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**Academic Positions**

08/2022—Present **Postdoctoral Research Fellow,** BOSTON COLLEGE

Department of Counseling, Development, & Educational Psychology

06/2022—Present **Affiliated Faculty,** NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Institute of Health Equity and Social Justice Research

**Education**

2022 PhD – Population Health, Northeastern University

Concentration: Epidemiology

2016 MS – Medical Anthropology, Boston University School of Medicine

2013 BA – Anthropology, University of Louisville

**Research & Teaching Interests**

Health Equity Mixed Methods

Migration and Immigrant Health Qualitative and Ethnographic Methods

Health Policy Community Engaged Research

Employment and Labor Social Movements and Health

**Research Experience**

2018—2022 **Graduate Research Assistant,** NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

* + - Institute of Health Equity & Social Justice Research
    - Public Evaluation Lab
    - Department of Anthropology & Sociology

2016—2019 **Project Coordinator,**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

* Center for Healthcare Organization & Implementation Research

2016 **Qualitative Research Consultant,** BOSTON MEDICAL CENTER

* Department of Family Medicine & Pediatrics

2014—2016 **Research Assistant,** BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

* Department of Medical Anthropology

**Teaching Experience**

Department of Health Sciences, NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

**Instructor of Record**

* PHTH 4120 Global Perspectives on Discrimination & Health *Summer 2022, Fall 2021*
* HSCI 1000 Introduction to College *Fall 2021*

**Co-Instructor/Teaching Assistant**

* PHTH 4120 Global Perspectives on Discrimination & Health *Fall 2020*
* PHTH 5230 Global Health (graduate) *Spring 2022*

Invited Guest Lectures

* Internship Seminar (undergraduate), University of Illinois-Urbana Champagne April 2022
* Community and Public Health (undergraduate), Northeastern University April 2022
* Migration & Mental Health Seminar (graduate), Boston University School of Medicine Nov 2018

**Publications** # Student Mentee

Peer Reviewed

2023 **Houston, A.**, Flassen, M. #, Cordonza, G. #, Lincoln, A., Synder-Young, D. “You Gotta Love Yourself Back to Health: Applied Theatre and Storytelling as Substance Use Recovery.” *Community Mental Health.* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10597-023-01089-y>

2022 **Houston, A.**, Da Fonseca, T., Joseph, T., Lincoln, A. “Challenging Federal Exclusion: Immigrant Safety, Health, and Healthcare Access in Sanctuary Cities” *Health and Place,* 75(102811)*.* <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2022.102822>

2021 **Houston, A.**,Lincoln, A., Gillespie, S., Da Fonseca, T., Issa, O., Ellis, H., Salhi, C. “You have to pay to live: Somali young adult experiences with health, healthcare, and employment.” *Qualitative Health Research,* 1-15. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10497323211010159>

2021 **Houston, A.**,Lynch, K., Ostrach, B., Isaacs, Y. S., Nvé Díaz San Francisco, C., Lee, J. M., Emard, N., & Proctor, D. A. “United States immigration detention amplifies disease interaction risk: A model for a transnational ICE-TB-DM2 syndemic.” *Global Public Health*, 1-20. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17441692.2021.1919737>

2021 Synder-Young, D., **Houston, A.**, Moyer Bell, A.B., Short, A., Lincoln, A. “Recovery Capital and Collaborative Theatre Making: How actors in recovery from substance addiction value their participation in addiction prevention plays” *Research in Drama Education: The Journal of Applied Theatre and Performance.* <https://doi.org/10.1080/13569783.2021.1949973>

Newsletters and Other Publications

2020 Ostrach, B., Lynch, K., **Houston, A.**, Carney, M. “Conditions of Immigrant Detention Increase Risk of COVID-19 Disease Interactions.” *Medical Anthropology Quarterly.* [7 September 2020](https://medanthroquarterly.org/rapid-response/2020/09/conditions-of-immigration-detention-increase-risks-for-covid-19-disease/)

2016 Ostrach, B., **Houston, A.**, Singer, M. “Insularity & Impenetrability – what happens to health funding and policy when voters cannot reach lawmakers.” *Newsletter of the Society of Medical Anthropology*, Second Opinions column 4(1).

2015 Ostrach, B., **Houston, A.**, Singer, M. (2015) “Syndemics & Legislative outreach: An experiment in educating Congress about the health effects of war” *Anthropology News* 56(6): e12.

In Preparation and Under Review

1. **Houston, A.**, Lincoln A, Salhi C “Mental Health Scares Me the Most: Employment Discrimination and Mental Health Among Somali Young Adults in the U.S.” Under Review at *Ecological and Social Psychology.*
2. Salhi, C., Beatriz, E., Berrigan, J., Azrael, D., **Houston, A.,** Runyan, C., Barber, C. Betz, M., Miller, M. ‘Your son needs help…and we’re gonna help him’: Experiences with Lethal Means Counseling for Gun-owning Caregivers of Adolescents in the ED.” Under Review at *Social Science and Medicine.*
3. Da Fonseca, T., **Houston, A.**, Issa, O., Miller, A., Ellis, H., Lincoln, A. “Somali American Young Adults’ Experiences and Understandings of Discrimination and Health.” Under Review at *Society and Mental Health.*
4. **Houston, A.,** Salhi, C., Lincoln, A. “Messaging Inclusion with Consequence: U.S. Sanctuary Cities and Immigrant Wellbeing” Under Review at *Journal of Migration and Health.*
5. **Houston, A.,** Salhi, C., Lincoln, A. et al. “At the Intersection of Racism and Nativism: Somali Young Adult Refugees’ Experiences with Police and Social Belonging in the U.S.” To be submitted to *Journal of American Public Health.*

**Talks** \*presenter# Student Mentee

2023 Texieira, S, Coley, RL, Leer, J, **Houston, A**, Samios, T, Kelly, N. Reflections on Civically Engaged Collaboration. Boston Area Research Initiative Conference. Boston, MA

2022 Korte F\*#, **Houston, A**, Lincoln A. “The role of social belonging in the physical health of Somali young adults resettled in North America” American Public Health Association. Boston, MA

2022 **Houston, A\***, Lincoln A, Salhi C. “Mental Health Scares Me the Most: Employment Discrimination and Mental Health Outcomes Among Somali Young Adults in the US.” Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Sciences. Minneapolis, MN

2021 **Houston, A\***,Salhi C, Lincoln A. “Messaging Inclusion with Consequence: U.S. Sanctuary Cities and Immigrant Wellbeing.” The Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPASS) Spring Conference, University of Oxford. Virtual

2019 **Houston, A\***,Kaftan G#, Jose M#,Jennings S#, Farrell A, Lincoln A. “Immigrant safety and wellbeing through economic security.” American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA

2019 Jennings S#, Farrell A\*, Lincoln A, **Houston, A**, Jose M#, Kaftan G#. “How Sanctuary City Policies Impact Local Perceptions of Safety and Security” Annual American Society of Criminology Conference. San Francisco, CA

2018 Laird L\* and **Houston, A\***.“Improving Care for Muslim Immigrant Women Experiencing Domestic Violence in Boston” Annual Society for Applied Anthropology Conference. Philadelphia, PA

2017 **Houston, A\*** and Hasan F. “Somali Reproduction and Health in Diaspora: Ethical Limitations of Biomedical Care” Reproductive Ethics: New Ideas and Innovations, April 2017. Albany, NY

2016 **Houston, A\*** “(In)Visible Embodiment in Diaspora: Somali Perspectives of Diabetes and Mental Health” Research in Progress Department of Family Medicine: Boston University School of Medicine. Boston, MA

2016 **Houston, A\*** “Embodied Values in Diaspora: Body Ideals Among Somali Women in Boston” 24th Annual Boston University Graduate Student Conference in African Studies. Boston, MA

2013 **Houston, A\*** “Self-identification among Muslim students at the University of Louisville: How perception and politics influence identification.” Undergraduate Thesis Defense: University of Louisville, Louisville KY

**Posters & Abstracts** \*presenter # Student Mentee

2022 Korte F\*#, **Houston A**, Lincoln A. “The role of social belonging in the physical health of Somali young adults resettled in North America” Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Sciences. Minneapolis, MN

2022 Moulton G\*#, **Houston A**, Lincoln A. “The intersections of Immigration, Employment, and Healthcare Access” Northeastern Research Innovation Scholarship Entrepreneurship (RISE). Boston, MA

2021 Flassen, M\*#, Cordonza G\*#, **Houston A,** Synder-Young D. “Let Others Love You Back to Health: Exploring the Role of the Arts in Mutual Support Recovery” Northeastern Research Innovation Scholarship Entrepreneurship (RISE). Boston, MA

2020 Nguyen TD\*#, Alves E#, **Houston A\***, Lincoln A. “Immigrant Health and Wellbeing in Places of Sanctuary Policy” Northeastern Research Innovation Scholarship Entrepreneurship (RISE). Boston, MA

*Received the College of Social Science and Humanities Illuminating Complex Problems Award for 2020*

2019 **Houston A\***, Hahn E\*, Gillespie S, Issa O, Ellis H, Lincoln A. “Self-reported health status and concerns of young adult Somali refugees resettled in North America” Society for Community Research and Action. Chicago, IL

2019 Bolton R\*, **Houston A**, Clark V, Nash P, Hartmann C, Snow AL. "Achieving resident-centered care through teamwork in high performing VA nursing homes." Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. Washington DC

2018 Hyde J\*, Bolton R, **Houston A,** Bokhour B, Helmer D, Chiusano C, Santos A, McAndrew L. “I Know It’s Not All in My Head: Understanding the experience of healthcare for Veterans with Chronic Multi-symptom Illness” Academy Health. Seattle, WA

2017 Bokhour B\*, Fix G, Bolton R, **Houston A**,Orner M, Frankel R, Rattray N. “Evaluating Clinician Use of a Whole Health Approach to Care in Clinical Encounters: Tool Development” Annual International Conference on Communication in Healthcare & Health Literacy. Baltimore, MD

2017 Fix G\*, Bokhour B, Gifford A, Kressin N, Goetz M, Elwyn G, Skolnik A, **Houston A**. “A Patient-Centered Approach to Comorbidity Management in Aging Vets with HIV” Annual Health Services Research and Design Conference. Arlington, VA

2017 Pierre-Joseph N\*, Resnick K, Lambert J, **Houston A**,Gardiner P, Damus K, Laird L “Provider and Parent Attitudes Toward Integrating Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccination Promotion Imitative with Cervical Cancer Screening and Prevention Initiatives in Primary Care Settings” NASPAG 31st Annual Clinical Research Meeting. Chicago, IL

2016 Bolton R\*, Fix G, Hyde J, Hogan T, **Houston A**, Barker A, Bokhour B. “Mapping the Implementation of Evolving Complex Multicomponent Whole Healthcare Programs in VA” Annual Dissemination and Implementation Conference. Washington DC

**Research Activities & Service**

2022—Present Co-chair, Boston College Postdoctoral Association

2023 Ad-hoc Reviewer, *Health Education Research*

2018—2022 Population Health Graduate Student Association, Northeastern University

2018—2022 Organizing Committee for Population Health Student Seminar, Northeastern University

2017 Ad-hoc Reviewer, *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*

2014 Co-reviewer with Dr. Lance Laird, *Journal of Religion and Health*

**Honors & Awards**

2022 Boston College Knowledge Dissemination Program Award for Conference Travel

2022 Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Sciences (IAPHS) Conference Travel Award

2020 Illuminating Complex Problems Award, RISE Conference, Northeastern University

2019 Travel Award to Attend Conference (APHA), Northeastern University

2019 Travel Award to Attend Conference (SCRA), Northeastern University

2014—2016 Provost’s Merit Scholarship, Boston University School of Medicine

2013 Lambda Alpha National Scholarship Candidate, University of Louisville

2012—2013 Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society, University of Louisville

2012 Anthropology International Travel Award to Amman, Jordan, University of Louisville

2012 Modern Languages Travel Scholarship, Arabic Instruction in Jordan, University of Louisville

2010 Henry Ford Merit-based Scholarship, University of Louisville