



# Spring 2021 Newsletter

Spring: A lovely reminder of just how beautiful change can really be!

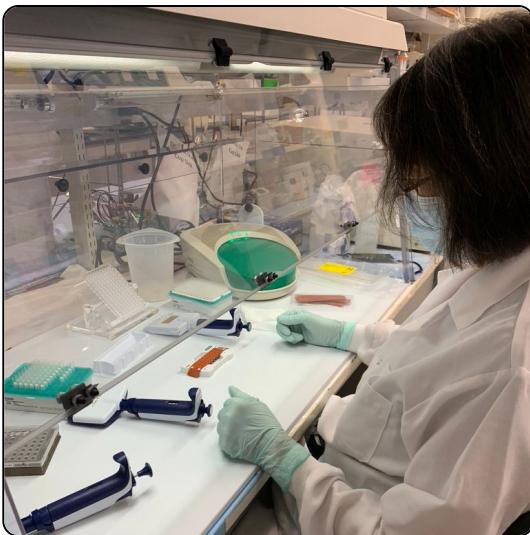
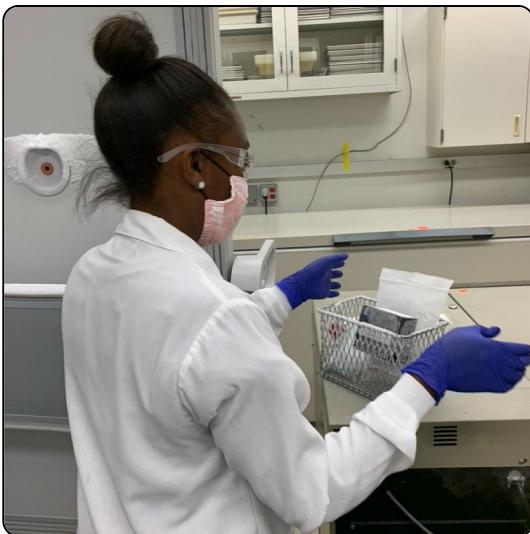
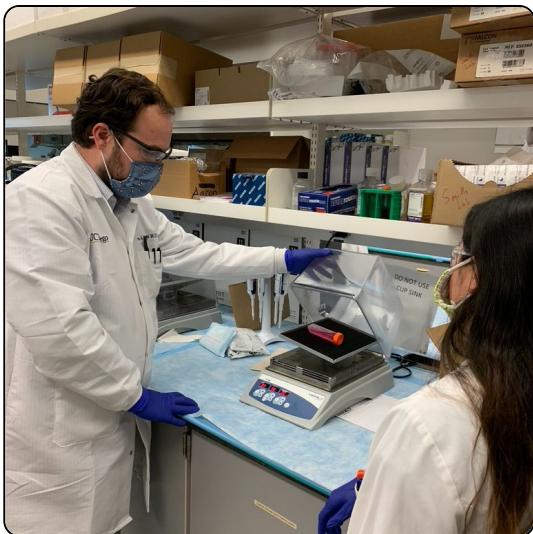
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## **Focus on the Future** Donor Spotlight

### **James B. Pendleton Charitable Trust**

*"Because of the James B. Pendleton Charitable Trust, The HIV Institute is stronger and more adaptable in providing leading-edge research that advances HIV and COVID-19-related research, ultimately benefiting our entire community."* - Liz Johnson, UC San Diego

*HIV Institute and SD CFAR Administrative Director*



Since 2009 our scientists have utilized the valuable lab equipment purchased through the generosity of the James B. Pendleton Charitable Trust. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit it impacted nearly every facet of our lives, from research and health care infrastructure to educational delivery to interactions with friends and family. However, the support of dedicated philanthropic partners has empowered UC San Diego to ensure the health and well-being of our community. We are exceedingly grateful for the Pendleton Trust's continued support of lab equipment to propel HIV and COVID-19 research and improve the lives of patients and their loved ones.

*We share our deepest appreciation toward the James B. Pendleton Charitable Trust for their continued gifts that are advancing HIV research and propelling discoveries for*

*generations to come.*

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## Investigator Spotlight

*The HIV Institute greatly appreciates UC San Diego's hardworking, dedicated research scientists accelerating the field. The Investigator Spotlight gives us an opportunity to acknowledge our leading investigators and to share with the community how they are pursuing life-changing discoveries.*

### **Tommi Gaines, DrPH**

Associate Professor  
UC San Diego School of Medicine



#### **Tell us a little about yourself.**

Lately, I have been introducing myself according to my cultural heritage because I am usually speaking to a group of community partners who are tribal leaders and stakeholders of Native American communities and it is customary to state your tribal affiliation.

So I'll start off by saying I am a bi-racial African American and Navajo/Hopi Native American woman. On the Native American side, I am an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, and I am of the Red River clan. I am also part Hopi of the Rabbit clan. I have yet to figure out my African heritage which likely means some ancestry DNA is needed.

I am mom to an energetic 10-year-old and have been with my spouse for over 20 years, half of that married and the other half, contemplating marriage.

I don't have fun personal facts about myself but I enjoy being outdoors with the sun shining on me, I love to eat tacos, and family fun Fridays are the best! You'll have to ask me in person about family fun Fridays. [Read More](#)

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## Upcoming Events

### Owen Clinic Town Hall

Join us for a conversation with Dr. Laura Bamford and Robin Morrisey to hear about exciting updates at UC San Diego's Owen Clinic!

The [UC San Diego HIV Institute](#) is pleased to present Laura Bamford, MD, and Robin Morrisey, RN for an **Owen Clinic Town Hall on Tuesday, May 18**, from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. Dr. Bamford is the Medical Director of Owen Clinic and an Associate Professor of Medicine at UC San Diego. Robin Morrisey is the Owen Clinic Practice Manager. They will be sharing updates about UC San Diego's Owen Clinic.

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Stay up to date with our latest seminars by visiting our [webpage](#).

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### 2020-2021 Nicholas Papadopoulos Endowed Lecture in LBGT Studies

There are two unique and enriching series of events for the 2021 Nicholas Papadopoulos Lecture in LGBT Studies.



**Disclosure: Trans Lives on Screen**  
Wednesday, May 12, 5:00-7:00 pm



**UC San Diego ArtPower**  
May 17 through 21

On May 12, we will feature Netflix original documentary, Disclosure: Trans Lives on Screen, from executive producer and three-time Emmy-nominated actress Laverne Cox.

The second Nicholas Papadopoulos Lecture event is a collaboration with UC San Diego's ArtPower. This special partnership will elevate and expand the audience of the lecture to a campus-wide group of champions who may not typically be aware of the offering.

For more information and to view PDF doc, [click here](#)

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# UC San Diego Health

## University Community Advisory Board

The University Community Advisory Board (UCAB) is comprised of representatives from across all HIV-related CABs in the UC San Diego Division of Infectious Diseases and Global Public Health (ID+GPH). UCAB was established to provide a forum for various community interests and to better engage our community partners. Issues discussed within the UCAB included support of community outreach, education and participation in research and clinical activities.

UCAB serves as a mechanism to create better synergy across our community network. UCAB is also designed to serve as a resource for the creation, development and sustainability of CABs across UC San Diego Health's HIV programs.

*"My participation in the UCAB helps me better advise the AVRC, my sponsor organization." - Peter Allen*

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Help The HIV Institute support UC San Diego programs at the forefront of ending the HIV epidemic! UC San Diego is preparing to launch its Day of Caring campaign, called u.care. This exciting event begins May 13, 2021 at 6 a.m. and continues for 32 hours — 1,960 minutes in honor of our founding year.

#### **Why give?**

No matter the size, your gift matters! The [HIV Institute Discovery Fund](#) provides vital funding to researchers and clinicians who are saving and improving lives with cutting-edge research and treatments. Your gift will support a variety of needs across the Institute that help us unleash discovery and improve access to HIV care.

#### **Give early!**

Click [here](#) for the [HIV Institute Discovery Fund \(E3061\)](#).

We hope we can count on you as the entire UC San Diego community unites. Make your gift to the [HIV Institute Discovery Fund](#) and continue the fight to win the war against HIV/AIDS.

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## **Profoundly changing the study, treatment and prevention of HIV throughout the world.**

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Since the 1980s, HIV/AIDS research at UC San Diego has been at the forefront of discoveries that shape care and treatment standards on a global scale. We are internationally recognized as a place that combines the art of healing with the science of medicine and serves not only San Diego, but communities around the world.

For 26 years [The HIV Institute](#) has served as an umbrella organization to UC San Diego's many HIV-related activities. We work within and across departments, in multidisciplinary programs and with many other collaborators to translate new discoveries from our

laboratories to patient care.



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**u.care**

*"Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love."*

*Lao Tzu*



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