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RESEARCH SUMMARY My primary investigator-initiated research focuses on school health system evaluation and the impacts on child development. Within the College I am director of the Biostatistics Core, which supports additional collaborations in pediatrics, molecular pathobiology, and oncology.

EDUCATION

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA USA

PhD in Research, Statistics, & Evaluation, December 2009

BAMT in Education, May 2005

Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK

MPhil in Education Policy, July 2010

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA USA

MPH in Epidemiology, May 2017

Honors and Awards 2024 Cuspie Award, Scientific Paper of the Year

2022 Fellow of the American College of Epidemiology

2021 Sigma Xi Scientific Honor Society

2021 Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine

2020 Goddard Junior Faculty Fellowship

2019 One of the top papers published in BMC Oral Health

2018 Delta Omega Honor Society, New York University

2018 NYU Faculty Honoree, New York University

2017 Academy of Distinguished Educators, NYU College of Dentistry

2012 Distinguished Service Award, NYC Department of Health

2008 DuPont Fellow, University of Virginia

2007 Doctoral Fellowship, University of Virginia (2007 and 2006)

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE New York University College of Dentistry, New York, NY

Department of Epidemiology & Health Promotion

Associate Professor (tenure track)

2019 - Pres

Assistant Professor (tenure track)

2017 - 2019

Research Assistant Professor

2014 - 2017

Director, Biostatistics Core (2017-Present),

Director, MS Program in Clinical Research (2017-Present),

Head of the Statistics & Data Unit (2015-2017)

New York University School of Global Public Health, New York, NY

	Associated Prof Adjunct Associa		2014 - Pres 2012 - 2014	
	Uniformed Se	ervices University of the Health Sciences ate Professor	2022 - Pres	
Professional Experience	R ³ Methodology Consulting, New York, NY Principal Consultant 2023 - Pres			
	Columbia Epidemiology & Population Health Institute, New York, NY Instructor 2012 - 2021			
	New York City Department of Health, New York, NY Director, Research & Evaluation Unit 2011 - 2014			
		ty Department of Education, New York, NY earch & Evaluation	2010 - 2011	
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Funded Research - As Principal Investigator			
	2024 - 2026	Supplementary award, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Instaward #PCS160936724). "Optimizing school-based oral health puse silver diamine fluoride." \$394,472		
	2018 - 2026	PCS160936724, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, effectiveness of school-based caries prevention for children: A cluster pragmatic clinical trial." \$13,052,988 (MPI)	-	
	2023 - 2024	JSI22-1529, JSI Research & Training Institute and NH Departmen Human Services, "Sustainability of a school-based caries prevention \$249,022		
	2023 - 2023	C38355GG, New York State Department of Health School-Based Program (SBDHP), "CariedAway: A sustainable model for school programs in New York City." \$50,000.		
	2020 - 2022	R56 DE028933, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Rerole of the oral microbiome in disparities in dental caries and respectaries prevention." \$517,296		
	2019 - 2020	RA633, New York University Mega Grant Support Initiative, "Toral microbiome in disparities in dental caries and responsiveness vention: A pilot study." \$15,000		
	2017 - 2024	R01 MD011526, National Institute on Minority Health and Healt "Statewide implementation and evaluation of a rural caries preventi\$3,617,644 (MPI)	-	
	2016 - 2018	R03 DE025289, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Resessis of longitudinal data from a school-based caries prevention progra		

As co-investigator or other role

- 2024 2028 Solventum (3M), "Clinical evaluation of injectable 3M Filtek supreme flowable composites for class IV cavities and veneers." \$TBD (Allen & Hirata, PIs)
- 2024 2028 R01 NS102722, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, "Endosomal platforms for signaling pain" \$3,062,710 (Bunnett & Schmidt, PIs)
- 2024 2026 R01 DE031319, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, "A multi-center prospective cohort study of malignant transformation risk in oral epithelial dysplasia and cancer recurrence risk in oral squamos cell carcinoma" \$3,699,333 (McDevitt, PI)
- 2024 2026 RM1 DE033491, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, "Endosomal mechanisms signaling oral cancer pain" \$4,820,611 (Schmidt & Bunnett, PIs)
- 2024 2026 R01 CA231396, National Cancer Institute, "TRPV1 nociceptors in oral carcinogenesis and pain" \$3,101,649 (Albertson & Schmidt, PIs)
- 2024 2025 UG3 NS128148 (sub-award), National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, "Peripherally-restricted non-addictive cannabinoids for cancer pain treatment" \$301,369 (Spigelman, PI)
- 2024 2025 R01 DE029694, National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research, "Intratumor co-delivery of DNA and RNA to relieve cancer pain" \$2,905,693 (Schmidt & Yamano, PIs)
- 2024 2025 W81XWH-22-1, Department of Defense, "Receptors in endosomes mediate chronic pain associated with trauma and stress: Non-opioid targets for pain" \$936,199 (Schmidt, PI)
- 2024 2025 R01 CA228525, National Cancer Institute, "Artemin overexpression in oral cancer pain and carcinogenesis" \$2,567,300 (Albertson, PI)
- 2024 2025 R01 DE029951, National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research, "Targeting endosomal receptors for treatment of chronic pain". \$3,385,528 (Bunnett & Schmidt, PIs)
- 2024 2024 R01 DE026806 (NCE), National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, "Protease PAR TRPV4 Axis and Oral Cancer Pain" \$3,917,007 (Schmidt & Bunnett, PIs)
- 2024 2024 R03 DE030996, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, "TRPA1 regulation of oral cancer nociception" \$317,000 (Bhattacharya, PI)
- 2022 2023 JSI22-1529, US Department of Health & Human Services, "Situation analysis, planning, and proposal for a statewide school-based cavity prevention program" \$50,000 (Niederman, PI)
- 2015 2016 R01 DE018729, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, "Quality of life in children with cleft." \$3,231,498 (Broder, PI)

- 2014 2015 U24 MD006964, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, "Effectiveness and improvement of rural, school-based, caries prevention programs." \$7,100,000 (Niederman, PI)
- 2013 2014 NYU Community and Translational Science Institute, "Understanding obesity among public housing residents in NYC: A community-based geospatial project." \$35,000 (Duncan, PI)
- 2013 2014 RWJF71637, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, "Assessing the impact of food restrictions under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program on food choice by families." \$170,000 (Chen Zhen, PI)

Other research funding

- 2018 New Hampshire Women, Infants, and Children Pay for Prevention Program. Served as epidemiologist/biostatistician for program evaluation and reporting (\$9,125)
- New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Subject-matter expert regarding oral health data registry and survey system development (\$40,000)

Grants submitted or in development

- Submitted Pragmatic Research to Implement Sustainable Medicine in Schools (PRISMS), National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (PI, R01)
- Submitted Making caries prevention SMART: A personalized approach to school-based oral medicine, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (PI, R01)
- Submitted School-based dental programs and the effects on academic performance and student attendance, Spencer Foundation (PI, Large Research Grants on Education)
- Submitted Marijuana-induced dysbiosis in experimental gingivitis, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (Co-I, UG3/UH3)
- Submitted Gut microbiome alterations as a mechanism of immune dysregulation in new onset refractory status epilepticus, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (Co-I, R01)
- Submitted Defining TRPV4 contribution of Schwann cells to oral cancer pain, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (Mentor, no salary requested, K23)
- Submitted Developing a predictive model for osteoporosis, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (MPI, R01)
- In progress Adult transition support for oral health in adolescents with cognitive and intellectual disabilities, institute TBD (PI, R01)

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INVITED TALKS

- Oct 2023 "The promise of engagement for school-based oral health". Invited speaker for the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, session "Practicalities of Conducting Meaningful Engagement: A Menu of Tips and Resources from Experience". Washington, DC.
- Jun 2023 "School-based strategies to prevent dental caries in high-risk populations". Invited speaker for the 29th Congress of the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry, session "Joining forces in prevention: Global initiatives for caries preventive programs". Maastricht, the Netherlands.
- May 2023 Findings and implications from our 2023 paper in *JAMA Network Open* were presented by invitation to the Medicaid/Medicare/CHIP Services Dental Association (MSDA) Annual Symposium, Clinical Perspectives and Evidence Update session (team invitation). Washington, DC.
- Sep 2022 "Research and development in school-based health". Invited lecture given to the Medicine Grand Rounds speaker series, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Division of Epidemiology. Nashville, TN, USA.
- Jun 2021 "Applications of machine learning in oral health: predicting treatment nonresponse in children receiving nonsurgical caries treatment". Invited speaker for the 9th International Conference on Methodological Issues in Oral Health Research, New York, USA
- Oct 2017 "Assessing additional options for school-based caries prevention: Improving determinants of child development". Invited speaker for the 11th IADR World Congress on Preventive Dentistry, New Delhi, India

ORAL PRESENTATIONS AND SYMPOSIA

- Jun 2023 CariedAway: One solution for a global disease. Oral presentation given at the 2023 National School-Based Health Care Conference, Washington, D.C., USA
- Jun 2023 Essential oral healthcare in a school context. Oral presentation given by invitation at the 2023 International Association for Dental Research (invited presentation, senior author), Bogotá, Colombia
- Nov 2022 Building Sustainable, Effective School-Based Oral Health Programs. Oral Symposium. Three abstracts accepted as senior author, one as first author titled "School-based caries prevention with minimally invasive treatments: Results from phase one of the CariedAway cluster randomized pragmatic trial". Presented at the 2022 American Public Health Association Meeting, Boston, USA

	Sep 2020	Silver diamine fluoride for school-based caries prevention. Oral presentation accepted at the PED-IADR Congress, Marseille, France (Conference cancelled due to COVID-19)
	Sep 2019	Measuring responsiveness to preventative treatments for dental caries: Towards a predictive model using machine learning. Oral presentation given at the CED-IADR Oral Health Research Congress, Madrid, Spain
	May 2018	Research to optimize school-based caries prevention. Oral presentation given at the 8th International Conference on Methodological Issues in Oral Health Research, Hong Kong
Internal Talks	Dec 2023	Adaptive interventions in support of personalized medicine. New York University Faculty Development Program, New York, USA.
	Jun 2018	Applications of virtual reality in training oral and maxillofacial surgery techniques. NYU Academy of Distinguished Educators Teaching and Learning seminar, New York, USA
SELECTED ABSTRACTS	July 2021	Silver diamine fluoride, dental caries, and quality of life in low-income minority children: Results from the CariedAway school-based cluster randomized trial. IADR/AADR General Session
	Apr 2018	Development and validation of the Child Oral Health Impact Profile Preschool Version. 75th Meeting of the American Cleft Palate Craniofacial Association
	Apr 2017	Analysis of school-based caries prevention programs. New York University Faculty Research Symposium, New York, USA
	Mar 2017	Caried Away: Outcomes of school-based caries prevention. 95th General Session of the IADR, California, USA
	Mar 2017	SDF for Caries Prevention in Primary Teeth: A systematic review. 95th General Session of the IADR, California, USA
	Feb 2015	Spatial stigma and drug use among low-income housing residents in NYC. New York City Epidemiology Forum, New York, NY
	Sep 2014	Estimating the effects of sugar-sweetened beverage taxes on weight and obesity in NYC. American College of Epidemiology annual meeting, Maryland, USA
	Mar 2014	An analysis of the bodega food environment in New York City. 24th Annual Art and Science of Health Promotion Conference, Denver, CO
	Feb 2014	Dietary sources of sugar and drink-specific calorie intake in New York City Adults. New York City Epidemiology Forum, New York, NY
	Aug 2023	By ounce or by calorie: The different effects of alternative sugar-sweetened beverage tax strategies (with C. Zhen). 2013 meeting of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, Washington, DC

Jun 2013 Segregation, neighborhood poverty, and diet: Findings from a population-based survey of NYC adults (with S. Yi). 46th meeting of the Society for Epidemiologic Research, Boston, MA

Press & Media Coverage

Local and National

The Washington Post, Newsweek, Dentistry Today, Daily Mail, Semafor, Decisions in Dentistry, Dr. Bicuspid, Dentistry IQ, The New York Post, Brooklyn Eagle, HealthDay, AAAS Newswire, Dimensions of Dental Hygiene, Interesting Engineering, US News & World Report, Drugs.com, SF Weekly, Princeton Daily Clarion, Parents Magazine. Television coverage in News 1, News 12 New York, NBC Boston, NBC Connecticut, Spectrum 1 (research site visit), NBC Right Now.

Global

Dental News (Pakistan), Bite Magazine (Australia), Asharq Al-Awsat (Egypt), Manchester Times (England)

Interviews

News 1 New York, ADHA Official Podcast, Broadcast Retirement Network

POLICY AND CLINICAL GUIDELINES

Our research has been used to inform local, national, and international policies for caries prevention, referenced by the Association of State & Territorial Dental Directors, the United States Preventive Services Taskforce, the Office of Public Health of Garfield, Colorado, and the National Guidelines for Use of Fluorides in Brazil.

Trademarks & Intellectual Property

Trademarks

CariedAway, Secondary Innovator

PRISMS, Primary Innovator

TEACHING & EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Courses Taught

Epidemiology (MS), 1 semester

Scientific Writing (MS), 1 semester

Epidemiology of Dental Caries (DDS, "Diagnosis and Treatment of Oral Disease" course), 4 semesters

Biostatistics for Public Health (MPH/PhD/DDS), 12 semesters

Data Management using SAS I (MS), 3 semesters

Data Management using SAS II (MS), 3 semesters

Clinical Research Practicum I (MS), 3 semesters

Clinical Research Practicum II (MS), 3 semesters

Biostatistics I (MPH/PhD), 2 semesters

Biostatistics II (MPH/PhD), 2 semesters

Propensity Score Matching (Post-graduate), 6 summer sessions

Methods of Causal Inference (Post-graduate), 2 summer sessions

Survey Research (Post-graduate, co-taught), 1 summer sessions

Qualitative Data Analysis (PhD), 1 semester

SERVICE & COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

New York University

2024	Community-Engaged Scholarship Task Force
2023-Pres	Strategies to Reduce Inequality Research Working Group
2021-Pres	University Graduate Program Committee
Spring 2018	College faculty representative, NYU Faculty Urban Research Day
2014-2016	Teaching fellow, Center for the Promotion of Research Involving Innovative Statistical Methodology (PRIISM)

College

2024	DDenSci Development Committee	
2024-2026	Curriculum Committee	
2019-2023	Faculty Council	
2017-2023	NYU Academy of Distinguished Educators	
2018-2022	Curriculum Committee	
$2016\text{-}\mathrm{Pres}$	Director, MS Program in Clinical Research	
$2016\text{-}\mathrm{Pres}$	Director, Biostatistics Core	
$2016\text{-}\mathrm{Pres}$	Graduate Council on Ethics and Professionalism	
2016-2019	Council on Humanitarianism and Culture Change	
2017-2018	Summer D1 Research Experience	
2014-2015	Teaching and Learning Club	
2014-2015	Statistics Unit Head, College of Dentistry and School of Nursing	
2014-2016	Technology Enhanced Learning Committee (NYU SGPH)	

Department

Fall 2022	Chair, Faculty Search Committee (tenure track)
Fall 2022	Chair, Faculty Search Committee (research track)
2020-Pres	Director, Research & Analysis in School Health (RASH) Lab
Fall 2021	Faculty Search Committee
2019-2020	Planning Committee, 2020 Methodology in Oral Health Research Conference
Spring 2017	Faculty Search Committee
2015-2016	Chair, Curriculum Committee, MS Program in Clinical Research
2015-2016	Admissions Committee
2014-2015	Curriculum Committee

Other

2011-2014 Surveillance and Epidemiology Unit, NYC Incident Command System

Community & Professional Service

- 2024 Virginia MCH-IOHI Alliance Member. Content expert in public health surveillance, analysis, and evaluation; sponsored by the Virginia Health Catalyst.
- 2024 Delphi Panelist for the ChatGPT, Generative Artificial Intelligence, and Natural Large Language Models for Accountable Reporting and Use (CANGARU) Project.
- 2024 Reviewer, Health Research Board of Ireland (HRB). Content expert for dental public health interventions and child development.
- 2023 World Workshop of Oral Medicine IX (WWOM). Project Consultant for Group 5: Predoctoral Oral Medicine Curriculum.
- 2023 Oral Health Disparities and Inequities (OHDI) Research Think Tank participant, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. Summary results published online at https://www.nidcr.nih.gov/grants-funding/grant-programs/health-disparities-research-program/think-tank
- 2022 Study Section, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. Review panel for Oral Health Data Analysis and Statistical Methodology Development and Analyses of Existing Genomics Data applications.
- 2022 Study Section, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. Special Grants Review Committee (DSR).
- 2021 Study Section, National Institutes of Health. Oral, Dental, and Craniofacial Sciences (ODCS). Musculoskeletal, Oral, and Skin Sciences IRG.
- 2017 Grant Reviewer, Oral Disease and Dental Health Review Committee, California Tobacco-Related Research Program (TRDRP). Content expert for oral disease epidemiology and biostatistics.
- 2014 Consulting, Fiji National University, for the 2014 Fijian Oral Health Survey. Sampling procedures, data management and analysis, and reporting for government release.

REVIEWING & EDITORIAL

Reviewer

JAMA Network Open, American Journal of Preventive Medicine, PLOS One, BMJ Open, Preventive Medicine, JDR Clinical and Translational Research, BMC Oral Health, Journal of Public Health Dentistry, Community Dentistry & Oral Epidemiology, Evidence-Based Medicine, BMC Public Health, BMJ Public Health, Journal of Clinical Periodontology, Journal of the American Dental Association, Medicine, International Dental Journal, Clinical Implant Dentistry and Related Research, Pediatrics, International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry, Education Policy Analysis Archives, Journal of American College Health, British Dental Journal

Editorial

JDR Clinical & Translational Research (Scientific Advisory Board, 2021-Present) Medicine (Academic Editor, 2016-2019)

MENTORING AND ADVISING

Thesis or capstone supervisor

Analyzing the impact of prevention on new dental caries over time in schoolchildren with preexisting

untreated decay: The Forsyth Study (Kajal Desai, MPH thesis - 2019)

The comparative performance and appropriateness of caries indices for use in oral epidemiology research: a prospective cohort example (Dhawani Shah, MPH thesis - 2019)

Intermittent fasting and oral health (Jillian Bateson, Furman University Undergraduate Capstone Project, 2019 - later admitted to dental school)

Factors related to periodontitis prevalence and dental care utilization in US Hispanic women with changes in progesterone and estrogen levels (Ifrah Choudhary, MPH thesis - 2017)

Periodontitis and the risk of psoriasis in the US population using the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 2009-2012 (Zhen Li, Master of Science capstone in Clinical Research - 2016)

Public health interventions for obesity in New York City (M. Seamans, HRTP Internship, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 2013).

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- American College of Epidemiology (Fellow)
- American Statistical Association, Statistics in Epidemiology Section
- American Educational Research Association
- American Public Health Association
- New York Academy of Medicine (Fellow)
- New York Academy of Sciences
- Cochrane Collaboration
- Previously the Society for Epidemiologic Research, the International Association for Dental Research, the American Dental Education Association, and the Royal Society of Public Health

Software

- Statistical Packages: R, Stata, LISREL, AMOS, BUGS; SAS (rusty), SPSS.
- Applications: EpiMouth (built in R Shiny), IATEX, R-Markdown, REDCap, N'Vivo, EndNote, JMP, common Windows database, spreadsheet, and presentation software

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