

CURRICULUM VITAE

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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	2023-Present
University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Department of Management, Policy & Community Health Center for Healthy Communities Faculty	

Postdoctoral Fellow University of California, San Francisco	2021-2023
Adjunct Professor, College of Social Work University of Tennessee, Knoxville	2021-2023

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

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

Maternal Health
 Women's Health Across the Lifespan
 Aging/Gerontology
 Community-based Research
 Cardiovascular Health
 Employment and Health
 Behavioral Interventions
 Implementation Science
 Health Disparities

FELLOWSHIPS AND OTHER FUNDING

LEAD Global Health Fellow 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	2024
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NIMHD Health Disparities Research Institute Scholar NIH/National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities	2023
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University of California, San Francisco Department of Family and Community Medicine Research Funding Total: \$2,000	2022
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University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work Dissertation Funding Total: \$500	2021
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University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work/Department of Psychiatry Center for Interventions to Enhance Community Health Fellow Total: \$1,500	2020-2021
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University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work Joseph and Helen Eaton Award Research Funding Total: \$600	2019
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National Council for Black Studies C. Tsheloane Keto Student Leadership Development & Mentorship Program Fellow Served on the national board of directors as a student leader Total: \$2,500	2018-2020
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 [Submitted June 2026] 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
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion/CDC/DHHS. UHealth Houston-Led Adoption and Uptake Network for Catalyzing Healthy Brains (LAUNCH) Role: Co-I, Effort 4%	2026 - 2031
NIH R01. Surrogacy Policy Environments and Health Outcomes for Mothers, Infants, and Surrogates in the United States Role: Co-I, Effort 10%	2026-2031
NIH/NHLBI R01. White Coat Hypertension and Heightened Stress Reactivity Role: (PI of sub-contract), Effort 10%	2026-2031
Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation. Building Longevity through Optimal Outcomes in Midlife (Menopause) Role: Co-I, Effort 10%	2026-2031

ACTIVE FUNDING (Principal Investigator or Co- Investigator)

NIH/National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities Loan Repayment Program (LRP) Renewal 2025-2027

Project PI: The SWADDLE Study: Improve Maternal and Infant Health

Total: \$99,253

UTHealth Houston. Community-Based Adaptation of the U.S. POINTER Lifestyle Intervention for Dementia Prevention in Older Adults with Diabetes in Texas 2026

Role: MPI, Effort 0%

Amount: \$50,000

UTHealth Houston Global Health Initiatives. An Analysis of Factors Driving Teenage Pregnancy in Rural KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa 2025-2026

Role: PI, Effort 0%

Amount: \$12,000

COMPLETED FUNDING

NIH/National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities Loan Repayment Program (LRP) 2023-2025

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

Total: \$100,000

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 2019-2021
Research Supplement, RO1 HL135218-03S1
Postpartum Mothers Mobile Study (RO1 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 (*Indicates student authorship)

11. **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.

10. 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 Postpartum: Descriptive Study. *JMIR Human Factors*, 12(1), e67081.

9. 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>

8. 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?

7. Méndez, 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

5. 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.

4. **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>

3. 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.

2. 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*.

1. **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 BMC Public Health

RESEARCH REPORTS

Dixon, J., Emerick, L., Glaus, L., Johnson, K., O'Brien, B., **Omowale, S.S.**, & Ward, L. (2008). Depression and the Older Adult: Where does the Reasonability Fall? Research Finding and Beliefs.

INVITED & PEER REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

Accepted 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 Presentation. **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 5-8, 2025.

Oral Presentation. **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 4-7, 2024.

Domestic

Oral Presentation. **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

Oral Presentation. **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.

Oral Presentation. **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.

Oral Presentation. **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.

Oral Presentation. **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.

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

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

Panel Presentations

Oral Presentation. **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.

Oral 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.

Oral Presentation. **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 Presentations

Oral Presentation. 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.

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

Invited Speaker. 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

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

Invited Panel Speaker

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

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

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

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.

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

Invited Speaker

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

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

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 UTHealth Houston, Houston, Texas School of Public Health PHD3620 Principles and Practice of Public Health Doctoral Level: 8 Students	Fall 2024
Instructor University of Tennessee, Knoxville College of Social Work, Master of Social Work SW 572: Evidence-based Policy and Practice with Older Adults	Spring 2023
Instructor University of Tennessee, Knoxville College of Social Work, Master of Social Work SW 563: Systematic Planning and Evaluation for Interpersonal Practice	Spring 2023
Instructor University of Tennessee, Knoxville College of Social Work, Master of Social Work SW 563: Systematic Planning and Evaluation for Interpersonal Practice	Fall 2022
Instructor University of Tennessee, Knoxville College of Social Work, Master of Social Work SW 538: Social Justice and Anti-oppressive Practice	Spring 2022
Teaching Assistant University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, Master of Social Work SWRES 2033: Evaluation Research	Fall 2019
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 (DrPH 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 2014
Aging and Mental Health Psychology Course
University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX

Invited Guest Lecture, Topic: Aging Services 2013
Aging and Mental Health Psychology Course
University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX

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
Yunuen Cacique-Borja (Teaching Assistant), Fall 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: Social Work in Mental Health	2026
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	2022-2023

	Role: Mentor to first generation graduate student	
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
Social Work Leadership Institute Certificate of Completion New York Academy of Medicine and John A. Hartford Foundation	2008

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