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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Educational Policy Studies **2008**

Cognate area: Public Policy
Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia
College of Education and Human Development

Master of Science, Exercise Science **1997**

Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia
College of Education and Human Development

Bachelor of Arts, Biology and Physical Education **1995**

St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, North Carolina

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2019-present	Interim Dean School of Public Health Georgia State University
2018-present	Senior Associate Dean for Academic and Strategic Initiatives School of Public Health Georgia State University
2016-2018	Interim Division Director Division of Health Management and Policy School of Public Health Georgia State University
2015-present	Associate Professor (tenured) Division of Health Management and Policy School of Public Health Georgia State University
2012-2018	Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (Interim August 2012 – May 2015) School of Public Health Georgia State University
2011-2016	Deputy Director Center of Excellence on Health Disparities (NIH P20) Georgia State University

2009-2015	Assistant Professor (tenure-track) Division of Health Management and Policy School of Public Health Georgia State University
2007-2008	Academic Professional (non-tenure track) Coordinator, Cultural Diversity Curriculum Institute of Public Health and College of Health and Human Sciences Georgia State University
2004-2007	Research Associate (PI: Michael Eriksen) Institute of Public Health College of Health and Human Sciences Georgia State University
1997-1998	Research Coordinator (PI: Marsha Davis) Department of Nutrition College of Health and Human Sciences Georgia State University
1997-1998	Research Coordinator (PI: Ken Resnicow) Department of Behavioral Sciences and Health Education Rollins School of Public Health Emory University

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts In Preparation/ Under Review/ Under Revision

Lyn R, et al. (in preparation). Systematic review of community-based interventions to increase walking.

Lyn R. et al. (in preparation). The politics of population (level) obesity prevention: commonalities and differences across the globe.

Lyn, R et al. (in preparation). Evaluation of a whole child approach to school-based health promotion and wellness: analyzing the impact of HealthMPowers in Georgia's schools.

Sheldon E, et al. (in preparation). Community Readiness for Childhood Obesity Prevention: examining changes over time in response to capacity-building investments.

Peer-Reviewed Journals

Lemon SC, Goins KV, Sreedhara M, Arcaya M, Aytur SA, Heinrich K, Kerner B, **Lyn R**, Maddock JE, Riessman R, Schmid TL (e-pub ahead of print). Developing Core Capabilities for Local Health Departments to Engage in Land Use and Transportation Decision Making for Active Transportation. *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*. doi: 10.1097/PHH.0000000000000948 (refereed)

Torres A, Díaz MP, Hayat MJ, **Lyn R**, Pratt M, Salvo D, Sarmiento OL (2017). Assessing the effect of physical activity classes in public spaces on leisure-time physical activity: "Al

Ritmo de las Comunidades” A natural experiment in Bogota, Colombia. *Preventive Medicine*, Volume 103, Supplement, Pages S51-S58. (refereed)

Sreedhara M, Goins KV, Aytur SA, **Lyn R**, Maddock JE, Riessman R, Schmid TL, Wooten H, Lemon SC (2017). Qualitative Exploration of Cross-Sector Perspectives on the Contributions of Local Health Departments in Land-Use and Transportation Policy. *Preventing Chronic Disease*, Volume 14, E118. (refereed)

Rollins L, Akintobi TH, Hermstad A, Cooper D, Goodin L, Beane J, Spivey S, Riedesel A, Taylor O, **Lyn R** (2017). Community-based approaches to reduce chronic disease disparities in Georgia. *J Ga Public Health Assoc*, Vol. 6, No. 4. (refereed)

Duncan DT, Hansen AR, Baidal JW, **Lyn R**, Hill A, and Zhang J (2017). Self-perceived Body Image not Measured Weight is Associated with Excessive School Absenteeism among U.S. Adolescents. *Obesity Research & Clinical Practice*, Vol. 11, pp. 398-405. (refereed)

Lyn R, Sheldon E, and Eriksen M (2017). Adopting State-Level Policy to Support Physical Activity Among School-Aged Children and Adolescents: Georgia’s SHAPE Act. *Public Health Reports*, 2017, Vol. 132, Suppl 2, 9S-15S. (refereed)

ML Segar, K Heinrich, S Zieff, **R Lyn**, J Gustat, NO Tompkins, CK Perry, MR Umstattd Meyer, D Bornstein, A Manteiga, A Eyler (2017). What Walking Means to Moms: Qualitative Insights from a National Sample of Urban, Low-Income Mothers to Inform Efforts to Brand and Promote Walking. *Journal of Transport and Health*, Vol 5, June 2017, pp. 5-15. (refereed)

Torres A, Stauber C, **Lyn R**, Steward J, and Serna R. (2016) Atlanta Streets Alive: A Movement Building a Culture of Health in an Urban Environment. *Journal of Physical Activity and Health*, Vol. 13, Issue 2, February, pp. 239-246. (refereed)

Sheldon E, **Lyn R**, Bracci L, Phillips MA (2016). Community Readiness for Childhood Obesity Prevention: Findings from a Statewide Assessment in Georgia. *Environment and Behavior*, vol. 48, no. 1, pp. 78-88. (refereed)

Okosun IS, Seale PJ, **Lyn R**, and Davis-Smith MY (2015). Improving detection of prediabetes in children and adults: using combinations of blood glucose tests. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 20 November 2015. <http://dx.doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2015.00260> (refereed)

Lemon SC, Valentine Goins K, Schneider KL, Brownson RC, Valko CA, Evenson KR, Eyler AA, Heinrich KM, Litt J, **Lyn R**, Reed HL, O’Hara Thompkins N, Maddock J. (2015) Municipal officials participation in built environment policy development in the United States. *American Journal of Health Promotion*, Sep-Oct;30 (1):42-9. doi: 10.4278/ajhp.131021-QUAN-536 (refereed)

Okosun I., Seale P, and **Lyn R**. (2015). Commingling effect of gynoid and android fat patterns on cardiometabolic dysregulation in normal weight American adults. *Nutrition & Diabetes*, May 18;5:e155. doi: 10.1038/nutd.2015.5. (refereed)

Okosun, I. and **Lyn, R**. (2015). Prediabetes awareness, healthcare provider’s advice, and lifestyle changes in American adults. *International Journal of Diabetes Mellitus*, 3, 11-18.(refereed)

Ido MS, Bayakly R, Frankel M, Lyn R, Okosun IS (2015). Administrative Data Linkage to Evaluate a Quality Improvement Program in Acute Stroke Care, Georgia, 2006–2009. *Preventing Chronic Disease*, 12: 140238. DOI:<http://dx.doi.org/10.5888/pcd12.140238>.

Lyn, R., Maalouf, J., Griffin, M., Connell, S., Davis, J. (2014). Implementing nutrition and physical activity wellness policies in child care centers in rural Georgia: an examination of center director's perceptions. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 46(3), May-June: 171-180. (refereed)

Eyler, A., Chiqui, J.F., Maddock, J., Cradock, A., Evenson, K.R., Gustat, J., Hooker, S.P., **Lyn, R.**, Tompkins, N.O., Schmid, T.L., Segar, M., Zieff, S. (2014). Opportunity Meets Planning: An Assessment of the Physical Activity Emphasis in State Obesity-related Plans. *Journal of Physical Activity and Health*, January, 11(1):45-50. (refereed)

Maalouf, J., Griffin, M., Connell, S., Frances McCarty, F. and **Lyn, R** (2013). Assessment of Mealtime Environments and Nutrition Practices in Childcare Centers in Georgia. *Childhood Obesity*, October, 9:5, 437-445. (refereed)

Lyn, R., Maalouf, J., Griffin, M., Connell, S., Davis, J. (2013). Nutrition and Physical Activity in Child Care Centers: The Impact of a Wellness Policy Initiative on Environmental and Policy Assessment (EPAO) Outcomes. *Preventing Chronic Disease*. 10:120232. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.5888/pcd10.120232> (refereed)

Gustat, J., Healy, I., Litt, J., Reed, H., Tabak, R. Goins, K.V., Bornstein, D., Carnoske, C., **Lyn, R.**, Eyler, A. (2013). Lessons in Promoting Active Living: The Collaborative Perspective. *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*. May/June, Vol. 19: S58-S64. (refereed)

Litt, J., Reed, H., Zieff, S., Tabak, R., Eyler, A., Tompkins, N.O., **Lyn, R.**, Gustat, J., Goins, K.V., Bornstein, D. (2013). Advancing Environmental and Policy Change through Active Living Collaboratives: Exploring Compositional, Organizational, and Community Engagement as Correlates of Group Effectiveness. *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*. May/June, Vol. 19: S49-S57. (refereed)

Lyn, R., Davis, T., Aytur, S., Eyler, A., Chiqui, J.F., Cradock, A., Evenson, K.R., Brownson, R. (2013) Policy, systems, and environmental change for obesity prevention: a framework to inform local and state action. *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*, May/June, Vol. 19: S23-S33. (refereed)

Goins, K., V., Schneider, K.L., Brownson, R., Carnoske, C., Evenson, K., Eyler, A. Heinrich, K.M., Litt, J., **Lyn, R.**, Maddock, J., Reed, H.L., O'Hara-Tompkins, N. (2013). Municipal officials' perceived barriers to consideration of physical activity in community design decision making. *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*. May/June, Vol. 19: S65-S73. (refereed)

Litt JS, Reed HL, Tabak RG, Zieff SG, Eyler AA, **Lyn R**, Goins, KV, Gustat, J, Tompkins, NO (2013). Active Living Collaboratives in the United States: Understanding Characteristics, Activities, and Achievement of Environmental and Policy Change. *Preventing Chronic Disease*, 10:120162. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.5888/pcd10.120162> (refereed)

Lyn, R., Hepburn, V., O'Meara, S., and Rockett, A. (2012). Compliance and Quality of Local Wellness Policies: Findings from a Statewide Evaluation in Georgia. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*. Nov-Dec; 44(6): 513-20. (refereed)

Yanfeng L, Raychowdhury, S., Tedders, S., **Lyn, R.**, Lòpez-De Fede, A., and Zhang, J. (2012). Association between increased BMI and school absenteeism among US children and adolescents: Findings from a national survey, 2005-2008. *International Journal of Obesity*. April; 36(4):517-23. (refereed)

Lyn R. (2010). Physical activity research: identifying the synergistic relationships between individual, social, and environmental factors to promote active lifestyles. *Health Education Research*, 25: 183-184. (invited)

Okosun, I., **Lyn, R.**, Davis-Smith, M., Eriksen, M., Seale, P. (2010). Validity of a continuous metabolic risk score as an index for modeling metabolic syndrome in adolescents. *Annals of Epidemiology*, 20 (11); 843-51. (refereed)

Okosun, I., Boltri, J.M., **Lyn, R.**, and Davis-Smith, M. (2010). Continuous metabolic syndrome risk score in American children: Impact of body mass index and physical activity. *Journal of Clinical Hypertension*, 12(8):636-44. (refereed)

Resnicow, K., Lazarus, A., Davis, A., **Lyn, R.**, London, and J., Kotler (1999). Go Girls!: development of a community-based nutrition and physical activity program for overweight African-American adolescent females. *Journal of Nutrition Education*, 31(5):283C. (refereed)

Lyn, R., Kotler, H., Kunkel, L. (1997). Energy bars and gels: do they enhance performance. *SCAN's Pulse* (A publication of sports, cardiovascular, and wellness nutritionists, a dietetic practice group of the American Dietetic Association). Volume 16 No. 3; Summer. (refereed)

Editorials

Lyn R and Sallis JF. (2018). Editorial: The virtual special section of active transport papers for the 2017 active living research conference. *Journal of Transportation and Health*. Volume 9, p. 7, June 2018. (invited)

Lyn R. and McCarty, F. (Letter to the Editor, June 2009). Interpret results with caution. *Canadian Medical Association Journal*, 180 (13). A critique of Harris et al. (2009). Effect of school-based physical activity interventions on body mass index in children: a meta-analysis. *Canadian Medical Association Journal*. (invited)

Book Chapters

Kegler, M and **Lyn, R** (forthcoming). Administrative, Organizational, and Policy Diagnosis: from Planning to Implementation. In Green, L., Kreuter, M., Petersen, D., and Gielen, A. (Eds). *Program Planning, Implementation and Evaluation in Public Health*, Johns Hopkins University Press.

Akintobi, T, Holden, K., Rollins, L., **Lyn, R.**, Heiman, H., Daniels, P., Wrenn, G., Belton, A., Baltrus, P., Battle, S., & Hoffman, L. (2017). *Applying a Community-based Participatory Research Approach to Address Determinants of Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes Mellitus in an Urban Setting*. In Coughlin, S., Smith, S. and Fernandez, M. (Eds.). Handbook of Community-based Participatory Research, New York: Oxford University Press. (invited).

Smith JJ, Lubans DR, **Lyn R.** (2018). The evidence on school program to increase physical activity. In Routledge Handbook of Physical Activity Policy and Practice. Editors: J Piggan, L Mansfield, and M Weed. Taylor and Francis Publishers. (invited)

Lyn, R., Moore, B., and Eriksen, M. (2012). *The application of public health lessons to stemming the obesity epidemic*. In Textbook of obesity: Biological, psychological and cultural influences. Editors: Sharon R. Akabas, Sally Ann Lederman, Barbara Moore. Wiley-Blackwell Publishers. (invited)

Eriksen, M, Lyn, R, and Moore, BJ (2011). *The application of public health lessons to childhood obesity prevention*. In Childhood Obesity Prevention: International Research, Controversies and Interventions. Editors: Jennifer A. O'Dea and Michael Eriksen. Oxford University Press. (invited)

White Papers and Practitioner Publications

- Lyn, R., Segall, M., Evers, S., Jones, E., and Shepard, D. Increasing Walking in the US Population: A Review of Evidence and Call to Action. Commissioned paper for the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors, September 2012.
- Lyn, R. Childhood Overweight: A Review of the Evidence for Intervention. Commissioned paper for Healthcare Georgia Foundation, 2007.
- Lyn, R., Maalouf, J., Davis, T., Connell, S., Smith, M. (2011). *Healthy Schools, Healthy Communities: An evidence-based guide to childhood obesity prevention*. Philanthropic Collaborative for a Healthy Georgia.
- *Evidence-Based Reviews (Briefs): Lyn, R., Eriksen, M., Mullis, R., WP, Lewis, R., Kanto, W., Young-Hyman, D. Addressing Overweight* policy brief series. Policy Leadership for Active Youth, Institute of Public Health, Georgia State University.
 - *The student health and fitness act*. Summer 2011
 - *The role of after-school programs*. Fall 2011
 - *Model nutrition practices for children and families*. Spring 2009
 - *The role of communities in promoting physical activity*. Spring 2008

GRANTS and FUNDING

Pending

- Principal Investigator. Georgia State RCMC Center for Minority Health, National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities (U54), 2019-2024. (Resubmission) - priority impact scores: 22. **Budget: \$17.9M**

Grant and Contracts

- Co-Principal Investigator and Deputy Director (PI: Michael Eriksen). Health promotion and disease prevention research centers. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, 2019-2024. **Award: \$3.7M**
- Site Principal Investigator. Racial and ethnic approaches to community health (REACH). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Subcontract from DeKalb County Board of Health, 2015-2017. **Award: \$150,000**
- Co-Principal Investigator/Site Principal Investigator (PI: Tabia Akintobi, Morehouse School of Medicine, Prevention Research Center). Racial and ethnic approaches to community health (REACH). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, 2014-2017. **Award: \$2.9M (subcontract to GSU - \$401,069)**

- Principal Investigator. Partnerships to Improve Community Health (PICH). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, 2014-2017 (subcontract from Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness). **Award: \$750,000**
- Principal Investigator. Examining paradoxical outcomes in the County Health Rankings: a cross-case comparison of four communities in the South. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, New Connections Program, 2014-2016. **Award: \$100,000**
- Principal Investigator. Implementation of community-based childhood obesity prevention: technical assistance to local communities across Georgia. Healthcare Georgia Foundation, 2013-2016. **Award: \$405,000**
- Principal Investigator. Caregivers promoting healthy habits: implementing wellness policies in child care centers in Georgia. Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, 2014-2015. **Award: \$20,000**
- Principal Investigator. Assessment of community readiness to implement childhood obesity prevention strategies: utilization of the Community Readiness Model. Healthcare Georgia Foundation, 2012-2013. **Award: \$100,000**
- Lead Investigator for Research Training and Education and Center Deputy Director (PI: Michael Eriksen). Georgia State University Center of Excellence on Health Disparities. National Institutes of Health, National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities, 2010-2015. **Research Training Award: \$803,405; Center Award: \$6.7 million**
- Co-Investigator (PI: Mike Metzler). Establishing a comprehensive school based physical activity program. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention / Georgia State University Seed Award, 2012-2014. **Award: \$96,246**
- Principal Investigator. Caregivers promoting healthy habits: implementing wellness policies in child care centers in Georgia. Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, 2012-2013. **Award: \$25,000**
- Co-Principal Investigator and Director. Policy Leadership for Active Youth (PLAY): connecting research to practice for childhood obesity prevention. Healthcare Georgia Foundation, 2007-2011. **Award: \$495,000**
- Principal Investigator. Communities putting prevention to work: implementing wellness policies in child care centers in southwest Georgia. Georgia Department of Community Health, 2010-2012. **Award: \$128,000**
- Principal Investigator. Caregivers promoting healthy habits: implementing wellness policies in child care centers in Georgia. Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, 2010-2011. **Award: \$25,000**
- Co-Investigator (PI: Mike Metzler). Evaluation of the implementation of Georgia House Bill 229 – The SHAPE Act for student fitness testing in public schools. Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, 2010-2012. **Award: \$200,000**

- Principal Investigator, Development of an evidence-based resource to inform school and community action for childhood obesity prevention in Georgia. Philanthropic Collaborative for a Healthy Georgia, 2009-2010. **Award: \$80,000**
- Principal Investigator. Clinical care and community-based strategies to reduce the use of emergency department services for non-emergency reasons: a study focused on reducing health disparities in urban Atlanta, Georgia. Piedmont Healthcare System, 2009-2010. **Award: \$22,500**
- Principal Investigator. Evaluation of Georgia school districts' local wellness policies. Georgia Department of Education, School Nutrition Division, 2007-2008. **Award: \$74,899**

Philanthropic Gifts

- Georgia Health Foundation, 2016. **Gift: \$10,000**

Consulting

- Co-Principal Investigator. Investigating consumer beliefs, perceptions, and assumptions about walking: Informing social marketing campaigns and physical activity interventions. **Physical Activity Policy Research Network**, 2009 – 2016 (various research projects).
- Principal Investigator. Increasing Walking in the US Population: A Review of Evidence and Call to Action. Commissioned paper for the **National Association of Chronic Disease Directors**, September 2012.

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed Presentations

- Assessing community readiness for childhood obesity prevention (February 2018). **Active Living Research Conference**. Banff, Alberta, Canada. (international presentation, poster)
- Search for Positive Health Outcomes in Low-Income Racially Diverse Counties in the South (November 2017). **American Public Health Association Annual Meeting**. Atlanta, GA. (national presentation, poster)
- Implementation of the SHAPE Act in Georgia: An evaluation of FITNESSGRAM® administration (February 2015). **Active Living Research Annual Meeting**, San Diego, California. (national presentation, oral-podium)
- Policy, systems, and environmental change for obesity prevention: a framework to inform policy and practice (April 2014). **International Conference on Physical Activity and Public Health**, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. (international presentation, oral-podium)
- Barriers and supports to implementing a nutrition and physical activity intervention in child care: Director's perspectives (2013). **American Public Health Association Annual Meeting**. Boston, MA. (national presentation, oral-podium)
- Physical activity practices and environments of childcare centers in Georgia (2013). **American Public Health Association Annual Meeting**. Boston, MA. (national presentation, poster)

- Nutrition and physical activity in child care centers: The impact of a wellness policy initiative on environmental and policy assessment outcomes (May 2013). **International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity**. Ghent, Belgium. (international presentation, oral-podium)
- Policy, systems, and environmental change for obesity prevention: a framework to inform local and state action (November 2012). **American Public Health Association Annual Meeting**, San Francisco, CA. (national presentation, oral-podium)
- Child Care Centers as a Setting for Childhood Obesity Prevention: The Impact of a Wellness Policy Initiative on Nutrition and Physical Activity (May, 2012). **Weight of the Nation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**. (national presentation, poster)
- Linking Collaborative Structures and Processes with Collaborative Effectiveness: Findings from the Coalitions and Networks for Active Living (CANAL) Study (Jill Litt, primary presenter). **International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity**. Austin, TX, May 2011. (international presentation, oral-podium)
- Nutrition and Physical Activity in Child Care Centers: The Impact of a Wellness Policy Initiative on Environmental and Policy Assessment (EPAO) Outcomes (March, 2012). **Active Living Research Annual Meeting** (a research program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation), San Diego, California. (national presentation, oral-podium)
- Nutrition Practices in Child Care Centers in Georgia: Results from a Pilot Intervention (Joyce Maalouf, primary presenter). **American Public Health Association Annual Meeting**, Washington, D.C., 2011. (national presentation, oral-podium)
- Coalescing regional efforts around obesity prevention to develop a southern strategy for childhood obesity prevention (September 2010). **Southern Obesity Summit**, Atlanta, Georgia. (regional presentation, oral-podium)
- Lessons Learned in Cross-sectoral Coalition Building and Policy Change around Childhood Obesity (November 2009). **American Public Health Association Annual Meeting**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (national presentation, oral-podium)
- Childhood Obesity in Georgia: Assessing Progress and Opportunities (November 2009). **University System of Georgia Conference on Childhood Obesity**. Atlanta, Georgia. (state presentation, oral-podium)
- Childhood Obesity Prevention: From Analysis to Action (September 2009). **Georgia Rural Health Association Annual Conference**. Young Harris, Georgia. (state presentation, oral-podium)
- Analysis of Georgia School Districts' Wellness Policies: Examination of Policy Compliance, Strength, and Factors of Influence (August 2008). **African-American Collaborative Obesity Research Network (AACORN)**. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. (national presentation, poster)
- ACSM Select Symposium: The efficacy of exercise as an aid for smoking cessation. Presentation title: Tobacco Prevention and Physical Activity Promotion: Silos or Synergy

(May 2008). **American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting**. Indianapolis, IN. (national presentation, oral-podium)

- Lessons Learned in Research Translation, Coalition-Building and Advocacy around Childhood Overweight (June 2007). **World Conference of the International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHEPE)**. Vancouver, BC. (international presentation, oral-podium)

Invited Presentations

- Opening Keynote: Active Living Across the Lifespan (February 2017). **Active Living Research 2017**, Clearwater, Florida. (national presentation, oral-podium)
- Advocacy for Public Health and Healthcare (Fall 2016). **HealthStat Panel Presentation**. Atlanta, GA. (state presentation, oral-podium)
- Food Access in SW Atlanta (Summer 2016). **Morehouse School of Medicine Satcher Health Equity Lecture Series**. Atlanta, GA. (state presentation, oral-podium)
- Obesity prevention and public health: The challenges of policy, systems, and environmental change approaches in the southeastern US? **2014 Public Health Law Conference**. Atlanta, Georgia. (national presentation, oral-podium)
- Nutrition and Physical Activity in Child Care Centers: The impact of a wellness policy initiative on environmental and policy assessment outcomes. **Daniel S. Blumenthal Annual Public Health Summit: Preventing Obesity through the Life Stages**. Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia, April 2013. (regional presentation, oral)
- Marketing, Public Policy, and Childhood Obesity: Opportunities and Challenges (June 2012), **5th Biennial Marketing and Public Policy Workshop**, a pre-conference meeting of the American Marketing Association's annual meeting. Atlanta, Georgia. (national presentation, oral-podium)
- **Discussant for the Haverty Lecture**, Response to Kelly Brownell's Presentation, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2011. (national presentation, oral-podium)
- Assessing the evidence for community-centered efforts on obesity prevention. **WHO Collaborating Centre for Obesity Prevention**, Deakin University, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, June 2011. (international presentation, oral-podium)
- Childhood Obesity Prevention in Georgia (October 2010). **University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**, Atlanta, Georgia. (state presentation, oral-podium)
- Preventing Childhood Obesity (September 2010). **4-H State Youth Leadership Summit**, Rock Eagle State Park, Eatonton, Georgia. (state presentation, oral-podium)
- Childhood Obesity: Addressing the Epidemic (June 2010). **Georgia State University Foundation**, Reynolds Plantation, Greensboro, Georgia. (state presentation, oral-podium)

- The role of public policy in childhood obesity prevention (April 2010). **University of Georgia**, Department of Foods and Nutrition, Athens, Georgia. (state presentation, oral-podium)
- Childhood Obesity: Developing Into Type II Diabetes. **Foot Hills Area Health Education Center**. Statewide Video Conference for Clinicians (November 2009). (state presentation, oral-podium)
- Wellness Policies across Georgia's School Districts: Examination of Compliance, Factors of Influence, and Model Practices (September 2008). **Georgia School Nutrition Association**, Annual Meeting. Athens, GA. (state presentation, oral-podium)
- Childhood Obesity Prevention: The Role of Advocacy in Shaping Public Policy. **HealthStat Leadership Institute**. (September 2008). Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA. (state presentation, oral-podium)
- Preventing Childhood Obesity through Collaboration. **Georgia Cancer Coalition**, Annual Meeting (May 2008). Reynolds Plantation, Greensboro, GA. (state presentation, oral)
- Childhood Obesity and Public Policy in Georgia: Examining our Progress. Connections 2008: **Healthcare Georgia Foundation Conference** (April 2008). Atlanta, GA. (state presentation, oral-podium)
- Childhood Obesity in Georgia: Community and School-Based Policy Options. **Georgia General Assembly**, Joint Senate and House Health & Human Services Committee Meeting (January 2008). (state presentation, oral-podium)
- The Potential Impact of Policy on Obesity in Georgia: Food for Thought. **Keynote Speaker, Metro Atlanta YMCA Food for Thought Luncheon, sponsored by Kaiser Permanente** (October 2007). Atlanta, GA. (local presentation, oral-podium)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE and STUDENT ADVISEMENT

Courses Taught

Associate Professor, Health Policy and Management, School of Public Health

2009 - present

- Public Health Policy (PH7170):
 - Spring 2019 (22 enrolled); Fall 2018 (9 enrolled)l Spring 2018 (28 enrolled); Spring 2017 (27 enrolled); Spring 2016 (25 enrolled); Spring 2015 (26 enrolled); Spring 2014 (21 enrolled); Fall 2013 (25 enrolled); Fall 2012 (21 enrolled); Fall 2011 (12 enrolled); Fall 2010 (17 enrolled); Fall 2009 (11 enrolled)
- Integrative Learning Experience (PH7992):
 - Spring 2018 (27 enrolled); Spring 2017 (28 enrolled)
- Foundations of Public Health Administration and Policy (PH 7010)
 - Spring 2012 (28 enrolled); Fall 2011 (28 enrolled); Spring 2011 (28 enrolled); Fall 2010 (29 enrolled); Spring 2010 (28 enrolled)
- Childhood Obesity Prevention: Evidence, Policy, and Practice (PH7570)
 - Spring 2013 (17 enrolled)
- Introduction to the Healthcare System (PH 7160)
 - Spring 2009 (13 enrolled)

Guest Lecturer

2005 – present

- Health Disparities (SOC8126)
- Introduction to Public Health (PH2000 - Undergraduate)
- Childhood Obesity Prevention and Food Access (PH7570)
- Social and Behavioral Aspects of Public Health (PH 7140)
- Urban Health Seminar (PH7325)
- Dietetic Internship Supervised Practice II (NUTR 6002)
- New Student Orientation: Careers in Health (GSU 1010)
- Scientific Perspectives on Global Problems (PER 2002)

Instructor, College of Health & Human Sciences

2007-2009

- Communication and Cultural Diversity (HHS 3000)

Instructor, Department of Undergraduate Studies

2002

- Emerging Leaders (GSU1010)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Educational Policy Studies

2001

- Introduction to Higher Education (EPHE 7000)

Thesis/Capstone Committees Chaired

- Nia Sutton (2018). Protecting college students with good Samaritan policies.
- Abigail Futner (2017). Exploring Strategies to Increase Fruit and Vegetable Consumption Among Students in a School Cafeteria.
- Ugo Okeke (2017). Methodology to Cultivating Hand Hygiene Compliance in Healthcare Facilities.
- Crystal Oliver (2017). A Review of the Relationship between Screen Time and Low Levels of Physical Activity with Obesity and Sedentary Behaviors in Children and Adolescents.
- Amanda Parker (2016). A Program Evaluation of a Peri-Urban, Multi Location Care Coordination Program in Georgia and Comparative Analysis of Other United States Care Coordination Programs for Uninsured, High Risk Patients to Develop Promising Practice Recommendations.
- Alana Chadwick (2015). Analysis of the Association between Availability of School Facilities Available for Physical Activity and MET Scores among Adolescent's aged 12-15: NHANES National Youth Fitness Survey 2012
- Brittney Behm (2015). A synthesis of home-based palliative care on clinical effectiveness, cost effectiveness and quality of life: policy implications explored.
- Cordero Tanner (2015). Reducing Youth Violence: The Role of Afterschool Programs.
- John Wesley Health (2014). A comparison of anthropometric measures for classification of metabolic syndrome and cardiometabolic risk factors, NHANES 2007-2010.
- Nila Kusumawati Elison (2014). A proposal for a series of studies to explore the phenomenon of the international migration of Indonesian nurses
- Aida Estevesova (2013). Systematic review of infection prevention and control policies and nosocomial transmission of drug-resistant tuberculosis
- Donni Henndrawn (2013). Cross translation of a healthcare quality survey in Indonesia.
- Bemene Piaro (2013). Assessment of the impact of the Mercy Corps Food for Education Program on nutritional outcomes of participating children.
- Nang Thu Kyaw Kyaw (2013). Content analysis of national strategic plans on HIV/AIDS and global AIDS response progress reports from 8 southeast Asia countries

- Meg Fischer (2013). Reducing the childhood obesity rate: What lessons can Georgia learn from successful states and localities?
- Erica Sheldon (2013). Childhood obesity prevention and schools: The effect of the HealthMPowers program on school policies, environment, and BMI percentiles
- Sandra Metcalf (2012). Association of youth weight categories and cholesterol levels: analysis from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.
- Augustine Amenyah (2011). Asthma prevention and management: assessing the role of public health, community health workers, and existing federal reimbursement practices.
- Maalouf, Joyce (2011). Nutrition environment and practices in twenty-four childcare centers in southwest Georgia.
- Watson, Christopher (2010). Cigar crisis: the need for community-based practices.
- Edwards, Allison (2010). A spatial and health burden analysis of census tract 85: Implications for prevention and intervention.

Thesis/Capstone Committees Served

- Taylor Dias (2018). Trends in Prediabetes and Associated Comorbid Conditions in Adolescents Aged 12 to 19 Years, Between 2003 and 2014. Chair: Ike Okosun
- Ashley Campbell (2018). Tobacco-free Campus Post-implementation Program. Chair: Lucy Popova
- Alyshia Jackson (2018). Examining the Community Outreach Efforts of Local African American Religious Organizations in Relation to Drug Use and HIV Transmission. Chair: Richard Rothenberg
- Olga Costa (2018). A Review of Childhood Obesity Prevention Efforts among Evidence-Based Home Visiting Programs. Chair: Daniel Whitaker
- Sarah Kabani (2017). Association Between Sedentary Behaviors and BMI in US Adolescents: Analysis of the 2015 Youth Risk Behavior Survey. Chair: Ike Okosun
- Sheila Grami (2017). The Implications of Chronic Stress on Obesity: Allostatic Load on Body Mass Index (BMI) Classification in the United States, NHANES 2005-2006. Chair: Ike Okosun
- Allie Micheli (2017). Categorizing Vending Machine Snacks at GSU for Metabolic Syndrome Dietary Recommendations. Chair: Shanta Dube
- Dionne Spears (2017). A Comparison Analysis Between the State of Georgia and Israel: Heath Outcome Disparities of Low Birth Weight Infants. Chair: Lee Mobley
- Bernice Edward (2017). Association Between Sugar-sweetened Beverage Consumption and Overweight /Obesity by Physical Activity Status and Socio-demographic Factors in U.S. Adolescents: Analysis of the 2015 Youth Risk Behavior Survey. Chair: Ike Okosun
- Christine Murphy (2016). Early onset marijuana use and mental health in adult life. Chair: Monica Swahn
- Nadia Al-Amin (2015). Assessment of Disparities in Health Care Access and Health Outcome among Racial and Ethnic Minorities. Chair: Ike Okosun
- Marni Segall (2015). Legislative and policy approaches for the prevention of school bullying: a critical appraisal of cross-national perspectives. Chair: Monica Swahn
- Courtney Godwin (2014). Diabetes in American Indian and Alaskan Native populations Chair: Ike Okosun
- Jhih-Jhong Wu. Implementation and outcome of Taiwan diagnosis-related group (DRG) payment system (2014). Chair: Bruce Perry
- Haroon Achakzai (2014). Research proposal for assessing patient safety culture in public hospitals under the essential package of hospital services (EPHS) in Afghanistan. Chair: Douglas Roblin
- Tony Price (2014). Does physical activity differ among residential and commuter students at GSU. Chair: Andrew Doyle

- Bermann Francois (2013). HIV in African American women: Can the elevated rate of infection be managed solely on the basis of individual risk behaviors or is it driven by external factors. Chair: Ike Okosun
- Oluwole Sanni (2013). Risk of asthma due to obesity among American children: an examination of NHANES data regarding childhood obesity and asthma. Chair: Ike Okosun
- Calister Imeda (2013). Use of antenatal and skilled care during delivery: A systematic review and meta-analysis of the effectiveness of interventions implemented in developing countries. Chair: Ike Okosun
- Britney Bennett (2013). Cyber-bullying among school-aged adolescents and teens: a policy review and recommendations for Georgia. Chair: Monica Swahn
- Shaun Newsome (2012). Body index as a parameter to evaluate the prevalence of hypertension in white, black, and Hispanic Americans. Chair: Ike Okosun
- Kartik Pillai (2012). The Relation between Perceived and Real Obesity in School Children from Georgia. Chair: Ike Okosun
- Brooke Barnes (2011). A Multi-Vitamin for the Built Environment: Exploring how a Multi-Sectoral and Multi-Institutional Partnership Links Health and the BeltLine. Chair: John Steward
- Laura Worsham Delfause (2011, Department of Nutrition). The relationships between energy balance deviations and adiposity in children and adolescents. Chair: Dan Benardot.
- Sobhan Tadjalli (2010). The impact of physical activity on the association between smoking and hypertension. Chair: Ike Okosun
- Emma Konan (2010). Epidemiology of adiposity in child-bearing women from Ghana. Chair: Ike Okosun.
- Cunningham, Adrienne (2009). The impact of socio-economic status (SES) on the asthma prevalence in US minority children. Chair: Ike Okosun.
- Dana Sanders (2009). An evaluation of the utilization and outcomes of a Georgia county's board of health innovative worksite wellness policy. Chair: Frances McCarty
- Anna Rockett (2009). Analysis of a diabetes education program for Latinos in northeast Georgia. Chair: Frances McCarty
- Rebecca Griesemer (2008). Index of Central Obesity as a parameter to evaluate metabolic syndrome for White, Black, and Hispanic adults in the United States. Chair: Ike Okosun.
- Sandy O'Meara (2008). Potential factors of influence on local wellness policies of Georgia public school systems. Chair: Valerie Hepburn.
- Eryn Marchiolo (2007). An analysis of Georgia schools' compliance and implementation of federally mandated school wellness policies. Chair: Michael Eriksen.

Doctoral Dissertations Committees/Chaired

- Sri Bose (in progress). Prevalence and Survival of Late-stage Breast Cancer rate among Young Women in the United States. Chair: Rodney Lyn
- Chantrell Antoine Parker (2017). Using mobile technology for increasing physical activity among older adults. Department of Kinesiology and Health, College of Education and Human Development. Chair: Rebecca Ellis
- Ryan Maltese (2017). A Critical analysis of USG Policy 4.1.6 and its perceived impacts on DACAmended students. Department of Educational Policy Studies, College of Education and Human Development. Chairs: Janice Fournillier and Deron Boyles
- Andrea Torres (2016). Examination of Latin American community-based interventions to promote PA in public spaces: analyzing effectiveness, applicability and transferability across national contexts. School of Public Health. Chair: Rodney Lyn

- Melany Chambers (2015). Exploring the health and lifestyle attitudes and behaviors of African American women and Afro-Caribbean immigrant women in Atlanta, Georgia. Department of Communications, College of Arts and Sciences. Chair: Holley Wilkin
- Chris Harper (2013). Developmental psychopathology and childhood obesity: testing a dynamic cascade model. Department of Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences. Chair: Chris Henrich
- Ansley Knox Daniel (2012). Student Access to higher education: a historical analysis of landmark Supreme Court cases – Missouri EX REL. Gaines V. Canada, Registrar of the University of Missouri, 1938 and Grutter V. Bollinger, 2003. Department of Educational Policy Studies, College of Education. Chair, Philo Hutcheson.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Committees

- Academic Units Reorganization Working Group, School of Public Health, 2017-present
- Stadium Neighborhood Engagement Committee, Georgia State University, 2017-present.
- GSU Faculty Awards Committee, Office of Faculty Affairs, 2016-present
- MPH Core Revision Group, School of Public Health, 2017-present
- DrPH Committee, School of Public Health, August 2016-present
- University Strategic Course Scheduling Group, Office of the Vice Provost, 2016-present.
- Assessment and Evaluation Committee, School of Public Health, 2014-present.
- Academic Affairs Committee (Chair), School of Public Health, 2010-present
- BS in Public Health Working Group, School of Public Health, 2015-2016
- Space Allocation Committee, School of Public Health, 2011-2012
- University Graduate Faculty Policy Revision Committee, Georgia State University, 2009
- University Senate, Georgia State University Senate, 2006-2007

Search Committees

- Chair, College Administrative Officer, School of Public Health, 2018
- Chair, Open Rank Tenure-track faculty, Div. of Health Management and Policy, 2017-2018
- Chair, Open Rank Clinical Professor faculty position, Division of Health Management and Policy, School of Public Health, 2016-2017
- Chair, Open Rank Research Professor faculty position, Division of Health Management and Policy, School of Public Health, 2016-2017
- Co-Chair, Open Rank faculty positions (4), School of Public Health, 2016-2017
- Member, Open Rank Tenure-Track faculty position, Division of Health Promotion and Behavior, School of Public Health, 2016-2017
- Member, Open Rank Tenure-Track Faculty position, Division of Health Management and Policy, School of Public Health, 2015-2016
- Chair, Director Office of Academic Assistance, School of Public Health, 2016
- Member, Assoc. Provost for Institutional Effectiveness, Office of the Provost, 2016
- Chair, Director of Academic Assistance, School of Public Health, 2014
- Chair, Director for Accreditation and Evaluation, School of Public Health, 2014
- Chair, Director of Executive Education, School of Public Health, 2014
- Chair, Lecturer in Health Management and Policy, Institute of Public Health
- Chair, Academic Professional, Center of Excellence on Health Disparities
- Chair, Director of Academic Assistance, Institute of Public Health, 2013
- Member, Open Rank Professor of Nutrition, Second Century Initiative, 2013-214
- Member, Director of Interdisciplinary Studies, Georgia State University

Member, Open Rank tenure-track faculty, Institute of Public Health

Other

- Lead, Faculty Awards Program, School of Public Health, Georgia State University, 2016-2018

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Journal referee and board service:

- **Editorial Board Member**, American Journal for Health Promotion, 2015-present
- **Referee for scholarly journals**
 - Pediatric Obesity (ad hoc), 2017-present
 - Health Education and Behavior, 2015-present
 - Journal of Physical Activity and Health, 2014-present
 - Journal of School Health, 2013-present
 - Health Promotion Practice, 2013-present
 - Health Education Research, 2009-present
 - American Journal of Public Health (ad hoc), 2010-present
 - Annals of Epidemiology (ad hoc), 2010-present
 - Journal of Environmental and Public Health (ad hoc), 2009-present
- **Expert Reviewer**, Interdisciplinary Research Leaders Program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2018-present
- **Reviewer**, Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group for Prevention Research Centers Comparative Effectiveness Research Program (CER), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, 2010.
- **Expert Panel**, CDC Expert Panel on Policy and Environmental Change Strategies to Address Disparities in Nutrition Access. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease, DNPAO, 2009.
- **Reviewer**, 137th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Community Health Planning and Policy Development, 2009.
- **Review Committee**, Georgia's Statewide Fitness Survey, Philanthropic Collaborative for a Health Georgia, 2007.
- **Reviewer**, Childhood Physical Activity and Nutrition Grant Program (CPAN). Healthcare Georgia Foundation, 2006.

Advisory boards and committees:

- **Advisory Board**, California Breast Cancer Research Program, Office of the President, University of California, 2019-present
- **External Advisory Committee**, University of California – San Diego, Institute for Public Health, 2018-present
- **Program Committee Chair**, Active Living Research 2017 Conference
- **Executive Committee**, Active Living Research 2016-2018 Conference
- **MPH Council**, Association for Schools and Programs of Public Health, 2015-present

SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT and IMPACT

Committees, Boards and Task Forces

- Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Chair, Policy/Advocacy Committee, Voices for Georgia's Children, 2014-present

- Commissioner's Strategic Planning Committee for Obesity Prevention, Georgia Department of Public Health, 2013-2017.
- Healthy Living Task Force, Metro Atlanta YMCA, 2011-2012.
- Fitness Testing Regulations Committee, Georgia Department of Education – focused on development of state rules for implementation of House Bill 229, 2009-2012.
- Steering Committee, Georgia Department of Public Health, Georgia's (CDC funded) Nutrition and Physical Activity Initiative, 2005-2012.
- Cabinet Member for the Georgia Children's Health Alliance, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, an initiative uniting the business and health communities to address child health and well-being issues in Georgia, 2010-2011.
- Commission on Childhood Obesity Prevention (appointed), Southern Area of the Links, Inc., 2008-2011, served as one of 10 Commissioners with Ambassador Andrew Young et al.
- Advisory Board, Kaiser Permanente Theatre Program, 2006-2009.

Media

- Georgia Health News (2016). New oases in the food desserts of Atlanta. December 3. <http://www.georgiahealthnews.com/2016/12/oases-food-deserts-atlanta/>
- Atlanta Journal Constitution (2016). Colleges' goal: Fresh food in low-income Atlanta areas. November 23. <http://www.myajc.com/news/colleges-goal-fresh-food-low-income-atlanta-areas/guxJyNS9Ld1VHpYKtogAqN/>
- Georgia Public Broadcasting (2016). Corner stores: the cornerstones of community. March 28. <http://gpbnews.org/post/corner-stores-cornerstones-community>
- CBS46 Atlanta – WGCL-TV (2016). Closed grocery stores create food deserts in urban areas. March 30. <http://www.cbs46.com/clip/12324845/closed-grocery-stores-create-food-deserts-in-urban-areas>
- Creative Loafing (2016). A corner store diet: GSU, Morehouse, and the CDC collaborate on a healthy corner store initiative. March 24. <http://m.clatl.com/atlanta/fresh-foods-for-more-atlantans/Content?oid=17065994>
- Georgia Health News and Atlanta Journal-Constitution Interview (and article citation). Georgia obesity rate little changed, but still high. *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, September 22.
- Atlanta Journal Constitution, Opinion Editorial (2015). Despite progress, Georgia still too obese. *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, October 1.
- Atlanta Journal-Constitution. Georgia State, Morehouse tackle health issues in southwest Atlanta (2015). <http://www.ajc.com/news/news/local-education/georgia-state-morehouse-tackle-health-issues-in-so/nmw2Q/>
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- Atlanta Journal-Constitution Interview (and article citation), Life expectancy gains don't put Blacks ahead. *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, June 23, 2012.
- National Public Radio (NPR), interview, *All Things Considered*, topic: controversial childhood obesity billboards in Georgia, January 2012.
- Georgia Public Broadcasting, TV panel member. Georgia Weighs In: A Childhood Obesity Special, September 24, 2009.
- AJC Opinion-Editorial. Closing recreation centers costs more in the long run. *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, December 6, 2008

- Atlanta Business Chronicle, Interview for article on childhood obesity, trends nationally and in Georgia, and evidence-based prevention strategies. October 17, 2008.
- Georgia Public Broadcasting Radio. Interview on the reported halt in increases in prevalence of childhood obesity nationally and relevance for Georgia, May 2008.

HONORS

- **Inductee**, Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health, Gamma Upsilon Chapter, May 2016

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Public Health Association
 - Food and Nutrition Section
 - Physical Activity Section
- Georgia Public Health Association