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EDUCATION

B.A.	Psychology, State University of New York at Buffalo	1986
M.A.	Developmental Psychology, University of Houston	1990
Ph.D.	Developmental Psychology, University of Houston	1996

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Univ. of Texas School of Public Health	Associate Professor of Health Promotion & Behavioral Sciences	2025-present
Univ. of Texas School of Public Health	Assistant Professor of Health Promotion & Behavioral Sciences (TT)	2022-2025
Univ. of Texas School of Public Health	Associate Director Texas Prevention Research Center	2020-2023
Univ. of Texas School of Public Health	Assistant Professor of Health Promotion & Behavioral Sciences (NTT)	2013-2021
Univ. of Texas School of Public Health	Associate Director University of Texas Prevention Research Center	2007-2014
Univ. of Texas School of Public Health	Measurement Chair, Healthy Passages Center for Health Promotion & Prevention Research	2006-2012
Univ. of Texas School of Public Health	Faculty Associate Center for Health Promotion & Prevention Research	1999-2013
Univ. of Texas School of Public Health	Research Associate Center for Health Promotion & Prevention Research	1999-1999
Baylor College of Medicine	Instructor Department of Medicine, Design & Analysis Unit	1995-1999
Baylor College of Medicine	Research Instructor Department of Medicine, Design & Analysis Unit	1994-1995
Baylor College of Medicine	Biostatistician Department of Medicine, Design & Analysis Unit	1992-1994
Baylor College of Medicine	Research Technician II Dept. of Public Affairs, Office of Health Promotion	1987-1992

University of Houston

Teaching Fellow
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1991-1992

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2022 Health Surveys Research Award, IPUMS Health Surveys
- 2021 Award for Excellence in Community Service, University of Texas Health Science Center School of Public Health
- 2010 Mayor's Volunteer Houston Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service, Homeless & Orphaned Pets Endeavor
- 2002 Volunteerism Award, Homeless & Orphaned Pets Endeavor

GRANT AND CONTRACT SUPPORT**A. ACTIVE (Principal Investigator)**

- 2024-2029 National Institute of Mental Health/Baylor College of Medicine. *Engaging communities to develop and evaluate communication strategies for HIV prevention uptake among women in the Southern US*. The goal of this project is to use a community-engaged process to develop and test communication strategies for Black women regarding HIV prevention strategies.
PI: Cuccaro (sub), total: \$710,771; direct: \$455,623. [Canceled due to restructuring of NIH priorities: 05/31/25; Reinstated 08/19/25]
- 2024-2028 Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas. *All for Them: A multilevel strategy for HPV-related cancer prevention*. This project maintains the current implementation of the evidence-based intervention, All for Them, in Texas communities while expanding the intervention strategies to increase HPV vaccine uptake.
PD: Cuccaro, total: \$2,499,966; direct: \$2,374,971.
- 2024-2025 Texas Epidemic Public Health Institute. *Evaluation of the trauma informed care implementation initiative*. The goal of this project is to continue outcome and implementation evaluation of a trauma informed care initiative conducted by the Texas Association of Community Health Centers in community health centers to examine organizational, staff and patient outcomes.
PI: Cuccaro, total \$229,033; direct: \$229,033.
- 2023-2025 Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas. *All for Them Texas: A multifaceted dissemination and implementation approach to increase HPV vaccination*. The goal of this 2-year study is to develop and test *Implementing All for Them* (IM-AFT), a multifaceted implementation strategy to support the dissemination and implementation of AFT by schools, school districts, and CHCs or other providers.
PD: Cuccaro, total: \$449,959; direct: \$427,462.

- 2022-2024 University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center HPV Vaccination Initiative. *All for Them Aldine*. The goal of this project is to expand the evidence-based intervention, *All for Them*, to middle schools in Aldine Independent School District, a school district in Harris County, Texas.
PI: Cuccaro, total: \$212,120; direct: \$212,120.
- 2021-2024 University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center HPV Vaccination Initiative. *All for Them Crowley*. The goal of this project is to expand the evidence-based intervention, *All for Them*, to middle and high schools in Crowley Independent School District, a small school district in North Texas.
PI: Cuccaro, total: \$110,556; direct: \$110,556.

B. ACTIVE (Co-Principal Investigator)

- 2025-2028 Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT). *Adaptation and implementation of an evidence-based CHW-delivered program to increase breast and cervical cancer screening and prevention among Texas women*. This project will create and implement Health in my Hands, an adaptation of the evidence-based Salud en Mis Manos program for non-Hispanic Black and non-Hispanic white women in existing and new communities to increase breast and cervical screening and HPV catch-up vaccination to further decrease the burden of breast and cervical cancer.
Co-PD (PD: Savas), total: \$2,499,809; direct: \$2,388,320.
- 2025-2027 UT San Antonio/Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas. *Implementation of a multi-component community intervention to increase HPV vaccination among adolescents in Bexar County*. The goal of this project is to adapt, implement, and evaluate the All for Them program for after school and community settings.
PD: Cuccaro (sub), total: \$359,237; direct: \$341,276
- 2023-2028 Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas. *Salud en Mis Manos (SEMM): An evidence-based breast & cervical cancer early detection and prevention intervention for underserved Latinas*. This project will expand delivery of Salud en Mis Manos among underserved Latinas in existing and new communities to increase breast and cervical screening and HPV catch-up vaccination to further decrease the burden of breast and cervical cancer.
Co-PD (PD: Savas), total: \$2,499,495; direct: \$2,374,523.

C. ACTIVE (Co-Investigator)

- 2025-2028 American Cancer Society/Emory University. *The Vaccines for Children Program and HPV Vaccination among Medicaid/CHIP Enrolled Children in Texas: Public Health Impact and Areas for Improvement*. This program will assess the association between non-medical drivers of health, access to Vaccines for Children vaccination providers, and vaccine uptake among youth participating in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and explore the information-seeking behavior of individuals related to where to receive HPV vaccination.
Co-I (PI: Suk), total: \$313,392; direct: \$284,900.

- 2025-2030 National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. *Prevention, Preparedness, and Response (P2R) Consortium*. The P2R consortium is a large multi-site, multi-program training project that develops and delivers preparedness training to workers and volunteers across the nation.
Co-I (PI: Rios), total: \$8,318,407; direct: \$7,964,771.
- 2024-2028 National Institutes of Health. *Disseminating Effective Sexual Health Programs in Schools Using iCHAMPSS*. The goal of this project is to increase the adoption and implementation of sexual health EBPs in South Texas schools through the rigorous evaluation of iCHAMPSS 2.0 (CHoosing And Maintaining Effective Programs for Sex Education in Schools).
Co-I (PI: Hernandez), total: \$3,473,908; direct: \$2,275,934.
- 2021-2025 Office of the Governor. Section 17: Texas Epidemic Public Health Institute. The Texas Epidemic Public Health Institute (TEPHI) is a Texas state government agency housed by UTHealth School of Public Health. The goal of TEPHI is to conduct pandemic preparedness for the state.
Co-I (PI: Boerwinkle) total: \$34,718,494; direct: \$27,732,456.
- 2020-2024 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *University of Texas Prevention Research Center*. Collaborating with community partners to accelerate cancer control to decrease health disparities.
Co-I/Associate Director for Community Engagement (PIs: Fernandez & Markham), total: \$3,242,914; direct: \$2,193,039.
- 2020-2024 National Institutes of Health /National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health. *Adapting a mindfulness-based stress reduction intervention for emotion regulation and impulsivity in homeless youth: A pilot project*. The goal of this 3-year study is to adapt an existing MBSR intervention for sheltered homeless youth and assess feasibility and acceptability.
Co-I (PI: Santa Maria), total: \$731,782; direct: \$484,611.

D. ACTIVE (Mentor)

- 2023-2028 National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute. *Cancer Prevention and Control Research Training and Career Development Program*. Our long-term goal is to reduce cancer morbidity and mortality by training innovative cancer prevention scientists that will improve the quality and impact of cancer prevention research. Trainees come from across biomedical, bioinformatics, and public health disciplines and participate in mentored training on innovation and transdisciplinary team science to improve cancer prevention and control and reduce cancer related health disparities.
Mentor (MPI: Fernandez, Bala), total: \$2,412,545.

E. COMPLETED (Principal Investigator)

- 2020-2025 Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas. *Expanding "All for Them": A successful multi-level approach to increase HPV vaccination through public schools*. The goal of this project is to expand the evidence-based intervention, *All*

for Them, to three school districts in Texas to increase HPV vaccination initiation and completion in adolescents.

PD: Cuccaro (Co-PD: Vernon), total: \$1,965,091; direct: \$1,873,308.

2021-2024 University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Be Well Communities. *All for Them Baytown*. The goal of this project is to expand the evidence-based intervention, *All for Them*, to high schools in Goose Creek Consolidated School District, as part of the Be Well Baytown initiative.

PI: Cuccaro, total: \$139,513; direct: \$139,513.

2019-2024 Texas Association of Community Health Centers. *Evaluation of a trauma informed care implementation initiative*. The goal of this project is to conduct outcome and implementation evaluation of an initiative to implement a trauma informed care (TIC) approach in community health centers for the Texas Association of Community Health Centers (TACHC).

PI: Cuccaro, total \$273,933; direct: \$273,933.

2022-2022 University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler/DSHS. *COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy and Confidence (COVAHC) Survey: A Rapid Community Assessment in Texas*. This project is designed to conduct a community survey to assess COVID-19 vaccine confidence and hesitancy in Texas.

MPI: Cuccaro/Yamal, total: \$614,079; direct: \$487,364.

2021-2022 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *University of Texas Prevention Research Center - Connecting Behavioral Science to COVID-19 Vaccine Demand (CBS-CVD) Network*. The goal of this project is to use behavioral science to develop theory- and evidence-based interventions to increase COVID-19 vaccine confidence.

MPI: Cuccaro/Fernandez, total: \$614,715; direct \$487,364.

2020-2022 Texas Association of Community Health Centers. *Evaluating the impact of COVID-19 on community health centers in Texas*. The goal of this project is to evaluate how COVID-19 has impacted Texas community health centers by conducting a health care gap analysis and evaluating the effectiveness of an employee tele-psych intervention.

PI: Cuccaro, total \$113,967; direct: \$73,056.

2017-2021 Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT PP170046). *Using social marketing and mobile school-based vaccination clinics to increase HPV vaccination uptake in high-risk geographic areas*. This project will develop, implement, and evaluate three evidence-based approaches to increase HPV vaccination uptake and completion. A communitywide social marketing campaign coupled with SBVCs to increase parents' acceptance and initiation of the HPV vaccination for their adolescents and nurse continuing education. PI, total \$1,499,053; direct \$1,425,053.

F. COMPLETED (Co-Principal Investigator)

2019-2025 Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas. *Salud en Mis Manos: Delivering evidence-based breast & cervical cancer prevention services to Latinas in underserved Texas Gulf Coast communities*. The goal of this study is to expand the

evidence-based intervention, *Salud en Mis Manos*, to include 20 counties in the Texas Gulf Coast and the Rio Grande Valley to further reduce the burden of breast and cervical cancer in underserved Latinas.

Co-PD (PD: Savas), total: \$1,999,956; direct: \$1,899,961.

G. COMPLETED (Co-Investigator)

- 2022-2024 National Institutes of Health. *Addressing COVID-19 testing disparities in vulnerable populations using a community JITAI (Just in Time Adaptive Intervention) approach – Phase III*. This study will leverage longstanding academic-community engaged partnerships in three regions of Texas to use robust sources of COVID-19 surveillance data, strategies to increase SARS-CoV-2 testing, vaccination, and mitigation behaviors, and the feasibility of using social networks to improve SARS-CoV-2 COVID-19 testing and vaccination.
Co-I (PIs: Fernandez, Reininger, McPherson, Bauer, Fujimoto), total: \$2,179,847; direct: \$1,493,902.
- 2020-2023 Healthy Futures of Texas/Houston Endowment. *Toward planning a cross-sector strategy addressing pregnancy prevention and parenting supports among foster youth*. The goal of this project is to implement the results of conduct a needs assessment to determine existing health education curricula, current systemic practices and factors associated with teen pregnancy for youth in conservatorship.
Co-I (PI: Peskin), total: \$362,430; direct: \$297,413.
- 2017-2023 Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas (RP170493) *Cancer communication intervention to increase HPV vaccination among Hispanic adolescents*. This project completes the ongoing group randomized intervention trial to assess the effectiveness of two interventions to increase HPV vaccination uptake among Hispanic girls; to develop and test the effectiveness of text message reminders to increase completion of the HPV vaccination series among those who have initiated, and to increase initiation among those who have not; and to pilot test the intervention in Hispanic boys.
Co-I (PI: Fernandez), total \$1,496,029; direct \$1,421,229.
- 2021-2023 Health Resources & Services Administration. *Community-based Workforce Development and Mobilization to Increase COVID-19 Vaccination Equity in Texas*. This project will develop and implement community outreach and engagement activities in three Texas regions – 22 counties in East Texas, Houston/Harris County and South Texas – Cameron and Hidalgo counties.
Co-I (PIs: McPherson, Fernandez, Reininger), total: \$10,345,055; direct: \$7,471,769.
- 2021-2023 Fort Bend County/CDC. *COVID Analytics*. The goal of this project is to provide Fort Bend County Department of Health and Human Services with analysis and interpretation of COVID-19 testing and vaccination data.
Co-I (PI: Otto), total: \$219,779; direct: \$197,255.
- 2021-2024 National Institutes of Health. *Addressing COVID-19 Testing Disparities in Vulnerable Populations Using a Community JITAI (Just in Time Adaptive Intervention) Approach – Phase II*. The goal of this project is to increase SARS-CoV-2 testing in high-risk communities in three areas of Texas – Houston/Harris

County, South Texas (Cameron and Hidalgo Counties), and Northeast Texas (22 counties), using community engagement and education in light of COVID-19 vaccination.

Co-I (PIs: McPherson, Fernandez, Reininger) total: \$2,333,085; direct: \$1,591,659.

- 2019-2023 Texas Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy/Houston Endowment. *Toward planning a cross-sector strategy addressing pregnancy prevention and parenting supports among foster youth*. The goal of this project is to conduct a needs assessment to determine existing health education curricula, current systemic practices and factors associated with teen pregnancy for youth in conservatorship. Co-I (PI: Peskin), total \$150,000; direct \$150,000.

- 2019-2023 National Institutes of Health. *RADx: Understanding and Addressing COVID-19 Testing Disparities in Vulnerable Populations: A Multilevel and Multi-method Approach*. The goal of this project is to increase SARS-CoV-2 testing in high-risk communities in three areas of Texas – Houston/Harris County, South Texas (Cameron and Hidalgo Counties), and Northeast Texas (22 counties), using community engagement and education. Co-I (PIs: McPherson, Fernandez, Reininger, Otto), total: \$4,999,764; direct: \$3,245,902.

- 2019-2020 Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences. *The influence of race/ethnicity concordance on parent-pediatrician communication and HPV vaccination outcomes: A mixed-methods study*. This project will use both qualitative and quantitative research methods to better understand the complex effects of race and ethnicity in parent-provider communications and their impact on adolescent vaccination outcomes. Co-I (PI: Savas), total: \$34,992; direct: \$34,992.

H. PENDING (Co-Principal Investigator)

- 2026-2028 National Institute of Food & Agriculture/USDA. *Farm to Cancer Care: Integrating Healthy Foods into HealthCare to Improve and Sustain Health After Cancer Diagnosis*. This project will develop and test an intervention to increase nutritional intake for patients after oropharyngeal cancer diagnosis. Co-PI (PI: Otto), total: \$997,494; direct: \$698,247.
- 2026-2027 Prevent Cancer Foundation. *Oral health providers' HPV vaccine communication for cancer prevention*. This project will explore oral health providers' beliefs and practices regarding HPV vaccine communication with patients as a preliminary step to developing provider education for effective provider-patient communication. Co-PI (PI: Choi), total: \$99,968; direct: \$99,968.

I. PENDING (Co-Investigator)

- 2026-2028 National Institutes of Health/National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health. *Assessing the Feasibility of a Multi-Site .b4me Mindfulness Intervention with Sheltered Homeless Youth*. This project will determine the feasibility and acceptability of .b4me, a MBSR intervention for sheltered homeless youth across sites in three cities.

Co-I (PI: Santa Maria), total: \$1,661,992; direct: \$1,085,369.

- 2025-2028 American Cancer Society. *Innovative pathways to oropharyngeal cancer care: Introducing food-base interventions to improve patient outcomes*. This project will develop educational materials to increase nutritional intake for patients after oropharyngeal cancer diagnosis.

Co-I (PI: Otto), total: \$269,169; direct: \$244,699.

J. PENDING (Faculty)

- 2025-2030 National Institutes of Health/ National Institute of General Medical Sciences. *Houston Health Disparities Partnership*. This health disparities training program will provide high school biology teachers with the knowledge and skills to independently develop and implement health disparities training programs and educational activities at their institutions.

Faculty (PI: Essien), total: \$1,181,008; direct: \$1,126,650.

- 2025-2030 National Institutes of Health/ National Institute of Mental Health. *Gulf Coast Health Disparities Mentorship Program*. This program is designed to provide graduate students with training and mentorship that will enable them to become future HIV/AIDS and substance abuse researchers.

Faculty (PI: Essien), total: \$1,005,710; direct: \$962,615.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. ARTICLES IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS (*Indicates student authorship)

1. Henson-Garcia, M., Baumler, E. R., Markham, C. M., Addy, R. C., Shegog, R., Hernandez, B., **Cuccaro, P.**, Temple, J., Tortolero Emery, S., Peskin, M. F. (2025). Exploring mediated psychosocial effects on dating violence perpetration and victimization in the *Me & You... Building Healthy Relationships* program for middle school students. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08862605251393736>
2. Santa Maria, D., **Cuccaro, P.**, Sibinga, E., Bender, K., Jacko, E., Liyanage, W., Jones, J., Cron, S. (2025). Feasibility of conducting a pilot randomized trial of a mindfulness-based intervention among sheltered Youth Experiencing Homelessness (YEH). *Frontiers in Psychology*, 11. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2025.1649664>
3. Hara-Hubbard, K. K., Beaulieu, A., Mendiola, A., Gandhi, P., Kuiper, N., Quartarone, R., Tang, J., Dominguez, O., Bond, M., Cohen, D., Goetz, M., Mohamed, N., **Cuccaro, P.**, Hannon, P. A., Fernandez, M. E., Higginbottom, J., Pérez-Escamilla, R., Baquero, B. (2025). Strategies for addressing COVID-19 vaccine equity with intermediaries, Prevention Research Centers, and the Vaccine Confidence Network. *Vaccine*, 60(Suppl1), 127847. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2025.127847>
4. Almukhtar, S., McWhirter, N., Mendiola, A., Samuel, S., Dominguez, O., Boyd, D. P., Flores, S., Gandhi, P., Kazungu, F., Share, M., **Cuccaro, P.**, Fernandez, M. E., Hershow, R. C., Kim, S., Stiehl, E. (2025). Exploring lingering COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy in three diverse U.S. states: Alabama, Illinois, and Texas. *Vaccine*, 60(Suppl1), 127664. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2025.127664>
5. Savas, L. S., **Cuccaro, P.**, Zhang, K., Hernandez, R., Haffey, M. E., Reiningger, B., Mendiola, A., Dominguez, O., Sifuentes, M., Bauer, C., Fernandez, M. E. (2025). Factors influencing COVID-19

vaccine uptake among vulnerable communities in Texas: Perceptions of 2-1-1 Helpline callers. *Vaccine*, 60(Suppl1), 127554. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2025.127554>

6. Stiehl, E., Borg, A. Cullen, J. P., Mendiola, A., Dominguez, O., Pester, D. Qiao, S. Gandhi, P., Kuiper, N., Minkah, P., Samuel, S., Flores, S., Quartarone, R., Ryan, G. W., **Cuccaro, P.**, Fernández, M. E., Kim, S. (2025). Engaging trusted messengers in public health response: Key strategies to building community trust among CDC's Prevention Research Center's Vaccine Confidence Network. *Vaccine*, 60(Suppl1), 127474. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2025.127474>
7. **Cuccaro, P. M.**, *Choi, J. (co-first authors), Zouaidi, K., Gabay, E. K., Mackert, M., Wolfe, J. O. (2025). Understanding dental hygienists' knowledge, attitudes, and practices regarding HPV vaccination. *Human Vaccines and Immunotherapeutics*, 21(1), 251184. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21645515.2025.2511484>
8. *Ejezie, C. L., **Cuccaro, P.**, McCurdy, S. (2025). A qualitative study of Nigerian-trained medical doctors' perceptions of the requirements for practicing medicine in the United States and the ways they may be responding to the U.S. health care system. *Discover Public Health*, 22(186). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12982-025-00528-3>
9. Tiruneh, Y., *Choi, J., **Cuccaro, P. M.**, Martinez, J., Xie, J., Owens, M., Yamal, J-M. (2025). Sociodemographic and health-related predictors of COVID-19 booster uptake among fully vaccinated adults. *Vaccine*, 54:127048. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2025.127048>. Online ahead of print.
10. *Galvin, A. M., Akpan. I. N., Garg, A., **Cuccaro, P. M.**, Thompson, E. L., Santa Maria, D. M. (2025). HPV-related cancer prevention among people experiencing housing instability: A systematic review. *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*. Advanced Online Publication. <https://doi.org/10.1097/OLQ.0000000000002159>
11. *Dias, E. M., Walker, T. J., Balasubramanian, B. A., **Cuccaro, P. M.**, Workman, L., Wandersman, A., Fernandez, M. E. (2024). Organizational readiness and implementation of colorectal cancer screening evidence-based interventions in federally qualified health centers: A cross-sectional study. *Journal of Clinical and Translational Science*, 9(1), e26. <https://doi.org/10.1017/cts.2024.689>
12. **Cuccaro, P.**, *Choi, J., Savas, L. S., Gabay, E. K., Aguilar McBride, M., Montelongo Eldridge, A., Walker, T. J. (2024). Development and evaluation of an implementation strategy to increase HPV vaccination among underserved youth across Texas: A protocol paper. *Implementation Science Communications*, 5, 143. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s43058-024-00688-4>
13. *Choi, J., Gabay, E. K., Rachel, A., Brown, A., Cruz, R., Yan, Q., **Cuccaro, P. M.** (2024). Evaluation of a trauma-informed care (TIC) training program across community health centers in Texas: A qualitative study. *BMC Health Services Research*, 24, 1360. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12913-024-11813-3>
14. *Suragh, T. A., Adzrago, D., Yeh, P. G., Allicock, M., **Cuccaro, P.** (2024). Exploring the relationship between vaccine hesitancy and mothers' perspectives on COVID-19 vaccines for children ages 5-11 years during the Omicron predominant period 2021-2022: A qualitative study. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 12, 1355452. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2024.1355452>
15. *Dias, E. M., Padilla, J. R., **Cuccaro, P. M.**, Walker, T. J., Balasubramanian, B. A., Savas, L. S., Valerio, M. A., Chenier, R. S., Fernandez, M. E. (2024). Barriers to and facilitators of implementing colorectal cancer screening evidence-based interventions in federally qualified health centers: A qualitative study. *BMC Health Services Research*, 24(1), 797. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12913-024-11163-0>

16. *Ejezie, C. L., **Cuccaro, P.**, Savas, L. S., Shegog, R. (2024). Regional differences in provider recommendation of HPV vaccines among 13-to-17-year-old adolescents from 2019 to 2021. *Vaccine*, 42(20), 125974. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2024.05.022>
17. Cribb Fabersunne, C., Milliren, C., Schuster, M., Elliot, M., Tortolero Emery, S., **Cuccaro, P. M.**, Davies, S. L., Richmond, T. (2024). Sexual debut in early adolescence and individual, school, and neighborhood social capital. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 75(2), 333-343. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jadohealth.2024.04.007>
18. *Choi, J., May, S. B., Dang, B. N., Markham, C., McGlone, M., **Cuccaro, P. M.** (2024). Acceptability of a future HIV vaccine: A rapid scoping review. *JAIDS: Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes*, 96(3), 197-207. <https://doi.org/10.1097/QAI.0000000000003416>
19. Tiruneh, Y. M., **Cuccaro, P. M.**, Elliott, K. S., Xie, J., Martinez, J., Owens, M., Alvarado, C. R., Yamal, J-M. (2024). Vaccine uptake and intentions: Insights from a Texas survey on factors influencing COVID-19 vaccination decisions. *Vaccines*, 12, 601. <https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines12060601>
20. **Cuccaro, P. M.**, *Choi, J. (co-first authors), Tiruneh, Y. M., Martinez, J., Xie, J., Crum, M., Owens, M., Yamal, J-M. (2024). Parental factors associated with COVID-19 vaccine uptake for children over 5 years of age in Texas. *Vaccines*, 12, 526. <https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines12050526>
21. *Choi, J., Gabay, E. K., **Cuccaro, P. M.** (2024). School teachers' perceptions of adolescent human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination and willingness to make HPV vaccine recommendations: A systematic review. *Vaccines*, 12(4), 361. <https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines12040361>
22. *Craig, D. W., Walker, T. J., **Cuccaro, P.**, Sharma, S., Heredia, N. I., Robertson, M. C., & Fernandez, M. E. (2024). Using the R=MC2 heuristic to explore factors contributing to the implementation of physical activity opportunities in elementary schools: A qualitative study. *BMC Public Health*, 24, 207. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-024-17744-2>
23. *Craig, D. W., Walker, T. J., Sharma, S., **Cuccaro, P.**, Heredia, N., Pavlovic, A., DeFina, L. F., Kohl III, H. W., Fernandez, M. E. (2024). Examining associations between school-level determinants and the implementation of physical activity opportunities. *Translational Behavioral Medicine*, 14(2), 89-97. <https://doi.org/10.1093/tbm/ibad055>
24. *Choi, J., **Cuccaro, P.**, Markham, C., Kim, S., Tami-Maury, I. (2023). Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination in males: Associations of HPV-related knowledge and perceptions with HPV vaccination intention among Korean mothers of boys. *Preventive Medicine Reports*, 37, 102566. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pmedr.2023.102566>
25. *Witte, L., Tsai, J., **Cuccaro, P.**, Link, A. Cox, V., Schick, V. (2023). Changes in criminal justice involvement among renters in Low-Income Housing Tax Credit properties. *Housing Studies*, 1-22. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02673037.2023.2266383>
26. Santa Maria, D., **Cuccaro, P.**, Bender, K., Sibinga, E., Guerrero, N., Keshwani, N., Jones, J., Fine, M. (2023). Adapting an evidence-based mindfulness-based intervention for sheltered youth experiencing homelessness. *BMC Complementary Medicine and Therapies*, 23, 366. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12906-023-04203-5>
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B. INVITED COMMENTARIES

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C. SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS UNDER PEER-REVIEW (* Indicates student authorship)

1. Barnes, R., *Dolce, R., Ouellette, L., **Cuccaro, P.** Improving farmworker health: A scoping review of interventions to increase vaccinations.
2. Oladoyin, O. O., **Cuccaro, P.**, Savas, L. S., Yu, R., Fokom Domgue, J., McCurdy, S., Shete, S. Sources of trust for cancer information and public awareness of HPV as a cause of cervical cancer.
3. *Choi, J., *Farris, K., Dang, B. N., Guinn, D., McGlone, M., Markham, C., Flash, C., **Cuccaro, P. M.** Recruitment for HIV vaccine trials and communication strategies for a future HIV vaccine: A qualitative study.
4. *Choi, J., *Yan, Q., Rachel, A., Gabay, E. K., Niedenfuehr, J., Barnes, R., **Cuccaro, P.** Impact of trauma-informed care training on staff retention in community health centers.
5. *Niedenfuehr, J., *Ziauddin, K. (co-first authors), Strahlman, M., **Cuccaro, P.** Caregivers' lived experiences and perceptions when interacting with health care providers on behalf of their children: A qualitative study.
6. Mackert, M., Dove, S., **Cuccaro, P.**, Wallingford, G., Quaack, K. Evaluating scalable health communication training for public health and healthcare professionals.
7. *Yan, Q., *Choi, J., Rachel, A., Gabay, E. K., Niedenfuehr, J., Barnes, R., Raja, S., **Cuccaro, P. M.** Trauma-informed care implementation in Texas community health centers: Results of organizational assessments.
8. *Choi, J., Gabay, E. K., Deason, J. E., Baumler, E. R., Santa Maria, D. M., Mullassery, D. G., Savas, L. S., Thompson, E. T., Misra, S. M., **Cuccaro, P. M.** Impact of school nurse education on factors influencing HPV vaccine communication with parents.
9. Rodriguez, A., Douphrate, D., Pineda Reyes, A., Zavala, S., Chavez, L., Lopez, S., Cabrera Cruz, A., Keeney, A., Hernandez, N., Berumen-Flucker, B., Shipp, E., Nonnenmann, M., Guillot-Wright, S., Boggess Alcauter, B., Lopez Ixta, G., **Cuccaro, P.**, Fernandez-Sanchez, H., Gimeno, D. Fuimos olvidados y descuidados [Forgotten and neglected]: Lessons learned and findings from on-farm COVID-19 education and vaccine clinics for agricultural workers and their multigenerational families in Texas.
10. *Duhaime, W., Heredia, N. I., Markham, C., Chuang, R.-J., **Cuccaro, P.**, Sharma, S. Factors associated with health-related quality of life in low-income minority mothers in the first year postpartum.

D. BOOK CHAPTERS

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E. INVITED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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| 2025 | UT Austin Moody School of Communication, Health Communication Leadership Institute, June 12, 2025; Austin, TX. |
| 2025 | American Cancer Society/Oklahoma University Health Stephenson Cancer Center HPV Vaccination Webinar Series Back to School, April 29, 2025; virtual. |
| 2025 | Memphis and Shelby County HPV Cancer Prevention Roundtable, February 11, 2025; virtual. |
| 2024 | Texas HPV Coalition Annual Summit, September 10, 2024; Houston, TX. |
| 2024 | Baylor College of Medicine Teen Sexual Health ECHO Program, August 14, 2024; virtual. |
| 2024 | American Cancer Society School Nurse ECHO program, June 27, 2024; virtual. |
| 2024 | Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Research, February 9, 2024; Houston, TX. |
| 2024 | MD Anderson Cancer Prevention and Control Grand Rounds, February 9, 2024; Houston, TX. |
| 2023 | American Cancer Society School Nurse ECHO program, December 7, 2023; virtual. |
| 2023 | CPRIT Innovations Conference VI, October 3, 2023; Galveston, TX. |
| 2023 | Texas Association of Community Health Centers Trauma Informed Care Summit, June 31, 2023, Houston, TX. |
| 2021 | SPH CPRIT Summer Internship roundtable, COVID-19 Prevention. July 15, 2021; UTHealth School of Public Health, Houston, TX. |
| 2021 | Be Well Baytown Steering Committee. June 9, 2021; Houston, TX. |
| 2021 | Department of State Health Services, Immunization Branch All for Them Project Overview. May 28, 2021; Houston, TX. |
| 2020 | Be Well Baytown Steering Committee, All for Them Project Implementation. January 8, 2020; Houston, TX. |
| 2019 | Panelist. American Cancer Society, HPV Vaccination: It's Worth a Shot. August 1, 2019; Houston, TX. |

- 2019 Be Well Baytown Steering Committee, All for Them Project Overview. July 10, 2019; Houston, TX.
- 2018 HPV Coalition panelist. 2018 Texas School Nurses Organization Conference, November 10-11, 2018; Plano, TX.
- 2015 2015 Summit on HPV-Related Diseases. University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, June 18, 2015; Houston, TX.
- 2014 UTHealth Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Research, From Talk to Action: Helping Teens Build Health Relationships, 6th Annual Adolescent Sexual Health Course, June 10-12, 2014; Houston, TX
- 2011 Link Up Greater Houston, October 1, 2011; Houston, TX.

F. PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (* Indicates student presenter)

1. Sifuentes, M., Savas, L., Crum, M., **Cuccaro, P.**, Rahbar, M., Zhang, X., Tahanan, A., Hessabi, M., Mendiola, A., Salinas, S., Fernandez, M., Reininger, B. (2025, November). A text message-based intervention to increase COVID-19 testing in 3 Texas regions. Roundtable presented to American Public Health Association 2025 Annual Meeting & Expo, Washington, DC.
2. Sifuentes, M., Savas, L., Crum, M., **Cuccaro, P.**, Rahbar, M., Zhang, X., Tahanan, A., Hessabi, M., Mendiola, A., Salinas, S., Reininger, B., Fernandez, M. (2025, November). Community health worker interventions improved COVID-19 testing behaviors. Roundtable presented to American Public Health Association 2025 Annual Meeting & Expo, Washington, DC.
3. Savas, L. S., Adlparvar, E., Huyan, Y., Black, N., Goetz, M., **Cuccaro, P.** (2025, October). Evaluating CHW-delivered navigation to increase cervical cancer screening and HPV vaccination among Latinas reached in community settings: The Salud en Mis Manos program. Oral presentation accepted at 37th Annual Conference of the International Papillomavirus Society (IPVS 2025).
4. **Cuccaro, P.**, Savas, L. S., Barnes, R., Mackert, M. (2025, October). Reaching key audiences through impactful health education campaigns. Panel presentation at Healthier Texas Summit, Austin, TX. October 2025.
5. *Oladoyin, O. O., **Cuccaro, P.**, Savas, L. S., Yu, R., Fokom-Domgue, J., McCurdy, S., Shete, S. (2025, September). Sources of trust for cancer information and public awareness of HPV as a cause of cervical cancer. Poster presented at the 2025 Texas Society for Public Health Education Conference, San Marcos, TX.
6. Rechis, R., Gardiner, H., Aquino, M., Gabay, E., **Cuccaro, P.** (2025, April). Implementation of a community-based HPV vaccination intervention supported by a cross-sector community coalition. Oral presentation at American Association of Cancer Research, Chicago, IL.
7. **Cuccaro, P.**, Savas, L., Tang, J., Haffey, M., Reininger, B., Fernandez, M. (2024, December). Just in Time Adaptation: Rapid development and implementation of a COVID-19 vaccine confidence and uptake intervention. Poster presentation at the 17th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health, Arlington, VA.
8. **Cuccaro, P. M.**, Choi, J., Aguilar McBride M., Gabay, E. K., Savas, L. S., Walker, T. (2024, December). Using Implementation Mapping to develop an implementation and dissemination strategy to

increase HPV vaccination across Texas: Implementing All for Them. Oral presentation at the 17th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health, Arlington, VA

9. **Cuccaro, P.**, Gabay, E., Santa Maria, D., Misra, S., Thompson, E., Mullassery, D., Savas, L. (2024, November). Lessons learned from implementation of a school-based HPV vaccination program in the COVID-19 era. Poster presentation at the 36th International Papillomavirus Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.
10. **Cuccaro, P.**, Deason, J., Gabay, E., Mullassery, D., Thompson, E., Santa Maria, D., Baumler, E. (2024, November). Considerations for delivering HPV vaccine education to school nurses. Poster presentation at the 36th International Papillomavirus Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.
11. Gabay, E. K., Choi, J., Walker, T., Aguilar McBride, M., Savas, L., **Cuccaro, P. M.** (2024, November). Qualitative assessment to inform implementation of the All for Them vaccination program. Poster presentation at the 36th International Papillomavirus Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.
12. Savas, L. S., Adlparvar, E., Goetz, M., Figueroa-Solis, E., Huyan, Y., Coan, S., **Cuccaro, P. M.** (2024, November). Evaluation of Salud En Mis Manos scale-up: A community health worker-delivered program to increase breast and cervical cancer screening and HPV vaccination among Latina women. Poster presentation at the 36th International Papillomavirus Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.
13. Amos, C., Bello, R., Berenson, A., **Cuccaro, P.**, Gabay, E., Harper, B., Moralez, J., Tijerina, I. (2024, August). Building an implementation ecosystem for public health practice: A spotlight on school-based vaccination programs to increase HPV vaccination rates in Texas. Presentation at the 49th National Immunization Conference, Atlanta, GA.
14. Santa Maria, D., **Cuccaro, P.**, Sibinga, E., Bender, K. (2024, April). Examining the feasibility of implementing an adapted mindfulness-based intervention for youth experiencing homelessness. Presentation at the 2024 International Congress on Integrative Medicine and Health, Cleveland, OH.
15. Choi, J., Gabay, E. K., Baumler, E. R., Deason, J. E., Santa Maria, D. M., Mullassery, D. G., **Cuccaro, P. M.** (2024, March). Impact of continuing education on school nurses' HPV knowledge and self-efficacy for vaccine communication with parents for cancer prevention. Oral presentation at the 48th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Preventive Oncology, Chicago, IL.
16. Galvin, A. M., Akpan, I. N., Garg, A., **Cuccaro, P. M.**, Thompson, E. L., & Santa Maria, D. M. (2024, March). HPV-related cancer prevention behaviors among people experiencing homelessness: A systematic review. Oral presentation at 45th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine Philadelphia, PA.
17. *Craig, D. W., Walker, T. J., **Cuccaro, P.**, Sharma, S., Heredia, N., Robertson, M. C., Fernandez, M. E. (2024, March) Using the R=MC² heuristic to understand barriers and facilitators to implementing school-based physical activity opportunities: A qualitative study. Poster presentation at the 45th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Philadelphia, PA.
18. Stiehl, E., Dominguez, O., Mendiola, A., Samuel, S., Pester, D., McWhirter, N., Kazungu, F., Almukhtar, S., Hershow, R., Kim, S., Basu, S., Khare, M., **Cuccaro, P.**, Fernandez, M. (2023, November). Evaluating COVID-19 vaccine confidence and hesitancy: Comparing survey results over

time and geography across three institutions. Presentation at the 151st American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo, Atlanta, GA.

19. Brault, M., Hernandez, B., Chandler, E., Kanipe, C., Thormaehlen, L. Biundo, J., **Cuccaro, P.**, Kwentua, V., Shegog, R., Markham, C., Chester, J. R., Peskin, M. (2023, November). Assessing the alignment between evidence-based sexual health curricula and new Texas state standards: Implications for evidence-based sexual health education. Panel discussion presentation at the 151st American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo, Atlanta, GA.
20. *Kanipe, C., Chandler, E., Thormaehlen, L., Hernandez, B., Markham, C., **Cuccaro, P.**, Shegog, R., Brault, M., Biundo, J., Chester, J. R., Kwentua, V., Peskin, M. (2023, November). iCHAMPSS 2.0: A web-based implementation strategy for assisting school districts with adoption, implementation, and maintenance of evidence-based sexual health programs. Panel discussion presentation at the 151st American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo, Atlanta, GA.
21. Kwentua, V., Peskin, M., Thormaehlen, L., Biundo, J., Brault, M., Kanipe, C., Chandler, E., Markham, C., **Cuccaro, P.**, Shegog, R., Chester, J. R., Hernandez, B. (2023, November). A mixed methods evaluation of Texas opt-in policy implementation for sexual health and abuse prevention education. Panel discussion presentation at the 151st American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo, Atlanta, GA.
22. Peskin, M., Biundo, J., Brault, M., Kwentua, V., Kanipe, C., Chandler, E., Thormaehlen, L., Markham, C., **Cuccaro, P.**, Chester, J. R., Shegog, R., Hernandez, B. (2023, November). Navigating the Texas sex education landscape: Spotlighting revising standards, opt-in policies, community awareness raising, and future implications. Panel discussion presentation at the 151st American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo, Atlanta, GA.
23. *Ejezie, C., **Cuccaro, P.**, Savas, L. Shegog, R. (2023, November). The influence of the COVID-19 pandemic on parent-reported provider recommendation of HPV vaccines among adolescents. Presentation at the 151st American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo, Atlanta, GA.
24. Perez, L., Sohn, A., **Cuccaro, P.**, Mitchell-Bennet, L., Savas, L., Fernandez, M., Reininger, B.M. (2023, November). Increasing COVID-19 vaccine confidence and uptake in four priority areas across Texas. Presentation at the 151st American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo, Atlanta, GA.
25. Galvin, A. M., Akpan, I. N., Garg, A., **Cuccaro, P. M.**, Thompson, E. L., & Santa Maria, D. M. (2023, November). HPV-related cancer prevention behaviors among people experiencing homelessness: A systematic review. Oral presentation at the UTHHealth Houston Cizik School of Nursing Scholars' Day 2023, Houston, TX.
26. Choi, J., Gabay, E., **Cuccaro, P.** (2023, October). School teachers' perspectives on adolescent human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination and willingness to recommend the HPV vaccine: A systematic review. Poster presentation at the Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference, Galveston, TX.
27. Gabay, E. K., Thompson, E., Savas, L., Mullassery, D., Aguilar McBride, M., Saldana, S., Chaulet, S., Arizpe, A., Casebier, A., Misra, S., **Cuccaro, P.** (2023, October). Implementation Outcomes from an Expansion of the All for Them HPV Vaccination Initiative. Poster presentation at the Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference, Galveston, TX.

28. Choi, J., Walker, T., Aguilar McBride, M., Gabay, E., Savas, L., **Cuccaro, P.** (2023, October). Insights about All for Them implementation: A qualitative assessment. Poster presentation at the Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference, Galveston, TX.
29. Arizpe, A., **Cuccaro, P.**, Gabay, E., Falcon, S., Wolff, L, Thompson, E. (2023, August). All for Them: A multicomponent approach to increase HPV vaccination. Poster presentation at the 2023 Texas Conference on Health Disparities.
30. *Montgomery, S. J., **Cuccaro, P. M.**, Hernandez, R. A., Sajja, A., Savas, L. S., Reininger, B., Fernandez, M. E. (May-June, 2023). Latine communities' experiences and perspectives of COVID-19 mitigation behaviors in Texas. Poster presentation at the Society for Prevention Research 31st Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
31. *Choi, J., **Cuccaro, P.**, Markham, C., Kim, S., Tami-Maury, I. (March 2023). Male human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination: Associations between HPV-related knowledge, perceptions and vaccination intention among mothers of boys in South Korea. Poster presentation at Society for Public Health 2023 Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
32. *Farris, K., Preston, S., **Cuccaro, P.**, McKenzie, A., Healy, C. M., Savas, L. S. (2023, March). "We never talked about this in medical school": Black physicians' experiences with cultural competence training, and an impetus for change. Poster presentation at the Society for Public Health 2023 Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
33. *Craig, D. W., Walker, T. J., Sharma, S., **Cuccaro, P.**, Heredia, N., Pavlovic, A., DeFina, L., Kohl III, H. W., Fernandez, M. E. (2022, December). Examining associations between school-level factors and implementation of physical activity programs and activities: A cross-sectional study. Presentation at the 15th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health.
34. Savas, L., Adlparvar, E. M., Figueroa, E., **Cuccaro, P. M.**, Fernandez, M. E. (2022, November). Evaluation of a community health worker-delivered breast and cervical cancer intervention targeting uninsured Latinas: Comparing in-person and telephone-based education. Poster presentation at the 150th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo, Boston, MA.
35. *Kwentua, V. J., **Cuccaro, P.**, Markham, C. M., Siceluff, A., Peskin, M. F. (2022, November). Planning the development of a multilevel intervention to address prevention of pregnancy in foster care youth. Paper presentation at the 150th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo, Boston, MA.
36. *Farris, K., Preston, S., **Cuccaro, P.**, Hedrick, A., Healy, C. M., Vernon, S., Savas, L. (2022, September). The impact of being one of few: Black female pediatricians' experiences with microaggressions. Poster presentation at the 20th International Conference on Communication in Healthcare, Glasgow, Scotland.
37. *Tang, J., **Cuccaro, P.**, Dominguez, O., English, A., Tremblay, J., Fernandez, M. E. (2022, May). Intervention Mapping for selecting, adapting, and developing multi-level interventions to increase COVID-19 vaccine confidence and uptake in Houston and Cameron Counties. Poster presentation at Texas Public Health Association Virtual Annual Education Conference.

38. *Choi, J., Gabay, E., Rector, A., Rachel, A., Cruz, R., **Cuccaro, P.** (2022, May). Qualitative evaluation of trauma informed care implementation among community health center staff. Poster presentation at the Society for Prevention Research 30th Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
39. Santa Maria, D., **Cuccaro, P.**, Sibinga, E., Bender, K., Fine, M., Guerrero, N., Mejia, K., Payén, S. S., Torres Jones, J. (2022, May). Reducing stress and enhancing wellbeing: Adapting a mindfulness based intervention for youth experiencing homelessness. Paper presentation at the 2022 International Congress on Integrative Medicine & Health, Phoenix, AZ.
40. Savas, L. S., Haffey, M., Markham, C., Reininger, B., **Cuccaro, P.**, Sifuentes, M., Adlpavar, E., Allen, C., Hernandez, R., Molina, J., Montgomery, S., Vidal, P., Goetz, M., Fernandez, M. (2021, December). Rapid development and implementation of a SARS-CoV-2 testing community-based intervention. Oral panel presentation at the 14th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health Virtual Conference.
41. Walker, T., Szeszulski, J., Robertson, M., **Cuccaro, P.**, Fernandez, M. (2020, April). Implementation strategies used to support physical activity approaches in elementary schools: A qualitative study. Paper presentation at the 41st Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, San Francisco, CA.
42. *Ibekwe, L. N., **Cuccaro, P. M.**, Savas, L. S., Valerio, M. A., Foxhall, L. E., Fernandez, M. E. (2019, September). Implementing a colorectal cancer screening intervention in Texas FQHCs: A qualitative evaluation of provider perceptions. Poster presentation at the 12th American Association for Cancer Research on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved, San Francisco, CA.
43. **Cuccaro, P. M.**, Gabay, E. K., Santa Maria, D., Wilkerson, J. M., Misra, S. M., Baumler, E. Healy, C. M., Addy, R. C., Vernon, S. W. (2018, October). Impact of comprehensive school-based vaccination clinics on increasing HPV vaccination uptake. Paper presentation at the 32nd International Papillomavirus Conference, Sydney, Australia.
44. Gabay, E. K., Vernon, S. W., Santa Maria, D., Wilkerson, J. M., Misra, S. M., Baumler, E. Healy, C. M., Addy, R. C., **Cuccaro, P. M.** (2018, October). *All for Them*: Development of a parent-focused social marketing campaign to increase HPV vaccination. Poster presentation at the 32nd International Papillomavirus Conference, Sydney, Australia.
45. *Roth, I., Highfield, L., **Cuccaro, P.**, Wells, R., Misra, S., & Engebretson, J. (2018, May). Employing evidence in evaluating complementary therapies: Findings from an ethnography of integrative pain management in a large urban pediatric hospital. Poster presentation at The International Congress of Integrative Medicine and Health Online Program, Baltimore, MD.
46. *Roth, I., Highfield, L., **Cuccaro, P.**, Wells, R., Misra, S., & Engebretson, J. (2018, May). Moving towards transprofessional integration: Findings from an ethnography of integrative pain management in a large urban pediatric hospital. Poster presentation at The International Congress of Integrative Medicine and Health Online Program, Baltimore, MD.
47. Fernandez, M. E., **Cuccaro, P. M.**, Savas, L. S., Delaney, J. N., Valencia-Torres, I. M. (2018, May). Disseminating an evidence-based HPV vaccination intervention for parents of Hispanic adolescents. Poster presentation at the NCI Rural Cancer Control Meeting, Bethesda, MD.

48. Kim, K. W., Wallander, J. L., Peskin, M., & **Cuccaro, P.** (2018, May). Using Structural Equation Modeling path analysis to explore associations between parental SES and children's health-related quality of life. Symposium presentation at the 30th Annual Association for Psychological Science Convention, San Francisco CA.
49. *Dierschke, N. A., Hernandez, B., **Cuccaro, P.**, Gelfond, J., & Morgan, R. (2018, March). The demographic profile of women at risk for infant mortality, preterm birth and low birth weight in Southern states: PRAMS 2009-2011. Poster presentation at the Texas Public Health Association Annual Education Conference, Waco TX.
50. Gabay, E. K., Vernon, S. E., Santa Maria, D., Healy, C. M., Wilkerson, J. M., Aguilar, M., Johnson, G., Misra, S. M., Atterstrom, R., Eldersveld, K., Addy, R. A., & **Cuccaro, P. M.** (2017, November). An innovative social marketing strategy for increasing HPV vaccination. Poster presentation at the Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference, Austin TX.
51. *Amith, M., **Cuccaro, P.**, & Savas, L. (2017, November). Preliminary big data textual analysis of HPV-related discourse on Reddit. Poster presentation at the Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference, Austin TX.
52. Sintes-Yallen, A. R., McGaughey, K. G., Ibekwe, L., **Cuccaro, P. M.**, Savas, L., Foxhall, L., & Fernandez, M. E. (2017, November). Alliance for Colorectal Cancer Testing (ACT) program: Providers' screening knowledge, practices, and barriers to recommendation. Poster presentation at the Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference, Austin TX.
53. *Siceluff, A., Adlparvar, E., **Cuccaro, P.**, Fernandez, M. E., & Savas, L. S. (2017, November). Using Intervention Mapping to adapt a breast and cervical cancer education prevention program. Poster presentation at the Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference, Austin TX.
54. *Roth, I., Highfield, L., **Cuccaro, P.**, Misra, S., Wells, R., & Engebretson, J. (2017, November). Ethnography of integrative pain management at a large urban pediatric hospital. Paper presentation at the 14th International Conference of the Society for Integrative Oncology, Chicago, IL.
55. *Roth, I., Highfield, L., **Cuccaro, P.**, Wells, R., & Engebretson, J. (2017, November). Ethnography of integrative pain management at a large urban pediatric hospital. Paper presentation at the 145th APHA Annual Meeting & Expo, Atlanta, GA.
56. *Jetelina, K., Reingle Gonzalez, J., **Cuccaro, P.**, Peskin, M., Pompeii, L., Atem, F., Elliott, M. N., Davies, S., & Schuster, M. A. (2017, November). Self-reporting discrepancies of bullying-victimization and perpetration measures. Paper presentation at the 145th APHA Annual Meeting & Expo, Atlanta, GA.
57. Walker, T. J., Vanderpool, R., Brandt, H. M., Adsul, P., Zubizarreta, M., Pilar, M., Fernandez, M. E., Brownson, R. C., Moreland-Russell, S., **Cuccaro, P.**, Nasir, S., Vinson, C., Norton, W., & Chambers, D. (2017, August). Understanding cancer control activities and plans of state teams participating in technical assistance workshops for implementing evidence-based strategies. Paper presentation at the 2017 CDC National Cancer Conference, Atlanta, GA.
58. *Li, Y., Chen, H., Abughosh, S., **Cuccaro, P.**, Mehta, P., & Essien, E. J. (2017, May). The influence of social determinants and family structure on sexual behaviors among adolescents from an ecodevelopmental perspective. Poster presentation at the 22nd Annual International Meeting of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research, Boston, MA.

59. *Li, Y., Mehta, P., Chen, H., Abughosh, S., **Cuccaro, P.**, & Essien, E. J. (2017, May). Longitudinal behavior change and risks of sexual transmitted disease infections/Human Immunodeficiency Virus infection among young African Americans: A latent transition analysis. Poster presentation at the 22nd Annual International Meeting of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research, Boston, MA.
60. Fabersunne, C. C., Richmond, T., Elliott, M., Milliren, C., Tortolero Emery, S. **Cuccaro, P. M.**, Davies, S. L., & Schuster, M. (2017, May). Individual, school, and neighborhood social capital and early sexual debut. Poster presentation at Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
61. Gabay, E. K., Peskin, M. F., Markham, C. M., Shegog, R., Temple, J., Baumler, E., Addy, R., **Cuccaro, P.**, Hernandez, B. F., Thiel, M., & Tortolero Emery, S. (2016, October-November). Prevalence and correlates of electronic dating violence perpetration among a multi-ethnic sample of 6th grade youth. Paper presentation at the 144th APHA Annual Meeting & Expo, Denver, CO.
62. Fernandez, M., Savas, L., Lipizzi, E., Roncancio, A., Khan, M., Fernandez-Espada, N., Rodriguez, S., **Cuccaro, P.**, & Vernon, S. (2016, September). Evaluation of two HPV vaccination educational interventions for Hispanic parents. Poster presentation at the 47th National Immunization Conference, Atlanta, GA.
63. *Li, Y., Mgbere, O., Abughosh, S., Chen, H., **Cuccaro, P.**, & Essien, E.J. (2016, May). Ecodevelopmentally based study of epidemiological and self-perceived indices of HIV risk among young African Americans: A comparative analysis. Poster presentation at the 21st Annual International Meeting of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research, Washington DC.
64. *Li, Y., Mgbere, O., Abughosh, S., Chen, H., **Cuccaro, P.**, & Essien, E.J. (2016, May). Modeling ecodevelopmental context of STDS/HIV risk and protective behaviors among African American adolescents. Poster presentation at the 21st Annual International Meeting of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research, Washington DC.
65. Santa Maria, D., & **Cuccaro, P.** (2016, March). Feasibility of conducting a mindfulness intervention with homeless sheltered youth: Results of a pilot study. Paper presentation at the 2016 Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine Nursing Special Interest Group Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
66. Hernandez, B. F., Peskin, M. F., Shegog, R., Gabay, E., **Cuccaro, P.**, Addy, R., & Markham, C. (2015, December). iCHAMPSS: A web-based decision-support system to facilitate the dissemination of evidence-based sexual health programs in school settings. Paper presentation at The National Institutes of Health and AcademyHealth 8th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health, Washington, DC.
67. Peskin, M., Gabay, E. Hernandez, B., Shegog, R. **Cuccaro, P.**, & Markham, C. (2015, November). Usability testing of iCHAMPSS: A web-based decision-support system for adopting and implementing evidence-based sexual health programs in schools. Paper presentation at the 143rd American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
68. Wiesner, M., Elliott, M. N., **Cuccaro, P. M.**, Schwebel, D. C., Tortolero, S., Davies, S., Toomey, S. L., & Schuster, M. A. (2015, May). Time-varying covariates of distinctive patterns of youth violence exposure across time: A latent transition analysis. Paper presentation at the 23rd Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

69. Coker, T. R., Elliott, M. N., Toomey, S., Schwebel, D. C., Tortolero, S. R., **Cuccaro, P.**, Davies, S. L., & Schuster, M. A. (2015, April) A longitudinal analysis of racial/ethnic disparities in ADHD diagnosis and treatment. Paper presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
70. Wiesner, M., Elliott, M. N., Lewis, T., **Cuccaro, P.**, Mrug, S., Toomey, S., Tortolero, S., & Schuster, M. A. (2014, November). Stability and change in patterns of youth violence exposure: A latent transition analysis. Paper presentation at the 70th American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
71. Hawes-Dawson, J., **Cuccaro, P.**, Moore, J., & Paffen, S. (May 2013). Experiences collecting anthropometric measures from children and teens: Lessons learned from Healthy Passages. Paper presentation at the 47th International Field Directors and Technologies Conference, Providence, RI.
72. Toomey, S. L., Elliott, M. N., Schwebel, D. C., **Cuccaro, P.M.**, Tortolero, S. R., Davies, S. L., Kampalath, V., & Schuster, M. A. (2013, May). Adolescent self-report of patient-centered care: Association with receipt of high quality primary care and unmet needs. Paper presentation at the 2013 Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Meeting, Washington DC.
73. Lewis, T., Schwebel, D. C., Elliott, M. N., Visser, S., Toomey, S. L., McLaughlin, K. A., **Cuccaro, P.**, Tortolero, S., Banspach, S. W., & Schuster, M. A. (2011, October–November). The association between youth violence exposure and ADHD symptoms. Paper presentation at the 139th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
74. Franzini, L., Elliott, M. N., **Cuccaro, P.**, Schuster, M. A., Gilliland, M. J., Franklin, F., & Tortolero S. (2008, October). Influences of physical and social neighborhood environments on child physical activity and obesity. Paper presentation at the 136th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
75. **Cuccaro, P.**, Tortolero, S. R., Peskin, M. F., Markham, C., Addy, R. C., & Lormand, D. (2008, August). Prevalence and incidence of dating violence among African American and Hispanic middle school youth. Paper presentation at the International Congress of Behavioral Medicine, Tokyo, Japan.
76. Wallander, J., Windle, M., **Cuccaro, P.**, Dittus, P., Kanouse, D., Tortolero, S., & Schuster, M. (2008, August). Multilevel influences on health risk behaviors in major race/ethnic groups: The Healthy Passages study. Paper presentation at the International Congress of Behavioral Medicine, Tokyo, Japan.
77. Coker, T. R., Elliott, M. N., Kanouse, D. E., Grunbaum, J., Gilliland, M. J., Tortolero, S. R., **Cuccaro, P.**, & Schuster, M. A. (2008, May). Family homelessness in 5th grade students: Prevalence, characteristics, and associated health care needs. Paper presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI.
78. Coker, T. R., Elliott, M. N., Kataoka, S., Mrug, S., Schwebel, D. C., Massetti, G., Grunbaum, J., Peskin, M. F., **Cuccaro, P.**, & Schuster, M. A. (2008, May). Racial/ethnic disparities in mental health care utilization. Paper presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI.
79. Schwebel, D. C., Gaines, J., Kinchen, S., **Cuccaro, P. M.**, Elliott, M. N., Franzini, L., Mumford, G., Parcak, S., & Schuster, M. A. (2008, March). Use of satellite imagery to study neighborhood effects on disparities in unintentional adolescent pedestrian injury. Paper presentation at the 9th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, Mérida, Mexico.

80. Gilliland, M. J., Franklin, F., Roth, D., Grunbaum, J. A., Martino, S., Franzini, L., Kanouse, D., **Cuccaro, P.**, & Schuster, M. (2007, March). Neighborhood physical and social environmental influences on body mass index of mother and child dyads: The Healthy Passages study. Paper presentation at the 28th Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
81. Mrug, S., Gilliland, M. J., Tortolero, S., Elliott, M., Grunbaum, J. A., **Cuccaro, P.**, & Schuster, M. A. (2007, March–April). Externalizing problems in early maturing girls: Protective effects of the parent-child relationship. Paper presentation at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Boston, MA.
82. Gilliland, M. J., Eden, A., Tortolero, S., Grunbaum, J. A., Elliott, M. N., **Cuccaro, P.**, Stein, B., & Schuster, M. A. (2006, November). Mental health implications of children's concerns about terrorism: The Healthy Passages study. Paper presentation at the 134th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
83. Schuster, M., Windle, M., Grunbaum, J. A., Elliott, M., Tortolero, S., **Cuccaro, P.**, & Gilliland, J. (2006, November). Healthy Passages: A multilevel, multimethod longitudinal study of adolescent health. Paper presentation at the 134th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
84. Grunbaum, J. A., Berry, S. H., **Cuccaro, P.**, Elliott, M. N., Gilliland, J., Hawes-Dawson, J., Kanouse, D., Tortolero, S. R., Wallander, J., Windle, M., & Schuster, M. A. (2006, September). Healthy Passages: A longitudinal study to improve policies and programs to promote adolescent health. Paper presentation at the 2006 National Health Promotion Conference, Atlanta, GA.
85. Markham, C., Tortolero, S., Peskin, M. F., **Cuccaro, P.**, & Turk, E. (2006, May). Using the 40 Developmental Assets framework to guide prevention research. Paper presentation at *Link Up Houston*, the Houston Independent School District Community Assets Conference, Houston, TX.
86. Paulk, D. L., Eden, A., Gilliland, M. J., Grunbaum, J. A., Windle, M., Elliott, M., **Cuccaro, P.M.**, Peskin, M.F., & Schuster, M. (2006, March). Influence of peer victimization and negative self-attributions on school attitude and functioning. Poster presentation at the 11th Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
87. Eden, A., Gilliland, J., Kanouse, D., Tortolero, S., **Cuccaro, P.**, & Schuster, M. A. (2005, December). Mental health and perceived discrimination in children. Paper presentation at the 133rd American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
88. Grunbaum, J. A., **Cuccaro, P.**, Berry, S., Fleschler, M., Kilpatrick, S., Mun, E. Y., & Wiesner, M. (2005, December). Healthy Passages: Importance of a multidimensional and comprehensive assessment of children's health and well-being. Poster presentation at the 133rd American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
89. Wise, M. S., Mizrahi, E. M., Dunn, K., Lane, J., Hrachovy, R., **Cuccaro, P.**, & Hirtz, D. (1999, October). Seizures in very low birth weight (VLBW) infants: I. Study design, subject characteristics, and seizure incidence. Paper presentation at the Child Neurology Society Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN.
90. **Cuccaro, P.** (1997, April). Perceptions of adolescents' influence in family decision making. Poster presentation at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Washington, DC.

91. Young, V., **Cuccaro, P.**, & Sirota, H. (1991, November). We Care for You: Evaluation of a public health information program. Poster presentation at the 119th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
92. **Cuccaro, P.**, & Cousins, J. H. (1990, April). Knowledge and attitude changes following a cardiovascular risk reduction program for Mexican Americans. Poster presentation at the 11th Society for Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

PROFESSIONAL/TEACHING DEVELOPMENT

January 2021	.b Curriculum (version 10) Teacher Training
March 2017	UCSD Mindfulness-Based Professional Training Institute Mindfulness Retreat Training
July 2016	.b Curriculum (version 9) Teacher Training
June 2016	Applying Behavior Change Principles to Interactive Media Training
April 2016- May 2016	Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction Facilitation Study Group
Aug 2015- Sept 2015	MBSR-T Facilitation Training
Jan 2014	SPH Grants Writing Workshop
Aug 2014- Nov 2014	Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction Course
March 2015	Motivational Interviewing Course
April 2015- August 2015	<i>Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction – Teen Curriculum</i> Teacher Training

TEACHING

Primary Courses Taught

PH 5200	Foundations of Leadership in Public Health. University of Texas-Houston School of Public Health. Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025. Co-developed course and co-taught (50% time) with Dr. Tortolero.
PH 1433	Research Seminar in Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences. University of Texas-Houston School of Public Health. Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025. Co-taught (50% time) with Dr. Springer.

PH 1118 Qualitative Methods. Fall 2018, Fall 2019: Co-taught (40% time) with Dr. McCurdy. Fall 2023: Co-taught (50% time) with Drs. Shay and Brault. Fall 2024: Co-taught (33% time) with Drs. Shay and Lemon. Fall 2025: Co-taught (50% time) with Dr. Shay (*Note: course name changed in 2018 with introduction of new CEPH requirements for MPH course, see PH 5015*)

Previous Courses Taught

PH 1239 Theories of Child and Adolescent Development. Spring 2015. Co-taught (50% time) with Dr. Caughy.

PH 1238 Adolescent Sexual Health. University of Texas-Houston School of Public Health. Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015. Co-taught (25% time) with Drs. Tortolero, Markham, and Peskin.

PH 1118 Introduction to Qualitative Methods. Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017. Co-taught (40% time) with Dr. McCurdy.

PH 1119 Qualitative Analysis. Spring 2017, Spring 2018. Co-taught (30% time) with Dr. McCurdy.

PH 1120 Introduction to Program Evaluation. Spring 2016. Co-taught (30% time) with Drs. Savas and Addy.

PH 5015 Introduction to Qualitative Methods. 2018-2024. Served as Course Director. 2021-2024 (Co-Director with Dr. McCurdy 2021-2023). Co-developed course with Drs. McCurdy and Wermuth (Fall 2018), co-developed asynchronous course with Dr. Gallardo (Fall 2019). Spring 2018 Co-taught (33% time) with Drs. McCurdy and Wermuth; Spring 2019, Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Summer 2021, Fall 2021, Fall 2022 (100%).

Guest Lecturer in Other UTHouston School of Public Health Courses

PH 1119 Qualitative Analysis. Spring 2015.

PH 1238 Adolescent Sexual Health. Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024.

PH 1433 Research Seminar in Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences. Spring 2015, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022.

PH 2998 Epidemiology Seminar: Communicating Scientific Data to Professionals and Public. Spring 2024.

PH 2998 Special Topics in Epidemiology: Scientific Communication and Dissemination. Summer 2021.

PH 5220	Women and Leadership. Spring 2016.
PH 5311	Maternal & Child Health Core Training Seminar II. Normative Development in Middle Childhood and Adolescence. Spring 2010, Spring 2015, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2021, Spring 2023.

Other Teaching/Trainings

2021-2022	University of Houston Cougar Health Research Academy, June 7-11, 2021, June 6-10, 2022.
2009-2014	Annual Summer Course for Adolescent Sexual Health. Hosted by University of Texas Prevention Research Center, Houston, TX. Taught June 15-18, 2009, June 20-24, 2010, June 12-14, 2012, June 10-12, 2014; co-taught with Meryl Cohen, MSW, May 16-18, 2011, co-taught with Drs. Tortolero, and Shegog, June 10-12, 2014.

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW AND STUDENT MENTORING

Postdoctoral Fellows

2023-present	Jihye (Jenn) Choi, PhD UTHealth School of Public Health Postdoctoral Fellowship in Behavioral Sciences
2019-2021	Sharice Preston, PhD, CHES (<i>deceased</i>) NCI Postdoctoral Fellowship in Cancer Education Position: Tenure Track Assistant Professor, Department of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences, UTHealth School of Public Health

Doctoral

Doctoral Students (Advisor or Research Supervisor)

2024-present	Amrita Sidhu, MDS, MPH Dissertation: Dental hygienists and HPV vaccination recommendation practices- Where do we stand?
2024-present	Olajumoke Oladoyin, MPH Dissertation: Sources of trust for cancer information, roles of vaccine policies and healthcare providers in HPV vaccination awareness and uptake
2024-present	Kanwal Haq, MPH, CHES Dissertation: TBD
2023-present	Roldyne Dolce, MPH, CHES Dissertation: Cradled in culture: A mixed-methods study of infant care practices among Black and Caribbean immigrant parents
2023-present	Jenny Nietenfuehr, MPH, CHES, CPH

Dissertation: From literature to lived experiences: Examining sexual pain disorders in Hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome & Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders across existing research, providers, and patients

Doctoral Students (Committee Member)

Current

2025-present	Ghia Johnson, MPH Dissertation: Social determinants of health and food insecurity within underserved African American communities in Houston, Texas: The Healthy Corner Stores (HCS) initiative.
2025-present	Daneeka Hamilton, MPH Dissertation: The role of GLP-1 receptor agonists in improving preconception health and fertility outcomes among obese women with polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS).
2025-present	Holly McMillan, MS Dissertation: Trismus following head and neck cancer treatment: Understanding preventative exercise and toxicity associations, a multi-modal design
2025-present	Dawn Rogers, MS Dissertation: Health-related quality of life among children impacted by Vascular Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome
2024-present	Amy Willa, MPH Dissertation: Exploring the implementation of nutrition, mealtimes, and physical activity in Texas Early Childhood Education (ECE) facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.
2023-present	Victoria Kwentua, MPH Dissertation: Sexual reproductive health education and intervention opportunities for preventing pregnancy and supporting healthy parenting among youth with foster care experience.
2023-present	Kaitlyn Zajack-Garcia, MS Dissertation: Breastfeeding and childhood vaccinations.
2022-present	Rosandra Daywalker, MD Dissertation: From surviving to thriving: Enhancing health worker well-being initiatives through Total Worker Health and Trauma-Informed Care.
2022-present	Justin Rahman, MHA Dissertation: Social determinants of health in pediatric cardiology patients.

- 2022-present Priyadarsini Dasari
Dissertation: Effect of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) on healthcare utilization, health outcomes and costs for people suffering from mental health conditions.
- 2021-present Gabriela Fernandez, MPH
Dissertation: Diabetic management among low-income Hispanics during COVID-19 pandemic.

Completed (Advisor or Dissertation Supervisor)

- 2020-2025 Shayda Dioun, MPH
Dissertation: HPV vaccine uptake, co-administration, and missed opportunities among insured youth in the United States: An analysis of 2016-2021 IQVIA data
Current position: Senior Clinical Research Associate, Getinge
- 2016-2023 Sara Nofal, MB ChB (MD), Med, PhD
Dissertation: Mammography screening behavior: A machine learning approach.
Current position: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, MD Anderson Cancer Center
- 2021-2023 Jihye (Jenn) Choi, PhD
Dissertation: Knowledge, attitudes, and behavior of mothers in South Korea regarding HPV vaccination in boys.
Current position: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health
- 2018-2022 Chinenye Lynette Ejezie, PhD
Dissertation: Human Papillomavirus vaccination among minority teenagers aged 13 to 17 years during the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States: Findings from the NIS-Teen survey.
Current position: Tenure Track Assistant Professor, Towson University
- 2017-2021 Andra-Mesha Smith, PhD
Dissertation: Adolescent dating violence victimization among urban middle school students: The interplay of peer, parental, and individual factors.
Current position: Program Evaluator

Completed (Committee Member)

- 2023-2024 Hannah Reygaerts, PhD
Dissertation: Making sense in the age of misinformation: exploring the dynamics of vaccine beliefs, intention, and decision-making in diverse communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Current position: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, UT Physicians Healthcare Transformation Initiatives

2023-2024	David Luo, MIE, PhD Dissertation: Examining the extent to which job demands and job resources are present and how they affect health care workers in an academic medical center. Current position: Healthcare Systems Engineer - Human Factors, MD Anderson Cancer Center
2022-2023	Emanuelle Dias, PhD, MPH, CPH Dissertation: Individual- and clinic-level factors influencing colorectal cancer screening in federally qualified health centers. Current position: Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) Researcher, U.S. Department of the Army
2021-2023	Shanthi Raj, MHSA, MPH, PhD Dissertation: The COVID-19 pandemic: Assessing the impact on acute stroke in a Texas health system. Current position: Quality & Systems Improvement Director – North Texas, American Heart Association/American Stroke Association
2021-2022	Cynthia Wittenburg, MS, DrPH Dissertation: Efficacy of a voucher-based cancer prevention screening program among low-income Hispanics along the southwest Texas/Mexico border. Current position: Assistant Professor, University of Texas El Paso
2021-2022	Derek Craig, MPH, PhD Dissertation: Examining the development of youth physical activity interventions and factors associated with implementation. Current position: Tenure Track Assistant Professor, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health
2019-2022	Preena Loomba, MSc, PhD Dissertation: An examination of adolescent risk behaviors in the context of technological and policy influences. Current position: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, MD Anderson Cancer Center
2020-2022	Rhoda Leos, DrPH Dissertation: Animal-assisted interventions as a strategy to mitigate the effects of trauma and support school children in the San Antonio community. Current position: Research Coordinator III, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health, San Antonio location
2020-2021	Robert Thomas, PhD, JD, MBA Dissertation: US gig economy: Assessing the effect of piece rate based income insecurity on worker health. Current position: Principal & Chief Strategy Consultant, Thomas Consulting Group

- 2018-2021 Laura Witte, DrPH
Dissertation: Differences between sexual and gender minority youth and non-SGM youth who are experiencing homelessness.
Current position: Health Science Specialist, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- 2018-2021 Ellen Fiesinger, DrPH
Dissertation: A review of financial factors associated with implementation and sustainability of Safe Routes to School programs to inform program development in Pasadena, TX.
Current position: Monitor and Evaluation Specialist Peace Corps Response, Peace Corps
- 2018-2021 Wafa Duham, DrPH
Dissertation: Health-related quality of life, physical activity, and perceived parental self-efficacy among low-income mothers in the first year postpartum.
- 2018-2020 Claire Crawford, PhD
Dissertation: Social work involvement in Hurricane Harvey relief efforts.
Current position: Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine
- 2018-2020 Gayla Ferguson, DrPH
Dissertation: Consider Us: Analysis of national mammography screening recommendations on African-American women.
Current position: NTT Assistant Professor, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health
- 2019-2020 Darlene Acorda, PhD, RN, CNE, CPNP-PC (UTHealth Cizik School of Nursing)
Dissertation: Latino parental beliefs and practices in child fever: A focused ethnographic study.
Current positions: Assistant Professor, UTHealth Cizik School of Nursing, Department of Undergraduate Studies
- 2017-2018 Jamie Freeny, DrPH
Dissertation: Adverse childhood experiences, depression and resilience in African American church-going youth.
Current position: Director, Center for School Behavioral Health, Mental Health America of Greater Houston
- 2017-2018 Nkiruka Ehiemere, DrPH
Dissertation: Utilizing actigraphy and dosimetry to determine the relationship between colic, sleep and maternal postpartum depression.
Current position: Senior Project Management, Alpha 3 Enterprises
- 2016-2018 Isabel Roth, DrPH
Dissertation: Ethnography of integrative pain treatment at a large urban pediatric hospital.
Current position: Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina School of Nursing

- 2015-2017 Nicole Dierschke, DrPH
Dissertation: Pregnancy intentions and birth outcomes in southern states.
Current position: Clinical Research Informatics Specialist, UT Health San Antonio
- 2015-2017 Ya-Huei Li, PhD (University of Houston School of Pharmacy)
Dissertation: An ecodevelopmental study of self-perceived indices of HIV risk among young African American men.
Current position: Senior Scientist, Hartford HealthCare
- 2015-2016 Katelyn Jetelina, PhD
Dissertation: The developmental and dynamic relationship between bullies, victims of bullies, and reported injuries among a cohort of adolescents.
Current position: Founder and CEO, Your Local Epidemiologist

Doctoral Students (External Reviewer)

- 2022-2022 Alison Rector Houze, PhD
Dissertation: Knot selection, mediation analysis, and modeling $PM_{2.5}$ and COVID-19 outcomes in a DLNM Framework.
Current position: Business Intelligence Developer, HCA Healthcare
- 2021-2021 Susan L. Parker, PhD
Dissertation: Cervical cancer screening and primary care attendance in the COVID-19 era: Who is falling through the cracks in a safety-net healthcare system?
Current position: Research Associate, Baylor College of Medicine
- 2020-2020 Benjamin Lee, DrPH
Dissertation: Attitudes towards computer games for learning and player archetypes: An exploration of measures on pre-intervention player characteristics for serious game-based interventions.
Current position: Assistant Outreach Manager, Harris County Public Health
- 2019-2019 Kathryn Gallardo, PhD
Dissertation: Understanding factors that impact health behaviors and access to healthcare among youth experiencing homelessness.
Current position: Assistant Professor, Department of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences, UTHouston School of Public Health
- 2018-2018 Jayson Rhoton, PhD
Dissertation: Exploring the social and environmental determinants associated with cancer screening.
Current position: Data Analyst, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 2017-2017 Serena Rodriguez, PhD
Dissertation: Individual and clinic-level factors associated with HPV vaccine initiation among 11-17 year old adolescents.

Current position: Assistant Professor, Department of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences, UTHHealth Houston School of Public Health, Dallas Location

2017-2017 Sherene Sharath, PhD
Dissertation: Factors associated with adherence to intermittent claudication therapy.
Current positions: Assistant Professor of Surgery & Director of Clinical and Health Services Research, Department of Surgery, SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University

2016-2016 Frances Recknor, DrPH
Dissertation: Human trafficking: Responses by the public health and health care sectors.
Current position: Clinical Assistant Professor, Baylor College of Medicine

Master of Public Health Students (Advisor/Thesis/Integrated Learning Experience Supervisor)

Current Academic Advisor

2025-present Catalina Mulhollan
2025-present Domenica Gomez
2024-present Chanel Jones
2024-present Runzhe Chen

Current Integrated Learning Experience Supervisor

Completed Thesis

2018-2019 Fatima Frausto
Thesis: Perceived discrimination from providers on Latina mothers' decision-making on HPV vaccination initiation and completion in Houston, TX

2017-2019 Jennifer Contreras
Thesis: Utilization of mindfulness-based practices for adults with fibromyalgia: 2017 National Health Interview Survey

2016-2018 Melinda Chen
Thesis: The impact of television viewing on body image and weight loss in 5th-graders from the Health Passages Study

2016-2018 Ellen Johnson
Thesis: Creating a common understanding around social emotional learning: The first step toward coordinated local action

2014-2016 Kelly Ressler
Thesis: Investigating the surgical transmissibility of amyloid-based neurodegenerative disease: A retrospective case control study

2013-2014 Monique Gill
Thesis: The association between presence of school health personnel and youth participation in risky behaviors

Completed Integrative Learning Experience (Advisor)

2021-2023	Elizabeth McAteer Valentin
2018-2020	Oyinlola Owolabi
2017-2019	Lea Sacca

Completed Integrative Learning Experience (Supervisor)

2024-2024	Amna Hamed
2021-2021	Julie Davidson
2020-2021	Elisa Garcia
2020-2021	Roger Williams

Completed Capstone Course

2024-2024	Laura Bedini
2020-2024	Heather Alexander
2020-2023	Kawtar Zouaidi
2021-2022	Sophia Wasik
2021-2022	Kim Wodstrchill
2020-2022	Tierney Thomison
2019-2021	Alix Halter
2019-2021	Alison Kiley
2018-2020	Alexis Shorts
2017-2018	Aisha Wani
2016-2019	Roukiatou Barry
2016-2017	Zehra Talib
2015-2017	Leah Halley
2015-2017	Andra-Mesha Smith
2014-2015	Kaylinh Ly

Master of Public Health Students (Committee member)Completed

2017-2018	Kelly McGauhey Thesis: Mapping colorectal cancer in Texas counties: How age and socioeconomic factors interact with patients' stage at diagnosis with colorectal cancer
2017-2018	Andrea Siceluff Thesis: Applying Intervention Mapping to adapt a community-based education program to promote breast and cervical cancer prevention and early detection among Latinas
2014-2015	Hillary Lapham Thesis: Examining the age of initiation of tobacco, alcohol and marijuana among adolescents

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE***Professional Society Memberships***

2024-present	Member, National HPV Vaccination Roundtable
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2023-present	Member, Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine Immunization Committee
2022-present	Member, Texas Developmental Center for AIDS Research (D-CFAR)
2003-present	Member, Society for Research on Adolescence
1986-2025	Member, Society for Research in Child Development

Community Engagement

2025-present	Member, TACHC Rural Maternal Health Consortium
2022-present	Member, TNOYS Statewide Collaborative on Youth Homelessness
2021-present	Member, Be Well Baytown Steering Committee
2018-present	Member, Immunization Coalition of Greater Houston
2017-present	Member, Texas HPV Coalition
2016-2019	Member, Houston Independent School District Immunization Workgroup

Scientific Grant Reviewer

2023	Grant reviewer, MD Anderson FY24 Permanent Health Funds
2021	Grant reviewer, UTH-MDA Population Health Initiative Collaborative Projects Fund Review Panel

Subject Matter Expert

2023-2024	American Cancer Society School Nurse ECHO series (November-December 2023, June-July 2024, August-September 2024)
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Scientific Publication Peer Reviewer

2024-2025	<i>American Journal of Public Health</i>
2022	<i>American Journal of Sexuality Education</i>
2024	<i>Cancer Medicine</i>
2024	<i>Cochrane Library</i>
2022-2023	<i>Health Promotion Practice</i>
2016-2022	<i>Journal of Adolescent Health</i>
2016	<i>Journal of Health Psychology</i>
2019-2023	<i>Journal of Healthcare for the Poor and Underserved</i>
2023	<i>Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities</i>
2014-2018	<i>Journal of Research on Adolescence</i>
2007-2025	<i>Journal of School Health</i>
2024	<i>The Lancet Infectious Diseases</i>

2024	<i>PLOS Global Public Health</i>
2016	<i>Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health</i>
2022	<i>Preventive Medicine</i>
2025	<i>Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy</i>
2015	<i>Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action</i>

Conference Planning

2022	Planning Committee Member, 2022 Texas Public Health Summit University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston/Texas Department of State Health Services
2015	Planning Committee Member, 2015 Summit on HPV-Related Diseases. University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Event Judge

3/2025	Judge, Rice University Medic Outpost Hackathon
2/2021	Proposal reviewer, UNICEF Promoting Education Across the Country (PEAC) Ideathon
8/2019, 8/2020	Judge, CPRIT Summer Internship Poster Competition, UTHealth School of Public Health
1/2019	Judge, Three Minute Thesis Finals, UTHealth School of Public Health

INTERNAL SERVICE

2025-present	Faculty co-chair, Practice Advisory Committee, UTHealth School of Public Health
2023-2025	Member, Practice Council, UTHealth School of Public Health
2022-2023	Member, Health Promotion/Behavioral Sciences online MPH committee
2022-2023	Member, Tenure Track Open Department Open Rank Faculty Position, UTHealth School of Public Health/Texas Epidemic Public Health Institute
2021-2024	MPH Core Course Director for PHM 5015, UTHealth School of Public Health
2021-present	Member, Pediatric Population Health program. McGovern Medical School Department of Pediatrics
2021	Member, Non-Tenure Track Teaching Assistant Professor Faculty Search Committee, UTHealth School of Public Health
2020	Reviewer, CPRIT summer intern applicants, UTHealth School of Public Health
2019	Lead mindfulness meditation session for students, staff, and faculty at SPH in Spring 2019 and Fall 2019 semester events, UTHealth School of Public Health
2018	Member, Non-Tenure Track Assistant Professor Faculty Search Committee, UTHealth School of Public Health
2016	Member, Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Research working group on mega grants, UTHealth School of Public Health

- 2014 Peer Review of Christine Markham, PhD teaching PH1238 for the UTHealth Medical School Health Educators Fellowship Program
- 2014 Peer Review of Michael Wilkerson, PhD teaching PHD1122 for the UTHealth Medical School Health Educators Fellowship Program
- 2004-2014 Pediatric Risk Assessment Reviewer. Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects, UTHealth School of Public Health

MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS

Islas, V. (2024, April 12) Nearly \$4 Million Awarded for Adolescent Cancer Research. *UTHealth Houston News*. <https://www.uth.edu/news/story/nearly-4-million-awarded-for-adolescent-cancer-research>

Casebier, A. (2024, February 23) UTHealth Houston's All for Them project for vaccination outreach receives nearly \$2.5M CPRIT grant. *UTHealth School of Public Health News*. <https://sph.uth.edu/news/story/uthealth-houstons-all-for-them-project-for-vaccination-outreach-receives-nearly-25m-cpr-it-grant>

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Hawthorne, W. (2021, April 27). Public health experts hit the road to address barriers to vaccination for children in Texas., *UTHealth News*. <https://www.uth.edu/news/>

Ashe, I. (2019, March 28). Half an Umbrella Won't Stop the Rain. *Population Health*. <https://utsystem.edu/offices/population-health>

Cederberg, W. (2019, January 30). Cervical cancer: What you need to know. *UTHealth News*. <https://www.uth.edu/news/>

Meus, A. (2017, March 30). UTHealth researcher awarded \$1.5 million to increase HPV vaccination rates in medically underserved areas. *UTHealth News*. <https://www.uth.edu/news/>

Rice, S. (2016, November 22). Can a two-dose HPV vaccine boost adherence and lower costs in Texas? *Dallas Morning News*. <http://www.dallasnews.com>