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**RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Direct Practice in Public Health Settings, HIV Prevention and Intervention,  
Families and Children, Substance Use/Abuse

**EDUCATION**

**University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy & Practice**

Ph.D., Social Welfare, May 2009

Dissertation Topic: *The Influence of Maternal HIV Serostatus on Mother-Daughter Sexual Risk Communication and Adolescent Engagement in HIV Risk Behaviors*

**University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine**

Master of Public Health, Graduate Program in Public Health, May 2007

**University of California, Los Angeles, School of Public Affairs, Department of Social Welfare**

Master of Social Work, May 2001

Concentration: Health

**University of California, Berkeley, Extension**

Certificate, Children and the Changing Family, 1998

**Drew University**

Bachelor of Arts, May 1997

Behavioral Science (major), Sociology and Pan-African Studies (minors)

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Research Assistant**, *Center for Health Disparities Research, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, Philadelphia, PA, 9/03- 8/07.*

Responsible for recruitment, retention, and data collection for *Sister-to-Sister Health Promotion Project*, an HIV-risk reduction and health promotion intervention for African American substance abusing women. Tracked client return for clinical results and booster session. On-going assistance with the creation of focus group scripts and surveys and implementation of focus groups (both nationally and internationally), literature reviews, grant writing, editing, and manuscript publication.

**Data Collector**, *University of Pennsylvania Medical Center, Department of Family Practice and Community Medicine, Philadelphia, PA, 5/05-12/06.*

Responsible for the baseline and follow-up interviews of the qualitative arm of a mixed methods research study entitled *Patient factors in the outcome of problems with stress, mood, or sleep in primary care* investigating the experience of utilizing primary care physicians for assistance with problems related to depression

**Grant Reviewer**, *California State Office of AIDS – Programs and Policies, Los Angeles, CA, 5/01-6/01*

Reviewed large grants which distributed funds for HIV/AIDS and STI prevention, intervention, and follow-up care. Responsible for advocating for grant's cost expenditures and allocation and distribution of ½ million dollar budgets.

**Grant Reviewer/Site Monitor**, *Prop. 10 Commission, Los Angeles, CA, 10/00-5/01*

Read small grant applications for the organization distributing California State tobacco tax funds to childcare facilities serving youth ages 0-5. Responsible for reviewing written materials to document compliance with grant requirements and monitoring selected to ensure compliance with State safety regulations.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Instructor**, University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy and Practice, Spring 2007 & Summer 2007; Spring 2008: *Direct Practice Research.*

**Instructor**, Rutgers University – Camden Campus, School of Social Work, Spring 2007 & Spring 2008: *Social Work Perspective in HIV/AIDS.*

**Instructor**, University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy and Practice, Fall 2006: *History and Philosophy of Social Work and Social Welfare.*

**Co-Instructor**, University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy and Practice, Spring 2006: *Health and Mental Health Policy.*

**Teaching Assistant**, University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing, Spring 2006: *Lifespan Development.*

## PUBLICATIONS

**Name(s).** (2009). Field supervision: Using a strengths perspective approach with nursing students. *Journal of Nursing Education*, 48(8), 422-428.

**Name(s).** (2008). Name-based HIV reporting: Current status and advocacy needs. *Journal of HIV/AIDS and Social Services: Research, Policy and Practice*, 17(2), 117-133.

**Name(s).** (2008). Sexually transmitted infections among adolescents receiving special education services. *Journal of School Health*, 78, 382-388.

- Name(s).** (2008). What Social Workers and Human Service Professionals know and want to know about fetal alcohol syndrome. *Canadian Journal of Clinical Pharmacology*, 15(1), e117-e123.
- Name(s).** (2008). Sexually Transmitted Infection/HIV Risk Reduction interventions in Clinical Settings. *Journal of Obstetrics, Gynecologic, and Neonatal Nursing*, 37, 137-145.
- Name(s).** (2008). Parent-adolescent communication about sexual pressure, maternal norms about relationship power and STI/HIV protective behaviors of minority urban girls. *Journal of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association*, 14, 50-60.
- Name(s).** (2007). Impact of knowing someone with HIV/AIDS on parent-child communication and HIV risk behaviors. *Journal of HIV/AIDS Prevention in Children and Youth*, 8(1), 31-44.
- Name(s).** (2007). A Review of the literature on intimate partner violence, condom use and HIV risk for adolescent girls: Implications for research and prevention. *Journal of HIV/AIDS Prevention in Children and Youth*, 8(1), 65-93.
- Name(s).** (2006). Understanding the HIV risk reduction needs of heterosexual African American substance-abusing men. *Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care*, 17(6), 28-37.
- Name(s).** (2006). Multi-system factors contributing to health disparities in preventive health care among lesbian women. *Journal of Obstetrics, Gynecologic, and Neonatal Nursing*, 35, 393-402.
- Name(s).** (2004). Family approaches to reducing adolescent sexual risk-taking behaviors. In M. Heisler, G. Rust, & A. Dubois (Eds) , *Proceedings from the Third Annual Morehouse School of Medicine Primary Care & Prevention Conference* (pp.67-72). Atlanta, GA: Morehouse School of Medicine.
- Name(s).** (2001). Psychosocial stressors and coping strategies in families affected by Urea Cycle Disorders. *The Journal of Pediatrics*, 138 (1), S72-S80.

#### **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW/IN PROCESS**

- Name(s).** (In revision for Family Relations). *Parent-child communication about abstinence and safer sex: The experience of Catholic parochial school families.*
- Name(s).** (Submitted to Family Issues). *Daughters' reports of sexual communication and support from fathers.*
- Name(s).** *Sexually Transmitted Infections in Substance-Using Women: Implications for Prevention and Practice.*

#### **BOOK CHAPTER**

- Name(s).** (2009). Reframing “safer sex” for adolescent girls: Recognizing the impact of partner abuse. In N. Jones, & M. Chesney-Lind (Eds.), *Beating up on girls: Girls, violence, demonization and denial* (Chapter 11).

## GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

**Co-Principal Investigator**, *HIV Serostatus and its Influence on Mother Influence Behaviors and Adolescent Engagement in HIV Risk Behaviors*. Supported by the Penn Center for AIDS Research (CFAR), \$45,000. (2008-2009)

**Principal Investigator**, *Black HIV+ Mothers Influence Behaviors on Daughters*. Supported by an Individual NRSA Predoctoral Training Grant, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) (1 F31 MH076697-01A1), \$94,000. (2006-2009)

**Doctoral Fellowship**, University of Pennsylvania (2003-2006)

## PRESENTATIONS

15<sup>th</sup> Annual AIDS Education Month Prevention and Outreach Summit, Philadelphia, PA, panelist, “*When HIV gets in the Middle of Family*”, July 2009.

University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing, Philadelphia, PA, presentation, “*Clients, Perceived Risk, and Actual Risk Behaviors*”, October 2004, November 2005, October 2006.

University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy & Practice, Philadelphia, PA, presentation, “*Community based services to people with AIDS and their families*”, November 2005

California State University-Los Angeles, School of Social Work, Los Angeles, CA, presentation, “*A Strengths Perspective Approach to Working with Student Interns*”, May 2003

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS

**Name(s)**. *Research into practice: STI/HIV risk-reduction interventions in clinical practice settings*. Poster session presented at the 2008 American Public Health Association Conference, San Diego, CA, 2008.

**Name(s)**. *Intimate partner violence, condom use and HIV risk for adolescent girls: Gaps in the literature and future directions for research and intervention*. Poster session presented at the 2008 National State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research, Washington, DC, October 2008.

**Name(s)**. *Maternal HIV status, mother-daughter sexual risk communication, and adolescent behavioral beliefs*. Poster session presented at the American Public Health Association Conference, Washington, DC, July 2007.

**Name(s)**. *Maternal HIV status, mother-daughter sexual risk communication, and adolescent behavioral beliefs*. Poster session presented at the NIMH Annual Research Conference on the Role of Families in Preventing and Adapting to HIV/AIDS, San Francisco, CA, July 2007.

**Name(s).** *Does who we know affect what we do?: Knowing someone with HIV/AIDS, sexual risk communication and engagement in HIV sexual risk behaviors.* Poster session presented at the NIMH Annual Research Conference on the Role of Families in Preventing and Adapting to HIV/AIDS, San Francisco, CA, July 2007.

**Name(s).** *Using a Strengths Perspective Approach with Social Work Students.* Poster session presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Clinical Supervision, Buffalo, NY, June 2007.

**Name(s).** *Parent-Child Communication about Abstinence and Safer Sex: The Experience of Parochial School Families.* Poster session presented at the Philadelphia College of Physicians Annual Public Health Poster Session, Philadelphia, PA, May 2007.

**Name(s).** *Partner Abuse, Condom Use and HIV Risk for Adolescent Girls: A Review of the Literature.* Poster session presented at the NIMH Annual Research Conference on the Role of Families in Preventing and Adapting to HIV/AIDS, San Juan, Puerto Rico, July 2006

**Name(s).** *Partner Abuse, Condom Use and HIV Risk for Adolescent Girls: A Review of the Literature.* Poster session presented at the Penn Center For AIDS Research 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA., October 2006

#### **MODERATED PRESENTATIONS**

American Public Health Association Conference, "*HIV/AIDS: Care and Prevention across Diverse Settings*", December 2005.

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Graduate Advisor Coordinator (5/05-5/06)/Graduate Advisor (5/04-5/05), Office of Health Education, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA**

As a coordinator, served as mentor to graduate student peer health advisors. Conducted training, provided mediation and problem-solving, on-going supervision, and was liaison to the Director. As an advisor, mentored four peer-led campus education/advocacy groups. Group topics include sexual health and sexual risk reduction, drug and alcohol risk reduction, acquaintance rape awareness, and body image. Worked with student groups to do training, set goals, modified current curricula, organized events, and evaluated and monitored effect.

**Social Worker, The Salvation Army – Alegria, Los Angeles, CA, 4/01-8/03**

Responsible for individual, couples and family counseling, advocacy and case conferencing for 16 families of a transitional housing program serving persons with HIV/AIDS. Other clinical duties included intakes, bio/psycho/social assessment, referrals to collaborating service agencies, and assistance with long-term housing. Coordinated and presented trainings on HIV/AIDS and appropriate psycho/social interventions for internal staff and outside organizations, prepared monthly reports, and supervised Social Work interns.

**Social Work Intern, Los Angeles Free Clinic, Los Angeles, CA, 9/00-6/01**

Created monitoring system to address the reporting requirements of all grants and contracts that supported Project A.B.L.E (Adolescent Behavior Learned through Education). Other duties included, developing evaluation materials, conducting weekly clinical consultations with direct service providers, and working as a clinician providing case management and counseling services in the prenatal clinic.

**Fundraising Coordinator, Watermill Foundation, New York, NY, 6/00-9/00**

Responsible for managing donations for a non-profit arts/theatre foundation dedicated to providing summer training opportunities for international youth. Contracted with potential donors of auction items, managed incoming monies from ticket sales and ran silent auction during summer event.

**Social Work Intern, El Nido Family Centers, Los Angeles, CA, 12/99-6/00**

Provided on-going counseling and psychological services to pregnant and parenting teenagers. Other duties included case management and co-facilitation of parenting group.

**Employment Advocate/Coordinator, Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (B.O.S.S.), Oakland, CA, 2/98-7/99**

Provided vocational training and employment counseling to 80+ participants of the McKinney Housing /Jobs Linkages Program. Designed, coordinated and conducted employment and life-skills workshops, identified skills, counseled on long-term goals, assisted with resume writing, networking with outside agencies to make job placements and referrals, and general case management.

**Bilingual Case Manager, Linda Connelly & Associates, San Francisco, CA, 9/97-1/98**

Provided case management services to a caseload of 40 clients participating in an alternative sentencing program. Created schedules and daily work plan for each client, provided general counseling services, documented activities, maintained case files and communicated with outside social service and criminal justice agencies.

**Casework Intern, Division of Youth & Family Services, Morris County, NJ, 9/96-5/97**

Collaborated with caseworkers and worked individually with clients involved in reports of abuse and neglect for a State-run agency providing advocacy, prevention and intervention services. Managed personal client caseload, oversaw supervised visitations, participated in placements and home assessments, and wrote evaluations and placement summaries.

### **HONORS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Conference Scholarship, American Association of Colleges & Universities, the Civic Engagement Imperative: Student Learning and the Public Good, 2005
- Travel Award, National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) Health Disparities Conference, 2005
- American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) Conference Scholarship Grant, 2005, 2004

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/ACADEMIC SERVICE**

- Doctoral Student Representative to Dean Re-appointment Committee, 10/08-3/09
- Student Representative to Steering Committee, 9/06-5/07
- Founding Member/Chairperson, Philadelphia Public Health Student Council, 3/06-9/07
- Chair, Doctoral Student Steering Committee, 6/05-6/06
- Member, Advisory Board of the Cultural Competence and Health Disparities Grant (School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania), 6/05-6/07
- Doctoral Colloquium Coordinator, 9/04-5/05
- Student Representative to Graduate Student Association Council, 9/03-5/04

## **REVIEWED JOURNALS AND ABSTRACTS**

- American Journal of Public Health
- Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Nursing
- Children and Youth Services Review
- American Public Health Association

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- Social Welfare Action Alliance (SWAA), 1999-present
- American Public Health Association (APHA), 2004-present
- Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), 2004-present
- Pennsylvania Public Health Association (PPhA), 2005-present

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Volunteer**, Action AIDS, Philadelphia, PA, 2003 – 2008

**Steering Committee Member**, Camp Pacific Heartland, Los Angeles, CA, 12/01-5/03  
Summer camp opportunities for children infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

**Co-facilitator**, PEP/LA, Los Angeles, CA, 2002  
Training peer educators in HIV/AIDS education

**HIV Counselor**, Los Angeles Free Clinic, Los Angeles, CA, 12/00-5/02  
Provided one-on-one HIV counseling and testing sessions

**Volunteer**, Machakos, Kenya, 1995-1996  
Assisted in exchange program designed to reduce “huffing” by street children.

## **LANGUAGES**

Spanish (speak/read/write)