Resilience, Gender & Health: Examining connections in the context of sustained HIV risk

Please join us this Thursday for our next Insight to Action event, as we host the 2018 Mariam K. Chamberlain Award winner, Ashleigh LoVette, PhD candidate at the Brown University School of Public Health.

Populations disproportionately affected by the HIV epidemic face social and structural conditions that predispose them to negative mental and sexual health outcomes. South African girls and young women face some of the highest HIV incidence rates in the world, but the majority of public health research attempts to address this issue through deficit-based approaches. Alternatively, strength-based approaches, including resilience, seek to acknowledge and honor the ability of girls and young women to thrive in spite of sustained HIV risk.

Ashleigh will share initial findings from her dissertation. She will also highlight the growing area of resilience-based public health research and how these results can inform programming and policy that leverages the strengths of individuals and the communities in which they reside to improve health outcomes.

Date: Thursday, November 7th  
Time: 3 - 4:30pm (reception after)  
Where: ICRW, 1120 20th St NW, Suite 500N, Washington, DC 20036  
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Ashleigh LoVette is a doctoral candidate within the Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences at the Brown University School of Public Health. Ashleigh’s work focuses on improving the health and well-being of young people using community-based and strength-based approaches. Specifically, her dissertation uses both quantitative and qualitative methods to critically examine the concept of resilience and its relationship to health behaviors among girls and young women living in the context of sustained HIV risk. A global health scholar, Ashleigh has spent time completing research and working in the US, Ghana and South Africa. In addition to conducting global health research, she is committed to creating and maintaining an inclusive and equitable environment of higher education. She has been recognized for her leadership in this area with a number of university awards. Prior to beginning her studies at Brown, she completed a fellowship at the National Cancer Institute focused on health communication both in the US and abroad.