



Friday, November 9  
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Room: Colorado GH

## **JANAC Article of the Year**

**Bridgette M. Brawner, PhD, MDiv, APRN**

### **Focus Group Findings to Develop an HIV/STI Prevention Program for Heterosexually Active Black Adolescents with Mental Illnesses**

In the article, Dr. Brawner and colleagues elevate the voices of a population largely absent from HIV prevention literature—heterosexually active black adolescents dealing with mental illnesses. The psychological sequelae of their conditions (e.g., loneliness, impulsivity) may increase their risk for HIV/STIs, yet few interventions exist that address these concerns. Through focus groups with 33 black adolescent males and females, the research team uncovered social, cultural, and psychological factors that influence HIV/STI risk-related sexual behaviors in the target demographic. They also shed light on recommendations from this key population on strategies to prevent HIV/STIs, including the integration of HIV/STI prevention programs into mental health treatment.

## **Researcher of the Year**

**Patricia A. Cioe, PhD, CNP**

### **Cardiovascular risk reduction in persons living with HIV: Developing a program of research**

HIV-positive persons are living near normal lifespans but have an increased incidence of cardiovascular disease. Developing and testing effective interventions to reduce CVD risk is a priority for this population.