



John B. Jemmott III

GRFP Recipient: 1976

Undergraduate Institution:
B.A. 1976, York College, City
University of New York

Graduate Institution:
M.A. 1980, Ph.D. 1982; Harvard
University

Graduate Field of Study:
Psychology

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Current Position:
Kenneth B. Clark Professor of
Communication, Annenberg
School for Communication;
and Professor of Communica-
tion in Psychiatry, Perelman
School of Medicine, University
of Pennsylvania.

RESEARCH INTERESTS //

For over 20 years, John B. Jemmott III has been funded by the National Institutes of Health to conduct research developing and testing the efficacy of theory-based culturally appropriate HIV/STD risk-reduction interventions for a variety of populations in the United States and sub-Saharan Africa. His current projects are focused on African American men, adolescents, and HIV serodiscordant couples in Philadelphia, men and adolescents in South Africa, and adolescents in Botswana. His research has been published in journals including the American Journal of Public Health, the Journal of the American Medical Association, the Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, and the Archives of Internal Medicine. Several of the efficacious HIV risk-reduction interventions developed by Jemmott and his colleagues have been selected by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Office of Adolescent Health for dissemination, including “Be Proud! Be Responsible!”, “Making Proud Choices,” “Promoting Health Among Teens,” “Sister to Sister,” and “Cuidate,” and are being used by schools, community-based organizations, and health clinics.

A FOND MEMORY FROM MY EXPERIENCE AS A FELLOW //

The NSF Graduate Fellow Program was of great benefit to me because it reduced the amount of time I had to spend as a teaching assistant and allowed me to spend more time developing research skills and conducting research studies. As a result, I completed my Ph.D. with strong research skills that have served me throughout my career.

One of my fondest memories of my time as an NSF Graduate Fellow is when I collaborated with another NSF Graduate Fellow during our second year in

graduate school on a research study which began as a class project. The two of us submitted it to a referred journal and it became my first publication. We both contributed equally; so we flipped a coin to decide the order of authorship and I won!

AWARDS/ HONORS //

- Samuel Davies Presidential Preceptorship, Princeton University (1986)
- Fellow of the American Psychological Association, Division 38 Health Psychology, 1995-
- Fellow of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, 1997 –
- John Allen Blue Award for “Protecting Our Future through Prevention and HIV/AIDS Research,” BEBASHI (Blacks Educating Blacks About Sexual Health Issues) (2000)
- Red Ribbon Award, Community Advisory Board of the Center for AIDS Research, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine (2005)

POSITION PROFILE //

- 1982-1988 Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Princeton University
- 1988-1993 - Associate professor, Department of Psychology, Princeton University
- 1993-1999 – Professor, Department of Psychology, Princeton University
- 1999- Present - Kenneth B. Clark Professor of Communication, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania
- 2007-Present – Professor of Communication in Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

