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EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE	COMPLETION	FIELD OF STUDY
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health, Houston, TX	DrPH	2021	Community Health Practice
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX	MPA	2015	State and Local Government Management
New York Institute of Technology, Old Westbury, NY	BS	2013	Business Administration

Professional Experience

2022 – Present	Faculty Associate, Department of Management, Policy and Community Health <i>The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health, Houston, TX</i>
2022 – Present	Co-director, ACTion Lab, Office of Public Health Practice and Engagement <i>The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health, Houston, TX</i>
2020 – Present	Assistant Director, Public Health Practice and Engagement <i>The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health, Houston, TX</i>
2018 – Present	Fellowship Coordinator, The Graduate Archer Fellowship, Office of the Executive Vice President <i>The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston, TX</i>
2018 – 2020	Manager of Academic Affairs, Office of Academic Affairs and Student Services <i>The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health, Houston, TX</i>
2016 – 2018	Academic Advisor, Office of Academic Affairs and Student Services <i>The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health, Houston, TX</i>
2015 – 2016	Student Success Coordinator, Office of Graduate and Professional Studies <i>Texas A&M University, College Station, TX</i>
2014 – 2015	Event and Professional Development Assistant, Office of Graduate and Professional Studies <i>Texas A&M University, College Station, TX</i>

Community & Field Service

2025 – Present	Board Member, Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, Houston Galveston Chapter
2024 – Present	Young Professionals Advisory Council (YPAC), Houston Audubon
2023 – Present	Subject Editor, Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) Smart Cities, A Wiley Publication

Other Experience

2018	Office of Policy and Planning Intern, Harris County Public Health, Houston, TX
2014	Government Relations Intern, American Heart Association -Southwest Affiliate, Austin, TX
2012	Administrative Intern, Office of U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer, Melville, NY

Certifications & Licenses

2025 – 2029	Notary Public, State of Texas
2025	Group 2 Social and Behavioral Researchers and Key Personnel, CITI Program
2024	Professional Networking, Project Management Institute
2024	Pillars of Global Health, Child Family Health International (CFHI)
2024	Leadership Foundations: Leadership Styles and Models, LinkedIn
2024	Epidemiology -Gaining Equity in Training for Public Health Informatics and Tech, UTHealth Houston
2016	Event and Hospitality Management, EventTrix
2015	Leadership, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
2015	Public Policy Challenges of the 21 st Century, Coursera

Professional Memberships

2025 – Present	American Association of Notaries
2025 – Present	National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)
2021 – Present	Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health, Alpha Iota Chapter

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENCE:

Publications

- **Hammarberg, R.**, Highfield, L., Walton, G., Wermuth, P., & Bowman, A. (2023). 'Hot cities' and their experiences and planning for rapid growth: An analysis of strategic planning documents. *IET Smart Cities*.
- **Hammarberg, R.**, Highfield, L., Walton, G., Wermuth, P., & Bowman, A. (2022). 'Hot cities' and rapid growth; experiences and responses of urban planning departments. *IET Smart Cities*, 4(3), 175-183.

Media

- "Laying the Landscape -The State of Maternal and Child Health in Texas," Season 2, Episode 1, Beyond Boundaries, an ACTion Lab Podcast, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health (2025)
- "Beyond the Baby Blues -Centering Maternal Mental Health," Season 2, Episode 2, Beyond Boundaries, an ACTion Lab Podcast, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health (2025)
- "Community," Season 1, Episode 1, Beyond Boundaries, an ACTion Lab Podcast, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health (2024)
- "Violence Prevention," Season 1, Episode 2, Beyond Boundaries, an ACTion Lab Podcast, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health (2024)
- "Sexual and Reproductive Health," Season 1, Episode 3, Beyond Boundaries, an ACTion Lab Podcast, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health (2024)
- "Food and Nutrition," Season 1, Episode 4, Beyond Boundaries, an ACTion Lab Podcast, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health (2024)
- "Rural Health," Season 1, Episode 5, Beyond Boundaries, an ACTion Lab Podcast, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health (2024)

Presentations

- “Exploring the Public Health Informatics Workforce in Texas: A Needs Assessment and Call for Action,” American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) Annual Symposium (2025)
- “Beyond the Doctorate: A Translational Skills Workshop,” UTHealth Houston School of Public Health (2025)
- “Exploring the Public Health Informatics Workforce in Texas: A Needs Assessment and Call for Action,” National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO360) Annual Meeting (2025)
- “Bridging Academic and Practice: Innovative Models for Public Health Workforce Development,” Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) Annual Meeting (2025)
- “Building Partnerships for Impactful Public Health Informatics Internships and Workforce Growth in Texas,” Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) Annual Meeting (2025)
- “Progression of an Academic Health Department-Like Model: A Collaborative Journey with the Texas Department of State Health Services to Strengthen the Public Health Workforce,” Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) Annual Meeting (2025)
- “Exploring the Public Health Informatics Workforce in Texas: A Needs Assessment and Call for Action,” Texas Association of City and County Health Officials (TACCHO) Annual Conference (2025)
- “Building Your Professional Brand & Elevator Pitch” UTHealth Houston School of Public Health (2025; 2024; 2023)
- “Navigating Rapid Urban Growth: Insights from Planning and Public Health in Fast-Growing Cities,” 23rd Annual International Conference on Demographics and Regional Policies (2024)
- “Recruitment, Onboarding & Support for Fellowship Programs,” Biannual UT System Archer Fellowship Program Coordinator’s Conference (2024)
- “Navigating Multidimensional Strain and Identifying Mitigation Strategies in Rapidly Growing ‘Hot Cities’,” Texas Department of State Health Services Grand Rounds Series (2024)
- “Understanding and Practicing Allyship,” Prevention Institute Youth Workshop Series (2024)
- “Urban Odyssey: Navigating Multidimensional Strain, Innovative Mitigation, and Public Health Resilience in Rapidly Growing ‘Hot Cities’,” Athens Institute for Education and Research 14th Annual International Conference on Urban Studies & Planning (2024)
- “Processes for Formulating a Community Research Question,” UTHealth Houston School of Public Health (2024)
- “Intentional Co-creation and Collaboration on Workforce Recruitment, Retention, and Development,” Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) Annual Meeting (2024)
- “Practicum 101: Experiential Learning & Opportunities,” UTHealth Houston School of Public Health Faculty Development Series (2024)
- “UTHealth Houston School of Public Health: Graduate Education & Opportunities,” Health Students Association, University of Houston (2024)
- “PHIT for Duty: Expanding the Nation’s Public Health Workforce -Case Studies in Training Future Leaders in Public Health Informatics,” U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (2023)
- “Academic Public Health Partnerships -An Evolution of Long-standing, State-wide Collaborations,” American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting & Expo (2023)
- “An Evolution of Collaboration: Academic/Practice Partnerships,” Healthier Texas Summit (2023)
- “How Academic Health Department Partnerships Support Recruitment and Retention,” Council on Linkages Between Academic and Public Health, Public Health Foundation (2023)
- “Expanding the Public Health Informatics Workforce through the GET PHIT Internship Program,” Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) Annual Meeting (2023)

Guest Lectures

- “Gender Allyship,” *UTHealth Houston School of Public Health* (2024)
- “Gender and Leadership,” *UTHealth Houston School of Public Health* (2022)
- “Responsible Conduct of Research: Building Collaborations,” *UTHealth Houston Office of Postdoctoral Affairs* (2022)
- “Principles and Practices of Intersectoral Public Health,” *UTHealth Houston School of Public Health* (2022; 2023)

Research & Project Support

03/2025 – Canceled	Workforce Development and Public Health Practice Partnership Initiative <i>Role:</i> Co-PI <i>PI:</i> Eric Boerwinkle, PhD <i>Funding Agency:</i> Texas Department of State Health Services c/o The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <i>Costs:</i> \$2,000,000.00
09/2021 – 8/2026	Gaining Equity in Training for Public Health Informatics and Technology (GET PHIT) <i>Role:</i> Partner Management <i>PI:</i> Eric Boerwinkle, PhD <i>Funding Agency:</i> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology <i>Costs:</i> \$9,754,247.00
	GET PHIT: Assessing Current and Future Workforce Needs in Public Health Informatics and Technology Across Texas <i>Role:</i> Co-Investigator <i>PI:</i> Kimberly Baker, DrPH <i>IRB:</i> HSC-SPH-22-0228
12/2019 – 5/2021	Responding to Population Growth: A Comprehensive Study of Public Health and Urban Planning Departments <i>Role:</i> Primary Investigator <i>IRB:</i> HSC-SPH-20-0167 <i>Funding Agency:</i> N/A <i>Costs:</i> N/A

Teaching Experience

Spring 2026	PHD 3950 Applied Leadership in Public Health <i>The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health</i>
Spring 2025	PHD 3950 Applied Leadership in Public Health <i>The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health</i>
Summer 2024	PHM 3715L Management and Policy Concepts in Public Health <i>The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health</i>
Summer 2023	PHM 3715L Management and Policy Concepts in Public Health <i>The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health</i>
Summer 2022	PHM 3715L Management and Policy Concepts in Public Health <i>The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health</i>
Fall 2021	PHM 3715L Management and Policy Concepts in Public Health <i>The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health</i>
Summer 2021	PHM 3715L Management and Policy Concepts in Public Health <i>The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health</i>

Student Committee & Faculty Mentorship

2023 – Present	Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member <i>Doctor of Public Health (DrPH), Community Health Practice, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health</i>
Summer 2025	PH 9997 Master's Practicum (Experiential Learning) Faculty Mentor <i>Master of Public Health (MPH), Customized, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health</i>
	PH 9997 Master's Practicum (Experiential Learning) Faculty Mentor <i>Master of Public Health (MPH), Customized, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health</i>
	PH 9997 Master's Practicum (Experiential Learning) Faculty Mentor <i>Master of Public Health (MPH), Customized, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health</i>
	PH 9997 Master's Practicum (Experiential Learning) Faculty Mentor <i>Master of Public Health (MPH), Customized, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health</i>
	PH 9997 Master's Practicum (Experiential Learning) Faculty Mentor <i>Master of Public Health (MPH), Health Promotion & Behavioral Sciences, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health</i>
	PH 9997 Master's Practicum (Experiential Learning) Faculty Mentor <i>Master of Public Health (MPH), Healthcare Management, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health</i>
Spring 2025	PH 9998 Master's Integrative Learning Experience (ILE) Faculty Mentor <i>Master of Public Health (MPH), Healthcare Management, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health</i>
Summer 2024	PH 9997 Master's Practicum (Experiential Learning) Faculty Mentor <i>Master of Public Health (MPH), Customized, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health</i>
	PH 9997 Master's Practicum (Experiential Learning) Faculty Mentor <i>Master of Public Health (MPH), Customized, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health</i>
	PH 9997 Master's Practicum (Experiential Learning) Faculty Mentor <i>Master of Public Health (MPH), Epidemiology, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health</i>
	PH 9997 Master's Practicum (Experiential Learning) Faculty Mentor <i>Master of Public Health (MPH), Community Health Practice, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health</i>
	PH 9997 Doctoral Practicum (Experiential Learning) Faculty Mentor <i>Doctor of Public Health (DrPH), Health Promotion & Behavioral Sciences, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health</i>
Summer 2023	PH 9997 Master's Practicum (Experiential Learning) Faculty Mentor <i>Master of Public Health (MPH), Community Health Practice, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health</i>
Summer 2023	PH 9997 Doctoral Practicum (Experiential Learning) Faculty Mentor <i>Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Management and Policy Sciences, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health</i>
Summer 2022	PH 9997 Master's Practicum (Experiential Learning) Faculty Mentor <i>Master of Public Health (MPH), Community Health Practice, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health</i>
Summer 2022	PH 9997 Doctoral Practicum (Experiential Learning) Faculty Mentor <i>Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Management and Policy Sciences, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health</i>
Summer 2021	PH 9997 Master's Practicum (Experiential Learning) Faculty Mentor <i>Master of Public Health (MPH), Healthcare Management, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health</i>
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