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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **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

### **Alzheimer's Association**, St. Louis, MO

*Public Policy Intern*

*May - August 2017*

- o Collaborated with grant writing proposals on behalf of the Association for upcoming projects
  - o Conceptualized programs for outreach initiatives that focused on risk reduction
  - o Participated and engaged in meetings with external partners and stakeholders to discuss future initiatives
  - o Assisted the Vice President of Public Policy on various projects for the policy division
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## EDUCATION

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### **Lancaster University**, Lancaster, England

PhD in Health Economics and Policy

*September 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*

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## CERTIFICATIONS

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### **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*

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## RESEARCH

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### **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.

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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

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:

*Preliminary Finding on the use of Private Health Insurance in Grenada*

15<sup>th</sup> 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:

‘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*

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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**ISPOR**, International

*Member*

*June 2024 - Present*

**Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH)**, Washington, D.C.

*Member*

*June 2024 - Present*

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## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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**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

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