

# MEGAN THREATS

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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. Information Science**, March 2020  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
**Dissertation title:** “Information Behaviors and Engagement along the HIV Prevention and Care Continua (proposal defended May 2018)  
**Committee:** Amelia Gibson (chair), Kate Muessig, Gary Marchionini, David Gotz, Claudia Gollop  
*Recipient of UNC Graduate School Horizon Award*
- M.S. Library and Information Science**, May 2013  
Syracuse University, School of Information Studies  
*Recipient of Master’s Degree Prize of Excellence*
- B.A. Political Theory & Constitutional Democracy**, May 2011
- B.A. Comparative Cultures & Politics**  
Michigan State University, James Madison College

## APPOINTMENTS

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- Assistant Professor (Tenure Track)** Beginning 9/1/2020  
Department of Library and Information Science  
School of Communication and Information  
Rutgers University – New Brunswick
- Visiting Research Faculty** 06/01/2020 - 2022  
Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS  
School of Public Health  
Yale University

## POSTGRADUATE TRAINING & AFFILIATE FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

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- Forward Fellow** 2020-2022  
HIV Intervention Science Training Program  
School of Social Work  
Columbia University
- Affiliate Faculty** 03/2020-Present  
Center for Critical Race and Digital Studies  
New York University

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### ***Papers in Peer-Reviewed Journals:***

1. Barry, M.C. Threats, M., Blackburn, N.A., LeGrand, S., Dong, W., Pulley, D.V., Sallabank, G., Harper, G.W., Hightow-Weidmen, L.B., Bauermeister, J.A., Muessig, K.E. (2019). “Stay strong! Keep ya head up! Move on! It gets better!!!!”: Resilience processes in the healthMpowerment online intervention of young Black gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men. *AIDS Care*, 30(SUP5), S27-S38.
2. Flaherty, M.G., Threats, M., & Kaplan, S. (2018). Patients’ health information practices and perceptions of provider knowledge in the case of the newly discovered alpha-gal food allergy. *Journal of Patient Experience*.
3. Chen, A., Flaherty, M.G., Threats, M. (2020). Attitudes, provider and treatment selection of complementary and integrative health among individuals with pain-related conditions. *Complementary Therapies in Medicine*. In press.

### ***Book Chapters:***

1. Gibson, A., Hughes-Hassell, S., & Threats, M. (2018). Critical race theory in the LIS curriculum. In Sarin, L.C., Percell, J. Jaeger, P.T. and Bertot, J.C. (eds.) *Re-Envisioning the MLS: Perspectives on the Future of Library and Information Science Education* (pp. 49-70). Emerald Publishing Limited.

### ***Full Papers in Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings:***

1. Threats, M. (2011, February). The deterioration of urban communities of color: assessing the response to the U.S. crack epidemic. *25<sup>th</sup> Annual National McNair Research Conference*. Greensboro, NC.
2. Threats, M. (2010, April). The deterioration of urban communities of color: assessing the response to the U.S. crack epidemic. *National Conferences of Undergraduate Research Conference Proceedings*. Missoula, MT.

### ***Peer-Reviewed Short Papers and Posters with and without conference proceedings:***

1. Threats, M. (2019, October). The information practices of HIV positive Black gay men post-diagnosis. SIG-USE Symposium, *Association for Information Science and Technology – Annual Meeting*. Melbourne, AU.
2. Threats, M. (2019, September). The influence of socio-technical environments on the information behaviors of Black gay men. *Association for Library and Information Science Educators – Annual Conference Proceedings*. Knoxville, TN.
3. Threats, M. (2018, February). Closing the knowledge-behavior gap: sexual health information behavior and the adoption of HIV protective and risk reduction behaviors among young, Black men who have sex with men. *Association for Library and Information Science Educators Annual Conference*. Denver, CO.

4. Gibson, A. & Threats, M. (2017, January). Know That! Young Black Women and Personal Geographies of Information Seeking. *Association for Library and Information Science Educators – Annual Conference*. Atlanta, GA.
5. Threats, M. (2016, September). APPlify Your Health: Accessing HIV/AIDS Information Anywhere, Anytime. *Medical Library Association - Mid-Atlantic Chapter Tri-Chapter Meeting*. Philadelphia, PA.
6. Radin, T., Mainville, J., Buchanan, J., Miller, S., Threats, M., Fink-Yates, J. (2015). Positive youth transitions: leading the way to care, Youth TEACH, a program of Philadelphia FIGHT. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National HIV Prevention Conference. Atlanta, GA.
7. Threats, M. (2013, July). Librarians Build Communities. *American Library Association Annual Conference*. Chicago, IL.

***Engaged Scholarship (public writings):***

1. Threats, M., Strandquist, M., & Bowles, C. (2015, April). Still here: defiant aging and HIV. Philadelphia Gay News.

***Media Coverage:***

1. Chambers, B. (2020, April). 13 Doctoral Women of Color: Thriving Amid Missing Graduation Due to COVID-19. *Forbes*.
2. Porytko, Y. (2014, December). Help Code for Philly help the city's youth. *Technical.ly Philadelphia*.
3. Urie, C (2014, October). An interview with Megan Threats of DigITal Girls. *Geekadelphia*.
4. Step up against AIDS. (2014, June). *ABC Philadelphia*.
5. Melamed, S. (2014, June). Photographer brings libraries into focus. *Philadelphia Inquirer*.
6. McCroy, W. (2014, June). Philly FIGHT's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AIDS education month. *Edge Media Network*.
7. Bacon, T. (2014, May). Praise in the city: AIDS education month. *Praise 107.9 Philadelphia*.
8. Bowers, M. (2014, May). Philadelphia FIGHT focuses on HIV awareness. *NBC Philadelphia*.
9. Teicher, J. (2014, February). This is what a librarian looks like. *Slate Magazine*.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

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1. The influence of social-technical environments on the information behaviors and HIV risk reduction behaviors of black gay men, Project ENABLE, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Carolina Health Informatics Program. (2019, June)
2. Almader-Douglas, D., Hickner, A., Douglas-Williams, T., Threats, M. Microaggressions and more: Continuing the conversation on implicit bias. *Global Health & Health Equity Immersion. Medical Library Association Annual Meeting*. Chicago, IL. (2019, May).
3. Threats, M. Going to Graduate School. *Gates Millennium Scholars Program Triangle chapter*. Chapel Hill, NC. (2018, March).
4. Threats, M. HIV status disclosure on geosocial-networking apps: data ethics, security, and privacy concerns. *Association for Information Science and Technology Annual Meeting*. Vancouver BC, Canada. (2018, November).
5. Information Quality/Value, INLS 500 Human Information Interactions, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Information and Library Science. (2017, March).
6. Threats, M. Minimizing barriers to health information access. Diversity matters: equality and inclusion in healthcare. *Medical Library Association – Mid-Atlantic Chapter Tri-Chapter Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA. (2016, September).
7. Threats, M. & Johnson, C. Librarians on the frontline. *Allied Media Conference*. Detroit, MI. (2015, June).
8. Threats, M. (2014, October). Civic engagement and technology: best practices. *Technology Learning Collaborative: Bringing IT Home Conference*. Philadelphia, PA.
9. Threats, M. Bridging the digital divide: the electronic village. *Technology Learning Collaborative Open Members Meeting*. Philadelphia, PA. (2014, April).
10. Threats, M. The gender, Black feminism & environmental justice special collection workshop series at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library. *Eastern New York chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries Spring Conference*. Albany, NY. (2013, April).
11. Threats, M. Assessing the response to the U.S. Crack Epidemic. *18<sup>th</sup> Annual Penn State University McNair Summer Research Conference*. State College, PA. (2010, July).

## FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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### *External:*

- P.E.O. Scholar Award, \$15,000 (2019-2020)
- Beta Phi Mu Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, \$3,000 (2019-2020)
- Global Enterprise Technology Scholar, Syracuse University, School of Information Studies, \$3,000 (2012-2013)
- Gates Millennium Scholar, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, \$324,000 (2006-2019)
- Technical.ly Rise Conference Scholarship, Technical.ly Philadelphia, \$200 (2014)
- Kaleidoscope Diversity Scholar, Association of Research Libraries, \$10,000 (2011-2013)
- Ronald E. McNair Scholar, McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, \$4,000 (2009)
- Drive Your Future: Mercedes-Benz USA Scholarship, Mercedes-Benz USA, \$10,000 (2006-2010)
- Outstanding Junior Award, Michigan State University Alumni Club of West Michigan, \$1,000 (2006)
- Judy Lloyd Student Leadership Award Scholarship, YWCA, \$2,000 (2006)
- Grand Rapids Area Center for Ecumenism Scholarship, \$1,000 (2006)
- Grand Rapids Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club Scholarship, \$1,000 (2006)
- Close Up Washington D.C. Scholarship, Grand Rapids Public Schools, \$1,000 (2006)

### *Institutional:*

- Chancellor's Doctoral Candidacy Award, UNC Chapel Hill Graduate School, \$5,000 (2018)
- Susan Gray Akers Fellowship, UNC Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science, \$2,800 (2017-2019)
- Chancellor's Doctoral Advancement Award, UNC Chapel Hill Graduate School, \$7,100 (2017)
- Lester Asheim Fellowship, UNC Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science, \$2,800 (2016-2017)
- Doctoral Merit Assistantship, UNC Chapel Hill Graduate School, \$20,000 (2015-2016)

## GRANTS

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### *Completed:*

**Principal Investigator**, "Closing the knowledge-behavior gap: the impact of sexual health information behaviors and technologies on the HIV protective and risk reduction behaviors of young, black men who have sex with men". UNC Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 05/2019-05/2020, \$18,000.

**Principal Investigator**, "Sexual health information behaviors and the adoption of HIV risk reduction behaviors among young black men who have sex with men". Clarivate Analytics/Medical Library Association Doctoral Research Fellowship, 05/2018-06/2019, \$2,000.

**Principal Investigator**, "The influence of information and technology on HIV protective and risk reduction behavior adoption among black men who have sex with men". Holley Research Grant, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Information and Library Science, 01/2019-06/2019, \$1,000

**Principal Investigator**, “Use of mobile technologies to access and interact with HIV/AIDS information among black men who have sex with men”. Carnegie Research Grant, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Information and Library Science, 01/2019-06/2019, \$400

**Graduate Research Assistant**, “Addressing stigma among black msm in a mobile phone and internet HIV intervention”. National Institute of Mental Health (1R21MH105292-01A1) Kate Muessig, PI, 09/2015-07/2017, Total Costs: \$249,434

**Collaborator**, “Patient. Click. Connect.” AIDS Community Information Outreach Project Grant, National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Juliet Fink, PI, 09/2013-09/2014, \$50,000

**Collaborator**, “Positive youth transitions: link, click and connect”. AIDS Community Information Outreach Project Grant, National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Juliet Fink, PI, 09/2014-09/2015, \$50,000.

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

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### *External:*

- Winner, Special Interest Group for Health Informatics, Association for Information Science & Technology Student Poster Competition (2019)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner, Association for Library and Information Science Educators Jean Tague-Sutcliffe Doctoral Student Research Poster Competition (2019)
- American Library Association Emerging Leader, American Library Association (2013)
- Best Research Presentation in the category of African-American Studies, National McNair Conference (2011)
- Outstanding Service Award, Lansing Capital Area Salvation Army (2009)
- Great Teens Doing Great Things Winner, Careers and Colleges Magazine (2006)
- YWCA Tribute! Award Student Honoree, YWCA West Central Michigan (2006)

### *Institutional:*

- UNC Horizon Award Winner, UNC Graduate School, \$500 (2020)
- UNC Graduate School Transportation Award (2019)
- UNC School of Information and Library Science Travel Award (2016-2019)
- Institute of Minority Excellence Travel Award (2017-2019)
- Master’s Prize of Excellence, Syracuse University School of Information Studies, \$200 (2013)
- Homecoming Court, Michigan State University (2010)
- Ronald E. McNair Spirit Award, Michigan State University McNair Scholars Program (2009)

### *Doctoral Consortia:*

- Threats, M. The influence of sociotechnical environments on the information practices and HIV protective and risk reduction behaviors of young, Black men who have sex with men. *Association for Information Science and Technology Annual Meeting*. (2019, October)
- Threats, M. Closing the knowledge-behavior gap: the impact of sexual health information behaviors on the HIV protective and risk reduction behaviors of young, Black men who have sex with men. *iConference*. (2019, April)

- Threats, M. Closing the knowledge-behavior gap: the impact of sexual health information behaviors on the HIV protective and risk reduction behaviors of young, Black men who have sex with men. *Association for Information Science and Technology Annual Meeting*. (2018, November)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Instructor of Record**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
 INLS 203 Human Information Behavior, Spring 2018  
 INLS 501 Information Resources and Services, Summer 2018-2020 (taught online)

**PhD Teaching Fellow**, The iSchool Inclusion Institute (i3)  
 University of Pittsburgh School of Computing and Information  
 Research Design, Summer 2019

**Teaching Assistant**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
 INLS 500 Human Information Interactions, Spring 2017

**Guest Lecturer**  
 BIME 554 Biomedical Informatics Interactions and Design,  
 University of Washington School of Medicine. (April 2019).

INLS 705 Health Sciences Information, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill,  
 School of Information and Library Science. (March 2019).

INLS 151 Retrieving and Analyzing Information, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill,  
 School of Information and Library Science. (March 2018).

## **RESEARCH SKILLS**

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**Hardware and software:** survey software (Qualtrics, Survey Monkey), qualitative analysis software (NVivo, Dedoose), remote testing and video recording (Camtasia, Morae Recorder), statistical analysis software (R, SPSS), commercial legal databases (LexisNexis, Westlaw).

**Qualitative methods:** semi-structured interviews, think aloud interviews, focus groups, participatory mapping, user scenarios, card sorting, a/b testing, thematic analysis, content analysis, grounded theory

**Quantitative methods:** surveys, descriptive statistics, regression, t-tests, ANOVAs

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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<b>Graduate Research Assistant</b> School of Information and Library Science, UNC	2015-2020 Chapel Hill, NC
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<b>Graduate Research Assistant</b> Gillings School of Global Public Health, UNC Behavior and Technology Lab	2017-2019 Chapel Hill, NC
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**Graduate Research Assistant** 2011-2013  
School of Information Studies, Syracuse University  
Global Enterprise Technology Syracuse, NY

**McNair Scholar** 2009-2010  
Michigan State University East Lansing, MI

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Philadelphia FIGHT, AIDS Library** 2013-2015  
Public Services and Reference Librarian Philadelphia, PA

**Philadelphia Department of Public Health** 2013-2015  
Certified HIV/AIDS Educator Philadelphia, PA

**Youth & Women's TEACH, Philadelphia FIGHT** 2013-2015  
Guest Instructor and Facilitator Philadelphia, PA

**Institute for Community Justice** 2013-2015  
Librarian, Prison Health News Philadelphia, PA

**Bird Library, Syracuse University** 2013  
Instruction Intern, Learning Commons Syracuse, NY

**U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Information Resource Management** 2012-2013  
EIntern, Virtual Student Foreign Service Remote

**Collegiate Science & Technology Entry Program** 2011-2012  
Academic Consultant Syracuse, NY

**McNair Scholars Program, Michigan State University** 2010-2011  
Program Assistant East Lansing, MI

**Associated Students of Michigan State University** 2009-2010  
Director of Educational Policy East Lansing, MI

**Department of Residence Life, Michigan State University** 2008-2009  
Research Assistant East Lansing, MI

**U.S. Senate, U.S. Senator Carl Levin** 2008  
Legislative Intern Lansing, MI

**James Madison College Library, Michigan State University** 2007-2009  
Library Assistant East Lansing, MI

**Miller Johnson** 2006-2008  
Legal Intern Grand Rapids, MI



## **SERVICE & LEADERSHIP**

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### *Peer Reviewer for Conference Papers:*

iConference, 2018-2020

ACM Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW 2020)

### *Committees/Leadership*

LGBTQ Health Disparities Research Collaborative, UNC Chapel Hill, 2017-2020

Faculty Search Committee, UNC School of Information and Library Science, 2017-2018

Full-time Student Representative, Doctoral Student Association, UNC School of Information and Library Science, 2016-2017

Initiative for Minority Excellence, UNC Graduate School, 2015-Present

Undergraduate Research Advisory Board Member, Michigan State University, 2010-2011

Caucus Chair, James Madison College Student Senate, Michigan State University, 2006 – 2008

Vice-President, W.E.B. DuBois Society, 2006 – 2008

Student Representative, Michigan State University Council, 2006 – 2010

### *Conference Organizing*

Symposium on Information for Social Good, UNC School of Information and Library Science, 2017

Social Media Co-Chair, Annual Minority Health Conference: The Role of Public Health in Social Justice, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, 2016

Planning Committee Chair, Race in 21<sup>st</sup> Century America Conference, James Madison College, Michigan State University, 2008

### *Professional Memberships*

Association for Information Science and Technology, *Health Informatics*, 2018-Present

American Medical Informatics Association, 2019-Present

Association for Library and Information Science Educators, 2019-Present

Medical Library Association, 2016-Present

American Library Association - *Committee on Literacy* (2013 – 2015)

### *Community*

Digital Literacy Trainer, Philadelphia Technology Learning Collaborative, 2013-2015

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., 2009-Present

Michigan State University Gospel Choir, 2006-2007

Madison Academic Diversity Initiative Mentor, 2006 – 2008