

FELICIA A. BROWNE

Summary of Professional Experience

Felicia A. Browne is a senior research social epidemiologist in RTI's Substance Use, Gender, and Applied Research Program. She is also the Assistant Director of the Social and Behavioral Science Research Core of the UNC Center for AIDS Research (CFAR). With a commitment to addressing health disparities locally and globally, Dr. Browne's research focuses on reducing HIV in the U.S. South and South Africa among key populations of African descent who use alcohol and other drugs. Dr. Browne currently serves as a Multiple Principal Investigator of two National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)-funded R01 studies. One study reached young African American women to adapt and test a mobile health (mHealth) delivery of an HIV risk-reduction intervention in health department clinics in North Carolina. The other, based in South Africa, is implementing a multilevel intervention to increase ART/PrEP among young couples. She also is the Principal Investigator a NIDA-funded R21 study to address intersectional drug stigma to increase engagement in HIV services for African American adults. In 2019, Dr. Browne received the *Triangle Business Journal's* 40 Under 40 Award and the *Triangle Global Health Consortium's* Dr. Ward Cates Emerging Leader Award.

Education

ScD, Social Epidemiology (Minor Fields: Quantitative Methods; Health Inequalities and Social Justice), Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston, MA, 2015.

MPH, Health Behavior and Health Education (Track: Research; Certificate: Global Health), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Global Public Health, Chapel Hill, NC, 2007.

BS, Psychology (Concentration: Medical Humanities), Davidson College, Davidson, NC, 2005.

Selected Current Project Experience

Developing Strategies to Improve Engagement in HIV Services among People who use Drugs in the Charlotte Transitional Grant Area (REACH Carolinas) (2021 to date)—*Supplement Awardee/Project Director*. As an administrative supplement to the UNC CFAR, this project proposes a multidisciplinary collaboration and partnership between RTI International and two established community partners in the Charlotte Transitional Grant Area (TGA) to identify social and structural determinants that impact engagement in HIV services among African American adults who use drugs. These findings will help determine the selection and adaptation of an intervention and implementation planning.

STRIDES (Strategies To Reduce Intersectional Drug use Stigma): A mixed-methods, human-centered approach to address barriers to HIV services) (2021 to date)—*Principal Investigator*. This NIDA-funded R21 project will use mixed methods to elucidate how drug-related stigma impacts engagement and retention in HIV services and use these findings to select, adapt, and pretest an evidence-informed HIV stigma-reduction intervention to address drug use stigma and other intersecting forms of stigma.

Multilevel Strategies and Tailored HIV Prevention and Care for Young Couples who use Alcohol and Other Drugs Across Cape Town (Couples Health CoOp Plus) (2020 to date)—*Multiple Principal Investigator*. This NIDA-funded R01 project will address HIV prevention and treatment for young couples through a comprehensive biobehavioral multilevel approach in South Africa. We plan to conduct stigma-reduction training in clinics and to address alcohol and other drug use, gender-based violence, sexual risk within couples and with other partners, and uptake and adherence to HIV prevention and HIV treatment, with the overarching aim of preventing new cases of HIV.

Reaching African Americans to Reduce HIV Disparities in the Carolinas (Carolina CoOp) (2019 to date)—*Supplement Awardee/Project Director*. In partnership with Mecklenburg County Public Health, the major goal of this UNC CFAR-funded pilot project is to help enhance the implementation science knowledge base needed for the proposed *Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America*. Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, was identified as one of the 48 highest-burden counties for HIV—and therefore, a priority area for efforts to end the HIV epidemic. Focused on reaching and retaining African American adults in HIV prevention and treatment, this project will implement a brief, tailored mHealth HIV risk-reduction intervention and inform implementation strategies for a clinic-wide stigma-reduction training.

The PREPaRE Pretoria Project: PRevention, Empowering, and PRotecting Young Women in South Africa (2017 to date)—*Co-Investigator*. This Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development–funded R01 study plans to increase uptake and adherence of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV prevention among vulnerable HIV-negative adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) aged 16 to 24 who engage in high-risk sex through a multilevel HIV prevention strategy that addresses stigma and discrimination in AGYW accessing health care, social support, and individual risk behaviors. The project will address the structural, interpersonal, and individual factors to support a comprehensive woman-focused intervention for PrEP uptake and adherence.

Young Women-Focused HIV Prevention: Seek & Test in NC Clinics (NC Young Women’s CoOp) (2015 to date)—*Multiple Principal Investigator*. The major goal of this NIDA-funded R01 project is to test the efficacy of two formats of a woman-focused intervention program (face-to-face vs. mHealth), relative to HIV testing and counseling with 18- to 25-year-old African American women among health department clinics in North Carolina.

Expanding HIV Testing and Prevention to Reach Vulnerable Young Women (Young Women’s Health CoOp) (2015 to date)—*Co-Project Director*. The major goal of this NIDA-funded R01 project is to test the efficacy of a young women’s gender-focused comprehensive program for reducing substance use, victimization, and sexual risk behavior and improving access to effective treatment and support services through linkages to care, relative to standard HIV testing and counseling for female adolescents in Cape Town, South Africa.

Selected Past Project Experience

Implementation Research of the Women’s Health CoOp in South Africa (2016 to 2021)—*Co-Investigator*. This National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism–funded R01 project developed and tested an implementation strategy for integrating an evidence-based intervention into service delivery. Formative findings guided intervention implementation and a stepped-wedge design was used to evaluate the implementation and patient outcomes.

Linking High-Risk Young Women to HIV Prevention and Care for Comorbid Conditions (Pretreatment CoOp) (2016 to 2018) —*Co-Investigator/Statistician*. The goal of this Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development–funded R21 study was to adapt and determine the initial feasibility of a seek, test, treat, and retain (STTR) model for HIV prevention and linkage to treatment for co-occurring substance use and victimization. The information gleaned from in-depth qualitative interviews and focus groups in the formative phase was used to adapt the evidence-based STTR model to include linkages to treatment for substance use and victimization for young women.

Venue-Based Recruitment and HIV Prevention for Alcohol and Other Drug-Using Couples in South Africa (Couples’ Health CoOp) (2008 to 2011)—*Project Manager/Qualitative Task Leader*. The major goal of this National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism–funded R01 study was to develop and test an intervention to address environmental factors and reduce alcohol-related sexual risk and gender-based violence among Coloured and Black/African couples in Cape Town, South Africa. Assisted in preparing an Institutional Review Board (IRB) protocol for approval by RTI and the Medical Research

Council (South Africa); oversaw project start-up activities; assisted in training field staff, along with developing the field manual and quality assurance efforts; and assisted in collecting the qualitative data from focus groups.

Woman-Focused HIV Prevention in the Western Cape, South Africa (Western Cape Women's Health CoOp) (2007 to 2011)—*Associate Project Director*. This R01 study, funded by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, involved an extensive evaluation using qualitative and quantitative methods to determine the effectiveness of an intervention intended to increase the knowledge and skills necessary to reduce substance use, sexual risk behaviors, and victimization in the Western Cape. Provided overall managerial support for the project and supporting project startup activities; assisted in training field staff; oversaw all human subjects reviews, and kept all project files up to date; maintained regular communication with the project director, project manager, and field supervisor while managing and responding to everyday reports; assisted with data analyses, report writing, and manuscript preparation; and compiled and presented production reports.

Adapting the Women's CoOp for At-Risk Teens (Young Women's CoOp) (2007 to 2011)—*Qualitative Task Leader/Study Coordinator*. The purpose of this Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)–funded study was to adapt an evidence-based, woman-focused HIV prevention intervention for sexually active African American adolescent females who had dropped out of school. The study included two primary phases: (1) a formative research phase to adapt the intervention and (2) an experimental phase. In the experimental phase, a randomized controlled trial (RCT) was conducted with African American female adolescents to test the efficacy of the adapted intervention relative to an equal-attention control nutrition intervention in terms of changes in risk behaviors. Assisted in developing research study protocols, conducted in-depth interviews and focus groups in the formative phase, analyzed the qualitative data, adapted and refined the evidence-based intervention for the target adolescent population, and trained project staff.

Professional Experience

2006 to 2011, 2015 to date. RTI International, Research Triangle Park, NC.

Senior Research Social Epidemiologist (2020 to date); ***Research Public Health Analyst*** (2015 to 2019). In RTI's Substance Use, Gender and Applied Research Program, collaborates with a research team on research design and protocol development, data analyses and preparation of manuscripts for several NIH-funded RCT studies to adapt and test an evidence-based HIV behavioral intervention for key populations of African descent. Responsibilities include

- Leading and co-leading HIV research with key populations in the U.S. and South Africa
- co-leading formative research activities, including focus group discussions, pretesting of behavioral HIV prevention interventions, and qualitative data analysis;
- developing research protocols and preparing final study materials;
- conducting fidelity and quality assurance measures;
- overseeing and providing ongoing support for project and clinic staff;
- managing budgets for project operations;
- conducting quantitative data analysis and preparing research manuscripts; and
- developing an individual program of research for key populations of adolescents and young adults.

Research Public Health Analyst (2009 to 2011). In RTI's Substance Abuse Treatment Evaluations and Interventions Research Program, served as associate project director and study coordinator of several NIH- and CDC-funded RCT studies to adapt and test an evidence-based HIV behavioral intervention for key substance-using populations in South Africa and the United States, including pregnant women, racial and ethnic minorities, adolescents, and couples

(Principal Investigator [PI]: Dr. Wendee M. Wechsberg). Primary responsibilities included the following:

- Assisted the PI in adapting and refining an evidence-based intervention to new target populations in the United States and South Africa.
- Led and assisted in collecting qualitative data from in-depth interviews and focus groups.
- Assisted in developing research study protocols.
- Prepared protocols and forms for IRB approval in the United States and South Africa and submitted necessary modifications and renewals.
- Provided overall managerial support for projects and supported project startup activities.
- Assisted in training field staff, along with developing field manuals and quality assurance efforts.
- Conducted quality assurance measures to ensure protocol and intervention fidelity.
- Assisted the PI with grant proposal writing and submissions.
- Prepared budgets for subcontractors in South Africa and reviewed and approved bills.
- Maintained regular communication with senior United States– and South Africa–based staff and South Africa–based field site teams.
- Conducted literature reviews for research manuscripts and analyzed qualitative and quantitative data in preparing research manuscripts, reports, and presentations.

Public Health Analyst (October 2007 to April 2009).

Research Associate through Headway Corporate Staffing Services (May 2007 to September 2007).

Practicum Intern through Headway Corporate Staffing Services (May 2006 to May 2007).

2005 to 2007. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Global Public Health, Chapel Hill, NC.

Research Assistant/Video Coder for U-Chat Study (2006 to 2007) (PI: Megan A. Lewis, PhD, MA). Coded videotaped conversations of couples at risk for colon cancer for a National Cancer Institute (NCI)-funded study examining how couples talk about making health behavior changes to leverage the benefits of spousal social support in behavior change interventions.

Research Assistant for HealthELife Study (2005 to 2006) (PI: Deborah Tate, PhD, MS). Conducted preliminary analysis on the effectiveness of palm pilots, online chat rooms, and online discussion boards on weight loss in adolescents and adults using SPSS for an NIH-funded study. Assisted in data entry and verification.

Student Team Member for Action-Oriented Community Assessment (2005 to 2006). Performed action-oriented community assessment as part of Chatham County's Healthy Chatham initiative to gain an understanding of cultural, social, economic, and health experiences of people living in the eastern part of Chatham County, North Carolina. Assisted in conducting 30 in-depth interviews with community members and service providers, gathering secondary data, organizing a community forum to present findings, soliciting donations for the forum, and facilitating small group discussions at the forum. Co-authored report available to the public on the UNC Health Sciences Library Web site.

2005. World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland.

Summer Intern, Tobacco Free Initiative. Served in Penn State's Minority International Research Training Program. Conducted literature review of youth- and gender-specific interventions in tobacco prevention and cessation efforts. Wrote paper on global youth tobacco use and interventions used in planning a conference on youth and tobacco control.

2004. Harvard School of Public Health (now Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health), Boston, MA.

Participant, Summer Program in Quantitative Sciences. Analyzed secondary data to examine HIV/AIDS and other health disparities in the predominately African American communities of Roxbury, Massachusetts, and Gadsden, Florida, for the NIH-funded Center for Healthy Options and Innovative Community Empowerment. Presented findings at the end of the program. Participated in an introductory biostatistics course and a Stata course.

2003. Research Collaborations Across Continents: Drug Abuse, Health Disparities, HIV and Other Health-Related Consequences, Cape Town, South Africa.

Session Recorder. Served as the recorder of a session at a NIDA-sponsored conference on HIV/AIDS and community-based research and made a presentation to conference participants to provide feedback on the conference.

2002 to 2003. Davidson College, Davidson, NC.

Research Assistant, Psychology Laboratory. Assisted a faculty member and students with cognitive psychology experiments (Advisor: Kristi Multhaup, PhD).

2002, 2003. Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of Mental Health, Baltimore, MD.

Summer Intern, NIDA Undergraduate Summer Research Program (2003). (PI: James C. Anthony, PhD, MS). Worked with faculty researchers (and postdoctoral scholars) to collect and analyze data from neighborhood surveys, club-drug assessments, and inhalant interventions for adolescents using randomized incentives. Assisted in analyzing data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health using Stata.

Summer Intern, NIDA Undergraduate Summer Research Program (2002). (PI: James C. Anthony, PhD, MS). Participated in a drug epidemiology course and in preparing a research manuscript. Designed a neighborhood rating scale to research possible correlation between neighborhood maintenance and drug use and tested the rating scale in various Baltimore census tracts.

Current Academic Appointments

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Health Behavior, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, Chapel Hill, NC, July 2019 to date

Honors and Awards

40 Under 40 Award Winner, *Triangle Business Journal*, 2019

Dr. Ward Cates Emerging Leader Award, Triangle Global Health Consortium, 2019

Highly Cited Author, RTI International, 2018, 2019

Highly Published Author, RTI International, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019

Career Author – Early Career, RTI International, 2015

National Cancer Institute's Education Program in Cancer Prevention, Predoctoral Award, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 2013 to 2015

NIH's Initiative for Maximizing Student Development Predoctoral Award, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, 2011 to 2013

Highly Published Author, RTI International, 2010

Barnhill-Hatch Award, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, 2005 to 2006

Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology, Davidson College, inducted 2005

Phi Beta Delta, the National Honor Society for International Education, Davidson College, inducted 2004

Presidential Award, Davidson College, 2001 to 2005

Professional Associations

American Public Health Association
College on Problems of Drug Dependence
Society for Epidemiologic Research

Professional Service

Editorial Board

- *Gender Issues*, 2016 to date

Reviewer

- *African Health Sciences*
- *AIDS and Behavior*
- *AIDS Care*
- *Journal of Prevention and Intervention in the Community*
- *Journal of Urban Health*
- *PLOS One*
- *Psychology, Health and Medicine*
- *The Journal of Black Psychology*
- *Vulnerable Children & Youth Studies*

Expert Roundtable Co-Host

- Criminal Justice Involvement Among Adolescents and Women Who Use Drugs (co-hosted with Dr. Jennifer Lorvick), 11th International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Group Meeting, San Antonio, TX, June 2019
- Women and Substance Use, HIV, IPV, and Sex Trafficking (co-hosted with Dr. Adrian Abagiu and Natasha Ludwig-Barron), 10th International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Group Meeting, Montreal, Canada, June 2017
- HIV Prevention and Treatment for Women and Adolescents who use Drugs (co-hosted with Dr. Wendee Wechsberg), 9th International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Group Meeting, Palm Springs, CA, June 2016
- HIV Risks & International Interventions for Women (co-hosted with Drs. Nabila El-Bassel and Bronwyn Myers), 7th International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Group Meeting, San Juan, PR, June 2014
- Health Disparities, Risk Behavior and HIV in Women (co-hosted with Drs. Adrian Abagiu and Bijan Nasiri), 4th International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Group Meeting, Hollywood, FL, June 2011
- HIV Interventions (co-hosted with Drs. Maayan Schori and Adrian Abagiu), 3rd International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Group Meeting, Scottsdale, AZ, June 2010

Mentor, WomenNC's Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) Leadership Training Program—a program to mentor university students conducting research projects related to issues of gender inequity in North Carolina, 2018 to 2019; 2019 to date

UNC Center for AIDS Research, Community Advisory Board Member, 2015 to date

Co-Presenter of Session (with Dr. Dorothy C. Browne). Opting Out of Hooking Up [an interactive educational session for adolescent girls]. Women's Health Awareness Day: Transforming Communities by Enhancing Women's Health, April 2017
Panelist, Summer Program in Quantitative Sciences Alumni Panel, Boston, MA, July 2014
Steering Committee, Gender Working Group, Triangle Global Health Consortium, 2010 to 2011
Member, NIDA's International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Group, and Conference Planning Committee, 2009 to 2011, 2015 to date; Roundtable Subcommittee Leader, 2009 to 2011

Seminars and Courses Taught

Teaching Assistantships

SBS 506: An Introduction to Theories of Disease Distribution & Health Inequities: History, Politics, & Public Health, Faculty: Nancy Krieger, PhD, MS, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, fall 2013, fall 2014
SBS 250: Research on Social and Behavioral Health, Faculty: Jennifer Haas, MD, MSPH (Course Director); Cheryl Clark, MD, ScD (Associate Course Director), Department: Social and Behavioral Sciences, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, summer 2013, summer 2014
PH201x: Health and Society (Harvard X/edX course), Faculty: Ichiro Kawachi, MD, PhD, and Monica Wang, SD, MS, Harvard University, November 2013 to February 2014
SBS 221: Psychosocial Theories for Health and Health Behavior, Faculty: Cassandra Okechukwu, ScD, MSN, and Shoba Ramanadhan, ScD, MPH, Department: Social and Behavioral Sciences, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, spring 2013, Faculty: Cassandra Okechukwu, ScD, spring 2015 (substitute TA)
SBS 201: Society and Health, Faculty: Ichiro Kawachi, MD, PhD, Department: Social and Behavioral Sciences, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, fall 2012

Special Courses

Human Subjects Training (CITI)
Qualitative Research Methods, Application and Analysis; Michigan Public Health Training Center

Computer Skills

Quantitative analysis software: SAS, Stata, SPSS, MLwiN
Qualitative analysis software: Atlas.ti
Epi Info

Country Experience

South Africa
Semester abroad in Kenya, School for International Training, Program: Kenya – Development, Health and Society, Brattleboro, VT, spring 2004

Books, Book Chapters, and Monographs

Ravishankar, S., Browne, F., & Wechsberg, W. (2016). Women and HIV prevention. In *Encyclopedia of AIDS*. New York: Springer.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Watkins R. L., Browne F. A., Kizakevich P. N., Howard B. N., Turner L. B., Eckhoff R., & Wechsberg W. M. (in press). The mHealth Development of an Evidence-Based HIV Risk-Reduction Intervention for Young African American Women in the US South. *JMIR Formative Research*. 27/01/2022:34041
- Bonner, C. P., Carney, T., Browne, F. A., Ndirangu, J. W., Howard, B. N., & Wechsberg, W. M. (in press). Substance use and depression and anxiety symptoms among out-of-school adolescent girls and young women in Cape Town, South Africa. *South African Medical Journal*.
- Bonner, C., Bonner, C., Browne, F., Carney, T., Ndirangu, J., Shangase, N., & Wechsberg, W. (2021). Exploring the association between Mandrax use and HIV risk behaviors among adolescent girls and young women in Cape Town, South Africa. *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*, 55, S568.
- Gichane, M. W., Wechsberg, W. M., Ndirangu, J., Howard, B., Bonner, C. P., Browne, F. A., & Zule, W. A. (2021). Sustainability of a gender-focused HIV and alcohol risk-reduction intervention in usual care settings in South Africa: A mixed methods analysis. *AIDS Care*, 1–7. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09540121.2021.1966694>
- Myers, B., Browne, F. A., Carney, T., Kline, T., Bonner, C. P., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2021). The association of recurrent and multiple types of abuse with adverse mental health, substance use, and sexual health outcomes among out-of-school adolescent girls and young women in Cape Town, South Africa. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 18(21). <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph182111403>
- Washio, Y., Browne, F. A., Ndirangu, J. W., Kline, T. L., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2021). Antiretroviral therapy (ART) adherence and prenatal alcohol use among women who are pregnant with HIV in South Africa. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 18(14), 7446. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph18147446>
- Wechsberg, W. M., Browne, F. A., Bonner, C. P., Washio, Y., Howard, B. N., & van der Drift, I. (2021). Current interventions for people living with HIV who use alcohol: Why gender matters. *Current HIV/AIDS Reports*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11904-021-00558-x>
- Wechsberg, W. M., Browne, F. A., Ndirangu, J., Bonner, C. P., Kline, T. L., Gichane, M., & Zule, W. A. (2021). Outcomes of implementing in the real world the Women's Health CoOp Intervention in Cape Town, South Africa. *AIDS and Behavior*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10461-021-03251-7>
- Doherty, I. A., Browne, F. A., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2020). Think inside the box: The heterogeneity of "in risk" among "at risk" female African American adolescents in North Carolina. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, 7(6), 1150–1159. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40615-020-00739-1>
- Gichane, M. W., Wechsberg, W. M., Ndirangu, J., Browne, F. A., Bonner, C. P., Grimwood, A., ... Zule, W. A. (2020). Implementation science outcomes of a gender-focused HIV and alcohol risk-reduction intervention in usual-care settings in South Africa. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 215, 108206. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2020.108206>
- Myers, B., Carney, T., Johnson, K., Browne, F. A., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2020). Service providers' perceptions of barriers to the implementation of trauma-focused substance use services for women in Cape Town, South Africa. *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 75, [102628]. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugpo.2019.102628>
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- Wechsberg, W. M., Browne, F. A., Ndirangu, J., Bonner, C. P., Minnis, A. M., Nyblade, L., Speizer, I. S., Howard, B. N., Myers, B., & Ahmed, K. (2020). The PrEPARE Pretoria Project: Protocol for a cluster-randomized factorial-design trial to prevent HIV with PrEP among adolescent girls and young women in Tshwane, South Africa. *BMC Public Health*, *20*(1), 1403. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-020-09458-y>
- Williams, P. P., Washio, Y., Myers, B., Jaspan, H., Browne, F. A., Wechsberg, W. M., & Parry, C. (2020). Cannabis use and breastfeeding: Do we know enough? *South African Journal of Psychology*, *50*(1), 7–10. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0081246319893934>
- Bonner, C. P., Browne, F. A., Ndirangu, J. W., Howard, B., Zule, W. A., Speizer, I. S., ... Wechsberg, W. M. (2019). Exploring the associations between physical and sexual gender-based violence and HIV among women who use substances in South Africa: The role of agency and alcohol. *AIDS Care*, *31*(11), 1369–1375. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09540121.2019.1595512>
- Carney, T., Browne, F. A., Myers, B., Kline, T. L., Howard, B., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2019). Adolescent female school dropouts who use drugs and engage in risky sex: Effects of a brief pilot intervention in Cape Town, South Africa. *AIDS Care*, *31*(1), 77–84. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09540121.2018.1500008>
- Kline, T., Owens, C., Bonner, C. P., Carney, T., Browne, F. A., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2019). Accuracy and utility of the AUDIT-C with adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) who engage in HIV risk behaviors in South Africa. *Journal of Applied Measurement*, *20*(1), 112–122.
- Myers, B., Carney, T., Browne, F. A., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2019). A trauma-informed substance use and sexual risk reduction intervention for young South African women: A mixed-methods feasibility study. *BMJ Open*, *9*(2), e024776. <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2018-024776>
- Wechsberg, W. M., Bonner, C. P., Zule, W. A., van der Horst, C., Ndirangu, J. W., Browne, F. A., ... Rodman, N. F. (2019). Addressing the nexus of risk: Biobehavioral outcomes from a cluster randomized trial of the Women's Health CoOp Plus in Pretoria, South Africa. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, *195*, 16–26. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2018.10.036>
- Browne, F. A., Wechsberg, W. M., Kizakevich, P. N., Zule, W. A., Bonner, C. P., Madison, A. N., ... Turner, L. B. (2018). mHealth versus face-to-face: Study protocol for a randomized trial to test a gender-focused intervention for young African American women at risk for HIV in North Carolina. *BMC Public Health*, *18*(1), 982. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-018-5796-8>
- Myers, B., Carney, T., Browne, F. A., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2018). Development of a trauma-informed substance use and sexual risk reduction intervention for young South African women. *Patient Preference and Adherence*, *12*, 1997–2006. <https://doi.org/10.2147/PPA.S175852>
- Speizer, I. S., Zule, W. A., Carney, T., Browne, F. A., Ndirangu, J., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2018). Changing sex risk behaviors, gender norms, and relationship dynamics among couples in Cape Town, South Africa: Efficacy of an intervention on the dyad. *Social Science and Medicine*, *209*, 95–103. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2018.05.024>
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- Wechsberg, W., Zule, W., vanderHorst, C., Bonner, C. P., Ndirangu, J., Browne, F., ... Rodman, N. (2018). Combination prevention for women who use alcohol in South Africa: Outcomes from the Women's Health CoOp Plus Study in Pretoria, South Africa. *Journal of the International AIDS Society*, *21*, 129.

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- Howard, B. N., Van Dorn, R., Myers, B. J., Zule, W. A., Browne, F. A., Carney, T., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2017). Barriers and facilitators to implementing an evidence-based woman-focused intervention in South African health services. *BMC Health Services Research, 17*(1), 746. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12913-017-2669-2>
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Academic Lectures and Invited Talks

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Browne, F. A. (2019, December). *The Carolina CoOp: Reaching African Americans to reduce HIV disparities in the Carolinas*. Presented at the UNC Center for AIDS Research World AIDS Day Symposium, Chapel Hill, NC.

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Browne, F. A. (2019, October). *Afternoon plenary: Thoughts from the 2019 Ward Cates Emerging Leader*. Presented at the Triangle Global Health Consortium Conference, Durham, NC.

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- Browne, F., Cox, E., Howard, B., Zule, W., Wechsberg, W. (2021, November). *A Qualitative Examination of Barriers to HIV Service Engagement of African American Adults in the Carolinas*. Poster presented at the 2021 Triangle Global Health Consortium Annual Conference, Virtual.
- Ndirangu, J. W., Browne, F. A., Bonner, C. P., Howard, B. N., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2021). *Understanding the association of Marijuana use and sexual risk in a legal landscape among adolescent girls and young women in South Africa*. 13th Meeting of the International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Working Group (InWomen's) Conference, Virtual.
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- Bonner, C. P., Carney, T., Ndirangu, J. W., Browne, F. A., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2020). *Correlates of Mandrax use among adolescents and young women in Cape Town*. Poster session presented at 12th International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Group (InWomen's) Virtual Conference.
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- Browne, F. A., Kline, T., Bonner, C., Ndirangu, J., Turner, L. B., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2019, November). *The association of food insecurity and other social determinants and STIs among a sample of young African American women at risk for HIV in North Carolina*. Poster presented at the 23rd Annual National CFAR Meeting, Chapel Hill, NC.
- Gichane, M. W., Ndirangu, J., Howard, B. N., Browne, F. A., Zule, W. A., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2019, November). *What happens when the researchers leave? Sustainability of an implementation science trial of a woman-focused intervention in South African health facilities*. Poster presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Ahmed, K., Ndirangu, J., Browne, F. A., Bonner, C., Speizer, I., et al. (2019, November). *Can we end HIV among adolescent girls and young women in South Africa? Key challenges with PrEP*. Oral presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- Browne, F. (2019, July). *Engaging hard-to-reach adolescent girls and young women in HIV trials in the U.S. and South Africa*. Oral presentation at AIDSImpact 2019, London, UK.
- Carney, T., Wechsberg, W., Browne, F., Myers, B., Bonner, C. P., & Ndirangu, J. (2019, July). *The relationship between substance use, mental health and HIV status among young women who have dropped out of school*. Oral presentation at AIDSImpact 2019, London, UK.
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- Wechsberg, W. M., Ndirangu, J., Browne, F. A., Zule, W., & Peasant Bonner, C. (2019). *Adapting an Implementation Science Framework for Women Living with HIV in Usual Care in Cape Town, South Africa*. Oral presentation at AIDSImpact 2019, London, UK.
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- Browne, F. A., Carney, T., Myers, B., Ndirangu, J., Howard, B. N., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2019, June). *Associations between exposure to gangs and positive urine drug screens in Cape Town, South Africa among a sample of female adolescents who have dropped out of school*. Poster presented at the 81st meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence and at the 11th International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Group Meeting, San Antonio, TX.
- Howard, B. N., Turner, L. B., Browne, F. A., Ndirangu, J., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2019, June). *Preliminary feedback from providers on implementing the Women's Health CoOp for women living with HIV in Cape Town, South Africa*. Poster presented at the 11th International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Group Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Browne, F. A., Turner, L. B., Kizakevich, P. N., & Watkins, R. L. (2019, May). *Testing an mHealth intervention for young African American women who use substances and are at risk for HIV/STIs: Preliminary usability, acceptability and satisfaction*. Oral presentation at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Bonner, C. P., Wechsberg, W. M., Carney, T., Browne, F. A., Ndirangu, J., & Howard, B. N. (2019, April). *Intersecting needs and integrating services among adolescent girls and young women who use alcohol and drugs in Cape Town, South Africa*. Poster presented at the 2019 National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, and National Institute on Mental Health Diversity Supplement Professional Development Workshop, Rockville, MD.
- Browne, F. A., Kline, T., Bonner, C., Ndirangu, J., Turner, L. B., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2018, November). *Social determinants associated with STIs among a sample of young African American women who use alcohol or other drugs*. Oral presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Browne, F. A., Zule, W. A., Ndirangu, J., Bonner, C., & Howard, B. (2018, November). *Implementation science research with underserved women in South Africa: Challenges and successes with ARV uptake and adherence*. Poster presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- Browne, F. A. (2018, October). *Outcomes and innovations with woman-focused HIV interventions: Adolescent girls and women towards implementation science*. Oral presentation at the Ending Gender Inequalities Conference, Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Turner, L. B., Bonner, C. P., Browne, F. A., Wechsberg, W. M. (2018, September). *Preliminary engagement with an mHealth gender-focused HIV intervention*. Poster session presented at the Triangle Global Health Consortium Conference, Raleigh, NC.
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- Browne, F. A. (2018, June). *Sex trafficking, HIV and substance use: Framing the problem for evidence-based action*. Oral presentation at the 80th meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, San Diego, CA.
- Watkins, R., Browne, F. A., Kizakevich, P. N., Howard B., Eckhoff, R., Boyce, M., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2018, February). *Insights on adapting a behavior counseling intervention for HIV prevention to a mobile self-help modality*. Poster presented at Digital Health Symposium, Chapel Hill, NC.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Ndirangu, J., Peasant, C., Browne, F. A., Kline, T. L., Zule, W. A., & van der Horst, C. (2017, November). *Preliminary impact for women who use drugs with main partners: sex and abuse*. Oral presentation at AIDSImpact, Cape Town, South Africa.
- Carney, T., Browne, F. A., Ndirangu, J., Myers, B., Wechsberg, W. (2017, November). *Reaching and testing female adolescents who use drugs and have dropped out of school: preliminary data on intersecting HIV risk factors*. Oral presentation at AIDSImpact, Cape Town, South Africa.
- Myers, B., Wechsberg, W., Carney, T., Browne, F. A. (2017, November). *Feasibility, acceptability and initial outcomes of an intervention to reduce substance use, mental health and sexual risks for HIV among trauma-exposed young women*. Oral presentation at AIDSImpact, Cape Town, South Africa.
- Browne, F. A., Peasant, C., Kline, T. L., Howard, B., Madison, A., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2017, November). *Reaching young, substance-using African-American women engaging in HIV/STI risk behavior: The importance of seeking and testing with a key population*. Oral presentation at AIDSImpact, Cape Town, South Africa.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Ndirangu, J., Peasant, C., Speizer, I., Browne, F. A., Howard, B. N., Zule, W. A. (2017, June). *"I was drunk, and I couldn't remember taking my ARV treatment": The use of antiretroviral medication by alcohol-using women in South Africa*. Poster presented at the 12th International Conference on HIV Treatment and Prevention Adherence (IAPAC), Miami Beach, FL.
- Browne, F., Myers, B., Carney, T., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2017, November). *HIV prevalence and related risk factors among young, AOD-using women with experiences of victimization in Cape Town, South Africa*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Atlanta, GA.
- Carney, T., Browne, F., Myers, B., Kline, T., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2017, June). *Intervening with young substance-using women who have left school early: Results of a pilot study in Cape Town*. Presented at the 79th meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, Montreal, Canada.
- Myers, B., Carney, T., Browne, F., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2017, June). *HIV prevalence and linkage to care among trauma-exposed substance-using women in Cape Town, South Africa*. Presented at the 79th meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, Montreal, Canada.
- Peasant, C., Browne, F. A., Ndirangu, J., Howard, B., Zule, W., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2017, June). *Problematic alcohol use and sexual control as key targets for intervention to reduce sexual risk among poor substance-using women in South Africa*. Poster presented at the 10th International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Group Meeting, Montreal, Canada.
- Watkins, R., Browne, F., Kizakevich, P., Howard, B., Eckhoff, R., Boyce, M., & Wechsberg, W. (2017, June). *Lessons learned from the development of an mHealth application for young, substance-using African-American women in North Carolina*. Poster session presented at International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Group Meeting, Montreal, Canada.
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- Howard, B., Ndirangu, J., Van Dorn, R., Browne, F. A., Zule, W. A., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2016, November). *Multilevel barriers and facilitators to implementing the Women's Health CoOp in South Africa*. Poster presented at the 144th annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Denver, CO.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Browne, F. A., Ndirangu, J., Kline, T., Rodman, N., & Zule, W. A. (2016, November). *Opiate use – A new crisis in South Africa after a decade of reaching at-risk substance-using women*. Poster presented at the 144th annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Denver, CO.
- Browne, F. A. (2016, September). *Adapting a “best-evidence” HIV behavioral intervention: Lessons learned*. Oral presentation at the Triangle Global Health Consortium Annual Conference, Chapel Hill, NC.
- Ndirangu, J., Browne, F., Wechsberg, W., & Zule, W. (2016, July). *I am taking ARVs. I am smoking Nyaope. It is not good. Challenges to ART adherence among substance-using women living with HIV in Pretoria, South Africa*. Poster presented at 21st International AIDS Conference, Durban, South Africa.
- Browne, F. A., Wechsberg, W. M., & Myers, B. J. (2016, June). *Empowering female adolescent drug users in Cape Town: A government response*. Oral presentation at the 78th annual Scientific Meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, Palm Springs, CA.
- Browne, F. A. (2016, June). *Outcomes from a pilot test for out-of-school, substance-using at-risk female adolescents in South Africa*. Oral presentation at the 9th International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Group Meeting, Palm Springs, CA.
- Ndirangu, J., Browne, F., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2016, June). *Understanding challenges of ART among substance-using women living with HIV*. Poster presented at the 9th annual International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Group Meeting, Palm Springs, CA.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Doherty, I., Browne, F. A., Ndirangu, J., Kline, T., Rodman, N., Howard, B., & Zule, W. A. (2015, November). *Most at-risk: Sex workers and non-sex workers who use alcohol and drugs living with or at-risk for HIV in South Africa*. Oral presentation at the 143rd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Chicago, IL.
- Carney, T., Myers, B., Kline, T., Browne, F., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2015, June). *The risks of gang association among drug-using women in Cape Town, South Africa*. Poster presented at the 8th Annual International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Group Conference, Phoenix, AZ.
- Zule, W. A., Doherty, I., Myers, B., Browne, F., Carney, T., Parry, C., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2014, July). *Results of a brief intervention for reducing alcohol use among HIV positive women in Cape Town, South Africa*. (2014, July). Oral presentation at the 20th Annual International AIDS Conference, Melbourne, Australia.
- Reed, E., Myers, B., Novak, S. P., Browne, F. A., Doherty, I., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2014, July). *Experiences of violence and association with decreased drug abstinence among women in Cape Town, South Africa*. Poster presented at Satellite Session of the 20th Annual International AIDS Conference, Melbourne, Australia.
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- Carney, T., Myers, B., Kline, T. L., Browne, F.A., Parry, C., Johnson, K., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2014, June). *Are women who use drugs in emerging adulthood more likely to engage in aggressive behavior than older women who use drugs? Findings from Cape Town, South Africa*. Poster presented at the 7th International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Group Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Browne, F. A., Wechsberg, W. M., Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., Raiford, J. L., & Herbst, J. H. (2013, November). *Challenges and lessons learned when adapting evidence-based HIV prevention interventions: Being guided by the teens*. Poster presented at the 141st Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Boston, MA.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Novak, S. P., Doherty, I. A., Browne, F.A., Kline, T. L., Zule, W., et al. (2013, November). *Preliminary outcomes of the Young Women's CoOp on sexual risk behaviors*. Poster presented at the 141st Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Boston, MA.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Doherty, I., Kline, T. L., Ndirangu, J. W., Browne, F. A., Miller, W. C., & Zule, W. A. (2013, September). *HIV serodiscordance and incidence among young Black African couples: Is being a female a risk factor for HIV-infection?* Oral presentation at the 11th International AIDS Impact Conference, Barcelona, Spain.
- Browne, F. A., Kline, T. L., Myers, B., Carney, T., & Wechsberg, W, M. (2013, June). *Financial and resource dependence on main partner and their associations with unprotected sex and experiences of violence with main partner in Cape Town, South Africa*. Poster presented at the 6th International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Group Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- Myers, B., Wechsberg, W. M., Kline, T., Carney, T., Browne, F. A., & Johnson, K. (2013, June). *Psychological distress decreases the odds of perceiving a need for drug treatment among women who use methamphetamine in Cape Town, South Africa*. Poster presented at the 6th International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Group Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Kline, T., Browne, F., Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., Lane, S., Hopkins, J., Sorgi, A., et al. (2012, October). *Out of school and on the streets: HIV/STI risk among young substance-abusing African American women*. Poster presented at the 140th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Browne, F., Kline, T., & Wechsberg, W. (2012, July). *Differences in socioeconomic factors, HIV knowledge and HIV prevalence among a sample of Black and Coloured women in Cape Town, South Africa*. Poster presented at the 19th International AIDS Conference, Washington, DC.
- Wechsberg, W., Kline, T., Browne, F., Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., Carney, T., Myers, B., et al. (2011, September). *Preliminary outcomes of a randomized controlled trial of a feminist HIV intervention for vulnerable women in Cape Town, South Africa*. Oral presentation at the 10th International AIDS Impact Conference, Santa Fe, NM.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Kline, T. L., Browne, F. A., Myers, B., Jewkes, R., Carney, T., et al. (2011, August). *Women's cultural differences and reductions in gender-based violence from partners*. Presented at the 119th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
- Myers, B., Browne, F., Carney, T., Kline, T., & Wechsberg, W. (2011, July). *Ethnic differences in drug-related sexual risks for HIV among vulnerable women in Cape Town, South Africa*. Poster presented at the 6th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention, Rome, Italy.
- Carney, T., Wechsberg, W. M., Browne, F. A., Myers, B., & Kline, T. (2011, June). *Adaptation of interventions to address alcohol and other drug use, sexual risk behavior, and gender-based violence in Cape Town, South Africa*. Poster presented at the 2011 NIDA International Forum, Hollywood, FL.
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- Jones, H., Browne, F. A., Myers, B., Carney, T., Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., Kline, T., et al. (2010, November). *Comparing pregnant and non-pregnant women in South Africa: Drug use, HIV risk and the need for comprehensive services*. Poster presented at the 138th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Denver, CO.
- Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., Browne, F. A., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2010, November). *Practical lessons learned from adaptation research with at-risk African-American young women: Challenges, successes and next steps*. Oral presentation at the 138th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Denver, CO.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Fortuin, R., Carney, T., Browne, F. A., Myers, B., & Zule, W. A. (2010, November). *Adapting a men's intervention to address alcohol and drug abuse in Cape Town, South Africa*. Poster presented at the 138th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Denver, CO.
- Zule, W. A., Wechsberg, W. M., Jones, H., Bobashev, G., Coomes, C., Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., & Browne, F. A. (2010, November). *What women don't know can hurt them: Hidden male bisexual behavior as a potential bridge for HIV transmission*. Oral presentation at the 138th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Denver, CO.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Browne, F. A., Kurian, K., & Middlesteadt Ellerson, R. (2010, September). *The allure of gangs, violence and victimization experienced by drug-using teens in Cape Town, South Africa*. Oral presentation at the 15th International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma, San Diego, CA.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Browne, F. A., Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., & Herbst, J. H. (2010, August). *Adapting HIV prevention for at-risk African American female adolescents*. Oral presentation at the 118th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Diego, CA.
- Jones, H. E., Browne, F. A., Myers, B. J., Carney, T., Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., Kline, T. L., et al. (2010, July). *The multiple dimensions of HIV-risk for female methamphetamine-users requires combined women-focused treatment and HIV prevention right now*. Poster presented at the 18th International AIDS Conference, Vienna, Austria.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Browne, F. A., El-Bassel, N., Carney, T., Myers, B. J., Zule, W. A., et al. (2010, July). *What's love got to do with it? Adapting an HIV evidence-based intervention with couples in South Africa*. Poster presented at the 18th International AIDS Conference, Vienna, Austria.
- Wechsberg, W., Poulton, W., Kline, T., Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., Browne, F., Zule, W., et al. (2010, July). *An evidence-based HIV prevention intervention for vulnerable women in South Africa: Findings and the need to scale-up*. Poster presented at the 18th International AIDS Conference, Vienna, Austria.
- Browne, F. A., Wechsberg, W. M., Jones, H. E., Myers, B. J., Carney, T., Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., & Kline, T. L. (2010, June). *Methamphetamine use among young Black and Coloured women in Cape Town, South Africa*. Poster presented at the 2010 NIDA International Forum, Scottsdale, AZ.
- Carney, T., Wechsberg, W. M., Browne, F., Fortuin, R., & Myers, B. (2010, June). *Shebeen life in two communities: Alcohol, drugs, and risks*. Poster presented at the 2010 NIDA International Forum, Scottsdale, AZ.
- Myers, B., Wechsberg, W. M., Browne, F., Carney, T., Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., Kline, T., et al. (2010, June). *Ethnic differences in drug-related risks for HIV and intimate partner violence among vulnerable women in Cape Town, South Africa*. Poster presented at the 2010 NIDA International Forum, Scottsdale, AZ.
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- Browne, F. A., White, V. M., Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2009, November). *“Running the streets”: The influence of interpersonal and structural factors on sexual risk among out-of-school African-American female adolescents in Raleigh-Durham, NC*. Poster presented at the 137th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Novak, S., Zule, W. A., Kral, A., Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., & Browne, F. A. (2009, November). *Sustainability of intervention effects of a woman-focused HIV prevention intervention for African American crack-using women*. Oral presentation at the 137th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Reed, E., Hernandez, A. M., Fortuin, R. S., Carney, T., Browne, F. A., et al. (2009, November). *Couples only know to fight: Alcohol, drug use, and sex risks in informal taverns of Cape Town, the aftermath*. Oral presentation at the 137th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Berkman, N. D., Jones, H. E., Kline, T. L., Browne, F. A., Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., & Poulton, W. E. (2009, October). *An adapted evidence-based intervention for at-risk pregnant African American women in substance abuse treatment in NC: Barriers to care and need for continuum of services*. Oral presentation at the Addiction Health Services Research Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Browne, F. A., Wechsberg, W. M., Myers, B. J., Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., Carney, T., & Rodman, N. F. (2009, September). *The Western Cape Women’s Health CoOp Study: Formative research to randomized controlled trial*. Oral presentation at the 9th International AIDS Impact Conference, Gaborone, Botswana.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Zule, W. A., Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., Browne, F. A., Kaufman, M. R., Luseno, W. K., et al. (2009, September). *Adapting an evidence-based woman-focused HIV prevention intervention for vulnerable women in multiple settings*. Oral presentation at the 9th International AIDS Impact Conference, Gaborone, Botswana.
- Browne, F. A., Wechsberg, W. M., White, V. M., Herbst, J. H., Galbraith, J., Mejia, R., et al. (2009, August). *Adapting a “best-evidence” HIV behavioral intervention for at-risk African American female adolescents in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina*. Oral presentation at the 2009 National HIV Prevention conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Browne, F. A., Kline, T. L., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2009, June). *Reducing impaired sex with AOD-using vulnerable women: Findings from a randomized trial in Gauteng, South Africa*. Poster presented at the 2009 NIDA International Forum, Reno, NV.
- Browne, F. A., Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., Berkman, N. D., Kline, T. L., Jones, H. E., Haller, D. L., et al. (2009, June). *Preliminary findings on the efficacy of an HIV prevention intervention for pregnant African American women in substance abuse treatment in the South*. Poster presented at CPDD, Reno/Sparks, NV.
- Parry, C. D., Kline, T. L., Browne, F. A., Kaufman, M. R., Jewkes, R., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2009, June). *Reducing violence against vulnerable women: Data from an RCT in Gauteng Province, South Africa*. Oral presentation at the 2009 NIDA International Forum, Reno, NV.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Krupitsky, E., Romanova, T., Zvartau, E., Luseno, W. K., Browne, F. A., et al. (2009, June). *Double jeopardy for drug-using women in Russia: Injecting and sexual risks reported in a small trial*. Poster presented at the 71st Annual Scientific Meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, Reno, NV.
- Browne, F. A., Wechsberg, W. M., Bowling, J. M., & Luseno, W. K. (2008, October). *Predictors of male condom use skills among high-risk women in Pretoria, South Africa*. Poster presented at the 136th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.
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- Wechsberg, W. M., Kline, T. L., Zule, W. A., Luseno, W. K., Browne, F. A., Kaufman, M. R., et al. (2008, October). *The effect of an adapted evidenced-based, gender-focused intervention on condom use among at-risk women in Pretoria, South Africa*. Oral presentation at the 136th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Zule, W. A., Kurian, K. M., Luseno, W. K., Browne, F. A., Kaufman, M. R., et al. (2008, October). *Teens on Tik: Methamphetamine use and sexual risk behaviors among female school drop outs in South Africa*. Oral presentation at the 136th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Zule, W. A., Kurian, K. M., Luseno, W. K., Browne, F. A., Kaufman, M. R., et al. (2008, October). *Teens on tik: Methamphetamine use and sexual risk behaviors among female school drop outs in South Africa*. Oral presentation at 136th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.
- Luseno, W. K., Wechsberg, W. M., Kline, T. L., Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., Browne, F. A., & Gentry, A. (2008, August). *Help seeking and comorbidity among at-risk poor HIV-positive South African women: Health services utilization and mental health issues*. Poster presented at the 17th International AIDS Conference, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Kline, T. L., Luseno, W. K., Browne, F. A., Gentry, A. L., Zule, W. A., & Middlesteadt Ellerson, R. (2008, August). *Cross-cultural comparison of victimization among women who use substances*. Oral presentation at the 116th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Luseno, W. K., Kline, T. L., Browne, F. A., Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., Zule, W. A., et al. (2008, August). *The Women's Health CoOp in South Africa: Efficacy of an adapted evidence-based woman-focused intervention*. Oral presentation at the 17th International AIDS Conference, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Kline, T. L., Parry, C., Myers, B., Luseno, W. K., Browne, F. A., et al. (2008, July). *Reducing HIV risk among vulnerable young women in South Africa: Efficacy of an adapted evidence-based woman-focused intervention*. Oral presentation at the RSA/ISBRA Conference, Washington, DC.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Browne, F. A., Simons-Rudolph, A., Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., & Gentry, A. L. (2008, June). *Pregnant Women's CoOp Study: HIV prevention for pregnant, African-American women in substance abuse treatment*. Oral presentation at the 70th Annual Scientific Meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Browne, F. A., Simons-Rudolph, A. P., Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., & Gentry, A. L. (2008, June). *Pregnant Women's CoOp Study: HIV prevention for pregnant, African American women in substance abuse treatment*. Oral presentation at the 70th Annual Scientific Meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Browne, F. A., Simons-Rudolph, A. P., Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., Karg, R. S., & Gentry, A. L. (2008, June). *Technological innovations in adapting an evidence-based HIV intervention for pregnant African-American women in substance abuse treatment*. Poster presented at the 70th Annual Scientific Meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Frye, T. L., Browne, F. A., Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., Simons-Rudolph, A., Luseno, W. K., Karg, R. S., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2007, December). *Adaptations from recovering voices: Stage I of HIV prevention for pregnant, African American substance-using women*. Oral presentation at the 2007 National HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, GA.
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- Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., Luseno, W., Browne, F. A., Wechsberg, W. M., Zule, W. A., & Coomes, C. (2007, December). *HIV outreach accountability in diverse high-risk populations: When is structure too much?* Oral presentation at the 2007 National HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Wechsberg, W. M., Luseno, W. K., Browne, F. A., Kurian, K. S., & Naidoo, C. (2007, November). *Tiking teens: A methamphetamine epidemic in the Western Cape of South Africa among a sample of female school dropouts.* Poster presented at the 135th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, DC.
- Browne, F. A., Young, S. K., Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., Karg, R. S., & Wechsberg, W. M. (2007, September). *The long-term effects of HIV risk interventions in crack-using African-American women in Raleigh-Durham, NC.* Poster presented at the 2007 Annual Educational Conference of the North Carolina Public Health Association, Research Triangle Park, NC.
- Wechsberg, W., Karg, R., Zule, W., Middlesteadt Ellerson, R., Kurian, K., Browne, F., & Young, S. (2007, July). *Crack use careers and effects of brief HIV interventions overtime for African American women.* Oral presentation at the 8th International AIDS Impact Conference, Marseille, France.
- Karg, R. S., Wechsberg, W. M., Kurian, K. M., Browne, F. A., & Middlesteadt Ellerson, R. (2007, June). *On the rocks: Barriers to treatment and help-seeking among African American women who use crack.* Poster presented at the 69th Annual Scientific Meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, Quebec City, Canada.
- Wechsberg, W., Luseno, W., Browne, F., & Sawyer-Kurian, K. (2007, June). *Differences in alcohol, methamphetamine, and cannabis use among out-of-school adolescent females in the Western Cape province of South Africa.* Poster presented at the 2007 NIDA International Forum, Quebec City, Canada.
- Karg, R., Wechsberg, W. M., Luseno, W., Young, S., Sawyer, K. M., & Browne, F. A. (2006, August). *Sexual risks, substance use, and violence among South African women.* Oral presentation at the 114th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Browne, D. C., Clubb, P. A., Browne, F. A., & Dennis, M. L. (2005, December). *Victimization and substance use among adolescents.* Poster presented at the 133rd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA.
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