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Senior Health Scientist with over 30 years of experience in clinical, public health, academic, research and management skills locally, regionally, and globally

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SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Skills and Employment Responsibilities

- Health Care Administration: Health Planning, Health Policy, Provider Training, Provider Recruitment
- Strategic Planning and skills in working with local, national, and international project teams
- Grants Administration, Project Management, Program Design, Implementation, Evaluation
- Technical Assistance and Leadership, Health Audit and Monitoring, Staff Oversight, and Supervision
- Protocol Design, Educational /Community of Learning Tool Development, and Technical Reviews
- Health Awareness Promotion and Disease and Disability Prevention and Management
- Health and Nutrition Consultation; Behavior Modification Technical Assistance; Curriculum Design and Development
- Research Methodology; Disease Surveillance and Monitoring
- Community Mobilization, Coalition Building
- Fiscal Management and Oversight

WORK EXPERIENCE

2022- Present Center of Excellence (HU CoE)

Howard University School of Medicine Washington, DC.

Position: Principal Investigator, Project Director & Associate Professor

Design, establish, administer the HRSA-funded, “Center of Excellence” As the lead institution design, develop, pilot, and evaluate a virtual curriculum and supportive programming that will enhance the capacity of Black undergraduate students at historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) to successfully apply to and complete their medical degree. The purpose of this program is to strengthen the nation’s capacity to produce a quality health care workforce with racial and ethnic diversity to improve the quality and delivery of health care through collaborations and strategic partnerships. The Center serves as an innovative resource and education hub to recruit, train, and retain underrepresented minority students and faculty at health professions schools. These innovative programs improve information resources, clinical education, curricula, and cultural competence as they relate to minority health issues and social determinants of health. The Center also focuses on facilitating faculty and student research on health issues particularly affecting underrepresented minority groups. Direct all components of the award to insure successful implementation, evaluation, and reporting.

20019-Present Caribbean Clinician Community of Practice (CCCoP) Program

Howard University School of Medicine Washington, DC

Position: Principal Investigator, Project Director & Associate Professor

Develop, design and direct a Caribbean regional focused HIV/HCV workforce development program to 18-Caribbean Island states. Provide leadership and oversight including the

development of a comprehensive culturally appropriate curriculum with associated case management scenarios aimed at strengthening the HIV/HCV clinical skills of Caribbean HIV care providers throughout that region.

- 2018-2022:** National HIV Curriculum Integration Project
Howard University School of Medicine Washington, DC
Position: Principal Investigator, Project Director & Associate Professor
Design, establish, administer the HRSA-funded, “Integration of the National HIV Curriculum (NHC) e-Learning Platform. As the lead institution, direct 24 HBCUs (medical, nursing, pharmacy, dental, allied health programs), to implement a federal-funded developed clinical workforce strengthening program. Responsible for management and budget review and oversight as well as ensuring successful project implementation. Provide overall quality control of project operations and ensure the cooperation and coordination with the HRSA HIV AIDS Bureau (HAB) and with Howard support services so that the project is implemented according to the highest technical quality, on time and within budget. Ensure the project protocols adhere to common standards. Convene Expert Panel Meetings and lead the project’s dissemination efforts including marketing and technical reporting out activities. Provide technical reports, attend briefings and participate in national conferences to showcase project activities.
- 2017-2022:** **Minority Serving Institution HIV/HCV Project (MSI-H2P)**
Howard University School of Medicine, Washington DC
Position: Principal Investigator/ Project Director & Associate Professor
Design, establish, direct and secure funding for a national cohort of academic higher education institutions (Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU); Hispanic Serving Institutions (HIS); Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU); Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI) Develop educational materials and provide distance-based trainings to campus health service providers. Trainings are centered around effective HCV and HIV testing and counselling approaches including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), as well as the medical management of HCV/HIV co-infections among young adults. Develop and direct a social media presence to raise student awareness aimed at reducing HIV/HCV infection rates on the campuses.
- 2012-2014:** **Capitol Region Telehealth Project (AETC-CRTP)**
Howard University School of Medicine Washington, DC
Position: Principal Investigator, Project Director & Assistant Professor
Design, establish, direct and secure funding for the AIDS Education and Training Center - **Capitol Region Telehealth Project (AETC-CRTP)**. The program is aimed at using distance-based technology to provide clinical consultation, education and mentoring for healthcare professionals, organizations and networks that provide treatment, care and support including addressing substance abuse, mental health, medical nutrition and food security needs of people with HIV/AIDS. Create, direct and maintain a meaningful online effective professional learning community. Develop and direct a social media presence aimed at reducing HIV/HCV infection rates on the campuses of Historically Black Colleges and Campuses nationwide. Develop coursework and lecture freshman medical students on cultural competence as part of the course entitled, “Medicine in Society.” Teach elective course in cultural competence in HIV Disease to graduating medical students.
- 2010-2014:** **AIDS Education and Training Center National Multicultural Center (AETC-NMC)**
Howard University School of Medicine Washington, DC.
Position: Principal Investigator, Project Director & Assistant Professor
Design, establish and direct the AIDS Education and Training Center National Multicultural Center (AETC-NMC). This Center is aimed at reduction of HIV/AIDS disparity through 1)

Increasing cross-cultural awareness and competency in health care professionals, while facilitating the needs of people, including individuals with a history of substance abuse, mental illness; adolescent and teens living with HIV/AIDS; and 2) Improving communication between health care providers and their patients living with HIV/AIDS. Work to address the dramatic inequalities in health and healthcare for ethnic minorities and help identify the basic causes of HIV disease burden and associated behaviors. Disaggregating the prevailing morbidity and mortality patterns across ethnic groups and the social gradients for health outcomes in the use of health systems. Develop high quality, state-of-the-art national HIV/AIDS training curricula aimed at strengthening clinicians and other healthcare professionals' capacity to offer culturally appropriate, quality HIV care. Implement and track program impact aimed at effectively addressing the National HIV strategy to reduce new HIV infections and increase access to care while improving HIV health outcomes and reducing health inequities and HIV-related disparities. Oversee fiscal, budgetary and reporting matters and related human resources responsibilities.

2011 -2013

Project Resilience

Howard University School of Medicine, Washington, DC.

Position: Principal Investigator /Project Director & Assistant Professor

HIV prevention program targeting DC youth between 13 -22 working to identify the factors that enable some persons living in HIV high risk settings to remain HIV negative while others living in the same environments become HIV positive and then use this information to assist persons at risk for HIV to remain HIV negative.

2008-2012

Caribbean Clinician Preceptorship Program (HU-CCPP)

Howard University School of Medicine Washington, DC

Position: Principal Investigator, Project Director & Assistant Professor

Provide leadership and oversight including the development of a comprehensive culturally appropriate curriculum for an international hands-on clinical and infrastructure management training program focusing on building the HIV clinical skills and infrastructure management of Caribbean HIV care providers throughout that region. Conduct teach-bask sessions in the eight Caribbean countries from which the preceptees originate.

2006-2011

National Minority AIDS Education and Training Center (NMAETC),

Howard University School of Medicine, Washington, DC.

Position: Principal Investigator/Project Director & Assistant Professor

Provide direction and leadership for national HIV/AIDS Training programs aimed at reducing health disparities among ethnic and racial minorities nationwide. Design, establish and direct the development of high quality, several state-of-the-art national training materials on cultural competency, HIV/AIDS quality of care including mental health, substance abuse; nutrition/food security, substance abuse, pharmacotherapy and infrastructure management models as well as related research and publication of training tools and manuals for these multi-site project. Outcome of this effort is aimed at strengthening clinicians and other healthcare professionals' capacity to offer culturally appropriate, quality HIV care. More than 65,000 clinicians trained to date in the US. Develop training materials aimed at increasing cross-cultural awareness and competency among health care professionals to address the needs of ethnically diverse populations; specifically African Americans, Asian American & Pacific Islanders, Hawaiian Natives, Hispanic/Latino- Americans, and Native Americans. Design educational programs aimed at using distance-based technology to provide clinical consultation, education and mentoring for healthcare professionals, organizations and networks that provide treatment, care and support including addressing substance abuse, mental health, co-occurring illnesses, drug-drug interactions; HIV care during emergency disasters; medical nutrition and food security needs of people with HIV/AIDS. Implement and track program impact aimed at

effectively addressing the National HIV strategy to reduce new HIV infections and increase access to care while improving HIV health outcomes and reducing health inequities and HIV-related disparities. Oversee fiscal, budgetary, and reporting matters and related human resources responsibilities. Direct multi-site activities related to work plan agreements including the day to day operations of the project's technical and training activities; assurance of program quality and the management of the contract with the Federal Government and Howard University; establish systems and methods for reviewing the quality and appropriateness of clinical care and other health-related services and provide appropriate feedback; participate in the facility's quality improvement process; advise on HIV/AIDS issues and approve HIV/AIDS policies to be incorporated into center policies and strategies. Provide key information to the seminal National HIV Strategy for the U.S.

2004-2006 ***National Minority AIDS Education and Training Center (NMAETC) Howard University School of Medicine, Washington, DC.***

Position: Co- Principal Investigator & Project Director/Assistant Professor

Coordinated the implementation of all aspects of the successful management of this national program. Supported the Principal Investigator in the execution and planning of NMAETC clinical program goals and objectives; directly supervised and oversaw the day-to-day operations of the NMAETC and collaborated with outside agencies; supervised clinical and non-clinical personnel with the appropriate education/training to support capacity building activities; oversaw program audits and financial as well as project management reporting to funder.

1996-2006 ***National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Washington, DC.***

Position: Director of Medical Education

Develop, direct, oversee, and arrange all aspects of curriculum development for the teaching of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS), to medical schools, physician assistants, and graduate nursing programs at the local and national level; Gather data and coordinate implementation for academic requirements; Coordinate teaching the course at Georgetown University Medical school.

2000-2010 ***School of Public Health and Health Services, Exercise Science Program
George Washington, University, Washington, DC***

Position: Adjunct. Nutrition Faculty

Curriculum development; lecture and academic advisement to graduate and undergraduate students; related research, and faculty activities as required on the science and theory of food and nutrition.

1990-1996 ***Department of Pediatrics, Child Development Center
Georgetown University Medical School, Washington, DC***

Position: Assistant Clinical Professor/Director, Public Health Nutrition Services

Provided leadership and direction to strengthen food and nutrition-related activities, program development, and policy advocacy for multi-ethnic communities including mental retardation, physical and developmental disability; immigrant groups and migrant farm workers; Coordinated scientific analysis as well as nutrition policy and nutrition promoting activities; Designed and developed health evaluation criteria; Coordinated and strengthened departmental health system policy, programs, and reforms; Initiated new ideas for the development of systems for strategic planning, resource allocation and accountability; Assisted in selection of new faculty and medical students; Research and publications; Academic advisement and teaching; Outreached and built linkages with communities and licensing as well as accrediting agencies.

1988 – 1990 *Department of Pediatrics, Child Development Center Georgetown University Medical School, Washington, DC*
Position: Instructor/Nutritionist

Responsibilities included nutritional assessment of low-birth-weight infants in an interdisciplinary team setting, monitored elderly, adults, and adolescent individuals diagnosed with mild, moderate, severe, and profound mental retardation, developmental disabilities and physically challenged conditions. Designed, implemented, coordinated, evaluated, and monitored treatment protocols including diet therapy and feeding skills programs. Provided academic advisement, technical assistance, and training to medical students and staff members; conduct assigned research; teaching and academic counseling. Public health activities to include migrant health needs

1987-1988 *Department of Pediatrics, Child Development Center Georgetown University Medical School, Washington, DC*
Position: Post-Doctoral Fellow

Provided weekly diagnostic assessment to infants at high risk due to pre or postnatal complications, including substance abuse, genetic anomalies, and infectious diseases, including HIV/AIDS; participate in clinical consultations and make core presentations; Developed clinical expertise in pediatric, adolescent, and adult nutritional assessment techniques.

SELETED INTERNATIONAL NUTRITION AND FOOD SECURITY EXPERIENCE

2002 – 2013: United States Agency for International development (USAID)/USDA

Food Security and Nutrition Consultant – *Overarching priority to address food and nutrition security as a result of emergencies and disasters at the country level.* Provide nutrition coordination workshop on chronic vulnerability and nutrition, which promotes the implementation of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP) in Africa with a focus of integrating nutrition into CAADP country programs on food security and agriculture; Conduct extensive food, nutrition and agriculture program audits, impact analysis and sustainability of developed in country programs; prepare fact sheet(s)/Guidance Brief(s), e.g., on integrating nutrition and agriculture in order to mitigate the effects of disasters and emergencies. Prepare training materials to be used for:-Interactive sessions focusing on workshop themes and topics; Country team strategy sessions which:-Facilitate the identification of key issues and gaps in country programs; Set priority actions for integrating vulnerable populations and nutrition into agriculture and food security programs at the country and regional level; Prepare adult learning curriculum and participant source binders; Prepare reference sheets that direct participants to key resources, e.g. documents, institutions, and technical expertise; Prepare appropriate country and regional synthesis materials on CAADP investment plans and compacts, as the frame of reference for discussions and plans. Attended the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) conference held in Delhi, India, February 2011, and participated in the Open Dialogue on the USAID Feed the Future Initiative session where she presented on, “Operational issues: M&E, technical assistance mechanisms, capacity/professional development.”

United States Agency for International development (USAID) Nutrition, Food Security and HIV/AIDS Technical Advisor - Projects in the portfolio focused on the implementation of activities based upon i) UNAIDS Report; ii) AIDS, Poverty and Hunger: challenges and Responses; iii) HIV/AIDS and Nutrition – From Evidence to Action; and iv) PEPFAR Annual Report. Engagement Focus: - Audit of current activities in capacity building and training for program development and management, applied research and advocacy will be conducted in the following priority areas: HIV/AIDS & nutrition; severe malnutrition and its management; micro-nutrient nutrition; nutrition in emergencies; diet related non-communicable diseases

and possibly others. Compile and present comprehensive report.

United States Agency for International development (USAID) Nutrition, Food Security and HIV/AIDS Coordinator - Monitor action research, capacity strengthening, knowledge management and evaluate and report on the Regional Network on AIDS, Rural Livelihoods and Food Security (RENEWAL) and Food and Nutrition Security activities in participating countries in southern and eastern Africa (Malawi, Zambia, Uganda and S Africa.); determine if multi-sectoral partnerships contributed to better understanding of the implications of HIV/AIDS and the development of more effective, integrated responses through better prevention, care and treatment activities of health organizations and NGOs as the importance of nutrition is better understood.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Technical Nutrition Coordinator USDA Initiative to End Hunger in Africa (IEHA)-Phase II. Participate in country briefings and provide updates to USAID Food Security Lead.

United States Agency for International development (USAID) Nutrition, Food Security Technical Nutrition Coordinator- Evaluate and report on the Regional Network on AIDS, Rural Livelihoods and Food Security (RENEWAL) and Food and Nutrition Security activities in participating countries. Review key program approaches that are designed based on assessment of complex factors related to hunger, nutrition and poverty - including food vulnerability parameters, food security of the country and poverty reduction strategies. Prepare reviews, briefings and advise on policy and program implications of interactions between HIV/AIDS and agriculture, nutrition, hunger, food security and poverty in Africa. Document Best Practices that allow for:- creation of political will and action; reform policy and create enabling condition; increase agricultural productivity of food-insecure farmers; improve nutrition of the vulnerable; increase income for the food insecure; compile a comprehensive report of the assignment.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Technical Nutrition Consultant- Regional Network on HIV/AIDS, Rural Livelihoods and Food Security. Work with implementing partners in finalizing plans for action research to be initiated during the third phase of RENEWAL (or R3) from 2007-2010. Participate in workshop to discuss and debate critical current issues with regard to AIDS, livelihoods, food and nutrition security, to review RENEWAL's past and ongoing work and to develop new collaborations. Finalize the Plans of Action for Research in Malawi, Uganda, Zambia, South Africa and Kenya for the following thematic areas: Theme 1: AIDS, agriculture and livelihood security, Theme 2: AIDS, community resilience and social protection, and Theme 3: AIDS and nutrition security.

United States Agency for International development (USAID) Technical Nutrition Consultant - Assess the extent to which project interventions under the Gender Informed Nutrition and Agriculture (GINA) Project II, a program aimed at integrating agriculture and health interventions to improve nutritional outcomes of children less than 5 years of age in Mozambique, Uganda and Nigeria. Assess if these interventions were responsible for reducing malnutrition and hunger, as measured by weight for age of children less than five years; assess the extract and consolidate lessons learned from GINA activities being implemented in three project countries. Provide recommendations for expanding the approaches and interventions, which link agriculture and nutrition, beyond sub-Saharan Africa towards a global mechanism for reducing malnutrition. Provide comprehensive written report with recommendations for improvements where warranted and make oral presentations of findings to USAID Washington.

United States Agency for International development (USAID) Technical Nutrition Consultant - Evaluate Impact of PEPFAR programs on Mother-to-Child Transmission of HV/AIDS. Assess impact or USAID's Food for Peace (FFP) PL480 Title II Food Aid Programs and the President's

Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief related to HIV-infected and -affected populations and food security needs in selected countries (Kenya, Zambia, and Republic of South Africa). Compile comprehensive report on the issue of HIV and food aid and provide strategic approach for program improvement.

2002: *Expert HIV, Health & Nutrition Consultant. TvT Associates, Inc.*, in collaboration with USAID Ethiopia, work as part of a technical evaluation team throughout Ethiopia to evaluate the impact of USAID's Title II program of food security, HIV/AIDS and health outcome measures; develop strategic plan for further improvements. (Focus on Health and Nutrition). Comprehensive evaluation assessing Public Law-480 Title II program, which is aimed at improving food security and reducing poverty at the household level. This Title II program has been supporting several projects in Ethiopia. Evaluate the impact of the title II programs in Ethiopia which are implemented by eight national and international, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's), also referred to as Cooperating Sponsors (CS's). They include:- Save the Children-US (SCF/US), Christian Relief Services (CRS), AfriCare, Relief Society of Tigray (REST), CARE-Ethiopia, Food for the Hungry International (FHI), World Vision International (WVI), and the Ethiopian Orthodox Church (EOC). Compile comprehensive report to assess the impact of Title II food aid on food security retrospectively (over the past 8 years) with emphasis on the health and nutritional status of the recipients, and ii) make recommendations for future Title II programs based on the findings. The evaluation was carried out at the program level, aimed at analyzing the impact of regular food aid on specified health and nutrition markers, as well as household food security.

2002: *Expert Nutrition & HIV consultant, Land O'Lakes International Development.* Provided subject matter technical expertise as part of an international team tasked with creating a South Africa business case for developing and commercializing ready-to-eat custom fortified foods for pregnant women, post-partum mothers, and non-breast-feeding infants. Evaluate food for efficacy in mitigating mother to child transmission of HIV. Provide technical expertise on product development in the context of the local South African environment: social, cultural, and economic. Evaluate products to see if they are formulated to meet the nutritional deficiencies of People Living with HIV/AIDS. Define issues and activities needed to implement MTCT food production with the end goal of determining for USAID if this approach is viable. This engagement was made at the request of the USAID Mission Director for South Africa.

2005-2009 *Howard University Principal Investigator, Central Asian Program on AIDS Control in Vulnerable Populations.* USAID funded John Snow, Inc. (JSI) CAPACITY project. This work focused on investigating obstacles to adherence to ARVT and then to develop recommendations to the countries on the increased patient medication adherence in the management of HIV/AIDS. Provided technical expertise on cultural competency as it relates to medication adherence to address HIV and other communicable diseases in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.

SELECTED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

- 2023 NSDTA Showcase Series: Training of Learning in Today's Training Environment, American Public Human Services Association, January
- 2023 The Vision for Adapted Crops and Soils (VACS) - Center for Strategic International Studies: (CSIS): U.S. Special Envoy for Global Food Security, February
- 2023 NDMS Pilot Program - National Disaster Medical System National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health Uniformed Services University - February
- 2023 Global hunger crisis: Risk of famine in the Horn of Africa webinar. The Center for Disaster Philanthropy. February

- 2023 Implicit Bias: A Practical Guide for Healthcare Settings. Certificate of Completion, George Washington School of Medicine & Health Sciences, February
- 2023 Considering Adult Learning Principles to Inform Best Practices for Engagement (CETLA), Howard University, March
- 2023 USAID Study Quality Review Findings Workshop: review of the quality of USAID-funded research and evaluation studies using an updated quality assessment framework. USAID, March,
- 2023 Behavioral Health Integration Peer Learning Team, Sessions 1, 2 & 3. HRSA-Funded Behavioral Health Workforce Project. March, April, May
- 2023 How to Be a Peer Reviewer, Sage Publisher, May
- 2023 JMIR -ms #41016: Introducing telemedicine in HIV care in times of COVID-19 pandemic – patients’ perspectives, (Reviewer) October
- 2023 JMIR -JRP ms #44907: Feasibility and acceptability of a guided internet-based procrastination intervention for college students: Protocol for an open trial. (Reviewer), March
- 2023 JMIR -JMU ms #46853: Long-term optimal use of an mHealth app to promote the use of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis among female sex workers in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: A prospective cohort study, (Reviewer) April
- 2023 JMIR - ms #47072: Perceptions towards eHealth in nursing homes: A cross-sectional study with health care staff from northern Germany.) (Reviewer), May
- 2023 Research, provide technical assistance, review, and final approval for subject-matter experts to present the following CME/CEU approved webinar trainings for over 1433 clinicians in the Caribbean region between December 2022-2022-May, 2023.
- *MonkeyPox(Mpox) and HIV: What Clinicians Need to Know*
 - *Long-Acting Injectable HIV Treatment and PrEP: What Clinicians Need to Know*
 - *Clinical Approaches to Supporting Patients Returning to HIV Care*
 - *Mental Health and HIV*
 - *HIV Primary Care Update*
 - *Tools to Strengthen Adherence to Care & Treatment in HIV*
 - *Patient Provider Communication: Improving Quality of Care for People with HIV*
 - *Intimate Partner Violence*
 - *HIV and Aging in the Caribbean*
 - *Maternal Health*
- 2022 JMIR - JFR ms #42888: Article Review Request (Patient Reported Outcomes Collection: A Mixed Methods Study at an urban HIV Clinic associated with a Historically Black Medical College in the Southern United States) (Reviewer) September
- 2022 JMIR - ms #41016: Introducing telemedicine in HIV care in times of COVID-19 pandemic – patients’ perspectives. (Reviewer) October
- 2022 JMIR - JFR ms#38491 "Contraceptive Access and Use Among College and Graduate Students During COVID-19: An Online Survey Study" (Reviewer) November
- 2022 JMIR - JD ms #44328: Article Review Request (Real-world assessment of behaviors and attitudes in people with diabetes and its association with glycemic control and use of a remote diabetes monitoring program) (Reviewer) December
- 2022 “Physical Activity and Exercise in Obese Pregnant Women: Integrative Review Women's Health Science Journal. Reference Number: WHSJ-RW-22-177 (Reviewer)
- 2022 “Overview Of Gang Rape Registered In High Court Province Five Of Nepal: An Analytical Study” Women's Health Science Journal. Reference Number: WHSJ-IP-21-163 (Reviewer)
- 2022 Research, provide technical assistance, review, and final approval for subject-matter experts to present the following CME/CEU approved webinar trainings for over 300 unique clinicians in the U.S. and 2206 in the Caribbean region between May 2021-June 2022:
- *The Triple Threat: HIV, HCV, and COVID-19: What You Need to Know*
 - *College Students: Strengthening Mental Health Amidst COVID-19*

- *Indications for PrEP Among College Students Living with Partners Diagnosed with HIV*
 - *Medical Management of Substance Abuse Among College Students*
 - *Behavioral Interventions to Address Intimate Partner Violence Among LGBTQ College Students*
 - *PrEP Management for the Mid-Level Provider*
 - *Using Digital Technology to Improve and Expand Clinical Care on College Campuses*
 - *Reaching the Hard-to-Reach Students to Engage in COVID-19 Testing and HIV Care*
 - *Innovations in HIV-Care Delivery on College Campuses During the COVID-19 Pandemic*
 - *Circumstances Associated with Viral Suppression Among Racial/Ethnic Minorities*
 - *Prevention Challenges: Stigma, Misinformation and Low use of PrEP among College Students*
 - *Clinical Advances for the Prevention, Care, & Treatment of HIV/HCV Among MSI College Students*
 - *HIV/HCV and COVID-19: What Clinical Providers Need to Know*
 - *PrEP and other Biomedical Interventions: A Guide for Medical Providers*
 - *Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI): Addressing HIV Disparities to Improve Health Outcomes of Persons Living with HIV*
 - *Comprehensive strategies: Intersectionality of Trauma-Informed Care and Intimate Partner Violence on College Campuses*
 - *Substance Use, HIV, and Young Adults: A Guide for Clinical Providers*
 - *Next Generation of HIV Prevention: Integrating Behavioral, Biomedical, and Structural Intervention Strategies for College Students*
 - *Culturally Appropriate Engagement and Service Delivery: Enhancing Linkage and Retention to HIV*
 - *Integrating Mental Health into HIV Care for College Students*
 - *The Twin Stigmas: HIV & COVID-19 Among MSI College-Age Students*
 - *Reducing HIV Stigma at Systems, Organizational, and Individual Client Levels to improve health outcomes for college students*
 - *HIV Care Continuity During Emergencies & Disasters*
 - *Medical Management of HIV and COVID-19 Co-Infection*
 - *Clinical Management of HIV/HCV in Primary Care*
 - *Minimizing the Triple Burden of Mental Health, HIV and COVID-19 Co-Infection*
 - *Improving the Digital Clinical Care Experience for Patients with HIV/HCV During Disasters*
 - *Clinical management of Pediatric HIV and COVID-19 Co-Infection*
 - *Recognizing and Responding to HIV, COVID-19, and Intimate Partner Violence: What Clinicians Need to Know*
 - *Biomedical Interventions to Reduce HIV Transmission*
 - *HIV Drug Resistance & The Role of Traditional Medicine in the Caribbean Region*
 - *Integrating Addiction Treatment into HIV/HCV Care*
 - *Emergencies and Disasters: What People with HIV Need to Know*
- 2021 “Development of a culturally tailored integrated HIV/STI and intimate partner violence risk reduction intervention for U.S. Virgin Islands women experiencing abuse” for Culture, Health, and Sexuality. Manuscript ID TCHS-2021-0371 Taylor & friends – Journal Culture, Health & Sexuality. Reviewer
- 2021 Assessment of knowledge of Cervical Cancer transmission and prevention among the mothers of daughters aged below 10 years. *Women’s Health Science Journal*. Reference Number: WHSJ-RA-21-166. Reviewer.
- 2021 “Occupation hazards of workers at a bricks manufacturing industry in the Polokwane Municipality, Limpopo Province of South Africa” HCOMP-21-014 *Journal of Community Medicine & Public Health Care*. Reviewer.
- 2021 “Assessment of the Perceived Burden of Care and Quality of Life among Family Caregivers of Patients Diagnosed with chronic Illnesses at Home Health Care Centers” HCOMP-21-013 *Journal of Community Medicine & Public Health Care*. Reviewer.
- 2021 Gender Bias in Psychoanalysis – An Alternative Thinking WHSJ-RW-22-172, *Women’s Health Science Journal*.

- 2021 Effectiveness of Soya Bean Powder on Reduction of Menopausal Symptoms Among Post-Menopausal Women Between 45-56 Years of Age at a Selected Rural Area, Coimbatore WHSJ-RA-21-169, *Women's Health Science Journal*. Reviewer.
- 2021 "Comparison between outcome of assisted reproductive technique (ART) cycles with and without OCP pretreatment in infertile women: A randomized clinical trial." *WHSJ-RA-21-164. Women's Health Science Journal*. Reviewer.
- 2021 "Interest in Clinic-Based Financial Services Among Low-Income Prenatal Patients and its Association with Health-Related Social Risk Factors" *ID JPC-21-0147 Journal of Primary Care and Community Health*. Reviewer.
- 2021 Comparison between outcome of assisted reproductive technique (ART) cycles with and without OCP pretreatment in infertile women: A randomized clinical trial. *Women's Health Science Journal (WHSJ-RA-21-164)*., Reviewer.
- 2021 Manuscript ID JPC-21-0147 entitled "Interest in Clinic-Based Financial Services Among Low-Income Prenatal Patients and its Association with Health-Related Social Risk Factors" for *Journal of Primary Care and Community Health*. Reviewer .
- 2021 Global Health Security Agenda (GHS) Communication plan, Reviewer.
- 2020 Disaster Response - Schools (FG-20-003) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Reviewer.
- 2018 The Value of Continuous Labor Support, Reference Number: WHSJ-CON-18-113 *Women's Health Science Journal (WHSJ)*. Reviewer.
- 2018 Developed graduate a curriculum in consideration of a Graduate Certificate Course in Emergency Management and Homeland Security for Howard University.
- 2018 The 2018 Code of Ethics for the Nutrition and Dietetics Profession. The Association of Nutrition & Dietetics. Reviewer.
- 2017 FEMA homeland security and emergency management program accreditation Committee, Wash. DC.
- 2017 USAID funded Horticulture Innovation Lab at University of California, Davis. Reviewer.
- 2017 Associate Editor, *Women's Health Science Journal (WHSJ)*.
- 2017 FEMA homeland security and emergency management program accreditation Committee, Wash. DC.
- 2013 School Nutrition Dietary Assessment Study findings from the fourth School Nutrition Dietary Assessment Study (SNDA-IV), USDA. Reviewer.
- 2012 NIH Advisory Committee Reviewer the Women Interagency HIV Study (WIHS: ZAI1-RB-A- S1), Bethesda, MD.
- 2012 Cultural Competency: Clinicians Role in HIV/AIDS Care the XIX International AIDS Conference, Washington D.C.
- 2012 Cultural Competence: Strengthening the Clinicians Role in Delivering Quality HIV Care within API Transgender Communities, Training Module, Howard University
- 2012 Cultural Competence: Strengthening the Clinicians Role in Delivering Quality HIV Care within Native American Transgender Communities, Training Module, Howard University College of Medicine.
- 2012 Cultural Competence: Strengthening the Clinicians Role in Delivering Quality HIV Care Within African American Adolescent Communities, Training Module, Howard University College of Medicine.
- 2012 Cultural Competence: Strengthening the Clinicians Role in Delivering Quality HIV Care within Hispanic Adolescent MSM Communities, Training Module, Howard University College of Medicine.
- 2012 Cultural Competence - Patient-Provider Communication and the Impact on Medical Outcomes for Patients with HIV, Training Module, Howard University College of Medicine.
- 2012 Worked to develop, test and launch the HU Cultural Competency Provider Self-Assessment Tool (CCPSA) <https://www.aectenmc.org/self-assessment.html>. CCPSA tool links clinicians and other health care providers directly to the appropriate HIV cultural competency and training curriculum and resources, based on their reported needs. In so doing, clinicians and other health care providers can take the first step in assessing their awareness and understanding of multicultural HIV care and its impact on their own cultural health beliefs and practices. The outcome of this effort is aimed at strengthening the provider's cultural competency skills by making them more responsive to their patients' cultural health beliefs. This, in turn, can lead to self-awareness and over time, changed beliefs and attitudes that will translate

into higher quality health care provided to diverse populations.

- 2012 NIH Advisory Committee Reviewer the Women Interagency HIV Study (WIHS: ZAI1-RB-A- S1), Bethesda, MD.
- 2012 Cultural Competency: Clinicians Role in HIV/AIDS Care the XIX International AIDS Conference, Washington D.C.
- 2012 Cultural Competence: Strengthening the Clinicians Role in Delivering Quality HIV Care within API Transgender Communities, Training Module, Howard University.
- 2012 Cultural Competence: Strengthening the Clinicians Role in Delivering Quality HIV Care within Native American Transgender Communities, Training Module, Howard University College of Medicine.
- 2012 Cultural Competence: Strengthening the Clinicians Role in Delivering Quality HIV Care within African American Adolescent Communities, Training Module, Howard University College of Medicine.
- 2012 Cultural Competence: Strengthening the Clinicians Role in Delivering Quality HIV Care within Hispanic Adolescent MSM Communities, Training Module, Howard University College of Medicine.
- 2012 Cultural Competence - Patient-Provider Communication and the Impact on Medical Outcomes for Patients with HIV, Training Module, Howard University College of Medicine.
- 2011 Keeping it real Annual Conference: The Role of Nutrition in Promoting Wellness in the Presence of HIV/AIDS and Other Infectious Diseases, 2011, Silver Springs, MD.
- 2011 HIV and Cultural Competency: What Dentists Need to Know National Dental Association 2011 Annual Conference - Baltimore, MD.
- 2011 National Medical Association Annual Convention & Scientific Assembly HIV and Nutrition Washington, DC.
- 2011 Implementing the CLAS Standards to Reduce HIV Disparity, Training Module, Howard University College of Medicine.
- 2011 Issues of Ethnopharmacology in HIV Management, Training Module, Howard University Promoting HIV Testing Among Diverse Populations, Training Module, Howard University College of Medicine.
- 2011 Triple Whammy for African-Americans: HIV and Psychiatric Illness, Training Module, Howard University College of Medicine.
- 2010 National Medical Association Annual Convention & Scientific Assembly: The Incarcerated Population: Co- Morbidities and HIV Kissimmee, FL, July 2010.
- 2010 National Black Nurses Association 39th Annual Conference: The Doris Mosley Workshop: Cultural Competency and Quality of Care. Foreign Trained Nurses and Immigrant Patients- Providing Culturally Competent HIV Care: What Nurses Need to Know San Diego, CA July.
- 2010 National Medical Association Annual Convention & Scientific Assembly: The Incarcerated Population: Co-Morbidities and HIV Kissimmee, FL 34746, July 2010.
- 2010 Keeping it real Annual Conference: The Role of Nutrition in Promoting Wellness in the presence of HIV/AIDS and other Infectious Diseases, Baltimore MD., 2010
- 2009 NBNA _ HIV Counseling and Testing: CDC New Recommendations: “What Nurses Need to Know”, and “Cultural Competency in Health Care, Bridging the Gap What Nurses Need to Know” Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 2009
- 2009 National Black Nurses Association 39th Annual Conference The Doris Mosley Workshop: Cultural Competency and Quality of Care. Foreign Trained Nurses and Immigrant Patients- Providing Cultural Competent HIV Care: What Nurses Need to Know August 2009. Toronto, Canada.
- 2009 Downer, GA, John-Gilles, C, Farhat F. BESAFE Cultural Competency Manual for Testing in the Emergency room.
- 2009 Howard University Faculty Historically Black Colleges and Universities Conference on Entrepreneurship “Minority Health & Wellness Entrepreneurship: Present realities and opportunities.
- 2009 American Correctional Association Annual Conference, “Cultural Competency and Managing HIV Co-morbidities” annual conference August 2009, Nashville, TN;
- 2009 Downer, G.A., Watson K, McKinney S. Influence of Stigma on Provider Behavior and Quality of Care for Patients with HIV. Poster presentation, International AIDS Society, New Orleans, LA.
- 2009 Downer, G.A., Watson K, McKinney S. Use of Community Participatory Methods to Enhance Quality of HIV Care poster presentation International AIDS Society, New Orleans, LA.
- 2009 HIV/AIDS Prevention and Support Services for Women Partners for Incarcerated/Recently Released

- Men Program, Office of Women’s Health Reviewer.
- 2008 Special Emphasis Panel, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Institutes of Health. MHIRT Program Application – Reviewer.
- 2007 National Institutes of Health and National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel ZAI1-LW-A-S1. Women’s Interagency HIV Study IV (WIHS IV) Limited Competition (U01) - Reviewer.
- 2007 G.A. (Editor) BESAFE Cultural Competency Manual for Native Americans. (2007) HU Press.
- 2002 How to Stop Chewing the Fat in Health Issues and Concerns of Women of color. A Call to Action III: A Focus on Cardiovascular Disease: Centering Mind and Body through Prevention and Intervention. Howard University.
- 2000 DC Office of Grants Management and Development, Department of Health , Administration for HIV/AIDS. Review Panel Member.
- 2000 Special Emphasis Panel, “Protease Inhibitor Related Atherosclerosis in HIV Infection” Department of Health and Human Services, National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute. Bethesda, MD.
- 1999 District of Columbia's Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for HIV/AIDS, Proposals for Ryan White Title I Proposals. Review panel Member.
- 1999 Bureau of Primary Health Care, Department of Health and Human Services, Bethesda, MD. Objective Scientific Reviewer.
- 1997 National Institute of Health, National Heart, Lung, Blood Institute, Rockville Md. Peer Reviewer.
- 1995 The Eating Habits of the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters in collaboration with the District of Columbia American Dietetic Association.

SELECTED PUBLICATION

- Downer, GA et al. The National HIV Curriculum: Howard University’s Innovative Approach to Strengthening the Nation’s HIV Clinical Workforce. WHSJ, Volume 7 Issue 1 (2023) DOI: [10.23880/whsj-16000176](https://doi.org/10.23880/whsj-16000176)
- Downer, GA, Randall Cunningham, S: HBCUs' Preparedness Planning and Responses to Reopening Campuses Safely during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Needs, Assets, and Insights for Future Emergencies and Disasters. *Journal of Emergency Management*
- Vol. 20 No. 4 (2022): July/August <https://wmpplc.org/ojs/index.php/jem/article/view/3283/>
- Downer, GA: *How Climate change and the Caribbean: Strengthening Preparedness Measures* in 2021-2022 Caribbean/Latin America Disaster Readiness Manual VOLUME 24 **CDRM 2021-2022 Vol 24.pdf**, 2021
- Downer, Goulda: “Chapter 11: Cultural Competence: Considerations in the Treatment of African American Women with Eating Disorders” in Treating Black Women with Eating Disorders A Clinician's Guide Edited by Charlynn Small and *Mazella Fuller*, in Treating Black Women with Eating Disorders: A Clinician's Guide - 1st (routledge.com), 2020
- Downer, GA: *HBCUs Should Lead the Way in Disaster Preparedness in Their Communities*. HBCUs Should Lead the Way in Disaster Preparedness in Their Communities : The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education (jbhe.com), 2020
- Downer, GA: *Do Individuals Living with HIV know how to Access Resources in Order to Safeguard their Health in the Event of Statewide Emergency Situations?* <https://medwinpublishers.com/WHSJ/WHSJ16000129.pdf>, 2019
- Downer, GA: *How Climate change directly affects food and nutrition security* in 2018/2019 Caribbean/Latin America Disaster Readiness Manual, 2018
- Downer, G: *Homeland Security & Emergency Management Studies: Where Are the HBCUs?* Journal of Blacks in Higher Ed, 2018 Homeland Security & Emergency Management Studies: Where Are the HBCUs? : The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education (jbhe.com)
- Downer, G.A: Partnering with the Community to Craft Locally Appropriate, Culturally Competent Responses to Health Problems While Building the Community’s Capacity to Lead and Sustain the Identified Solutions || Annals of Infectious Disease and Epidemiology (remedypublications.com) Volume 2 | 12 Issue 3 | Article 1019 July 2017

- Downer GA, Callwood GB. “Developing an Effective HIV/AIDS Response for Women and Girls in the U.S. Virgin Islands” *Women's Health Issues* Volume 21, Issue 6, Supplement, Pages S283-S286, November /December, 2011
- Downer GA, (Editor) *HIV In Communities of Color: The Compendium of Culturally Competent Promising Practices: “The Role of Traditional Healing in HIV Clinical Management”* NMAETC, Howard University Press, July, 2011
- Downer, GA. *Jamaican Culture* (chapter) in the book “*Food and Cultural Issues for the Culinary, Hospitality and Nutrition Professions*” Jones and Bartlett Publishers. 2011
- Downer, GA, (Editor) *HIV in Communities of Color: A Compendium of Culturally Competent Promising Practices*. Howard University Press. (2009)
- Downer, GA, John-Gilles, C, Farhat F. *BESAFE Cultural Competency Manual for Testing in the Emergency room* (2009)
- Downer, G.A. (Editor) *BESAFE Cultural Competency Manual for Native Americans*. (2007) HU Press.
- *What Advocates Should Know about Child Malnutrition and Neglect in Child Law Practice* Vol. 25 No 6. (2006) American Bar Association, Center on Children and the Law.
- *Antiretroviral Drugs: Food and Nutrition Complications* National Black Nurses Fall/Winter Journal. (2005) NBNA, MD.
- Downer, GA. *HIV and Nutrition Information Guide*. Written for, HIV/AIDS Administration, DC Department of Health, Government of the District of Columbia. (2004)
- *Nutrition and HIV/AIDS as part of a “How to Guide”* Health Resources and Services Administration HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau in collaboration with the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC). 2004
- Celia Hayes, Elisa Elliot, Edwin Krales, and Goulda Downer. *Food and Water Safety for Persons Infected with Human Immunodeficiency Health*. Supplement to *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, Volume 26, April, 2003. Health Resources and Services Administration, HIV/AIDS Bureau, Office of Science and Epidemiology, Service Evaluation and Research Branch, Rockville, MD.
- Downer, GA *Nutrition and HIV*. National Black Nurses Association, Fall/Winter Journal. NBNA Silver Spring, MD Administration (HRSA), HIV/AIDS Bureau in collaboration with the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) (2003)
- Contributing Writer. *The State of Black Health: The Distinctive Resource Guide for African-Americans* (2002) Levas, Inc. Chalfont, P.A.
- Contributing Writer. *Ethnic Food Pyramid*, in “*Lighten Up: The HealthQuest 30-Day Weight Loss Program*” 2001 Harper Collins
- Contributing Writer. *What To Eat in “Baby Basics: your month by month guide to a healthy pregnancy.”* A publication of the What To Expect Foundation, 2001 Workman Publishing, NY.
- *Nutrition Self-Management in Diabetes*, in *Healthy Weight Journal*, Vol. 15. No. 5 Sept/Oct 2001.
- *Fetal Alcohol Syndrome: Preventing Birth Defects*. HT Volume 4, No. 6, May/June 1997.
- *Healthy Eating Ideas for our Trailblazers*” and “*Healthy Eating Ideas for our Crimefighters*.” Brochure for the Washington D.C. Metropolitan fire and police departments 1995.
- *Anthropometric Measurements of Individuals with Multiple Handicapping Conditions*. *Dietetics in Development and Psychiatric Disorders*: Volume 13, Number 1, summer 1994.
- *Nutrition and Substance Abuse*, (Section 2) in a course for incarcerated individuals who have a history of substance abuse. 1990.
- *Heart-Healthy Home Cooking: African American Style*, USDHHS, NIH Publication #97-3792, September 1997; *Energize Yourself - Stay Physically Active*, NIH Publication #97-4059; *Spice Up Your Life - Eat Less Salt and Sodium*, NIH Publication #97-4060; *Protect Your Heart - Preventing High Blood Pressure*, NIH Publication #97- 4062; *Empower Yourself- Learn Your Cholesterol Number* NIH Publication #97-4063; *Embrace Your Health - Lose Weight If You are Overweight*, NIH Publication #97- 4063; *Be Heart Smart Eat Foods Lower in Saturated Fats and Cholesterol*, NIH Publication #97-4064; *Refresh Yourself - Stop Smoking*, NIH Publication #97-4065. 1997.
- Downer, G.A. *Personal Perspectives: The Role of Nutrition in Transition to Community-Based Settings*. *Dietetics in Developmental and Psychiatric Disorders*, Vol. 14, No 4, spring 1996.
- Downer, G. A. “*Healthy Eating Ideas for our Trailblazers*” and “*Healthy Eating Ideas for our*

- Crimefighters." Brochure for the Washington D.C. Metropolitan fire and police departments 1995.
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- Downer, G.A Nutrition and Substance Abuse, (Section 2) in a course for incarcerated individuals who have a history of substance abuse. 1990

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE SERVICE

- 2023: Advisory Board, Advancing Health Equity: Partnership to Address HIV Related Health Disparities. ViiV Health Care
- 2023: Advisory Board, Zeroing In Ending the HIV Epidemic in Latin America and Caribbean Advisory, Gilead Sciences.
- 2021-Present: Member of the Executive Council, Center for Women, Gender and Global Leadership, Howard University
- 2020-Present: Campus Safety and Resilience Cluster HBCU, appointed by the White House Initiative on HBCUs.
- 2020-2023 Advisory Board Member, CoVAC Initiative Advisory Committee Meetings, Initiative Advisory Committee American College Health Association.
- 2018-Present: HBCU Emergency Management Workforce Consortium, Co-founder & Team Lead
- 2018-Present: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Higher Ed Symposium Planning Committee
- 2017-present: Associate Editor, Women's Health Science Journal (WHSJ)
- 2017: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Higher Education; homeland security and emergency management program accreditation review committee. Emmitsburg, Md,
- 2016 : Global Health Security Agenda - Caribbean Regional Roadmap Development , Committee Member.
- 2016-Present: International Association of Emergency Managers, Member
- 2016-Present: District of Columbia's Emergency Response System Committee. Member District of Columbia Homeland Security Agency.
- 2013-2019: Affordable Care Act, Plan Management Advisory Committee, Washington, DC
- 2012- 2018: Washington, DC Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Washington, DC.
- 2009-Present Member, Community Advisory Board, the District of Columbia Developmental Center for AIDS Research (DC D-CFAR).
- 2008-2013 Executive Board Member, National Association of People with AIDS. Silver Spring MD
- 2008-2012 Howard University Research Committee Member, Washington, DC.
- 2003-Present Nutrition and Food Science Advisory Board Member, University of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC.
- 2001-2006 Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Advisory Committee, Office of Consumer Affairs, Rockville, MD.
- 2001-2012 Chair, Board of Nutrition and Dietetics, Department of Health, Health Regulation Administration, Washington, DC.
- 2000-2003 HIV Nutrition Guidelines Panel Member and Co-Leader of the Food, Water Safety and Other Issues group of the Expert Panel, Department of Health and Human Services, Health Service Administration, Rockville, MD.
- 1999-2011 Chairperson, Washington, DC Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Washington, DC.
- 1998-2005 Producer and Host of the locally produced television show CARIBNATION; seen locally and throughout the Caribbean.
- 1997-2000 Advisory Member, Public Voice for Food and Health Policy, 21st Annual Conference, D.C.
- 1997-2003 Advisory Member, US Federal Trade Commission, Division of Service Industry, Consumer Education Committee on Healthy Weight Management, Washington, DC.
- 1995-1999 Chairperson, Nutrition Conference Committee, The March of Dimes Births defects Foundation, National Capital Area Chapter, Washington, DC.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Development of a Workforce Diversity Index to Track African Americans' Participation in Emergency Management Positions and Emergency Management Training Programs . FEMA Emergency Management Institute 2022 Symposium, 2022
- Exploring Equitable Approaches to Ending Hunger in America: Food, Families, Farming, and Justice. DEJ Working Group Dialogue 1, Zero Hunger Pathways Project Dialogue 5, 2022
- HIV & Disaster Emergency Management , Caribbean Clinicians Community of Practice Program, 2022
- Association of College & University Housing Officers - International (ACUHO-I) State of the Profession Conference: HBCUs: Challenges & Opportunities to Strengthen the Nation's Emergency Preparedness/Disaster Response Workforce, 2021
- HBCU Resiliency: Better, Stronger and Prepared. White House Initiative on HBCU 2021 Annual Conference,
- HBCU EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONSORTIUM WORKFORCE: Collaborating to Improve the Emergency Management Workforce Pipeline, 2021
- Integrating the National HIV Curriculum e-Learning Platform into Health Care Provider Professional Education, HRSA Leadership, 2021
- HBCUs: Challenges & Opportunities to Strengthen the Nation's Emergency Preparedness/Disaster Response Workforce: ACUHO-I State of the Profession Annual Conference. 2021
- GeoSpectrum: Diversity and Equity in Analysis: Its Role in Humanitarian Crises: "DIVERSIFICATION: The role of HBCUs in strengthening the Emergency Management Workforce Pipeline" 2021
- Session Moderator: Disease watch: what's next for non-communicable and communicable diseases AIDF Global Summit. 2019
- Workshop Presenter Cultural Competence in Disaster Management. AIDF Global Summit. 2018
- Cultural Competence in disaster and emergency management – Addressing culture in the context of health seeking behaviors during and after a disaster. A novel approach for consideration globally. 2nd international Emergency Medicine Conference, Abu Dhabi, October 2017.
- FEMA 18th Annual Emergency Management Institute Federal, Higher Education Symposium, Panel Discussant: "Whole of Community–Talking about My Generation" Emergency Management Agency Department of Homeland Security Emmitsburg, MD, 2016
- The Role of Cultural Competence in Emergency Management. George Washington University Office of Emergency Management and the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area 2016 Emergency Management in Higher Education Seminar, 2016
- HOWARD UNIVERSITY GLOBAL HEALTH INITIATIVES, United States Agency for International Development, Global Development Lab and Bureau for Economic Growth, Education, and the Environment (E3), 2014
- The Role of Cultural Competence in Emergency Management, 3-hour course developed specifically for and presented to the National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health in collaboration Boston University, Healthcare Emergency Management. 2014
- HIV/AIDS: A Minority Health Issue- Howard University's Systems Thinking Approach to Reducing HIV/AIDS Disparities within Communities of Color Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2013, Atlanta.
- National Dental Association Annual Conference. An Emerging Oral Health Issue: HIV & Aging. MD, 2013
- The Ryan White Program in the Post-ACA Era: Closing Gaps in Prevention, Testing, Care and Treatment. The
- 2013 CBC Spring Health Braintrust and National Minority Quality Forum 10th Annual Health Disparities, Washington, DC, 2013.
- White House Forum on African-Americans and HIV/AIDS: HIV/AIDS Stigma and Discrimination in the African-American community. White House, July 2012.
- The HIV/AIDS Epidemic: WHAT DENTISTS NEED TO KNOW National Dental Association Annual conference. Baltimore, MD 2011.

- Establishing a Successful and Sustainable HIV/AIDS Prevention Program. MSI ALL GRANTEE MEETING, ABT & Associates, Bethesda MD , 2011.
- THE ROLE OF NUTRITION IN PROMOTING WELLNESS IN THE PRESENCE OF HIV/AIDS and OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES, KEEPING IT REAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Silver Spring, 2011. USAID Feed the Future Initiative: Operational issues- M&E, technical assistance mechanisms, capacity/professional development of Gender Informed Nutrition & Agriculture Programs. India, February,2011.
- Nutrition and Food Security: Twin Resources in the Management of HIV/AIDS KEEPING IT REAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Baltimore MD, 2010.
- How to Combat HIV on HBCUs. White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities Building HBCU Capacity/Readiness for Health Care Reform. Washington, DC, 2009
- Cultural Sensitivity in delivery of HIV Prevention and Treatment Services for African Immigrants, March, Rockville, MD, 2009.
- HIV/AIDS: A Minority Health Issue. A Systems Thinking Approach to Reducing HIV/AIDS Disparities within Communities of Color. National Minority Quality Forum in collaboration with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Spring Health Braintrust 6th Annual Leadership Summit.
- GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH: Treatment and Nutrition Program Policy, NASTAD Annual Meeting, Virginia 2009.
- The HIV/AIDS Epidemic: A Nursing Challenge Black Nurses of Greater Washington DC Area. 29th Annual Awards Luncheon, Greenbelt, MD, 2009.
- National HIV and Pregnancy Needs. National Medical Association. Atlanta 2009.
- HIV Counseling and Testing and Cultural Competence Training for Physicians. National Medical Association Post-Convention. Miami FL 2009.
- Hawaii AIDS Education and Training Center: Nutrition, Food Security and HIV: Honolulu, Hawaii, 2007.
- HIV, Nutrition and Cultural Competency: What Dentists Need to Know? National Dental Association,2007
- Health for Powerful Women Leaders: Nutrition Matters. NAACP convention, Detroit MI, 2007.
- Women and HIV: What Nurses Need to Know? National Black Nurses Association: Atlanta Georgia, 2007.
- Cultural Competency and HIV in Dental Care: National Dental Association. Atlanta Georgia, 2007.
- Nutrition and HIV What Nurses Need to Know. National Black Nurses Association. Chicago IL 2006.
- Nutrition HIV: What Dentists need to know? National Dental Association. Las Vegas, NE, 2006.
- Cultural Competency and Sustainability at the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative Grantee Training Institute, Byscane Bay, Miami FL September 2006.
- HIV in Women and Children at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) Women and Children's Annual Grantee Meeting, Washington, DC, September 2006.
- HIV/AIDS in minority women, AIDS Alliance for Children Youth and Families Annual Conference "VOICES 2006" Arlington VA 2006.
- U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FIRST NATIONAL CHILD HEALTH AND CHILD WELFARE CONFERENCE - Closing the Disparity Gap for Racial and Ethnic Minority Children- Culturally Competent Prevention & Early Intervention Services: NUTRITION and the Role of Family and Culture in Childhood Obesity, 2004.
- Malnutrition and Child Neglect: The Impact of Food Insecurity, D.C Family Court Interdisciplinary Training, Washington, DC, 2004.
- Making Sense of Emerging Dietary Trends, 5th Annual Sweetener Conference, Washington DC 2004.
- Government of the District of Columbia, Department of Health, HIV/AIDS Administration: Women's Summit II Coming to AMERICA: HIV/AIDS and the Immigrant population, Washington DC 2004.
- International Women's Day Conference on Human Trafficking – A Global Tragedy: Howard University Hospital Office of International Healthcare Services, Washington, DC, 2004.

- Public Health Challenges in Nutrition and Physical Activity. The 17th Annual Maternal and Child Coordinating Conference, Washington, DC 2003.
- Prime Time Sister’s Call to Action: Reclaiming our Health. Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative conference. Washington, DC 2002.
- Health Issues and Concerns of Women of Color: A Call to Action III: A Focus on Cardiovascular Disease. Howard University Women’s Health Institute. Washington DC 2002.
- National Medical Association, Region V. Clinical updates Conference: Nutrition and HIV. St. Louis, Missouri, 2002.
- National Bar Association Annual Conference: Nutrition Strengthening the Family, Strengthening the World, Washington, DC - 2000.
- National Institute of Health Awareness Fair: Addressing Health Disparities: NIH Program of Action, Bethesda, MD – 2000. National Dental Association 86th Annual Conference: President’s Mind, Body, Spirit Symposium: You Are What You Eat, Atlanta, GA – 1999.
- The Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust, Under the auspices of Congressman Louis Stokes: The Role of Nutrition on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in the African American Community, Washington, DC – 1998.

FORMAL EDUCATION

Post-Doctoral Pediatric Nutrition Fellow, Georgetown University Medical Center, Child Development Center, Washington, DC – 1989

Doctor of Philosophy Department of Human Nutrition and Food, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, [Major-] Public Health Nutrition; Minor – International Nutrition]. Howard University, Washington, DC -- 1988 (*Magna Cum Laude*)

Master of Science, Department of Human Nutrition and Food, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, [Major-] Howard University, Washington, DC – 1985 (*Magna Cum Laude*)

Bachelor of Science, Pratt Institute, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, Brooklyn, NY– 1983.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Federal Emergency Management Agency’s National Emergency Management Advanced Academy (NEMAA) -graduate.
- Academy on Nutrition & Dietetics – Nutrition *Fellow (FAAND)*
- American College of Nutrition – *Certified Nutrition Specialist (CNS)*
- Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics (Local & National | Chapters – Licensed/*Registered Member (LN/R.D.)*
- International Association of Emergency Managers – *Member*
- Leadership Greater Washington – *Member*
- *Community Emergency Response Trained (CERT)*
- HBCU Emergency Management Workforce Consortium – *Co-Founder*

SELECTED CERTIFICATE & TRAINING

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2020 -Trainer & Manager Certificate for -Community Emergency Training (CERT) FEMA

2019 FEMA Advanced Academy, Graduate

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

2017 Pratt Institute “**The Transformers**” Alumni Honor, New York

2016: Caribbean American Heritage Award (CARHA) for Outstanding Contribution to Public Health

2014: Pratt Institute Community Commitment Award 2014 Alumni Achievement Awards, for working to help

- strengthen the U.S. National HIV clinical workforce; New York
- 2014: Fellow of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (FAND). Awarded in recognition as a member of the Academy who has made significant contributions to the field of nutrition and dietetics and have distinguished themselves among their colleagues, as well as in their communities, by their service to the nutrition and dietetics profession and by optimizing the nation's health through food and nutrition.
- 2013: The 2013 CBC Health Braintrust Leadership in Advocacy Award from the Congressional Black caucus for strengthening the US HIV clinical workforce by educating and training over 46,000 clinicians and care providers nationwide, to offer culturally competent, quality clinical HIV care.
- 2013: National Association of Health Services Executives-Washington Metropolitan Area Chapter (NAHSE-WMAC) Leadership award in Health Care.
- 2011: DIVA Award, for strengthening HIV Clinical workforce within the Caribbean region.
- 2008: Balm in Gilead Wisdom of Healers Leadership Award.
- 2007: Excelsior Alumni Association Award for excellence .
- 2003: Caribbean American Intercultural Organization, Inc. (CAIO) 2003 PEARL A. WATSON, MEMORIAL AWARD for excellence in the delivery of health care.
- 2002: Andrew Radar United States Army Health Clinic, Appreciation Award, Fort Myers, Virginia, for "Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Contemporary Issues Facing Women with Alcohol Problems."
- 1999: Expert Faculty Appreciation Award, the Women's Health Institute and the National Minority AIDS Education and Training Center at Howard University.
- 1999 Regional Finalist, White House Fellowship Program.
- 1999 Ebony Image Award for Community Health, Coalition of 100 Black Women, Virginia Chapter.
- 1997 Community Business Woman of the Year Award for Washington, Maryland and Virginia Area – American Business Women's Association.
- 1996 Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding assistance in facilitating the implementation of the National Physician's Network to improve cardiovascular health in the African American Community - National Institute of Health.
- 1990 Top Thirty-Two Nutritionists in Washington, D.C. The Afro-American Newspaper, Capital Edition, December