

Curriculum Vitae  
**Niko Verdecias, DrPH, MPH**  
**Assistant Professor, Population Health**  
**Arizona State University, College of Health Solutions**  
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## EDUCATION

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### Postdoctoral Fellowship

Washington University in St. Louis: The Brown School - Health Communications Research Laboratory; St. Louis, MO

Mentors: Matthew Kreuter and Amy McQueen

### DrPH, Concentration: Public Health - Community Health and Prevention

Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health; Philadelphia, PA

Dissertation: Exploring cardiovascular disease knowledge, risk perception, and associated socio-behavioral determinants among African American and Hispanic people living with HIV/AIDS in an urban setting: A mixed methods study

Committee: Amy Carroll-Scott (Chair), Ana Martinez-Donate, Augusta Villanueva, Felice Le-Scherban, Judith Ferguson

### MPH, Concentration: Public Health - Urban and Community Health

SUNY Downstate Medical Center; Brooklyn, NY

Thesis: Exploring health disparities by race/ethnicity in Brooklyn, NY among an older sample: A secondary analysis of BRFSS data

### BS, Psychology

Syracuse University; Syracuse, NY

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| 2022-present         | <u>Assistant Professor</u> of Population Health for Arizona State University, College of Health Solutions; Phoenix, AZ   |
| 2022-2023            | <u>Fellow</u> in the Mountain State Community-Engaged Dissemination and Implementation Science Training Program, Arizona State University and University of Utah                               |
| 2021-2022            | <u>Co-Investigator</u> for three COVID-19 information, testing, vaccination, and health communication messaging grants; CDC- and NIH-funded; Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO |
| 2020-2022            | <u>Scholar</u> in the NIH Institute for Implementation Science Scholars (IS-2)   |
| 2019-2020            | <u>Lead Qualitative Consultant</u> for National Science Foundation: Ethical Autism Research and Community Engagement; Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health, Philadelphia, PA     |
| Summer 2018          | <u>Graduate Assistant</u> for West Philadelphia Promise Neighborhood; Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health & the Urban Health Collaborative, Philadelphia, PA                    |
| Spring - Summer 2018 | <u>Qualitative Analytical Consultant</u> for a Vietnamese Nail Salon worker study; Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health, Philadelphia, PA  |
| 2017-2019            | <u>Evaluator (Research Fellow)</u> for the Master of Public Health program redesigned curriculum; Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health, Philadelphia, PA                         |
| 2016-2017            | <u>Graduate Assistant</u> for the Migrant study; Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health, Philadelphia, PA  |
| 2014-2017            | <u>Graduate Assistant and Project Coordinator</u> for the Evaluation of Philadelphia Mental Health First Aid study; Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health, Philadelphia, PA       |

- 2009-2015 Project Director for Innovations in Enhancing Access to and Retention in Quality HIV Care for Women of Color Initiative (Evaluation Center); Albert Einstein College of Medicine & Montefiore Medical Center Departments of Family and Social Medicine, Bronx, NY
- 2007-2009 Project Director for Innovations in Oral Health Care and HIV Initiative (Demonstration Site); Albert Einstein College of Medicine & Montefiore Medical Center Departments of Family and Social Medicine, Bronx, NY
- 2006-2007 Research and Data Consultant for the Acute Coronary Syndrome Study; SUNY Downstate Medical Center Departments of Cardiology and Preventive Medicine, Brooklyn, NY
- 2005-2007 Project Coordinator and National Community Advisory Board Liaison for the Women's Interagency HIV Study; SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

## TEACHING AND INVITED LECTURES

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- 2022-present **Assistant Professor**, Arizona State University, Phoenix, Arizona; Online undergraduate course: CHS 340 Health Theory; Doctoral course: POP 615 Organizational Behavior & Theory in Population Health (in-person; Core requirement).
- Nov 2023 **Invited Keynote Presenter**, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona – Value Based Health Equity Workshop; Workshop title: The Interplay between Unmet Social Needs and Comorbidities among Marginalized Populations Living with Diabetes: A Call for Patient Engagement
- Feb 2023 **Invited Presenter**, Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center at ASU; Talk title: Identifying and Addressing the Interplay between Unmet Social Needs and Comorbidities among Marginalized Populations Living with Diabetes
- Spring 2022 **Invited Guest Lecturer**, Washington University in St. Louis, MO  
M19-559 Dissemination and Implementation Science  
*Lecture title*: Using CBPR to examine care management approaches towards CVD risk assessment and reduction involving people of color living with HIV/AIDS
- Spring 2021 **Practicum Field Instructor**, for two graduate students, Washington University in St. Louis, MO
- Spring 2021 **Adjunct Professor**, Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health, Philadelphia, PA; Hybrid graduate level core course: PHBL 505 Qualitative Data and Mixed Methods Analysis
- Spring 2020 **Adjunct Professor**, Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health, Philadelphia, PA; Online undergraduate level course: PHBL 101 Introduction to Public Health
- Fall 2019 **Adjunct Professor**, Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health, Philadelphia, PA; Online undergraduate level course: PHBL 101 Introduction to Public Health
- Fall 2018 **Adjunct Professor (Teaching Fellow)**, Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health, Philadelphia, PA; Undergraduate level course: PHBL 101 Introduction to Public Health
- Spring 2018 **Invited Guest Lecturer**, Thomas Jefferson University College of Population Health, Philadelphia, PA; Brown Bag Lunch presentation to MPH LEAP Pathway students  
*Lecture title*: Care management approaches towards CVD risk assessment and reduction involving people of color living with HIV/AIDS
- Fall 2017 **Adjunct Professor (Teaching Fellow)**, Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health, Philadelphia, PA; Undergraduate level course: PHBL 101 Introduction to Public Health
- Spring 2017 **Teaching Assistant**, Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health, Philadelphia, PA  
PHBL 550 Program Planning and Evaluation (Masters level major specific requirement)

- Fall 2016      **Teaching Assistant**, Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health, Philadelphia, PA  
PHBL 540 Prevention Principals and Practice (Masters level requirement)
- Spring 2016      **Teaching Assistant**, Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health, Philadelphia, PA  
PHBL 550 Program Planning and Evaluation (Masters level major specific requirement)
- Fall 2015      **Teaching Assistant**, Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health, Philadelphia, PA  
PHBL 540 Prevention Principals and Practice (Masters level major requirement)
- 2009      **Invited Guest Lecturer**, Lehman College, Bronx, NY  
HEA 623 Program Planning and Evaluation in Health Education  
Presented to a class of MPH students about applied program development and evaluation.
- 2008-2009      **Invited Mentor Lecturer**, Montefiore Medical Center Department of Family and Social Medicine,  
Bronx, NY; Maternal and Infant Health Summer Internship Workshop. Presented a seminar on  
Public Health practice, research, and career options.
- 2008      **Practicum and Capstone Preceptor**, Lehman College, Bronx, NY  
Mentored two MPH students. Projects entailed qualitative analysis of data from an HIV and Oral  
Health Patient Navigator study for which I was the Project Director.

## TELEVISION & MEDIA

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- Sept 2023      **Expert Interview**, The Copper Courier; Content: The impact of insulin costs on diabetes among  
an aging population.
- August 2023      **Center for Diabetes Translation Research Spotlight Feature**, Title: Q&A with Dr. Niko  
Verdecias. <https://cdtr.wustl.edu/qa-with-dr-niko-verdecias/>
- July 2023      **ASU News Feature**, Title: ASU study: How outside stressors affect those with diabetes-related  
distress. <https://news.asu.edu/20230626-asu-study-how-everyday-stresses-affect-those-diabetesrelated-distress>
- Feb 2023      **Expert Guest Respondent**, PBS TV show – Arizona Horizon; Content: Black History Month -  
health disparities, inequities, social determinants of health. (Live Air Date: 2/22/23)  
<https://video.azpbs.org/video/healthcare-disparity-ukraine-anniversary-4pirdb/>
- October 2022      **Expert Guest Respondent**, PBS TV show - Poetry in America; Director & Host – Dr. Elisa New  
Content: health disparities, inequities, diabetes, and social determinants of health (Air Date TBD)

## PUBLICATIONS & BOOK CHAPTERS

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1. **Verdecias, N**; Carroll-Scott, A; Silverman, C; Yudell, M. Inequities in Community-Engaged Autism Research: Community Member Perspectives. *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education and Action*. *Under Review*.
2. Von Nordheim, DA; Herrick, C; **Verdecias, N**; Garg, R; Kreuter, MW; McQueen, A. (2023) Correlates of self-reported executive function impairment among Medicaid beneficiaries with type 2 diabetes. *Psychology & Health*. *Under Review*.
3. Martinelli, S; **Verdecias, N**; McCoy, M; Mishra, S; Reddy, S. (2023) The Hunger Cliff in the US: Fortifying the Food Security Safety Net for Families in Need. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*. *Under Review*.
4. Kroll, C; Johnson, M; Kepper MM; **Verdecias, N**; Kreuter MW. (2023) An exploratory qualitative analysis of St. Louis residents: “I don’t really pay attention to the racial stuff very much”. *Preventing Chronic Disease*. Nov 9:20:E100. doi: 10.5888/pcd20.230103. PMID: 37943728
5. **Verdecias, N**; Steensma, J; Kreuter M; Bernhardt, J. (2023) Enhancing dissemination through marketing and distribution systems: A vision for public health; In *Textbook Dissemination and Implementation Research in*

Health: Translating Science to Practice. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. Oxford, New York: Oxford University Press. Published 8/22/23.

6. **Verdecias, N;** McQueen, A; Von Nordheim, D; L; Broussard, D; Smith, R; Kreuter, M. (2023) Diabetes Distress in a Medicaid Sample: The Role of Psychosocial and Health-Related Factors. *Journal of Diabetes and Its Complications*; 37(7):108495. DOI: 10.1016/j.jdiacomp.2023.108495. PMID: 37156052; PMCID: PMC10330688
7. Kroll C; McQueen A; De La Vega V; Marsh AK; Poor T; **Verdecias N;** Caburnay C; Kreuter MW. (2023) Trusted sources for COVID-19 testing and vaccination: lessons for future health communication. *J Commun Healthc.* 1-8. *E-pub ahead of print* DOI: 10.1080/17538068.2023.2255408. PMID: 37695124
8. Reddy, S; Saxon, M; **Verdecias, N;** Biviji, R, Don, R; Kizer, E; Mishra, S. (2023) Parallel Crisis by State Lines: The Unintended Consequences of Dobbs in Health Care. *Clinics in Medicine*; 5(1): 1051.
9. McQueen, A; Charles, C; Staten, J; Broussard, DJ; Smith, RE; **Verdecias, N;** Kreuter, MW. (2022) Social needs are associated with greater anticipated needs during an emergency and desire for help in emergency preparedness planning. *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness.* Oct 14;17:e279. DOI: 10.1017/dmp.2022.208. PMID: 36239053; PMCID: PMC9918631
10. Garg, R; Muhammad, SN; Cabassa, LJ; McQueen, A; **Verdecias, N;** Greer, R; Kreuter, M. (2022) Transportation and other social needs as markers of mental health conditions. *Journal of Transport & Health.* 25:101357. DOI: 10.1016/j.jth.2022.101357. Epub 2022 Mar 19. PMID: 36407687; PMCID: PMC9667984
11. McQueen, A; Li, L; Herrick, C; **Verdecias, N;** Brown, D; Broussard, D; Smith, RE; Kreuter, MW. (2021) Social Needs, Chronic Conditions, and Health Care Utilization among Medicaid Beneficiaries. *Population Health Management.* 24(6):681-690. DOI: 10.1089/pop.2021.0065. PMID: 33989068; PMCID: PMC8713253 PMID: 33704849 PMCID: PMC8433262
12. **Verdecias, N;** Garg, R; Steensma, J; McQueen, A; Greer, R; Kreuter, M. (2020) Expressed and unexpressed social needs in low-income adults in the US. *Health and Social Care in the Community.* e184–191. DOI: 10.1111/hsc.13265. PMID: 33378603; PMCID: PMC8243392
13. **Verdecias, N;** McQueen, A; Li, L; Baddam, CDR; Smith, R; Kreuter, M. (2020) Examining the intersection between unmet social needs, chronic disease comorbidities, and emergency room utilization among Medicaid beneficiaries with diabetes. *Diabetes.* 69 (Supplement 1):743-P DOI: 10.2337/db20-743-P
14. Martinez-Donate, AP; **Verdecias, N;** Zhang, X; Gonzalez-Fagoaga, E; Asadi-Gonzalez, A; Guendelman, S; Amuedo-Dorantes, C; Rangel, MG. (2020) Examining the health profile and healthcare access of Mexican migrants traversing the Northern Mexican border. *Medical Care.* 58(5):474-482. DOI: 10.1097/MLR.0000000000001300. PMID: 32028523; PMCID: PMC7155382
15. Huynh, TB; Doan, N; Trinh, N; **Verdecias, N;** Stalford, S; Carroll-Scott, A. (2019) Factors influencing health and safety practices among Vietnamese nail salon technicians and owners: a qualitative study. *Journal of Industrial Medicine.* 62(3): 244-252. DOI: 10.1002/ajim.22947. PMID: 30658004; PMCID: PMC7375023
16. Blank, AE; Fletcher, J; **Verdecias, N;** Garcia, I; Blackstock, O; Cunningham, C. (2015) Factors associated with retention and viral suppression among a cohort of HIV+ women of color. *AIDS Patient Care STDS.* 29 Suppl 1:S27-35. DOI: 10.1089/apc.2014.0272. PMID: 25458205; PMCID: PMC4283067
17. Eastwood, EA; Fletcher, J; Quinlivan, EB; **Verdecias, N;** Birnbaum, JM; Blank, AE. (2015) Baseline social characteristics and barriers to care from Special Projects of National Significance Women of Color with HIV Study: A comparison of urban and rural women and barriers to HIV care. *AIDS Patient Care STDS.* 29 Suppl 1:S4-10. DOI: 10.1089/apc.2014.0274. PMID: 25469916; PMCID: PMC4283059
18. Quinlivan, E; Fletcher, J; Eastwood, EA; Blank, AE; **Verdecias, N;** Roytburd, K. (2015) Health status of HIV-infected women entering care: Baseline medical findings from the women of color initiative. *AIDS Patient Care & STDs.* 29 Suppl 1:S11-9. DOI: 10.1089/apc.2014.0277. PMID: 25561306; PMCID: PMC4283073.

19. Blackstock, O; Blank, AE; Fletcher, J; **Verdecias, N**; Cunningham, C. (2015) Considering care-seeking behaviors reveals important differences among HIV-positive women not engaged in care: implications for intervention. *AIDS Patient Care & STDs. AIDS Patient Care STDS.* 29 Suppl 1:S20-6. DOI: 10.1089/apc.2014.0271. PMID: 25561307; PMCID: PMC4283072
20. Blank, AE; **Verdecias, N**; Meissner, P; Karasz, A; Fletcher, J; Garcia, I (2014) Enhancing Access to and Retention in Quality HIV Care for Women of Color Initiative: An Intervention Monograph. Developed for internal purposes for Health Resources and Services Administration Special Projects of National Significance.
21. Rajabiun, S; Fox, J; McCluskey, A; Guevara, E; **Verdecias, N**; Jeanty, Y; DeMayo, M; Mofidi, M. (2012) Patient perspectives on improving oral health-care practices among people living with HIV/AIDS. *Public Health Reports.* 127 Suppl (2):73-81. DOI: 10.1177/00333549121270S210. PMID: 22547879; PMCID: PMC3314394
22. Fox, JE; Tobias, C; Bachman, SS; Reznik, DA; Rajabiun, S; **Verdecias, N.** (2012) Increasing access to oral health care for people living with HIV/AIDS in the U.S.: baseline evaluation results of the Innovations in Oral Health Care Initiative. *Public Health Reports.* 127 Suppl (2):5-16. DOI: 10.1177/00333549121270S203. PMID: 22547872; PMCID: PMC3314388
23. Deshmukh, M; Joseph, MA; **Verdecias, N**; Malka, ES; LaRosa, JH. (2011) Acute Coronary Syndrome: Factors Affecting Time to Arrival in a Diverse Urban Setting. *J Community Health.* 36:895–902. DOI: 10.1007/s10900-011-9465-4. PMID: 21877106
24. **Verdecias, RN**; Jean-Louis, G; Zizi, F; Casimir, GJ; Browne, RC. (2009) Attachment styles and sleep measures in a community-based sample of older adults. *Sleep Medicine.* 10(6): 664-667. DOI: 10.1016/j.sleep.2008.05.011. PMID: 18996049; PMCID: PMC2729553
25. Jean-Louis, G; Magai, C; Pierre-Louis, J; Zizi, F; **Verdecias, N**; DiPalma, J; Consedine, N. (2005) Insomnia complaints and repressive coping among Black and White Americans. *SLEEP Vol. 28:* 232
26. Zizi, F; Jean-Louis, G; DiPalma, J; **Verdecias, RN**; Wolintz, AH; Greenidge, KC; Heath-Phillip, O. (2004) Visual Impairment and Reported Sleep Complaints: A Verification Study. *Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci.*41:S1392
27. Nunes, J; Jean-Louis, G; Zizi, F; **Verdecias, RN**; DiPalma, J; Ogera, P; Singh, M. (2004) Usefulness of the PSQI Among Community-Residing Older Adults: Consideration of Ethnic Differences. *SLEEP Vol 27:* 70
28. Zizi, F; Jean-Louis, G; **Verdecias, RN**; DiPalma, J; Wolintz, AH. (2004) Diurnal Preference and Phase Timings of Ambient Illumination and Rest-Activity. *SLEEP Vol 27:* 128-129
29. Zizi, F; Jean-Louis, G; Magai, C; DiPalma, J; **Verdecias, RN**; Wolintz, AH; Pierre-Louis, J; Grant-Martin, V; Greenidge, KC. (2003) Association between sleep complaints and visual impairment: A verification study. *SLEEP Vol 26:* 358-359
30. Weinhardt, LS; Carey, MP; Carey, KB; **Verdecias, RN.** (1998) Increasing assertiveness skills to reduce HIV risk among women living with a severe and persistent mental illness. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology.* 66(4): 680-684

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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| 2023 | <b>Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health</b> , Arlington, VA<br><u>Oral</u> (Co-authored; presented by lead Cady Berkel): D&I training in evidence-based prevention: A developmental focus |
| 2023 | <b>Society of Behavioral Medicine</b> , Phoenix, AZ<br><u>Poster</u> (Co-presenter): What's worse than diabetes? Correlates of comorbidity burden among adult Medicaid beneficiaries with type 2 diabetes                    |
| 2022 | <b>American Diabetes Association</b> , New Orleans, LA<br><u>Poster</u> : Examining psychosocial and comorbidity factors associated with diabetes distress among Medicaid beneficiaries                                      |

- 2020 **American Public Health Association**, (changed to virtual due to COVID-19 pandemic)  
Video presentation: Psychosocial and behavioral factors associated with increased cardiovascular disease risk among people living with HIV/AIDS  
Video presentation: Patient perspectives on CVD knowledge, risk perception, and risk reduction among blacks and Hispanics living with HIV/AIDS: Mixed methods study
- 2020 **American Diabetes Association**, (changed to virtual due to COVID-19 pandemic)  
Video presentation: Examining the intersection between unmet social needs, chronic disease comorbidities and emergency room utilization among Medicaid beneficiaries with diabetes
- 2018 **Ryan White Conference on HIV Care and Treatment**, Washington, DC  
Poster: Care management approaches towards CVD risk assessment and reduction involving people of color living with HIV/AIDS
- 2018 **1st World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health**, Edinburgh, UK  
Oral (Co-authored; Presented by lead author Martinez-Donate, AP): Looking Beyond Access to Care: An Examination of Health Care Experiences Among Mexican Migrants by Migration Phase and Context.
- 2017 **American Public Health Association**, Atlanta, GA  
Oral: Examining the Health Status and Health Care Access of Mexican Migrants from Various Migratory Flows: Evidence from the Migrante Project  
Poster: Examining Principal and Teacher Experiences with Youth Mental Health First Aid Training in Philadelphia, PA
- 2017 **Drexel University Urban Health Symposium: Reimagining Health in Cities**, Philadelphia, PA  
Poster: Examining the Health Status and Health Care Access of Mexican Migrants from Various Migratory Flows: Evidence from the Migrante Project
- 2016 **American Public Health Association**, Denver, CO  
Poster: Exploring protective and risk-inducing factors among young adult marijuana users in Los Angeles
- 2013 **American Public Health Association**, Boston, MA  
Oral: Examining dynamics of care: Areas of concern, service satisfaction, and problem resolution among HIV+ women of color
- 2012 **Ryan White Conference on HIV Care and Treatment**, Washington, DC  
Poster: Examining health related variables and HIV-Related Risk Behaviors in HIV+ Women of Color  
Poster: Relationships among Sociodemographics, Risk Factors, & Health Related Quality of Life among HIV+ WOC  
Moderator: For an oral panel related to a multisite initiative on HIV+ Women of Color.
- 2010 **Ryan White Conference on HIV Care and Treatment**, Washington, DC  
Poster: Women of Color and HIV: Using Intervention Mapping as a tool for program tracking and evaluation
- 2009 **United States Conference on AIDS**, San Francisco, CA  
Oral: Recruiting and Retaining HIV Patients in Oral Health Care: The Case for Dental Case Managers
- 2009 **SPNS HIV and Oral Health Grantee Meeting**, Washington, DC  
Poster: Project TEETH - Year 3
- 2009 **National Oral Health Conference**, Portland, OR  
Poster: Linking HIV+ Patients to Dental Care Using Patient Navigators
- 2008 **New York City Research and Improvement Networking Group (NYC RING)**, Bronx, NY  
Poster: Improving Use of Oral Health Services: Project TEETH
- 2008 **American Public Health Association**, San Diego, CA  
Poster: The Role of Patient Navigators in Linking HIV+ Patients to Dental Care

- Poster: Improving Use of Oral Health Services Among HIV+ Patients: Project TEETH
- 2008 **Ryan White Conference on HIV Care and Treatment**, Washington, DC  
Poster: The Role of Patient Navigators towards Getting HIV+ Patients to Dental Care  
Oral: Navigating the Road Blocks: Using a Mobile Dental Unit to Increase Access to Oral Health Care
- 2008 **SPNS HIV and Oral Health Grantee Meeting**, Washington, DC  
Poster: Project TEETH: Year 2
- 2007 **New York City Research and Improvement Networking Group (NYC RING)**, Bronx, NY  
Poster: Improving Use of Oral Health Services: Project TEETH
- 2007 **SPNS HIV and Oral Health Grantee Meeting**, Baltimore, MD  
Poster: Project TEETH: Year 1
- 2005 **Associated Professional Sleep Societies, LLC**, Denver, CO  
Poster: Insomnia complaints and repressive coping among Black and White Americans
- 2004 **National Medical Association**, San Diego, CA  
Poster: Risk factors of sleep-disordered breathing in a Caribbean sample  
Poster: Ethnicity as an influence on ophthalmic measures
- 2004 **Associated Professional Sleep Societies, LLC**, Philadelphia, PA  
Poster: Diurnal preference, attachment styles, and depression
- 2004 **Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology**, Fort Lauderdale, FL  
Poster: Visual impairment and reported sleep complaints: A verification study
- 2003 **Associated Professional Sleep Societies, LLC**, Chicago, IL  
Poster: Relationships between attachment style and sleep patterns

## GRANT HISTORY

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### A) Pending Applications

Agency: **National Institutes of Health**  
Title: ASU Health Equity Research Hub  
Mechanism: Community Partnerships to Advance Science for Society (ComPASS) Health Equity Research Hub (UC2)  
PI: Riley (PI)  
Role: Co-Investigator (Unit PI Lead)  
Total Budget: \$6,335,246  
Submitted: 10/31/2023

Agency: **USDA: National Institute of Food and Agriculture**  
Title: *Cultivating Food Agency and Celebrating Cultural Food Capabilities: A Cooking-based Approach for Sustainable Campus Food Systems*  
Mechanism: Competitive Grant  
PI: Merrigan (PI); El Sayed (Co-PI); Verdecias (Co-PI)  
Role: Co-PI  
Total Budget: \$1,148,356  
Submitted: 8/24/2023

### B) Submitted, not funded

Agency: **National Institutes of Health; National Institute of Aging**  
Title: *Habit Training to Increase mHealth Adherence for Late-Life Depression among Autistic adults*  
Mechanism: R01  
PI: Stecher (PI)

Role: Co-Investigator  
Total Budget: \$3,765,097  
Submitted: 1/31/2023

Agency: **National Institutes of Health**  
Title: *MS-CEDI Training Program: Increasing Community-Engaged D&I Research to Advance Health Equity*

Mechanism: R25  
PI: Berkel; Smith  
Role: Co-Investigator  
Total Budget: \$865,740  
Submitted: 4/17/2023

Agency: **National Institutes of Health**  
Title: *FrecsaZona Intervention Nutrition Center*  
Mechanism: Community Partnerships to Advance Science for Society (ComPASS), Community-Led, Health Equity Structural Intervention Initiative (OT2)  
PI: Boles (Community Partner - PI)  
Role: Co-Investigator  
Total Budget: \$5,395,473  
Submitted: 2/6/2023

Agency: **National Institutes of Health; National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases**  
Title: *Integrating social needs intervention into diabetes self-management: Examining feasibility and efficacy*  
Mechanism: K99/R00  
PI: Verdecias  
Total Budget: \$927,000  
Submitted: 10/15/2021

### C) Past Research Support

Agency: **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**  
Title: *Connecting Behavioral Science to COVID-19 Vaccine Demand (CBS-CVD) Network*  
PI: Kreuter (PI), McQueen (Co-PI)  
Role: Co-Investigator  
Total Budget: \$500,000  
Project period: 4/15/2021-4/14/2022

Agency: **National Institute of Health; National Cancer Institute**  
Title: *Community Engagement Research Alliance Against COVID-19 Disparities (CEAL)*  
PI: Kreuter (PI), McQueen (Co-PI)  
Role: Co-Investigator  
Total Budget: \$1,400,000  
Project period: 3/16/2021-2/28/2022

Agency: **National Institute of Health; National Cancer Institute**  
Title: *COVID-19: Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics for Underserved Populations (RADx-UP) Initiative*  
PI: Kreuter (PI), McQueen (Co-PI)  
Role: Co-Investigator  
Total Budget: \$800,000  
Project period: 11/16/2020-12/31/2022



Agency: **National Institutes of Health; National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases**  
Title: *Addressing Basic Needs to Improve Diabetes Outcomes in Medicaid Beneficiaries*  
PI: Kreuter (PI) and McQueen (Co-PI)  
Role: Postdoctoral Fellow  
Total Budget: \$3,471,458  
Project period: 7/1/2018-6/30/2023

Agency: **Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health Department of Community Health and Prevention – Dissertation Grant**  
Title: *Exploring cardiovascular disease knowledge, risk perception, and associated socio-behavioral determinants among African American/Black and Hispanic people living with HIV/AIDS in an urban setting: A mixed methods study.*  
PI: Verdecias  
Total Budget: \$2,000  
Project period: 1/1/2017-6/30/2019

Agency: **Human Resources Services Administration – HIV/AIDS Bureau's Special Projects of National Significance Program**  
Title: *Enhancing Access to and Retention in Quality HIV Care for Women of Color*  
P.I.: Blank  
Role: Project Director  
Total Budget: \$2,750,000  
Project period: 9/1/2009-8/31/2014

Agency: **Human Resources Services Administration – HIV/AIDS Bureau's Special Projects of National Significance Program**  
Title: *Innovations in Oral Health Care and HIV Initiative*  
P.I.: Meissner  
Role: Project Director  
Total Budget: \$2,000,000  
Project period: 9/1/2006-8/31/2011

#### **PEER REVIEW SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

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2023-present	Grant reviewer (standing member) for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: Healthcare Effectiveness and Outcomes Research Study Section
2023- present	Grant reviewer for University of Arizona’s Mock Grant Review Panel
2023	Manuscript peer reviewer for Health Education Research
2022	Manuscript peer reviewer for Health Education and Behavior
2022	Manuscript peer reviewer for AIDS and Behavior
2017	Abstract peer reviewer for the American Public Health Association Annual Conference
2011	Manuscript peer reviewer for Sleep Medicine Journal
2004-2006	Managing Editor of the Nutrition & Metabolism Journal

#### **MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

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2022-present	Co-Lead: Dissemination & Implementation Science Affinity Network at Arizona State University
2022-present	Faculty Member: Health Policy & Equity Affinity Network at Arizona State University
2023-present	Faculty Affiliate: Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center at Arizona State University
2023-present	Associate Member: Washington University at St. Louis Center for Diabetes Translational Research
2023-present	Society of Behavioral Medicine
2022-present	American Diabetes Association
2008-present	American Public Health Association
2018-2019	Drexel University - Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health Group
2008-2013	Public Health Association of New York City; Chairwoman of the HIV/AIDS Committee (2008-2012)

## MENTORSHIP

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2023- present	Endorsed PhD in Population Health Mentor at Arizona State University Primary mentor to Gianna D’Apolito – PhD student (2023-present)
2023-present	Co-mentor to Eytayo Owolabi - Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow (K99/R00 grant pending)
2023-present	Co-mentor to Aliria Rascón – Postdoctoral Fellow (K01 grant pending)
2023-present	Emerging mentor in Mountain State Community-Engaged Dissemination & Implementation training program (2023 mentee: Dr. Shannon Jones)

## AWARDS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND VOLUNTEER WORK

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2019	Recipient of the Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health Public Health Practice Award
2017	Panelist: “Women: Know Your Status” HIV seminar hosted by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
2016-2018	Three-time recipient: Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health Conference Travel Award
2014-2016	Recipient of the Drexel University Provost Fellowship
2012-2015	Volunteer: Annual Alzheimer’s Walk
2011-2014	Team leader for New York Cares: Prepare packaged meals for Meals on Wheels
2011	Mentor in the Monte-HOP Health Professions Mentee Program for students of color
2010-2014	Team participant: Annual Making Strides Cancer Walk
2010-2012	Volunteer: Annual Multiple Sclerosis Walk
2009	Team participant: New York City Health Care Reform Walk
2008	Career Day: Spoke to inner city 6 <sup>th</sup> graders about public health careers
2007-2010	Member of the Dennis Gardner Community Relations Team
2006	Certification in cultural competence
2005-2006	MPH Executive Faculty Committee Student Council Representative
2005-2008	Epidemiology Tutor: Undergraduate and graduate students from Brooklyn College
2005	Volunteer: World AIDS Day at SUNY Downstate Medical Center
2003-2004	Two-time recipient of the Brooklyn Research Foundation on Minority Health Research Excellence Award and conference travel award