

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024





MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

I cannot believe the UNC Charlotte Violence Prevention Center (VPC) is a year old! When the Executive Committee engaged in initial meetings to develop the VPC, we hoped to bring together scholars committed to working with community partners to address the violence pandemic. On campus, there was a wealth of knowledge and expertise, and the development of the VPC allowed us to envision ways to collaborate to meet the needs of our communities and engage in more transformative research. Violence prevention also involves understanding the root causes of violence, including social and structural determinants. I am proud of how we have expanded our faculty to capture our center's mission of being an interdisciplinary violence research center. We met as a team to discuss the Center's mission, vision, and values, each encompassing the aspirations of our brilliant team. We have bold and ambitious goals but achievable ones.

Our faculty were busy! With over 80+ journal articles and numerous grant awards, we see the benefits of having this hub of UNC Charlotte scholars. Our students and postdoctoral researchers were also instrumental in our success. They have obtained prestigious grants, awards, and fellowships and collaborated with VPC faculty on several projects, articles, and presentations. As a university-affiliated center, we aim to be leaders in educating and training future violence prevention researchers and practitioners.

In our first year, we sought to continue building community partnerships. You will see our extensive list of community partners—broadly defined as our partnerships include local, national, and global collaborators. The VPC welcomed its first international visiting scholar this year, a tradition we hope to continue.

As we look forward to the next year, we are thrilled about our plans to expand programming in the VPC. We are working hard to expand the breadth of our research into emerging areas of violence prevention research and practice. We are building an education and training division to support current research and practitioners and bring leading violence prevention research scholars to our campus. We continue exploring ways to support our local community, particularly when community violence is in the daily news cycle. Our Year 2 plans are a testament to our commitment to furthering our mission.

I am also delighted to share that our funding through the Ignite for Centers program through the UNC Charlotte Division of Research has been renewed. This renewal highlights the university's support and investment in violence prevention efforts. Violence impacts every one of us. I am grateful that we have a team that is motivated by a mission to find solutions.

Apryl Alexander, PsyD
VPC Director

Summary

VPC is an interdisciplinary center that serves as a resource for transformative research, training, and technical assistance for communities, policymakers, and the public.

Our center is led by Dr. Apryl Alexander (Director) with support from Executive Committee members Dr. Annelise Mennicke, Dr. Jessamyn Moxie, and Dr. Rob Cramer. We have 10 Core Faculty members (including Executive Committee members) and three Affiliate Faculty members, coming from seven departments and four colleges. Additionally, we have a robust trainee program, with a postdoctoral fellow and five doctoral students.



Meet the Team

Executive Committee

Apryl Alexander, PsyD, *Director*

Robert Cramer, PhD, *Associate Director of Education and Training*

Annelise Mennicke, PhD, *Associate Director of Research*

Jessamyn Moxie, PhD, *Associate Director of Community Engagement*

Core Faculty

Erika Montanaro, PhD, *Department of Psychological Sciences*

Erin Basinger, PhD, *Department of Communication Studies*

Janne Gaub, PhD, *Criminal Justice & Criminology*

Meagan Zarwell, PhD, *Department of Public Health Sciences*

Sam Cacace, PhD, *Department of Public Health Sciences*

Sonya Richardson, PhD, *School of Social Work*

Affiliate Faculty

Alyssa McGonagle, PhD, *Department of Psychological Sciences*

Julio César Bahamón, PhD, *Department of Computer Science*

Natalie Ricciutti, PhD, *Department of Counseling*

Trainees & Staff

Alaka'i Bene, MPH Student, *Health Policy*

Ava Peters, MPH Student, *Community Health Practice*

Erin Meehan, MSW, *Center Coordinator*

Jasmine Temple, Doctoral Student, *Health Psychology*

Sasha Zabelski, Doctoral Student, *Public Health Sciences*

Shannon Cain, PhD, *Postdoctoral Fellow*

Skyler Prowten, Doctoral Student, *Public Health Sciences*

Community Partners

Community partnerships are central to the VPC's mission. We are grateful that over 30 community collaborators, including the exemplars below, enhanced our work.



Featured Community Partners

Brave Step
City of Charlotte
Jamie Kimble Foundation for Courage
Mecklenburg County Office of Violence Prevention
Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation
National Coalition for Sexual Freedom
Naval Medical Center Portsmouth
NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault
NC Department of Adult Corrections
Queen City Harm Reduction
RAIN
Time Out Youth
Tuscaloosa Veterans Affairs Medical Center
UNC Charlotte Center for Wellness Promotion
UNC Charlotte Counseling and Psychological Services

Research



2023-2024 has been an exceptional year for research productivity among VPC faculty, staff, and trainees.

Highlights include:

- 81 publications
- 10 grant awards as PI or Co-PI
- 13 grant awards as co-I or Site PI



PUBLICATIONS

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

‡ = student co-investigator

* = Jessamyn Moxie formerly Jessamyn Bowling

In Press

- **Bowling***, J., Wright, S., ‡Benson, J.K., ‡McCabe, S., **Mennicke, A.**, ‡Willard, J., ‡Kissler, N., ‡Good, H., ‡Moody, B., Stambaugh, R., & **Cramer, R.J.** (In press). Disclosing and reporting of consent violations among kink practitioners in the United States. *Violence Against Women*.
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- **Cramer, R.J.** & Keinonen, K. (2024). *Psychometric Properties of the Suicide Competency Assessment Form-Finnish Version (SCAF-FV) Among Mental Health Providers*. University of Jyväskylä, Visiting Fellow Programme 2024. Total costs: €5,500 (\$5790).
- **Cramer, R.J., Cacace, S., Bowling*, J.,** Post, A., & Peiper, L.J. (2023-2025). *Development and Implementation of a Self-Directed Violence Prevention Training Program for the North Carolina Department of Adult Corrections*. North Carolina Department of Adult Corrections. Total costs: \$410,003.
- **Richardson, S. C.** (2023-2024). *ARPA Evaluation Project – Village HeartBEAT, Inc*. Total costs: \$50,090.
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- ‡**Temple, J., Montanaro, E.,** & Chambers, E. (2023). *Understanding Sexual Health Communication and Promotion Among Black Young Adult Couples*. Center for Positive Sexuality 2023 Race & Sexuality Proposal Award. Total costs: \$250.
- **Cramer, R.J.,** Baker, J., Franks, M., Gunn, L., Khazem, L., Bryan, C.J., & Grover, S. (2022-2026). *Piloting a Brief Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (BCBT) Group Intervention for Suicidal Behavior among Active Duty Military Personnel*. Department of Defense Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program Clinical Trial Award (W81XWH2210234-21-PRMRP-CTA). Total costs: \$4,098,402.
- **Richardson, S.C.,** Vance, M., Gryglewicz, K., Gunn, L., & Karver, M. (2022-2025). *The CALINC: A Culturally Adapted Care Coordination Suicide Detection and Intervention Model for Black Youth* (1R34MH129782-01). National Institute of Mental Health. Total costs: \$681,851.
- **Cramer, R.J.,** Besse, S., **Mennicke, A., Montanaro, E.,** Kaniuka, A.R., ‡**Zabelski, S.,** Gouridine, L., Huerta, J., & Mabery, A. (2021-2024). *Implementing a Trauma-Informed Social-Ecological Approach to Campus Suicide Prevention at UNC Charlotte*. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Garrett Lee Smith Campus Suicide Prevention Grant (1H79SM083941-01). Total costs: \$299,997 (\$299,997 institutional match).

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10 Awards with VPC Faculty as PI/Co-PI (cont.)

- **Mennicke, A., Montanaro, E., Bowling*, J., & McGonagle, A.** (2021-2024). *Bystander Intervention for problematic alcohol use measure (BIPAUM) to reduce risky drinking among diverse college students.* National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (1R15AA028910-01). Total costs: \$407,249. Supplemental award (‡Temple, J.): \$77,236.

13 Awards with VPC Faculty as Co-I or Site PI

- Hilgeman, M.M., Wilson, S., Sperry, H.,... & **Cramer, R.J.** (2025-2028). *A Hybrid Effectiveness-Implementation Study of the Pride in All Who Served Program for LGBTQ+ Veterans (AFFIRM Study).* Veterans Health Administration, Office of Research & Development, HSR&D Service Directed Research on Veteran Suicide Prevention (HX-23-005). Total costs: \$1,519,322 (\$66,800.00 subcontract).
- Hilgeman, M.M., Sperry, H., Wilcox, M., Wilson, S..., & **Cramer, R.J.** (TBA). *Establishing and Sustaining a National Selective Suicide Prevention Program for LGBTQ+ Veterans.* Veterans Health Administration, Suicide Prevention Program, Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention. Total costs: \$1,182,217 (\$50,100.00 subcontract).
- Yahner, J., Wright, E., Fording, J., & **Cramer, R.J.** (2024-2027). *Implementation Evaluation of Hate Crimes Task Forces.* National Institute of Justice, FY23 Research and Evaluation on Hate Crimes. Total costs: \$995,936.
- Moore, E., Hutchinson, J. Thomas, L., **Moxie, J., & Cramer, R.J.** (2024-2025). *Foundations of Violence Prevention in Fayetteville, North Carolina.* City of Fayetteville, NC. Total Costs: \$99,995.
- Tucker, X..... & **Zarwell, M.** (2023-2025). *Community-engaged Approaches to Expand HIV Self-Testing (CATEST).* National Institutes of Health, Ending the AIDS Epidemic, Centers for AIDS Research Supplement. Total costs: \$222,360.
- Coker, A. (2023-2024). *The RCMI Program in Health Disparities Research at Meharry Medical College.* National Institutes of Health. Subcontract amount: \$28,000. (Co-I: Alexander, A.A., Mennicke, A.)
- Dulin, X. & **Zarwell, M.** (2023-2024). *APHI Operational Funding.* Mecklenburg County Health Department. Total costs: \$290,000.
- Dennis, X. & **Zarwell, M.** (2022-2027). *Rapid Response to Incident HIV Infection to Identify Expanding Transmission Networks and Inform Partner Services m (RESPOND).* National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (5R01AI169602-02). Total costs: \$667,442

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12 Awards with VPC Faculty as Co-I or Site PI (cont.)

- Hill, R.M., **Cramer, R.J.**, **Cacace, S.**, & Sheno, R. P. (2022-2024). *Expanding the Geospatial Identification of Elevated Suicide Risk (GIESR) Method to Identify Neighborhood Level Risk and Protective Factors for Youth Suicide Ideation and Attempts*. National Institute of Mental Health R21. Total costs: \$420,372.
- Coker, A. & Feld, H. (2021-2026). *Developing VIP Corps Training*. Office of Women's Health. Total costs: \$1,500,000 (Co-I: **Mennicke, A.**; Subcontract: \$130,000).
- Hoch, M., Heebner, N., Hoch, J., Lephart, S., Winters, J., & **Cramer, R.J.** (2021-2024). *Musculoskeletal Health Considerations to Improve Resiliency and Lethality in Female Marines*. United States Department of Defense, Office of Naval Research (N00014-21-1-2892). Total costs: \$2,500,000 (Subcontract: \$56,846).
- Coker, A. & Sprang, G. (2021-2025). *RCT to Evaluate Bystander-informed See it Stop it (BiSiSi) to Prevent Child Sex Trafficking in Kentucky Middle Schools (U01)*. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Total costs: \$1,700,000 (Co-I: **Mennicke, A.**; Subcontract: \$120,000).
- Thompson, X. & **Zarwell, M.** (2020-2025). *MCPH HIV Dashboard Development and Support*. Mecklenburg County Health Department. Total costs: \$608,657



**TRAINING &
TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE**

The Op-Ed Project



In our efforts to engage in translational research, our team underwent training on how to write opinion editorials (op-eds). Twenty VPC faculty, trainees, and guests attended workshops with The OpEd Project, which trains historically silenced voices to write Op-Eds to appear in print publications. The OpEd Project's mission is to change who writes history.

As a result, our team published seven Op-Eds, in news outlets such as:

- The Charlotte Observer
- Citizen Times
- Colorado Newsline

The Op-Ed Project

VPC research assistant Sasha Zabelski (Public Health Sciences) authored an op-ed for *Colorado Newslines* based on policies concerning mental health services in Colorado. The op-ed highlights Colorado's progress in addressing gaps in community-based mental health services, particularly for underresourced populations.



VPC faculty Dr. Meagan Zarwell (Public Health Sciences) authored an op-ed published in the *Charlotte Observer* highlighting the growing issue of sexually transmitted infections in North Carolina. The op-ed critiques recent laws requiring parents to opt-in for their children to receive sexual education, placing youth at risk of negative health outcomes.

Education & Training



Dr. Cramer co-delivered statewide suicide prevention training in partnership with the North Carolina Department of Adult Corrections.

The VPC hosted its first visiting scholar, Agatha Chronos, PhD from the University of Bergen.

Agatha delivered the first talk in the VPC's workshop series, entitled *Child Sexual Abuse: Distinguishing Between Action and Attraction and Its Implications for Treatment*.



Policy

VPC Associate Director of Research Dr. Annelise Mennicke and VPC Graduate Research Assistant Jasmine Temple joined Chancellor Gaber in a roundtable discussion with Congresswoman Alma Adams.



VPC Director Dr. Apryl Alexander shared best practices for addressing youth crime and violence in Charlotte with the Housing, Safety, & Community Committee of the Charlotte City Council. A recap of the meeting was featured on WCNC Charlotte news.



**TRAINEE
ACHIEVEMENTS**

TRAINEE HIGHLIGHTS



SHANNON CAIN
POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

As a postdoctoral fellow, I have felt very welcomed and included as a part of the VPC during their inaugural year. In particular, it meant a lot to me to be invited to the first VPC retreat and be encouraged to fully participate in it. VPC faculty have been wonderful about inviting me to collaborate on their current projects. Given my experiences this year, I am excited about the VPC's potential to scaffold the learning of junior students and researchers in the area of prevention science. Faculty within the VPC share both a cooperative spirit and a passion for ending violence, a winning combination for a new center.



AVA PETERS
MPH STUDENT

Being involved in the VPC gave me a chance to contribute to creating a two-day training over the past year and see it come to fruition. Through this process, I have learned how much I enjoy team science, working with community partners, and the process of creating something new and seeing its impact very early on. It gives me hope and excitement for the future as a student early on in my career.

The VPC has allowed me to work with professors who support me and my interests, which led me to attend and present at the AP-LS conference. While I was nervous about going to a conference where I didn't know people, VPC center mentors were a huge help and connected me to people so I could network and have some familiar faces at the conference. VPC center staff care about helping me develop as a scholar and researcher, but also care about helping me find where I fit as a whole person.



**FUTURE
DIRECTIONS**

Strategic Goals

The UNC Charlotte VPC is currently undergoing its strategic planning process. We have identified the following strategic goals:

- Expand and strengthen multidisciplinary research to support collaborative team science in violence prevention.
- Strengthen our administrative and research infrastructure to improve sustainability.
- Build a thriving education and training program to develop the pathway for future violence prevention researchers and practitioners.
- Prioritize culturally informed practices in violence prevention.
- Strengthen community engagement and translate research outcomes for the community's benefit.

Conclusion

Our strategic plan will make the UNC Charlotte Violence Prevention Center a trusted and leading hub for violence prevention research, training, and expertise.

Together, we will collaborate with the community to foster safer and violence-free communities where people can thrive.

Learn more:

<https://violenceprevention.charlotte.edu/>

