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Dr. Compton has maintained continuous National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) research funding for more than 15 years, conducting research on first-episode psychosis, the Crisis linguistic abnormalities in persons with schizophrenia, a linkage system between police officers and the local mental health system, and the effectiveness of a new form of recovery-oriented community navigation for persons with serious mental illnesses and repeated hospitalizations.

His research has led to more than 200 publications. He is also very interested in incorporating public health and prevention into psychiatry, one means of which is by addressing the social determinants of health.

His books include a manual for police officers responding to persons with mental illnesses, a guide for patients with first-episode psychosis and their family members, a textbook on the complex connection between marijuana and schizophrenia, and four American Psychiatric Association books: *The Clinical Manual of Prevention in Mental Health* (2009); *The Social Determinants of Mental Health* (2015), *Marijuana and Mental Health* (2016), and *The American Opioid Epidemic: From Patient Care to Public Health* (2019).

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