

# KENNEDY WADE

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## **EDUCATION:**

### **MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH) IN EPIDEMIOLOGY**

Columbia University

Expected May 2026  
New York, NY

- **Relevant Coursework**
  - 3.86 GPA, Certificate in Applied Biostatistics and Data Science, Applied Regression I&II, Data Science I, Epidemiology I-III, Mathematical Statistics, Applications of Epidemiologic Research
- **Awards & Honors**
  - Dr. James A. Ferguson Emerging Infectious Diseases Research Fellow

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.) IN PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCES**

Xavier University of Louisiana

MAY 2024  
New Orleans, LA

- **Relevant Coursework**
  - Biostatistics, Regression Analysis, Epidemiology, Research Methods
- **Awards & Honors**
  - Dean's list, Cum Laude, Honors in Public Health Sciences, Honors in Sociology, Academic-Athletic Award Recipient, John R. Lewis Public Health Scholar, NAIA All-American Volleyball Recipient, Daktronics Scholar Athlete

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## **SKILLS**

- Programming & Analysis: Proficient in R, SAS, Excel; familiar with SQL, Python
  - Research & Methods: Epidemiologic Study Design, Data Analysis (SAS,R), Survey Research, Research Methodologies
  - Collaboration & Problem-Solving: Teamwork, Strategic Thinking, Stakeholder Engagement, Effective Communication
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## **EXPERIENCE:**

### **TEACHING ASSISTANT, GLOBAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL PERSPECTIVES**

Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

New York, NY  
Sept 2025

- Facilitated weekly discussion sections for 100+ MPH students, leading applied discussions on global health and developmental epidemiology topics.
- Delivered timely feedback and performance assessments, improving efficiency and consistency across course deliverables.
- Served as primary liaison between students, faculty, and administrative leadership, ensuring effective issue resolution and alignment of academic processes.

### **FERGUSON RISE FELLOW, DR. JAMES A. FERGUSON EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**

Kennedy Krieger Institute / Johns Hopkins University

Baltimore, MD  
May 2025 – July 2025

- Led applied regression analysis in SAS to survey data from 360+ Baltimore adolescents, identifying links between violence exposure and neighborhood greening.
- Contributed to manuscript preparation as a co-author, drafting sections on methods, results, and discussion for submission to a peer-reviewed journal; presented preliminary findings at the CDC Showcase & Expo to 50+ public health professionals.
- Partnered with a cross-functional team of 10 fellows and faculty, translating research insights into recommendations for city-level violence prevention strategies.

### **UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA SURVEY RESEARCHER**

Bureau of Economic & Business Research at the University of Florida

Gainesville, FL  
June 2024 – August 2024

- Conducted 200+ structured interviews on health and social behaviors, generating datasets that informed state-level healthcare policy discussions.
- Managed data collection for three statewide survey projects, improving response accuracy and reducing missing data.
- Analyzed findings and synthesized insights into reports used by policymakers and researchers, advancing evidence-based decision-making across multiple public health domains.

**FOOD POLICY ADVOCATE**

Xavier University of Louisiana

New Orleans, LA

Oct 2023 – May 2024

- Facilitated food policy workshops for students, equipping attendees with advocacy skills that boosted community participation in policy initiatives at Xavier.
- Collaborated with the Food Policy Action Council and the National Black Food & Justice Alliance, engaging policymakers, community partners, and elected officials through council meetings and hearings in Baton Rouge to inform state-level nutrition equity discussions.
- Developed advocacy materials and campaigns that expanded public awareness of food justice issues across the New Orleans community.

**JOHN R. LEWIS PUBLIC HEALTH SCHOLARS INTERN**

CDC/ Columbia University Mailman School Of Public Health

New York, NY &amp; Atlanta, GA

May 2023 – July 2023

- Selected for a nationally competitive Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-funded program (10% acceptance rate) and conducted practicum research in the Sociomedical Sciences Department on a randomized controlled trial investigating smoke-free housing policy compliance in NYC public housing.
- Collected and analyzed policy compliance data across 150+ housing sites affecting 100,000+ residents, presenting findings and a literature review on housing inequities to CDC researchers and fellows.
- Gained advanced training in SAS, data collection, and scientific communication, applying skills to develop actionable recommendations for housing policy stakeholders.

**STEM TRANSLATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTER INTERN**

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Gainesville, FL

MAY 2022 – JULY 2022

- Conducted needs assessment of communication systems, identifying gaps that informed a roadmap for new process improvements.
- Developed targeted outreach materials (brochures, flyers, digital campaigns) that reached 200+ partners, strengthening community awareness of STEM initiatives.
- Partnered with cross-functional teams to deliver project milestones (needs assessment report, draft outreach materials) maintaining adherence to deadlines and quality standards.

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**CERTIFICATIONS:**

- Good Clinical Practice for Clinical Trials Involving Investigational Medical Devices ( International Focus) - The Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program)
- Human Subjects Protection Biomed - The Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program)

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**ORGANIZATIONS/INVOLVEMENT:****Captain, Division I Volleyball Team** – Xavier University of Louisiana

Aug 2020 – May 2024

- Led a 20-member team, driving collaboration and performance improvements that contributed to 4 consecutive conference championship wins.
- Coordinated practice schedules, managed conflict resolution, and mentored underclassmen, improving overall team retention.

**Executive Leadership Council Member**

June 2024 – Present

- Selected as 1 of 15 Protecting Black Voices scholars nationwide for academic excellence, leadership potential, and commitment to community service.
- Engaged in executive mentorship and leadership development workshops focused on advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in business and public policy.

**Peer Mentor, R.I.S.E Program** – Columbia University

Aug 2025 – Present

- Closely mentored 3 incoming MPH students, providing academic and professional guidance to improve program transition.
- Facilitated workshops on study strategies and career readiness, enhancing cohort preparedness and engagement.

**Additional Involvement:**

- Membership Chair, National Society of Leadership & Success – Xavier University Aug 2022 – May 2024
- Secretary, Association of Student Athletes – Xavier University Aug 2021 – May 2024
- Black & Latinx Student Caucus – Columbia University Sept 2024 – Present
- Public Health Student Organization – Xavier University of Louisiana Aug 2020 – May 2024

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## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:**

### **Part of the Solution (POTS)**

Bronx, NY  
Nov 2024 - Present

Volunteer

- Organized food pantry operations and optimized inventory management to improve distribution efficiency.
- Assembled and distributed fresh food boxes to provide nutritious meals for underserved individuals and families.
- Maintained a clean and organized environment to create a welcoming and hygienic space for clients and volunteers.

### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

Gainesville, FL  
Dec 2022 - Present

Volunteer

- Tracked organization inventories and recorded food item quantities.
- Managed data entry activities accurately and efficiently.
- Delivered appropriate meals to the homes of senior citizens and those with disabilities.

### **XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA'S "GUMBO GARDEN"**

New Orleans, LA  
Aug 2020- May 2024

Volunteer

- Maintained upkeep of the community garden, including pulling weeds and refreshing garden beds.
- Planted fresh fruits and vegetables weekly.
- Delivered freshly grown food to surrounding neighborhoods.

### **HURRICANE IDA RELIEF ORGANIZATION**

New Orleans, LA  
Oct 2021-May 2022

Volunteer

- Assessed the damage to infrastructure and initiated repair efforts.
- Coordinated with local authorities to ensure safe and adequate housing options for those affected.
- Organized transportation for relief supplies and personnel.