. *AIDS & Behavior*, 22(4):1228-1238. doi: 10.1007/s10461-017-1851-1

**Shrestha, R**., Altice, F., Karki, P., & Copenhaver, M. (2017). Developing a Bio-Behavioral HIV Prevention Intervention for High Risk Drug Users in Treatment: Taking into Account the Impact of Neurocognitive Impairment*. Frontiers in Immunology*, 8:561. doi: 10.3389/fimmu.2017.00561

**Shrestha, R**., Karki, P., Huedo-Medina, T., Altice, F., Meyer, J., Madden, L., & Copenhaver, M. (2017). Correlates of willingness to use Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis and the likelihood of practicing safer drug- and sex-related risk behaviors among high-risk drug users in treatment*.* *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 173:107-116. doi: 10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2016.12.023

Bazazi, A.R., Wickersham, J., Wegman, M, Pillai, V., Culbert, G., **Shrestha, R.**, Al-Darraji, H., Copenhaver, M., Kamarulzaman, A., & Altice, F.L. (2017). Design and implementation of a factorial randomized controlled trial of methadone maintenance therapy and an evidence-based behavioral intervention for incarcerated people living with HIV and opioid dependence in Malaysia. *Contemporary Clinical Trials*, 59:1-12. doi: 10.1016/j.cct.2017.05.006

**Shrestha, R.**, Karki, P., & Copenhaver, M. M. (2017). Interest in Use of mHealth Technology in HIV Prevention and Associated Factors among High Risk Drug Users in Treatment. *AIDS Care,* 29(9):1144-1148. doi: 10.1080/09540121.2017.1325439

**Shrestha, R**., Weikum, D., Copenhaver, M., & Altice, F. (2017). A Self-report Measure to Detect Neurocognitive Impairment Among Incarcerated People Living with HIV in Malaysian Context: an Exploratory Factor Analysis*.* *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction,* 15(4):812-825. doi: 10.1007/s11469-017-9752-0

**Shrestha, R.,** Karki, P., Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. M. (2017). Intent to use pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), HIV risk behaviors, and self-report neurocognitive symptoms among high risk drug users: A mediation analysis. *Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care,* 28(4):612-621. doi: 10.1016/j.jana.2017.04.005

Weikum, D., **Shrestha, R.**, Ferro, E.G., Vagenas, P., Copenhaver, M., Spudich, S., Alpert, M.D., Cabello, R., Lama, J.R., Sanchez, J., & Altice, F. (2017). An Explanatory Factor Analysis of a Brief Self-Report Scale to Detect Neurocognitive Impairment Among HIV-infected Men Who Have Sex with Men and Transgender Women in Peru. *AIDS Care*, 29(10):1297-1301. doi: 10.1080/09540121.2017.1322681

**Shrestha, R**., Huedo-Medina, T., Krishnan, A., Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. (2016). Examining the Acceptability of mHealth Technology in HIV Prevention among High-risk Drug Users in Treatment*.* *AIDS and Behavior,* 21(11): 3100-3110. doi: 10.1007/s10461-016-1637-x

**Shrestha, R**., Copenhaver, M., Krishnan, A., Bazazi, A., & Altice, F. (2016). A Moderated Mediation Model of HIV-Related Stigma, Depression, and Social Support on Quality of Life among Incarcerated HIV-Positive Malaysian Men with Opioid Dependence. *AIDS and Behavior,* 21(4): 1059-1069. doi: 10.1007/s10461-017-1693-x

**Shrestha, R.,** Huedo-Medina, T. B., Altice, F., Karki, P., & Copenhaver, M. M. (2016). Willingness to Use Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP): An Empirical Test of the Information-Motivation-Behavioral Skills (IMB) Model among High-Risk Drug Users in Treatment. *AIDS and Behavior,* 21(5):1299-1308. doi: 10.1007/s10461-016-1650-0

**Shrestha, R**., Weikum, D., Copenhaver, M., & Altice, F. (2016). The Influence of Neurocognitive Impairment, Depression, and Alcohol Use Disorders on Quality of Life among Incarcerated, HIV-Positive Opioid Dependent Malaysian Men: A Moderated Mediation Analysis. *AIDS & Behavior,* 21(4):1070-1081. doi: 10.1007/s10461-016-1526-3.

**Shrestha, R**., Karki, P., Huedo-Medina, T., & Copenhaver, M. (2016). Treatment engagement moderates the effect of neurocognitive impairment on antiretroviral therapy adherence among HIV-infected drug users in treatment. *Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care,* 28(1):85-94. doi: dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jana.2016.09.007

Huedo-Medina, T. B., **Shrestha, R.,** & Copenhaver, M. M. (2016). Modeling a Theory-Based Approach to Examine the Influence of Neurocognitive Impairment on HIV Risk Reduction Behaviors among Drug Users in Treatment. *AIDS & Behavior*, 20(8):1646-57. doi: 10.1007/s10461-016-1394-x

Copenhaver, M., **Shrestha, R**., Wickersham, J. A., Weikum, D., & Altice, F. L. (2016). An Exploratory Factor Analysis of a Brief Self-Report Scale to Detect Neurocognitive Impairment Among Participants Enrolled in Methadone Maintenance Therapy. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 63:61-65. doi: 10.1016/j.jsat.2016.01.002

**Shrestha, R**., & Copenhaver, M. (2016). The Influence of Neurocognitive Impairment on HIV Risk Behaviors among High-Risk Drug Users: A Systematic Review. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 4:16. doi: 10.3389/fpubh.2016.00016

Karki, P., **Shrestha, R.,** Huedo-Medina, T., & Copenhaver, M. (2016). The impact of methadone maintenance treatment on HIV risk behaviors among high-risk injection drug users: A systematic review. *Evidence-based Medicine and Public Health*, 2(e1229):1-6. doi: 10.14800/emph.1229

**Shrestha, R**., Karki, P., & Copenhaver, M. (2016). Use of Commercial Sex Workers among Men in Nepal: Prevalence, STIs/HIV-related Risk Behaviors, and Gender Ideology. *Primary Prevention Insights*, 6:11-17. doi: http://dx.doi.org/10.4137/PPRI.S39664

**Shrestha, R**., & Copenhaver, M. (2016). Association between Intimate Partner Violence against Women and HIV Risk Behaviors: Findings from the Nepal Demographic Health Survey. *Violence Against Women.* 22(13):1621-1641. *doi: 10.1177/1077801216628690*

**Shrestha, R**., Karki, P., Pandey, S., & Copenhaver, M. (2016). Adapting an Evidence-Based HIV Prevention Intervention Targeting High-Risk Migrant Workers: The Process and Outcome of Formative Research. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 4:61. doi: 10.3389/fpubh.2016.00061

**Shrestha, R.,** Huedo-Medina, T. B., & Copenhaver, M. M. (2015). Sex-Related Differences in Self-Reported Neurocognitive Impairment among High-Risk Cocaine Users in Methadone Maintenance Treatment Program. *Substance Abuse: Research and Treatment*, 9:17-24. doi: 10.4137/SART.S23332

**Shrestha, R**., Krishnan, A., Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. (2015). A Non-Inferiority Trial of an Evidence-Based Secondary HIV Prevention Behavioral Intervention Compared to an Adapted, Abbreviated Version: Rationale and Intervention Description. *Contemporary Clinical Trials,* 44:95-102. doi: 10.1016/j.cct.2015.08.002

**Shrestha, R**., Karki, P., & Copenhaver, M. (2015). Early sexual debut: A Risk Factor for STIs/HIV Acquisition among a Nationally Representative Sample of Adults in Nepal. *Journal of Community Health*, 41(1):70-77. doi: 10.1007/s10900-015-0065-6

**Shrestha, R**., & Copenhaver, M. (2015). Long-Term Effects of Childhood Risk Factors on Cardiovascular Health during Adulthood. *Clinical Medicine Reviews in Vascular Health*, 7:1-5. 10.4137/CMRVH.S29964.

**Shrestha, R**., Karki, P., Suwal, A. & Copenhaver, M. (2015). Sex Trafficking Related Knowledge, Awareness, and Attitudes Among Adolescent Female Students in Nepal: A Cross-Sectional Study. *PLoS ONE,* 10(7): e0133508. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0133508

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**Shrestha, R**., & Karki, P. (2015). Using Policy, Systems, and Environmental (PSE) Changes to Promote Physical Activity. *BMJ*, 350: h3024.

**Shrestha, R**., & Karki, P. (2015). Tobacco Industry “Should Be Sued by UK Government” for Smokers’ Health Costs: Lessons from the United States. *BMJ*, 350: h3159.

**Shrestha, R**., & Karki, P. (2015). Mitigating the Impact of Gun Violence on Children: Have We Covered All Dimensions? *BMJ*, 350: h3159.

Baldwin, P., **Shrestha, R**., Potrepka, J., & Copenhaver, M. (2013). The Age of Initiation of Drug Use and Sexual Behavior May Influence Subsequent HIV Risk Behavior: A Systematic Review. *ISRN AIDS*, 2013:976035. doi: 10.1155/2013/976035

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**Shrestha, R**. (2012). Arsenic Contamination of Groundwater in Nepal: Good Public Health Intention Gone Bad. *Inquiries Journal/Student Pulse*, 4(09).

**Manuscripts (Under Review & In Preparation)**

**Shrestha, R.,** Altice, F., DiDomizio, L., Ranjit, Y., Sibilio, B., & Copenhaver, M. (2019, Under Review). Evidence for Feasibility, Use, and Acceptability of mHealth-Based Strategy to Improve Adherence to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) among Drug Users*.* *Patient Preference and Adherence.*

**Shrestha, R.,** Galka, J.M., Azwa, I., Lim, H., Guadamuz, T. E., Altice, F., & Wickersham, J. (2019, Under Review). Willingness to Use HIV Self-Testing and Associated Factors among Transgender Women in Malaysia*. Transgender Health.*

**Shrestha, R.,** Alias, H., Wong, L. P., Altice, F., & Lim, H. (2019, Under Review). Using Individual Stated-Preferences to Optimize HIV Self-Testing Distribution Program among Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) in Malaysia: Results from Conjoint Analysis*. Sexually Transmitted Diseases.*

Ranjit, Y.S., Snyder, L.B., **Shrestha, R.**, & Altice, F.L. (2019, Under Review). HIV/AIDS Related Misconception, Media Exposure, and Stigma: A Study of Women in Nepal*.* *Health Communication*.

Teti, M., Robinson, E., Landes, D.S., **Shrestha, R.** & Pichon, L.C. (2019, Under Review). “Who? What? Is that a test?” African Americans in non-metropolitan Midwestern U.S. identify knowledge gaps and opportunities for PrEP for HIV prevention*. Journal of Rural Health.*

Ssenyonjo, J., Xiaomeng, L., **Shrestha, R.,** & Copenhaver, M. (2019, Under Review). Examining the validity of a self-reported ART adherence using a visual analog scale (VAS) among HIV-infected opioid-dependent individuals*.* *AIDS Patient Care and STDs*.

**Shrestha, R.,** Huedo-Medina, T.,Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. (2019, In Preparation). A randomized controlled trial of the Holistic Health for HIV (3H+) intervention among high-risk HIV-infected opioid-dependent drug users*.*

**Shrestha, R.,** DiDomizio, L., Wickersham, J., Altice, F., Kim, R., & Copenhaver, M. (2019, In preparation). Awareness about and willingness to use long-acting injectable pre-exposure prophylaxis (LAIP) in people who inject drugs.

Ni, Z., **Shrestha, R.,** &Altice, F. (2019, In preparation). Evaluating Physicians’ Intention to Discriminate Against Men Who Have Sex with Men in Malaysia.

Lim, H.S., Akbar, M., McStea, **Shrestha, R.,** M., Lim, J., Wickersham, J.A., Kamarulzaman, A., & Altice, F.L. (2019, In Preparation). A Daily Survey of Methamphetamine Use and Sexual Behaviors Among MSM in Malaysia Using a Mobile Phone Application*.*

Lim, H.S., Alias, H., Wong, L. P., & **Shrestha, R**. (2019, In Preparation). A Study of Willingness to Use HIV Self-Testing (HIVST) among Men Who Have Sex with Men and Transgender Women in Malaysia*.*

Deng, Y., **Shrestha, R.,** Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. (2019, In Preparation). Estimation of cost-effectiveness of secondary HIV prevention intervention (Holistic Health for HIV) for HIV-infected opioid-dependent drug users in the United States*.*

Ahamd, A., **Shrestha, R.**, Wickersham, J., Altice, F. (2019, In Preparation). Impact of Methadone Dose on Post-Release Linkage to Treatment among Incarcerated HIV-Infected Individuals Transitioning to the Community in Malaysia*.*

Copenhaver, M., **Shrestha, R.,** Jenkins, H., Villanueva, M., & Altice, F.L. (2019, In Preparation). Project CONNECT: A Randomized Controlled Trial to Promote Continuity of HIV Care among Out of Care People Living with HIV*.*

Bachireddy, C., Azbel, L., **Shrestha, R.**, Kurmanalieva, A., Shumskaia, N., Rozanova, J., Wegman, M., Meyer, J.M., & Altice, F.L. (2019, In preparation). Methadone Maintenance Therapy Uptake, Retention, and Linkage for People who Inject Drugs Transitioning From Prison to the Community in Kyrgyzstan: Evaluation of a National Program*.*

# CONFERENCE PAPERS

**Oral Presentations**

**Shrestha, R.**, Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. (2019). Preliminary Evidence for Feasibility and Acceptability of an mHealth-Based Strategy to Improve Adherence to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) among Drug Users. *Accepted for oral presentation at the 2019 National HIV Prevention Conference (NHPC)*. Georgia, USA.

**Shrestha, R**., Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. (2019). HIV-Related Stigma, Motivation to Adhere to Medication, and ART Adherence among HIV-Positive Methadone-Maintained Patient. *Accepted for oral presentation at the 40th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine*. Washington, DC, USA.

**Shrestha, R**. & Copenhaver, M. (2018). Exploring the Use of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV Prevention among High Risk Drug Users in Treatment. *Roundtable presentation at the 146th American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference*. San Diego, California.

**Shrestha, R**., Altice, F., Karki, P., & Copenhaver, M. (2018). Integrated biobehavioral approach to improve adherence to pre-exposure prophylaxis and reduce HIV risk in people who use drugs. *Oral presentation at the 39th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine*. New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Shrestha, R**., & Copenhaver, M. (2018). Experiences Using Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis for HIV Prevention among High Risk Drug Users. *Oral presentation at the 39th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine*. New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Shrestha, R**., Altice, F., Huedo-Medina, T., Karki, P., & Copenhaver, M. (2017). Willingness to Use Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP): An Empirical Test of the Information-Motivation-Behavioral Skills (IMB) Model among High-Risk Drug Users in Treatment. *Oral presentation at the 145th American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference*. Atlanta, Georgia.

**Shrestha, R**., Altice, F., Karki, P., & Copenhaver, M. (2017). Developing an Integrated, Brief Bio-Behavioral HIV Prevention Intervention for High Risk Drug Users in Treatment: Taking into Account the Impact of Neurocognitive Impairment. *Oral presentation at the 145th American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference*. Atlanta, Georgia.

**Shrestha, R**., Karki, P., Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. (2017). Correlates of willingness to use Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) among high-risk drug users in treatment. *Oral presentation at the* *38th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine*. San Diego, California.

**Shrestha, R**., Karki, P., Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. (2017). Feasibility, Acceptability, and Preliminary Efficacy of an Integrated Bio-Behavioral Approach for Adherence to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and HIV Risk Reduction among High Risk Drug Users. *Oral presentation at the* *University of Connecticut* *Graduate Student Research Forum*. Storrs, Connecticut.

**Shrestha, R**., Karki, P., Copenhaver, M.,& Altice, F. (2016). Moderating Role of Treatment Engagement on the Relationship between Neurocognitive Impairment and Antiretroviral Treatment (ART) Adherence. *Oral presentation at the* 2016 *Connecticut Public Health Association Annual Conference*. New Haven, Connecticut.

**Shrestha, R.**,Huedo-Medina, T., Karki, P., & Copenhaver, M. (2016). Modeling a Theory-Based Approach to Examine the Influence of Neurocognitive Impairment on HIV Risk Reduction Behaviors among Drug Users. *Oral presentation at the 144th American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference*. Denver, Colorado.

**Shrestha, R.**,Weikum, D., Copenhaver, M.,& Altice, F. (2016). Influence of Neurocognitive Impairment, Depression, and Alcohol Use Disorders on Quality of Life among Incarcerated, HIV-Positive Opioid Dependent Malaysian Men: A Moderated Mediation Analysis. *Oral presentation at the 144th American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference*. Denver, Colorado.

**Shrestha, R.**,Copenhaver, M.,& Altice, F. (2016). A moderated mediating model of stigma, depression, and social support on quality of life among incarcerated, HIV-positive men with opioid dependence in Malaysia. *Oral presentation at the 144th American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference*. Denver, Colorado.

Karki, P., **Shrestha, R.**,& Copenhaver, M. (2016). The Use of Female Sex Workers among Men in Nepal: Prevalence, STIs/HIV-Related Risk Behaviors, and Gender Ideology. *Oral presentation at the 144th American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference*. Denver, Colorado.

Ahmed, T., **Shrestha, R.**,Huedo-Medina, T., & Copenhaver, M. (2016). Self-efficacy mediates the effect of neurocognitive impairment on HIV risk reduction intervention outcomes among high-risk drug users in treatment. *Oral presentation at the 144th American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference*. Denver, Colorado.

**Shrestha, R.**, & Copenhaver, M. (2015). Association between Intimate Partner Violence and STI/HIV-Related Risk Behaviors: Findings from the Nepal Demographic Health Survey. *Oral presentation at the 143rd American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference*. Chicago, IL.

**Shrestha, R.**, Karki, P., & Copenhaver, M. (2015). Early Sexual Debut: A Risk Factor for STIs/HIV Acquisition among a Nationally Representative Sample of Adults in Nepal. *Oral presentation at the 3rd International Conference on HIV/AIDS, STDs & STIs.* Atlanta, GA.

**Shrestha, R.**, & Copenhaver, M. (2014). Association between Intimate Partner Violence against Women and HIV Risk Behaviors: Findings from the Nepal Demographic Health Survey. *Oral presentation at the 2014 CHOP Global Health Conference*. Philadelphia, PA.

**Shrestha, R**., & Copenhaver, M. (2013). HIV-Related Risk Behaviors among Returnee Male Migrant Workers in Nepal. *Oral presentation at the 141st American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference*. Boston, MA.

**Poster Presentations**

**Shrestha, R.**, Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. (2019). HIV Testing Practices and Reasons for Never-Testing among Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) in Malaysia. *Poster presentation at the 10th IAS Conference on HIV Science (IAS 2019)*. Mexico City, Mexico.

**Shrestha, R**., Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. (2019). Preferences for long-acting injectable (LAI) versus daily oral pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) among high-risk drug users. *Poster presentation at the 147th American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**Shrestha, R**., Ahmad, A., & Altice, F. (2019). Impact of Methadone Dose on Post-Release Linkage to Treatment among Incarcerated HIV-Infected Individuals Transitioning to the Community in Malaysia. *Poster presentation at the 147th American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Ranjit, Y., **Shrestha, R**., Copenhaver, M., & Altice, F. (2019). Online Information Seeking and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis awareness among Drug Users Without HIV. *Poster presentation at the National Communication Association (NCA) 105th Annual Convention*. Baltimore, Maryland.

Teti, M., Robinson, E., Landes, D., Pichon, L., & **Shrestha, R**. (2019). “Who? What? Is that a test?” African Americans in non-metropolitan Midwestern U.S. identify knowledge gaps and opportunities for PrEP for HIV prevention. *Poster presentation at the 147th American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**Shrestha, R.**, Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. (2019). Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) Adherence among HIV-Infected Opioid-Dependent Patients: The Role of HIV-Related Stigma and Motivation to Adhere to ART. *Poster presentation at the 2019 National HIV Prevention Conference (NHPC)*. Georgia, USA.

**Shrestha, R**., Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. (2019). Use of Smartphone to Find Sexual Health Information Online Among Malaysian MSM: Implications for mHealth Intervention. *Accepted for poster presentation at the 40th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine*. Washington, DC, USA.

**Shrestha, R**., Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. (2019). Feasibility and Acceptability of an mHealth-Based Strategy to Improve Adherence to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis among Drug Users. *Accepted for poster presentation at the 40th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine*. Washington, DC, USA.

**Shrestha, R.,** Ni, Z., Copenhaver, M., Altice, F., & Lim, S. (2019). HIV testing practices and reasons for never-testing among men who have sex with men (MSM) in Malaysia. *Poster presentation at the Annual Conference of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD)*. San Antonio, TX.

**Shrestha, R.,** Altice, F., Ssenyonjo, J., Sibilio, B., & Copenhaver, M. (2019). Testing an integrated bio-behavioral approach to improve adherence to pre-exposure prophylaxis and HIV risk reduction among methadone-maintained patients: The CHRP-BB study. *Poster presentation at the Annual Conference of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD)*. San Antonio, TX.

**Shrestha, R.,** Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. (2019). Opioid-Dependent Women in Violent Relationship Are More Likely to Show Sub-Optimal Adherence to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP): Implications for Primary HIV Prevention. *Poster presentation at the 11th International Women’s and Children’s Health and Gender (InWomen’s) Group Conference*. San Antonio, TX.

Ssenyonjo, J., **Shrestha, R**., & Copenhaver, M. (2019). Stigma May Influence Willingness and Uptake of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) in High-risk Populations. *Accepted for poster presentation at the 40th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine*. Washington, DC, USA.

**Shrestha, R.**, Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. (2018). HIV-Related Stigma, Motivation to Adhere to Antiretroviral Therapy, and Medication Adherence among HIV-Positive Methadone-Maintained Patients. *Poster presentation at the 9th International Conference on Stigma*. Washington, DC, USA.

**Shrestha, R.**, Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. (2018). HIV-related stigma, motivation to adhere to ART, and ART adherence among HIV-infected methadone-maintained patients. *Poster presentation at the HIV Drug Therapy Glasgow 2018*. Glasgow, UK.

**Shrestha, R.** & Copenhaver, M. (2018). Viral Suppression among HIV+ Methadone-Maintained Patients: The Role of Ongoing Injection Drug Use and Adherence to Antiretroviral Therapy. *Poster presentation at the 20th Annual International Meeting of the Institute of Human Virology*. Baltimore, MD.

**Shrestha, R.** & Copenhaver, M. (2018). HIV Risk, and Awareness and Willingness to Use Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV Prevention among High-Risk Female Drug Users. *Poster presentation at the Ending Gender Inequalities: Evidence to Impact Conference*. Johannesburg, South Africa.

**Shrestha, R.** & Copenhaver, M. (2018). Exploring the Use of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV Prevention among High-Risk Female Drug Users in Treatment. *Poster presentation at the Ending Gender Inequalities: Evidence to Impact Conference*. Johannesburg, South Africa.

**Shrestha, R.**, Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. (2018). Serostatus Non-Disclosure to Sexual Partners among High-Risk Drug Users Living with HIV: Examining the Roles of HIV-Related Stigma and Risk Behavior. *Poster presentation at the 22nd International AIDS Conference*. Amsterdam, Netherlands.

**Shrestha, R.** & Copenhaver, M. (2018). Exploring the Use of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV Prevention among High Risk Drug Users in Treatment. *Poster presentation at the 22nd International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2018)*. Amsterdam, Netherlands.

**Shrestha, R.** & Copenhaver, M. (2018). Perceived HIV Risk Mediates the Relationship Between HIV Risk Behavior & Willingness to Use Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis among Drug Users. *Poster presentation at the Annual Conference of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD)*. San Diego, CA.

Ssenyonjo, J., **Shrestha, R**., & Copenhaver, M. (2018). Stigma May Influence Willingness and Uptake of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Among High-risk Populations *Poster presentation at the* *University of Connecticut* *Graduate Student Research Forum*. Storrs, Connecticut.

**Shrestha, R**., Karki, P., Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. (2017). Using conjoint analysis to measure the acceptability of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) use for HIV prevention among high-risk drug users in treatment. *Poster presentation at the* *9th IAS Conference on HIV Science*. Paris, France.

**Shrestha, R**., Altice, F., Huedo-Medina, T., Karki, P., & Copenhaver, M. (2017). Willingness to Use Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP): An Empirical Test of the Information-Motivation-Behavioral Skills (IMB) Model among High Risk Drug Users in Treatment. *Poster presentation at the* *9th IAS Conference on HIV Science*. Paris, France.

**Shrestha, R**., Altice, F., Karki, P., Huedo-Medina, T., & Copenhaver, M. (2017). Feasibility, acceptability, and preliminary efficacy of the Bio-Behavioral Community-friendly Health Recovery Program (CHRP-BB): A combination approach for primary HIV prevention among high risk drug users. *Poster presentation at the* *9th IAS Conference on HIV Science*. Paris, France.

**Shrestha, R**., Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. (2017). Examining the Acceptability of mHealth Technology in HIV Prevention among High-risk Drug Users in Treatment. *Poster presentation at the* *38th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine*. San Diego, California.

**Shrestha, R**., Karki, P., Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. (2017). Developing a Bio-Behavioral HIV Intervention for High-Risk Drug Users: Taking into Account Impact of Neurocognitive Impairment. *Poster presentation at the* *38th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine*. San Diego, California.

Karki, P., **Shrestha, R**., Altice, F., Huedo-Medina, T., & Copenhaver, M. (2017). Correlates of willingness to use Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) among high-risk drug users in treatment. *Poster presentation at the* *University of Connecticut* *Graduate Student Research Forum*. Storrs, Connecticut.

**Shrestha, R**., Karki, P., Copenhaver, M.,& Altice, F. (2016). The Moderating Role of Treatment Engagement on the Relationship between Neurocognitive Impairment and Antiretroviral Treatment (ART) Adherence. *Poster presentation at the* *HIV Drug Therapy Glasgow*. Glasgow, UK.

**Shrestha, R.**,Karki, P., Huedo-Medina, T., & Copenhaver, M. (2016). The Moderating Role of Treatment Engagement on the Relationship between Neurocognitive Impairment and Antiretroviral Treatment (ART) Adherence. *Poster presentation at the* *18thInternational Workshop on Adverse Drug Reactions and Co-Morbidities in HIV*. New York, NY.

**Shrestha, R.**,Huedo-Medina, T., Karki, P., & Copenhaver, M. (2016). Modeling a Theory-Based Approach to Examine the Influence of Neurocognitive Impairment on HIV Risk Reduction Behaviors among Drug Users. *Poster presentation at the annual conference of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD)*. Palm Springs, California.

**Shrestha, R.**,Karki, P**.,** & Copenhaver, M. (2016). An Exploratory Factor Analysis of a Brief Self-Report Scale to Detect Neurocognitive Impairment Among Participants Enrolled in Methadone Maintenance Therapy. *Poster presentation at the annual conference of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD)*. Palm Springs, California.

**Shrestha, R.**, & Copenhaver, M. (2016). Association between Intimate Partner Violence and STI/HIV-Related Risk Behaviors: Findings from the Nepal Demographic Health Survey. *Poster presentation at the Ending Gender Inequalities: Addressing the Nexus of HIV, Drug Use, and Violence with Evidence-based Action conference.* Capel Hill, NC.

**Shrestha, R.**, Huedo-Medina, T., & Copenhaver, M. (2015). Sex-Related Differences in Self-Reported Neurocognitive Impairment among High-Risk Cocaine Users in Methadone Maintenance Treatment Program. *Poster presentation at the 143rd American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference*. Chicago, IL.

**Shrestha, R.**,& Copenhaver, M. (2015). Gender Differences in Associations between Neurocognitive Impairment and Cocaine Use among High-Risk Cocaine-Dependent Methadone-Maintained Patients. *Poster presentation at the annual conference of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD)*. Phoenix, Arizona.

**Shrestha, R.,** & Copenhaver, M. (2014). Early Sexual Debut: A Risk Factor for STIs/HIV Acquisition among a Nationally Representative Sample of Adults in Nepal. *Poster presentation at the 2015 Connecticut Public Health Association (CPHA) Annual Conference*. Waterbury, CT.

**Shrestha, R.**,& Copenhaver, M. (2014). Developing an Evidence-Based Intervention Targeting High-Risk Migrant Workers. *Poster presentation at the annual conference of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD)*. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**Shrestha, R.,** & Copenhaver, M. (2014). Gender-Related Differences in Neurocognitive Impairment among High-Risk Cocaine Users in Methadone Maintenance Program. *Poster presentation at the 2014 Connecticut Public Health Association (CPHA) Annual Conference.* Waterbury, CT.

**Shrestha, R**., & Copenhaver, M. (2013). HIV Risk Behaviors among Returnee Male Migrant Workers in Nepal. *Poster presentation at the annual conference of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD)*. San Diego, CA.

Copenhaver, M., Altice, F., & **Shrestha, R.** (2013). Using a Non-Inferiority Trial Approach to Test the Holistic Health for HIV (3H+) Intervention among HIV+ Drug Users. *Poster presentation at the annual conference of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD)*. San Diego, CA.

**Shrestha, R**., Huedo-Medina, T., & Copenhaver, M. (2013). HIV-Related Risk Behaviors among Migrant and Non-Migrant Workers in Nepal. *Poster presentation delivered at the Health, Workplace, and Environment: Cultivating Connections Conference*. Storrs, Connecticut.

**Shrestha, R.**, & Copenhaver, M. (2013). Understanding HIV-Risk Behaviors among Returnee Male Migrant Workers in Nepal. *Poster presentation at the 2013 Connecticut Public Health Association (CPHA) Annual Conference*. Waterbury, CT.

**Shrestha, R**., & Joshi, J. (2011). Characterizing Staurosporine Induced Cell Death in Various Cell Lines. *Poster presentation at the North East Alliance (NEA) Summer Research Program*. Storrs, Connecticut.

**Shrestha, R**., & Joshi, J. (2010). Mechanistic Differences of Silica and Staurosporine Induced Death in MH-S Alveolar Macrophages and HeLa Cells. *Poster presentation at the North East Alliance (NEA) Summer Research Program*. Storrs, Connecticut.

**Invited Presentations & Talks**

**Shrestha, R.** (2019). mHealth-Based Approach: A Potential Platform to Enhance PrEP Care Continuum among Malaysian MSM. Yale Clinical and Community Research Seminar Series. Yale University.

**Shrestha, R.** (2019). Guest speaker (for Dr. Copenhaver, AHS). Mobile Technologies for HIV Prevention: Using mHealth to Enhance PrEP Care Continuum among MSM in Malaysia. University of Connecticut.

**Shrestha, R**. (2018). Developing and Testing a Brief, Integrated Bio-Behavioral HIV Prevention Intervention for High Risk Drug Users. CIRA Clinical and Health Services Research Core Meeting. Yale University.

**Shrestha, R.** (2018). Exploring the use of pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention among high risk drug users in treatment. Yale Clinical and Community Research Seminar Series. Yale University.

**Shrestha, R.** (2018). Guest speaker (for Dr. Copenhaver, AHS). Integrated bio-behavioral approach to improve adherence to pre-exposure prophylaxis and reduce HIV risk in people who use drugs. University of Connecticut.

**Shrestha, R.** (2017). Guest speaker (for Dr. Copenhaver, AHS). Developing & Testing a Bio-Behavioral HIV Prevention Intervention for High-Risk Drug Users. University of Connecticut

**Shrestha, R.** (2016). Influence of Neurocognitive Impairment, Depression, & Alcohol Use Disorders on Quality of Life among Incarcerated, HIV+ Opioid Dependent Malaysian Men: A Moderated Mediation Analysis. Yale Clinical and Community Research Seminar Series. Yale University.

**Shrestha, R.** (2016). Guest speaker (for Dr. Copenhaver, AHS). HIV-Risk Reduction Intervention and Neurocognitive Impairment. University of Connecticut.

**Shrestha, R.** (2015). Guest speaker (for Dr. Copenhaver, AHS). The Influence of Neurocognitive Impairment on HIV Risk Reduction Intervention Outcomes. University of Connecticut.

**Shrestha, R**., & Clark, I. (2012). National Committee for Quality Assurance Patient-Centered Medical Home Accreditation of United Communities and Family Services Edward and Mary Lord Family Health Center. Community Health Center Association of Connecticut Meeting. Connecticut.

# HONORS & AWARDS

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| 2019 | **Fellow, Fordham HIV and Drug Prevention Research Ethics Training Institute**Funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) |
| 2019 | **Fellow, Training on Optimization of Behavioral & Biobehavioral Interventions**Funded by the Office of Behavioral & Social Science Research (OBSSR)/NIDA |
| 2019 | **InWomen’s Conference Travel Award**11th International Women’s and Children’s Health and Gender (InWomen’s) Group |
| 2018 | **FLAGS (Fund for Lesbian and Gay Studies) Award**Yale LGBT Studies |
| 2018 | **International Conference on Stigma Scholarship**Howard University |
| 2018 | **Ending Gender Inequalities Conference Travel Award**RTI International |
| 2018  | **Alumni Inductee**Delta Omega National Public Health Honor Society |
| 2018  | **Outstanding Dissertation Award**Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM) |
| 2018  | **Optimization of Behavioral & Biobehavioral Interventions Research Award**Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM) |
| 2017 | **Top Reviewer in Medicine – 2017**Publons Peer Review Awards 2017 |
| 2016 | **COMPACT for Faculty Diversity Travel Award**Graduate School (University of Connecticut) |
| 2016 | **Travel Award for Early Career Investigators**College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) |
| 2016 | **Ending Gender Inequalities Conference Travel Award**RTI International |
| 2015 | **NIDA Women and Sex/Gender Differences Junior Investigator Travel Award**National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) |
| 2015 | **Doctoral Student Travel Award**Graduate School (University of Connecticut) |
| 2012 | **Public Health Training Center (PHTC) Award**University of Connecticut Health Center |
| 2011 – 2012 | **Predoctoral Fellowship**University of Connecticut |
| 2007 – 2011 | **Presidential Scholarship**Wiley College |
| 2011 | **Allen Mercer Mayes & Laverne Hadnott Mayes Endowed Scholarship**University of Rhode Island |
| 2011 | **APHA Conference Travel Award**Graduate School (University of Connecticut) |
| 2010 | **Destination Public Health Travel Award**Rollins School of Public Health (Emory University) |
| 2010 | **Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges**USA |
| 2007 | **International Student Award**Wiley College |
| 2004 – 2005 | **Mahatma Gandhi Scholarship**Indian Embassy, Nepal |
| 2004 | **Presidential Scholarship**Ambition Academy, Nepal |

# PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

**Grant Review Panel Member**

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| 2017  | **National Science Centre**Poland |
| 2014/2015 | **Graduate Student Seed Grant**Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, & Policy, UConn |

**Journal Editorial Board Member**

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| 2018 –  | AIDS & Behavior |
| 2017 –  | BMC Public Health |
| 2017 –  | BMC Women’s Health |

**Journal Reviewer**

* Journal of the International AIDS Society
* American Journal of Public Health
* Drug and Alcohol Dependence
* Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes
* Addictive Behaviors
* AIDS & Behavior
* BMJ Open
* AIDS Care
* Clinical Epidemiology
* Medicine
* Contemporary Clinical Trials
* Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment
* International Journal of STD & AIDS
* BMC Public Health
* Journal of the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care
* Frontiers in Public Health
* Health and Quality of Life Outcomes
* Journal of Medical Internet Research
* LGBT Health
* International Social Work
* Patient Preference and Adherence
* Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health
* Substance Abuse: Research & Treatment
* PLoS ONE
* JMIR mHealth and uHealth
* BMC Women's Health
* Journal of HIV/AIDS & Social Services
* Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation
* HIV/AIDS - Research and Palliative Care
* Tobacco Use Insights
* American Public Health Association Conference (*Abstract Reviewer*)

**Additional Services**

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| 2019 | **2019 Multiple Health Behavior Change SIG Student Award Search Committee**Society for Behavioral Medicine (SBM) |
| 2018 | **Outstanding Trainee Abstract in Health Decision Making Search Committee**Society for Behavioral Medicine (SBM) |
| 2018 | **AIDS 2018 Abstract Mentor**22nd International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2018) |
| 2017 – | **Co-Liaison,** Violence & Trauma Special Interest GroupSociety of Behavioral Medicine (SBM) |
| 2017 | **Oral Session Moderator**American Public Health Association Annual Conference 2017* *HIV and Substance Use*
* *HIV Prevention in Injection Drug Users*
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| 2011 –  | **Founder & Co-Director** Nepal Public Health Network |
| 2011 – 2012 | **Website Committee Chair,** Student AssemblyAmerican Public Health Association (APHA) |

# PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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| ***Member***, Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM) |
| ***Member***, International AIDS Society |
| ***Research******Affiliate***, Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA), *Yale University* |
| ***Member***, International Society of Infectious Disease |
| ***Member***, American Public Health Association (APHA) |
| ***Member***, Connecticut Public Health Association |
| ***Research Affiliate***, Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention & Policy, *UConn* |
| ***Member***, Nepal Red Cross Society, *Nepal* |
| ***Member***, Public Health Student Organization (PHSO), *UConn Health Center* |

# ADDITIONAL SKILLS

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| **Scientific Applications** |
| Quantitative Data Analysis Software* *SPSS, Mplus, SAS, R, AMOS*
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| Qualitative Data Analysis Software* *Atlas.ti*
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| Questionnaire Development System* *Question Design Studio (QDS), Audio Computer Assisted Self Interview (ACASI), Qualtrics*
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| Reference Management Software* Endnote, RefWorks
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| **Multimedia Packages**Dreamweaver, Photoshop, iWeb, Flash |

# PRESS COVERAGE

# Contagion*Live* (July 12th, 2019): [Trial Pairs PrEP With Behavioral Intervention to Prevent HIV in Drug Users.](https://www.contagionlive.com/news/trial-pairs-prep-with-behavioral-intervention-to-prevent-hiv-in-drug-users)

# Infectious Disease Advisor (July 9th, 2018): [Reduced HIV Viral Suppression Among Methadone-Maintained Patients](https://www.infectiousdiseaseadvisor.com/hivaids-advisor/methadone-maintained-patients-may-have-hiv-treatment-challenges/article/778836/).