

Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Health Research Summer Intensive Series (SIS)

- Goal:** To enhance the knowledge of NIH summer interns and trainees about sexual and gender minority (SGM) health research
- Who:** Open to all. Target audience is NIH trainees (postbacs, predoc IRTAs, and postdoc IRTAs)
- What:** The Sexual & Gender Minority Research Office (SGMRO), the Office of Aids Research (OAR), and Office of Intramural Training and Education (OITE) are cosponsoring the inaugural intensive summer series to enhance the knowledge of NIH summer trainees about sexual and gender minority (SGM) health research. This series is open to all trainees, including summer interns, postbacs, predoc IRTAs, and postdoc IRTAs, who are interested in learning more about SGM health research and its intersection with science, policy, communication, and community engagement. The series will meet weekly and trainees will hear from prominent SGM health researchers and engage in panel discussions, breakout groups, and journal club discussions.
- When:** Mondays, 3:00-5:00 PM ET (2hr): June 12, 26; July 10, 17, 24, 31 (in-person and virtual)
Due to the holidays, no sessions will be held on June 19 or July 3
Wednesday, June 21 at 3:00-5:00 PM ET (virtual only)
- Where:** Hybrid:
- learners on the NIH campus in Bethesda will be in-person, rooms assignments listed individually for each session
 - learners at other sites will join virtually
- Certificate:** Learners who attend at least five of the seven sessions will earn a certificate of completion.
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Mon, June 12: Introduction to SGM Health Research

- **Location:** Building 31, Room A/B
- **Suggested reading:** Review the [SGMRO website](#), particularly the [Strategic Plan](#) and [Portfolio Analysis](#)
- **Session Content/Speakers:**
 - Introduction to the SIP – Irene Avila & Renee Rider
 - Introduction to SGMRO & Portfolio Analysis Overview – Karen Parker
 - Karina Walters

No session on June 19 due to Juneteenth holiday

Wed, June 21: Intersection of Research and Public Policy in Health Disparities and SMG Health

Joint Session with Health Disparities SIP

- **Location:** Virtual only
- **Speakers:**

- Marissa Robinson
- Laura Durso
- Carolina Medina

Mon, June 26: Academic Career Paths: Navigating a Career in SGM Health Research

- **Location:** Building 35, Room 610
- **Suggested reading:** [Systemic inequalities for LGBTQ professionals in STEM](#)
- **Speakers:**
 - Brian Mustanski
 - Mandi Pratt Chapman

No session on July 3 due to July 4th holiday

Mon, July 10: Workforce Diversity at NIH: Challenges and Opportunities

- **Location:** Building 35, Room 640
- **Suggested Reading:**
 - Review the [Scientific Workforce Diversity website](#)
 - Review the [NIH Workplace Climate and Harassment Survey, Summary Findings Report](#)
- **Session Content/Speakers:**
 - NIH Climate and Harassment Survey – Anna Han
 - Introduction to the Scientific Workforce Diversity Office – Pamela Tamez
 - Diversity efforts in the NIH Intramural Research Program – Bali White

Mon, July 17: Career Options in SGM Health Research

- **Location:** Building 31, Room F/G
- **Suggested reading:** None
- **Career Panel**
 - Ashley Wilder Smith - Chief, Outcomes Research Branch at NCI, NIH
 - Ames Simmons – Senior Lecturing Fellow at Duke University School of Law
 - Sandy James – Trial Attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division
 - Asha Storm - Scientific Program Analyst at NIBIB, NIH
 - Shyam Patel – Communications Director at SGMRO, NIH
 - Irene Avila – Deputy Director at SGMRO, NIH

Mon, July 24: SGM Data Collection

- **Location:** Building 31, Room F/G
- **Suggested reading:** [NASEM report: Summary \(Pages 1-16\)](#)
- **Speakers:**
 - Christina Dragon
 - Kellan Baker

Mon, July 31: Topics in NIH Funded SGM Health Research

- **Location:** Building 31, Room F/G
- **Suggested reading:**
 - Journal articles, TBD

- For those who do not have experience reading journal articles, we recommend watching the following video: [Reading a Scientific Article](#)
- **Session Content:**
 - SGM research panel
 - Sarah Jackson – Cancer in transgender people
 - Jose Bauermeister - Improving health equity for SGM populations, specifically, Biomedical HIV Prevention
 - Jessica Fish – Substance use in LGBTQ+ people
 - Allen Mallory – Intersectional risk and protective factors for the health and well-being of LGBTQ+ youth and adults
 - Journal Club