

### **Short Bio: Research**

Dr. Devin Banks is a licensed clinical psychologist and Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Banks' research focuses on improving racial equity in the research and treatment of substance use and related behavioral health outcomes, particularly among Black Americans. She examines the impact of racism and racialization on the development, progression, and treatment of substance use at individual, interpersonal, and structural levels, illuminating specific social determinants of addiction-related outcomes. She earned her Ph.D. and MS in Clinical Psychology from Purdue University in Indianapolis and her BA in Psychology from the University of California Berkeley.

### **Short Bio: Research & Clinical**

Dr. Devin Banks is a licensed clinical psychologist and Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Banks' research aims to improve behavioral health equity and reduce disparities among minoritized racial and ethnic groups. Specifically, her research program focuses on understanding and mitigating substance use and related problems. Dr. Banks' clinical interests concern addiction and trauma among adolescents and adults with an emphasis on culturally informed prevention and intervention. Her clinical orientation is primarily cognitive-behavioral but her practical approach is eclectic, integrating skills-based and experiential techniques.

### **Long Bio**

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Dr. Banks' current programs of research concern:

- Race-related stress and resilience, including how cultural factors (e.g., racial stigma, discrimination, and socialization) and structural factors (e.g., neighborhood disinvestment) interact with traditional "race-neutral" risk/resilience factors to influence behavioral health among adolescents and young adults.
- Community-engaged and technology-enabled strategies for addressing inequities in opioid overdose and access to opioid treatment that disproportionately affect Black communities.
- Racial/ethnic differences in substance use and substance use problems, particularly differences in patterns of concurrent and polysubstance use among adolescents.

Dr. Banks is enthusiastic about mentoring students of all levels has taught courses related to multicultural psychology, clinical psychology, and lifespan development. She has clinical

expertise in evidence-based treatments for substance use and trauma in both youth and adults and research expertise in community-engaged and mixed methods.