

ARCC Welcomes Eight New Leadership Partners

The [Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities \(ARCC\)](#), based in Northwestern University's [Center for Community Health](#), pursues a mission to grow equitable research partnerships between Chicago area communities and Northwestern University to improve health and health equity. Following the CCH [Principles of Engagement](#), ARCC strives for authentic partnerships with our stakeholders at the center. ARCC is led by our steering committee comprised of community- and faith-based organizations, public agencies, and Northwestern University researchers. We are pleased to announce the addition of eight new community and academic leaders to our collaboration. New members are described below along with a listing of the full membership. Learn more at www.ARCCOnline.net



[The Blue Hat Foundation](#) is a colorectal cancer patient advocacy organization serving minority & medically underserved communities. Blue Hat educates, raises awareness, and provides resources to free screenings. Blue Hat is a powerful advocate for patient lived experience and uses this to enable shared understanding and information flow between communities and healthcare providers, and hospital systems.



[The Night Ministry](#) compassionately provides housing, health care, outreach, spiritual care, and social services to adults and youth who struggle with homelessness, poverty, and loneliness. The Night Ministry accepts individuals as they are and offers support as they seek to improve their lives. Health services includes health care outreach bus, HIV/AIDS prevention & testing, case management, and street medicine program reaching remote areas of the city. Housing services include long-term residential, youth engagement, and early intervention. The Night Ministry is a 2016 [ARCC Seed Grantee](#).



[Inger Burnett-Zeigler](#) is Assistant Professor of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences in Northwestern's Feinberg School of Medicine. Her research focuses on examining factors associated with mental health service utilization, specifically access, engagement, and barriers to mental health treatment among disadvantaged populations including racial/ethnic minorities. She has explored adaptations to mindfulness-based treatments to improve their acceptability in different practice-based and community-settings. Inger is a 2018 [ARCC Seed Grantee](#).



[Lisa Kuhns](#) is a Research Associate Professor of Pediatrics (Adolescent Medicine) at Northwestern/Lurie Childrens. Her research interests are prevention of behavioral transmission of HIV infection and promotion of health and wellness among HIV infected adolescent and young adult populations, including sexual and gender minorities. She has been involved in the development of practical and scalable interventions across the HIV care continuum. Lisa is a 2018 [ARCC Seed Grantee](#).



Holly Manprisio is Program Manager in the [Community Services Department of External Affairs](#) at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. She engages a wide range of community partners and organizes community health outreach programs throughout the hospital and health system. Holly is also lead on Northwestern Medicine's [Community Health Needs Assessment](#), completed with its community health partners to create a shared vision of a healthy community.



J.D. Smith is Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Preventive Medicine, and Pediatrics. He has worked extensively in the implementation of family-centered prevention and health promotion programs in primary care through home visiting. J.D. is also Associate Director of Northwestern's [Center for Prevention Implementation Methodology](#) (Ce-PIM) for Drug Abuse and HIV which focuses on improving population health and health equity through the development and testing of implementation science methods.



Shaan Trotter is Administrative Director of the [Office of Equity & Minority Health](#) at Northwestern's Lurie Cancer Center. Shaan works to address the unique cancer issues facing minority and medically underserved populations. He works to reduce cancer health disparities through initiatives in workforce diversity, advocacy and public policy, and community engagement and organizing.



Sarah Welch is Associate Director of Lurie Children's Hospital [Evaluation Core](#) in the Smith Child Health Research, Outreach, & Advocacy Center. She also serves as the Community Research & Evaluation Associate Director of the [Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children](#) (CLOCC). She has extensive experience in program evaluation and data dissemination in public health and with a broad range of community and public agency partners.

Full ARCC Steering Committee: Community: Access Living, Apostolic Faith Church, Blue Hat Foundation, CALOR, Cambodian Association of IL, Chicago Youth Programs, CJE SeniorLife, Endeleo Institute, HANA Center, Health & Medicine Policy Research Group, Night Ministry, Puerto Rican Cultural Center, Renz Addiction Counseling Center

Public: Chicago Department of Public Health, Chicago Public Schools.

Faculty: Inger Burnett-Zeigler PhD, Rebecca Carl MD, Tara Gill PhD, Gail Huber PT PhD, Prakash Jayabalan MD PhD, Rebecca Johnson PhD, Lisa Kuhns PhD, Holly Manprisio MPH, Matthew O'Brien MD, Siobhan Phillips PhD, J.D. Smith PhD, Theresa Sukal-Moulton DPT PhD, Shaan Trotter MS, Sarah Welch MPH