

**2007
 Community-Based Research Seed Grant Awards**

The Institute for Women's Health is pleased to announce the recipients of our first seed grant program, fostering excellence in community-based participatory research in women's health. We are very excited about the opportunity to provide over \$85,000 in awards to nine VCU faculty and students. These projects will bridge academia with pressing community needs and contribute to improving the health of women and girls in our community, playing a critical role in the Institute's goal of community engagement. We look forward to fostering new partnerships that promote a participatory, cooperative, and co-learning process for VCU researchers and our community partners.

Awardees:

Name	Department	Project Title	Award Amount
Dr. Rosalie Corona	Psychology	Barriers & Supports to Teen Pregnancy Prevention among Latina Adolescents	9,731
Dr. Lori Keyser Marcus	Psychiatry	Motivational Strategies to Help Bridge the Gap from Referral to Treatment for Substance Use and Depression	9,500
Dr. Sarah Kye Price	Social Work	Women, Loss and Depression: Building Knowledge and Capacity for Community-informed Intervention Development	10,000
Anh Bao Nguyen	Psychology	Khoe Man La Tot Hon Dep! (Health is Better than Beauty!)	7,204
Dr. Saba Masho	Epidemiology & Community Health	Access to Perinatal Care for Uninsured and Medicaid Ineligible Women	10,000
Dr. Diane Langhorst	Social Work	Improving Employment Outcomes in Substance Dependent Women	10,000
Dr. Sarah Meshberg- Cohen	Psychology	Expressive Writing as a Therapeutic Process	9,500
Dr. Anika Alvanzo	Internal Medicine	Trauma-informed Addiction Therapy for Women in Outpatient Community-Based Substance Abuse Treatment	10,000

Demonstration Project

Dr. Judith Bradford	Wilder School	Engaging the Richmond Community to Improve Prenatal Care Access	10,000
Total Awards			\$85,935

Quarterly IWH Sponsored Community – Based Participatory Research Educational Seminars

As part of our efforts to engage the community in setting research priorities, the Institute will host a quarterly series of educational seminars with our seed grant awardees focused on educating VCU researchers, faculty and staff in the development of collaborative partnerships with our community. The seminars will be aimed at enhancing the relevance and value of clinical research by involving patients and community members and building on the strengths and resources within our community. The seminars will be open to all VCU Faculty, staff and community partners interested in community-based participatory research.

Judith Bradford, Ph.D. Institute for Women’s Health, Director of Community Based Research

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