

Dr. Alex (Alexi) Washington

Dr. Alex (Alexi) Washington is a professor in the School of Social Work, and Faculty Equity Advocate for the College of Health and Human Services, at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB). He is also the co-director for the Center for Health Equity Research Institute. He has taught research methods, statistics, and social policy. Alex was a visiting professor in the UCSF Center for AIDS Prevention Studies, Department of Medicine (2012-2014). Prior to joining CSULB, he was a Research Fellow at the Johns Hopkins University Center for Health Disparities Solutions, and an associate professor at Morgan State University (Baltimore). He has provided outpatient treatment groups to veterans in the Department of Psychiatry at Veteran Affairs Medical Center (Memphis). Dr. Washington recently developed a model, "PEACE with COVID," for increasing uptake of COVID-19 vaccines among Black and Latinx substance using men who have sex with men. Dr. Washington's research focuses on barriers and challenges to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (Truvada/Descovy) uptake for HIV prevention among African American and Latinx sexual minority males. He has also conducted research focused on HIV testing among women during prenatal care; male injection drug users; and HIV testing and sex risks among substance using African American and Latinx males. He has received research funding from NIDA/NIH, SAMHSA, CAPS, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and intramural awards. Alex has presented research findings at national and international conferences, such places as Thailand, Canada, Egypt, Australia, South Africa, and the Netherlands. He has published in empirically based journals and serves on professional and community advisory boards. He received the 2019 President's Award for Outstanding Faculty Achievement, and the 2017 Distinguished Faculty Scholarly Achievement Award at CSULB. He has also received the Gerald A. Ludd Lifetime Achievement Award (for HIV leadership in the Black community), the CSULB Early Academic Career Excellence Award, and received an Underrepresented Minority Research Award from the NIMH Research on AIDS Office. Dr. Washington has provided volunteer services and support to the Human Rights Campaign, Equality Maryland, and Equality California. He received his Master's degree in Sociology from The University of Memphis, MSSW (Clinical Treatment) from the University of Tennessee, Health Science Center (Memphis), and the PhD from University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and studied dance and vocal performance at Watkins Overton School of the Performing Arts (Memphis).