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EDUCATION

Graduate Certificate in Implementation Sciences

University of California, San Francisco

Dec 2025

(expected)

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Sociology

Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law

University of Florida

Primary Area - Gender; Secondary Area - Health

August 2015

Master of Public Health (MPH), Public Health Management and Policy

College of Public Health and Health Professions

University of Florida

Internship Site: Florida Minority Cancer Research & Training (MiCaRT) Center

August 2015

Master of Arts (MA), Sociology

Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law

University of Florida

August 2012

Bachelor of Science (BS) in Biomedical Sciences

College of Health Sciences, Marquette University

Interests in Sociology, Public Health

May 2009

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Primary Academic & Research Position

Assistant Professor

Division of Kinesiology and Health

College of Health Sciences

University of Wyoming

Nov 2023-Present

Secondary Academic & Research Positions

Visiting Scholar/Fellow May 2021-April 2024
Learning for Early Careers in Addiction and Diversity (LEAD) Program
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
University of California, San Francisco (UCSF)

Voluntary Clinical Assistant Professor Nov 2023 - Present
Department of Health Systems and Population Health Sciences
University of Houston Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

Previous Positions

Affiliate Faculty May 2021-Aug 2024
HEALTH (Helping Everyone Achieve a Lifetime of Health) Center for Addictions Research and
Cancer Prevention, University of Houston
National Institutes of Health / National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
(NIH/NIMHD) Research Centers in Minority Institutions (U54MD015946)

Community Health Faculty Sept 2020 – Oct 2023
Humana Integrated Health System Sciences Institute at the University of Houston

Clinical Assistant Professor Sept 2020 –Oct 2023
Department of Health Systems and Population Health Sciences
University of Houston Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

Assistant Professor July 2019 – Aug 2020
Department of Community Medicine
Mercer University School of Medicine, Macon, Georgia

Assistant Research Scientist June 2016- June 2019
Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center (WYSAC)
University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming

Research Program/Services, Coordinator 2 July 2015-June 2016
Institute of Child Health Policy, Department of Health Outcomes and Policy
University of Florida, College of Medicine, Gainesville, Florida

RESEARCH SUPPORT, PROJECTS, CONTRACTS, AWARDS

Funded

Exploring the needs and opportunities to address the drug overdose crisis in underserved
populations in Wyoming
National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
National Institute of Health

NOT-OD-21-141 (Extramural LRP)
07/01/2024 - 06/30/2026
Role: PI

Multisectoral Partnerships to Address Successive Disaster Events, Affordable Housing and Mental Health in Underserved Communities

Award ID: SCON-10000857

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

Role: Co- Investigator (PI: Adepoju)

Project Period: 10/2023-09/2025

Total Budget: \$ 1,499,058

Evaluating Telemedicine Related Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Services in Underserved Populations

National institute of Health, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD/NIH) Award: NOSI NOT-MD-22-001

Role: Co- Investigator (PI: Adepoju)

08/2023-07/2025

Total Costs: \$155,029

Identifying Opportunities for Interventions to Prevent Overdose Deaths Associated with Homelessness

University of Houston HEALTH (Helping Everyone Achieve a LifeTime of Health) Center for Addictions Research and Cancer Prevention Pilot Grant, National Institutes of Health / National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities' (NIH/NIMHD) Research Centers in Minority Institutions (U54MD015946) (PI: Obasi)

Spring 2023 Pilot Grant Program

Role: Co- Investigator

Texas CEAL Consortium: Identifying Facilitators and Barriers to Increasing COVID-19 Vaccination and Trial Participation in Vietnamese Americans

Project PI: Dr. Jamboor Vishwanatha

Sub-Award PI: Dr. Bich-May Nguyen

Funding Opportunity: NHLBI OT2HL158287

Project Period: 04/01/2022 - 03/31/2023

total budget - \$325,000.00

Role: Co-Investigator

Texas CEAL Consortium: Identifying Facilitators and Barriers to Increasing COVID-19 Vaccination and Trial Participation in Vietnamese Americans

03/01/2021-02/28/2022

University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health
\$116,122 Total Costs
Role: Co-Investigator

Hot Topics in Menopausal Education For Physicians And Their Diverse Patients (PI: Kimberly Pilkinton)
08/25/2021-01/31/2023
Pfizer Inc
\$98,637.000 Total Costs
Role: Co-Primary Investigator

Exploring the fit of naloxone distribution and trainings as opioid-related harm reduction strategies in Black communities
01/2022-06/2023
National Institute on Drug Abuse (R25DA035163-08)
National Institute of Health
Role: Sub-PI (PI: Masson)

Submitted

Supporting Underserved Populations and Programs to Optimize Remote Monitoring and Telehealth in managing Diabetes and Hypertension (SUPPORT)
PCORI
Requested Amount: \$5,854,573
Role: Co-Investigator

Completed

A Qualitative Exploration of the Experiences of African Americans Diagnosed with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) in Houston Communities. (PI – Lauren R. Gilbert, PhD, MPH)
03/01/2021-03/30/2023
University of Houston Division of Research New Faculty Grant.
\$6,000 direct costs
Role: Primary Investigator

Exploring the provider and organization level barriers to MOUD treatment for Black Americans (PI – Lauren R. Gilbert, PhD, MPH)
05/15/2021 – 05/14/2022
University of Houston HEALTH (Helping Everyone Achieve a LifeTime of Health) Center for Addictions Research and Cancer Prevention Pilot Grant, National Institutes of Health / National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities' (NIH/NIMHD) Research Centers in Minority Institutions (U54MD015946) (PI: Obasi)
\$50,000 direct costs
Role: Pilot Principal Investigator

2018 State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant Evaluation, (PI – Lauren R. Gilbert, PhD, MPH)

2018-2020

Wyoming Department of Health, Behavioral Health Division (SAMHSA Grant No. TI-18-015

\$120,000 direct/yr 1-2

Role: Principal Investigator

Statistical Analysis of Opioid Marketing, Use, and Abuse (PI – Rodney Wambeam)

1/15/2019-6/30/2019

Office of the Wyoming Attorney General (2019).

\$20,000 direct/yr 1

Team Lead – Lauren R. Gilbert.

State Targeted Response (STR) to the Opioid Crisis Grant Evaluation (PI – Lauren R. Gilbert, PhD, MPH)

08/01/2017-07/31/2018

Wyoming Department of Health, Behavioral Health Division (SAMHSA Grant No. TI-17-014).

\$30,000 direct

Role: Principal Investigator

Secondhand Smoke Media Campaign: Concept Testing Results (PI – Lauren R. Gilbert, PhD, MPH)

1/15/2018-6/30/2018

Warehouse Twenty One

\$10,000 direct costs

Role: Principal Investigator

Youth Vaping in Wyoming: Focus Group Results (PI – Lauren R. Gilbert, PhD, MPH)

07/01/2017-12/15/2017

Warehouse Twenty One

\$7,000 direct costs

Role: Principal Investigator

The Value and Impacts of Obtaining Further Nursing Education: Nurse and Employer Focus Group Results, (PI – Laura Feldman)

04/01/2017-08/15/2017

Fay W. Whitney School Of Nursing, University of Wyoming

\$10,000 direct costs

Role: Co-Investigator

Evaluate Effectiveness of Wyoming Tobacco Cessation Media Campaign,

09/01/2016-03/15/2017

Warehouse Twenty One

\$5,000 direct costs

Co-PI: Lauren Gilbert (2016-2017).

Development of a Model of Prostate Cancer Care and Survivorship for Black Men: A Grounded Theory Study of Ethnically Diverse Black Men,
01/15/2013-08/01/2015

DoD Office of the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (W81XWH-12-PCRP-HDRA).

Role: Nested Health Disparity Predoctoral Trainee

Unfunded

Mobilizing Lived Experience Advisory Director (LEAD) team to address racial disparities in opioid-related outcomes for Black communities_(PI: Lauren R. Gilbert)

NIDA REI: Racial Equity Visionary Award Program for Research on Substance Use and Racial Equity (DP1) (*Finalist – Interviewed*)

FOA: RFA-DA-23-026

Requested Amount: \$3,500,000/5 years

Role: Primary investigator

Community Pharmacies as Contexts for Harm Reduction Strategies in Rural Georgia: A Mixed Methods Approach to Address the Opioid Epidemic (Co-PI Kimberly Roth and Jenn Nguyen)
NIH PAR-18-745 (R21).

Role: Co-PI

Requested Amount: \$19,000/yr 1-2

Exploring the fit and acceptability of opioid-related harm reduction strategies and health messaging in Black communities

NOT-OD-21-141 (Extramural LRP)

Role: PI

Farmers' and Farmworkers' Mental Well-Being in Georgia, Mercer University School of Medicine Seed Grant (2020). PI: Lauren Gilbert. Requested Amount: \$15,000.

Measuring and Addressing Primary Care Providers' Beliefs and Attitudes toward Individuals who Use Opioids, Mercer University School of Medicine Seed Grant (2020). PI: Lauren Gilbert.

Requested Amount: \$5,000

Educational Research Grant, Group on Educational Affairs (GEA) National Grant, American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC). (2020). Co-PI: Lauren Gilbert. \$10,000.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

1. **Gilbert LR**, Tawiah N, Adepoju OE. Exploring racial and secondary substance use differences in route of administration of opioid drugs: Analysis of the 2015-2019 treatment admission data. *J Subst Use Addict Treat*. Published online April 14, 2024. doi:10.1016/j.josat.2024.209365

2. Adepoju, O., Tipton, M. & **Gilbert, L.** Innovation in Healthcare Education: Using “Shark Tank” Approaches to Educate Teams of Interprofessional Students in Health Equity. *Med.Sci.Educ.* (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40670-024-02042-8>
3. Wilson K, Agwuncha R, Franco-Castano J, **Gilbert L.** Assets in Primary Care: Community Health Workers Tackle Inequities in Texas. *PRiMER.* 2024;8:22. Published 2024 Mar 18. doi:10.22454/PRiMER.2024.879447
4. Winston Liaw, MD, MPH; Christine Bakos-Block, PhD, LCSW; Thomas F. Northrup, PhD; Angela L. Stotts, PhD; Abigail Hernandez, BS; Lisandra Finzetto, BA; Pelumi Oloyede, BS; Bruno Moscoso Rodriguez, BA; Skye Johnson; **Lauren Gilbert, PhD, MPH**; Jessica Dobbins, DrPH; LeChauncy Woodard, MD, MPH; Thomas Murphy, MD. “A Qualitative Analysis of a Primary Care Medical-Legal Partnership: Impact, Barriers, and Facilitators.” In production at the *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine.* DOI: 10.3122/jabfm.2023.230328R2
5. Roth KB, Goplerud DK, Babjak JS, Nguyen JL, **Gilbert LR.** Examining the association of rurality with opioid-related morbidity and mortality in Georgia: A geospatial analysis. *J Subst Use Addict Treat.* Published online March 15, 2024. doi:10.1016/j.josat.2024.209336
6. Vargas, S., Siddiqi, S., King, B., Nguyen, C., Diep, J., **Gilbert, L.,** & Nguyen, B.-M. Vietnamese Americans’ Level of Trust in Sources of Information and Willingness to Participate in COVID-19 Clinical Trials. *Journal of Clinical and Translational Science.* Published online 2024:1-14. doi:10.1017/cts.2024.495
7. **Gilbert LR,** Adepoju OE. Narcan OTC Access: A Step In The Right Direction, But We Aren’t There Yet. *Health Affairs Forefront.* 2023. doi:10.1377/forefront.20230515.785212
8. Woodard L, **Gilbert L***, King B, et al. Examining Black and Hispanic physicians and other healthcare providers' attitudes toward the COVID-19 vaccine [published online ahead of print, 2023 Jan 5]. *J Natl Med Assoc.* 2023;S0027-9684(22)00184-5. doi:10.1016/j.jnma.2022.12.001
9. **Gilbert LR,** Starks S, Gray J, Reitzel LR, Obasi EM. Exploring the provider and organization level barriers to medication for opioid use disorder treatment for Black Americans: A study protocol. *Public Health Pract.* 2022;4:100308. doi:10.1016/j.puhip.2022.100308
10. **Gilbert, L.,** Mak, B., Lovejoy, P., & Adepoju, L. Framing the COVID-19 Pandemic for Older Minority Adults Through a Family Lens: Results of a Qualitative Thematic Analysis. (2022). *J Patient Exp.* 2022;9:23743735221106587. doi: 10.1177/23743735221106587. eCollection 2022. PubMed PMID: 35707769; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC9189517
11. Wimbish, L, Simpson, J , **Gilbert, L,** Blackwood, A and Grant, E,. Examining Racial, Ethnic, and Gender Disparities in the Treatment of Pain and Injury Emergencies. *HCA Healthcare Journal of Medicine.* 2022/06; 3(3). doi: 10.36518/2689-0216.1425.
12. Nguyen, C.; **Gilbert, L.;** Diep, J.; & Nguyen, B.; Identifying Facilitators and Barriers to Increasing COVID-19 Vaccination and Trial Participation in Vietnamese Americans. *Health Equity* (2022).;6(1):485-493. doi: 10.1089/heq.2022.0032. eCollection 2022. PubMed PMID: 35801146; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC9257542.

13. Adepoju, O; Jennings, S.; Schrader, P.; Reeve, K.; McManaman-Bridges, T.; **Gilbert, L.**; King, B.; Dobbins, J.; Rollins, A.; Cockerell, T.; Torres, L.; Woodard, L. (2022). Leveraging Public-Private Partnerships during COVID-19: Providing Virtual Field Opportunities for Student Learners and Addressing Social Isolation in Older Adults. *J Appl Gerontol.* 2022 Jul;41(7):1657-1664. doi: 10.1177/07334648221087120. Epub 2022 Apr 18. PubMed PMID: 35435046; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC9016374.
14. Adepoju, O. E., Han, D., Chae, M., Smith, K. L., **Gilbert, L.**, Choudhury, S., & Woodard, L. (2022). Health Disparities and Climate Change: The Intersection of Three Disaster Events on Vulnerable Communities in Houston, Texas. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 19(1), 35. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph19010035>
15. **Gilbert, L.**, Elliott, J., Beasley, L., Oranu, E., Roth, K., & Nguyễn, J. (2021). Naloxone availability in independent community pharmacies in Georgia, 2019. *Substance abuse treatment, prevention, and policy*, 16(1), 63. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13011-021-00402-w>
16. **Gilbert L**, Warren J, Smalley K, Elliott J, Nguyen J. (2020). A qualitative analysis of pharmacists' responses to naloxone inquiries in rural Georgia. *Preventive Medicine Reports.* 20:101198. doi:[10.1016/j.pmedr.2020.101198](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pmedr.2020.101198)
17. Nguyen JL, **Gilbert LR**, Beasley L, et al. Availability of Naloxone at Rural Georgia Pharmacies, (2020) *JAMA Netw Open* 3(2):e1921227. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2019.21227
18. Nguyen J, **Gilbert L**, Priede L, Heckman C. (2019). The Reach of the “Don’t Fry Day” Twitter Campaign: Content Analysis. *JMIR Dermatol* 2019;2(1):e14137. DOI: 10.2196/14137
19. Nguyen, J. L., **Gilbert, L. R.** (2019). Health literacy among Individuals with Disabilities: A HINTS Analysis. *The Permanente Journal.*
20. Kilwein TM, Wimbish LA, **Gilbert L**, Wambeam RA. (2019). Practices and concerns related to naloxone use among emergency medical service providers in a rural state: A mixed-method examination. *Prev Med Rep.* 2019 Apr 28;14:100872. doi: 10.1016/j.pmedr.2019.100872. PMID: 31061782; PMCID: PMC6487279.
21. **Gilbert, L. R.** (2016). “Photovoice: a Link between Research and Practice for Prostate Cancer Advocacy in Black Communities.” *Journal of racial and ethnic health disparities* 4(3), 364-375.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles Under Review

Adepoju, O., Pham, C., Singh, M. & **Gilbert, L.** “Telemedicine-related opioid use disorder services in underserved populations: a qualitative evaluation of the waiver era.” Submitted to *Telemedicine and e-Health*.

Gilbert, L., Aggarwal, A., & Nguyễn, J. “Using photovoice methods to explore Black Americans’ experiences with opioid use disorder treatment: Findings from a pilot study.” Submitted to *Addiction Research and Theory*.

Nguyen C, King B, Diep J, **Gilbert L**, Nguyen BM. Understanding COVID-19 Vaccine Acceptance and Impact of the Pandemic on Vietnamese Americans. Submitted to the Journal of Racial and Ethnic Disparities.

Nii A Tawiah, **Lauren Gilbert**, and Omolola E. Adepoju. “Modeling and Anticipating Modes of Opioid Usage Across Racial and Ethnic Groups: A Machine Learning Approach.” Revise and resubmit submitted to Drug and Alcohol Dependence.

Lauren Gilbert, Juliette Christie, Maya Singh, Steven Starks, and Ezemenari M. Obasi. “A qualitative exploration of diverse Texas providers’ perspectives of the opioid crisis in Black communities”. Submitted to *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*.

Precious Anyanwu, PharmD; Tamara Al Rawwad, PhD, MPH; Motolani E. Ogunsanya, DPh, PhD; **Lauren R. Gilbert, MPH, PhD**; E. James Essien, MD, DrPH; Michael L. Johnson, PhD; Kelvin Obimah, PharmD; and J. Douglas Thorton, PharmD, PhD, BCPS. “The Burden of Cost to Patients with Opioid Use Disorder Treated with Medication Assisted Treatment: A Scoping Review” Submitted to *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*.

Manuscripts in Progress

Nguyễn, J Shaw, G., & **Gilbert, L.**, Normalizing harm reduction strategies through opioid users’ posts in an online forum: A thematic analysis of Reddit posts. Submitted to *Journal of Substance Use and Misuse*

Shaw, G., **Gilbert, L.**, & Nguyễn, J. Using Correlated Topic Modeling to Examine Opioid Comments on Reddit.

Gilbert, L., & Nguyễn, J. “Community-based programs addressing problematic substance use in the Black community: A scoping literature review”

Book Chapters

Gilbert, L. R., Nguyễn, J. L., & Scroggins, M. (Dicey) J. (2020). Women’s Health Equity. In K. B. Smalley, J. C. Warren, & M. I. Fernández (Eds.), *Health Equity* (pp. 177–195). Springer Publishing Company. <https://doi.org/10.1891/9780826177247.0010>

Gilbert, L. (2016). ABCs of Advocacy. In F. Odedina (1st ed), *Handbook for Prostate Cancer Advocacy: Principles and Best Practices* (pp. 21-24). Orlando, FL: CaPTC Publication Series.

Non-peer Reviewed Electronic Publications

Gilbert, L.R. (2020, May 06). COVID: Understanding Health Information. *Georgia Rural Health Innovation Center*. https://www.georgiaruralhealth.org/blog/covid-understanding-health-information/?fbclid=IwAR0dtUcr-FgXhe0WGqerOArw-yGnSXwWerZj3lvnbzkJ7g5v2YIt2ziJ_4

Wambeam, R., L. A. Wimbish, & **L. R. Gilbert**. (2020). Telemedicine and MAT in Wyoming: An examination of the state's capacity. Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center, University of Wyoming

Wambeam, R., **L. R. Gilbert**, L. A. Wimbish & E. Canen. (2018). Expert Analysis of and Opinion on Opioid Data in Wyoming: Trend and Relationship Assessment of Opioid Sales, Marketing, Use, and Consequence Records. Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center, University of Wyoming.

Gilbert, L. R., T. C. Cook, & B. Harnisch. (2018). 2018 Secondhand Smoke Media Campaign Concept Testing Results. Laramie, WY: Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center, University of Wyoming.

Wambeam, R., **L.R. Gilbert**, & T. Kilwein. (2017). Telling the Story of Opioid Use in Wyoming. Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center, University of Wyoming.

Gilbert, L. R., L.A. Wimbish, & R. Wambeam. (2017). Wyoming Emergency Medical Services: Naloxone Administration in Wyoming by Laramie, WY: Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center, University of Wyoming.

T. Pearson, **L. R. Gilbert**, & L. Feldman. (2017). The Value and Impacts of Obtaining Further Nursing Education: Nurse and Employer Focus Group Results by Laramie, WY: Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center, University of Wyoming.

Gilbert, L. R. & T. C. Cook. (2017). Youth vaping in Wyoming: Focus group results. Laramie, WY: Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center, University of Wyoming.

Gilbert, L. R., T. C. Cook, & B. Harnisch. (2017). 2017 Smoking Cessation Media Campaign: Concept Testing Results. Laramie, WY: Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center, University of Wyoming.

Wambeam, R. & **L.R. Gilbert**. (2017). Wyoming Community Evaluation Toolkit: A Manual for Evaluating the Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success in Wyoming Communities. Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center, University of Wyoming.

Wambeam, R., **Gilbert, L.**, Pearson, T., & Weaver, E. (2016). Wyoming County Comprehensive Capacity Assessment Reports. (WYSAC Technical Report No. CHES-1644). Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center, University of Wyoming.

Wambeam, R., **Gilbert, L.**, Pearson, T., & Weaver, E.. (2016). Wyoming County Comprehensive Capacity Assessment Reports. Laramie, WY: Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center, University of Wyoming.

Other material: Infographics

“Vote Safe 2020” (2020). University of Houston College of Medicine and University of Houston Hobby School of Public Affairs.

“At the Frontline of the Opioid Crisis: The Story of EMS Providers and Naloxone in Wyoming” (2018). Wyoming Department of Health.

“Creating Safeguards: Building a Treatment Framework for the Opioid Crisis” (2019). Wyoming Department of Health.

INVITED LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS

1. “ABCs of Cancer Advocacy” at the Science of Community Outreach and Engagement (SoCOE) Conference 2024. May 8th, 2024.
2. “Public Health Approach to the Opioid Crisis within Black Communities” for Principles of Public and Community Health undergraduate class in the Kinesiology Department at Rice University. March 31, 2023.
3. “Tipping the Pain Scale” Documentary Panel Presenter in collaboration with the Houston Recovery Center and the Hope and Health Center in Houston, Texas on May 24, 2022.
4. “Opioid Use Disorder within Black Communities.” For Project ECHO Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) with Department of Psychiatry at the Medical University of South Carolina on February 4, 2021.
5. “Barriers in Health (and how we can dismantle them)” for the 2021 UH Pre-Health Symposium by the Pre-Health Coalition at the University of Houston on November 13, 2021.
6. “Examining the cultural and community contexts to address opioid misuse and OUD in Black communities” for the 2021-2022 Assistant Professor Excellence Speaker Series (APeX) by the Faculty Senate of The University of Houston. October 27, 2021.
7. “Rural Health Disparities in ATOD Use and Treatment” for Disparities in Health in America undergraduate class in the Kinesiology Department at Rice University. October 21, 2021.
8. “Utilizing a Social Ecological Framework to Examine the Opioid Epidemic in Black Communities Through CBPR Projects” for the Clinical Trail Network (CTN) Big South-West Node Journal Club Presentation. October 13, 2021.
9. “Qualitative Data Analysis” for Interdisciplinary Research Methods 2 in the PhD in Rural Sciences Program at Mercer University School of Medicine. January 19th, 2021.
10. “Prostate Cancer Advocacy” for the CFS2 Panel: Health Disparities in Cancer Screening. University of Houston College of Medicine. December 7, 2020.

11. "Using Health Literacy Tools to Address Health Equity". (Speaker/facilitator). Healthcare Georgia Foundation Connections 2020 Conference. March 30, 2020. *Canceled due to COVID-19
12. "'But I can tell you where to find that!': A Qualitative Analysis of Pharmacists' Responses to Narcan Inquiries in Rural Georgia," Peer Reviewed: Gilbert, L. R. (Speaker), 2020 Southeast Regional Clinical & Translational Science Conference, February 28, 2020.
13. "Health Literacy for Rural Populations," (Panel Participant) 6th Annual Health Connect South Meeting, Atlanta. September 26, 2019.
14. "The Providers" Film and Panel Discussion (Panel Participant). Mercer University School of Medicine Class of 2023 First Year Orientation, August 8th, 2019.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

1. "Examining Health Insurance and Challenges Among Vietnamese Americans During the COVID-19 Pandemic through CEAL Survey" at the Texas Conference on Health Disparities June 6, 2024.
2. "Leading Interprofessional Student Teams to Create Solutions that Advance Health Equity" at the 2024 Society of Teachers of Medicine Annual Spring Conference, May 5th, 2024.
3. "Black and Hispanic Patient and Provider Perspectives on Telemedicine Use in Opioid Use Disorder Treatment in the Waiver Era" at the 2024 RCMI Consortium National Conference, April 30th, 2024. *Blue Ribbon Award winner – Best Poster*
4. "Exploring racial differences in Route of Administration of Opioid Drugs: Results from analysis of Treatment Admission Data" at 2022 APHA Annual Meeting, November 8, 2022.
5. "Exploration of diverse Texas providers' perspectives of the opioid crisis in Black communities" at 2022 APHA Annual Meeting, November 8, 2022.
6. "Examining Black and Hispanic physicians and other healthcare providers' attitudes toward the COVID-19 vaccine" at 2022 NMA Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly, July 30, 2022.
7. "Exploring the fit of naloxone distribution and trainings as opioid-related harm reduction strategies in Black communities" at the Learning for Early Careers in Addiction & Diversity (R25 DA035163) Symposium during the 2022 National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network (CTN) Annual Meeting, April 25, 2022.
8. "Exploring the provider and organization level barriers for MOUD treatment for Black Americans" at the 2022 RCMI Consortium National Conference on March 16-18.
9. "Framing the COVID-19 Pandemic for Minority Older Adults Through a Family Lens: Results of a Qualitative Thematic Analysis" at the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting, November 10-13, 2021.

10. "Examining factors in the utilization of medication for opioid use disorder: Logistic regression results using 2018 teds admissions data" at the American Public Health Association 2021 Annual Meeting and Expo, October 24-27, 2021 in Denver, Colorado.
11. "Examining opioid-related morbidity and mortality in Georgia: A geospatial analysis" at the American Public Health Association 2021 Annual Meeting and Expo, October 24-27, 2021 in Denver, Colorado.
12. "Healthcare Access in Rural Georgia: A practical community survey" at the National Rural Health Association's (NRHA) 44th Annual Rural Health Conference. May 4-7, 2021, virtual conference. Poster Presentation.
13. "A Qualitative Analysis of Pharmacists' Responses to Narcan Inquiries in Rural Georgia" at the National Rural Health Association's (NRHA) 43rd Annual Rural Health Conference. May 19-22, 2020 in San Diego, CA. Poster Presentation. *Canceled due to COVID-19
14. "A Qualitative Analysis of Pharmacists' Responses to Narcan Inquiries in Rural Georgia" at the 2020 Georgia Public Health Association (GPHA) Annual Conference & Meeting. May 6th, 2020 in Jekyll Island, GA. Poster presentation. *Canceled due to COVID-19
15. "Naloxone administration in the frontier: A mixed-method evaluation study with Wyoming emergency medical services providers" at American Public Health Association's 2018 Annual Meeting & Expo. November 13, 2018 in San Diego, California. Oral Presentation
16. "Wyoming Emergency Medical Services: Naloxone" at The Wyoming Trauma and EMS Conference. August 23, 2018 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Oral Presentation
17. "The Formation of the Black Male Prostate Cancer Coalition: Connections and Collaborations Across the State" at the Health Equity Research Institute's (HERI) Florida Health Disparities Summit. February 5, 2016 at The Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, Florida. Oral Presentation
18. "Managing Gender and Race Barriers in Prostate Cancer Advocacy in Black Communities" at the Health Equity Research Institute's (HERI) Florida Health Disparities Summit. February 5, 2016 at The Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, Florida. Poster Presentation
19. "Profiles, Motivations, and Networks of Prostate Cancer Advocates in Southern Black Communities" at the Eighth AACR Conference on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved. November 13th -16th, 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia. Poster Presentation.
20. "Untangling the Ethnic Differences among Black Men Relative to Prostate Cancer Burden: The Florida CaPCaS Study" at the Eighth AACR Conference on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved. November 13th - 16th, 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia. Poster Presentation.
21. "The Florida ReTOOL Program: Creating a Training Bridge for the Next Generation of Biomedical Scientists" at the Eighth AACR Conference on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved. November 13th - 16th, 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia. Poster Presentation.

22. "The Science of Advocacy at the Advocacy Training for Community-Based Organizations" at the Health Equity Research Institute's (HERI) Second Florida Health Disparities Summit. January 10, 2015 at The Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, Florida. Oral Presentation.
23. "African Americans' Experiences with Prostate Cancer Survivor Advocacy: Preliminary Results" at the Health Equity Research Institute's (HERI) Second Florida Health Disparities Summit. January 9, 2015 at the Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, Florida. Poster Presentation.
24. "Supporting Prostate Cancer Survivor Advocacy through Community Based Participatory Research and Photovoice Methods" at the Seventh American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved. November 9-12, 2014 in San Antonio, Texas. Poster Presentation.
25. "Prostate Cancer Advocacy: Lessons from the Field" at the 3rd Biennial Science of Global Prostate Cancer Disparities conference. November 5-8, 2014 in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Poster Presentation.
26. "African Americans' Experiences with Prostate Cancer Survivor Advocacy" at the 3rd Biennial Science of Global Prostate Cancer Disparities conference. November 5-8, 2014 in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Poster Presentation.
27. "Survivor Advocacy: African Americans' Experiences with Prostate Cancer" at the UFHCC Cancer Health Disparities Research Symposium, April 18, 2014 In Gainesville, FL at the University of Florida. Poster Presentation.
28. "Prostate Cancer Advocacy: The Experiences of African American Survivors" at the University of Florida Health Cancer Center Poster Day, March 11, 2014 in Gainesville, FL at the University of Florida. Poster Presentation.
29. "Becoming and Being an Advocate for Prostate Cancer Awareness: Exploring African Americans' Experiences" at the 2nd Biennial Science of Global Prostate Cancer Disparities Conference in November, 2012 in Nassau, Bahamas. Poster Presentation.
30. "The Lived Experience Of African American Men with Prostate Cancer" at the 75th Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society in New Orleans, LA on March 24, 2012. Poster Presentation.
31. "Religious Affiliation, Worship Practices, and Self-Reported Health in Older Adults Among Protestants" presented at 7th Annual Conference of the Social Sciences, Gainesville, FL on October 22, 2011. Poster Presentation.
32. "Anticipatory Socialization of Young Men Entering the Military: The Role of Family, Sports, and the Media" at 23rd National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Spring 2009. Poster Presentation.
33. "Anticipatory Socialization of Young Men Entering the Military: The Role of Family, Sports, and the Media" at the 17th Annual National McNair Research Conference, Delavan, Wisconsin Fall 2008. Poster Presentation.

EDITORIAL POSITIONS/INVITED REVIEWER

Journal of Psychoactive Drugs
Reviewer, July 2021-Present

International Journal of Environmental Health Research
Reviewer, January 2020-Present

Journal of the Georgia Public Health Association
Peer Reviewer, December 2019 - Present

Permanente Journal
Reviewer, July 2019 - Present

Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities
Reviewer, April 2019 – Present

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

Medical and Interprofessional Students

Co-Director, Humana Institute Interprofessional Health Equity Summer Research Program, May 2022- Present

Leadership role in virtual summer research program for students across the country
Developing and organizing a 6-week research program that involves didactic sessions, journal clubs, active data labs, and small group creation of a scoping review research poster and peer-reviewed research brief

Session Instructor, MEDI 5097 – Physicians, Patients, and Populations, December 2020-Present
Co-facilitating sessions in Population and Public Health, Prevention and Community Engagement and Partnership, and The social and cultural perspectives of substance use disorders
Developing assessments for formative and summative exams

Faculty Advisor, Student Scholarly Projects, January 2021-Present
Working with Dr. Buck to advise students on scholarly projects

Community Medicine Faculty Advisor, July 2019 – August 2020
Working with various Year 1, 2, and 4 medical students throughout their Community Medicine rotations, providing feedback and guidance on community projects, and grading final submissions for medical students.

Interprofessional Education Training Advisor, October 2019 – August 2020

Accompanied a group of 2nd year medical students for a day long trip to Upson Regional Medical Center as part of their Interprofessional Development rotations as part of PHMR block. Organizing a spring virtual IPE session for students across the different colleges and campuses.

Public Health Education and Health Promotion, March 2020- August 2020

Community Medicine Elective for 4th year medical students. This course provides an opportunity for students to explore theoretical foundations of health education and promotion campaigns and to learn about applications in a variety of health promotion settings.

Graduate Program Teaching - PhD in Rural Sciences

Behavior Change Theory and Practice for PhD in Rural Sciences. July 2019 – August 2020

New course preparation. This course introduces students to the major theories of health behavior and behavior change, including practical applications of those theories in developing rural-focused programs and interventions.

Undergraduate Teaching

Health Behavior Change (HLED 4900) Spring 2024

New Course preparation for undergraduate level students. This course introduces students to the major theories of health behavior and behavior change, including practical applications of those theories in developing programs and interventions. Students will be introduced to health behavior change theories across a range of socio-ecological contexts and intervention design frameworks that can target behavior change at multiple levels. The emphasis will be on the application of theory and frameworks through active learning approaches.

UH-Humana Health Equity Summer Research Program, June-July 2021, Learning Community Research Advisor

Participated as a mentor to 5 students in a mentored 6-week, virtual research and training experience focused on developing research skills, including primary data collection, survey deployment, and dissemination of research findings to both scientific and lay audiences. Led weekly virtual research meetings, provided project guidance, reviewed drafts of research abstracts and helped students prepare for virtual research presentations.

Adjunct Lecturer (SYA 4930 - Race and Substance Abuse – online course), Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law, University of Florida; Summer 2017, Spring 2018, Summer 2018

Developed a new course syllabus, individual writing assignments, interactive projects, and group discussions for a specialty online course, using a variety of research articles,

government data sources, and nonprofit organization online resources to create assignments and discussions. Final assignment was a policy brief to give students a real-world experience of how to bring together different streams of research to influence policy.

Graduate Teaching Assistant (SYG 4930 - Sociology of Health and Illness), Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law, University of Florida; Spring 2013

Developed a new course syllabus, individual and group writing assignments and activities for a specialty course through the use of a textbook, academic articles, and two novels to facilitate learning on the diverse topics of health and illness, focusing on the social construction of illness and the lived experiences of illness.

Graduate Teaching Assistant (SYG 2000 - Principles of Sociology), Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law, University of Florida; Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Summer 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Summer 2012, Fall 2012, Summer 2013

Development of course syllabus, assignments and exams for an introductory sociology class. In spring 2012, class was revised to be more writing intensive and critical discussion based, including weekly reading responses, a stakeholder meeting character and essay for the final project in place of quizzes and exams

Other Teaching Experiences

Content Tutor, University Athletic Association, 2012 – 2016

Working with the diverse population of student athletes of varying academic abilities. Engaging with students during one-on-one sessions for individual courses including Principles of Sociology, Social Problems, Pathways to Parenthood, Urban Sociology, and Society and the Self

UNIVERSITY/MEDICAL SCHOOL/HOSPITAL COMMITTEES

Review Committee

Pilot Projects Programs Review Committee, The HEALTH (Helping Everyone Achieve a LifeTime of Health)-RCMI (Research Centers in Minority Institutions)
Reviewer 2021-Present

PhD Committees

Outside committee member, Precious Anyanwu, PharmD
Department of Pharmaceutical Health Outcomes and Policy, College of Pharmacy,
University of Houston, December 2020-Present

Outside Committee Member, Raunak Sarbajna
Department of Computer Science, College of Natural Science and Mathematics,
University of Houston, May 2022 - Present

Master's Thesis Committee

Outside committee member, Hoang Vo
Department of Computer Science, College of Natural Science and Mathematics,
University of Houston, January 2022-May 2022

Outside Committee member, Caroline Wolski
Department of Sociology
University of Houston, April 2022- Present

University Committees

Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) Self-Study Committee, Tilman J. Fertitta Family
College of Medicine

Vice-Chair and Standard 11 Team Lead (Appointed), January 2023-Present

Task Force on Inclusive Excellence: Curriculum Subgroup, Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of
Medicine

Committee Member (appointed), March 2023-Present

Faculty Council, Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine

Committee Member (appointed), May 2023-May 2026

Evaluation and Assessment Subcommittee, Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine
University of Houston

Committee member (Elected), August 2022-August 2023

Admissions Committee, Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine University of Houston

Committee Member (Elected), May 2021 – May 2024

Admissions Committee, Mercer University School of Medicine

Committee Member (Elected), May 2020-August 2020

Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) Steering Committee, Mercer University School
of Medicine

Committee Member, February 2020 – August 2020

Assisting in the preparation of the self-study that will be sent to the LCME as part of the
accreditation process.

Physicians for Rural Georgia Scholarship (Nathan Deal Scholarship) Committee, Mercer
University School of Medicine

Committee Member, March 2020- August 2020

Scholarship is awarded to students who are committed to practice medicine in medically
underserved rural areas of Georgia.

Preceptor Education and Appreciation Committee, Mercer University School of Medicine
Committee Chair, November 1, 2019 – August 2020
Tasked with recruiting, training, and retaining community preceptors and improving relationships.

PhD in Rural Health Sciences Admissions Committee, Mercer University School of Medicine
Committee Member, July 2019 - August 2020

PhD in Rural Sciences and Master's in Health Equity Curriculum Committee, Mercer University
School of Medicine
Committee Member, July 2019 – August 2020

Macon Epidemiologist Faculty Search Committee, Community Medicine and GRHC, Mercer
University School of Medicine
Committee Member, August 2019 – August 2020

Faculty Search Committees

Search Committee member, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Research position for the
College of Health Sciences, University of Wyoming
December 2023-February 2024

Faculty Search Committee member, Faculty position in Community and Public Health in the
Division of Kinesiology and Health, College of Health Sciences, University of Wyoming
August 2023-December 2023

Faculty search committee member, Clinical Assistant Professor Faculty – Faculty Position in
Health Services Research and Health Informatics, University of Houston College of
Medicine
April 2022-August 2023

Faculty search committee member, Open Rank Faculty - Quality Improvement & Patient Safety,
University of Houston College of Medicine
December, 2021 – August 2023

Faculty search committee member, Open Rank Faculty - Clinical Professor in Biostatistics,
University of Houston College of Medicine
December, 2021 – August 2023

University Level Committees

Community Relations Alliance Committee, Office of Governmental Relations, University of
Houston

INSTITUTIONAL AND ACADEMICALLY RELATED SERVICE

Professional Activities

Wyoming Department of Health Fentanyl Strategic Planning Committee,
Member, 2023-Present

Poster Judge, 11th Annual Houston Global Health Collaborative Conference,
March 25, 2023.

Technical Advisory Board Member, Houston Recovery Center, 2021-Present

Advisory Board Member, Whole Child Supports and Strategic Partnerships
Georgia Department of Education, 2020 – August 2020

HIPAA Privacy Officer, WYSAC, University of Wyoming, September 2018 – June 2019

State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) Member, Wyoming, 2016- June 2019

Community Service/Outreach/Presentations related to area of professional expertise

Volunteer, Georgia National Fair. October 2019.

Volunteered for the Georgia National Fair at the MUSM booth. I helped to recruit fair attendees to get their blood pressure reading taken and promoted Mercer Medicine through a swag bag, pens and informational pamphlets. I also interacted with people and answered their questions about the MUSM mission.

Black Male Prostate Cancer Coalition, September 2015- June 2016

Helped to establish a coalition to fostering networking among black prostate cancer advocates across the state. Secretary and newsletter editor for the group

University of Florida Prostate Disease Center, Spring 2011- June 2016

Working with the Community Outreach and Minority Affairs Department. Being actively involved in several events such as the Santa Fe Cancer Awareness Fair, the United Downtown, and the Men's Health Expo. Presenting community outreach at local church events

Man-to-Man Prostate Cancer Support Group, Gainesville, FL, Spring 2010- June 2016

An active supporter of the group. Attending the monthly meetings, volunteering with them at health fairs

“Preeminence Initiative” Search Committee for Associate/Full Professor in Public Health & Social Change in Africa, University of Florida, the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences,
Graduate student member of the African Public Health and Social Change Sociology Department search committee

Cancer Community Needs Assessment for Alachua County, University of Florida Health Cancer Center, 2014-2015

Providing assistance to better understand how we can improve the services that we provide and better tailor our cancer health services to the county. Working with Dr. Jon Graham, the Deputy Director of Clinical Administration for the Cancer Center

Health Outreach and Promotion Education (H.O.P.E.) Training Academy, 2011,
Funded by the Central Florida Pharmacy Council and the Florida Department of Health.
Became a community health advocate for Alachua country. Learned how to develop and organize community-based health education programs to help underserved men.

Prostate Health & Wellness Expo, 2010 and 2013, Gainesville, FL
Volunteered as a Rural Health Partnership (RHP) volunteer.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

Wyoming Public Health Association, 2024-Present
Active member

American Public Health Association, 2016 – Present
Abstract reviewer for Annual Meeting and Expo, specifically for the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs program.

AcademyHealth, 2020 – Present

American Evaluation Association, 2016 – 2020

2014 Biennial Science of Global Prostate Cancer Disparities in Black Men Conference
Planning Committee

American Association of Cancer Research, 2013-Present

American Sociological Association, 2013-Present

Prostate Cancer Transatlantic Consortium (CaPTC), 2011-2016
Advocacy Working Group

HONORS AND AWARDS

Research Leadership Program Award. Florida Health Equity Research Institute (HERI), 2016.

Association for Academic Women (AAW) at the University of Florida Emerging Scholar, 2015.

O. Ruth McQuown Scholarship Award. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Florida, 2013.

National Science Foundation Atlantic Coast Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Alliance
First Year Ph. D Award. University of Florida, 2009-2010.

Ronald E. McNair Graduate Assistantship. University of Florida, 2009-2010.

Board of Education Fellowship. University of Florida, Summer 2009.

Ronald E. McNair Scholar. Marquette University, 2008-2009.