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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

St. George's University, St. George, Grenada

Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Instructor

May 2021 – Present

- o Deliver lectures to graduate students on topics related to Health Policy and Health Management
- o Prepare course materials and serve as course director for MPH courses
- o Evaluate student performance and provide feedback for MPH students
- o Serve as faculty advisor for MPH students
- o Conduct research in the field of Public Health and publish findings in professional journals

Department of Education Services, Learning Strategist

June 2018 – April 2021

- o Collaborate with faculty to develop curriculum and lesson plans
 - o Facilitate one-on-one advising appointments with students
 - o Facilitate and prepare workshops to meet the learning needs of students
 - o Co-teach undergraduate student with a team of faculty members within the department
 - o Create and design media content for online learning platforms with the department
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EDUCATION

Lancaster University, Lancaster, England

PhD in Health Economics and Policy

October 2024 - Present

Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO

Master of Public Health in Health Management and Policy / Epidemiology

May 2018

Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL

Bachelor of Science in Biology

May 2015

CERTIFICATIONS

Foundations of Teaching, Learning and Assessment

MGH Institute of Health Professionals, Boston, MA

January 2024 - Present

Certified in Public Health

National Board of Public Health Examiners, Washington, DC

May 2018

RESEARCH

Publications:

Thomas-Venugopal, R., Hem-Lee-Forsyth, S., Gómez, A. R. G., Edwards, N., & James, D. (2023). Review: Evaluating existing policies to address overweight and obesity in the Anglophone Caribbean: A narrative review of Barbados, Grenada, St. Lucia, and Trinidad & Tobago. *Obesity Pillars*, 6, 100060.

Hem-Lee-Forsyth, S., **Thomas, R.**, Pierre-Romain, L., Lewis-Charles, C., Lazare, C, Theodore, K., O'Reilly, S., Bryant, H., & Patel, S. (2022). The Economic and Psychosocial Effects of COVID-19 on Alcohol Use in Grenada during Lockdown: A Discussion on Policy Solutions to Prevent Harmful Alcohol Consumption. *International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research and Analysis*, 5(2), 244 - 255

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Hem-Lee-Forsyth, S., & **Thomas, R.** (2021). Caribbean Faith-Based Organisations: Friend or Foe in the fight against the feminisation of HIV and AIDS in the Anglophone Caribbean. *Advances in Social Sciences Research Journal*, 8(10), 9–16

Presentations:

Enhancing the Policy and Regulatory Framework for Private Health Insurance in Grenada
Grenada 50/50 Academic Conference, St. George's, Grenada *October 2024 (Upcoming)*

Preliminary Finding on the use of Private Health Insurance in Grenada
15th Caribbean Conference on National Health Financing Initiatives, Bucaramanga, Colombia. *October 2023*

Investigating the role Private Health Insurance plays in Universal Health Coverage in the Eastern Caribbean
2022 CARPHA Annual Health Research Conference, Kingston, Jamaica *September 2022*

Manuscripts under preparation:

Pierre-Romain, L., **Thomas-Venugopal, R.**, Edwards, N., Viechweg, N. & Orlando, L. Challenges to achieving Universal Health Coverage in Small Island Developing States: An analysis on Private Health Insurance Use in Grenada. *Target journal: West Indian Medical Journal*

Villamil, S., Ramdass, P. & **Thomas-Venugopal, R.** Health Care Systems and COVID-19 Outcomes around the World: A Comparative Analysis. *Target journal: Health Care Analysis*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

ISPOR, International
Member *June 2024 - Present*

Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH), Washington, D.C.
Member *June 2024 - Present*

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Healthy Caribbean Coalition, Healthy Caribbean Youth, Grenada
Volunteer *October 2020 - Present*

- o Prepare materials for digital health advocacy initiatives in the region
- o Plan and prepare activities that promotes health and access to health care locally

National Chronic Non-Communicable Disease Commission, Grenada
Volunteer *March 2021 - Present*

- o Participate in external meetings on behalf of the organization
 - o Plan and prepare activities that promotes healthy lifestyle
 - o Recruit youth volunteers for the organization
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SKILLS

Technology: R, SPSS, SAS, Tableau, GeoDa, HTML/CSS, C++, Microsoft Access, Javascript