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Professional Profile

Dr. Malone is an epidemiologist with expertise at the cross-section of social and infectious disease epidemiology. She is proficient in both qualitative and quantitative research methods and has extensive experience in designing and analyzing epidemiological studies, scientific writing, systematic reviews, data collection, data management, applying causal inference methods such as regression adjustment and propensity score matching, and applied public health practice. Dr. Malone has nearly 10 years of research experience in HIV prevention and treatment among racial and sexual minority groups, specifically focusing on racial and gender inequities and disparities in pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) uptake and their negative impacts on the HIV epidemic in the United States. Dr. Malone has conducted cross-sectional, ecological, and quasi-experimental research concerning individual, community, and policy level factors associated with HIV viral suppression among Black men who have sex with men in the United States.

Prior to joining Exponent, Dr. Malone completed her doctoral training at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, with a Ph.D. in Infectious Disease Epidemiology. She obtained a A.B. in Sociology with a secondary in Classical Studies from Harvard University, and a M.Sc. in Infectious Disease Epidemiology from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. While in Boston, Dr. Malone conducted focus groups with Black-identified adolescents to assess their perceived HIV risks when interning at the Harvard Center for AIDS Research. She then worked at the Fenway Institute on the Epidemiology Team, publishing research on PrEP use and relationship dynamics among male-male couples.

Academic Credentials & Professional Honors

Ph.D., Epidemiology, John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Pub Health, 2021

B.A., Sociology, Harvard University, 2013

HIV Epidemiology and Prevention Sciences Pre-doctoral Fellowship

Prior Experience

Graduate Student Researcher, Center for Health and Human Rights, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 2017-2021

Global Health Equity Research Assistant, Brigham and Women's Hospital, 2016-2018

Graduate Student Researcher, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, 2015-2017

Racial Justice and Health Equity Assistant, Boston Public Health Commissions, 2016

Research Assistant (Epidemiology Team), The Fenway Institute, 2013-2015

Professional Affiliations

International AIDS Society

Society of Epidemiologic Research

Publications

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Zhang, M., Jarrett, B.A., Althoff, K.N., Burman, F.S., Camarata, L., Coburn, S.B., Dickerson, A.S., Foti, K., Kaur, M., Leifheit, K.M., Malone, J., Moore EA, Mouslim MC, Prata Menezes N, Robsky K, Tang, O, Wallace AS, Dean LT., for the Epi IDEAS Working Group, 2020. Recommendations to the Society for Epidemiologic Research for further promoting diversity and inclusion at the annual meeting and beyond. *American Journal of Epidemiology*, 189(10), pp.1037-1041.

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Reisner, S.L., Perez-Brumer, A., Oldenburg, C.E., Gamarel, K.E., Malone, J., Leung, K., Mimiaga, M.J., Rosenberger, J.G. and Biello, K.B., 2019. Characterizing HIV risk among cisgender men in Latin America who report transgender women as sexual partners: HIV risk in Latin America men. *International Journal of STD & AIDS*, 30(4), pp.378-385.

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Presentations

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Peer Reviews

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