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## EDUCATION

### University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill, NC

PhD, Epidemiology

Expected May 2022

- Dissertation: *Policy-relevant estimates for oral rotavirus vaccine effectiveness in low-and-middle income countries*
- Committee: Sylvia Becker-Dreps (Chair), Jessie Edwards, Elizabeth Rogawski McQuade, James Thomas, Peyton Thompson

### Wake Forest University

Winston-Salem NC

MS, Management

Jul 2014 – May 2015

### Yale University

New Haven, CT

BS, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Aug 2010 – May 2014

- Thesis: *Non-Systemic Transmission of Disseminating and Non-Disseminating Strains of *Borrelia burgdorferi**
- Advisor: Maria Diuk-Wasser

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Infectious Disease, Pharmacoepidemiology, Causal Inference, Global Health, Vaccines, Health Policy

## PUBLICATIONS

1. **St. Jean DT**, Herrera R, Pérez C, Gutiérrez L, Vielot NA, González F, Reyes Y, Toval-Ruiz C, Blandón P, Kharabora O, Bowman NM, Bucardo F, Becker-Dreps S, & Vilchez S. (2021). Clinical Characteristics, Risk Factors, and Population Attributable Fraction for Campylobacteriosis in a Nicaraguan Birth Cohort. *The American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*, 104(4), pg. 1215-1221. [doi:10.4269/ajtmh.20-1317](https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.20-1317).
2. Irfan A, **St. Jean DT**. (2021). COVID-19 & Sociocultural Determinants of Global Sanitation: An Aide-Mémoire and Call to Decolonize Global Sanitation Research & Practice. *Annals of Global Health*, 87(1), pg. 91. [doi:10.5334/aogh.3358](https://doi.org/10.5334/aogh.3358).

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### UNC-Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Global Public Health

Chapel Hill, NC

Graduate Research Assistant

Aug 2017 – Present

- Identified clinical characteristics and risk factors for campylobacteriosis among infants in Latin America.
- Estimated the association between early life antibiotic use and rotavirus vaccine immunogenicity among infants in low-and-middle-income countries.
- Explored methods to transport clinical trial findings to the general population.

**Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia***Lusaka, Zambia**Summer Intern*

May 2019 – Jul 2019

- Developed a clinical tool for classifying diarrhea severity among children and compared performance against existing clinical tools for diarrhea severity and dehydration assessment.
- Estimated the incidence of *Shigella* and *Escherichia coli* among children under five in Lusaka.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE****Howard W. Odum Institute for Research in Social Science***Chapel Hill, NC**Statistical Consultant*

Jan 2020 – Aug 2021

- Develop and communicate actionable strategies for clients across disciplines to solve data analysis, statistical, and programming problems in SAS, R, and Excel.

**FHI Clinical***Durham, NC**Business Intelligence Intern*

Jun 2020 – May 2021

- Compile reports on prospective clients and disease indications, with concomitant data analyses, to support internal organizational initiatives.
- Communicate analysis results and making recommendations to senior team leaders.
- Collaborate with Global Strategy team to develop site and patient strategies for proposals.

**Beghou Consulting***New York, NY**Analyst*

Jul 2015 – Jun 2017

- Created dashboards and reports to track key performance indicators and monitor client initiatives.
- Evaluated patterns for pharmaceutical prescription discontinuation and medication switching.
- Designed sales territories for sales forces ranging in size from under 50 to several hundred representatives.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE****University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC**

Fall 2019

EPID 711/ PUBH 760 – Clinical Measurement and Evaluation in Epidemiology

*Teaching Assistant***Lectures**

1. "Etiology & Causation". University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. EPID 711/PUBH 760 – Clinical Measurement and Evaluation in Epidemiology. September 2019.

**RESEARCH GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS****ACTIVE**

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation – Health Policy Research Scholars

2021– 2022

Title: A qualitative investigation of COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy among Black urban transit workers

Role: Co-PI

Amount: \$40,000

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation – Health Policy Research Scholars Program  
 Role: Graduate Fellow  
 Amount: \$120,000

2018 – 2022

**COMPLETED**

Yale University – Edward A. Bouchet Undergraduate Research Fellow  
 Role: Undergraduate Fellow  
 Amount: \$15,000

2012 – 2014

**PRESENTATIONS****ORAL**

3. Global is local: When ignoring local context jeopardizes public health. *Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science*. Virtual. October 2020.
2. Non-systemic transmission of disseminating and non-disseminating strains of *B. burgdorferi*. *Yale University Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Research Symposium*. New Haven, CT. May 2014.
1. Evaluating the relationship between access to cataract surgery & changes in poverty in Ghana. *Yale University Writing & Research Symposium*. New Haven, CT. March 2013.

**POSTER**

3. **St. Jean DT**, Chen D. Multilevel analysis of individual, household, and provincial factors influencing complete childhood immunization in Zambia. *AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting*. Virtual. August 2020. **\*Winner for Best Overall Poster**
2. **St. Jean DT**, Herrera R, Gutierrez L, Vielot NA, Gonzalez F, Reyes Y, Paniagua M, Bowman N, Bucardo F, Vilchez S, Becker-Dreps S. Clinical characteristics and risk factors for *Campylobacter* spp gastroenteritis in the first year of life in a Nicaraguan birth cohort. *American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene Annual Meeting*. National Harbor, MD. November 2019.\*

\*Also presented at the UNC School of Medicine, *Center for Gastrointestinal Biology and Disease Research Competition*. Chapel Hill, NC. October 2019.

1. States SL, Steeves TK, **St. Jean DT**, Krause PJ, Vannier EG, Diuk-Wasser MA. Evidence of non-systemic *Borrelia burgdorferi* transmission in the North American vector-host system, *12<sup>th</sup> Annual Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Disease Conference*. Fort Collins, CT. June 2014.

**HONORS & AWARDS**

*Student Scholarship*, Summer Institute in Statistics and Modeling in Infectious Diseases, University of Washington 2021

*Mellon Conference Travel Award*, Institute for the Study of the Americas, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 2019

*Gillings Student Travel Award*, Gillings School of Global Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 2019

*Graduate Tuition Incentive Scholarship*, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 2018 – 2022

<i>Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society</i> , Wake Forest University,	2015
<i>PepsiCo Corporate Fellowship</i> , Wake Forest University	2014 – 2015
<i>Yale International Summer Award</i> , Yale University	2012
<i>Yale Alumni Community Service Fellowship</i> , Yale University	2011

### UNIVERSITY SERVICE

<b>University of North Carolina at Chapel</b> , Carolina Center for Public Service, Public Service Awards Committee.	Aug 2020 – Apr 2021
<b>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</b> , Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost. Carolina Engagement Council.	Aug 2019 – May 2020
<b>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</b> . UNC Global. Carolina Global Council.	Aug 2019 – May 2020

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

<b>AcademyHealth</b> . 2021 Annual Research Meeting. <i>Planning Committee</i> .	Aug 2020 – present
<b>AcademyHealth</b> . Global Health Interest Group. <i>Communications Liaison</i> .	Aug 2020 – present

### MISCELLANEOUS

<b>Software &amp; Programming</b>	SAS, R, Microsoft PowerBI
<b>Professional Affiliations</b>	American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, AcademyHealth, Society for Epidemiologic Research, Triangle Global Health Consortium