

**Interdisciplinary Summer  
Research Institute**

**2021 AA-ISRI Alumni  
Public Health Track**

Aug. 9-13, 2021  
Chicago, IL

**Talha Ali, Ph.D.**

*Postdoctoral Fellow, Section of Geriatrics, Yale School of Medicine*

Research Topic: Examine the effects of exposure to structural racism on racial disparities in the severity and prognosis of ADRD.

**Lilah Besser, Ph.D., MSPH**

*Assistant Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Florida Atlantic University*

Research Topic: Associations between neighborhood built and social environments and ADRD-related brain health outcomes.

**Julia Burgdorf, Ph.D.**

*Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health*

Research Topic: Home health care access among people living with dementia and how these services are delivered to this population.

**Ethan Cicero, Ph.D., RN**

*Assistant Professor, Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, Emory University*

Research Topic: Promoting healthy aging and reducing risk of ADRD in gender minority adults.

**Ileana De Anda-Duran, M.D., MPH**

*Postdoctoral Fellow, Tulane University*

Research Topic: Contribution of life-course trajectories and the cumulative burden of different cardiometabolic risk factors to cognitive and physical impairment.

**Mary Dioise Ramos, Ph.D., MSN**

*Assistant Professor, Kennesaw State University*

Research Topic: Identify gaps, barriers, the facilitators in clinical practice to develop dementia care guidelines for older adults with dementia with migrant background and their caregivers.

**Jessica Finlay, Ph.D.**

*Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan*

Research Topic: Identification of neighborhood-level risks and protective factors for cognitive decline.

**Allison Gustavson, DPT, Ph.D.**

*Postdoctoral Fellow, Minneapolis VA Center for Care Delivery and Outcomes Research*

Research Topic: Translation of an evidence-based rehabilitation model for persons living with dementia.

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**Sara Knox, DPT**

*Assistant Professor, Division of Physical Therapy, Medical University of South Carolina*

Research Topic: Examine the impact of reimbursement change and pandemic disruption on home health access and outcomes for people with and without ADRD.

**Minghui Sam Li, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee Health Science Center*

Research Topic: Examine health disparities and factors associated with the utilization of Cognitive Assessment and Care Planning Services (CACPS).

**Eloesa McSorley, Ph.D.**

*Health Disparities Postdoctoral Fellow, Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center*

Research Topic: Community and individual level contextual factors and decision making among older African-Americans.

**Megan Shepherd-Banigan, Ph.D., MPH**

*Assistant Professor, Department of Population Health Sciences, Duke School of Medicine*

Research Topic: Examine the impacts of depression, generalized anxiety disorder, and PTSD on care quality for older adults after an ADRD diagnosis.

**Lisa Wiese, Ph.D., MSN**

*Associate Professor, C. E. Lynn College of Nursing, Florida Atlantic University*

Research Topic: Faith-based education to increase ADRD knowledge, screening, and compliance with follow-up recommendations in a rural, ethnically diverse population.