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## POSITIONS

**Rutgers University** New Brunswick, NJ  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Psychology 2022 - present  
Excellence in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion  
Advisor: Gandalf Nicolas, Ph.D.

## EDUCATION

**University of Connecticut** Storrs, CT  
Ph.D., Psychological Sciences 2022  
Area: Social  
Minor: Quantitative Methods

Dissertation: Embodied features of internalized stigma  
Committee: Kimberly E. Chaney, Ph.D., Diane M. Quinn (co-chairs), Alaina Brenick, Ph.D.

M.S., Psychological Sciences 2020  
Thesis: Objectification and partner selection among Black MSM on *Grindr*: Implications for racial homophily  
Committee: Seth C. Kalichman, Ph.D. (primary advisor), Diane M. Quinn, Ph.D., Tania B. Huedo-Medina, Ph.D.

**Boston University** Boston, MA  
M.A., Psychology 2013  
Advisor: Leslie R. Brody, Ph.D.

**Washington University in St. Louis** St. Louis, MO  
B.A., Psychology 2011

## Fellowships and Scholarships

Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Training in Social Processes of HIV/AIDS, University of Connecticut (\$74,460) 2018 - 2021  
John B. Ervin Scholar, Washington University in St. Louis (\$150,400) 2007 - 2011  
Four-year, full-tuition scholarship for students demonstrating a commitment to academic excellence, leadership, service, and diversity

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive: stigma, self and identity, health and well-being  
Methods: experimental and observational study design, field recruitment, archival data

## AWARDS AND HONORS

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Award, University of Connecticut (\$2,000) 2022  
Conference Participation Travel Award, University of Connecticut (\$1,000) 2022  
Diversity Fund Travel Award, Society for Personality and Social Psychology (\$500) 2020

A.C. Cortopassi, April 2023

## PUBLICATIONS

**Cortopassi, A.C.**, & Kalichman, S.C. (in press). Objectification and racial homophily among Black men who have sex with men logged on to *Grindr*. *Computers in Human Behavior*.

Driver, R., **Cortopassi, A.C.**, El-Krab, R., Eaton, L.A., & Kalichman, S.C. (2022). Examining stigmatizing beliefs about PrEP use among Black sexual minority men: A test of explanatory mechanisms. *Psychology of Men and Masculinity*.

**Cortopassi, A.C.**, Driver, R., & Kalichman, S.C. (2022). Rejection-identification and increased use of geosocial networking apps to meet male sexual partners among Black men who have sex with men. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*.

Sullivan, M., Rosen, A., Allen, A., Benbella, D., Camacho, G., **Cortopassi, A.C.**,...Kalichman, S.C (2020). Falling Short of the First 90: HIV Stigma and HIV Testing Research in the 90-90-90 Era. *AIDS and Behavior*, 24(1), 357-362. doi: 10.1007/s10461-019-02771-7

**Cortopassi, A.C.**, Driver, R., Eaton, L.A., & Kalichman, S.C. (2019). A new era of HIV risk: It's not what you know, it's who you know (and how infectious). *Annual Review of Psychology*, 70(1), 673-701. doi: 10.1146/annurev-psych-010418-102927

**Cortopassi, A.C.**, Wells, B.E., Parsons, J.T., & Starks, T.J. (2018). Linguistic correlates of the Communication Patterns Questionnaire: The correspondence of language and quantitative measures of communication among emerging adult gay male couples. *Couple and Family Psychology: Research and Practice*, 7 (3-4), 158-170. doi:10.1037/cfp0000105

**Cortopassi, A.C.**, Starks, T.J., Parsons, J.T., & Wells, B.E. (2017). Self-concealment, ego depletion, and drug dependence among young sexual minority men who use substances. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*, 4(3), 272-281. doi:10.1037/sgd0000230

## SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS

**Cortopassi, A.C.**, Pratto, F., & Marrouch, N. (under review). Ecological disempowerment predicts disproportionate COVID-19 mortality for people of color.

Pratto, F., **Cortopassi, A.C.**, & Marrouch, N. (under review). US states' political climates and the spread of SARS-2-COVID-19 during 2020.

Chaney, K.E., Pham, M-D., & **Cortopassi, A.C.** (under review). Precarious allyship: Examining the role of social tuning in White women's responses to anti-Black racism.

**Cortopassi, A.C.**, Quinn, D.M., & Nicolas, G. (under review). Identity group sources of psychological distress for people with concealable stigmatized identities.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

**Cortopassi, A.C.**, Chaney, K.E., & Quinn, D.M. (in prep). Internalized stigma: Self conceptualization and embodied features.

**Cortopassi, A.C.**, & Nicolas, G. (in prep). Spontaneous meta-stereotype content: A novel approach to the measurement of internalized stigma.

## CONFERENCE TALKS

**Cortopassi, A.C.** (2021, November). Paradox of HIV stigma among HIV-negative and -unknown gay and bisexual men. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Scientific Study of Sexuality, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**Cortopassi, A.C.**, Pratto, F., & Marrouch, N (2021, July). Ecological disempowerment and the racial disparity in COVID-19 deaths in the United States. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology.

## CONFERENCE POSTERS

**Cortopassi, A.C.** & Quinn, D.M. (2022, February). Group attachment and psychological well-being for people with concealable stigmatized identities. Poster abstract accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Francisco, CA.

**Cortopassi, A.C.** & Kalichman, S.C. (2020, April). Social psychological antecedents to racial homophily among Black men who have sex with men. Poster abstract accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, San Francisco, CA.

**Cortopassi, A.C.** & Kalichman, S.C. (2019, May). Racial stigma beliefs, identity, and reliance on geosocial networking apps to meet sexual partners among Black men who have sex with men. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Washington, D.C.

**Cortopassi, A.C.**, Wells, B.E., Parsons, J.T., & Starks, T.J. (2017, August). Linguistic indicators of communication patterns among gay male couples. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

Starks, T.J., **Cortopassi, A.C.**, Jimenez, R.H., Pawson, M., & Parsons, J.T. (2017, August). Predictors of dyadic participation in an HIV prevention study for gay male couples. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association. Washington, D.C.

Starks, T.J., Rosenthal, L., **Cortopassi, A.C.**, Pawson, M., & Parsons, J.T. (2017, August). Examining associations among intra-individual, personal, and relational forms of discrimination on the mental health of gay and bisexual men in relationships. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association. Washington, D.C.

Starks, T.J., John, S.A., **Cortopassi, A.C.**, Bosco, S.C., & Parsons, J.T. (2017, June). PrEP communication, attitudes, and uptake among gay couples. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care, Miami, FL.

Bosco, S.C., **Cortopassi, A.C.**, Parsons, J.T., & Starks, T.J. (2017, May). Sexual jealousy and mental health among monogamous and non-monogamous gay male couples. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Boston, MA.

**Cortopassi, A.C.**, Madan, A., Mrug, S., & Windle, M. (2012, October). Predicting bullying behaviors from early adolescent substance use. Poster presented at the National Conference in Child and Adolescent Psychology, Lawrence, KS.

## DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

**Cortopassi, A.C.** (2021, February). Ecological disempowerment and the racial disparity in COVID-19 deaths in the United States. Talk presented as part of the Social Psychology Brownbag Speaker Series.

**Cortopassi, A.C.** (2020, April). Impact of the White male gaze on sexual partner engagement among Black men who have sex with men logged into *Grindr*: Implications for racial homophily. Talk presented as part of the Social Psychology Brownbag Speaker Series.

**Cortopassi, A.C.** (2018, March). Race-based sexual stereotypes: An investigation into the psychosocial antecedents to racial homophily among Black men who have sex with men. Talk presented as part of the Social Psychology Brownbag Speaker Series.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**PSYCH 2700: Social Psychology** Storrs, CT  
University of Connecticut Spring 2021  
*Instructor* (of record)

**PSYCH 2100WQ: Principles of Research in Psychology: Laboratory** Storrs, CT  
University of Connecticut Spring 2018, Fall 2021  
*Graduate Teaching Assistant*

**PSYCH 1100: General Psychology Laboratory** Storrs, CT  
University of Connecticut Fall 2017  
*Graduate Teaching Assistant*

**PSYCH 248: Statistical Methods in Psychology** New York, NY  
Hunter College of the City University of New York Spring – Fall 2016  
*Adjunct Lab Instructor* (of record)

**PSYCH 3105: Health Psychology** Storrs, CT  
“A Little Blue Pill to Prevent HIV: A Primer to PrEP” Spring 2018  
University of Connecticut  
*Guest Lecturer*

Storrs, CT  
“Current Topics in HIV: Drivers of Disparities in Incidence and Access to Prevention” Fall 2019  
University of Connecticut  
*Guest Lecturer*

## **SERVICE**

Ad hoc Review: AIDS & Behavior, AIDS Care, PLoS One, Psychology & Sexuality

Graduate Admissions Committee  
Psychological Sciences Department, Social Area  
University of Connecticut

2019 - 2021

Diversity Fund Undergraduate Travel Award Reviewer  
SPSP Annual Meeting

2020

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)  
Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM)  
International Society for Political Psychology (ISPP)  
Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS)