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Congratulations, Dr. Shawnika Hull!

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Dr. Shawnika Hull was recently awarded a K01 grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIDA) entitled, “Sisters Informing Sisters about Topics on AIDS and PrEP (SISTA-P): Adapting an Evidence-Based HIV Prevention Intervention to Reduce HIV Incidence among Black Women, including those Who Use Drugs.”

Guided by Theory of Gender and Power, Intersectionality Frameworks and Social Cognitive Theory, the research seeks to: understand the social-structural and contextual barriers to BW's PrEP uptake; design an intervention that leverages Black women’s agency and communication skills to overcome these barriers; and pilot test the intervention to assess feasibility and acceptability.
“Parenting for a Digital Future” asks how parents manage digital devices, what they should expect of them, and why these questions are so contested within families, among policymakers and in the media. Based on rigorous and in-depth fieldwork with diverse families around London, we argue that ‘digital parenting’ is not only about technology, salient as this may seem. Indeed, family practices and values around technology have become a crucial means by which people explore pressing dilemmas over how to live, what constitutes wellbeing and what ‘good life’ to hope for.

By inviting parents to look back to their own childhood and then forward to their children’s futures, we first position parenting in relation to the risk society before showing how digital technologies intensify families’ opportunities and risks in distinctive ways. We introduce three distinct genres for ‘digital parenting’ – embrace, balance and resist – and we explore how these play out in terms of screen time, social inequalities, geeky families, parents of children with disabilities, and more.

The book reveals the pincer movement of parenting in the digital age, in which parents are, on the one hand, more burdened with responsibilities given the erosion of state support and an increasingly uncertain financial future and yet, on the other, charged with respecting and encouraging the agency of their child as they negotiate ‘the democratic family.’

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The COVID-19 pandemic has expanded the online world of work at home to record levels. Our most personal and confidential data is being collected from multiple digital devices and stored, disseminated, and sold to governments and commercial organizations, often without our knowledge, consent, or control. We are all now in privacy's perfect storm, which includes recent efforts by the European Union and in the United States to set new legal boundaries. Stuart N. Brotman offers a thoughtful guide to achieving better digital privacy protection in these turbulent times.

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