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University of Chicago's Ci3 Awarded Excellence in Adolescent Health Award from the Adolescent Health Initiative

(ANN ARBOR, MI, MARCH 18, 2019) – [The University of Chicago's Center for Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Innovation \(Ci3\) in Sexual and Reproductive Health](#) is pleased to announce that the Adolescent Health Initiative (AHI) has awarded Ci3 with the 2019 Excellence in Adolescent Health Award. This award, presented at the 2019 Conference on Adolescent Health, recognizes individuals and organizations across the country who are doing exceptional work in the field of adolescent health. Ci3 was chosen as this year's recipient for its pioneering research and innovative approach in creating youth-centered games, digital narratives, and design interventions that address young people's sexual and reproductive health. Their commitment to advancing adolescent health research and their interdisciplinary team of humanities scholars, public health researchers, designers and multimedia artists, is aligned with AHI's goal to transform the health care landscape for adolescents and young adults. Their work goes above and beyond in demonstrating AHI's core values of Collaboration, Diversity and Inclusion, Expertise, Innovation, Quality, and Responsiveness.

"We're honored to receive national recognition for our work improving access to high quality sexual and reproductive health care and education for young people," said Dr. Melissa Gilliam, founder and faculty director of Ci3. "Our research methods and creativity serve as a model for improving sexual health knowledge, education, and care for those who need it most."

Ci3 will be honored at the 2019 Conference on Adolescent Health in Detroit, Michigan on Friday, April 12. This 6th annual conference brings together a multidisciplinary audience of adolescent health professionals for two days of innovative sessions that center on translating research into practice.

If you would like more information about the 2019 Conference on Adolescent Health, AHI, or Ci3, please visit us online at adolescenthealth.org or contact Natalie Sochacki at ndsoc@med.umich.edu.

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ABOUT AHI

The Adolescent Health Initiative's mission and vision is to transform the health care landscape to optimize adolescent and young adult health and well-being. Based out of Michigan Medicine and working in over 40 states, AHI partners with primary care, school-based health, and youth-serving organizations to promote innovative, adolescent-centered health care.

About Ci3 at the University of Chicago

Established in 2012, [Ci3](#) is a research center the University of Chicago addressing the social and structural determinants of adolescent sexual and reproductive health. At Ci3, we envision a world in which all youth emerge into adulthood with agency over their bodies and futures. Ci3 houses three labs: [The Game Changer Chicago Design Lab](#); [The Transmedia Story Lab](#); and [The Design Thinking Lab](#). Within these labs, we create games and digital narratives, and design interventions with and for youth. Ci3 is committed to empowering young people, conducting innovative research, and uncovering opportunities for policy and systemic change.

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