

Guest Bio: **Tyrone M. Parchment, PhD**

Tyrone M. Parchment is a Ph.D. Candidate at the New York University Silver School of Social Work with almost ten years of direct practice and research experience. Mr. Parchment received his Masters of Social Work from Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College. His professional background encompasses administration, field instruction, mental health, program planning and development, research and teaching. As a Research Scientist at the McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research, Mr. Parchment is coordinating various research studies both locally and globally centered on the family caregiving and behavioral health of children and adolescents. He also serves as Clinical Research Coordinator and Field Instructor for Project Step-Up, a multi-component school-based mental health support program for high school youth experiencing academic and behavioral difficulties. His dissertation aims to conduct formative research and develop a greater understanding of how South African caregivers are associated with potentially decreasing children's risky behavior and improving their mental health. Mr. Parchment is utilizing Structural Equation Modeling to examine secondary data from an existing NIMH funded randomized control trial (RCT) family-based HIV prevention intervention to reduce sexual risk behaviors among uninfected children within township communities in South Africa.

