



HPTN

HIV Prevention
Trials Network

International Scholars Program (ISP)

Progress to date

**David Serwadda
HPTN SSA Regional Meeting
Johannesburg, South Africa
Friday, 20 Oct 2017
8:30am-10:00am**

ISP Goal

To develop the next generation of internationally-based HIV prevention scientists in order to build research capacity at HPTN sites globally

To date:

- ISP began November 2015
- Cohort 1 just “graduated” Sept 2017
- 3 Scholars are continuing from Cohort 2
- 1 new Scholar was selected for Cohort 3
- 9 mentors engaged

Selection Criteria

- Evaluated by a team assembled by the Scholarship Leadership
- Potential for the candidate to contribute to the scientific objectives of the HPTN prevention agenda
- Quality of the project proposed by the scholar
- Appropriate personal and professional background
- Commitment of the candidate, host HPTN investigator and mentor, and home supervisor
- Appropriate budget package (following the guidelines and adequately supports the proposed scope of work)

- **1 Nov 2015 – 30 Sept 2017**

- **Jesne Kistan**

- PHRU, Soweto, South Africa; now at Wits
- Mentor: Linda-Gail Bekker, Desmond Tutu HIV Centre
- *HPTN 067: Differences in acceptability and adherence of PrEP between young African women (ages 18 -24) and older African women (ages ≥ 25) within various PrEP dosing regimens*
- Wrote a piece in Lancet HIV in April 2016 with Scholars Leadership member, David Serwadda, entitled “*Rethinking HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis prevention strategy*”



- **Emilia Jalil**

- FIOCRUZ, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Mentor: Beatriz Grinsztejn, FIOCRUZ
- *HPTN 063: Risk perception and sex behavior in HIV-positive adults: impact of gender/sexual orientation*
- Emilia took a break and began her tenure again this month (the program has some flexibility, though not common)



- **1 June 2016 – 30 Nov 2017**
- **Nomhle Khoza**
 - WRHI, Johannesburg, South Africa
 - Mentors: Sinead Delany-Moretlwe, University of Witwatersrand, Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital & Catherine MacPhail, University of Wollongong NSW Australia
 - *HPTN 068: The social consequences of female-directed cash transfers: A qualitative study*
- **Jabulani Ncayiyana**
 - University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa
 - Mentors: Kathleen Kahn, University of Witwatersrand SPH & Audrey Pettifor, UNC Chapel Hill
 - *HPTN 068: Effect of migration on sexual and reproductive health outcomes in adolescent girls in the rural South Africa*



- **1 June 2016 – 30 Nov 2017**
- **Emily Makunike-Shava**
 - Botswana Harvard AIDS Institute Partnership, Gaborone, Botswana
 - Mentors: Yuhua Ruan, National Center for AIDS/STD Control and Prevention, Beijing, China & Yiming Shao, National Center for AIDS/STD Control and Prevention, Beijing, China
 - *HPTN 058: Describing sexual risk behaviour amongst injection drug users and its association with drug taking risk: Secondary data analysis of the HPTN 058 study*



- **1 April 2017 – 30 Sept 2018**
- **Ulrika Makuraj**
 - PHRU, Soweto, South Africa; now at WRHI
 - Mentor: Sinead Delany-Moretlwe, University of Witwatersrand
 - *HPTN 039: Sexually Transmitted Infections in HSV-2 Seropositive women in Sub-Saharan Africa*



ISP to date

- 6 International Scholars
- 5 Mentors engaged
- 2 manuscripts near completion
- 4 manuscripts in progress

Cohort 4 will run 1 May 2018 – 31 Oct 2019

- Proposals due 29 Jan 2018
- Full applications due 12 Feb 2018

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