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### **EDUCATION**

BSW., summa cum laude, Social Work, Grambling State University, 2011.
MPH, Social & Behavioral Health, Texas A&M University School of Public Health, 2013.
Dr.PH., Health Promotion & Community Health Sciences, Texas A&M University School of Public Health, 2017.
TEACHING

PHM 1110. Health Promotion & Behavioral Sciences in Public Health. Instructor (In- Person).
PHM 1111. Health Promotion Theory and Methods. Instructor (Online).
PHM 1496. Capstone (Integrative Learning Experience). Instructor (Online).
PHM 5015. Introduction to Qualitative Research in Public Health. Instructor (Online).
PHM 1120. Program Evaluation. Instructor (In- Person). Spring 2023.

### STUDENT ADVISING & MENTORSHIP

<u>Current MPH Advisees</u> Disha Jain. Fall 2024 Manar Abushkhaeidem. Fall 2024 Rachel Chacko. Fall 2023 – present. Aleena Jacob. Fall 2022– present.

<u>Completed MPH Advisees</u> Nichole Hoang. Fall 2022– May 2023. Lauren Koeppel. Summer 2023 – Fall 2023. Shanequa Allen. Fall 2022 – Spring 2024. Tatiana Maribel Melendez Turcios. Fall 2022– Spring 2024.

<u>Completed Practicum</u> **Rachel Chacko.** Summer 2024. **Aleena Jacob.** Spring 2024. **Nichole Hoang.** Fall 2022– Spring 2023. **Shanequa Allen.** Summer 2023.

<u>Completed Independent Integrative Learning Experience</u> **Nichole Hoang.** Spring 2023.

#### SERVICE

SPH Teaching Certificate Informal Committee Spring 2023 – present.
Ad-Hoc Scholarship Committee Spring 2023 – present.
Admissions Committee. Summer 2022 – present.
MPH Online Committee. Fall 2022 – present.
Curriculum Committee. Fall 2022 – present.
Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Access (IDEA) Committee. Summer 2022 – Fall 2023.

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

July 2017 to September 2021 – Post-Doctoral Research Associate with the University of Tennessee Office of Research & Engagement. Serving as a **Program Evaluator & Manager** for projects funded through Ambassadors for Christ Youth Ministries (CBO in Houston Texas & Pine Bluff Arkansas).

January 2013 to May 2017 – Graduate Research Assistant with Texas A&M University Health Science Center School of Public Health serving as the **Program Evaluator** for projects funded through Ambassadors for Christ Youth Ministries (CBO in Houston Texas & Pine Bluff Arkansas).

*August 2011 to January 2013* – Program Coordinator & Graduate Research Assistant with Texas A&M University School of Public Health.

*January 2009 to May 2011 – Program Coordinator* with Grambling State University Campus AIDS Prevention Program.

*June 2005 to August 2008* – Quality Analyst with Windward and Leeward Brewery & St. Lucia Distillers, St. Lucia, West Indies.

#### **RESEARCH GRANTS & PROGRAMS**

**Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Against Children and Youth Program.** Funded by the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women. Prime award to Ambassadors for Christ Youth Ministries, Inc. in Pine Bluff/Little Rock Arkansas. This project focuses on using comprehensive efforts to deliver prevention, intervention, treatment, and response strategies to address the needs of children and youth impacted by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Role: Co-Principal Investigator 2021.

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).** Funded under the Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries Inc. (ACAM) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES). Sub award to Ambassadors for Christ Youth Ministries, Inc. in Houston, Texas. This project focuses on providing rent/mortgage assistance, case management, and wrap-around services to families at imminent risk of homelessness.

Role: Co-Principal Investigator 2021.

**Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP).** Funded under the Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries Inc. (ACAM) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES). Sub award to Ambassadors for Christ Youth Ministries, Inc. in Houston, Texas. This project focuses on providing rent/mortgage assistance, utility assistance, and food to families at imminent risk of homelessness.

Role: Co-Principal Investigator from 2020 – 2021.

**Substance Abuse and HIV Prevention Navigator Program for Racial/Ethnic Minorities**. Funded by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Prime award to Ambassadors for Christ Youth Ministries, Inc. in Houston, Texas, and Pine Bluff/Little Rock Arkansas. The purpose of this program is to provide services to those at the highest risk for HIV and substance use disorders. It uses a navigation approach to provide training and education around the risks of substance misuse, provide education on HIV/AIDS, and provide needed linkages to service provision for individuals with HIV.

Role: Co-Principal Investigator from 2020 – 2021.

**SAMHSA Treatment for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness (TIEH).** Funded by the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Prime award to Ambassadors for Christ Youth Ministries, Inc. in Pine Bluff/Little Rock Arkansas. This program provides evidence-based substance abuse and mental health treatment and recovery-oriented services to individuals experiencing homelessness ages 12-24.

Role: Co-Principal Investigator from 2020 – 2021.

**Transitional Living Program (TLP)**. Funded by DHHS, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families – Family and Youth Services Bureau. Prime award to Ambassadors for Christ Youth Ministries, Inc. in Houston, Texas, and Pine Bluff/Little Rock, Arkansas. This project is focused on creating a pathway that helps runaway and homeless youth (ages 16 to under 22) transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency (e.g. stable housing, permanent connection, education/employment, and social-emotional wellbeing).

Role: Co-Principal Investigator from 2017 – 2021.

**Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE) Program**. Funded by DHHS, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families – Family and Youth Services Bureau. Prime award to Ambassadors for Christ Youth Ministries, Inc. located in Houston, Texas, and Pine Bluff/Little Rock, Arkansas. This initiative targets African American and Hispanic teens aged 12-19 who are at high risk of becoming pregnant, living in or aging out of foster care, from juvenile detention centers, being homeless, and/or residing in an area with high birth rates.

Role: Co-Principal Investigator from 2016 – 2021.

**Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)**. Funded by DHHS, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families – Family and Youth Services Bureau. Prime award to Ambassadors for Christ Youth Ministries, Inc. in Houston, Texas. This is a pregnancy and STD prevention initiative targeting African American and Hispanic teens aged 15-19 who reside in high poverty, minority-populated urban, and high-risk communities.

Role: Co-Principal Investigator from 2013 – 2021.

**SAMHSA Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI).** Funded by the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Prime award to Ambassadors for Christ Youth Ministries, Inc. in Houston, Texas. This program provides evidence-based substance abuse and mental health treatment and recovery-oriented services to run-away and homeless youth/young adults ages 12-24.

Role: Co-Principal Investigator from 2017 – 2020.

**Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking Program (DVHT).** Funded by DHHS, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families – Family and Youth Services Bureau. Prime award to Ambassadors for Christ Youth Ministries, Inc. located in and Pine Bluff/Little Rock, Arkansas. This is a trauma-informed, strength-based, and victim-centered Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking Program targeting victims aged 12-22 located in and around Little Rock, Arkansas.

Role: Co-Principal Investigator from 2016 – 2020.

**Young Mothers Reentry Program (Project REACH)**. Funded by U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Prime award to Ambassadors for Christ Youth Ministries, Inc. in Houston, Texas. This is an evidence-based re-entry mentoring project targeting incarcerated/detained young mothers aged 12-22 who are at higher risk of reoffending.

Role: Co-Principal Investigator from 2016 – 2019.

**Street Outreach Program (SOP)**. Funded by DHHS, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families – Family and Youth Services Bureau. Prime award to Ambassadors for Christ Youth Ministries, Inc. in Houston, Texas, and Pine Bluff/Little Rock Arkansas. This project focuses on identifying at-risk, runaway, and homeless youth and providing them with resources, education, and skills.

#### Role: Co-Principal Investigator from 2015 - 2020.

**Basic Center Program (BCP)**. Funded by DHHS, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families – Family and Youth Services Bureau. Prime award to Ambassadors for Christ Youth Ministries, Inc. in Houston, Texas. This project targets at-risk, runaway, and homeless youth. It focuses on increasing youth safety, well-being, and self-sufficiency, by helping them build permanent connections with caring adults, and utilizing positive youth development and harm reduction approaches.

Role: Co-Principal Investigator from 2013 - 2019.

**Run regularly, Eat healthy, Set goals, Understand benefits, Let go of bad habits, Tell others (be accountable), and Succeed with goals (RESULTS) health behavior program** Funded by the Aetna Foundation. Prime award to Ambassadors for Christ Youth Ministries, Inc. located in Houston, Texas. This is a physical activity and nutrition education program targeting low-income, homeless, or displaced youth aged 10 - 17 who attend Houston ISD schools, live in shelters, are in the care of Harris County Protective Services, and/or are in underserved Food Desert communities.

Role: Program Evaluator from 2016 – 2018.

**Abstinence Education Program (AEP).** Funded by Texas Health and Human Services Commission. Sub award to Ambassadors for Christ Youth Ministries, Inc. located in Houston, Texas. This is a pregnancy abstinence initiative targeting African American and Hispanic teens aged 15-19 youth who are at high-risk or vulnerable to pregnancies, at risk for non-marital sexual activity, poverty, unhealthy relationships, sexual coercion, dating violence, underage drinking, substance abuse, and other adolescent risk behaviors.

Role: Program Evaluator from 2016 –2017.

**Healthy Texas Babies Initiative (HTB).** The Department of State Health Services Office of Title V and Family Health contracted with Texas A&M University Center for Community Health to implement the Healthy Texas Babies Coalition Evaluation. The primary goal of the Healthy Texas Babies (HTB) Initiative is to reduce preterm births in Texas and subsequently reduce the state's infant mortality rate. One strategy of the HTB Initiative is to support local perinatal coalitions around the state through funding and programmatic technical assistance. Up to 12 coalitions were funded through a competitive funding award. Each coalition is responsible for the implementation of an evidence-based intervention, based on a data analysis conducted by DSHS of birth and death records using the Perinatal Periods of Risk (PPOR) methodology.

Role: Program Coordinator from 2016 – 2017.

**Communities of Texas: Cancer, Activity, Research, Education, and Support (CTxCARES)** is one of 10 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and NIH-funded research institutions that comprised the Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network (CPCRN), which provides infrastructure for applying relevant research to local cancer prevention and control needs. The mission of CTxCARES is to reduce cancer risk and burden by promoting the adoption of evidence-based cancer prevention and control programs in Central Texas Communities. Initial activities are focused on strategies for promoting the health and well-being of cancer survivors.

Role: Program Coordinator from 2011 – 2013.

**Colon Cancer Screening, Training, Education and Prevention (C-STEP).** Funded by the Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) grant. The goal of this project is to address a critical unmet need for colon cancer screenings in the Brazos Valley by increasing the number of low-income underserved Texans 50 years and older who are referred to the Texas A&M Family Medicine Residency Clinic for CRC screenings. This project will also improve access to cancer screenings and follow-up care through culturally relevant case management from Promotors/Community Health Workers, while simultaneously increasing

the pool of family medicine residents and practicing family physicians trained in colonoscopy screenings in Texas

#### Role: Program Coordinator from 2011 – 2013.

#### **RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL REPORTS**

- **Eugene, N**., & Nobles, R. Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Against Children and Youth Program Arkansas. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women. *Annual, Semi-Annual, & Continuation Reports*, (2021).
- **Eugene, N**., & Nobles, R. Substance Abuse and HIV Prevention Navigator Program for Racial/Ethnic Minorities. Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). *Annual & Continuation Reports*, (2020 2021).
- **Eugene, N**., & Nobles, R. Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Houston. Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries Inc. (ACAM) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES). *Quarterly Reports*, (2020 2021).
- Eugene, N., & Nobles, R. Treatment for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness (TIEH) Arkansas. Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) & the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Annual & Continuation Reports, (2020 – 2021).
- Eugene, N., & Nobles, R. Transitional Living Program (TLP) Houston & Arkansas. DHHS, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families – Family and Youth Services Bureau. Annual, Semi-Annual, & Continuation Reports, (2018 – 2021).
- **Eugene, N**., & Nobles, R. Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI) Houston. Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). *Annual, Semi-Annual, & Continuation Reports*, (2018 – 2020).
- **Eugene, N**., & Nobles, R. Run regularly, Eat healthy, Set goals, Understand benefits, Let go of bad habits, Tell others (be accountable), and Succeed with goals (RESULTS) health behavior program (with the AETNA Foundation) Houston. *Annual Report*, (2018).
- **Eugene, N**., & Nobles, R. Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program (SRAE) Houston & Arkansas. DHHS, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families – Family and Youth Services Bureau. *Annual, Semi-Annual, & Continuation Reports*, (2017 – 2021).
- **Eugene, N**., & Nobles, R. Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking Program (DVHT) Arkansas. DHHS, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families Family and Youth Services Bureau. *Annual, Semi-Annual, & Continuation Reports*, (2017 2020).
- Eugene, N., & Nobles, R. Young Mothers Reentry Program (Project REACH) Houston. U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Annual & Semi-Annual Reports, (2017 – 2019).
- Eugene, N., & Nobles, R. Street Outreach Program (SOP) Houston & Arkansas. DHHS, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families – Family and Youth Services Bureau. Annual, Semi-Annual, & Continuation Reports, (2015 – 2021).
- **Eugene, N**., & Nobles, R. Basic Center Program (BCP) Houston. DHHS, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families Family and Youth Services Bureau. *Annual, Semi-Annual, & Continuation Reports*, (2015 2019).
- Eugene, N., & Nobles, R. Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) Houston. DHHS, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families – Family and Youth Services Bureau. Annual, Semi-Annual, & Continuation Reports, (2013 – 2021).

#### MANUSCRIPTS

**Eugene, N.,** McLeroy, K., Luo, W., Burdine, J., & McKyer, L. (2017). Interconception Care Utilization: Predictors, Barriers and Birth Outcomes. Doctoral dissertation, Texas A & M University.

- Ory, M. G., Anderson, L. A., Friedman, D. B., Pulczinski, J. C., **Eugene, N**., & Satariano, W. A. (2014). Cancer prevention among adults aged 45–64 years: setting the stage. American journal of preventive medicine, 46(3), S1-S6.
- Hong, Y., Dahlke, D., Hochhalter, A., Ory, M., Reynolds, J., Purcell, N., Talwar, D., and Eugene, N. (2013). Designing iCanFit: A Mobile-Enabled Web Application To Promote Physical Activity for Older Cancer Survivors. JMIR Research Protocols, 2(1), e12.
- Ory M., Wood R., Talwar D., **Eugene, N**., Kirk A., Rice C. (2012). Age differences in mammography screening behavior among rural Texas women. 140st APHA Annual Meeting and Exposition 2012.

#### PRESENTATIONS

- **Eugene, N**. Lessons from a continuous quality improvement pilot with SRAE grantees. Oral Presentation at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children, Youth and Families Family and Youth Services Bureau Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Virtual Conference. June 2022.
- Garcia, V., and **Eugene**, N. <u>Ready Set Engage!</u> Oral Presentation at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children, Youth and Families Family and Youth Services Bureau Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Conference. New Orleans Louisiana. June 2019.
- Guinosso, S., Zaban, L., Eugene, N., and Felix, L. <u>Closing the Loop: Developing Effective Referral Networks</u> <u>for Youth</u>. Oral Presentation at the 2019 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children, Youth and Families Family and Youth Services Bureau, Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program National Webinar. May 2019.
- Eugene, N., and Molano, M. Community Engagement and Leadership: Preventing Teen Pregnancy in Houston. Oral Presentation at the 2017 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children, Youth and Families Family and Youth Services Bureau Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Conference. St. Louis Missouri. June 2017.
- Eugene, N., Nobles, R., Pavao, C., and Young-Sams, S. <u>Condom Use Behavior Among Minority Adolescent</u> <u>Females: Influences f Contextual Factors</u>. Poster Presentation at Society for Scientific Study of Sexuality Annual Conference – Omaha, Nebraska. November 2014. Poster Presentation at Texas A&M School of Public Health 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Poster Research Contest – College Station, Texas. April 2015.
- Ory, M., Wood, R., Talwar, D., **Eugene, N.**, Kirk, A., and Rice, C. "<u>Race and Ethnicity Variation in</u> <u>Commitment to Mammography Screening Behavior among Rural Texas Women: Friend to</u> <u>Friend</u>." Poster Presentation at the Biennial Symposium on Minorities, the Medically Underserved, and Health Equity." Houston, TX. June-July 2012.
- Ory, M., Wood, R., Talwar, D., **Eugene, N**., Kirk, A., Rice, C. "<u>Age Differences in Mammography Screening</u> <u>Behavior among Rural Texas Women</u>." Presentation at the 140th American Public Health Association Annual Conference San Francisco, CA. October 2012.
- Wood, R., Carpenter, M., Ory, M., **Eugene, N**., Risendal, B., and Janowski, K. <u>Key informant perspectives</u> on health promotion programs for Texas cancer survivors: goals, successes and barriers. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cancer Prevention and Research in Texas Conference, October 24 – 26, 2012.
- Rice, C., Kirk, A., Talwar, D., **Eugene, N**., and Ory, M. <u>Implementation of an evidence-based Cancer</u> prevention and control program through Texas AgriLife Extension: Friend to Friend. American Public Health Association, October 28 – 31.
- **Eugene, N**. <u>Sex Education and Our Youth: Who and How should our Youth be Taught</u>. Oral Presentation at the University of Louisiana System Undergraduate Research Day, March 18, 2011.

#### **EBI FACILITATION**

*Be Proud Be Respectful Evidence-based Sex Education Program.* Facilitator. 2015-2017. *Promoting Health Among Teens Abstinence-Only EBI.* Facilitator. 2016. *Promoting Health Among Teens Abstinence-Plus EBI.* Facilitator. 2013-2015. Diabetes Self-Management EBI. Facilitator. 2011-2012. Chronic Disease Self-Management EBI. Facilitator. 2011-2012. Sisters Informing Healing Living Empowering EBI. Facilitator. 2009-2011.

# AD HOC JOURNAL REVIEWS

Maternal and Child Health Journal.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Texas Society for Public Health Education. 2023-Present.