

# The 2nd Annual Hybrid Symposium on Action for Sexual and Gender Minority Health

**DORNSIFE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024**

**NESBITT 132 & ZOOM**

**11:45 AM - 12:45 PM EST**

**PANEL 1**

**Dr. Nathaniel Tran** (they/he), Department of Health Policy, Vanderbilt University

**Bio:** Nathaniel M. Tran, BA is a PhD candidate in the Department of Health Policy, trainee in the LGBTQ+ Policy Lab, and affiliate of the Center for Research on Inequality and Health at Vanderbilt University. Their research aims to understand the effect of public policies on LGBTQ+ population health across the life course. They are PI of a National Institute of Aging R36 Dissertation Award to Promote Diversity that focuses on increasing preventive services and access to long-term care among midlife and older age LGBTQ adults. Their research has been published in journals such as Health Affairs, Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) Psychiatry, and Transgender health, and covered by media outlets such as PBS, Huffington Post, and Yahoo! News. Mostly recently, their research was cited by the U.S. District Court for the District of Montana to advance LGBTQ+ civil rights. They previously conducted public health research and community outreach at Harvard Medical School/Cambridge Health Alliance and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. They were a 2018 Fulbright Fellow to the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina and earned their BA from Tufts University in 2017.

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**Dr. Harry Barbee** (they/them), Assistant Professor, Department of Health, Behavior and Society, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University

**Bio:** Dr. Harry Barbee is an interdisciplinary social scientist and Assistant Professor in the Department of Health, Behavior and Society at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Barbee's research investigates myriad social, psychological, and biological factors that influence health outcomes across life course stages, particularly among sexual and gender minority populations. Most recently, their research has explored topics such as transgender people's access to gender-affirming healthcare, LGBTQ+ supportive work environments, and subjective aging. Their work is currently funded by the National Institutes of Health and has been published in journals such as the Journal of the American Medical Association, the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, and the Journal of Aging Studies.

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**Dr. Ado Rivera** (he/him/his), Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Kaiser Permanente

**Bio:** Dr. Ado Rivera is a health services and outcomes researcher and currently a postdoctoral research fellow in Epidemiology at Kaiser Permanente Southern California Department of Research and Evaluation. He obtained his medical degree from the University of the Philippines Manila and his PhD from the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. He has studied and published on a broad range of topics including HIV, cardiovascular health, and health disparities. His current research aims to understand the socio-biologic drivers of health disparities in aging and chronic disease risk of sexual and gender minority populations.

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**PANEL 2**

**Dr. Aura Ankita Mishra** (she/her), Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, North Carolina State University

**Bio:** Dr. Mishra is a developmental health researcher and director of The Multifaceted Identities, Stress, Health, and Resilience across Age-groups (MISHRA) research lab at North Carolina State University. She earned her PhD from Purdue University and was a Biosocial Postdoctoral trainee at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her research examines biopsychosocial mechanisms and contextual buffers for the associations between interpersonal stressors across the life-course and health and behavioral problems. Specifically, Dr. Mishra examines these associations for sexual and gender minority youth and adults with a focus on intersectional identities based on sexual orientation, gender, and race/ethnicity. In her research, Dr. Mishra integrates advanced survey and developmental methods.

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**Dr. Casey Xavier Hall** (he/him), Assistant Professor, College of Nursing, Florida State University

**Bio:** Dr. Casey D. Xavier Hall (pronounced: KAY-see shah-vee-AIR HALL) is the Assistant Director of the Center of Population Sciences for Health Equity at Florida State University. He has expertise in mixed-methods community-based research addressing sexual, gender, and racial health disparities. Broadly speaking his work addresses multilevel influences on sexual health, violence, and mental health. Dr. Xavier Hall's work strives to increase access to culturally appropriate care and interventions especially among sexual and gender minorities, survivors of violence, and people living with HIV. In addition to observational studies examining risk factors for sexual, violence, and mental health disparities, his previous work has included the development and cultural adaptation of measures for intimate partner violence, spousal homicide risk, and intersectional stigma for use in clinical settings.

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**Dr. Eric Layland** (he/they), Assistant Professor, Department of Human Development and Family Sciences, College of Education & Human Development, University of Delaware

**Bio:** Dr. Eric Layland is an assistant professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Sciences at the University of Delaware where he uses developmentally-attuned approaches to study multiple levels of influence on LGBTQ+ adolescent and young adult thriving and health. His research areas include LGBTQ+ within-group differences in mental health and unhealthy substance use, the impact of intersectional stigma on LGBTQ+ health, strengths-based approaches to LGBTQ+ development, and LGBTQ+ affirmative interventions and policy.

Through community partnerships and funding support from the National Institutes of Health, Dr. Layland has led and collaborated on several studies demonstrating the complex and changing experiences of intersectional stigma within LGBTQ+ communities. His most recent work extends his research on interpersonal discrimination to provide the first evidence that country-level policies impact individual LGBTQ+ development. Currently, he is partnering with local LGBTQ+ organizations and families to examine protective socialization processes through which LGBTQ+ young people come to an understanding of their LGBTQ+ identities and strategies for navigating discrimination. His work has been published in *Social Science and Medicine*, the *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, the *American Journal of Public Health*, and the *Journal of Positive Psychology*.

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**Dr. Lauren Beach** (they/them), Assistant Professor, Department of Medical Social Sciences and Department of Preventive Medicine, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University

**Bio:** Lauren B. Beach, JD/PhD is Assistant Professor within the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University. They are also Director of the ADVOCATE SGM Health Program within Northwestern's Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing.

Scientifically, Dr. Beach investigates the epidemiology of chronic physical health conditions over the life course among diverse SGM populations and people with HIV. They also study how multilevel health and identity related stigmas and resilience promoting factors affect chronic condition management and health outcomes of minoritized populations. Finally, they study the measurement of sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Dr. Beach is active in community led, evidence informed advocacy efforts to promote LGBTQIA+ health equity. In particular, they are nationally active in bisexual health policy leadership circles and have spoken at the White House, CDC, and NIH to present recommendations for improving bisexual health. You can follow them on Twitter/X @laurenbbeach.