

Faculty Focus: Paula A. Alio, Ph.D.

What does your research focus on?

My work is primarily in the areas of racial and socio-economic disparities in maternal and child health outcomes, and in HIV/AIDS. I'm interested in the social and behavioral determinants of maternal/infant mortality and morbidity among African Americans and in sub-Saharan Africa. My HIV/AIDS related work focuses on socio-cultural barriers to access and adherence to treatment for persons living with HIV/AIDS. My most recent local project is a community partnership to address severe maternal morbidity in the greater Rochester area. My current global studies examine HIV and religion-based stigmas among high risk population in Niger and Senegal



Why did you choose to do research in public and community health?

Community engagement in research that leads to improvement in the lives of populations is my passion and motivation. For public health outcomes to improve, true and sustainable change can only happen when the populations concerned are fully involved.

What do you enjoy most about University of Rochester?

The UR provides a great environment for collaborative research across disciplines and expertise. I enjoy working with a high caliber of undergraduate and graduate students at the UR

What opportunities are there for students to engage in your projects, both current and future?

My projects are at various stages of research. There are opportunities for students to assist with project design, implementation, data analysis and dissemination of study results. There are also opportunities for global health research experience.