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EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

AWARDING 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
The University of Texas at Austin	Certificate	2026	Contract Law Specialist
EvenTrix	Certificate	2016	Event and Hospitality Mgmt
The University of Virginia	Certificate	2015	Public Policy
Texas A&M University	Certificate	2015	Leadership

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

Other 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

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.**, Parson R., Womble K., Stanton M., Russell C., Huang P., Rix K. (2026). Developing and Operationalizing an Academic Health Department Partnership: A Collaboration Between UTHealth Houston School of Public Health and Dallas County Health and Human Services. *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*.
- **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)

Trainings & Presentations

- *“GET PHIT Public Health Informatics Bootcamp,”* City of El Paso Health Department (2026)
- *“Exploring the Public Health Informatics Workforce in Texas: A Needs Assessment and Call for Action,”* American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA) Annual Meeting (2026)
- *“Exploring the Public Health Informatics Workforce in Texas: A Needs Assessment and Call for Action,”* South Dakota Public Health Association Annual Meeting (2026)
- *“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**
Role: Co-PI
PI: Eric Boerwinkle, PhD
Funding Agency: Texas Department of State Health Services c/o The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Costs: \$2,000,000.00
- 09/2021 – 8/2026 **Gaining Equity in Training for Public Health Informatics and Technology (GET PHIT)**
Role: Partner Management
PI: Eric Boerwinkle, PhD
Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
Costs: \$9,754,247.00
- GET PHIT: Assessing Current and Future Workforce Needs in Public Health Informatics and Technology Across Texas**
Role: Co-Investigator
PI: Kimberly Baker, DrPH
IRB: HSC-SPH-22-0228
- 12/2019 – 5/2021 **Responding to Population Growth: A Comprehensive Study of Public Health and Urban Planning Departments**
Role: Primary Investigator
IRB: HSC-SPH-20-0167
Funding Agency: N/A
Costs: N/A

Teaching Experience

- Spring 2026 PHD 3950 Applied Leadership in Public Health
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health
- Spring 2025 PHD 3950 Applied Leadership in Public Health
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health
- Summer 2024 PHM 3715L Management and Policy Concepts in Public Health
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health
- Summer 2023 PHM 3715L Management and Policy Concepts in Public Health
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health

Summer 2022 PHM 3715L Management and Policy Concepts in Public Health
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health

Fall 2021 PHM 3715L Management and Policy Concepts in Public Health
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health

Summer 2021 PHM 3715L Management and Policy Concepts in Public Health
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Student Committee & Faculty Mentorship

2023 – Present Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member
Doctor of Public Health (DrPH), Community Health Practice, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health

Summer 2026 PH 9997 Master's Practicum (Experiential Learning) Faculty Mentor
Master of Public Health (MPH), Customized, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health

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Master of Public Health (MPH), Health Services Organizations, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health

PH 9997 Doctoral Practicum (Experiential Learning) Faculty Mentor
Doctor of Public Health (MPH), Health Promotion/Education, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health

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Master of Public Health (MPH), Healthcare Management, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health

Spring 2025 PH 9998 Master's Integrative Learning Experience (ILE) Faculty Mentor
Master of Public Health (MPH), Healthcare Management, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health

Summer 2024 PH 9997 Master's Practicum (Experiential Learning) Faculty Mentor
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