2021 AA-ISRI Alumni
Psychosocial Track

Aug. 9-13, 2021
Chicago, IL

Zachary Baker, Ph.D.
Postdoctoral Fellow, Division of Health Policy and Management, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota
Research Topic: Test a comprehensive model of the needs of bereaved AD/ADRD caregivers and identify need satisfying experiences within key subgroups that are amenable to future intervention.

Kalisha Bonds, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, Emory University
Research Topic: Intervention to support the formal care decision-making process for African American PLWDs that positively influences the quality of life of AA parent-adult daughter dementia dyads.

Monique Brown, MPH, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health
Research Topic: Understand the impact of adulthood trauma and the syndemic of childhood and adulthood trauma on cognition in the context of living with HIV; and the syndemic of trauma and HIV on cognitive decline.

Antoinette Coe, Ph.D., PharmD
Assistant Professor, University of Michigan College of Pharmacy
Research Topic: Identify determinants of implementation success of a tailored ADRD Community Care Transition Initiative in rural AAAs.

Tiffany Donley, MPH, DHSc
Postdoctoral Scholar, NYU Langone Health
Research Topic: Examine the effect of a dependent adult child on the relationship and mental and emotional health outcomes of older parents, with or without AD.

Megan Gilligan, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Studies, Iowa State University
Research Topic: Examine the role of sibling relations on adult children caregivers’ physical health and psychological well-being by considering the caregiving network in which caregivers are embedded.
Ying-Ling Jao, MSN, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Penn State College of Nursing
Research Topic: Refine ambient lighting interventions to provide auto-controlling consistent lighting, incorporate daylight through windows, and establish feasibility in persons with ADRD with agitation.

Kathy Lee, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, University of Texas, Arlington
Research Topic: Develop a peer-led psychoeducational support intervention targeting Korean American family caregivers of persons with ADRD.

Wen Liu, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, University of Iowa College of Nursing
Research Topic: Test OPTIMAL, an innovative theoretically grounded person centered mealtime care training program, using an embedded pragmatic cluster RCT.

Yin Liu, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Utah State University
Research Topic: Understand how short-time sleep fluctuation impact cognitive function, and how spouses managing MCI and early ADRD influence one another’s sleep, cognitive health, and well-being.

Manka Nkimbeng, Ph.D., MPH, RN
Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota School of Public Health
Research Topic: Culturally adapt the ‘Active Caregiving: Empowering Skills (ACES)’ intervention for Black immigrants older adults living with dementia and their caregivers.

Kendra Ray, Ph.D., MPH
Research Assistant Professor, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, NYU Langone Health
Research Topic: Virtual resident/family music therapy sessions to assist in reducing social isolation while increasing engagement and quality of life.