

CURRICULUM VITAE

SERWAA S. OMOWALE, PhD, LMSW, MPH

University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth Houston)
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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

University of California, San Francisco Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences California Preterm Birth Initiative NIH/NICHD T32	Postdoctoral Fellow	2021-2023
University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work Pittsburgh, PA	PhD	2021
University of Pittsburgh, School of Public Health Pittsburgh, PA Concentration: Behavioral and Community Health Sciences	MPH	2021
University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work Pittsburgh, PA Concentration: Direct Practice	MSW	2008
University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work Pittsburgh, PA	Graduate Certificate in Gerontology	2008
Georgia State University, College of Arts and Sciences Atlanta, GA Major: African American Studies	BA	2005
Georgia State University Atlanta, GA	Nkonsonkonson Summer Study Abroad, Accra, Ghana	2004

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Tenure Track University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Department of Management, Policy & Community Health Center for Healthy Communities Faculty	2023-Present
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Postdoctoral Fellow 2021-2023
University of California, San Francisco

Adjunct Professor, College of Social Work 2021-2023
University of Tennessee, Knoxville

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) 2011-Present
Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Maternal Health
Women's Health Across the Lifespan
Aging/Gerontology
Cardiovascular Health
Employment and Health
Behavioral Interventions
Implementation Science
Health Disparities
Global Health

FELLOWSHIPS AND OTHER FUNDING

Loan Repayment Program (LRP) Renewal 2025-2027
NIH/National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
Total: \$99,253

LEAD Global Health Fellow 2024
NIH/National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
Research Training Program
(T37MD014218: MPI: Cavazos-Rehg, Ssewamala)
Training Sites: Washington University in St. Louis (U.S.)/Uganda and
University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa
Total: \$10,000

NIMHD Health Disparities Research Institute Scholar 2023
NIH/National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities

Loan Repayment Program (LRP) 2023-2025
NIH/National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
Total: \$100,000

University of California, San Francisco 2022
Department of Family and Community Medicine
Research Funding
Total: \$2,000

University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work 2021
Dissertation Funding
Total: \$500

University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work/Department of Psychiatry Center for Interventions to Enhance Community Health Fellow Total: \$1,500	2020-2021 2019
University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work Joseph and Helen Eaton Award Research Funding Total: \$600	
University of Michigan, School of Social Work Graduate Mentoring Workshop on African American Research Total: \$1,000	2018
University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work John A. Hartford Partnership Program for Aging Education Fellow Total: \$3,168	2007-2008
Georgia State University, Department of African American Studies Ye Ye Graduate School Scholarship Total: \$1,000	2006

GRANTS & CONTRACTS

PENDING (<i>Principal Investigator or Co- Investigator</i>) NIH/NHLBI K01. Leveraging Ecological Momentary Intervention to Improve Cardiovascular Health in Postpartum Women with Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes Role: PI, Effort 75%	2027-2032
NIH/NCATS. Accelerating Collaboration and Shared Decision Making for Menopause and Multiple Chronic Conditions Role: (Co-I of sub-contract), Effort 5%	2027-2032
Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation. Building Longevity through Optimal Outcomes in Midlife (Menopause) Role: Co-I, Effort 10%	2026-2031
ACTIVE FUNDING (<i>Principal Investigator or Co- Investigator</i>) UTHealth Houston. Community-Based Adaptation of the U.S. POINTER Lifestyle Intervention for Dementia Prevention in Older Adults with Diabetes in Texas Role: MPI, Effort 0% Amount: \$50,000	2026
UTHealth Houston Global Health Initiatives. An Analysis of Factors Driving Teenage Pregnancy in Rural KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa Role: PI, Effort 0% Amount: \$12,000	2025-2026

COMPLETED FUNDING

UN Population Fund. In-depth Analysis of Factors that Drive Teenage Pregnancy and the Intergenerational Cycle of Teenage Motherhood in South Africa 2024

PI: Zamasomi Prudence Busisi Luvuno, PhD, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa

Role: Co-I, Effort 0%

NIH/NICHD 2021-2023

T32 grant (HD098057, PI: Miriam Kuppermann)

University of California, San Francisco

Total: \$100,700

University of California, San Francisco 2021-2023

California Preterm Birth Initiative

Research Funding

Project PI: Enhanced Doula and Social Work Support to Improve Maternal and Infant Health for Black Families Study

Total: \$15,725

NIH/NHLBI 2019-2023

Research Supplement, R01 HL135218-03S1

Postpartum Mothers Mobile Study (R01 HL135218, PI: Dara Méndez)

University of Pittsburgh

Total: \$83,808

HONORS AND AWARDS

LEAD Global Training Program Fellow 2024

Washington University in St. Louis

Leadership Award

Georgia State University, Department of African American Studies 2017

Distinguished Alumni Award

Georgia State University, Department of African American Studies 2005

John Henrik Clarke Award for Outstanding Service

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Principal Investigator 2019-2021

University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work

Project: Black Women's Work and Maternal Health Research Study

Faculty Advisor: Dr. John M. Wallace, Jr.

Graduate Student Researcher 2019-2021

University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public Health

Postpartum Mothers Mobile Study (PMOMS)

NIH, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

R01 HL135218-01

PI and Research Advisor: Dr. Dara D. Méndez

Graduate Research Assistant 2017-2019
University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work
Faculty Advisor: Dr. John M. Wallace, Jr.

Research Assistant 2012-2013
Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Medical Center/Baylor College of Medicine
Calmer Life Study
PI: Dr. Melinda Stanley

PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **Omowale, S. S.**, Cottrell-Daniels, C., Miller, K.*, Jones, L., Jones, T., Chand, M., ... & Kuppermann, M. (2025). Community-Based Approaches to Developing a Community-Level Intervention to Improve Black Maternal and Infant Health. *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, 1-7.
2. Sanders, S. A., **Omowale, S.**, Casas, A., Kiyanda, A., Kosbie, A. S., Lai, Y. H., ... & Méndez, D. (2025). Completion Rates for Ecological Momentary Assessments of Food Intake During Pregnancy and Post Partum: Descriptive Study. *JMIR Human Factors*, 12(1), e67081.
3. Luvuno, Z., Chiya, W. H., Ngcobo, S. J., Naidoo, D., **Omowale, S.S.**, Zhandire, T., Joseph-Shehu, E. M., Ncama, B. P., & Duma, S. E. (2025). Risk and protective factors associated with teenage pregnancy and intergenerational interventions: a scoping review protocol. *BMJ Open*, 15(6), e094710. <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2024-094710>
4. Slatton, B. C., Cambrice, F. G., & **Omowale, S. S.** (2025). COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy Among Black Women in the US. *JAMA Network Open*, 8(1), e2453511-e2453511
Research Highlight: The University of Texas at Austin Population Research Center Research Brief. [What drives COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy among Black women in the United States?](#)
5. Mendez, D. D , Tapia, A., Manda, Sanders, S. A, Casas, A., Small, M., Davis, E., Rathbun, S. L, Gary-Webb, T. L., Burke, L. E., **Omowale, S. S.**, Wallace, Adodoadji, L., M. L, Gianakas, J., Feghali, M. (2025). Real-time experiences of racism and stress in association with postpartum weight retention: A longitudinal ecological momentary assessment study. *American Journal of Epidemiology*, kwae424.
6. **Omowale, S. S.**, Mangum, L. C., Joseph-McCatty, A., Cottrell-Daniels, C., Farris*, K. A., King, R., & Slatton, B. C. (2024). Work as a social determinant of maternal health: A qualitative exploration of college-educated Black women's experiences at work during pregnancy and postpartum. *Women's Health*, 20, 17455057241304842
7. Ashcraft, L. E., Hamm, M. E., **Omowale, S. S.**, Hruschak, V., Miller, E., Eack, S. M., & Merlin, J. S. (2024) The perpetual evidence-practice gap: addressing ongoing barriers to chronic pain management in primary care in three steps. *Frontiers in Pain Research*, 5, 1376462.
8. **Omowale, S. S.**, Gary-Webb, T. L., Wallace, M. L., Wallace, J. M., Rauktis, M. E., Eack, S. M., & Mendez, D. D. (2022). Stress during pregnancy: An ecological momentary assessment of stressors among Black and White women with implications for maternal health. *Women's health (London, England)*, 18, 17455057221126808. <https://doi.org/10.1177/17455057221126808>
9. Fussell-Ware, D. J., Ballentine, K., Flores, A., Mangum, L. C., **Omowale, S. S.**, MacKenzie, K., ... & Ashcraft, L. E. (2022). Using the Consolidated Framework for Implementation Research

to Promote Anti-Racism in Social Work Higher Education. *Advances in Social Work*, 22(2), 680-702.

10. Felder, J. N., Afulani, P. A., Coleman-Phox, K., **Omowale, S. S.**, McCulloch, C. E., Lessard, L., & Kuppermann, M. (2022). Pregnancy-related COVID worry, depressive symptom severity, and mediation through sleep disturbance in a low-income, primarily Latinx population in California's Central valley. *Journal of Psychiatric Research*.

11. **Omowale, S. S.**, Casas, A., Lai, Y., Sanders, S. A., Hill, A. V., Wallace, M. L., Rathbun, S. L., Gary-Webb, T. L., Burke, L. E., Davis, E. M., Mendez, D. D. (2021). Trends in Stress Throughout Pregnancy and Postpartum Period During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Longitudinal Study Using Ecological Momentary Assessment and Data From the Postpartum Mothers Mobile Study. *JMIR mental health*, 8(9), e30422. <https://doi.org/10.2196/30422>

- Media Highlight: COVID-19 Restrictions Linked with Elevated Stress in New Moms and Moms-to-Be - UPMC & Pitt Health Sciences News Blog (September 2021)

REVISE AND RESUBMIT

Shaw, R.A., Perales-Puchalt, J., Burns, J., Key, M., Silveira L.S., Anderson, K., **Omowale, S.S.**, Sharma, V.S., Barton, K., Andrade, E., Robinson, M., Sprague, S., Vidoni, D.E. MyAlliance for Brain Health: Implementation Science to Advance Translational Science in Alzheimer's Disease. Revise and Resubmit in *Journal of Clinical and Translational Science*

UNDER REVIEW

Gao, J., Gallegos, G., Ademu, L., Griffin, B., Yue, Z., **Omowale, S.S.** Digital Health Engagement and Utilization of Nutrition Information in Food Purchasing Decisions: A National Cross-Sectional Study. Under Review in *Nutrition Journal*
(*Indicates student authorship)

PRESENTATIONS (Peer-reviewed)

Accepted (Future conference)

(Oral Panel)

Innovative strategies for elevating “voice” and “choice” in social work and public health research: Advancing the Grand Challenges for Social Work, Panel Accepted to American Public Health Association Annual Conference, November 1-4, 2026, San Antonio, TX

Panel Papers:

Omowale, S. S. Centering Black Mother's Experiences in a Doula-Social Worker Intervention: Findings from The SWADDLE Study

Ajibola, S.*, **Omowale, S. S.** Understanding Doulas' Perspectives on Partnering with Social Workers to Support Black Families During Pregnancy and Postpartum

Parker-Schauer, M., **Omowale, S. S.** Reconceptualizing Social Worker roles to Address Maternal Health Disparities

Farris, K.*, **Omowale, S. S.** Community-Based Collaboration to Address Distrust in Social Work and Improve Black Maternal Health

International

(Oral Presentations)

Omowale, S. S., Farris, K.*, Emeto, C.*, King, R. (2025). Advocating for Early Mental Health Engagement to Improve Black Mother's Perinatal Mental Health in the United States. Marcé of North America conference in Toronto, Canada, November 5th-8th, 2025.

Omowale, S. S. (2024) Using Implementation Science to Develop a Community-Based Perinatal Mental Health Intervention. International Marcé Society for Perinatal Mental Health conference in Barcelona, Spain, September 4th – 7th, 2024.

Domestic

(Oral Presentations)

Omowale, S. S., Paker-Schauer, M, McClain-Henry, S.; Slatton, B. (2025). Building Community Collaboration to Develop a Population-Specific Intervention to Improve Black Maternal and Infant Health, Symposium: Postpartum Health Equity: Bridging Gaps in the Forth Trimester. Pittsburgh, PA

Omowale, S. S. (2023) Work as a social determinant of health: Centering the perspectives of black women during pregnancy and postpartum. Society for Social Work and Research Conference. Phoenix, AZ.

Omowale, S. S., Casas, A., Lai, Y., Sanders, S. A., Hill, A.V., Wallace, M. L., Rathbun, S. L., Gary-Webb, T. L., Burke, L. E., Davis, E. M., Mendez, D. D. (2021) A longitudinal analysis of stress during the covid-19 pandemic in a pregnant and postpartum population. American Public Health Association. Denver, CO. Presented Virtually.

Omowale, S. S. (2020) Workplace stress and discrimination: The experiences of black women at work during pregnancy and postpartum. American Public Health Association. Presented Virtually.

Omowale, S. S. (2019) Reconsidering risk: racial differences in maternal health and low birth weight among college-educated black and white women. Society for Social Work and Research. San Francisco, CA.

Omowale, S. S. (2019) Saving ourselves: Black maternal health in enslavement and freedom. National Council for Black Studies. New Orleans, LA.

Omowale, S. S. (2018). Maternal health and infant mortality among black women. National Council for Black Studies. Atlanta, GA.

(Panel Presentations)

Omowale, S. S. (2026) Employment as a Social Determinant: Work-Related Stress, Economic Inequality, and Maternal Health in Black Women. Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA) 78th Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN.

Omowale, S. S., Fussell-Ware, D., Thyberg, C. (2021) Using the consolidated framework for implementation research to promote anti-racism in academia. Council on Social Work Education. Orlando, FL.

(Poster Presentations)

Lai, Y., **Omowale, S. S.**, Sanders, S. A., Casas, A. D., Wallace, M. L., Rathbun, S. L., Gary-Webb, T. L., Davis, E. M., Burke, L. E., Mendez, D. D. (2021) Added sugar intake as measured by ecological momentary assessment versus 24-hour dietary recall during pregnancy. Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiological Research. Presented Virtually.

Ashcraft, L. E., Hamm, M., **Omowale, S. S.**, Hruschak, V., Miller, E., Eack, S., Merlin, J. (2021) Perceptions of evidence-based chronic pain management of primary care providers.

Society for Social Work and Research. Presented Virtually.

Omowale, S. S. (2020) Using geographic information systems technology in social work education. Council on Social Work Education. Presented Virtually.

Ashcraft, L. E., Hamm, M., **Omowale, S. S.**, Hruschak, V., Miller, E., Eack, S., Merlin, J. (2020) Dissemination and implementation of chronic pain evidence among primary care providers: A qualitative study. Academy Health 13th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health. Presented Virtually.

(Symposia)

Sampson, M., Boyd, R., Walton, Q., **Omowale, S. S.**, Parker, A. (2021). Towards a health equity narrative for black maternal health and well-being. Society for Social Work and Research. Presented Virtually.

Omowale, S. S. (2020) A black feminist approach to measuring maternal psychological distress. Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, D.C.

(Invited Presentation)

Special Sessions (Panelist and Session Organizer)

Omowale, S. S., Olaniyan, A., Mendez, D. D. (2021) Listen to Black voices: Black maternal and infant health equity. American Sociological Association. Presented Virtually.

WORKSHOPS

(Invited Workshops)

Mendez, D. D. & **Omowale, S. S.** (2018) Maternal mortality review: Lessons learned from Texas and insight for Pennsylvania. Healthy Start Cheryl Squire Flint Cultural Sensitivity Symposium: *This Woman's Work*. Pittsburgh, PA

Omowale, S. S. (2018). Centering black women's health. Healthy Start Cheryl Squire Flint Cultural Sensitivity Symposium: *This Woman's Work*. Pittsburgh, PA

ROUNDTABLE/PANEL

(Invited)

Whole Minds, Whole Mothers Symposium (2026), Houston, TX
Shaped by Innovation Panel
Hosted by The Hackett Center for Mental Health

(Invited)

Empowering Maternity: Navigating Maternal Health, Raising Our Voices, and Improving Access in Unserved Communities (2024). Virtual panel hosted by PEP!IN

(Invited)

Overcoming Barriers: Transforming Black Maternal Health Through Research (2024). Virtual panel hosted by Alliance of Community Health Plans.

(Invited)

Research in Our Community and the Impact on Black Maternal & Mental Health (2023) Black Maternal Mental Health Summit Hosted by Shades of Blue Project. Houston, TX.

(Invited)

The State of Black Maternal Mental Health Roundtable (2022) Black Maternal Mental Health Week Hosted by Shades of Blue Project. Houston, TX. Virtual Roundtable.

SPEAKER

(Invited)

Great Age on the Green. Healthy Brain Aging: A Recipe for a Stronger Brain. (2026), Houston, TX

(Invited)

Planning & Program Development (Master of Social Work Course). School of Social Work. (2023) Boston University

(Invited)

Africana Studies: The Foundation to Culturally Responsive Black Maternal and Infant Health Equity Work (2022). African American Studies, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

(*Indicates student authorship)

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

Achievement in Teaching Pedagogy Badge

2019

University of Pittsburgh
Center for Teaching and Learning

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Fall 2025

UTHealth Houston, Houston, Texas
School of Public Health
PHM3620 Principles and Practice of Public Health
MPH Level: 20 Students

Instructor

Fall 2025

UTHealth Houston, Houston, Texas
School of Public Health
PHD3620 Principles and Practice of Public Health
Doctoral Level: 6 Students

Instructor

Fall 2024

UTHealth Houston, Houston, Texas
School of Public Health
PHM3620 Principles and Practice of Public Health
MPH Level: 30 Students

Instructor

Fall 2024

UTHealth Houston, Houston, Texas
School of Public Health
PHD3620 Principles and Practice of Public Health
Doctoral Level: 8 Students

Instructor

Spring 2023

University of Tennessee, Knoxville
College of Social Work, Master of Social Work Online Program

SW 572: Evidence-based Policy and Practice with Older Adults

Instructor

University of Tennessee, Knoxville
College of Social Work, Master of Social Work Online Program
SW 563: Systematic Planning and Evaluation for Interpersonal Practice

Spring 2023

Instructor

University of Tennessee, Knoxville
College of Social Work, Master of Social Work Online Program
SW 563: Systematic Planning and Evaluation for Interpersonal Practice

Fall 2022

Instructor

University of Tennessee, Knoxville
College of Social Work, Master of Social Work Online Program
SW 538: Social Justice and Anti-oppressive Practice

Spring 2022

Instructor

University of Houston
African American Studies Program
AAS: 4440 Model African Union Seminar

Fall 2016

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Integrative Learning Experience: Nya Millender (MPH student)
UTHealth Houston

2026

Practicum Mentor: Rhanna Wilson (MPH student)
UTHealth Houston

2025

Independent Study: Chidera Emeto (PhD student)
UTHealth Houston

2025

Facilitator for University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Clinical
Experience Course Book Club Reading of Medical Apartheid for Medical
Students

2020

Facilitator for University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Clinical
Experience Women's Health Workshop for Medical Students

2020

Invited Guest Lecture, Topic: Aging Services
Aging and Mental Health Psychology Course
University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX

2014

Invited Guest Lecture, Topic: Aging Services
Aging and Mental Health Psychology Course
University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX

2013

STUDENT ADVISEE/MENTORING

UTHealth Houston (Current)

Adrick Harris (DrPH, Dissertation committee)
Chidera Emeto (DrPH, Dissertation committee)
Rhoda Ojo (PhD, Dissertation committee)
Dana Santana (DrPH program advisor)
Ariel Amaya Quintanilla (MPH program advisor)
Hira Umer (MPH program advisor)
Stephanie Bolden (MPH program advisor)

(Past)

Kaiya Farris (PhD, Dissertation committee), Graduated Spring 2026
Rakima Parson (PhD, Dissertation committee), Graduated Summer 2025
Rhanna Wilson (MPH program advisor), Graduated Fall 2025

(External)

Shanicqua Richardson (PhD, Dissertation committee)
University of Tennessee-Knoxville, College of Social Work

UTHealth Houston Student Supervisee

Samiat Ajibola (Graduate Research Assistant), 2026
Kaiya Farris (Graduate Research Assistant), 2023-2025
Aysha Zahidie (Teaching Assistant), Fall 2024

Informal Mentoring (Current)

Kobi Miller (PhD student, University of Maryland, Counseling Psychology)
Davonte Lyons (PhD candidate, Howard University, African Studies)

Women/MCH Research Interest Mentoring Group

I formed a mentoring group Fall 2024 for students interested in women/maternal and child health research. This group meets once a month during the semester with UTHealth Houston and external students, postdocs, and emerging public health and social work professionals.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Program Manager University of Houston, Houston, TX African American Studies Program	2015-2017
Social Worker II Harris Health System, Houston, TX	2013-2015
Care Manager and Elder Care Counselor Neighborhood Centers Inc., Houston, TX	2011-2013

Medical Social Worker Amedisys Home Health, Atlanta, GA	2010-2011
Senior Service Coordinator The Family Center of South DeKalb, LLC., Decatur, GA	2010-2011
Care Coordinator Visiting Nurse Health System, Atlanta, GA	2009-2010
Care Manager Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging, Bridgeport, CT	2008-2009

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Journal Reviewer: Stress and Health	2026
PCORI Grant Report Reviewer	2026
Journal Reviewer: Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities	2025
Journal Reviewer: Maternal and Child Health Journal	2024
Journal Reviewer: Health Equity	2024
Journal Reviewer: BMJ Open	2023
Ad hoc Conference Abstract Reviewer American Public Health Association (APHA)	2022
Journal Reviewer: Ethnicity and Disease	2022
Conference Volunteer Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)	2018-2019

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

UTHealth Houston, School of Public Health Community Health Practice	Preliminary Exam Committee	2024-Present
UTHealth Houston, School of Public Health Community Health Practice	MPH/DrPH Admission Committee	2023-Present
University of California, San Francisco	First Generation Support Services Role: Mentor to first generation graduate student	2022-2023
University of California, San Francisco	Underrepresented Postdocs Realizing an Inclusive Scientific Environment (UPRISE), Leadership Team	2022-2023
University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health	Dean's Office Committee, Leadership Team	2020-2021

University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work	Doctoral Student Organization, Secretary	2018-2019
University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health	Center for Health Equity, Facilitator for Journal Club on Black Maternal Health	2019
University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work	International Studies Committee, Member	2017-2020
University of Houston, African American Studies Program	Model African Union Conference, Student Advisor	2016-2017
University of Houston, African American Studies Program	Ankh Maat WEDU Honor Society, Student Advisor	2016-2017
University of Houston, African American Studies Program	Faculty Travel Grants Committee, Member	2016-2017

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE, COMMITTEES

The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD	Educational Presentation Title: Perinatal Mental Health: Strategies for Mental Health Professionals	2025
March of Dimes-Houston	Collective Impact Economic Independence Workgroup	2024-Present
Alliance for Community Health Plans PCORI Funded Project: Establishing a Research Agenda to Reduce Toxic Stress and Increase Maternal Health Equity	Leadership Committee Member	2023
CityMatCH Equity Institute for Birth Outcomes, Allegheny County	Project Mentor	2020-2021
Healthy Start Pittsburgh Healthy Babies Zone Initiative	Research Team	2019-2020
Allegheny County Infant Mortality Collaborative	Executive Member and Research Lead	2017-2020

Houston Work Group: Reducing Maternal Mortality	Research Team	2017
Doctors for Change, Houston, TX	Access to Care Committee Member	2014-2017
Impacting Maternal and Prenatal Care Together Collaborative Houston, TX	Committee Member	2013-2015
Mental Health America Houston, TX	Committee Member	2014-2015

TRAININGS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

NYU School of Public Health CADIO Academy Multiphase Optimization Strategy (MOST) Training		2026
UTHealth Houston Institute for Implementation Science Workshop		2025
Digital Storytelling Online Certificate Program Story Center		2023
University of California, San Francisco Study Designs for Intervention Research in Real-World Settings course		2022
University of Michigan, School of Social Work Mixed Methods in Research Online Certificate Program		2022
University of California, San Francisco Center for AIDS Research Monthly Mentoring Workshops		2021-2023
University of California, San Francisco California Preterm Birth Initiative Collaboratory Series		2021-2023
Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research Early Career Reviewer Program Mentor: Jonathan B. Singer, PhD, LCSW		2021-2023
Intensive Longitudinal Methods Statistical Horizons		2020
Multilevel Models Course Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health 38 th Annual Graduate Summer Institute		2020
Maternal and Child Health Equity Scholars University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public Health Mentor: Dara D. Mendez, PhD, MPH		2018-2021

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS

Academy Health

American Public Health Association

American Heart Association

Society for Research in Child Development

Society for Social Work and Research

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Quantitative: STATA, SPSS

Qualitative: NVivo, DeDoose

Survey: Qualtrics

Concept Mapping: Concept Systems