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Loretta Sweet Jemmott, a leading authority on AIDS prevention among minority adolescents, has joined the faculty of the School of Nursing as an associate professor and director of the school's Center for AIDS Research.

Formerly an associate professor of nursing at Rutgers University, Jemmott began to develop her research on AIDS and minority communities in 1981 in New Jersey, working with black adolescents as a nurse supervisor in the family planning clinic of an inner-city medical center.

Jemmott has published a series of studies in AIDS prevention, including one demonstrating that inner-city black male adolescents showed lower levels of high-risk behavior after receiving AIDS education.

Jemmott is currently involved in a five-year multi-site study that seeks to develop, implement, and evaluate strategies to decrease violence, sexually-transmitted diseases, and pregnancy among young inner-city black adolescents.

She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, and has received the New Jersey Governor's Nurse Merit Award in Advanced Nursing Practice.

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