

# **CFAR Social and Behavioral Science Core**

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# Duke CFAR Social and Behavioral Science (SBS) Core

- Facilitate HIV SBS research
- Develop interdisciplinary research; social and behavioral with biomedical
- Develop investigators new to HIV research
- Promote collaborative community based research

# Prioritize Core Services

- University wide assessment
  - ongoing research
  - interest in HIV research
  - related needs
- Establish monitoring Core usage, linkages, and priorities

# Specific Aim 1: Facilitate and Develop SBS Research

- Promote Core services
- Research staff in HIV Clinic to recruit and retain participants and expand SBS research
- Consultation on:
  - Measures selection
  - Intervention trial methods
  - Structural and policy research

## Specific Aim 2: Facilitate Interdisciplinary and Bio-behavioral Research

- Linkages to enhance biological outcomes in behavioral research
- Consultation to incorporate behavioral and social factors in:
  - study design considerations and interpretation of biomedical findings, whether efficacious or no effect
  - translation or implementation of proven biomedical approaches

Testing and  
treatment of  
genital infections  
(STIs)



Microbicides



Cervical Barriers:  
vaginal  
diaphragms

Voluntary  
Counselling and  
Testing (VCT)



Male  
circumcision



Behavioural  
Intervention  
(ABC)

Exposure prophylaxis

Immunisation:  
Vaccines



HSV-2  
Suppressive  
therapy



MTCT  
PEP  
PrEP



## Specific Aim 3: Develop new (early career and transitional) SBS investigators

- Networking, mentoring, capacity building, working groups
- Collaboration with CFAR Clinical/ International, Statistics, and Developmental Cores
  - Peer review
  - Small grants program
- Collaboration with:
  - HIP/Center for Health Policy
  - SSRI
  - DGHI
  - Institute for Child and Family Policy
- Cross CFAR / CFAR SBS Research Network

## **Specific Aim 4: Promote and enhance community based research**

- Consultation on effective community-university collaboration
- Dissemination of research findings, including evidence based trainings
- Development of intervention manuals for dissemination and training

# SBS Core Evaluation

- Annual university wide assessment
- "Value-Added"
  - CFAR investigators
  - Cross CFAR investigators
  - New investigators (junior/established); trainees and international
- Papers and Grants

# SBS Core Team

## Director, Sikkema

- Rae Jean Proescholdbell (comm psych)
- Baishakhi Taylor (sociologist)
- Jacob van den Berg (counsel psych)
- Kimberly Walker (public health, A-A studies)
- Scott Pollard (social work)
- Julie Thompson (dev psych)