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# Public Health Sciences

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**Nancy Fey-Yensan, Dean**

College of Health & Human Services

Susan M. Sell, Interim Chair

Department of Public Health Sciences (PHS)

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### PHS Doctoral Programs:

Health Services Research (PhD)\*

Public Health Sciences (PhD)

### PHS Masters Programs:

Gerontology (MA)\*

Health Administration (MHA)

Health Informatics (MS)\*

Public Health (MSPH)

### PHS Combined Degree Programs:

MHA/MBA

MHA/MS Health Informatics

MSPH/MS Health Informatics

### PHS Graduate Certificate Programs:

Community Health

Gerontology\*

Health Informatics\*

Public Health Core Concepts

\*interdisciplinary

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### PHS Undergraduate Programs:

Public Health (BSPH)

Public Health and Gerontology Minors

Early Entry Masters Programs

## Congratulations to our MSPH and PhD May 2015 PHS Graduates!

**Tony Derrick McLaurin, III, MSPH**

**Thesis Title:** *An examination of the Association between College Students' Perceptions of Internet and Health Educator Credibility and HIV Screening* Chair: Dr. Jan Warren-Findlow

**Putri Pamela Powell, MSPH**

**Thesis Title:** *The Association between Sexual Violence against Women and the Female Victims' Future Pregnancy Intention: A Secondary Analysis using the 2006-2010 National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) Data* Chair: Dr. Larissa Brunner Huber

**Jatyra Mone't Rivers, MSPH**

**Thesis Title:** *The Association between Race/Ethnicity and Perceptions of Weight Gain among Women using Oral Contraceptives: A Study of Fertility and Oral Contraceptive Use Study (Focus) Participants* Chair: Dr. Larissa Brunner Huber

**Meghan Kuser Wally, MSPH**

**Thesis Title:** *The Association between Pre-conception Care Receipt and the Timeliness and Adequacy of Prenatal Care: An Examination of Multistate Data from Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) 2009-2011* Chair: Dr. Larissa Brunner Huber

**Jacqueline Narissa Mungo, MSPH**

**Project Title:** *A Grant Proposal for the Expansion of Freedom School Partners: The Freedom to Defend* Chair: Dr. Sharon Portwood

**Tyisha Terry, MSPH**

**Project Title:** *123 ABC: A Grant Proposal for the UNC Charlotte Center for Wellness Promotion Alcohol Education and Prevention* Chair: Dr. Sharon Portwood

**Charnele Walton, MSPH**

**Project Title:** *A Program Implementation Plan for I AM Not the Media, Inc., A Media Literacy Curriculum for Adolescents in Charlotte-Mecklenburg High Schools* Chair: Dr. Sharon Portwood

**Melanie Rose Pate, PhD**

**Dissertation Title:** *The Role of the Activity Professional in Promoting Resident-Centered Engagement for persons with Dementia Living in Care Communities* Chair: Dr. Sarah Laditka

### Student Spotlight:

**Celia Karp, BSPH, BA**

Communication Studies, and

Undergraduate Certificate

International Public Relations

(14, Summa Cum Laude),

inaugural Levine Scholar

member, and 2014 Fulbright

grant recipient; spent her Fulbright year in Ecuador

working on her project, "Communication, Culture,

and Health: Investigating Maternal Mortality in Ec-

uador." Celia begins her doctoral studies in Popula-

tion, Family, and Reproductive Health at Johns

Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public

Health this fall.



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## 143<sup>rd</sup> Annual APHA Meeting Abstracts

*Association between North Carolina Free Clinics and Non-Urgent Emergency Department Visits* \*\* **Jenny Hutchinson, Michael E. Thompson, Jennifer Troyer**

*Association between Women's Perceptions of Domestic Violence and Choice of Contraceptive Method* \*\* **Comfort Olorunsaiye, Larissa R. Brunner Huber, Sarah B. Laditka, Shanti Kulkarni, Suzanne Boyd**

*Demographics of Uninsured Adults Admitted for Preventable Hospitalizations in North Carolina Communities with a Free Clinic* \*\* **Jenny Hutchinson, Jennifer Troyer, Michael E. Thompson**

*Measuring Population-patient Satisfaction with Public Health Nursing: A new approach* **L. Michele Issel, Betty Bekemeier, Christine Fitzpatrick**

*Perceptions of Health Among Adults with Arthritis in North Carolina* **Crystal Piper, \*\*Shweta Shah, \*Jyoti Bankapur, Elizabeth Racine, Elena Platonova**

*Race, Socioeconomic Status and Rurality Influences on Type 2 Diabetes Management among North Carolina Adults* **Crystal Piper, \*Shilpa Chatakhal, Neethu Sebastain, \*Tatreka Polite-Middleton, \*\*Shweta Shah, \*Fred Martin**

*Relationship between Local Health Department Organizational Characteristics and Changes in Maternal and Child Health Services Profile* \*\***Comfort Olorunsaiye, L. Michele Issel, Arden Handler, Laura Snebold**

*RN Salary Gap in County Labor Markets: Public health nurses versus hospital nurses* **L. Michele Issel, Betty Bekemeier, Christine Fitzpatrick**

*Translation and Testing of a Scale to Assess Hypertension Self-Care Activities among Latinos* **Jan Warren-Findlow, Celia Karp, Ma- ren Coffman**

*Village HeartBEAT: People, partnership, pride and progress* Cheryl Emanuel, Lori Carter-Edwards, **Camina Davis, Victor Romano, Mark J. DeHaven, Marcus Plescia**

*African Americans & Stress: A review of effective stress reduction interventions for African Americans living with chronic disease* \*\***Corliss Allen**

*Possible Fringe Benefits Associated with Increasing the Supply of Physician Extenders in Primary Care: The Impact of Physician Extenders on Race and Gender Concordance* Galen Smith III, William P. Brandon, Cicily Hampton, \*\***Keith Carnes, Hollie Tripp**

*Treatment preference of women with persistent obstetric fistula in Kano, Nigeria* Sunday Lengmang, Amir Yola, Hannah Dege \*\***Comfort Olorunsaiye**  
\*\***Doctoral student \*MSPH student PHS Faculty Member**

## Congratulations to these MHA 2015 Graduates who Received Fellowship and Administrative Residencies!

**Yelena Pecheny, MHA**, Carolinas HealthCare System, Charlotte, NC.

**Jordan Berry, MHA**, Vidant Health, Greenville, NC.

**Diana Thomas, MHA**, UC San Diego Health System, San Diego, CA.

## Public Health Sciences Graduate Faculty

Ahmed Arif, PhD, MS, CPH, Epidemiology

Chris Blanchette, PhD, MA('02), MS, MBA, Pharma Health Services Research

Larissa R. Brunner Huber, PhD, MS, Epidemiology

Mark James DeHaven, PhD, MA, Community Health

Andrew Harver, PhD, MS, AE-C, Experimental Psychology

L. Michele Issel, PhD, RN, Nursing

James N. Laditka, PhD, DA, MPA, Public Administration

Sarah B. Laditka, PhD, MBA, MA, Public Administration

Crystal Nicole Piper, PhD, MPH, MHA, Health Services Policy & Management

Elena Platonova, PhD, MHA, Health Care Strategic Mgmt

Sharon Portwood, PhD, JD, Psychology

Elizabeth Racine, DrPH, MS, MPH, RD, Nutrition

William "Bill" Saunders, PhD, MPH, Epidemiology

Winsor C. Schmidt, JD, Health Policy

Susan M. Sell, PhD, Interim Chair, Bioinformatics & Genomics

Gary Silverman, DEnv, MS, RS, Environmental Health

James Studnicki, ScD, MBA, MPH, Health Services Research

Michael E. Thompson, DrPH, MS, Health Services Research

Jan Warren-Findlow, PhD, MBA, Community Health

## Lecturers

Camina Davis, MS ('03), CHES, Community Health

Pilar Zuber, PhD('12), MSPH('06), MCHES, CPH, Health Services Research

## Admission Application Deadlines Fall 2016

Graduate: January 15, 2016—PhD Public Health Sciences  
February 1, 2016—PhD Health Services Research  
February 15, 2016—MHA, MSPH, Certificate  
April 15, 2016—MS Health Informatics

Undergraduate: February 12, 2016—BSPH