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Biography

Dr. Copenhaver received his doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Virginia Tech in 1999. Prior to coming to the University of Connecticut, he was a Post-doctoral Fellow in the Department of Psychiatry, Yale University School of Medicine during 1999-2000. Dr. Copenhaver's current research efforts include developing and evaluating IMB-based risk reduction interventions that target a broad range of health risk behaviors particularly among injection drug users.

Current Research Interests

Dr. Copenhaver is interested in developing interventions that holistically address health risks associated with unprotected sex, injection drug use, and medication non-adherence with the aim of improving one's overall health. He is also interested in enhancing interventions by incorporating cognitive remediation strategies into the delivery system so that individuals with mild to moderate cognitive impairments (often due to HIV/AIDS and/or chronic drug use) may benefit more fully from such interventions. He plans to conduct research supporting the development of "community friendly" interventions (i.e., interventions that are proven to be effective and ecologically valid and thus deployable in a range of existing settings) with the objective of broadening the positive impact of the intervention on the health of the community.