

# NIH Advisory Committee to the Director: Working Group on Diversity Update

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## NIH Advisory Committee to the Director Working Group on Diversity



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## 13 Recommendations from the 2012 Report of the ACD WGDBRW

### Mentoring, Career Development, Recruitment, Retention

- ✓ Support for Underserved Institutions
- ✓ Mentoring Networks
- ✓ Undergraduate Scholarships
- ✓ IRP Diversity
- ✓ K-12 Support

### Research and Intervention Recommendations

- ✓ Review Feedback for All Applications
- ✓ Racial Funding Disparity
- ✓ Peer Review Working Group
- ✓ Bias Education
- ✓ Anonymous Bias Study

### NIH Institutional Support and Oversight Recommendations

- ✓ Chief Officer for Scientific Workforce Diversity
- ✓ ACD Working Group on Diversity
- ? Tracking and Evaluation

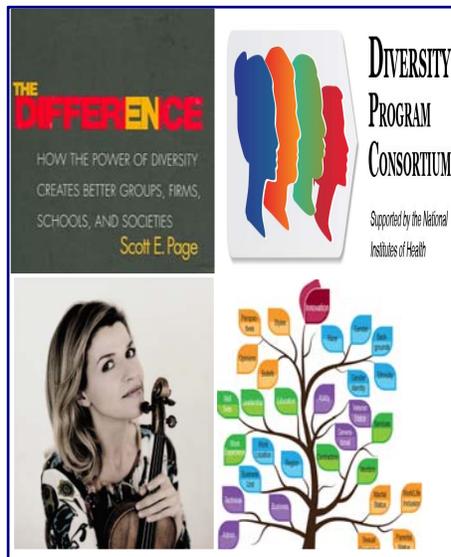
**SWD Mission:** *NIH leads and catalyzes scientific workforce diversity through data-driven innovations to recruit and retain the most talented scientists*

**PNAS**

Valantine and Collins. *PNAS*  
2015: Oct 6;112:12240-2

Diversity  
Science

Sociocultural  
Factors



Mentoring,  
Career development  
Recruitment,  
Retention:  
What Works  
and Why?  
Context matters

Sustaining  
Diversity

## Understanding What Works: NIH Diversity Program Consortium

*Pipeline, Mentoring, Evaluation*

Awards made October 2014  
**BUILD: 10**  
 sites/experiments  
**NRMN**  
**CEC**  
 Total: \$250 million (5 years)

### Hypotheses Being Tested by BUILD

- Stereotype threat
- Critical race theory
- Student entrepreneurship
- Living and learning communities

### NRMN Activities

- Guided virtual mentorships
- MyNRMN tool
- Mentors trained: 250
- Mentee/mentors touched 3,100
- Grantwriting/coaching - mentees: 225

### Outcome measures

- Student
- Faculty
- Institutional



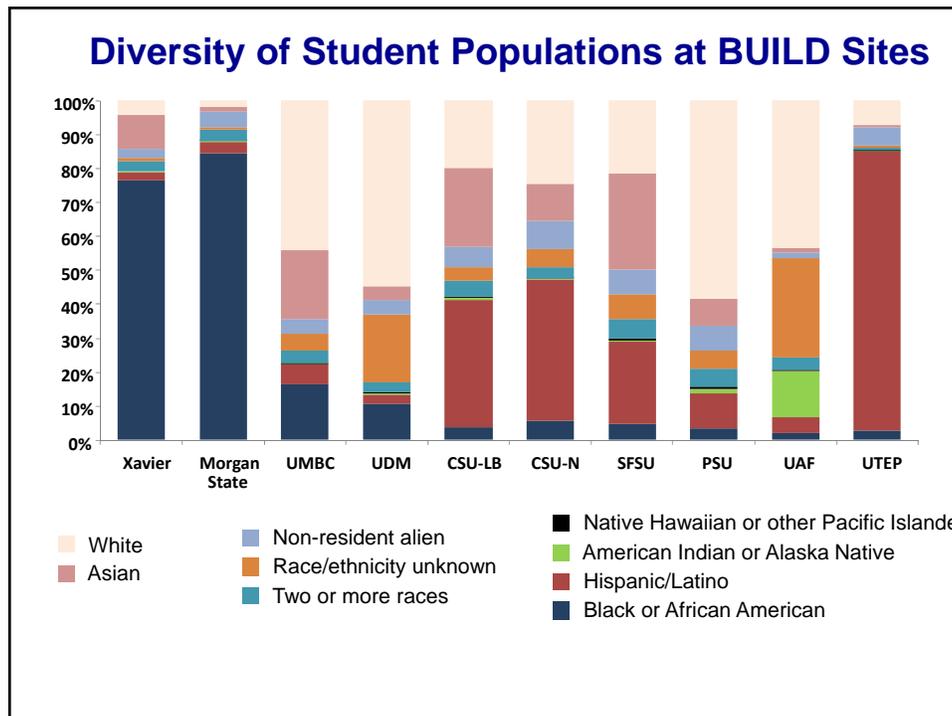
Hispanic-Serving Institutions

Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Total of 10 Sites/Experiments

State Colleges

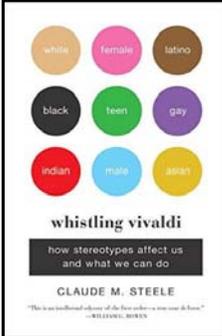
Public Universities







- **Stereotype threat interventions at all levels**
  - Students: Speaking Truth to Power
  - Faculty: Tools to create safe environments  
Depiction of faculty as essential change agents
  - Institutional: Curricular development and infrastructure for research relevant to local communities
  - **Renovations - Interdisciplinary facilities for cross-institutional collaboration**
  - **Health equity research**
- **Two-institutional model**
  - Teaching with research intensive (UC + SF-State U)
  - Joint core facility (UCSF and SFSU)
  - Training interventions
  - Undergraduate to graduate transitions
  - Sustainable strategies for addressing stereotype threat





## Student-Centered Entrepreneurship Development (ASCEND)



- Undergraduate entrepreneurial research training model
  - Support: faculty advisor; coordinator
- Student-led research center:
  - Space for research, mentoring, and networking
- Beginning with an 8-week summer research institute:
  - Group proposals, selection as ASCEND scholars
- Accelerate hands-on research experiences, knowledge, and recruitment/retention in biomedical careers






## Measuring Success in Mentoring and Training

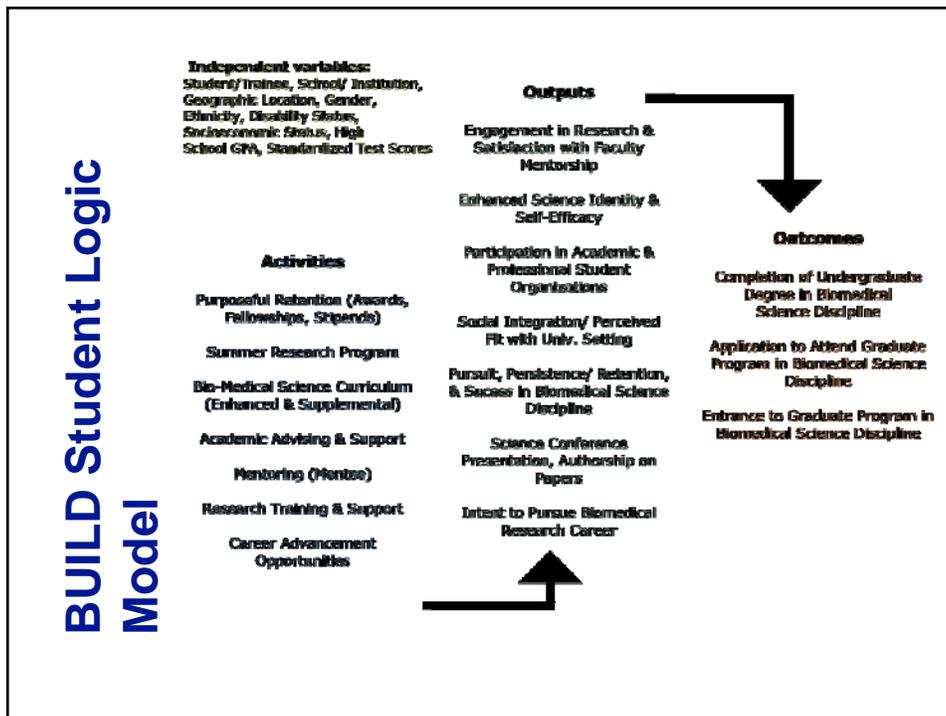


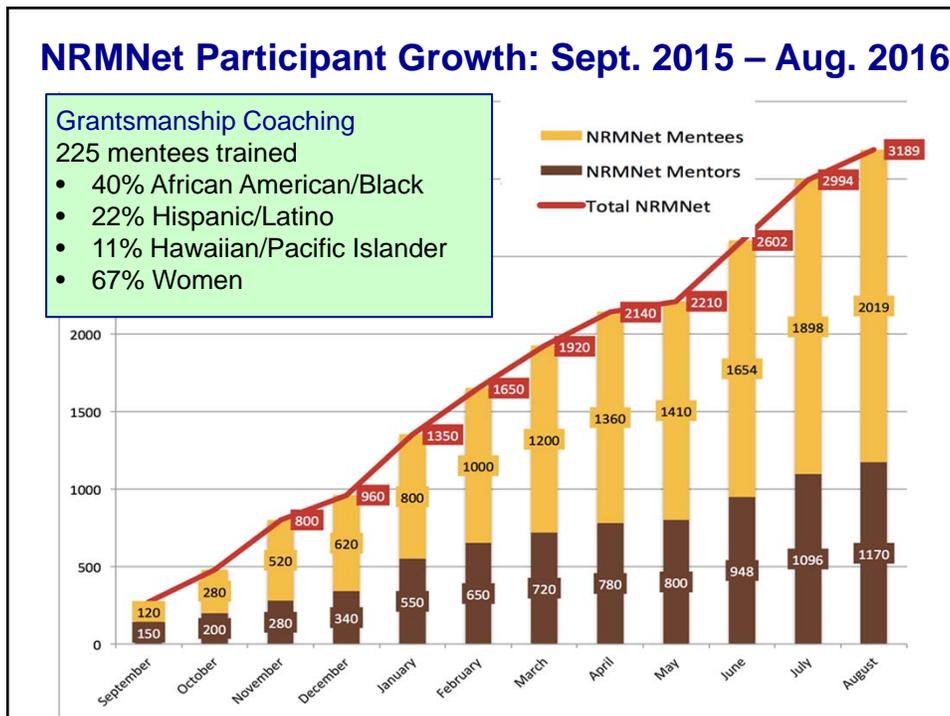
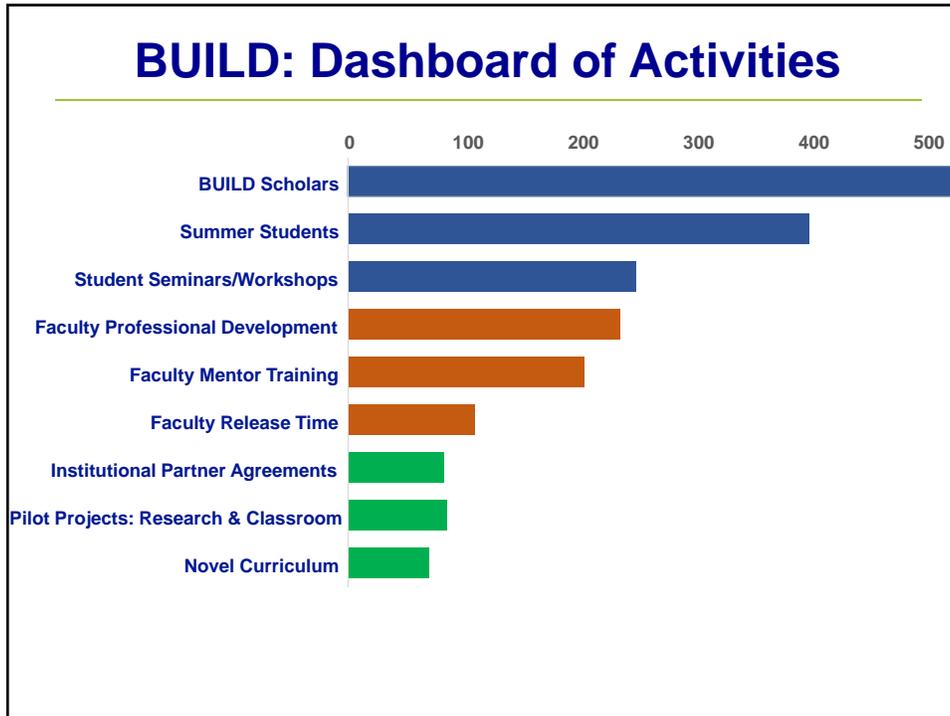
### Individual Level Hallmarks

- Perceptions: culture, identity
- Persistence, retention, GPA
- Undergrad lab training
- Presentations at meetings
- Research fellowships, scholarships
- Authorship in peer-reviewed publications
- Application to grad program
- Matriculation in grad program

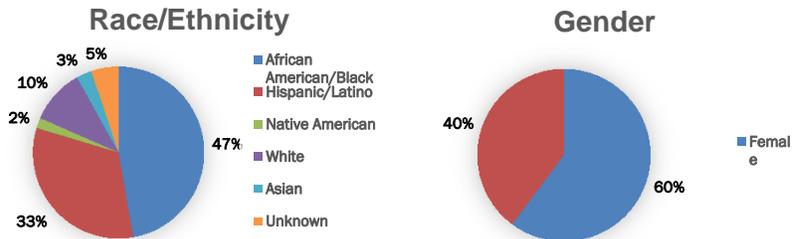
### Institutional Level Hallmarks

- Undergrad retention rate
- Mentoring activities (students, faculty)
- URM retention in BUILD
- Research training opportunities (students, faculty)
- Inter-institutional collaborations for BUILD outcomes:
  - Linkages with community colleges, other partners
  - Collaborations at R1 schools
  - NRMN engagement





## Recruiting Tool for Junior Career Stage Postdoctoral and Assistant Professors



- ~ 543 total, top 1/3<sup>rd</sup> culled
- 4-10 years post-doctorate (most 4-7)
- Authorship in top journals
- 10+ publications: 188
- 100+ citations: 198
- 200+ citations: 136



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### Outreach Tools

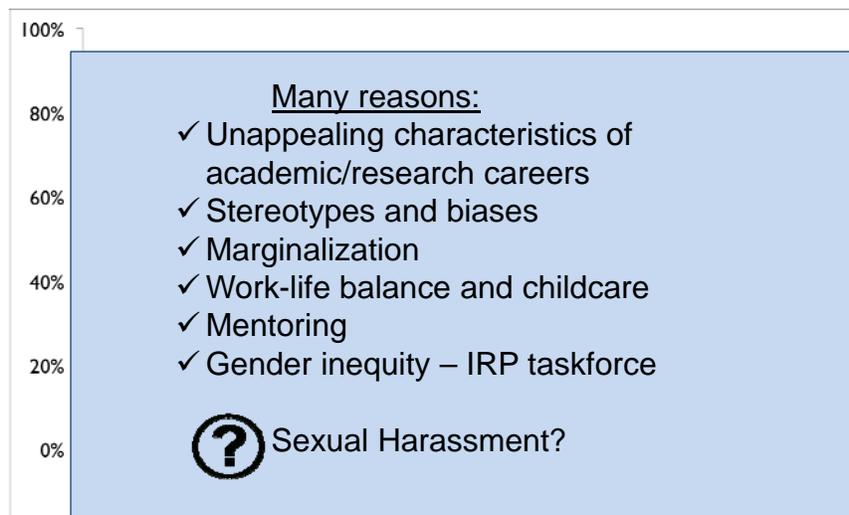
Trans-NIH effort to engage talented early-stage biomedical and behavioral scientists from diverse backgrounds to promote knowledge and awareness about scientific career opportunities in the NIH intramural research program



## Unconscious Bias Education Pilots in IRP Stadtman Search

- Raise awareness of unconscious bias and reduce its impact in the search process
- Test feasibility
- Scientifically test the efficacy of the educational module
  - Does unconscious bias education affect the Stadtman search process and outcomes?
  - Pre- and post-measurements of implicit/explicit bias

## Gender Gap in Academic Medicine 2013-2014



Adapted from: The state of women in academic medicine 2013-14: AAMC Report, Diana M. Lautenberger, et. al.

## Components of the Overall Anti-Sexual Harassment Plan

- Constructed with a Trans-NIH Group
- Agency policy for Manual Chapters
  - Agency guidelines to edify the policy
  - Contract for sexual harassment hotline
  - IDIQ for administrative inquiry investigators
  - Mandatory sexual harassment training with Outlook suspension
  - Trans-NIH committee to recommend discipline to the IC
  - **NIH Workplace Climate and Harassment Survey**
  - communications plan

## ACD DWG – Subcommittee on Workplace Climate and Harassment

- Charge: Advise on NIH analysis of how workplace and/or climate may be affecting individual's career and the diversity of our workforce
- Survey: Guidance on NIH workplace climate and harassment survey design, administration, analysis, and dissemination of results
- Members:



*Jon Krosnick, Ph.D., Professor, Humanities & Social Sciences, Communication, and Political Science, Stanford University*



*Louise Fitzgerald, Ph.D., Professor Emerita, Psychology and Gender & Women's Studies, University of Illinois*



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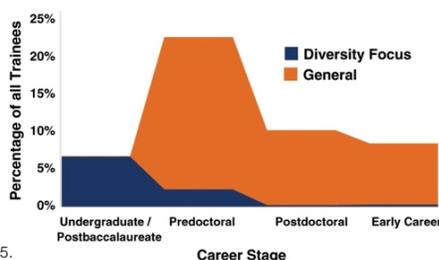


*John Pryor, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Psychology, Illinois State University*

## Sustainability

### Underrepresentation is Not Just a Pipeline Issue

- URG PhD recipients have grown 9-fold in past 35 years, compare to 2.2-fold increase in well-represented groups\*
- Annually, 10% of biomedical PhDs are awarded to URGs, yet only 2.6% faculty hires are URG scientists\*
- Pipeline programs are necessary but not sufficient
- Need more focus on transition points especially from training into academic careers



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\* Gibbs KD, et al. Elife. 2016 Nov 17;5.

## Summary:

### Key Accomplishments Since 2012

#### Extramural

- Diversity Consortium Program: BUILD, NRMN, CEC
- Future Research Leaders Conference and outreach platform
- ACD DWG Subcommittee on Potential Bias in Peer Review
- African American/Black R01 Funding Disparities Interventions
  - R01 re-submission awareness
  - Mentoring and coaching to improve score and award rate
  - Anonymized review study

#### Intramural

- Hi-STEP; Graduate summer program
- Search tools enhance applicant-pool diversity
- Outreach process to enhance success in recruiting
- Unconscious bias educational platform

## ACD Working Group on Diversity: Going Forward

- Progress report (5-year progress)
- Request for Information and additional input
- New recommendations

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