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A Letter from AVA's Chair & President



In 2024, the Academy on Violence and Abuse (AVA) remained steadfast in its mission to enhance the skills, knowledge, and attitudes of healthcare professionals who care for individuals affected by violence and abuse across the lifespan. Amid a year shaped by geopolitical uncertainty and rapid digital transformation—with technologies that both empower and endanger—AVA's work proved more vital than ever. We welcomed a dynamic and diverse group of new board members, developed strategies to support and sustain our growing membership, and continued to advocate for health education and research focused on recognizing, treating, and preventing the health effects of violence and abuse.

In 2024, AVA hosted 13 hybrid events and trained 2,220 individuals, which is an increase from 2023. AVA offered a robust slate of events and professional development opportunities designed to engage and educate our community. Highlights included presentations on emerging issues, networking and dialogue through the ACES Health Champions initiative, the annual San Diego Pre-conference Institute, Regional Academies, and the Global Health Summit. These gatherings, along with additional educational offerings led by our members and board, fostered collaboration and learning across disciplines. Through the AVA Scholars program, we continued to mentor emerging leaders by supporting their research and creating platforms for dissemination. As we prepare to celebrate AVA's 20th anniversary next year and honor the legacy of our founders, we look ahead with optimism, committed to strengthening and supporting our membership through expanded educational opportunities, publications, collaborative research, and community outreach.

We are excited to welcome Dr. Sharon Cooper as AVA's President-Elect, bringing her forward-thinking leadership and global perspective into 2025. Her visionary approach will guide the development of professional growth and career pathways for a diverse range of healthcare professionals across the lifespan. Under her leadership, AVA will continue to advance trauma-informed care and champion the ACES/Resiliency movement on a global scale.

Ginger Meyer, MSW, LCSW, CCP
Chair of the Board of Directors

Allison Jackson, MD, MPH
President



Academy on Violence and Abuse

AVA is a non-profit, academic, membership-based organization. Our membership includes a variety of health care professionals and individuals who are committed to the mission and vision of the Academy. We continue to expand health education and research and integrate knowledge about violence and abuse into the training of all health professionals to promote safe families, safe workplaces, and safe communities.

OUR VISION & MISSION



VISION

The vision of the AVA is that the recognition, treatment, and prevention of the health effects of violence and abuse are fully integrated into healthcare and society so that people of all ages are safe and healthy.

MISSION

The mission of the AVA is to advance health education and research on the recognition, treatment, and prevention of the health effects of violence and abuse throughout the life course.





This will be accomplished by:

- Fostering and advancing best science regarding the relationship of violence and abuse to health, including prevention, identification, and care.
- Accelerating the translation of developing knowledge about violence, abuse, and health into healthcare practice, education, and public policy.
- Developing and widely promulgating competencies and standards for quality healthcare addressing the impacts of violence and abuse.
- Increasing student, policy maker, and public awareness about the relationships between violence, abuse, and health.
- Improving the abilities and skills of all healthcare professionals to deliver compassionate, quality care to those affected by violence and abuse.



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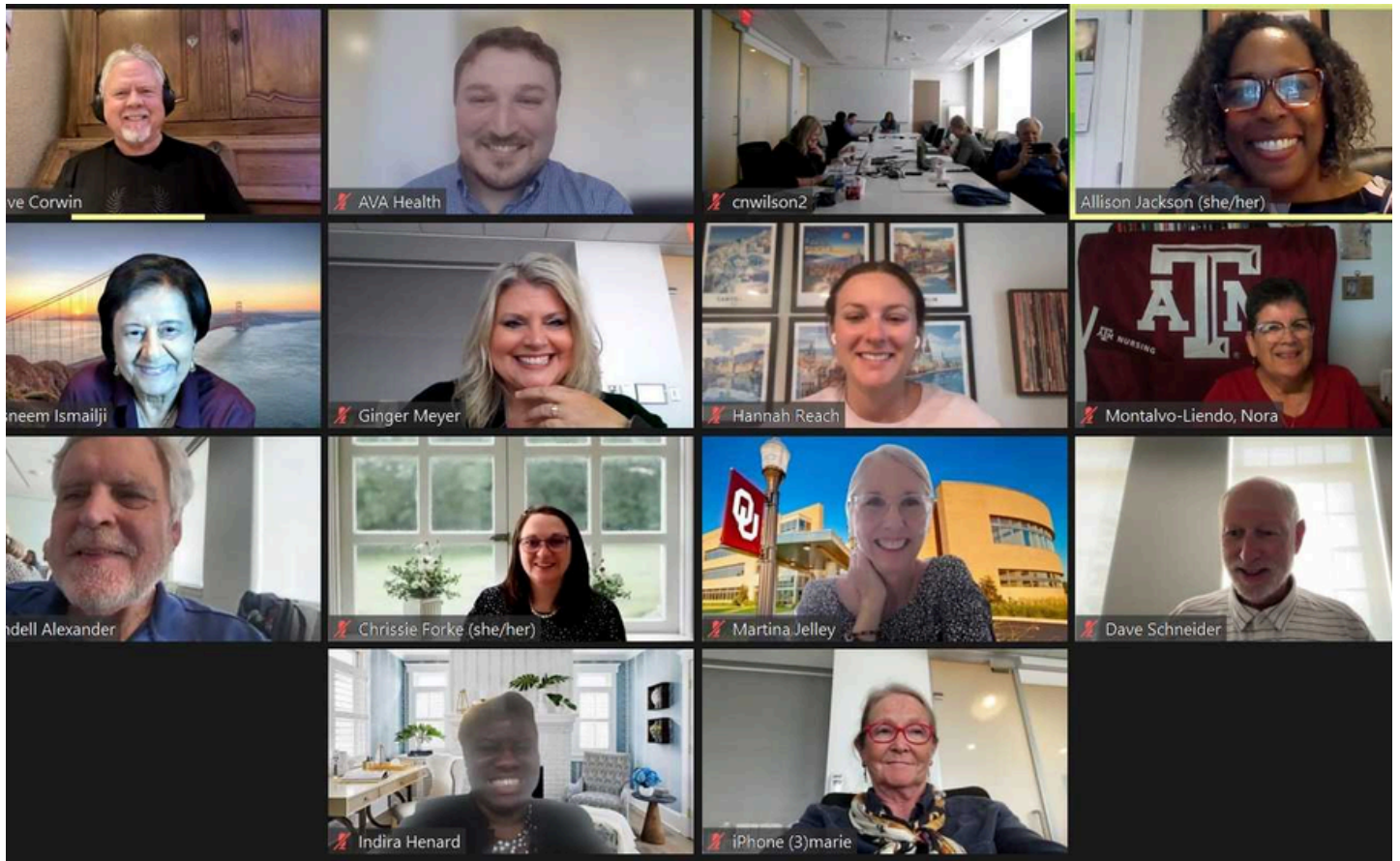
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2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

San Diego Pre-Conference Institute

AVA Institute F – Part 1- Trauma and Memory

Sunday – January 21, 2024

Town and Country Hotel and Resort – San Diego, CA

8:30 am to 8:45 am	Dave Corwin, MD – Introductions and case example
8:45 am to 9:30 am	Julian Ford, PhD – Trauma and Memory
9:30 am to 10:15 am	Steve Berkowitz, MD – Brain Injury Model for Impacts of Trauma on Memory - Shannon Chaplo, PhD - Discussant
10:15 am to 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am to 11:30 am	Nicole Kluemper, PhD – <i>See Jane Fly</i> – case report with videos
11:30 am to 12:15 pm	Marcie Hamilton, JD – Trauma, Memory, and the Law
12:15 pm to 1:30 pm	Lunch break
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm	Gail Goodman, PhD – New Research and Review
2:30 pm to 2:45 pm	Discussion – Importance to Healthcare - F. David Schneider, MD

Part 2 - Child Sexual Abuse Accommodation Syndrome Revisited

2:45 pm to 3:15 pm	Introduction and Educational Film – Sue Hardie, MN, PhD
3:15 pm to 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 pm to 4:00 pm	Current Legal Status - Thomas Lyon, PhD, JD
4:00 pm to 4:30 pm	Background of film and discussion – Sue Hardie, MN, PhD and David L. Corwin, MD



2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

San Diego Pre-Conference Institute



HIGHLIGHTS

Julian D. Ford, PhD
Academy on Violence & Abuse

3. Nicole Kluemper
ACADEMY ON VIOLENCE & ABUSE

► See Jane Fly: A Memoir
I receive royalty payments from the sale of my book.

4. Marci A. Hamilton
Academy on Violence & Abuse

CHILDUSA
THE THINK TANK FOR CHILD PROTECTION

Trauma, Memory, and the Law
Prof. Marci A. Hamilton

Presentation at the Town and County Hotel and Resort, San Diego, CA
2024 Academy on Violence & Abuse Preconference
January 21, 2024

Dr. Goodman PSC182 Talk 2.23.2024
Academy on Violence & Abuse

*Trauma and memory:
A research perspective*
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CSAAS Revisited - Susan Hardie, 1985 CSAAS Film, Thomas Lyon, & Roland Summit
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2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

AVA Regional Academy

A Regional Academy is a collaboration between AVA experts and local leaders to develop a trauma-resiliency informed community. If a local community wishes to host a Regional Academy, the AVA planning committee will discuss the various disciplines that could be represented during the conference and assist with planning the details of the customized training to fit your local/regional needs.

The training the regional academy provides is based on the scientific research study on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) for which over 50 studies have been conducted. This event is more about knowledge dissemination and inviting the community leaders to the table to understand one language, rather than teaching an intervention. It is an event to provide a trauma-informed approach and assist with a cultural shift within the medical and mental health community.

Participants gain a level of knowledge regarding ACEs, Trauma Informed Treatment, ACEs and Long Term Health, Biological Effects of ACEs, Increasing Resilience, Trauma-Informed Child and Family Programs, Screening in Pediatric Care and Clinical Approaches in Trauma.

The Regional Academy facilitated by the Academy on Violence and Abuse (AVA) is a very powerful tool to help communities begin the process of understanding the impact childhood histories of trauma have on those living in their neighborhoods.



2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Regional Academy: Washington, D.C.

April 25-26, 2024

Dr. Allison Jackson hosted the 2024 Regional Academy, which was held in collaboration with the D.C. Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCCADV) and the Academy on Violence and Abuse. The 3rd Annual DC Regional Academy on Family Violence Generational Trauma-Breaking the Cycle.

HIGHLIGHTS



Registered

144



Attendance Day One

124

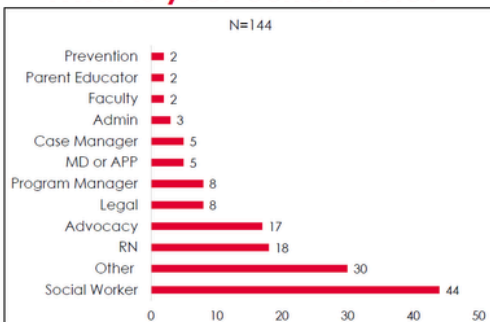
Attendance Day Two

111

Breathing Room Opportunities

Introductions Exercise	118
Comfort Corner	87
Meals and Meditation	2
Escape Room	84
Massage/Trauma Yoga	<20

What is your current role?



Other:		
Administrator	Development & Outreach	Licensed Professional Counselor
APC	Director	LST
art therapist	Enterprise Risk Management	Marketing Manager
CAC - Prevention	Evaluator	Mental Health Specialist
CEO	Executive Director	P.E.E.R. Specialist
Client Facing Staff	Family Support Worker	Professional Counselor
Comms Manager	Healing and Liberation Coordinator	PSYCHOLOGIST/DV SPECIALIST
Communications Manager	Intake Coordinator	SAO ATTORNEY
Counselor	Lead LST/Admin	Therapist
Counselor Educator and Mental Health Expert Witness	Leadership	Training and Outreach



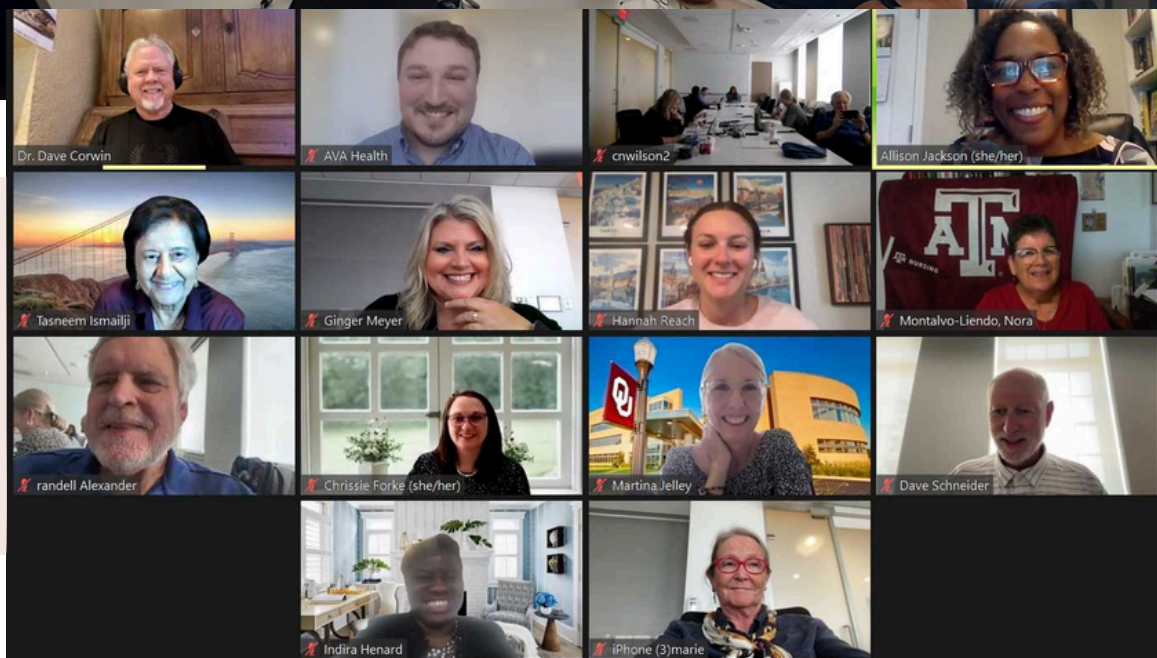
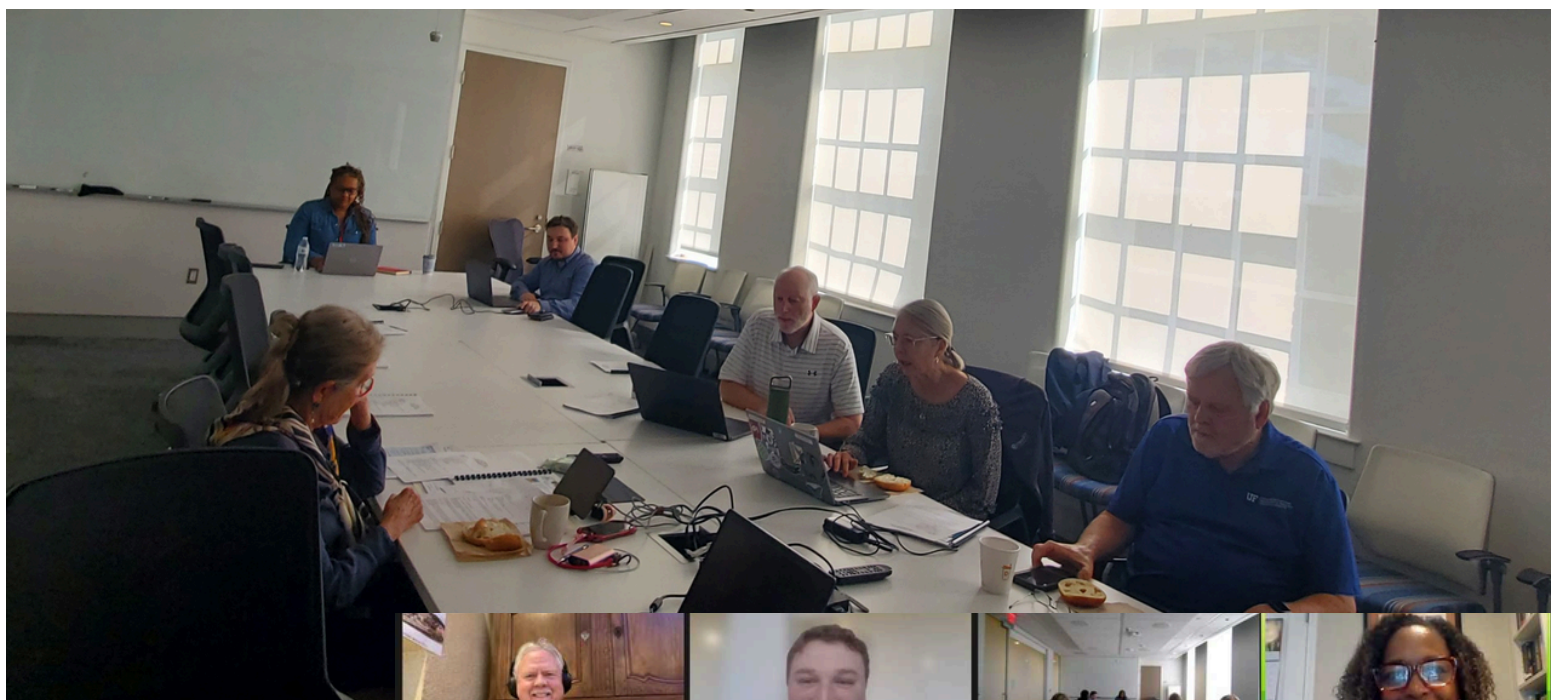


2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

AVA Global Health Summit In-Person Board Meeting Washington DC

The annual AVA board meeting was held in conjunction with the Global Health Summit and was a hybrid model to accommodate all board members.

HIGHLIGHTS



☐ Agenda

☐ Planning

☐ Scholars

☐ Fun



2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

"Health Education About and Advocacy Against Violence and Abuse Across the Lifespan" Washington D.C., AAMC Learning Center September 12-13, 2024

The 2024 AVA Global Health Summit provided a collegial environment for participants to meet, network and learn the latest science and practice addressing violence and abuse treatment and prevention. The globally recognized experts in the photos below discuss a variety of healthcare issues such as suicide, racism, intimate partner violence and substance use.

HIGHLIGHTS





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2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

AVA Global Health Summit Award Recipients 2024

AVA Vincent J. Felitti Distinguished Scholar Award

This annual award is presented to an outstanding healthcare professional who has made and is continuing to make significant contributions to advance education and research on the prevention, recognition, and treatment of the health effects of violence and abuse. In 2024, AVA presented this award to:

Wendy Ellis, DPH, MPH





2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

AVA Global Health Summit Award Recipients 2024

Change Maker Award

This award is given by AVA to honor individuals that have demonstrated exceptional ability to advance the mission of AVA and whose work has a broad impact on our global community. In 2024, AVA presented this award to:

Betsy Goulet, P.h.D





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Joseph Wright, MD, MPH, FAAP





ACEs Health Champions Network and Gatherings

The ACEs Health Champions Network strives to build an ever-expanding community of health-focused individuals, organizations, and institutions dedicated to the health effects and prevention of violence and abuse throughout the life course. The Network's concerns include Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), toxic stress, advancing trauma-informed care, strengths and protective factors, and Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs). The ACEs Health Champions Network aims to share and disseminate emerging knowledge to promote wellness and healing from the health effects of violence and abuse.

The ACEs Health Champions Network has several key goals. It aims to create an ever-expanding, vibrant community of individuals and systems dedicated to promoting health and well-being. The Network fosters meaningful connections and collaborations among health professionals, experts, and champions through regular virtual Gatherings. These Gatherings serve as a platform for sharing knowledge, best practices, and innovative ideas related to various aspects of the health effects of violence and abuse. The Network strives to educate, inspire, and connect its members to take proactive steps in their lives and communities to improve overall health. By fostering a supportive and informative environment, the ACEs Health Champions Network contributes to advancing wellness initiatives and positively impacting people's lives. **2024 Organizations in the Network are:**





The 2024 Planning Team

Dr. Tasneem Ismailji, AVA, lead

Dr. Susan Hardie, APSAC

Dr. Suzanne Frank, Champion of Champions,
AAP/CA1

Dr. Colleen Friend, CAPSAC

Mr. Victor Vieth, Zero Abuse Project

Dr. Randy Alexander, AVA

Dr. Akeem Marsh and Brittany Morris, New York
Foundling

Dr. Lillie Macias, Esperanza United

Ms. Ateret Cope and Ms. Marina Awerback,
Sacred Spaces

Dr. Daria Palatna, IHS

Ms. Leslie Brand and Mr. Trevor Raushi, APSAC-NY

Mr. Connor Mulherin, AVA Administrative Director
and tech guru.

Additional 2024 AHCN activities

- Sue Hardie, MN, PhD and Suzanne Frank, MD led a 60-minute roundtable *The ACEs Health Champions Network: Successfully Supporting Meaningful Connections to Advance Wellness* at the APSAC Colloquium in New Orleans Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 12:00-1:00 pm.
- In 2024, the Institute for Human Services Child Maltreatment Policy Resource Center and APSAC-NY joined the AHC Network.





2024 ACEs Health Champions Gatherings				
Date	Hot Topic	Presenter	RSVP	Participants
01/26/2024	Can School Based Mental Health Services Make a Difference?	David Love, LMFT Host: APSAC	507	197
02/23/2024	What are We Learning about Online Child Sexual Abuse Material and the Predatory Marketplace?	Ted Cross, PhD Stefan Turkheimer, JD Host: APSAC	275	120
03/22/2024	Delayed Disclosure of Sexual Abuse and Child Sex Abuse Statutes of Limitation. Why does it matter?	Marci Hamilton, JD Host: CAPSAC3	345	135
04/19/2024	My Kid Did What?!?! The Essential Information about Children and Teens with Problematic Sexual Behaviors	Jimmy Widdifield, JR, LPC Host: NY Foundling	529	270
05/29/2024	Can Collaborative Learning Networks Transform Trauma-Informed Care?	Nikki Navarrete, MPH Alexis Wielunski, MPH Host: AAP/CA1	221	97
06/27/2024	Can we transform relationships through 100 little conversations in pediatric care?	R.J. Gillespie, MD Host: AVA	256	119
09/12/2024	"What's Resilience got to do with it?"	Brigid McCaw, MD Host: AVA	182	101
10/18/2024	One size does not fit all: DV remedies in a trauma-informed environment	Minty Siu-Kootnikoff, Esq Host: CAPSAC	190	93
11/08/2024	Gender Affirming Care	Mary Kelly Persyn, JD, PhD Host: NY Foundling	103	52
12/13/2024	What have we learned from survivors and non-offending family who try to protect children from Munchausen by Proxy Abuse?	Beatrice Yorker, JD, RN, MS Host: APSAC	174	96
Total			2881	1378



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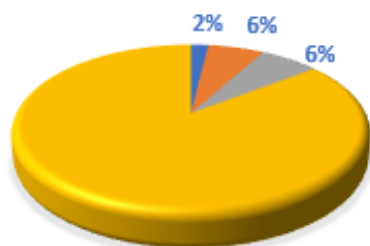
Number of Educational Offerings in 2024

Number of Participants Trained in 2024

Date	Professional Development	Length of Event	Number of Attendees (In Person)	Number of Attendees (Zoom)	Number of Attendees Total
1/21/2024	San Diego Pre-Conference	7.5 hours	32	10	42
4/25/2024-04/26/2024	Regional Academy-Washington, DC	10 hours	124 (day 1) 111 (day 2)	N/A	144
09/12/2024-09/13/2024	Global Health Summit-Washington, DC	13.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits	58	78	136
See AHCGs page	Aces Health Champions Gatherings	(1 hour per event) 10 hours	N/A	1898	1898
Total		13 events	234	1986	2220

Number of AVA Participants Attending Educational Offerings

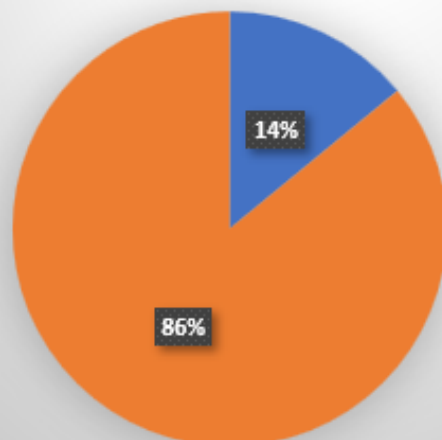
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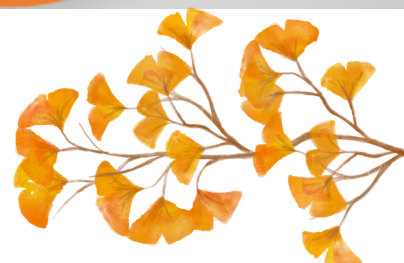
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- San Diego Pre-Con
- Global Health Summit
- Regional Academy Washington DC
- ACES Health Champions Gatherings

AVA Educational Offerings



- In-Person
- On-Line





Position Papers, Policies, Publications

AVA Statement for Children and War

At AVA, we advocate for the safety and well-being of children and their families worldwide. As an organization committed to the recognition, treatment, and prevention of the adverse health effects of violence and abuse we recognize the profound and lasting impacts of war and violence on children, particularly the detrimental effects of witnessing violence. We agree with the United Nations Convention On the Rights of the Child which states that “parties shall take all feasible measures to ensure protection and care of children who are affected by an armed conflict” (Article 38)[i].

Children are inherently vulnerable, and exposure to war and violence can have devastating consequences on their physical, emotional and psychological development and well-being. Experiences of violence, whether direct or indirect, can inflict trauma that lasts a lifetime. In the short term, those experiences can manifest in psychological trauma, physical harm, loss of loved ones, and displacement and disruption. The consequences of trauma on children resulting from armed conflict and violence may in the long term include academic performance, social-emotional health and wellbeing, and perpetuation of cycles of violence in their communities.

In times of war, all involved parties should ensure adherence to International Humanitarian Law which requires care of the sick and injured, and access to humanitarian aid. Public and private entities, individuals and organizations around the world must work together to mitigate the harms of war, conflict and violence on children and ensure that they are afforded the opportunity to grow up in peace, safety and dignity.

As an organization, we are committed to supporting policies and initiatives that prioritize the protection and rights of children across the globe [ii] [iii] [iv]. We support efforts to provide access to essential services, including psychological support, education, healthcare, and safe environments for children to thrive.

Resources

[i] UN General Assembly, Convention on the Rights of the Child, United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 1577, p. 3, 20 November 1989, <https://www.refworld.org/legal/agreements/unga/1989/en/18815> [accessed 23 April 2024]

[ii] International Committee of the Red Cross. National Implementation of International Humanitarian Law: Documentation National Implementation of IHL: Documentation | International Committee of the Red Cross (icrc.org)

[iii] Sherry Shenoda, Ayesha Kadir, Shelly Pitterman, Jeffrey Goldhagen, SECTION ON INTERNATIONAL CHILD HEALTH, Parminder S. Suchdev, Kevin J. Chan, Cynthia R. Howard, Patrick McGann, Nicole E. St Clair, Katherine Yun, Linda D. Arnold; The Effects of Armed Conflict on Children. *Pediatrics* December 2018; 142 (6): e20182585. 10.1542/peds.2018-2585

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AVA SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Purpose:

The Academy on Violence and Abuse (AVA) Scholars Program is a mentorship program designed to improve the ability of junior researchers to conduct high-quality research and to enter productive careers focused on understanding and minimizing the effects of violence and abuse on people's health.

Rationale:

Violence and abuse are prevalent and adversely affect health across the life course. One approach to mitigate the impact of violence and abuse on health is to advance research on the prevention, recognition, and treatment of the health effects of violence and abuse. The number of researchers conducting this work is relatively small, and funding is scarce. One way to improve researchers' success is to provide role models and mentors to junior violence researchers.



Nora Montalvo-Liendo, PhD, PN, FAAN
Nora is a 2012 Scholar and the inaugural recipient of The Nora Montalvo-Liendo award that recognizes an exceptional AVA Scholar who has made significant contributions to advance research on the prevention, recognition, and treatment of the health effects of violence and abuse. In addition, they have to show exceptional leadership in advancing health and social policy that promotes safe families, workplaces, and communities.



Health Service Utilization Practices of Black Immigrant Women with Cumulative Trauma Experiences

Jennifer Lee, PhD RN

2024 GLOBAL HEALTH SUMMIT

Testing the Danger Assessment (DA)-5 for Immigrant Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence

Presented by Hsiu-Fen Lin, Ph.D., MSW, MA, AVA Scholar

September 12, 2024





2022-2024 AVA SCHOLAR RECIPIENTS



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Mentor: Randy Alexander, MD



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My name is Dr. Camille Tamara Cummings and I currently hold a doctorate in sociology from the University of the West Indies. My specialization is sociology of health. Social research plays an important role in addressing the multiple critical issues and challenges facing society today. The significant contribution that social research has made to modern society since scholars and philosophers such as Durkheim, Weber, Spencer, and Mills advocated for the need for scientific enquiry must be acknowledged. As an academic and budding scholar, I consider myself eager to continue such contribution to the scientific literature and society as a whole.

My research over the last couple of years focused on partner conflict and abuse. I view such phenomena as in critical need of developing evidence-based policy to address it as it transcends all populations, classes and groups. My Master's thesis looked at the health care response to female victims of domestic violence in Trinidad and Tobago which utilized a quantitative approach, and my PhD dissertation examined the relationship between emotions, sex and physical abuse in a partner conflict situation. I used a mix-mode approach integrating both quantitative and qualitative methods to gather information on the content and context of the phenomenon of emotions, sex and physical abuse. In a broader context, my research work might help the emergence of new, social paradigms that could improve the design and functionality of social and intervention programmes for both victims and perpetrators alike.

Having obtained my doctorate, my research interests have expanded to include domestic violence and health care, human trafficking, migration, domestic violence and child abuse, community intervention, mental health and special populations. Areas that still require expansive research and new and emerging methodologies as phenomena, population parameters and impacting variables do not remain static and are constantly evolving over time. I have begun to focus on publishing in these areas post-PhD.

Proposed Research Project: "Child Maltreatment and Sexual Abuse in Residential Care Homes in Trinidad and Tobago: The Role of Public Health in Addressing ACEs."



2022-2024 AVA SCHOLAR RECIPIENTS



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Mentor: Brooks Keeshin, MD

I am devoted to enhancing health utilization to promote health-seeking behavior and primary care reception for minority people and immigrants with experiences of trauma. My goal is to conduct research that seeks to improve the health of women and their families. My interest in research stems from my experience as an undergraduate research assistant on two projects, a randomized control trial that educated minority women from low-income backgrounds on reproductive health, and a descriptive pre-and post-test study consisting of two one-week day camps designed to educate girls aged nine to fifteen about health promotion, physiological anatomy, nutrition, leadership, and health professions. As a research assistant, I participated in the recruitment, intervention delivery, data collection, and interpretation of findings. I was also involved in two literature reviews to inform the studies and presented posters on the study findings at state-wide conferences to disseminate study results.

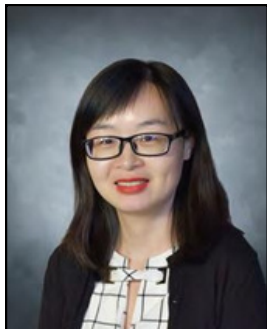
I decided to pursue a PhD in Nursing to become an independent nurse scientist equipped with the skills to push for increasing access to health care services for survivors of violence who face additional challenges as minorities and immigrants from different countries. My academic and research experiences have prepared me to conduct my proposed dissertation study to investigate the barriers and facilitators of health service utilization practices among Black immigrant women with cumulative experiences of trauma and to further develop my area of research. My academic training includes rigorous coursework in philosophy, research methodology, grant and manuscript writing, statistics, and violence research. I have also gained additional research experience through research assistant positions, which include qualitative analysis, quantitative analysis, interdisciplinary collaboration, recruitment, data collection, and dissemination of research findings.

My experiences as a community health nurse at the House of Ruth, a shelter for women who experience intimate partner violence, further informs my research. Through my position at the House of Ruth, I have gained a wider understanding of resources in our community and have also seen how the current health system often fails to support marginalized populations that are undocumented and lack insurance. I have also learned to communicate and build rapport with clients while prioritizing their health goals and have gained a better understanding of the health needs of underserved populations, particularly survivors of intimate partner violence.

Proposed Research Project: “The Impact of Cumulative Trauma (CT) on Health Service Utilization Practices among Black Immigrant Women.”



2022-2024 AVA SCHOLAR RECIPIENTS



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Mentor: Brigid McCaw, MD



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I am an assistant professor at the University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin) School of Nursing. I received my PhD in Nursing from the University of Michigan in April 2018. Before joining the faculty at UT Austin, I had a two-year postdoctoral training at the University of Missouri Sinclair School of Nursing. My research is focused on understanding and addressing the effects of violence and abuse (i.e., intimate partner violence [IPV]) on women's health. Chinese immigrant women have been an underserved and overlooked population in the field of IPV. To fill the gap in our understanding of IPV among Chinese immigrant women and provide evidence for developing culturally appropriate interventions for Chinese immigrant survivors of IPV, I conducted a mixed-method study to quantitatively examine the prevalence, risk factors, and health effects of IPV and qualitatively explore abused Chinese immigrant women's experiences of IPV, help-seeking behaviors, and special needs for support.

My future career plan is to prevent violence against racial and ethnic minority women and promote their health well-being by energizing, mobilizing, and supporting them through education, advocacy, and powerful partnerships. Specifically, I will disseminate my SHE intervention in the Chinese community by collaborating with key Chinese American organizations and local women's centers. If the SHE intervention model proves successful in the Chinese community, I will disseminate it in other Asian ethnic subgroups. I will also seek alternative culturally appropriate interventions for mitigating the effects of IPV on women's mental health well-being. Additionally, I have built a SHE foundation (sheus.org) which is committed to promoting the well-being of racial and ethnic minority women.

Proposed Research Project: "Testing Self Compassion, Health and Empowerment Intervention for Chinese Immigrant Women with Intimate Partner Violence."



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Mentor: Abraham Salinas-Miranda, MD, Ph.D.

As a postdoctoral research scholar at the Office of Gender-Based Violence at the School of Social Work at Arizona State University, under the mentorship of Dr. Jill Messing, MSW, Ph.D. I currently collaborate on the funded research entitled Predicting and Assessing Intimate Partner Homicide Risk Assessment (PAIR) Studies. The PAIR Studies is a transdisciplinary, six-state, case-control study that examines risk factors for intimate partner homicide (IPH) and intimate partner violence (IPV) by triangulating data across police case files, medical examiner records, and proxy interviews with next of kin. My role is to oversee 30 student researchers across different universities in data collection, manage quantitative and qualitative data, and conduct data analysis. My current position in PAIR Studies allows me to apply knowledge of gender-based violence and further expand my research area from IPV to risk assessment and IPH.

Based on my professional experience in Taiwan and in the United States, I am interested in researching the economic consequences of IPV in intervention as well as prevention. My 3-paper dissertation is a source of health promotion for female IPV survivors by examining the association between IPV, financial strain, and depression in a sample of U.S. women who participated in a randomized controlled study evaluating financial education intervention. Under the guidance of my adviser, Dr. Judy Postmus, I applied the Stress Process Model to test three different roles of financial strain: stressor, mediator, and outcome. The findings give evidence of the significant effects of financial strain among female IPV survivors (Lin et al., 2022). Given that financial strain is one of the strongest predictors of depression, IPV interventions may not be effective for health promotion if the interventions fail to address financial health. My research has contributed to highlighting the financial consequences of IPV, enhancing financial well-being, and prioritizing financial recovery within IPV intervention.

Proposed Research Project: "Testing the Danger Assessment-5 for immigrant IPV survivors."



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Beginning Net Assets

\$ 166,347

Income

Conference Revenues	45,842	54%
Contributions	27,356	32%
Membership Dues	7,075	8%
Other	4,498	5%
Total Income	84,771	100%

Expenses

Programs	71,481	78%
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Development	4,739	5%
Total Expenses	91,294	100%

Income less expenses

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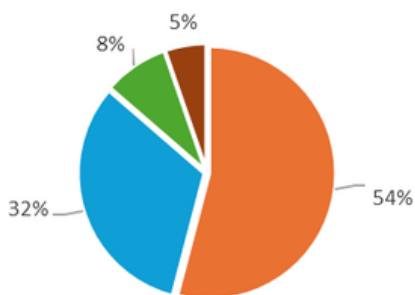
Unrealized gain on Investments

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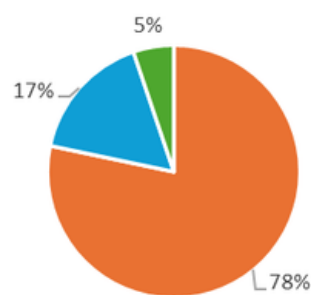
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