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EDUCATION

PhD in Community Health 2015-2018
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, College of Applied Health Sciences,
Department of Kinesiology and Community Health, Urbana, Illinois
Dissertation: "Disparities in Breast Cancer Subtype, Staging, and Access to Mammography
Services in the Lower Mississippi Delta Region" (Chair: Karin A. Rosenblatt, PhD)

MS in Community Health (Epidemiology) 2005- 2007
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, College of Applied Health Sciences,
Department of Kinesiology and Community Health, Urbana, Illinois
Thesis: "Consumption of Caffeine and Its Association to Depression"
(Chair: Karin A. Rosenblatt, PhD)

BS in Microbiology 2001-2005
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences,
Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, Urbana, Illinois

POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION

University of South Carolina 2018-present
Arnold School of Public Health
South Carolina Rural & Minority Health Research Center
Mentor: Jan M. Eberth

CERTIFICATIONS

Certificate in the Foundations of Teaching 2016
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Post-Doctoral Fellow 2018-present
South Carolina Rural & Minority Health Research Center,
Arnold School of Public Health,
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Senior Research Development Coordinator, 2017-2018
Office of Population Science and Policy,
Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Springfield, IL

Adjunct Instructor, 2017-2018
Department of Family and Community Medicine
Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Springfield, IL

Research Development Coordinator, 2013-2016
Center for Clinical Research, Statistics and Research Informatics Core/
Population Health Science Program
Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Springfield, IL

Clinical Research Specialist, 2012-2013
Center for Clinical Research, Statistics and Research Informatics Core
Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Springfield, IL

Researcher III, 2010-2012
Center for Clinical Research, Statistics and Research Informatics Core
Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Springfield, IL

Researcher III, 2009-2010
Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Rheumatology,
Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Springfield, IL

Researcher II, 2007-2008
Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Rheumatology,
Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Springfield, IL

Graduate Research Assistant, 2006-2007
Department of Kinesiology and Community Health,
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL

Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2005-2007
Department of Kinesiology and Community Health,

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL

OTHER RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Emergency Management Intern, 2006
City of Champaign Fire Department, Champaign, IL

Certified Pharmacy Technician, 2002-2006
Walgreens Pharmacy, Champaign, IL

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

(numbered in chronological order; listed in reverse chronological order)

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48. McDow A*, **Zahnd WE**, Angelos P, Mellinger J, Ganai S. Impact of Rurality on National Trends in Thyroid Cancer Incidence and Long-term Survival. *Journal of Rural Health*. In Press.

47. **Zahnd WE** and Eberth JM. Lung Cancer Screening Utilization: A Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Data Analysis. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. In Press.

46. **Zahnd WE**, Sherman RL, Klonoff-Cohen H, McLafferty SL, Farner S, Rosenblatt KA. Disparities in Breast Cancer Subtypes among Women in the Lower Mississippi Delta Region States. *Cancer Causes & Control*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10552-019-01168-0>.

45. **Zahnd WE**, Davis MM, Rotter JS*, Vanderpool RC, Perry CK, Shannon J, Ko LK, Wheeler SB, Odahowski CL*, Farris PE, Eberth JM. Rural-Urban Differences in Financial Burden among Cancer Survivors: An Analysis of a Nationally Representative Survey. *Supportive Care in Cancer*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00520-019-04742-z>

44. Odahowski CL*, **Zahnd WE**, Eberth JM. Challenges for Lung Cancer Screening in Rural America. *Journal of the American College of Radiology*. 2019; 16(4):590-595.

43. McLuckie C*, Pho MT, Ellis K*, Navon L, Walblay K, Jenkins WD, Rodriguez C, Kolak MA, Chen YT, Schneider J, **Zahnd WE**. Identifying Areas with Disproportionate Local Health Department Services Relative to Opioid Overdose, HIV and Hepatitis C Diagnosis Rates: A Study of Rural Illinois. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. 2019; 16(6), 989; <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph16060989>

42. Fogleman AJ, **Zahnd WE**, Lipka AE, Mahli RS, Ganai S, Delfino KR, Jenkins WD. Knowledge, Attitudes, and Perceived Barriers towards Genetic Testing across Three Rural Illinois Communities. *Journal of Community Genetics*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12687-019-00407-w> 2019 January 24.

41. Assel M, Sjoberg D, Elders A, Wang X, Huo D, Botchway A, Delfino K, Fan Y, Zhao Z, Koyama T, Hollenbeck B, Qin R, **Zahnd W**, Zabor EC, Kattan MW, Vickers AJ. Guidelines for reporting of statistics for clinical research in urology. *BJU International**. <https://doi.org/10.1111/bju.14640>

* Also published in *European Urology* and the *Journal of Urology*

40. **Zahnd WE**, McLafferty SL, Sherman RL, Klonoff-Cohen H, Farner S, Rosenblatt KA. Spatial Accessibility to Mammography Services in the Lower Mississippi Delta Region States. *Journal of Rural Health*. 2019 Jan 28. doi: 10.1111/jrh.12349. [Epub ahead of print]

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38. Deshpande M, **Zahnd WE**, Bandy L*, Lorenson J, Fifer A. Spatial analysis of disparities in asthma treatment among adult asthmatics. *Research in Social and Administrative Pharmacy*. 2018 September 27 .<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sapharm.2018.09.020>

37. **Zahnd WE**, Rodriguez C, Jenkins WD. Rural-urban differences in human papillomavirus-associated cancer trends and rates. *Journal of Rural Health*. 2018 May 28. Doi:10.1111/jrh.12305. [Epub ahead of print].

36. Sturm EC*, **Zahnd WE**, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Survival Implications of Increased Utilization of Local Excision for cT1N0 Esophageal Cancer. *Annals of Surgery*. 2018 Apr 18. doi: 10.1097/SLA.0000000000002782. [Epub ahead of print]

35. Jenkins WD, Matthews A, Bailey A, **Zahnd WE**, Watson KS, Mueller-Luckey G, Molina Y, Crumly D, Patera J. Rural areas are disproportionately impacted by smoking and lung cancer. *Preventive Medicine Reports*. 2018; 10:200-203. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pmedr.2018.03.011>.

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31. **Zahnd WE**, Hyon KS*, Diaz-Sylvester P, Izadi SR, Colditz GA, Brard L. Rural-Urban Differences in Surgical Treatment, Regional Lymph Node Examination and Survival in Endometrial Cancer Patients. *Cancer Causes & Control*. 2018 Feb; 29(2):221-232. doi: 10.1007/s10552-017-0998-4.

30. Romanelli M*, Issa T, **Zahnd W**, Dynda D, Alanee S. Impact of County Rurality and Urologist Density on the Practice of Inguinal Lymph Node Dissection and Mortality in Patients Diagnosed with Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Penis. *Annals of Surgical Oncology*. 2018 ;25(1):334-341. doi: 10.1245/s10434-017-6211-x.

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27. Buckley EJ*, **Zahnd W**, Rea D, Mellinger J, Ganai S. Impact of Rural-Urban Status on Survival After Mastectomy without Reconstruction versus Mastectomy with Reconstruction. *American Journal of Surgery*. 2017 ;214(4):645-650. doi: 10.1016/j.amjsurg.2017.06.014.
26. Dean C, Fogleman AJ, **Zahnd WE**, Lipka AE, Mahli RS, Delfino KR, Jenkins WD. Engaging rural communities in genetic research: challenges and opportunities. *Journal of Community Genetics*. 2017 Jul;8(3):209-219. DOI: 10.1007/s12687-017-0304-x.
25. Mueller-Luckey GS, **Zahnd WE**, Garner K, Heitkamp R, Boehler MD, Jenkins WD, Steward DE. The Mini-Report: A practical tool to address lung cancer disparities in rural communities. *Journal of Cancer Education*. 2017 Jun;32(2):293-300. doi: 10.1007/s13187-015-0921-1.
24. **Zahnd W**, Smith T, Ryherd S, Cleer M, Rogers V, Steward D. Implementing a nutrition and physical activity curriculum in Head Start through an academic-community partnership. *Journal of School Health*. 2017 Jun;87(6):465-473. doi: 10.1111/josh.12515.
23. Javadi P, Sharma A, **Zahnd WE**, Jenkins WD. Evolving disparities in the epidemiology of oral cavity and oropharyngeal cancers. *Cancer Causes & Control*. 2017; 28(6):635-645. doi: 10.1007/s10552-017-0889-8
22. **Zahnd WE**, Mueller-Luckey GS, Ratnapradipa K, Smith T. Predictors and Spatial Variation of Radon Testing in Illinois, 2005-2012. *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*. 2018 Mar/Apr;24(2):e1-e9. doi: 10.1097/PHH.0000000000000534.
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18. Clemons J*, **Zahnd W**, Nutt M*, Sadowski D*, Dynda D, Alanee S. Impact of urologist density and county rurality on the practice of retroperitoneal lymph node dissection and cancer specific death in patients with non seminomatous germ cell tumors. *Journal of Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology*. 2017;6(1):83-90. doi: 10.1089/jayao.2016.0028.
17. **Zahnd WE**. Consideration of Geographic Context in Breast Cancer in African American Women. *Cancer*. 2016 Jul 1;122(13):2117-8. doi: 10.1002/cncr.30032.
16. Jenkins WD, **Zahnd WE**, Spenner A, Wiley C, Roles R, Potini Y*, Jones L. Comparison of cancer-specific and general health literacy assessments in an educated population: correlations and modifying factors. *Journal of Cancer Education*. 2016 Jun;31(2):268-71. doi: 10.1007/s13187-015-0816-1.
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14. Rogers V, Salzeider C, Holzum L, Milbrandt T, **Zahnd W**, Puczynski M. Keep Kids in School: A collaborative community effort to increase compliance with state mandated health requirements. *Journal of School Health*. 2016 May. 86 (5):382-385. doi: 10.1111/josh.12389.
13. **Zahnd WE**, Rogers V, Smith T, Ryherd SJ, Botchway A, Steward DE. Gender-specific relationships between socioeconomic disadvantage and obesity in elementary school students. *Preventive Medicine*. 2015; 81:138-141. doi: 10.1016/j.ypmed.2015.08.021.
12. Alanee S, Clemons J*, **Zahnd W**, Sadowski D*, Dynda D. Trichloroethylene is associated with kidney cancer mortality: a population-based analysis. *Anticancer Research*. 2015; 35(7):4009-4013.
11. Mueller GS, Clayton AL, **Zahnd WE**, Hollenbeck KM, Barrow ME, Ruez DR, Jenkins WD. Geospatial analysis of cancer risk and residential proximity to coal mines in Illinois. *Ecotoxicology and Environmental Safety*. 2015; 120:155-62. doi: 10.1016/j.ecoenv.2015.05.037.
10. Frye TP*, Sadowski DJ*, **Zahnd WE**, Jenkins WD, Dynda DI, Mueller GS, Alanee SR, McVary KT. Impact of county rurality and urologist density on urologic cancer mortality in Illinois. *Journal of Urology*. 2015 May;193(5):1608-14. doi: 10.1016/j.juro.2014.11.100.
9. Jenkins WD, **Zahnd W**, Kovach R, Kissinger P. Chlamydia and Gonorrhea screening in United States emergency departments. *Journal of Emergency Medicine*; 2013; 44 (2):558-567. doi: 10.1016/j.jemermed.2012.08.022.
8. Jenkins WD, Kovach R, Wold BJ, **Zahnd WE**. Using patient provided information to refine sexually transmitted infection screening criteria among women presenting in the emergency department. *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*. 2012; 39(12):965-967. doi: 10.1097/OLQ.0b013e31826e882f
7. Francis ML, Scaife SL, **Zahnd WE**. Rural-urban differences in surgical procedures for Medicare beneficiaries. *Archives of Surgery*. 2011; 146 (5): 579-583. doi: 10.1001/archsurg.2010.306.

6. Francis ML, Varghese JJ, Matthew JM, Koneru S, Scaife SL, **Zahnd WE**. Outcomes in patients with rheumatoid arthritis and myocardial infarction. *American Journal of Medicine*. 2010; 123 (10):922-928.
5. **Zahnd WE**, Goldfarb J, Scaife SL, Francis ML. Rural-urban differences in behaviors to prevent skin cancer: An analysis of the Health Information National Trends survey. *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*. 2010; 62 (6):950-956. doi: 10.1016/j.amjmed.2010.05.017.
4. Varghese JJ, Koneru S, Scaife SL, **Zahnd WE**, Francis ML. Mortality after coronary artery revascularization of patients with rheumatoid arthritis. *Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*. 2010; 140 (1): 91-96. doi: 10.1016/j.jtcvs.2009.09.036.
3. Francis MD, **Zahnd WE**, Varney A, Scaife SL, Francis ML. Effect of number of clinics and panel size on patient continuity for medical residents. *Journal of Graduate Medical Education*. 2009; 1:310-315. doi: 10.4300/JGME-D-09-00017.1
2. Francis ML, Scaife SL, **Zahnd WE**, Cook EF, Schneeweiss S. Joint replacement surgeries among Medicare beneficiaries in rural compared to urban areas. *Arthritis and Rheumatism*. 2009; 60 (12): 3554-3562. doi: 10.1002/art.25004.
1. **Zahnd WE**, Scaife SL, Francis ML. Health literacy skills in rural and urban populations. *American Journal of Health Behavior*. 2009; 33 (5): 550-557.

Manuscripts under Review

Eberth JM, Crouch E, Josey MJ, **Zahnd WE**, Adams SA, Stiles B, Schootman M. Rural-urban differences in access to thoracic surgery in the United States, 2010-2014. Revision under review.

Zahnd WE, Sherman RL, Klonoff-Cohen H, McLafferty SL, Farner S, Rosenblatt KA. Breast Cancer Staging By Subtype in the Lower Mississippi Delta Region States. Revision under review.

Josey MJ*, Odahowski CL*, **Zahnd WE**, Eberth JM, Schootman M. Disparities in utilization of medical specialists for colonoscopy. Submitted for initial review.

Non-Refereed Publications, Reports, White Papers, and Policy Briefs (Numbered in chronological order; listed in reverse chronological order)

3. Heitkamp R, Hamel R, **Zahnd W**. Franklin-Williamson Healthy Communities Coalition Focus Group Results Report. Springfield, IL: Center for Clinical Research, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine; July 2014.

2. **Zahnd WE**, Mueller GS, Garner K, Jenkins WD, Steward DE. Cancer in Rural Illinois, 1990-2010: Incidence, Mortality, Staging, and Access to Care. Springfield, IL: Center for Clinical Research, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine; April 2014. Available at http://www.siumed.edu/sites/default/files/u1221/cancer_in_the_rural_illinois_final.pdf

1. Jenkins WD, Kovach R, **Zahnd WE**. STD cases still high, with Gonorrhea showing increasing antibiotic resistance. *Emergency Medicine News*. 2011. 33(9)

Published Abstracts

(Numbered in chronological order; listed in reverse chronological order)

18. Babatunde O, Adams SA, Eberth JM, **Zahnd WE**, Felder TM, Moran R, Hebert JR. A Comparison of Mortality-to-Incidence Ratio with Survival Analyses in Assessing Racial Breast Cancer Disparities Across South Carolina Counties. *Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers and Prevention*. 2019; 28(3):620.
17. **Zahnd WE**, McLafferty S, Sherman R, Farner S, Klonoff-Cohen H, Rosenblatt K. Spatial accessibility to mammography services in the Lower Mississippi Delta states. *Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers and Prevention*. 2018; 27 (7 Suppl):C87.
16. Mahmood M, **Zahnd WE**, Ganai S. Spatial analysis of radiation oncology access disparities within Illinois: Implications for rural cancer care. *Journal of Clinical Oncology*. 2018; 36: e18644.
15. **Zahnd WE**, Rodriguez C, Jenkins WD. Rural-Urban Differences in Human Papillomavirus-Associated Cancer Trends and Rates. *Annals of Epidemiology*. 2017; 8:508-509.
14. MacKinney E, **Zahnd W**, Sturm E, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. An Exploration of Regional and Rural-Urban Differences in Pancreas Cancer Surgery. *Gastroenterology*. 2017; 152(5):S1273-S1274.
13. Sturm E, **Zahnd W**, MacKinney E, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Rural-Urban and Regional Differences in Receipt of Esophagectomy for Early-Stage Esophagus Cancer. *Gastroenterology*. 2017; 152(5):S1216.
12. Strum EC, **Zahnd W**, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. National Trends in Local Excision and Esophagectomy for cT1N0 esophageal cancer. *Journal of Clinical Oncology*. 2017; 34 (4 Suppl): 62.
11. **Zahnd W**, McQueen A, Lobb R, Diaz-Sylvester P, Brard L. Rural-urban and access to care differences in cervical cancer stage at diagnosis. *Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers and Prevention*. 2017; 26 (2 Suppl): C45.
10. Canopy E, **Zahnd W**, Breslin TM, Rea DJ, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. National Trends of the Impact of Rurality on Breast Cancer Surgery. *Annals of Surgical Oncology*. 2016; 23: S58-S59.
9. Regan J, **Zahnd W**, Kistner B, Ali A, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Rural Disparities in Esophageal Cancer Outcomes Based on Distance From Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS)-Trained Gastroenterologists. *Gastroenterology*. 148(4): S-1157.
8. Sadowski D, Frye T, Alanee S, **Zahnd W**, Jenkins W, Dynda D, Mueller G, McVary K. Impact of County Rurality and Urologist Density on Urologic Cancer Mortality in Illinois. *The Journal of Urology*. 2015; 193 (4): e104.
7. Kistner B, **Zahnd W**, Ali A, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Exploration of rural disparities in pancreatic cancer staging and mortality to incidence ratio in Illinois. *Annals of Surgical Oncology*. 2015; 22(S1): S159.
6. Kistner B, **Zahnd W**, Ali A, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Exploration of rural disparities in pancreatic cancer staging and mortality to incidence ratio in Illinois. *Journal of Clinical Oncology*. 2015; 33 (3)Suppl: 260.

5. Mueller G, **Zahnd W**, Garner K, Heitkamp R, Jenkins W, Boehler M, Land D, Steward D. The “Mini-Report”: Use of CBPR to create a practical tool to address lung cancer disparities in rural communities. *Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers and Prevention*. 2014; 23(11)Suppl: A40.

4. **Zahnd W**, Steward D, Jenkins W, Andoh J, Mueller G, Puczynski S. Barriers to completion of a free colorectal cancer screening program in a low-income population. *Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers and Prevention*. 2014; 23 (11)Suppl: B95.

3. Rethnam R, Henke JQ, Hopkins-Price P, Scaife S, **Zahnd WE**, Francis ML. Survival Benefit with pulmonary artery catheter placement in patients with combined sepsis and congestive heart failure compared to patients with only sepsis or congestive heart failure. *Critical Care Medicine*. 2008; 36 (12):A160.

2. Varghese JJ, Koneru S, Scaife SL, **Zahnd W**, Rumman S, Francis ML. Clinical implications of the choice of therapy for patients with rheumatoid arthritis and lupus after acute myocardial infarction. *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*. 2008; 51 (10): B62.

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RESEARCH SUPPORT

Current

Rural Colon and Cervical Cancer (RCCC) Environmental Scan

Source: Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Rural Health Research Grant Program

Cooperative Agreement

Period: 09/2018-08/2019

Role: Post-Doctoral Researcher

PI: Jan Eberth

Pending

Subsite-Specific Colorectal Cancer Survival Disparities: A Social and Spatial Epidemiologic Approach

Source: ASPIRE I: Advanced Support for Innovative Research Excellence, Track IIB

Period: 07/2019-06/2020

Role: Principal Investigator

Planning for Implementation of Evidence-Based Cancer Screening Practices in Rural Health Clinics

Source: Rural Innovations Cooperative Agreement Program

Period: 07/2019-06/2021

Role: Co-Investigator

Completed

Ending Transmission of HIV, HCV, and STDs and Overdose in Rural Communities of People who Inject Drugs (ETHIC)

Source: National Institute of Health (1UG3DA044829-01)

Period: 08/2017-07/2018

Role: Co-Investigator

PIs: Wiley Jenkins; Mai Pho

Spatial Analysis of Radon Testing and Mitigation in Illinois: A Public Health Perspective

Source: Environmental Protection Agency State Indoor Radon Grant

Period: 07/2015-09/2018

Role: Co-Investigator

PI: Tracey Smith

Spatial Analysis of Rural Disparities in Staging and Oncologic Outcomes for Esophageal and Pancreas Cancer

Source: Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract Health Disparities Award

Period: 07/2015-06/2017

Role: Data Manager and Analyst

PI: Sabha Ganai

Illinois Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan 2016

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health

Period: 02/2016-12/2016

Role: Program Manager

PI: Wiley Jenkins

Community Health Needs Assessment Secondary Data Reports for 5 Hospital Sisters Health System (HS) Hospitals

Source: Hospital Sisters Health System

Period: 09/2014-06/2015

Role: Project Manager

PI: David Steward

Geospatial Analysis of Potential Environmental Causes of Cancer in Illinois

Source: Caryl Towsley Moy, PhD, Endowed Fund for Collaborative Research

Period: 02/2014-01/2015

Role: Data Manager and Analyst

PI: Wiley Jenkins

Proposal to characterize cancer patient and family member health literacy and identify communication modifications and complementary strategies

Source: Memorial Medical Center Foundation

Period: 02/2013-01/2014

Role: Data Manager

PI: Wiley Jenkins

Central Illinois Colorectal Cancer Screening Research Initiative

Source: American Cancer Society, Illinois Division

Period: 08/2012-07/2014

Role: Data Manager

PI: David Steward

Collaboration to Reduce Lung Cancer Disparities in the Southern Illinois Delta Region

Source: American Cancer Society, Illinois Division

Period: 07/2012-06/2014

Role: Project Manager

PI: David Steward

Community Engagement and Medical Student Education for Child Health Promotion

Source: Portes Foundation

Period: 07/2012-06/2013

Role: Data Manager

PI: Harald Lausen

Effectiveness of Screening ED Patients for Genital and Oropharyngeal Chlamydial and Gonorrheal Infections

Source: Memorial Medical Center Foundation

Period: 02/2012-01/2013

Role: Data Manager

PI: Wiley Jenkins

Adams County Children's Mental Health Partnership

Source: Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation

Period: 09/2011-5/2014

Role: Data Manager

PI: Shirley Longlett

Springfield Collaborative for Active Child Health

Source: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois Healthy Kids, Healthy Families Grant

Period: 07/2011-06/2015

Role: Data Manager and Analyst

PI: David Steward

Feminine Hygiene Practices, Bacterial Vaginosis, and Sexually Transmitted Infections in US Women

Source: Arnold O. Beckman Award

Period: 05/2006-05/2007

Role: Graduate Research Assistant

PI: Caitlinn Sioneau

CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

Conference Presentations

(Numbered in chronological order; listed in reverse chronological order)

*indicates student/medical resident author

77. Day J*, Prakesh V, **Zahnd W**, Mahmood M*, Poola VP, Rakinic J, Ganai S. Analysis of County-level Access to Specialized Providers on Colorectal Cancer Incidence and Mortality in Illinois. Digestive Disease Week. 19-21 May 2019. San Diego, CA. [poster]

76. Taylor S*, **Zahnd W**, Ganai S. Gastrointestinal Cancer Incidence and Trends in United States Rural And Urban Populations. Digestive Disease Week. 19-21 May 2019. San Diego, CA. [oral presentation]

75. Biesecker C*, **Zahnd W**, Adams S, Eberth JM. Mapping Cervical Cancer Access and Prevention in SC. National Rural Health Association Health Equity Conference. 7 May 2019. Atlanta, GA [accepted poster]

74. Probst JC, Breneman C, **Zahnd W**. Rural-Urban Trends in Infant and Youth Mortality. 42nd Annual National Rural Health Association Conference. 8-10 May 2019. Atlanta, GA. [accepted oral presentation]

73. **Zahnd W**, Davis M, Rotter JS*, Vanderpool RC, Perry CK, Shannon J, Ko LK, Wheeler SB, Odahowski CL*, Farris PE, Eberth JM. Financial Problems among Rural and Urban Cancer Survivors. 42nd Annual National Rural Health Association Conference. 8-10 May 2019. Atlanta, GA. [accepted poster]

72. Probst JC, Hunt McKinney S, Outeen S, **Zahnd W**, Haynes E. Educational gaps a barrier to rural nursing practice. 42nd Annual National Rural Health Association Conference. 8-10 May 2019. Atlanta, GA. [accepted poster]

71. Brandt H, Crouch E, Eberth J, **Zahnd W**. Cancer Prevention and Control Research in Rural Populations. 42nd Annual National Rural Health Association Conference. 8-10 May 2019. Atlanta, GA. [panel]

70. Biesecker C*, **Zahnd WE**, Adams SA, Eberth JM. Mapping Cervical Cancer Access and Prevention in SC. Discover USC, 26 April 2019. Columbia, SC. [poster]

69. **Lee J***, Zahnd WE, Eberth JM. Financial Toxicity Among Rural Cancer Patients in South Carolina. Discover USC, 26 April 2019. Columbia, SC. [poster]

68. Zgodic A*, **Zahnd WE**, Eberth JM. Evaluating disparities in lung cancer screening uptake using the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. Discover USC, 26 April 2019. Columbia, SC. [accepted poster]

67. Biesecker C*, **Zahnd WE**, Adams SA, Eberth JM. Mapping Cervical Cancer Access and Prevention in SC. Clyburn Health Disparities Lecture, 23 April 2019. Columbia, SC. [accepted poster]

66. Odahowski C*, Zahnd W, Davis M, Perry C, Vanderpool R. Financial Hardship among Rural Cancer Survivors in the U.S. 43rd Annual American Society of Preventive Oncology Conference. 10-12 March 2019. Tampa, FL. [poster]

65. Babatunde O*, Adams SA, Eberth JM, **Zahnd WE**, Felder TM, Moran R, Hebert JR. A comparison of Mortality-to-Incidence ratio with survival analyses in assessing racial breast cancer disparities across South Carolina Counties. 43rd Annual American Society of Preventive Oncology Conference. 10-12 March 2019. Tampa, FL. [oral presentation]
64. Eberth JM, Odahowski CL*, **Zahnd WE**. Geographic Disparities in Lung Cancer Screening in the U.S. 43rd Annual American Society of Preventive Oncology Conference. 10-12 March 2019. Tampa, FL. [poster]
63. Eberth JM, **Zahnd WE**, Josey MJ*, Schootman M, Probst JC. Temporal Trends in Spatial Access to Colonoscopy in South Carolina. 43rd Annual American Society of Preventive Oncology Conference. 10-12 March 2019. Tampa, FL. [online only abstract]
62. Deshpande M, **Zahnd W**, Bandy L*, Lorensen J, Fifer A. Spatial analysis of disparities in asthma treatment among adult asthmatics. American Pharmacists Association Annual Meeting. 22-25 March 2019. Seattle, WA [poster]
61. Taylor S*, **Zahnd WE**, Ganai S. Rural-urban and racial/ethnic disparities in hepatocellular carcinoma incidence. 14th Annual Academic Surgical Congress. 5-7 February 2019. Houston, TX. [oral presentation]
60. Day J*, **Zahnd WE**, Poola P, Rakinic J, Ganai S. Spatial Accessibility to Colorectal Cancer Care in the State of Illinois. 14th Annual Academic Surgical Congress. 5-7 February 2019. Houston, TX. [oral presentation]
59. **Zahnd W**, Thomas A, Crawford C, Capizzi, Jenkins W, Pho M. Utilization of Spatial Methods to Address the Rural Opioid Syndemic in a multi-site study. 2018 Addiction Health Services Research Conference. 17-19 October 2018. Savannah, GA. [panel]
58. Ellis K*, McLuckie C*, Navon L, Walblay K, Rodriguez C, Jenkins WD, Pho MT, **Zahnd WE**. Mapping the availability of opioid-related resources provided by local health departments. Illinois Public Health Association 77th Annual Conference. 5-7 September 2018. Normal, IL. [poster]
57. Eberth JM, Crouch E, Josey MJ, **Zahnd W**, Adams SA, Stiles B, Schootman M. Rural-urban differences in access to thoracic surgery in the United States, 2010-2014. Accelerating Rural Cancer Control Research Meeting. 30-31 May 2018. Bethesda, MD. [poster]
56. **Zahnd WE** and Eberth JM. A Conceptual Model for Multilevel Analysis in Rural Cancer Control. Accelerating Rural Cancer Control Research Meeting. 30-31 May 2018. Bethesda, MD. [poster]
55. Mahmood M*, **Zahnd WE**, Ganai S. Spatial analysis of radiation oncology access disparities within Illinois: implications for rural cancer care. 2018 American Society of Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting. 1-5 June 2018. Chicago, IL. [online only abstract]
54. Rossi M*, Buckley EJ*, **Zahnd W**, Ganai S. Rural-Urban Differences in Time to Radiation among Breast Conserving Surgery Patients. 19th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Breast Surgeons. 2018 May 2-6. Orlando, FL. [poster]

53. Rossi M*, Buckley EJ*, **Zahnd W**, Ganai S. Rural-Urban Differences in Time to Radiation among Breast Conserving Surgery Patients. Illinois Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. 2018 April 29. Chicago, IL. [oral]
52. Jenkins WD, Watson K, **Zahnd W**, Matthews A, Bailey A, Patera J. Examining the Role of Dissemination and Implementation Science to Improve Lung Cancer Screening in Rural Communities. American Public Health Association 2017 Annual Meeting and Expo. 2017 November 4. Atlanta, GA. [poster]
51. **Zahnd W**, McLafferty S, Sherman R, Farner S, Klonoff-Cohen H, Rosenblatt K. Spatial Accessibility to Mammography Services in the Lower Mississippi Delta States. Tenth AACR Conference on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved. 2017 September 25-28. Atlanta, GA. [poster]
50. **Zahnd WE**, Rodriguez C, Jenkins WD. Rural-urban differences in human papillomavirus-associated cancer: rates and trends. 2017 Annual Meeting of the American College of Epidemiology. 2017 September 24-28. New Orleans, LA. [poster]
49. Lawrence L*, **Zahnd W**, Sharma A, Javadi P. Laryngeal cancer trends and the Affordable Care Act. American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Foundation Annual Meeting. 2017 September 10-13. Chicago, IL. [oral]
48. **Zahnd W**, James A, Jenkins W, Colditz G, Steward D, Brard L. Cancer Incidence and Trends in Rural and Urban Populations in the United States. North American Association of Central Cancer Registries Annual Conference. 2017 June 16-23. Albuquerque, NM. [oral]
47. **Zahnd W**, Mueller-Luckey G, Sarver J. Utilization of ACS and Other Federal Data to Address Health Disparities in a Federally Designated Region. 2017 American Community Survey Data Users Conference. 2017 May 11-12. Arlington, VA. [oral]
46. Sturm E*, **Zahnd WE**, MacKinney E, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Rural-Urban and Regional Differences in Receipt of Esophagectomy for Early-Stage Esophagus Cancer. Digestive Disease Week. 2017 May 6-9. Chicago, IL. [oral]
45. MacKinney E*, **Zahnd WE**, Sturm EC, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. An Exploration of Regional and Rural-Urban Differences in Pancreas Cancer Surgery. Digestive Disease Week. 2017 May 6-9. Chicago, IL. [poster]
44. Jenkins WD, **Zahnd WE**, Fogleman AJ, Mueller-Luckey GS. Rural Measures and Cancer Disparities Studies: Elucidating Intra-Rural Differences and Future Avenues for Research. Rural Cancer Control: Challenges & Opportunities Research Meeting. 2017 May 4-5. Memphis, TN. [poster]
43. Brard L, Hyon KS*, Izadi SR, Diaz-Sylvester P, **Zahnd WE**, Colditz GA. Rural-Urban Variation in Surgical Treatment, Lymph Node Examination, and Adequate Lymphadenectomy for Endometrial Cancer Patients. Rural Cancer Control: Challenges & Opportunities Research Meeting. 2017 May 4-5. Memphis, TN. [poster]

42. Osiecki KM, Jenkins W, Mueller-Luckey G, **Zahnd W**, Crumly D, Fogleman A, Rodriguez C. Rural Environmental and Health Disparity Measures: Are rural areas inaccurately portrayed and under represented by current indices? Population Association of America 2017 Annual Meeting. 2017 April 27-29. Chicago, IL. [poster]
41. Buckley EJ*, **Zahnd W**, Rea D, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Impact of Time to Surgery on Rural-Urban Disparities in Breast Cancer. Society for Surgical Oncology Annual Cancer Symposium. 2017 March 15-17. Seattle, WA. [poster]
40. Buckley EJ*, **Zahnd W**, Rea D, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Impact of Rural-Urban Status on Survival after Mastectomy without Reconstruction versus Mastectomy with Reconstruction. American Society of Breast Surgeons, 18th Annual Meeting. 2017 April 26-30. Las Vegas, NV.[poster]
39. Lanzotti NJ*, **Zahnd WE**, Tseng JF, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Impact of Travel Distance on Survival from Early-Stage Breast and Pancreas Cancer. 12th Annual Academic Surgical Congress. 2017 February 7-9. Las Vegas, NV. [oral]
38. McDow A*, **Zahnd WE**, Angelos P, Lanzotti N*, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Impact of Endocrinologist and Surgeon Density on Thyroid Cancer Survival. 12th Annual Academic Surgical Congress. 2017 February 7-9. Las Vegas, NV. [oral]
37. Sturm EC*, **Zahnd WE**, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. National Trends in Surgical Decision-Making for Early-Stage Esophageal Cancer. 12th Annual Academic Surgical Congress. 2017 February 7-9. Las Vegas, NV. [oral]
36. Sturm EC*, **Zahnd WE**, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. National Trends in Local Excision and Esophagectomy for c1TN0 Esophageal Cancer. 2017 Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium. 2017 January 19-21. San Francisco, CA. [poster]
35. Javadi P, Sharma A, **Zahnd W**, Jenkins WD. Disparities in the epidemiology of oral cavity and pharyngeal cancers. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition. 2016 October 29-November 2. Denver, CO. [poster]
34. **Zahnd W**, McQueen A, Lobb R, Diaz-Sylvester P, Brard L. Rural-Urban and Access to Care Differences in Cervical Cancer Stage at Diagnosis. Ninth AACR Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved. 2016 September 25-28. Ft. Lauderdale, FL. [poster]
33. **Zahnd WE**, Mueller-Luckey GS, Ratnapradipa K, Smith T. Predictors and Spatial Hotspots of Licensed and Home Kit Radon Testing in Illinois, 2005-2012. 30th Annual International Radon Symposium. 2016 September 18-21. San Diego, CA. [oral]
32. Alanee S, Cheema A, **Zahnd W**, Dynda D. The impact of insurance status on performance of retroperitoneal lymph node dissection and cancer specific death in patients with non seminomatous germ cell tumors. American Society for Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting. 2016 June 3-7. Chicago, IL. [poster]

31. Alanee S, Clemons J*, **Zahnd W**, Dynda D. Impact of urologist density and county rurality on the practice of retroperitoneal lymph node dissection and cancer specific death in patients with non seminomatous germ cell tumors. American Society for Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting. 2016 June 3-7. Chicago, IL. [poster]
30. Canopy E, **Zahnd W**, Breslin TM, Rea DJ, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. National Trends of the Impact of Rurality on Breast Cancer Surgery. 66th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Illinois Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. 2016 May 18-20. Springfield, IL. [oral]
29. McDow A*, **Zahnd W**, Angelos P, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Impact of Rurality on National Trends in Thyroid Cancer Incidence and Long-term Survival. The American Association of Endocrine Surgeons 37th Annual Meeting. 2016 April 10-12; Baltimore, MD. [poster]
28. Canopy E*, **Zahnd W**, Breslin T, Rea D, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. National Trends of the Impact of Rurality on Breast Cancer Surgery. Society for Surgical Oncology Annual Cancer Symposium. 2016 March 2-5; Boston, MA. [poster]
27. Sadowski D*, Geiger S, Mueller G, **Zahnd W**, Alanee S, McVary K. Kidney cancer in rural Illinois: lower incidence yet higher mortality. 16th Annual Meeting of the Society of Urologic Oncology. 2015 December 2-4; Washington, DC. [poster]
26. Alanee S, Clemons J*, **Zahnd W**, Sadowski D*, Dynda D. Trichloroethylene is associated with kidney cancer mortality: a population-based analysis. 16th Annual Meeting of the Society of Urologic Oncology. 2015 December 2-4; Washington, DC. [poster]
25. Sadowski D*, Mueller G, **Zahnd W**, Alanee S, McVary K. Investigating the etiology of kidney cancer disparities in Illinois. 89th Annual Meeting of the North Central Section of the American Urological Association. 2015 November 10-14. Amelia Island, FL.[oral]
24. Canopy E*, **Zahnd W**, Breslin TM, Rea DJ, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. National Trends of the Impact of Rurality on Breast Cancer Surgery. Simmons Cancer Institute at SIU Research Symposium: The Biology and Treatment of Cancers in the Reproductive System. 2015 November 7. Springfield, IL. [poster]
23. **Zahnd W**, Rogers V, Steward D, Smith T, Treadwell D. Gender differences in the effect of socioeconomic disadvantage on overweight/obesity in elementary students. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition. 2015 October 31-November 4; Chicago, IL. [poster]
22. Mueller G, Clayton A*, **Zahnd W**, Hollenbeck K*, Barrow M*, Ruez Jr D, Jenkins WD. Proximity to coal mining activity and cancer risk in Illinois: A geospatial approach. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition. 2015 October 31-November 4. Chicago, IL. [oral]
21. **Zahnd WE** and Mueller GS. Identified Lung Cancer Risks in Rural Illinois: Recent Research and Health Implications. 2015 Illinois Rural Health Association Meeting. 2015 August 13-15. East Peoria, IL. [oral]
20. Regan J*, **Zahnd W**, Kistner B*, Ali A, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Rural Disparities in Esophageal Cancer Outcomes based on Distance from Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS)-Trained Gastroenterologists. Illinois Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. 2015 June 18-20. Peoria, IL. [oral]

19. Sadowski D*, Frye T*, Alanee S, **Zahnd W**, Jenkins W, Dynda D, Mueller G, McVary K. Impact of county rurality and urologist density on urologic cancer mortality in Illinois. American Urologic Association's 2015 Annual Meeting, 2015 May 15-19; New Orleans, LA. [poster]
18. Regan J*, **Zahnd W**, Kistner B*, Ali A, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Rural disparities in esophageal cancer outcomes based on distance from Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS)-Trained gastroenterologists. Digestive Disease Week. 2015 May 16-19; Washington D.C. [poster]
17. **Zahnd W**, Kistner B*, Ali A, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. The impact of rurality and access to gastroenterologists on disparities in pancreas cancer staging and mortality. The Pancreas Club 49th annual meeting, 2015 Digestive Disease Week. 2015 May 15-16. Washington DC. [oral]
16. Kistner B*, **Zahnd W**, Ali A, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Exploration of rural disparities in pancreas cancer staging and mortality to incidence ratio in Illinois. Society for Surgical Oncology Annual Cancer Symposium. 2015 March 25-28; Houston, TX. [poster]
15. Morgenstern K*, Smith T, **Zahnd W**, Steward D. The Springfield Collaborative for Active Child Health: the development of a student-centered predictive health model for at-risk schools. Association for Prevention Teaching and Research Annual Meeting. 2015 March 15-17; Charleston, SC. [poster]
14. Kistner B*, **Zahnd W**, Ali A, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Exploration of rural disparities in pancreas cancer staging and mortality to incidence ratio in Illinois. 2015 Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium. 2015 January 15-17; San Francisco, CA. [poster]
13. Heitkamp M, Newberry M, Sanders K, Land D, **Zahnd W**, Hamel R, Ryherd S, Puczynski S, Steward D, Jenkins W. Using CBPR principles in focus groups to address lung cancer disparities in rural southern Illinois. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition. 2014 November 15-19; New Orleans, LA. [poster]
12. **Zahnd WE** and Mueller GS. The Three "R's" of Cancer from Rock Falls to Rushville to Rosiclare: How Cancer Differs across Three Rural Regions of Illinois. 2014 Illinois Rural Health Association Conference. 2014 August 14-15. Effingham, IL. [oral]
11. Smith T, Engle K, **Zahnd W**, Cleer M. Bridging the gap: outcomes from an assessment of nutrition and physical activity habits and knowledge of medical students and parents. Association for Prevention Teaching and Research Annual Meeting. 2014 March 20-21; Washington DC. [poster]
10. Mueller G, **Zahnd WE**, Garner K, Heitkamp R, Jenkins WD, Boehler M, Land D, Steward DE. The "Mini-Report": use of CBPR to create a practical tool to address lung cancer disparities in rural communities. 6th AACR Conference on the Science of Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved. 2013 December 6-9; Atlanta, GA. [poster]
9. **Zahnd WE**, Steward DE, Jenkins WD, Andoh J, Mueller G, Puczynski S. Barriers to completion of a free colorectal cancer screening program in a low-income population. 6th AACR Conference on the Science of Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved. 2013 December 6-9; Atlanta, GA. [poster]

8. Reynolds KL, Montgomery L, Klamen DL, Szauter K, Verhulst SJ, **Zahnd W**. Perceptions of medical student-nurse interaction. The Central Group on Educational Affairs meeting. 2013 March 21-23; Cincinnati, OH. [poster]
7. Stehling D*, McAsey ME, Groesch K, **Zahnd WE**, Rodrigo G. Postpartum colposcopy: A review of factors associated with improved patient compliance. Central Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology Annual Meeting. 2012 October 17-20; Chicago, IL. [poster]
6. Steward DE, Smith T, Ryherd SJ, Jones M, Germann B, Harris M, Phelps M, Locke A, **Zahnd WE**. Academic-community-public health collaboration to prevent childhood obesity. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Weight of the Nation Annual Conference. 2012 May 7; Washington, D.C. [poster]
5. Jenkins WD, Kovach R, Wold B, **Zahnd WE**. Utility of a screening questionnaire in the Emergency Department to predict chlamydia and gonorrhea infection. National STD Prevention Conference. 2012 March 12; Minneapolis, MN. [poster]
4. Jenkins WD, Kovach R, **Zahnd WE**. Systematic review of chlamydia and gonorrhea screening in emergency departments. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting; 2010 November 9; Denver, CO. [poster]
3. Rethnam R, Henkle JQ, Hopkins-Price, Scaife S, **Zahnd WE**, Francis M. Survival benefit with pulmonary artery catheter placement in patients with combined sepsis and congestive heart failure compare to patients with only sepsis or heart failure. 38th Critical Care Congress of the Society of Critical Care Medicine. 2009 January 31-February 4; Nashville, TN. [poster]
2. Varghese JJ, Koneru S, Scaife SL, **Zahnd W**, Rumman S, Francis ML. Clinical implications of the choice of therapy for patients with rheumatoid arthritis and lupus after acute myocardial infarction. 57th Annual Scientific Session of the American College of Cardiology. 2008 March 29-April 1; Chicago, IL. [poster]
1. Varghese JJ, Koneru S, Scaife SL, **Zahnd W**, Francis ML. Improved in-hospital mortality of rheumatoid arthritis patients undergoing coronary revascularization procedures: rheumatoid arthritis paradox. 57th Annual Scientific Session of the American College of Cardiology. 2008 March 29-April 1; Chicago, IL. [poster]

Invited Presentations

(numbered in chronological order; listed in reverse chronological order)

11. "Rural Participation in Cancer Clinical Trials", Heartland National Community Oncology Research Program Meeting, 2019 March 22. Springfield, IL.
10. "Spatial and Health Services Research Approaches to Examining Cancer Health Disparities", University of South Carolina Research Seminar, 2019 March 4. Columbia, SC.
9. "Utilization of Cancer Registry Data to Elucidate Cancer Incidence Disparities in Rural Populations", National Cancer Institute's Accelerating Rural Cancer Control Meeting, 2018 May 30. Bethesda, MD.

8. "Using American Community Survey Data in Health Research", American Community Survey Data Users Conference Lunch Roundtable, 2017 May 11-12. Alexandria, VA.
7. "Health Research and Public Health: More than Rats, Microscopes, and Clean Air", Havana Health Career Opportunities, April 17, 2017.
6. "Rural Health Career Forum", Illinois Rural Health Association, Illinois State University, April 7, 2018.
5. "Radon Testing Patterns in Illinois and Implications for Public Health and Medical Practice", Radon 101: Brown Bag Lunch Series, SIU School of Medicine, January 27, 2017.
4. "Collaboration and Community Engagement to Address Cancer Disparities in Southern Illinois", Washington University in St. Louis and Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Rural Cancer Disparities Partnership Retreat, July 15, 2016.
3. "Geospatial Analysis of Potential Environmental Causes of Cancer in Illinois", SIU School of Medicine/UIS Collaborative Research Seminar, November 14, 2014.
2. "Rural-Urban Differences in Health Literacy". SIU School of Medicine Division of Rheumatology Research Forum, April 3, 2009.
1. "Rural Health Literacy". 5th Annual Rural Public Health Institute: Preparing for Challenging Times. March 11, 2009.

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

(numbered in chronological order; listed in reverse chronological order)

5. Access to Cancer Care in Rural Populations: Barriers and Solutions. 2019 April 3. *ASCO Daily News*. <https://dailynews.ascopubs.org/doi/10.1200/ADN.19.190161/full/>
4. How Patient Distance From the Pharmacy Influences Asthma Adherence. 2018 October 22. *MD Magazine*. <https://www.mdmag.com/medical-news/how-patient-distance-from-the-pharmacy-influences-asthma-adherence>
3. Leveraging Cancer Registry Data to Study Breast Cancer Disparities in the Lower Mississippi Delta Region. 2018 September 13. *NAACCR Review*. <https://www.naacr.org/leveraging-cancer-registry-data-to-study-breast-cancer-disparities-in-the-lower-mississippi-delta-region/>
2. Guest View: Rural Health Care Providers Deserve Our Thanks. 2017 November 17. *State Journal-Register*. <http://www.sj-r.com/opinion/20171117/guest-view-rural-health-care-providers-deserve-our-thanks>
1. Health Care Celebrated on National Rural Health Day. 2017 November 13. *Farm Week Now*. <http://digital.farmweeknow.com/app.php?RelId=6.9.3.0.1&BookCode=20171113&PageLabel=12&Sqt=11&lang=enu>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

Epidemiology 767-Geographic Information Systems and Public Health Applications Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health <i>Assistant Instructor with Dr. Jan Eberth (Lead Instructor)</i>	2018
Family and Community Medicine 493-Cancer Health Disparities, Department of Family and Community Medicine Southern Illinois University School of Medicine	2017-2018
Community Health 243-Drug Use and Abuse, Department of Kinesiology and Community Health University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	2005-2007

Guest Lectures

(numbered in chronological order; listed in reverse chronological order)

18. "Lung Cancer Screening", University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health, EPI 746-Cancer Epidemiology, April 11, 2019.
17. "Sampling and External Validity", University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health, HSPM 719-Health Services Research Methods II, March 25, 2019.
16. "Place-Based and Rural Cancer Disparities", University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health, EPI 746-Cancer Epidemiology, February 14, 2019.
15. "Key Rural Health Care Resources and Institutions", University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health, HSPM 709-Perspectives in Rural Health, February 6, 2019.
14. "Place-Based Disparities in Population Health", SIU-Edwardsville School of Pharmacy, PHEL 792-Pharmacy & Population Health, October 24, 2018.
13. "Introduction to Population Health and Prevention", SIU School of Medicine MS Year 1, Cardiovascular, Respiratory, and Renal Population Health and Prevention Lecture, October 26, 2017.
12. "Study Design—Strength of Evidence and Practicality", SIU School of Medicine MS Year 2, Cardiovascular, Respiratory, and Renal Population Health and Prevention Lecture, October 19, 2017.
11. "Zika Epidemiology and Surveillance", SIU School of Medicine MS Year 2 Hematology, Infections, and Immunology Unit Population Health and Prevention Lecture, August 30, 2017.
10. "Research Design and Basic Statistics", SIU School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics Resident Research Meeting, February 16, 2017.

9. "It's a 40th Anniversary Celebration", SIU School of Medicine MS Year 2 Cardiovascular, Respiratory, and Renal Unit Population Health and Prevention Lecture, October 28, 2016.
8. "Zika Epidemiology and Surveillance", SIU School of Medicine MS Year 2 Hematology, Infections, and Immunology Unit Population Health and Prevention Lecture, September 14, 2016.
7. "Using Secondary Databases in Research", SIU School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry Resident Research Seminar, July 29, 2016.
6. "Introduction to Data Management and Statistical Analysis in SPSS", SIU School of Medicine Department of Neurology Research Meeting, April 12, 2016.
5. "Health Research: More than Rats and Microscopes", University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign CHLH 250-Health Care Systems, November 10, 2015.
4. "Using Secondary Databases in Research", SIU School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry Resident Research Seminar, July 24, 2015.
3. "Types of Health Literacy Measurement Tools", SIU School of Medicine Doctoring Course, January 12, 2011.
2. "Measuring Health Literacy". SIU School of Medicine Doctoring Course, February 10, 2010.
1. "Measuring Health Literacy". SIU School of Medicine Doctoring Course, April 22, 2009.

Continuing Education Online Modules

1. "Radon Module: Predictors & Spatial Variation of Radon Testing in Illinois", 0.75 Continuing Education Credits for physicians, mid-level providers, nurses, respiratory therapists, radon technicians.
<https://www.highmarksce.com/siumed/index.cfm?do=ev.viewEnduring&attendeelD=-1&eventID=4351>

MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Student Research Projects, Co-Mentor

Skyler Taylor (Second-Year Medical Student, Summer 2018): "Rural-Urban Trends in Incidence and Mortality of Gastrointestinal Cancers in the United States"

Jessica Lee (Undergraduate Public Health Student, Fall 2018-Spring 2019): "Financial toxicity among rural cancer patients in the U.S."

Claire Biesecker (Undergraduate Public Health Student, Spring 2019): "Bivariate Mapping in Cancer Prevention"

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Institutional Committees and Activities (SIU School of Medicine)

Social Media Coordinator, Office of Population Science and Policy

2017-2018

Member, Community Engagement Team, Office of Population Science and Policy	2017-2018
Member, Internal Subcommittee of the Community Health Policy Committee	2016-2017
Member, Minors on Campus Task Force	2015-2016
Chair, Research and Evaluation Subcommittee of the Community Health Policy Committee	2015
Member, Community Health Policy Committee	2013-2017
Member, Collaboration to Reduce Lung Cancer Disparities in the Southern Illinois Delta Region Steering Committee	2012-2015
Member, Research and Evaluation Subcommittee of the Community Health Policy Committee	2011-2015
Member, Springfield Collaborative for Active Child Health	2010-2016
Member, Internal Medicine Cabinet	2009-2010

External Committees and Activities

Member, South Carolina Cancer Alliance Cervical Cancer Workgroup	2018-present
Member, Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network Rural Cancer Workgroup	2018-present
Facilitator, Illinois Cancer Partnership, State Cancer Plan Prevention Sub Work Group	2016
Member, Illinois Cancer Partnership, State Cancer Plan Early Detection Sub Work Group	2016
Member, Data Safety Monitoring Committee, Phase I Study of MK-3475 in Combination with BCG for Patients with High-Risk Superficial Bladder Cancer	2016-present
Member, Illinois Cancer Partnership	2015-2017
Member, Illinois Cancer Partnership, State Cancer Plan Work Group	2015-2016
Student Member, Interprofessional Student Hotspotting Learning Collaborative (Southern Illinois University team)	2015-2016
Member, Southern Illinois Healthcare, Community Health Needs Assessment Cancer Implementation Team	2015
Member, St. John's Hospital Childhood Obesity Program	2015-2016

Editorial and Review Activities

Editorial Boards

Board of Statisticians, <i>Journal of Urology</i>	2018-present
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Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer

American Journal of Preventive Medicine
Annals of Epidemiology
BMJ Open
Cancer Causes & Control
Evaluation and Program Planning
Health & Place
Health Promotion Practice
International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health
Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved

Journal of Public Health Management and Practice
Journal of Rural Health
Journal of Thoracic Oncology
Preventing Chronic Disease
Social Science & Medicine

Grant Reviewer

Yorkshire Cancer Research 2016

Abstract Reviewer

American Public Health Association Epidemiology Late Breaker Abstracts 2017
North American Association of Central Cancer Registries/International Association
Of Cancer Registries Combined Conference Abstracts 2019

Professional Memberships

Member, National Rural Health Association 2019-present
Affiliate member, National Postdoctoral Association 2018-present
Associate member, American Association for Cancer Research 2016-present
Student member, American Public Health Association 2015-2016
Member, North American Association of Central Cancer Registries 2014-present
Member, Illinois Rural Health Association 2013-2018

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Volunteer, Hands-On Healthcare 2017-2018
Co-Leader, Healthcare Explorers of Central Illinois 2016-2017
Member, DuBois Elementary School Wellness Committee 2015-2016
Adviser, Medical Explorers Post 998 2009-2016
Community-Based Mentor, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Illinois Capital Region 2007-2015

HONORS AND AWARDS

Frank J. Toth Research Award 2017
American Association for Cancer Research Scholar-in-Training Travel Award 2016, 2017
University of Illinois Dean's List 2004-2005
University of Illinois College of Liberal Arts and Sciences James Scholar 2001-2002
Illinois Merit Scholarship 2001