

UNC Health Behavior Dissertations List

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2021

Ida Griesemer. A Mixed Methods Study of an Organizational Change Intervention to Increase Racial Equity in Cancer Care. [Abstract](#)
Adviser: Alex Lightfoot, PhD

Willa Dong. Gender minority stress, aspiration strain and depressive symptoms among transgender women and transfeminine people in China: a mixed-methods study. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Kate Muessig, PhD

Marjorie Margolis. Provider Communication for HPV Vaccination: Geographic Disparities and Response to Parental Declination. [Abstract](#)
Adviser: Melissa Gilkey, PhD

Minh Nguyen. Drinking, Mental Health and HIV Outcomes among People with HIV and Hazardous Alcohol Use in Vietnam. [Abstract](#)
Adviser: Vivian Go, PhD

Dirk Davis. How Health Navigation Affects Mental Health: A Longitudinal Mixed Methods Study with Gay, Bisexual and Other Men who have Sex with Men Living with HIV in Guatemala. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Clare Barrington, PhD

2020

Natalie Blackburn. An Economic Evaluation of an Alcohol Reduction Intervention in the HIV Clinic Setting in Vietnam. [Abstract](#)
Adviser: Vivian Go, PhD

Rebecca Hershov. A Longitudinal Study of Alcohol Use and Intimate Partner Violence Among Men with HIV and Hazardous Alcohol Use in Vietnam. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Vivian Go, PhD

Andrew Seidenberg. Consumer Responses to Modified Risk Tobacco Product Claims. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Kurt Ribisl, PhD

Amanda Kong. Associations of tobacco retailer density with neighborhood socio-demographics, individual smoking behaviors, & COPD hospital admission rates: A spatial health approach. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Shelley Golden, PhD

Jennifer Richmond. Reducing Racial Disparities in Health Services Use: Exploring the Role of Racial Equity Training for Nurse Navigators and Improved Measurement of Trust in Health Care. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Kurt Ribisl, PhD

Waru Gichane. An Examination of the Characteristics and Predictors of Transactional Sex Among Adolescent Girls and Young Women in Malawi. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Beth Moracco, PhD

Tainayah Thomas. Mixed Method Approach to Examine Prediabetes Screening, Follow-up Care & Guideline Implementation. [Abstract](#)
Adviser: Carol Golin, PhD

Cristina Leos. Examining the Effect of State- and Individual-Level Structural Racism on Latino Adolescent Sexual Risk Behaviors: An Intergroup and Intragroup Analysis. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Susan Ennett, PhD

Allison Pack. HIV Testing among Orphaned and Separated Youth in Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania: the Potential Role of Living Arrangement. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Carol Golin, PhD

Amelia Rock. Relationships between stigma and intimate partner violence among female sex workers living with HIV in Santo Domingo. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Clare Barrington, PhD

2019

Anna Grummon. Individual- and Population-Level Impacts of Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Health Warnings. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Noel Brewer, PhD

Sarah Treves-Kagan. Identifying Individual, Partner, Household, and Neighborhood Predictors of Intimate Partner Violence among Poor Ecuadorian and Colombian Refugee Women: A Multi-Level Analysis. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Suzanne Maman, PhD

May Chen. The Relationship Between the Family Context and Adolescent Dating Violence among Youth Exposed to Interparental Violence: A Person-Centered Analysis. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Heathe Luz McNaughton Reyes, PhD

Susannah Zietz. Patterns of Adverse Childhood Experiences and Subsequent Risk of Interpersonal Violence Perpetration Among Men in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: A Mixed Methods Study [Abstract](#) Adviser: Suzanne Maman, PhD

Yesenia Merino. Inclusion and Bias in Public Health Training. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Eugenia Eng, DrPH

Deshira Wallace. “Stress makes it difficult to live a healthy life”: The relationship between stress and dietary behaviors among Latinos. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Leslie Lytle, PhD

Liz Chen. Development and Validation of a New Scale to Measure the Acceptability of Mobile Health Applications Among Adolescents. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Beth Moracco, PhD

Sabeeh Baig. Examining perceived message effectiveness as a marker for the impact of brief health behavior interventions. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Noel Brewer, PhD

Nivedita Bhushan. Social Influence and Contraceptive Use Among Adolescent Girls and Young Women in Malawi. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Ed Fisher, PhD

Kamden Hayashi. Time Preference and HIV Risk Behavior in Kenya and Malawi. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Suzanne Maman, PhD

Rebecca Sokol. Child Maltreatment and Body Mass Index: Measurement Considerations and the Roles of Social Support and Stress Responses. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Susan Ennett, PhD

2018

Michael Close. Identifying and Describing Segments of Office Workers by Activity Patterns: Associations with Demographic Characteristics, Levels of Physical Activity, and Body Mass Index. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Leslie Lytle, PhD

Sarah Kowitt. Do Neighborhood Characteristics Matter for Older Adults Living in Primarily Rural Neighborhoods, and if so, How and for Whom? [Abstract](#) Adviser: Edwin Fisher, PhD

Cara Person. Resilience and Vulnerability Factors Associated with Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence by Multiple Abusive Partners: A Mixed-Methods Study. (Embargoed until 2020) [Abstract](#) Adviser: Beth Moracco, PhD

Leslie Adams. A Mixed Methods Examination of Depressive Symptomatology and Usual Sources of Care among Black Men. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Alex Lightfoot, PhD

Laura Villa Torres. Living Undocumented: An Ethnographic Study of the Mental Health and Well-being of Undocumented Mexican Migrant Men. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Clare Barrington, PhD

2017

Gabriela Arandia. Understanding Relationships Between Child Care Workers' Eating Habits and Spatial Access to Food Outlets around Workers' Homes, Workplaces, and along Commutes. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Laura Linnan, PhD

Parth Shah. The Role of Pharmacy in HPV Vaccination of US Adolescents. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Noel Brewer, PhD

Yael Symes. Smoking Cessation in Cancer Survivors: Exploring Psychosocial Wellbeing, Beliefs About Smoking, and E-cigarette Use. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Shelley Golden, PhD

Marissa Hall. Understanding the Role of Reactance to Pictorial Warnings on Cigarette Packs. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Noel Brewer, PhD

Lauren Hill. Mental Health and Sexual Risk Behaviors Among Social Networks of Young Tanzanian Men. [Abstract](#)
Advisers: Vivian Go, PhD and Suzanne Maman, PhD

Jennifer Morgan. Social Interactions About Pictorial Cigarette Pack Warnings. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Noel Brewer, PhD

Jayne Jeffries. Weight gain prevention in young adults: Predictors of weight change and behavioral typologies. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Leslie Lytle, PhD

Allison Schmidt. Psychological Health and Smoking in Young Adulthood: Smoking Trajectories and Responsiveness to State Cigarette Excise Taxes. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Shelley Golden, PhD

2016

Christine Agnew-Brune. “It’s a Bad Thing ... but it’s a Good thing Too:” A Mixed-Methods Examination of Technology Use and Cyber Dating Abuse Perpetration In Adolescent Romantic Relationships. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Clare Barrington, PhD

Andre L. Brown. Opportunity Matters: A Mixed-Methods Study of Socioeconomic Status, Masculinity, and Concurrency among Black Men. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Wizdom Powell, PhD

Marta Mulawa. A Mixed-Methods Study of Intimate Partner Violence Among Men in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. [Abstract](#)
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Catherine L. Jo. The Effect of E-cigarette Print Advertisements on Smoking Cessation. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Kurt M. Ribisl, PhD

Leslie Cofie. A Mixed-Methods Study of Social Network Characteristics and Health Facility Delivery Among Women in Rural Ghana. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Clare Barrington PhD

Melissa Cox. Examining Bidirectional Relationships Between Parental Socialization Behaviors and Adolescent Alcohol Misuse Across Early and Middle Adolescence. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Susan Ennett, PhD

Meridith Eastman. Profiles of Reactivity to Bullying Victimization: Genetic and Family Environment Predictors. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Vangie Foshee, PhD

Allison Myers. From Media Advocacy to Health Behaviors: Examining the Relationships Between Mass Media Messages, Public Opinion, and Point-of-Sale Tobacco Control Policy Implementation in the United States. [Abstract](#) Adviser Leslie Lytle, PhD

Brooke T. Nezami. Healthy Weight Behaviors and Weight Change in Parents and Preschool-Aged Children. [Abstract](#) Adviser Deborah Tate, PhD

Tamara Taggart. Religiosity, Racial Identity, and Sexual Initiation among Black American Adolescents. [Abstract](#) Adviser Eugenia Eng, DrPH

2015

Heather D’Angelo. An Examination of Community and Consumer Tobacco and Food Retail Environments. [Abstract](#) Adviser Kurt Ribisl, PhD

Jaimie Hunter. Depression, Diabetes, and Social Support. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Edwin Fisher, PhD

Melissa Crane. Improving Men’s Health Through Weight Control: Randomized Trials Testing Recruitment Messages and a Novel Weight Loss Intervention. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Deborah Tate, PhD

Paul Fleming. The Role of Masculine Gender Norms in HIV Vulnerability Among Dominican Men Enrolled in a Circumcision Feasibility Trial. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Clare Barrington, PhD

Joseph Lee. Relationship Between Sexual Minority Couples and Tobacco Retailer Density and Marketing. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Kurt Ribisl, PhD

Jennifer Moss. Concomitant Adolescent Vaccination: The influence of Seasonal Variation, School Requirements, and Patient-Provider Communication. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Noel Brewer, PhD

Larry Scholl. Parenting for the Learner Stage of Graduated Driver Licensing. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Susan Ennett, PhD

Stacey Cutbush. Teen Dating Violence Perpetration Among Middle School Youth: The Role of Bullying, Sexual Harassment, and Gender. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Vangie Foshee, PhD

Sean M. Hanley. Community-Based Approaches to Prevention: Linking Coalition Capacity, Community Readiness, and Implementation to Reductions in Adolescent Alcohol Use. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Michael Bowling, PhD

Angela Stover. One Size Does Not Fit All: Predicting Subgroups of Breast Cancer Survivors Who Report Different Physical Activity and Sedentary Behavior Patterns from Pre-Diagnosis to Ten Years Post-Diagnosis. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Christine Rini, PhD

2014

Ling-Yin Chang. Examining the Direct, Indirect, and Moderated Effects of Neighborhood Characteristics on Trajectories of Dating Violence Perpetration. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Vangie Foshee, PhD

Emily Elstad. Cancer Screening Benefits and Harms: News Coverage and Provider Perceptions. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Noel Brewer, PhD

Ann Gottert. Gender Norms, Masculine Gender-Role Strain and HIV Risk Behaviors Among Men in Rural South Africa. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Clare Barrington, PhD

Jessica K. Pepper. Electronic Cigarettes: Diffusion of a Controversial Innovation. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Noel Brewer, PhD

Shyanika W. Rose. Factors Influencing Support for Point-of-Sale Provisions of the Tobacco Control Act: Retailer and Public Opinion. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Kurt Ribisl, PhD

Paul Gilbert. A Mixed-Methods Investigation of Alcohol Use Among Immigrant Sexual Minority Latinos in North Carolina. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Eugenia Eng, DrPH

2013

Allison K. Groves. Prevalence and Trajectories of Intimate Partner Violence among South African Women During Pregnancy and the Postpartum Period. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Suzanne Maman, PhD

Andrea L. Heckert. A Mixed-Methods Examination of the Influence of Social Conditions and Social Networks on the Sexual Risk Behavior of Structurally Vulnerable African American Male Substance Users. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Eugenia Eng, DrPH

Jiang Li. Understanding Pathways to Weight Loss among Employees and Organizations Enrolled in the WAY to Health Worksite-Based Weight Loss Study. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Laura Linnan, ScD

Derrick D. Matthews. Socialization Influences on Sexual Health Behaviors among African American Men: Utilizing an Inter-Group and Intra-Group Approach to Health Disparities. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Wisdom Powell, PhD

Stephanie Baker White. School racial climate and racial disparities in youth sedentary behavior. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Susan Ennett, PhD