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**Tanya Agurs-Collins-** Overweight and obesity; dietary behavior; gene-behavior interactions

**Mir Ali-** Social networks; health risky behaviors; obesity

**Halima Al-Khattab-** My focus of research is in examining how contextual and cultural factors influence mental health, help-seeking behaviors of African American Adolescents.

**Frank Bandiera-** Mental health conditions; racial/ethnic disparity; co-occurring physical and mental conditions

**Anna Bellatorre-** My primary areas of research interest fall under the sub-categorizations of health, social inequality, and quantitative methodology. General areas within these subfields that interest me are- health care access and inequality across sociocultural subpopulations, stigmatization associated with medical or mental illness, health outcome likelihood by social status, and analysis of the reciprocal effects of how one's biography affects personal health.

**Mark Benson-** Parent-adolescent relationships, young adulthood personality development, developmental outcomes

**Beverly Brummett-** Psychosocial and genetic pathways to coronary artery disease

**Charlotte Cabane-** Labour market outcomes and sports participation

**Wei-ting Chen-** Understanding changes in diet as adolescents transition to adulthood

**Mariah Cheng-** Analyze depression and emotional problems for second generation immigrants using Add Health relationship data

**Sharon Christ-** Adolescent employment and work life: social, cultural, and economic correlates and impacts on job, economic, education, and health outcomes throughout the life course

**Rebecca Clark-** Immigration and immigrants; migration and population distribution; population

and environment; race, ethnicity, population composition, and population change

**Elysia Clemens-** Mental health and educational attainment

**Qiana Cryer-** My research focuses on father-child relationships; I am specifically interested in how these relationships impact health and mental health outcomes.

**Bethany Deeds-** Substance use, violence, syndemics, social environments, GIS

**Erin Dunn-** the role of neighborhoods and schools on youth mental health; genetics

**Bethany Everett-** Sexual Identity Development, Biomarkers, Mental Health

**Caitlin Faas-** My main interests include how dimensions of the parent-adolescent relationship predict educational success and attainment. I am also interested in career attainment, job satisfaction, and subjective success.

**Toni Falbo-** We have developed an indicator of accuracy of self-knowledge about intelligence. We have examined the antecedents of accuracy, in terms of gender and race, and the consequences of accuracy in terms of several health outcomes, including depression and BMI.

**Jason Freeman-** I am interested in the effect of religious beliefs and norms on biological outcomes (i.e. mental and physical health) and biologically-based behavioral outcomes (i.e. delinquent, sexual and addictive behaviors); in particular, the effect of religious norms on behaviors that affect individual health.

**Laura Eubanks Gambrel-** I am interested in couple, parenting, and family outcomes in Wave IV as they relate to adolescent family relationships in Wave I. In general I am also interested in investigating how family relationships intersect with self-acceptance, emotional stability, and other personality characteristics.

**Monica Gaughan-** I am interested in the transition to adulthood and health disparities,





especially with respect to reproductive health and substance abuse.

**Myong Hyun Go-** Differentiating peer homophily and peer influence effects, network analysis, long term SES/health dynamics

**Jeremy Green-** Health economics, peer effects, sibling comparisons

**Johanna Greeson-** Natural mentoring; transition to adulthood; mental health; material hardship; assets; delinquency/violence

**Eva Haldane-** Father presence, sexual risk behavior, multiple partner fertility and marriage

**Carolyn Tucker Halpern-** Sexual behavior and reproductive health; intimate partner violence

**Kathleen Mullan Harris** I am interested in studying bio-social linkages in health, nonmarital childbearing, the impact of relationships on health, and the development of immigrant youth.

**Frank Heiland-** Social Networks, obesity, health-related behaviors, racial/ethnic differences

**Mian Bazle Hossain-** Mental health, reproductive and sexual health, STD/AIDS, substance use, education

**Jon Hussey-** I am interested in the relationship between social stratification and health with a particular focus on understanding life course influences on racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic disparities in morbidity and mortality.

**Hannah Jackson-** Multi-race adolescent population, eating disorder measurements, trend analysis using Add Health

**Graciela Jaschek-** I am doing my doctoral research studies on the relationship between residential mobility, neighborhood effects and depression in adolescents.

**Tara Jones-** Research interests include relationship power as a mediator of sexual behavior among heterosexual females

**Muhangi Justus-** reaching the aged with HIV/AIDS care interventions

**Atika Khurana** I am interested in adolescent sexual behaviors, contraceptive use, pregnancy, and STI risk. Multi-contextual risk and protective factors associated with adolescent problems.

**Penelope Kinsey-** Health disparities with respect to African-Americans

**Derek Kreager-** I am interested in social network analysis, romantic relationships, and adolescent health-risk behaviors. I currently am working with the romantic couples data to look at partner influence and substance use.

**Rosalyn Lee-** I am interested in using Add Health data to investigate: 1) how factors across the social ecology affect risk for perpetrating violent and property crimes, arrest history, and incarceration in adolescence and young adulthood; and 2) how factors across the social ecology affect the relationship between child maltreatment and outcomes such as depression, substance abuse, suicide, premature morbidity/mortality and disability in adolescence and young adulthood.

**Brett Lehman-** I am using Add Health data for my Master's paper in sociology. Broadly, it focuses on race relations, education, and social networks.

**Janet Liechty** Body image, weight control practices, weight and BMI trajectories over time, and family factors (e.g., family support, family processes, gendered socialization) that influence weight-related outcomes

**Amy Lucas-** My current projects are mostly focused upon exploring relationship quality in young married, cohabiting, and dating relationships.

**Camillia Lui-** I'm interested in effects of social stratification on substance use behaviors during the transition from adolescence to young adulthood.

**Angelo Mele-** Social Network formation, social network effects on behavior, health and labor market outcomes



**Patricia Moreland-** Pediatric oncology

**Francois Nielsen-** Using the sibling data to estimate structural models of the roles of genes and environments in educational and socioeconomic achievement

**HarmoniJoie Noel-** I am interested in relationship violence, especially among the young adults in the couple level data.

**Allison O'Neill-** I am interested in studying the association between child maltreatment and later substance abuse. I am in the beginning stages of planning my dissertation research.

**Camille Quinn-** Dissertation topic: Father involvement and delinquent girls; conducting longitudinal analysis

**Amanda Richardson-** I am interested in using the longitudinal data of Add Health in order to examine smoking trajectories, particularly across racial/ethnic and socioeconomic sub-populations.

**Michael Roettger-** Use of sibling and in-home samples to study delinquency and adverse outcomes in young adulthood

**Joshua Rutsohn-** I am interested in statistical analysis, longitudinal data

**Unique Shaw-** Parental incarceration effects on adolescent's education and self-efficacy

**Ilene Siegler-** Personality and genetics related to pathways for cardiovascular disease

**Andrew Smolen** Genotyping

**Amanda Exner Staiano-** I investigate the impact of intensity, frequency, and duration of physical activity on adolescents' short- and long-term physical and mental health outcomes. In particular, I'm interested in in-school physical activity within physical education courses, and dependent variables include weight and BMI, PPVT, GPA, and educational attainment.

**Nancy White Street-** Health consequences of adolescent sleep deprivation

**Joyce Tabor** Add Health Data Manager

**Lara Tavares-** Fertility; union formation and dissolution; parenting; relationship and biomarker data

**Christine Tucker-** Adolescent reproductive health, Latino youth

**Jennifer Turchi-** I currently use the family interaction/processes/dynamic variables. I have most recently started to use the contextual and neighborhood data, and in the near future I'd like to use the health data for a paper exploring adolescent obesity.

**Linda Weglicki-** NINR is a supporting partner, along with the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and other key NIH institutes and agencies supporting the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health.

**Bethany Wexler-** Adolescent and young adult family relationships; allostatic load and inflammatory markers and how they are associated with family structure, family dynamics, and individual psychosocial factors

**Eric Whitsel** Reliability, validity and use of the Add Health Wave IV biological measures/medication inventory

**Redford Williams** I am interested in using Add Health data to determine whether candidate genes for cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes are associated with endophenotypes that predispose to those disorders as well as the incidence of those disorders as Add Health participants are followed over time.

**Muzhe Yang-** Obesity and peer effects

**Lisa Yarnell-** Social networks, methodological and statistical issues, sampling techniques, geographic information systems

**Carolyn Zambrano-** I am interested in utilizing Add Health to analyze how the health of immigrant adolescents develops and changes as they transition to adulthood. I am also interested in exploring the relationship between mental and physical health among immigrant adolescents.