Dr. Brian Mustanski Chosen for NBC News’ #Pride30 List of LGBTQ Changemakers

CHICAGO -- Dr. Brian Mustanski, Tenured Professor of Medical Social Sciences, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and Psychology at Northwestern University; Director of the Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing; and Co-Director of the Third Coast Center for AIDS Research, has been chosen as one of NBC News’ #Pride30 changemakers, innovators, and rising stars.

NBC received public nominations from all over the country and several from outside U.S. After the submission deadline in April, a committee of NBC journalists and executives reviewed the nominations and decided on the list of finalists. Dr. Mustanski was selected by NBC from over 1,600 submissions for their inaugural #Pride30 list of 30 LGBTQ people who are making a positive difference in the community. One profile story will be revealed each day throughout the month of June. These stories will be amplified across NBC News and MSNBC digital, broadcast, and social media platforms.

After hearing that he was selected for the #Pride30 list, Dr. Mustanski stated, “I am delighted to be recognized on the NBC inaugural #Pride30 list. I’m honored to be among the other amazing finalists who have devoted their life and work to bringing assistance and awareness to the LGBTQ community.”

Dr. Mustanski has been a principal investigator for multiple federal and foundation research and training awards totaling over $38 million. His current projects include studies of young gay/bisexual men on the drivers of substance use and HIV in this population, several randomized controlled trials (RCTs) of HIV prevention program for adolescent and young adult gay/bisexual men, and a study of ethical considerations in LGBT adolescent participation in HIV prevention research.

Find out more about Dr. Mustanski and see the complete #Pride30 list here.

The Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing (ISGMH) was founded in 2015 and is the first university-wide institute in the country focused exclusively on research to improve the health of the sexual and gender minority (SGM) community. ISGMH grew from director Dr. Brian Mustanski’s IMPACT LGBT Health and Development Program, which has been conducting state-of-the-art translational research with LGBT youth populations since 2008.