

## YSN 2017 Summer Intensive Participants

### **Veronica Barcelona de Mendoza, PhD, MSN, RN, APHN-BC**



Postdoctoral Associate  
Yale University School of Nursing

I am interested in health disparities in birth outcomes, and particularly, the application of epigenetics to investigate the question of preterm birth from a life course perspective. I will be examining how children born preterm have differential DNA methylation status of candidate genes associated with hypertension, 3-5 years after birth.

### **Billy A. Caceres, PhD, RN, AGPCNP-BC**



Postdoctoral Fellow  
Columbia University School of Nursing

My research focuses on examining how the intersection of psychosocial, behavioral, and biological factors contributes to cardiovascular disease risk in racial/ethnic and sexual minority populations across the lifespan. My doctoral dissertation was a secondary analysis of the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey that examined the association between psychological stress, health behaviors, physiological stress, and cardiovascular disease risk in lesbian, gay, and bisexual adults.

### **Paule Valery Joseph, PhD, MS, FNP-BC, CTN-B**



Postdoctoral Fellow  
National Institute of Nursing Research

My research centers in understanding sensory and metabolic drivers of eating behavior and its associated outcomes. My PhD training focused on chemosensory biology, genomics and genetics. My overall goal as a junior investigator is to set out a research program that integrates biological mechanisms of taste perception with nutrient metabolism. The goal is to provide new insights into the mechanisms of nutrient response both in the mouth and gut and the role of these mechanisms in taste coding, post-ingestive nutrient response, and the regulation of glucose homeostasis. In summary, I study the Mouth- Brain- Gut Axis and its role in metabolism.

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### **Timiya S. Nolan, PhD, RN, ANP-BC**



Postdoctoral Researcher  
The Ohio State University College of Nursing

Timiya S. Nolan, PhD, RN, ANP-BC is a Postdoctoral Researcher at The Ohio State University (mentored by Dr. Karen Patricia Williams). Her research interest involves reduction of health-related disparities within breast cancer survivorship. Particularly, she is interested in understanding and bettering the lives of young African American breast cancer survivors through dissemination and implementation of age-specific and culturally-sensitive interventions.

### **Marie-Anne S. Rosemberg, PhD, MN, RN**



Assistant Professor, Department of Systems Populations and Leadership  
University of Michigan School of Nursing

I am interested in optimizing the health of low wage service workers. I currently use a socio-ecological framework to characterize stressors (work and non-work), explore the biological responses to those stressors, and how they affect health and work productivity.

### **Kia Skrine Jeffers, PhD, RN**



Postdoctoral Fellow, National Clinician Scholars Program  
University of California, Los Angeles

Dr. Skrine Jeffers is a community-based nurse who studies the prevention and management of type 2 diabetes among African American and Latino older adults. Her work includes examining the impact of structural racism and access to quality health services on diabetes outcomes. Drawing upon her work in entertainment, Dr. Skrine Jeffers also uses media and the arts as nontraditional tools for chronic disease interventions and research dissemination.

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**Jasmine L. Travers, PhD, AGNP-C, RN, CCRN**



Postdoctoral Fellow  
University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing

My name is Jasmine Travers and I am a first-year postdoctoral fellow in the NewCourtland Center for Transitions and Health at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing under the mentorship of Dr. Mary Naylor. My research focuses on health disparities among vulnerable aging populations and the acquisition of health promotion and illness prevention services for these groups. During my current fellowship, I am examining barriers to accessing and utilizing long-term services and supports for racial/ethnic minority older adults as well as how best to optimize the care of minority older adults while in these settings.