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EDUCATION

Completed

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health – GPA: 3.98

Master of Public Health, Health and Social Behavior, Health Communication Concentration

Boston, MA
May 2021

Georgetown University – GPA: 3.64

Bachelor of Science, Biology of Global Health; Science, Technology & International Affairs

Washington, DC
May 2017

Anticipated

University of Göttingen

Doctor of Philosophy, Research Training Group (RTG) in Sustainable Food Systems

Anticipated Topic: Food and Nutrition Policies and Population Health

Göttingen, Germany
May 2024

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

World Bank Group – Primary Health Care Performance Initiative (PHCPI)

Consultant

Remote
May 2020 – Current

- Adapted a mixed-methods assessment tool to analyze strengths and bottlenecks in non-communicable disease (NCD) management in primary health care (PHC) and piloted tool in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Findings used to inform \$75M Bank investment for health reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Created a semi-structured interview guide and conducted interviews with government officials and health sector stakeholders in Bosnia and Herzegovina on health systems performance for non-communicable disease (NCD) management
- Collated and analyzed a database of performance indicators from World Bank health sector projects from the past decade to identify key trends in PHC measurement and opportunities for improvement. Co-authored manuscript completed and under review for publication as a World Bank Discussion Paper.
- Conducted an in-depth review of completed World Bank health sector projects to evaluate investment in obesity and NCD prevention and synthesize best practices. Manuscript completed and under review for publication as a World Bank Discussion Paper.

Harvard Law School - Food Law and Policy Clinic

Research Assistant

Cambridge, MA
Jan – May 2020

- Advised government stakeholders in Latin America on evidence-based strategies and best practices for the design and implementation of a national front-of-package labelling policy to address the growing burden of diet-related non-communicable diseases.
- Advised grassroots civil society organization based in U.S. on coalition building to advance local healthy vending policy.
- Conducted an evidence review on global nutrition labelling policies and synthesized salient findings into a policy memorandum.
- Collaboratively produced an advocacy toolkit to guide local, state and national stakeholders on policy approaches to reducing population sugar consumption.

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC)

Team Leader

Aurora, CO
Oct 2017 – Apr 2019

- Led a ten-member team through a project implementation phase to expedite the construction of a non-profit's housing units in preparation for the impending winter months in CO.
- Served as liaison between the team, community leaders, and regional AmeriCorps NCCC staff, facilitating open communication across collaborators and building positive relationships between project stakeholders.
- Led weekly meetings with various project stakeholders to share progress, trouble-shoot project challenges, and achieve project deliverables.
- Fostered team cohesion and high morale while providing constructive feedback and ensuring accountability amongst team members to meet project goals.

Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (UAEM)

Advocacy & Campaigns Fellow

Washington, DC
Spring 2017

- Provided evidence-based recommendations for performance indicators of innovation, equity and access in pharmaceutical R&D. Contributed to data collection on indicators for the creation of a scorecard on alternative R&D mechanisms.

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021 Harvard University - Kennedy, Knox and Sheldon Traveling Research Fellowship recipient for proposed research project, *Assessing Local Public Sector Action to Promote Healthy Food Environments for NCD Prevention*
- 2020 Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health - Voices in Leadership Writing Fellow
- 2019 Harvard University - Harvard Graduate School Leadership Incubator Fellow
- 2018 Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) – Congressional Award for Service
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- 2017 Georgetown University Bioethics Research Showcase, first place for personal paper, *Policy Recommendations for National Menstrual Hygiene Management in Ugandan Primary and Secondary Schools*
- 2016 Georgetown University Bioethics Research Showcase, first place for co-authored paper, *Proposal to Strengthen Ghana's Capacity to Address Diabetes Mellitus: an mHealth application of the Human Development Framework*

PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

- 2021 World Bank Discussion Paper (under review), *Primary Health Care Measurement in World Bank HNP Projects*
- 2021 World Bank Discussion Paper (under review), *Addressing Obesity and Non-Communicable Diseases in Primary Health Care (PHC): Lessons from Completed World Bank Health Sector Lending Projects*
- 2016 Penn Bioethics Journal, *The Public Health Ethics of Modern Mass Quarantine: Lessons from the Ebola Crisis*
- 2016 Journal of Clinical Oncology, co-authored paper, *Assessment of the incidence of medical events reported following Y90 treatment*

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Applied knowledge of statistical software package R Studio for health systems modeling and analysis
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite
- Experience with data visualization software (Tableau, Canva)
- Languages: English (native), Spanish (intermediate), Greek (intermediate); Dual Citizenship – USA and Greece

COMPLETED GRADUATE COURSEWORK

NCD Prevention

- Health Systems, Food Systems and the Epidemiological Transition – Field Course in Nepal
- Explaining Health Behavior: Insights from Behavioral Economics
- Successes and Challenges in Health Behavior Change
- Introduction to Nutrition in Public Health
- Food Law and Policy
- Seminars in Food Science, Technology and Sustainability

Health Systems Analysis

- Modeling for Health Systems Analysis and Priority Setting
- Introduction to Quantitative Methods for Monitoring and Evaluation of Health Systems

Research Methods

- Principles of Social and Behavioral Research
- Qualitative Research Methods in Public Health
- Core Principles of Biostatistics and Epidemiology