

**Advances in Culture and Diversity in
Prevention Science Award**



Brian Mustanski, PhD

*The **Advances in Culture and Diversity in Prevention Science Award** is given for contributions to the prevention science in the area of community and culture.*

This year, we are pleased to present the **Advances in Culture and Diversity in Prevention Science Award** to **Dr. Brian Mustanski** who is an Associate Professor of Medical Social Sciences, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Psychology at Northwestern University; Director of the Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing and the IMPACT Program; and Co-Director of the Third Coast Center for AIDS Research.

A central focus of Dr. Mustanski's research is on the relationships between mental, behavioral, and physical health, particularly as they relate to HIV/AIDS in vulnerable populations. Dr. Mustanski's research contributions were recognized by the Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues (Division 44 of the American Psychological Association), who awarded him their Award for Distinguished Scientific Contributions. He was named a William T. Grant Scholar to study how the internet can be used to advance the sexual health of LGBT youth.

Specific to HIV prevention, Dr. Mustanski created Keep it Up, an online HIV prevention program for young men who have sex with men who recently tested HIV negative and Queer Sex Ed, an online sexual health education program for LGBT youth funded by the WT Grant Foundation. Through a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration, Dr. Mustanski is training a cadre of young researchers in the nation's first LGBT Health Psychology

internship program, the focus of which is on LGBT health research and clinical/public health services.

Partnerships with the LGBT community have been a hallmark of Dr. Mustanski's career. He has established longstanding partnerships with many LGBT serving organizations in Chicago, including the Center on Halsted and the Puerto Rican Cultural Center. With his community partners, he co-organizes an annual Chicago LGBT Health and Wellness Conference that brings together Midwestern scholars and service providers to advance LGBT health.

Through his research, his development of preventative interventions, his community involvement with the young LGBT community and his training of the next generation of HIV prevention researchers and practitioners, Dr. Mustanski has made significant contributions that "enhance our understanding of and the development of, and adaptation of effective prevention strategies for traditionally underserved populations."