



## Society for Prevention Research, Diversity Network Committee

### DNC Speaker Series

*Advances in Prevention Science, Diversity, and Inclusion*

### Celebrating Black History Month

**Tuesday, February 24, 2026, from 12 pm – 1 pm EST / 9 am – 10 am PST**

***“Bolstering Prevention Science through Community Voice, Cohesion, and Connection”***

Join us over Zoom. Register here: [Zoom link](#)



**Phillip W. Graham, DrPH, MPH**

Phillip W. Graham is a Principal Scientist at RTI International and the Center Director of RTI's Center for Behavioral Health Epidemiology, Implementation, and Evaluation Research. He has more than 30 years of experience conducting community-based research and evaluation, with research focusing on evaluating preventive interventions developed to reduce and prevent adolescent interpersonal violence and substance use.

Dr. Graham currently serves as the project director on several national cross-site evaluations assessing community efforts to reduce underage drinking, prescription drug misuse and abuse, marijuana use, and opioid deaths. He has also investigated the effects of witnessing community violence on perpetration, the development of ethnic identity among African American male adolescents as a protective factor, and the impact of comprehensive school-based interventions and services to promote healthy child development. Other research efforts have included examining the relationship between social capital and community violence; developing an evaluation toolkit to measure collective impact, and collaborating with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to understand how community social cohesion impacts the development of a shared value of health. His methodological focus includes the use of mixed-methods approaches and his research emphasizes the importance of culture, community context, systems change, and place-based strategies.

He is the current president of the Society for Prevention Research and a current founding board member for the National Prevention Science Coalition.

[Learn more about Dr. Graham](#)

The aims of the *DNC Speaker Series* are to highlight research on prevention science and public health that is led by researchers from underrepresented groups and primarily conduct research with groups that are understudied (e.g., racial/ethnic minorities, individuals who identify as a sexual minority, individuals with disabilities). The presentation series will also aim to create a forum for the guest speaker(s) to share career/professional reflections as a researcher from an underrepresented group(s) and to promote discussions of diversity and inclusion in professions related to prevention science and public health.

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