



Society for Prevention Research, Diversity Network Committee
DNC Speaker Series
Advances in Prevention Science, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Celebrating Women's History Month
Black Women Who Lead: Honoring Black Women
Prevention Scientists

Monday, March 21, 2022, at 1 PM – 2 pm EDT/ 10 AM – 11 AM PDT

Join us over Zoom. Register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApcuisrzMpG9U6o6ZfCjejoE4JnHyaj78n>

Speakers: Drs. Rhonda C. Boyd, Nadine Finigan-Carr, Paula Smith



Rhonda C. Boyd, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor in the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine. Additionally, she is a researcher at CHOP PolicyLab. She is the Associate Director of the CHOP's Child and Adolescent Mood Program in the outpatient clinic where she practices as a licensed psychologist specializing in evaluation and treatment of youth with depression and suicide risk. She has served as a Principal Investigator and Co-Investigator on multiple federal grants including those from the National Institutes of Health and the Maternal and Child Health Bureau. She has clinical and research expertise in maternal depression, Black youth and families, prevention interventions, adolescent

depression, and youth suicide risk. In addition to her research and clinical roles, Dr. Boyd has served as co-chair of the Society for Prevention Research's Task force on Reducing Disparities and Health Equity

Nadine M Finigan-Carr, Ph.D., is a prevention research scientist focused on the application of behavioral and social science perspectives to research on contemporary health problems, especially those that disproportionately affect people of color. She is an internationally recognized expert on minor human trafficking and sexual exploitation. As Director of the Prevention of Adolescent Risks Initiative (PARI) at the University of Maryland: School of Social Work, she serves as PI of projects at both state and federal levels designed to intervene with system-involved youth. Dr. Finigan-Carr is the author of *Linking Health and Education for African American Students' Success* (Routledge Press). Dr. Finigan-Carr currently serves as the Chair of the DNC. In 2021, she was awarded SPR's Early Career Prevention Network's John B. Reid Early Career Award for her research and scholarship contributions to the field.



Paula Smith, Ph.D., is a developmental psychologist with expertise in school-based prevention in middle and high schools. Her primary research interests lie at the intersection of schools and juvenile justice systems - the school-to-prison pipeline, juvenile justice, restorative justice, and access to mental health resources. She is the primary evaluator of a 5-year suicide prevention intervention in 3 Utah school districts. Her latest funded research project is a collaboration with several prevention researchers across the country and the National Prevention Science Coalition to plan and implement a demonstration project to develop the infrastructure for prevention in the state of Utah. She is also the Principal Investigator of a research initiative to improve the quality of doctoral socialization for Black graduate students; addressing the ways in which anti-Black racism permeates academia. She is a Board Member for the Society of Prevention Research, the National Prevention Science Coalition, and the Chair of the Utah Prevention

Research Group. She advocates for socially just and equitable policies and practices in PK-12 schools and other youth-serving agencies.

Drs. Boyd, Finigan-Carr, and Smith will share reflections of their roles as leaders in promoting and advocating for health equity and social justice for Black youth in their research and practice. They will provide their experiences and perspectives on successfully navigating academia and the field of prevention science as Black women. Drs. Boyd, Finigan-Carr, and Smith will also discuss their roles as leaders of the Society for Prevention Research and their efforts to promote justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion in prevention science.

The aims of the DNC Speaker Series are to highlight research on prevention science and public health that is led by researchers from underrepresented groups and primarily conduct research with groups that are understudied (e.g., racial/ethnic minorities, individuals who identify as a sexual minority, individuals with disabilities). The presentation series will also aim to create a forum for the guest speaker(s) to share career/professional reflections as a researcher from an underrepresented group(s) and to promote discussions of equity, diversity, and inclusion in professions related to prevention science.