

CREST

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Coming Soon: EOTO Health

Linda Cline, one of IUPR's CREST community partners, has had her project "Wrist Beacon" selected for another phase with Mass General Hospital (MGH). She will be launching her company -EOTO Health- focused on patient health and wellness in 2023.

Congrats Arnetta!

Arnetta Baty, one of IUPR's CREST community partners, recently received the "I Am Every Women" award from Mr.GBOS Image Awards. She was honored for her years of volunteer work in her community.

Welcome

Welcome to CREST Community!

A quarterly newsletter by the Integrating Underrepresented Populations in Research (IUPR) Team at Tufts Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI).

CREST (Collaboration for Research Equity, Sustainability, and Trust) is comprised of organizations and individuals committed to improving the health and welfare of Black and Brown communities in Boston.

Together, we will foster interactions between community-academic partners who share an interest in improving public health.

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Welcome Angelique!

Angelique Santiago is the newest addition to the IUPR team and the CREST coalition. She will be serving as Research Project Coordinator II and brings a conflict transformation and qualitative research perspective to our work.

News

IUPR Steering Committee Meeting

Our Steering Committee meeting was held on July 25th. Linda Hudson, Associate Director of Integrating Underrepresented Populations in Research (IUPR) and Director of the Collaboration for Research Equity, Sustainability and Trust (CREST), led the discussion on our current work and how we can create a larger impact in the future. We want to thank all the members of the Steering Committee for sharing some of the work that is happening around the issues of mental health/social isolation and the digital divide. We will refer to the information provided moving forward.

ADAPT/CREST Co-learning Session

On September 13th, CREST and ADAPT community partners held a co-learning session. We were delighted that two of our community partners shared community projects that they are currently engaging in:

Megan Cheung, Associate Director/Clinical Director of the Boston Chinese Golden Age Center (GBCCGAC), talked about the Strong Mind Program, a research partnership between Mass General Brigham & GBCCGAC to enhance mental health services, and reduce health disparities, for Asian adults and seniors.

Andrew Sharpe, Founder of Authentic Caribbean Foundation (ACF), shared two projects that ACF is working on: the COVID-19 Vaccine and Health Initiative, and Climate Change and COVID-19 Safe Cooling.

We will meet again in December to continue learning from each other and developing shared opportunities.

Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Program Conference

Our very own Binta Barry, Senior Project Manager of IUPR, is off to Washington D.C. with other colleagues from Tufts CTSI. They will be attending the annual Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) program conference. The theme this year is health equity through the science of translation. The poster that members of Tufts CTSI will be presenting is about broadly engaged team science - the merger between team science and community-engaged research - and how it supports equity through translation. This poster shares two important examples of Tufts CTSI broadly engaged translational science teams, ADAPT and CREST, community-academic partnerships supporting equity in translational research.

For more information on broadly engaged team science, please check out Tufts CTSI's most recent publication - "[Broadly Engaged Team Science in Clinical Translational Research.](#)" A 25-chapter book published by Springer that is a critical step towards advancing the practices of this timely approach.



Upcoming Events

Building Capacity to Advocate

Over the last month, CREST has deliberated internally and engaged in consultations with academic and community partners to begin constructing trainings and workshops that assist community partners in building their capacity to advocate on both an individual and institutional level.

Community Events

Stay tuned! CREST is currently in the process of idea-gathering with organizations such as the Massachusetts Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (MADRC) and the Center for Alzheimer Research and Treatment (CART) to host a new community event.

Learn Educational Videos

The Integrating Underrepresented Populations in Research (IUPR) team is currently collaborating with the Professional Development team at Tufts CTSI to create and disseminate a new video on translational research- stay tuned!

In the meantime, check out our video titled "[Recruitment and Retention of Older Adults](#)" on ILearn!

Quote of the Month:

"People who are truly strong, lift others up. People who are truly powerful, bring others together." - Michelle Obama

More at Tufts CTSI:

Good Luck Sara Folta!

Sara Folta, Director of IUPR at Tufts CTSI, will be taking on the role of Dean of Faculty at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy. Her leadership over the years has resulted in a compendium that blends the rigor and validity of scientific research with trustworthy and integrous community engagement. Good luck Sara! We will miss you.

Center for Black Maternal Health & Reproductive Justice

Currently a semifinalist for a \$25K Heart of Healthcare Grant. Vote [here](#) by October 31st

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