

# DOM NEWS BLAST

*The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication*

Dr. Meredith Clement (Infectious Diseases) has been funded (4th in recent weeks) as a subrecipient with Columbia University on a 5-year NIH grant. The proposed study will test the CHAMPS (Community Health Worker And MHealth to ImProve Viral Suppression) intervention to promote ART initiation, ART adherence, and suppressed viral load for PWH engaged in HIV care in geographic hotspots in the US in areas with a substantial burden of HIV in the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) plan.

Congratulations, Dr. Clement!



Dr. Gala True (Community & Population Medicine) was recently quoted in a CBS News story titled “A veteran started a gun shop. When a struggling soldier asked him to store his firearms – he started saving lives” about preventing veterans’ suicides. “True, an associate professor at Louisiana State University School of Medicine who researches community-engaged efforts to prevent veteran suicides, met Morse in 2021. She was coordinating with firearms retailers interested in providing options for those in crisis who wanted to store firearms outside their homes.” You can read the article here:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/veteran-gun-shop-stored-firearms-started-saving-lives/>



Dr. Ben Springgate (Community & Population Medicine) presented a talk on 9/13/23 on “Current Issues in Health and Aging Policy in the United States Senate” at the Health and Aging Policy Symposium at the National Quality Forum in Washington DC.



## **New Pediatric PM&R Program Receives Accreditation**

The LSU PM&R program in partnership with pediatrics faculty recently submitted an application for a Pediatric PM&R program. This week we received our initial accreditation of that program. This is a wonderful addition to LSU and for the children of Louisiana.