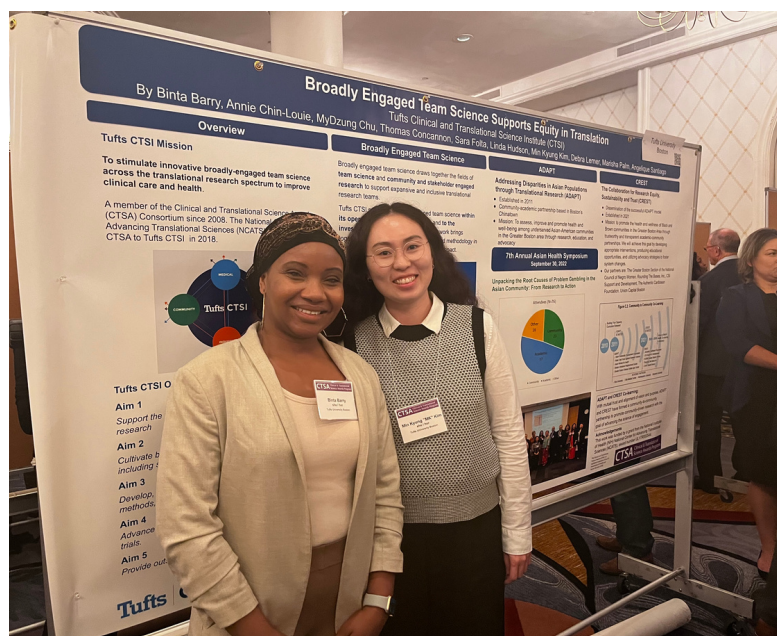


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We're Growing!

Over the last few months, CREST has added one new community partner and one new affiliate to our community-academic coalition. Join us in welcoming Karla Brown from Dorchester and Joyce Clarke from Birthing Heirs! We are already learning so much from Karla and Joyce and look forward to their engagement and collaboration.

LinkedIn Spotlight Page

In partnership with the Communications team at Tufts CTSI, CREST has finally launched our LinkedIn Spotlight page. Click [here](#) to follow our page and share our content!

ILEARN Courses

In June of 2023, CREST published the ILEARN course, "Community Participation in Research" in partnership with the Professional Education team at Tufts CTSI. Click [here](#) to enroll and create an ILEARN account!

Welcome

Welcome to CREST Community!

A quarterly newsletter by the Collaboration for Research Equity, Sustainability, and Trust (CREST) team at Tufts Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI).

CREST is comprised of organizations and individuals committed to improving the health and welfare of individuals living in the Greater Boston Area.

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

[Learn more about us](#)
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News

Improving the Quality of Life of Greater Boston Area Residents

In November 2023, CREST hosted a Mental Health Concern Gathering in partnership with Dr. Jonathan Garlick from the Science Communications Team at Tufts CTSI. Since then, CREST staff and partners have been engaging in one-on-one meetings with mental health professionals to understand their work with underserved communities and exploring opportunities for their involvement in the upcoming Tele-mental Health Forum. If you are a community-based organization, community resident, or healthcare professional interested in participating in our upcoming Tele-mental Health Forum, please contact Binta Barry at binta.f.barry@tuftsmedicine.org.

ADAPT-CREST Co-Learning

In December 2023, ADAPT and CREST welcomed Samuel Gebru to speak at our Quarterly Co-Learning event. As a social entrepreneur, community organizer, and policy analyst, Professor Gebru presented the “Eightfold Path” of Public Policy. He answered critical questions such as: who decides what happens, when, why, and how? Ultimately, allowing the audience to walk away with a more concrete understanding of the unique differences between public policy and policy analysis, identify key institutions in Massachusetts, and left us wondering - what do we achieve or give up based on our advocacy tactics?

CREST Stakeholder Trainings

“Conflict Across the Translational Science Spectrum” Workshop: On Thursday, February 22nd, our Senior Research Project Coordinator, Angelique Santiago, facilitated a “Conflict Across the Translational Science Spectrum” workshop. The first of many stakeholder trainings to be offered to CREST community partners.

“Research Readiness” Training: CREST recently added a new advisor to its network - Alisa Lincoln from Northeastern University's Institute for Health Equity and Social Justice Research. As a Professor of Health Sciences and Sociology, Alisa Lincoln specializes in examining social factors and mental health. The “Research Readiness” training is another opportunity to enhance community partner capacity to effectively participate in the translational science process.

Over the last few months, there have been multiple events that CREST community partners have hosted and that we would like to highlight:

Linda Cline, Vice President of Programs of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) - Greater Boston Section, assisted in hosting the event, “Women of Courage & Conviction” at Venezia Restaurant in Boston back in October of 2023. Carmen Fields, Journalist and Author, was the keynote speaker and seven women received awards for their community service contributions.

Andrew Sharpe, Executive Director of the Authentic Caribbean Foundation (ACF), hosted a virtual event titled, “The Future of Community Health & COVID-19 ” back in January 2024. The event was well attended by 50 participants and provided an update on the status of COVID-19 . Additionally, three panelists discussed topics on the intersection of community health, healthcare services, and nutrition.

Andrew Sharpe, Executive Director of the Authentic Caribbean Foundation (ACF), hosted an in-person event titled, “Afro-Caribbean Black History Gala & Awards” at Florian Hall in Dorchester, M.A. The gala recognized 15 professionals that have contributed to the development of the Caribbean Diaspora community in the state of Massachusetts.



Upcoming Events

Tele-mental Health & Community Forum (Hybrid)

Thursday, April 4th from 6-7:30PM at the Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building in Roxbury, MA: CREST will be hosting a hybrid forum highlighting education on and awareness of telemedicine, and challenges related to technology access and cultural differences. For more information, please click [HERE](#) to register for the event.

7th Annual Black Maternal Health Conference (Virtual)

Friday, April 5th: Join Tuft's Center for Black Maternal Health & Reproductive Justice in centering the role of technology to address the maternal health crisis. Please click [HERE](#) to register for the event.

Quote of the Month:

"Is there a right or wrong way to engage in advocacy? What do you give or give up with the tactics that you use?"

-Samuel Gebru

More at Tufts CTSI:

Welcome Erin Gibson, MPH!

In January 2024, Tufts CTSI welcomed Erin Gibson, MPH to the institute as our new Executive Director. Erin comes to us from Boston Medical Center where she was the Associate Director of Research Operations for the Healing Communities Study, a \$350M NIH study aiming to reduce opioid overdose deaths in 67 communities in four states. Prior to that role, Erin was managing initiatives related to the prevention of eating disorders, and addressing substance use and addiction amongst adolescents at Boston Children's Hospital. Welcome Erin, we are thrilled to have you!

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