

CURRICULUM VITAE
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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NAME:

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PRESENT TITLES:

Associate Dean of Community Engagement and Public Health Practice
Associate Professor of Urban Health, Global Health, and Medicine

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EDUCATION:

New York University
New York, NY
Master of Public Health (Global Health Leadership)
04/2012

Pontifical “Madre y Maestra” Catholic University (PUCMM)
Santiago de los Caballeros, Dominican Republic
Medical Doctor (Integrated Bachelor of Science and Medicine Doctorate)
01/2005

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING:

A. Research Fellowships:

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Interdisciplinary Research Leaders Program, University of Minnesota
Interdisciplinary Research Leader Fellow, Cohort 5
10/2020-10/2022

Columbia University Irving Institute for Clinical and Translational Research, Columbia Community Partnership
for Health
Community Based Participatory Research Fellow
04/2017-07/2017

National Institute of Drug Abuse, National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse, University of Southern
California
Research Fellow on Hispanic Drug Abuse, Interdisciplinary Research Training Institute on Hispanic Drug Abuse
06/2013-06/2014

B. Postdoctoral Appointment:

New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, & Human Development
Post-Doctoral Fellow of Public Health, NYU Postdoctoral and Transition Program for Academic Diversity
09/2012-09/2014

C. Internships:

New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, & Human Development; Center for Health, Identity, Behavior, & Prevention Studies
Sexual and Gender Minority Health Research
01/2011-04/2011

Latino Commission on AIDS
Research and Evaluation
06/2010-01/2011

OTHER PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:

The New York Institute of Photography
Photojournalism
07/2021

Statistical Horizons
Multilevel and Mixed Models Using Stata
07/2021

Op-Ed Project
Write to Change the World
05/2021

Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Academic Leadership Development Institute
01/2020

PhotoVoice.org
PhotoVoice Training for Academic Research
09/2016

Columbia University
Fellow Ninth Summer Institute for Teaching and Learning
06/2016

Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
Self, Social, and Global Awareness (SSGA): Training for Facilitators
8/2015

Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
Leadership Development in Public Health: Training for Instructors
01/2015

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

Department of Health, Behavior, and Society
University of Kentucky College of Public Health
Assistant Professor; Core Faculty, Center for Health Equity Transformation; Affiliated Faculty, Center for Innovation in Population Health; Affiliated Faculty, Latin American, Caribbean & Latino Studies
09/2019-02/2020

Department of Public Health
Montclair State University College of Education and Human Services
Adjunct Professor
09/2018-08/2019

Department of Behavioral Sciences
York College of the City University of New York School of Arts and Sciences
Adjunct Professor
09/2018-08/2019

Department of Pediatrics; Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health
Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons; Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
Assistant Professor; Assistant Director, Program for Global and Population Health (formerly International Family AIDS Global Health Program)
10/2014-01/2018

Department of Food Studies, Nutrition, and Public Health
New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, & Human Development
Assistant Professor/Faculty Fellow of Public Health; Affiliated Faculty, Center for Health, Identity, Behavior, & Prevention Studies
08/2012-09/2014

Department of Medicine
Pontifical “Madre y Maestra” Catholic University (PUCMM), Faculty of Health Sciences
Adjunct Professor; Professor Assistant
06/2003-09/2006

OTHER EMPLOYMENT:

Center for Research on Cultural & Structural Equity in Behavioral Health; Division of Social Solutions and Services Research
Nathan Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research
Research Scientist
06/2018-08/2019

Prevention Collaborative, LLC
Public Health Research Consultant
08/2016-08/2020

Center for Latino Adolescent & Family Health
New York University Silver School of Social Work
Junior Research Scientist
04/2011-09/2011

G.H. Sergievsky Center and Taub Institute
Columbia University Irving Medical Center
Project Coordinator; Research Worker
06/2008-06/2010

MEMBERSHIPS, OFFICES AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

American Public Health Association
Member
2011-Present

National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse
Member
2013-Present

National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education
Member
2020-Present

Global Health Council
Member
2015-2018

International Society of Urban Health
Member
2015-2016

Society of Medical Decision Making
Member
2014

Society of Research on Adolescents
Member
2012-2014

HONORS AND AWARDS:

Health Innovation Award, Category: Health Literacy and Health Education
Adelphi University Center for Health Innovation
11/2017

Steinhardt Challenge Grant Award
New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, & Human Development
06/2013

Global Research Challenge Grant Award
New York University
06/2012

Merit Scholarship Award
New York University
08/2009

BOARDS POSITIONS:

Children's Global Health Fund (Treasurer), 501c3 Organization
09/2016-01/2017

SERVICE ON NATIONAL GRANT REVIEW PANELS, STUDY SECTIONS, COMMITTEES:

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program B States/Territories Supplemental Grant Program; Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA); U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

07/2020

Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program; Bureau of Health Workforce; Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA); U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

06/2017

Personal Responsibility Education Program Innovative Strategies (PREPIS); Administration on Children, Youth and Families; Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA); U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

07/2016

SERVICE ON MAJOR COMMITTEES:

A. International:

Expert Advisor, Contact Tracing Strategy for Coronavirus in Latin America and the Caribbean (Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Honduras, and Peru); The Governance Lab, New York University Tandon School of Engineering; Inter-American Development Bank

07/2020

B. National:

HIV/AIDS Section Scientific Reviewer; 2020 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition

02/2020

Caucus on Homelessness Scientific Reviewer; 2020 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition

02/2020

HIV/AIDS Section Scientific Reviewer; 142nd American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition

02/2016

HIV/AIDS Section Scientific Reviewer; 140th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition

02/2014

C. University:

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership Team; University of Kentucky

08/2020-12/2021

Global Health Case Competition Planning Committee; University of Kentucky

08/2020-12/2021

Inclusive Health Partnership; University of Kentucky

09/2019-12/2021

D. Department:

Selection Committee Latino Fellowship; Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health; Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
06/2015

E. Editorial Boards:

Senior Associate Editor, Annals of LGBTQ Public and Population Health
2019-Present

Review Editor, Frontiers in Medicine: Infectious Diseases—Surveillance, Prevention and Treatment
2018-2019

Associate Editor; Behavioral Medicine
2013-2015

F. AdHoc Reviewer:

PLOS ONE
2021

AIDS and Behavior
2020

Social Science and Medicine
2019

American Journal on Addictions
2019

Frontiers in Medicine and Public Health
2018

Journal of Community Practice
2017

Health Education and Behavior
2016

Journal of Substance Use
2014

Journal of Urban Health
2014

Journal of Homosexuality
2013

SERVICE ON GRADUATE SCHOOL COMMITTEES:

Inclusive Excellence Committee; University of Kentucky College of Public Health
09/2019-12/2021

Student Practicum IRB Pre-Screen Committee; Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
05/2016

Global Health Focus Committee, MD/MS Dual Degree; Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons
06/2015-06/2017

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY:

Facilitator and Mentor; Community Leadership Institute of Kentucky (CLICK); University of Kentucky
10/2019-12/2021

Strategic Planning Committee; Clínica de Familia La Romana; La Romana, Dominican Republic
06/2015

SPONSORSHIP (PRIMARY MENTORSHIP) OF CANDIDATES FOR POSTGRADUATE DEGREES:

Julianna Maita, Capstone Committee Chair (MPH 2021)
Department of Health, Behavior, and Society; University of Kentucky College of Public Health

Angela Wuerger, Capstone Committee Member (MPH 2021)
Department of Health, Behavior, and Society; University of Kentucky College of Public Health

Alyssa Farmer, Dissertation Committee Member (PhD 2022)
Department of Anthropology; University of Kentucky College of Arts and Sciences

Dia Obonyo, Capstone Committee Member (DrPH 2020)
Department of Health Management and Policy; University of Kentucky College of Public Health

Lauren Roach, Capstone Committee Member (MPH 2020)
Department of Health, Behavior, and Society; University of Kentucky College of Public Health

Christina Li, Academic Advisor (MPH 2018)
Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health; Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

Marisa Bustillo, Academic Advisor (MPH 2018)
Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health; Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

Angelica Rusilowski, Academic Advisor (MPH 2018)
Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health; Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

Samy Galvez de Leon, Academic Advisor and Research Mentor (MPH 2018)
Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health; Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

Adriana L. Marquina, Academic Advisor (MPH 2017)
Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health; Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

Hestia R. Rojas, Academic Advisor (MPH 2017)
Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health; Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

Angelika M. Gutierrez, Academic Advisor and Research Mentor (MPH 2017)
Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health; Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

Anayeli Franco Torres, Academic Advisor and Research Mentor (MPH 2016)
Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health; Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

Emily S. Greenstein, Academic Advisor (MPH 2016)
Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health; Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

Monica Vishnu, Academic Advisor (MPH 2016)
Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health; Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

Huda A. Muhammad, Research Advisor (MD 2019)
Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons

Lauren Arnold, Research Advisor (MD/MPH 2017)
Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons; Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health; Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

Lauren Onofrey, Research Advisor (MD 2018)
Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons

Jessica Cohen, Paul Ambrose Scholar Program Mentor (MPH 2014)
New York University College of Global Public Health

Andrea Infante, Master's Thesis Advisor (MS 2014)
New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development

Derrick Reyes, Master's Thesis Advisor (MS 2014)
New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development

SPONSORSHIP (PRIMARY MENTORSHIP) OF CANDIDATES FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES:

Roberto Obregon Garcia, Students Participating as Ambassadors in Research in KY (SPARK) Mentor (BS 2020)
University of Kentucky Center for Health Equity Transformation

Katherine Stiene, Gallatin Colloquium Committee (BA 2013)
New York University Gallatin School of Individualized Studies

Cheryl D'Souza, Research Advisor (BS 2013)
New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development

OTHER SPONSORSHIP (PRIMARY MENTORSHIP):

Michael Nix (Director Hickory Hill Recovery Center), CLIK Mentor
Community Leadership Institute of Kentucky; University of Kentucky

Jessica Gross (Mental Health/Substance Abuse Health Educator), CLIK Mentor
Community Leadership Institute of Kentucky; University of Kentucky

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. Lectures or Course Directorships:

University of Kentucky College of Public Health
Health and Society: A Global Perspective (CPH365)
Role: Instructor
3 Credits
2020-2021

University of Kentucky College of Public Health
Introduction to Global Public Health (CPH776)
Lecture Title: Decolonizing Global Health: Structural Violence and Health Inequity
Role: Guest Lecturer
3 Credits
2020

University of Kentucky College of Public Health
Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities (CPH648)
Lecture Title: Social Disadvantage and the Intersection of HIV, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health
Role: Guest Lecturer
3 Credits
2020-2021

University of Kentucky College of Public Health
LGBT Issues in Public Health (CPH646)
Role: Instructor
3 Credits
2020

University of Kentucky College of Public Health
Foundations of Health Behavior (CPH674)
Lecture Title: Theories in Public Health
Role: Guest Lecturer
3 Credits
2020

University of Kentucky College of Public Health
Independent Study on Health Behavior (CPH649)
Role: Instructor
3 Credits
2020

Montclair State University College of Education and Human Services
Health Systems Administration and Management (HLTH581)
Role: Instructor
3 Credits
2019

Montclair State University College of Education and Human Services
Epidemiology: The Science of Public Health (HLTH365)
Role: Instructor
3 Credits
2018-2019

York College of the City University of New York
Statistical Methods in Psychology (PSY226)
Role: Instructor
4 Credits
2018-2019

Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues in Public Health (P8634)
Role: Instructor
3 Credits
2014-2017

Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
Latino Health Disparities (P8658)
Role: Instructor
3 Credits
2015-2017

Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
Current Issues in Sexual and Reproductive Health (P8615)
Role: Instructor
3 Credits
2016

Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
Leadership Development in Public Health (P6081)
Role: Instructor
1.5 Credits
2015-2016

Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons
Research Methods in Global Health (GLHL7207)
Role: Instructor
1.5 Credits
2015-2017

Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons
Independent Research in Global Health (GLHL7208)
Role: Instructor
3 Credits
2015-2017

New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
LGBT Health Disparities (PUHE-GE 2357)
Role: Instructor
3 Credits
2014

New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
HIV Prevention and Counseling: Psycho-educational Perspectives (APSY-GE 2450) (Course Abroad, NYU London)
Role: Co-Instructor
3 Credits
2013-2014

New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
Health and Society in a Global Context (UGPH-GU 9010) (Course Abroad, NYU London)
Lecture Title: Neighborhood Inequities in Health
Role: Guest Lecturer
3 Credits
2014

New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
Research Methods in Public Health (PUHE-GE 2361)
Lecture Title: Mixed-Methods in Health Disparities Research
Role: Guest Lecturer
3 Credits
2014

New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
Biostatistics for Public Health (UGPH-GU 20)
Lecture Title: Introduction to Analysis of Variance, Regression, and Chi-Square Statistic
Role: Guest Lecturer
3 Credits
2014

New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
Social and Behavioral Determinants of Health (PUHE-GE 2355)
Lecture Title: Neighborhood Inequities in Health
Role: Guest Lecturer
3 Credits
2013

New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
Principles of Health Promotion and Education (PUHE-UE 1321)
Lecture Title: Neighborhood Inequities in Health
Role: Guest Lecturer
3 Credits
2012

New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
Introduction to Epidemiology (PUHE-UE 1306)
Lecture Title: Cohort Studies
Role: Guest Lecturer
3 Credits
2012

B. Other Educational Activities:

University of Kentucky College of Public Health
A Deeper Understanding of Racism in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Lessons from Public Health Critical Race Praxis
(Guest Speaker: Dr. Chandra Ford)
Role: Coordinator
2021

University of Kentucky College of Public Health
RaceWorks: Bridging Research and Practice to Foster Racial Literacy (Dr. Maryam Hamedani)
Role: Coordinator
2020

University of Kentucky College of Public Health
Racial and Ethnic Health Inequities in the United States (Virtual Symposium) (Drs. Luisa Borrell, Gilbert Gee,
and Robert Fullilove)
Role: Coordinator
2020

Nathan Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research; New York State Systems of Care
Cultural and Structural Humility and Health Habitus Workshop
Role: Facilitator
2018

Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health; Office of Field Practice
Global Practicum Program, Santiago, Dominican Republic
Role: Program Advisor
2018

Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
Self, Social, and Global Awareness (SSGA) Program
Role: Instructor
2015

Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health; Columbia University Office of Global Programs;
Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
Global Health Research for Undergraduates Program
Role: Director
2015-2017

Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health
Global Health Symposium
Role: Coordinator
2015-2017

GRANT SUPPORT:

A. Principal Investigator:

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; Interdisciplinary Research Leaders 2020
Fostering Interdisciplinary Research-Practice Partnership to Enhance Father's Capacities to Promote Child Well-Being (Number: 77951; Total Cost: \$359,000; 25% Effort)
Co-Principal Investigators: Antonio Garcia and David Cozart
2020-2023

National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences; Columbia University Irving Institute for Clinical and Translational Research, Community Engagement Core Resource
Unintentional Substance Overdose Risk among Homeless and Housing Unstable Heroin Users in Washington Heights (Number: UL1TR001873; Total Cost: \$30,000; 4% effort)
Co-Principal Investigator: Liz Evans
2018-2019

New York University Global Public Health Research Challenge Fund
HIV Transmission and Illicit Drug Use in a Caribbean Tourism Area of the Dominican Republic (Number: N/A; Total Cost: \$15,000; 0% Effort)
Co-Principal Investigator: Vincent Guilamo-Ramos
2011-2012

B. Co-Investigator:

NYS Office of Mental Health; NYS Center of Excellence in Cultural Competence
Center for Research on Cultural and Structural Equity in Behavioral Health (Number: C008541; Total Cost: \$4,924,800; 50% Effort; Role: Research Scientist)
Principal Investigator: Crystal Lewis
2018-2019

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration
NYS Youth and Families ACHIEVE (Number: 1H79SM063413-01; Total Cost: \$534,457; 30% effort; Role: Research Scientist)
Principal Investigator: Donna Bradbury
2018-2019

Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health
Prevalence of Sexually Transmitted Infections in the Dominican Republic (Number: N/A; Total Cost: \$800,000; 10% effort)
Principal Investigators: Silvia Cunto-Amesty and Barbara Taylor
2015-2018

Pincus Family Foundation
Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health (Number: N/A; Total Cost: \$325,000; Role: Assistant Director, 80% effort)
Recipient: Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health
2016-2017

Hickey Family Foundation

Dominican Family Health Program--Phase 6 (Number: N/A; Total Cost: \$550,000; Role: Assistant Director, 80% effort)

Recipient: Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health
2016-2017

Gilead Science Foundation

International Family AIDS Program Abroad (Number: N/A; Total Cost: \$318,000; Role: Assistant Director, 80% effort)

Recipient: Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health
2016-2017

Violet & Thomas Foundation

Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health (Number: N/A; Total Cost: \$125,000; Role: Assistant Director, 80% effort)

Recipient: Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health
2016-2017

Ambrose Monell Foundation

Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health (Number: N/A; Total Cost: \$50,000; Role: Assistant Director, 80% effort)

Recipient: Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health
2016-2017

Sy Sims Foundation

Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health (Number: N/A; Total Cost: \$10,000; Role: Assistant Director, 80% effort)

Recipient: Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health
2016-2017

The Louis and Rachel Rudin Foundation

Improving Immigrant Health Care in NYC through Health Science Students Global Health Involvement (Number: N/A; Total Cost: \$50,000; Role: Assistant Director, 80% effort)

2016-2017

Individual Donations

Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health (Number: N/A; Total Cost: \$261,000; Role: Assistant Director, 80% effort)

Recipient: Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health
2016-2017

National Institute of Aging

Feasibility Testing of a Decision Aid to Support Shared Decision Making about Invasive Mechanical Ventilation in Severe COPD (Number: R21AG048196; Total Cost: \$252,750; 0% effort)

Principal Investigator: Negin Hajizadeh
2014-2015

National Institute of Drug Abuse

Syndemic Production Among Emergent Adult Men (Number: R01DA025537; Total Cost: \$585,663; 0% effort)

Principal Investigator: Perry N. Halkitis
2014-2019

C. Consultant:

National Institutes of Health/National Library of Medicine; AIDS Outreach and Information Project
HIV/STI Online Health Promotion Tool for Young Men of Color: National Dissemination Strategy (Subcontract
BLH Technologies; Number: N/A; Total Cost: \$50,000; Honorarium: \$6,000)
2019-2020

National Institutes of Health/National Library of Medicine; AIDS Outreach and Information Project
HIV/STI Online Health Promotion Tool for Young Men of Color: Social Media Dissemination (Number:
HHSN276201700192P; Total Cost: \$50,000; Honorarium: \$6,000)
2018-2019

National Institutes of Health/National Library of Medicine; AIDS Outreach and Information Project
HIV/STI Online Health Promotion Tool for Young Men of Color: Design and Usability Testing (Number:
HHSN276201600251P; Total Cost: \$50,000; Honorarium: \$6,000)
2018-2019

Ryan White Part D Supplement for Status Neutral Linkage and Navigation Services in Clinical Settings; NYC
Department of Health and Mental Health
Design of an Online Tool for Engagement in Clinical Services for Adolescents and Women Living with HIV
(Number: N/A; Total Cost: \$50,000; Honorarium: \$15,000)
Contract Recipient: New York Presbyterian Hospital, Comprehensive Health Program
2017-2018

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; NYU Langone Medical Center
Understanding Patients' and Physicians' Attitudes about Shared Decision Making and Prognostic Estimates for End-
of-Life Discussions; Observational Study for Informing Shared Decision Making for Advance Directives (Number:
K12 HS019473-01; Total Cost: \$2,108,636; Honorarium: \$15,000)
Principal Investigators: Negin Hajizadeh and Braithwaite Scott
2013

GLOBAL HEALTH EXPERIENCE:

Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Honduras, and Peru
The Governance Lab; New York University Tandon School of Engineering; Inter-American Development Bank
Contact Tracing Strategy for Coronavirus in Latin America and the Caribbean (Role: Expert Advisor)
2020

La Romana and Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Estudio de Prevalencia de ITS en Poblaciones Claves (EPIC)
Clínica de Familia La Romana; Instituto Dermatológico y de Cirugía de Piel
Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health
2014-2017

Santiago, Dominican Republic
Spanish Language and Cultural Immersion at the Pontifical "Madre y Maestra" Catholic University (PUCMM)
Pontifical "Madre y Maestra" Catholic University; Accion Callejera; Profamilia
Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health
2014-2017

Deschapelles, Haiti
Hôpital Albert Schweitzer
Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health
2014-2017

Ciudad Juárez, Mexico
FEMAP Hospital de la Familia and El Paso Border Youth
Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health
2014-2017

San Juan, Puerto Rico
Boricua Youth Study
Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health
2014-2017

Sao Paulo and Porto Alegre, Brazil
High-Risk Cohort Study for the Development of Childhood Psychiatric Disorders (HRC)
Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health
2014-2017

Wuhan, China
Wuhan Union Hospital
Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health
2014-2017

Halle, Germany
Martin Luther Halle-Wittenburg University
Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health
2014-2017

Kyoto, Japan
Kyoto University
Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health
2014-2017

Eldoret and Siaya, Kenya
Matibabu Foundation Hospital
Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health
2014-2017

Ibadan, Nigeria
Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health
2014-2017

Cape Town and Durban, South Africa
King Edward VIII Hospital
Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health
2014-2017

Morogoro, Tanzania
SEGA Girls' School
Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health
2014-2017

Kampala, Uganda
Makerere/Mulago Columbia Adolescent Health Clinic
Columbia University Program for Global and Population Health
2014-2017

Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic
Substance Use and HIV Transmission in Tourism Areas
New York University Global Public Health Research Challenge Fund
2012

Dhaka, Bangladesh
Comprehensive Health Assessment among Street-Involved Children
Streetwise Educational Foundation
New York University College of Global Public Health
2011-2012

London, UK
HIV Prevention
Bloomsbury Clinic at Mortimer Market Centre; Terrance Higgins Trust; Positively UK; Embrace UK Community support Centre
New York University College of Global Public Health
2012-2013

Puebla, Mexico
Migration and Health
Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla (UPAEP)
New York University College of Global Public Health
2010

Santiago, Dominican Republic
HIV/AIDS among Haitian Immigrants in the Dominican Republic
Center for Reflection Encounter, and Solidarity “One Respe”
2002-2005

PUBLICATIONS:

A. Refereed Original Articles in Journal:

Pérez-Figueroa, R.E.; Bodden, D.; Lekas, H.M.; Oser, C.; Pahl, K.; Cardarelli, K.M.; Santoscoy, S.; Amesty, S. (Under Review). Trauma and PTSD symptoms among People Who Use Heroin in an Economically Disadvantaged Community of Color. *Addiction Medicine*.

Pérez-Figueroa, R.E.; Bodden, D.; Oser, C.; Stapleton, J. L.; Pahl, K.; Santoscoy, S.; Amesty, S. (Under Review). Opioid Overdose Knowledge among People Who Use Heroin in an Economically Disadvantaged Community of Color. *Behavioral Medicine*.

Pérez-Figueroa, R.E.; Obonyo, D.J.; Santoscoy, S.; Lekas, H.M.; Lewis, C.F.; Lyons, J.S.; Amesty, S. (2021). Housing Instability, Structural Vulnerability, and Non-Fatal Opioid Overdoses among People Who Use Heroin in Washington Heights, NYC. *Behavioral Medicine*. Published online: Jun 04. DOI: 10.1080.

Pérez-Figueroa, R.E.; Lurry, M.; Thompson, M.; Obonyo, D.J.; Santella, A.; Hyden, C. (2021). Raising Awareness about COVID-19 among Sexual Minority Men of Color: Sex and the Coronavirus, 2020. *Annals of LGBTQ Public and Population Health*. Vol 1, Issue 4, DOI: 10.1891.

Pahl, K.; Capasso, A.; Lekas, H. M.; Lee, J. Y.; Winters, J.; **Pérez-Figueroa, R. E.** (2020). Longitudinal predictors of male sexual partner risk among Black and Latina women in their late thirties: ethnic/racial identity commitment as a protective factor. *J Behav Med*. Apr;44(2):202-211.

Pérez-Figueroa, R.E.; Mittal, I.; Halpern, M.; Pérez-Mencia, M.; Donastorg, Y.; Taylor, B.S.; Amesty, S. (2020). Drug Use, Sexual Risk, and Structural Vulnerability among Female Sex Workers in Two Urban Centers of the Dominican Republic: The EPIC Study. *Drug Alcohol Depend*. Jul 1;212:108039.

Lewis, C.F.; Lekas, H.M.; Rivera, A.; Williams, S.Z.; Crawford, N.D.; **Pérez-Figueroa, R.E.**; Joseph, A.M.; Amesty, S. (2020). Pharmacy PEP Access Intervention Among Persons Who Use Drugs in New York City: iPEPcare Study-Rethinking Biomedical HIV Prevention Strategies. *AIDS Behav.* Jul;24(7):2101-2111.

Pérez-Figueroa, R.E.; Halkitis, P.N.; Barton, S.C.; Eddy, J.A.; Kapadia, F.K. (2015). Acceptability of PrEP uptake among racially/ethnically diverse young men who have sex with men: the P18 study. *AIDS Educ Prev.* Apr;27(2):112-25.

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Pérez-Figueroa, R.E. (September, 2020). Health and Racial Inequalities Exposed with COVID-19. Global Health Leadership Symposium 2020. Virtual.

Pérez-Figueroa, R.E. (September, 2020). One Day in the Life of Dr. Pérez-Figueroa. Department of Environmental Health Science. Eastern Kentucky University. Lexington, KY.

Pérez-Figueroa, R.E. (September, 2019). Cultural and Structural Equity in LGBT Health Care. Annual Inclusive Health Summit 2019. University of Kentucky. Lexington, KY.

Pérez-Figueroa, R.E. (September, 2018). Disparities in Suicide Outcomes, the Role of Social Determinants, and the Need for Prevention Strategies: Suicidal Behavior among LGBTQ+ Populations. New York State Suicide Prevention Conference: New Yorkers Advancing Suicide Prevention in Healthcare, Schools, and Communities. Albany, NY.

Pérez-Figueroa, R.E. (September, 2018). Cultural and Linguistic Considerations: Health Disparities. All Systems Go: Action for Success; New York State Systems of Care Summit. Albany, NY.

Pérez-Figueroa, R.E. (November, 2017). Health Disparities among Sexual Minorities: A Global Perspective. [Keynote Address] Hilltop Conference 2017; Elevate International Public Health and Marginalized Communities. GlobeMed at Columbia University. New York, NY.

Pérez-Figueroa, R.E. (June, 2015). Critical Appraisal of Research Literature and Evidence Based Practice. National University "Pedro Henriquez Ureña" (UNPHU). Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

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