## NIH Sexual & Gender Minority Research Investigator Awards Program

September 17, 2019 ★ 9:30AM-11:30AM ★ Wilson Hall, Building 1

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Sexual & Gender Minority (SGM) Research Investigator Awards Program was developed to recognize early-stage and distinguished investigators who have made substantial, outstanding research contributions to the field of SGM health. The Sexual & Gender Minority Research Office (SGMRO) is pleased to recognize the 2019 Investigator Awardees.

## **Distinguished Investigator Awardee**



Karen Fredriksen Goldsen, Ph.D.
Karen Fredriksen Goldsen, Ph.D., Professor and Director of Healthy Generations, University of Washington. Dr. Goldsen is a nationally and internationally recognized scholar addressing the intersections of health and longevity in at-risk

communities. With over 20 years of consecutive external funding, she is currently the Principal Investigator of multiple federally-funded studies, including the landmark National Health, Aging, and Sexuality/Gender Study (NHAS; R01), IDEA (Innovations in Dementia Empowerment and Action; R01), and Addressing Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Health Disparities across Generations. Dr. Goldsen is the author of more than 100 publications in top journals, three books, and recently edited the first ever special issue on SGM aging within an international context. Her research has been well cited across leading news sources. She is a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America and the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare. She received her Ph.D. from the University of California Berkeley.

## **Early-Stage Investigator Awardees**



Katie Biello, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Dr. Katie Biello is an Associate Professor of Behavioral & Social Sciences and Epidemiology at the Brown School of Public Health, as well as an Investigator at the Fenway Institute at Fenway Health. Her primary research interests are in

identifying and understanding the underlying, multilevel risk factors for social inequities in HIV/STIs and developing bio-behavioral interventions (e.g., PrEP uptake and adherence) to reduce risk among racial, sexual and gender minorities and those in resource limited settings, both domestically and globally. Her research has been primarily funded through extramural research grants, including by the National Institutes of Health and foundations. These efforts have resulted in nearly 100 peer-reviewed, scientific journal publications. In addition to her research portfolio, Dr. Biello mentors undergraduate and graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. Finally, Dr. Biello is committed to academic service, including serving as a reviewer on numerous NIH review panels and scientific journal editorial boards.

## 9:30AM Welcome and Introduction of Awardees

Kate Winseck, M.S.W.

Chair, Investigator Awards Subcommittee Office of Disease Prevention

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Tara Schwetz, Ph.D. Associate Deputy Director, NIH

9:40AM Improving the PrEP Care Continuum for SGM

Individuals: Diverse Strategies for Diverse at-risk Groups

Katie Biello, Ph.D., M.P.H.

10:10AM Healthy Youth Development of Sexual and Gender

Minorities: Protective Factors that Mitigate Risk of Self-Harm and Facilitate Healthcare Service Use

Lindsay Taliaferro, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.S.

**10:40AM** Advancing Research on Stigma, Intersectionality and Health across the Iridescent Life Course: Lessons

Health across the Iridescent Life Course: Lessons Learned from the National Health, Aging, and Sexuality/Gender Study (NHAS)

Karen Fredriksen Goldsen, Ph.D.

**11:10AM** Presentation of Awards

James M. Anderson, M.D., Ph.D.

Director, Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and

Strategic Initiatives

11:20AM Closing Remarks

Karen Parker, Ph.D., M.S.W.

Director, Sexual & Gender Minority Research Office



Lindsay Taliaferro, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.S.
Dr. Lindsay Taliaferro is an Assistant Professor at the
University of Central Florida, College of Medicine,
Department of Population Health Sciences. She has a
background in public health and completed postdoctoral
training in adolescent health and development. Her

research focuses on promoting healthy youth development and preventing risk behaviors among adolescents. Findings from her early studies examining suicidality and non-suicidal self-injury (NSSI) among young people indicated particular vulnerabilities among SGM adolescents, which shaped her current research interests. Her research focuses on addressing health disparities among SGM adolescents, particularly related to mental health, and ensuring healthcare providers possess the competency to provide quality care to SGM youth. Her strengths-based approach to research with SGM youth has the goal of highlighting protective factors that promote healthy youth development rather than simply reiterating risks among this population.