

## Minority Clinical Fellowship Program

The **Minority Clinical Fellowship** program is entering its sixth year, and the HIV Medicine Association is proud of the contribution that the program has made to strengthen the HIV workforce in communities most in need of HIV medical providers. We have supported 14 African American and Latino physicians in pursuing careers in HIV medicine, and we look forward to expanding the program as funding allows.

### Current Fellows



**Alisson Sombredero, MD**  
University of California  
San Francisco, CA  
East Bay AIDS Center in Oakland, CA  
Mentors: Monica Gandhi, MD, MPH  
Christopher Hall, MD

Dr. Sombredero earned her medical degree from the Universidad de la Sabana School of Medicine in Bogota, Colombia and completed a clinical internship in HIV medicine in Spain. She returned to Colombia and served as a physician in the rural communities of Tumaco and Cali. Dr. Sombredero completed her residency training program at Highland Hospital in Oakland, California. Her fellowship will take place at the University of California in San Francisco and East Bay AIDS Center in Oakland, California.



**Natasha Travis, MD**  
Ponce De Leon Clinic at Grady  
Memorial Hospital  
Atlanta, GA  
Mentors: David Malebranche, MD  
Wendy Armstrong, MD

A graduate of Loyola University in Chicago with a degree in biology, Dr. Travis served a term with the Wisconsin HIV Community Planning Network's Statewide Action Planning Group and helped spearhead the creation of the first annual HIV Testing Day event in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She earned her medical degree from Rush University College of Medicine. Her fellowship will take place at Emory University, the Ponce De Leon Clinic at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta.

### 2011 Fellows



**Maya Green, MD, MPH**  
Rush University Medical Center  
Chicago, IL  
Mentor: Kimberly Smith, MD, MPH

Dr. Green completed her fellowship at Rush University Medical Center in June 2012. She will continue as an HIV provider at the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE

Center, a clinic for the prevention, care and research of HIV/AIDS.



**Albert Slezinger, MD**  
Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center  
Bronx, NY  
Mentor: Jose Tiburcio, MD

Dr. Slezinger completed his fellowship at Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center in July 2012. He will remain at Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center as an attending physician and will continue to provide HIV primary care to his current panel.

## 2010 Fellows



**Damon Francis, MD**  
East Bay AIDS Center  
Medical Director, Urban Male Health Initiative  
Alameda County Public Health Dept.  
Oakland, CA



**Chavon Onumah, MD, MPH**  
George Washington University  
Assistant Clinical Professor  
Washington, DC

## 2009 Fellows



**Carolina Abuelo, MD, MSc**  
Charlestown Health Center  
Massachusetts General Hospital  
Boston, MA



**Oni Blackstock, MD**  
Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine  
Division of General Internal Medicine  
Assistant Professor  
New York, NY

## 2008 Fellows



**Damaris Olagundoye, MD**  
Mathew Walker  
Comprehensive Health Center  
Clinical Faculty/Instructor  
Nashville, TN



**Veronica Ayala-Sims, MD**  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Ryan White Clinician/Clinical Director  
Assistant Professor  
Richmond, VA

## 2007 Fellows



**Aima Ahonkhai, MD, MPH**  
St. Vincent's Medical Center  
Hospitalists Department of Medicine  
CEPAC  
Junior Faculty  
Bridgeport, CT



**April Alegria Soto, MD**  
Kaiser Permanente  
Provider for Family Medicine, HIV  
Medicine and Family Medicine Surgical  
Services  
Pasadena, CA



**Loida Bonney, MD, MPH**  
Ryan White Clinician  
Emory University School of Medicine  
Assistant Professor  
Atlanta, GA



**Jose Tiburcio, MD**  
Bronx-Lebanon Hospital  
Associate Residency Director/Medical  
Director Family Wellness Center  
Bronx, NY

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Genentech 2011

Janssen Therapeutics 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

Bristol-Myers Squibb 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009

Gilead Sciences Foundation 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

Abbott Laboratories 2007

Pfizer 2006, 2007, 2009

GlaxoSmithKline 2006

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