



## **Drug Use Trajectories Among African Americans**

**Bethesda Marriott  
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Bethesda, Maryland  
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### **Agenda**

- 8:00 – 8:30 Registration
- 8:30 – 8:35 a.m. **Welcoming Remarks**  
*Wilson M. Compton, M.D.*  
*National Institute on Drug Abuse*
- 8:35 – 8:45 a.m. **Overview and Purpose of Workshop**  
*Yonette F. Thomas, Ph.D.*  
*National Institute on Drug Abuse*
- 8:45 – 9:30 a.m. **Overview of What We Know About Disparities in Trajectories of Drug Use Among Different Racial/Ethnic Groups**  
*Denise B. Kandel, Ph.D.*  
*Columbia University*
- What do we mean by “drug use trajectory?”
  - Is this a real phenomenon?
  - What does the current literature say about differences in drug use trajectories?
  - What factors are currently known to influence these trajectories and crossover effects?
- 9:30 – 9:50 a.m. **Questions and General Discussion**
- 9:50 – 10:00 a.m. **Break**
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **What Is the Current Research on Drug Use Trajectories Among Different Racial/Ethnic Groups?**  
Moderator: *Marsha F. Lopez, Ph.D., M.H.S.*

- How does your data provide evidence of differences in drug use trajectories among different racial/ethnic groups and African Americans in particular?
- What risk and protective factors are related to the different trajectories, and do these factors differ across and within racial/ethnic groups and among African Americans in particular?
- What designs and types of data have been employed to address these differences?

10:00 – 10:20 a.m. **Is the association between substance use and violence the same for different ethnic groups?**

*Rolf Loeber, Ph.D.*  
*University of Pittsburgh*

10:20 – 10:40 a.m. **The Woodlawn Project: 35 Years and Counting**

*Margaret E. Ensminger, Ph.D.*  
*Johns Hopkins University*

10:40 – 11:00 a.m. **Race, Ethnicity, and Substance Use**

*Clifford L. Broman, Ph.D.*  
*Michigan State University*

11:00 – 11:20 a.m. **Predictors and Outcomes of Substance Use Trajectories Among African American Adolescents**

*Tamara L. Brown, Ph.D.*  
*University of Kentucky*

11:20 – 11:40 a.m. **Examining Intergroup Differences in Intraindividual Change**

*Meg Gerrard, Ph.D.*  
*Iowa State University*

11:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Discussant**

*John Schulenberg, Ph.D.*  
*University of Michigan*

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch On Your Own**

1:30 – 2:00 p.m. **General Discussion**

Moderator: *Marsha F. Lopez, Ph.D., M.H.S.*

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Gaps in Our Knowledge and How Do We Address Them?**

Moderator: *Lula A. Beatty, Ph.D.*  
*National Institute on Drug Abuse*

- What gaps exist in our research in understanding trajectories of drug use among African Americans?
- How do trajectories link to high risk outcomes such as HIV/AIDS?
- What should the next generation of research in the field look like particularly with regard to prevention interventions?
- How can NIDA encourage research in this direction?

2:00 – 2:15 p.m.

**Examples from the Adolescent Health Study**

*Denise Hallfors, Ph.D.*

*Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation*

2:15 – 2:30 p.m.

**Examples from the Pittsburgh Youth Study**

*Helene Raskin White, Ph.D.*

*Rutgers University*

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.

**Examples from the Northwestern Juvenile Project**

*Linda A. Teplin, Ph.D.*

*Northwestern University*

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.

**Examples from the Pathways to Desistance Study**

*Edward P. Mulvey, Ph.D.*

*University of Pittsburgh Medical Center*

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.

**Discussant**

*John M. Wallace, Jr., Ph.D.*

*University of Pittsburgh*

3:15 – 3:45 p.m.

**General Discussion**

3:45 – 4:00 p.m.

**Break**

4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

**General Discussion of Major Themes, Key Issues, and Recommendations**

*Yonette F. Thomas, Ph.D.*

- How should today’s insights inform NIDA’s research directions?
- Meeting product: journal article, special monograph?
- Wrap up and next steps

4:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**