Biography: Angela Bryan, PhD, FSBM

Angela D. Bryan received her PhD in Social/Health Psychology with a Quantitative Emphasis from Arizona State University working with Dr. Leona Aiken. She was then postdoctoral research associate at the Center for Health Intervention and Prevention (CHIP) at the University of Connecticut. Dr. Bryan is currently a tenured Full Professor and Associate Chair for Faculty Development in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience at the University of Colorado Boulder. She is co-director of the CU Center for Health and Neuroscience, Genes, and Environment where her research has focused on a transdisciplinary approach to the study of health and risk behavior, and the development of interventions to improve health behaviors including physical activity and healthy diet and decrease risk behaviors including unsafe sexual behavior and substance use. Most recently, she and her colleagues have heavily focused on the public health implications of cannabis legalization. Dr. Bryan’s work has been continuously funded for over two decades by NIH institutes including NIAAA, NCI, NIA, NIDA, and NINR. She has over 250 peer reviewed publications, is dedicated to the integration of the next generation of behavioral scientists through mentorship of students, postdocs, and early career faculty. She has taught health psychology, research methods, and statistical methods to undergraduate and graduate students for well over 20 years.

Dr. Bryan has been a member of the Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM) since 2007, when she found SBM was the ideal professional organization to encompass her varied research interests. She and her students and trainees present their work regularly at the annual meeting in poster sessions, talks, spotlight presentations, and symposia. At the 2022 meeting in Baltimore Dr. Bryan and her colleagues presented a well-attended and timely symposium on “Adapting to the widespread legalization of cannabis: Potential implications for physical activity behavior.” Dr. Bryan was elected fellow of SBM in 2011 and in 2016 was named Outstanding Senior Mentor by the Student SIG of SBM. From May 2021 to May 2023, Dr. Bryan served as Senior Co-Chair for SBM’s Theories and Techniques of Behavior Change Interventions SIG. Her most long-standing contribution to SBM has been through its flagship journal, Annals of Behavioral Medicine. Dr. Bryan joined the journal as an Associate Editor in 2010, and in 2022 began serving along with Dr. Peggy Zoccola as a Senior Associate Editor working closely with Editor-in-Chief Dr. Tracey Revenson to promote the continuing excellence of the journal.