

**LaHoma Smith Romocki, PhD, MPH**  
Curriculum Vitae

### **Career Summary**

Experienced public health education practitioner, instructor, researcher, and administrator, working in the public and private sectors, across diverse settings at the community, state, national and international level. Strives to make meaningful contributions to protect the public's health through participatory programming to increase health knowledge, promote positive behavior change, and challenge social injustices in low resource and underrepresented communities. Committed to increasing technical skills and building cross-cultural competencies in the public health workforce.

### **Education**

- 2004            Doctor of Philosophy [PhD]. Mass Communication  
School of Journalism and Mass Communication  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH)  
Research Interests: Health Communication  
Dissertation topic: *Little Sisters in Cyberspace: Black Adolescent Girls' Interactions with Sexual Health Information on the Internet*  
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Jane D. Brown
- 1984            Master of Public Health (MPH). Health Education  
School of Public Health  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH)  
Thesis topic: *Western Exploitation of Pesticides in Developing Countries*  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. John Hatch
- 1979            Bachelor of Arts (BA). Sociology, Psychology.  
Duke University, Durham, N.C.

### **Scholarships**

- 1999-2002     Park Foundation Fellow. School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Award included full tuition and stipend for completion of doctoral studies.
- 1984-86        Minority Student Fellowship. The Graduate School. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Award included full tuition for completion of master's studies.

### **Additional Training**

- 2011    Working with the Media and Public Relations workshop. Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Embassy, Pretoria, South Africa.
- 2010    Overseas Staff Training. Peace Corps, Washington, D.C. Completed 3 weeks of intensive coursework and seminars on effective leadership in multi-cultural settings, strategic planning and budgeting, staff, administration and financial management, volunteer support, partnerships with host country government and international agencies, funding resources and federal policies and guidelines.

2006 BRIDGES. UNC William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education. Professional Development and Enrichment Program. Academic Leadership. Intensive professional development program for women in higher education to strengthen their academic leadership capabilities. The program, implemented over 4 weekends, is designed to help women move into leadership roles in the academy.

## **Faculty Appointments**

*Associate Professor*  
*Department of Public Health Education*  
*August 2013 - present*

Teach undergraduate courses, conduct scholarly research on global health and health disparities, coordinate service learning activities, and advise public health and pre-med students and student led organizations. Courses include HEDU 4700 – Introduction to Global Health, 4000- Communicating for Health, HEDU 3210 –Foundations of Public Health, HEDU 3600 -Planning for Health Promotion, and HEDU 4220- Senior Seminar, the capstone course for graduating majors.

*Assistant Professor and \*Interim Chair*  
*Department of Public Health Education North*  
*Carolina Central University (NCCU) Durham,*  
*North Carolina*  
*August 2003 - 2010; \*2006 - 2009*

Led academic undergraduate unit with primary responsibility for fiscal and administrative oversight. Supervised, monitored and evaluated workload of (24) faculty and staff. Administered \$1 million budget including salaries, benefits, and funds for program activities and research. Made all budgeting and spending decisions including the approval of funds for supplies and equipment, faculty and contractor hiring, merit increases and promotion decisions. Developed work plans and evaluated faculty productivity, monitored travel expenses, equipment and facilities maintenance. Was responsible for projecting annual costs and expenditures, responding to strict auditing and reporting guidelines, and ensuring that funds were dispensed timely, wisely and expeditiously. Served on several key administrative university committees. Provided technical assistance to support campus and community-based media activities. Conducted health communication research activities in underserved communities. Carried out teaching responsibilities for core courses in Health Communication, Program Planning, Health and Wellness, Independent Study, Health disparities, Global Health. Served as principal advisor for undergraduate health education majors. Coordinated campus initiative to improve written and oral communication skills of undergraduate students. Chaired the campus Quality Enhancement Committee, a required and critical component for university accreditation in 2009. Led departmental efforts for the full approval/accreditation status with the Society of Public Health Education/American Association of Health Education. (NCCU is the only Historically Black College/University (HBCU) in the country with this designation.) Coordinated departmental programming and fundraising activities for study abroad program for students and faculty. Highly rated as a teacher (based on faculty peers and student evaluations).

## **Other Employment History**

**Country Director**  
*United States Peace Corps*  
*Republic of Cameroon - Central West Africa*  
*January 2010 – July 2012*

Successfully completed a 30 month assignment as the senior U.S. Peace Corps (PC) representative in-country with primary responsibilities for the oversight of all PC programs and U.S. government regulations and policies. Maintained effective relations with high ranking government officials, diplomats, and international organizations. Supervised all programmatic, medical care, training, information technology, and safety and security activities and support of 200 American Peace Corps Volunteers in the technical areas of education and computer literacy, small and medium business enterprise development, community health, agroforestry, and youth development. Senior administrator of \$4 million annual budget and \$1 million in additional project funding. Managed diverse staff of 45 permanent and full-time American and host country nationals and 25 part-time contractors. Recent assessment of performance and country program cited as "high performing." Received 2012 Meritorious Honor Award from the Department of State for "exemplary leadership."

**Director, Communications and Marketing**

*Family Health International, Research Triangle Park (FHI), N.C.  
October 2001-November 2002*

Coordinated the development and implementation of corporate communications strategic plan and activities. Major accomplishments include the successful launch of a new company logo, institutionalization of corporate identity standards in two (2) U.S. based management centers and forty (40) country offices. Created press releases and managed special press events reporting on company research and program activities and assisted with the coordination of FHI's relations with the media and served as a focal point for media contacts. Represented the company to selected external audiences and set policies and standards for the redesign of company website and intranet sites bringing together staff from senior management, information technology, and graphics design.

**Senior Associate/HIV/AIDS Department**

*Family Health International (FHI), Research Triangle Park, N.C.  
August 1990 - September 1997*

Designed and implemented programs in developing countries. Activities included the provision of technical assistance to AIDS prevention and control activities, development of prototype training curricula and educational materials in both English and French, low-literacy materials for community-based programs, audio-visual materials including videos, slide shows, and audiocassettes, training manuals, checklists and references guides as well as technical assistance in using all of these materials. Led a professional team of communication specialists in the development of reproductive health programs. The team worked closely with host country staff and local governmental and non-government agencies to achieve these accomplishments.

Provided technical assistance in training journalists, conducting information and training needs assessments, developing national prevention programs, developing educational materials, and designing training curriculum in fifteen countries including Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, Senegal, Niger, Zimbabwe, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Eastern Caribbean, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Philippines and Thailand. Led the domestic HIV/AIDS prevention activities to implement lessons learned from international efforts and led interdivisional working group responsible for providing culturally relevant technical assistance to selected community-based organizations in the United States. Coordinated the development of annual work plans for each individual staff member and for unit, submission of monthly and quarterly reports, and monitoring of finances for each country project. Had oversight of the production of final report to the donor agency, United States

Agency for International Development (USAID), coordinating the efforts of dozens of former and current staff. Successfully completed the 500 pages, three (3) volume, five (5) year comprehensive document on time. Promoted for meritorious work.

**Senior Policy Analyst**

*White House Office of National AIDS Policy, Washington, D.C  
June 1995- January 1997*

Provided technical support to the international interdepartmental task force on AIDS subcommittee and the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS. Raised the profile of HIV/AIDS programs in developing countries and the need for a higher level of U.S. support. Romocki also coordinated the support by United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Department of State to international and domestic organizations. Responsibilities also included helping to draft briefing documents on international HIV/AIDS issues for senior government and congressional officials, and the President of the United States.

**Health Educator/Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources**

*AIDS Control Branch, Raleigh, N.C.  
September 1989 - August 1990*

Provided technical assistance to statewide AIDS prevention activities at local health departments, drug and alcohol treatment centers and community based education and risk reduction programs.

**Instructor, Health Education**

*University Center for Health Sciences, Yaounde, Cameroon, West Africa  
August 1987- May 1989*

Taught classes (in French) on community-based health education concepts and practice to medical and nursing students. Responsible for curriculum development, instruction, and student evaluations.

**Health Education and Training Consultant**

*Yaounde, Cameroon  
September 1987 - May 1989*

Clients included: Save the Children/Peace Corps/Cameroon; Association of French Volunteers for Progress; University Center for the Health Sciences; Catholic Health Services.

**Associate Director for Health Programs**

*Peace Corps, Bangui, Central African Republic  
May 1984 - March 1987*

Supervised and coordinated technical training and program activities of thirty-five (35) volunteers in health care and health education activities including the training of primary school teachers at the local and national levels, training nurse mid-wives with physicians to improve service delivery especially maternal/child care. Supervised local Central African professional and support staff. Hired local professional educators to provide Peace Corps technical and language training, and staff to support volunteers during their in-country training. Served as the Acting Director in the absence of the Country Director.

**Peace Corps Volunteer**

*Peace Corps, Bangui, Central African Republic  
June 1980- June 1982*

Conducted health education classes to primary school teachers in communities 300 miles north of the capital, Bangui in local dialect. During second year of service, launched the first program to integrate health content as part of the national and official teacher's training curriculum.

**Council on International Educational Exchange Student (CIEE)**

*August 1979-March 1980*

Conducted independent and self-directed work study and travel to Nairobi, Kenya and London, England.

**Operations Crossroads Africa Volunteer**

*June 1979 – August 1979*

Participated as a member of a small US team responsible for helping to construct a primary school in a rural village in Kenya, West Africa. Conducted fundraising activities to raise money to finance personal travel, expenses and supplies.

**Related Work Experience**

**Behavior Change Communication Consultant**

*John Snow, Inc. – AIDSTAR-One  
U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Washington,  
D.C.  
March 2008 – March 2010*

Provided technical expertise on selected international HIV/AIDS prevention communication activities including the development of reference materials and publications. Successfully conducted site visit to the Rift Valley and Coast provinces in Kenya, East Africa (6/09) to collect data for research on innovative prevention approaches. Results presented at an international HIV/AIDS conference on best practices.

**Health Communication Technical Consultant**

*Family Health International HIV Prevention Trials Network  
Research Triangle Park, N.C. June  
2005 - May 2006*

Provided technical expertise on a number of ongoing HIV communication strategies including drafting proposal sections, developing training materials and contributing to publications that addressed issues of full community engagement in the design and implementation of clinical trials.

**Graduate Research Assistant**

*School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill  
August 1999 - January 2002*

Provided support to faculty advisors conducting communications research. Responsibilities included message testing for a health communication campaign, recruiting research participants,

conducting formative research, compiling and analyzing data, writing reports, preparing documents for Human Subjects Review submission, conducting literature searches, and reviewing undergraduate research projects.

**Managing Editor and Technical Advisor**

*Project DIRECT and Department of Health Education, North Carolina Central University, Durham, N.C.  
June - August 2000*

Provided technical and overall managerial assistance in the development of a resource manual for public health professionals. The manual described the theoretical basis and interventions of the largest demonstration project funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to reduce the burden of diabetes for African Americans in the United States.

**Workshop Facilitator**

*Family Health International,  
Harare, Zimbabwe.  
March - June 1998*

Developed curriculum and conducted technical sessions on “Participatory Community Education in HIV/AIDS Research” for project staff from five African countries.

**Curriculum Development Coordinator**

*World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, (WAGGS), London, England; United Nations Family Planning Program (UNFPA), New York, and Family Health International Research Triangle Park, NC.  
February - March 1998*

Contributed to multinational team’s efforts to develop Girl Guides badge curriculum on reproductive health issues for adolescent refugee girls in three African countries.

**Contributing Technical Author**

*Division of Cancer Control and Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia.  
July - September 1997*

Conducted workshops and co-authored technical manual for health care providers working with Breast and Cervical Cancer clients in culturally diverse settings.

**Publications/Technical Reports (\*Peer-Reviewed)**

\*Romocki, L. (2015). “Unwanted: Negro Blood Donors and the Campaign to Change US Blood Donor Policies. The Negro Educational Review. Vol. 66, Nos. 1-4, pp5-25.

\*Cates, J., Ortiz, R., Shafer, A., Romocki, L., Coyne-Beasley, T. (2012). “HPV Vaccine for Males: Designing Messages to Motivate Parents to Vaccinate Their Pre-Teen Sons.” Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health, Vol. 44, Issue 1, pp 39-47.

Romocki, L., Okalet, P. (2009). Case Study: Combination HIV prevention programming in Kenya, East Africa. AIDSTAR-One Technical Report.

\*Romocki, L., Wordlaw-Stinson, L., Swain, D. (2009). "Strategic Approach to Disseminating eHealth Information." National Library of Medicine/ United Negro College Fund Special Programs, Bethesda, Maryland.

\*Peterson, G., Romocki, L., Swain, D., Wordlaw-Stinson, L. (2008). "Disseminating National Library of Medicine Knowledge into Communities: Fighting Health Disparities." Issues in Librarianship. American Library Association. pp-141-146.

\*L'Engle, K., Brown, J.D., Romocki, L. S., & Kenneavy, K. (2007). "Virginal, Curious, Silent or Sophisticated? Targeting Middle Adolescents for Sexual Health Interventions." International Communication Association annual conference. Selected as 1 of top 3 papers in health communication division. San Francisco, California.

\*Blocker, D., Romocki, L., Thomas, K.B., Jones, B., Jackson, E., Reid, L., & Campbell, M.K. (2006). "Knowledge, Beliefs and Barriers Associated with Prostate Cancer Prevention and Screening Behaviors Among African-American Men." Journal of the National Medical Association. Vol. 98. 8.

Weil, B., & Romocki, L.S. (2006). Literature Review on Community Participation in HIV/AIDS Prevention Research. In Community Involvement in International Research: Lessons Learned from the HIV Prevention Trials Network. Family Health International.

\*Brown, J. Schaffer, R., Vargas, L., Romocki, L. (2004). "Popular Culture and the Media: The Promise of Critical Media Literacy." Handbook of Youth Development, Sage Publications.

Romocki, L. (1997). "The U.S. Response to the Global AIDS epidemic." AIDSLINK, National Council for International Health, 43, 12-13.

\*Romocki, L., Gilbert, S., & Flanagan, D. (1996). "An Approach to Communication, "Control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases: A Handbook for the Design and Management of Programs. AIDSCAP/Family Health International.

Romocki, L., Finger, W., & Kohler, R. (1995). "Translating International Experiences into National HIV/AIDS Prevention Objectives: Lessons for the Future." Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Agency for International Development, Family Health International.

Ostfield, M. & Romocki, L. (1992). "Developing Educational Materials." Handbook on AIDS Prevention in the Caribbean. Family Health International.

Mbetima, J., Romocki, L. (1992). "La Prise en Charge des personnes atteints de VIH/SIDA et leurs proches." Training manual for AIDS counselors. Ministry of Health/ Cameroon, Family Health International.

Romocki, L., Outwater, A., Mwizarubi, B.K., Mwaijonga, C.L., Trupin, C.M., Kohler, R., & Harber, L. (1992). A Comprehensive Training Guide for Trainers of Peer Educators in the Prevention of STDs including HIV/AIDS. Family Health International.

Kohler, R. & Romocki, L. "Emma Says: A cartoon illustrated flipchart for AIDS educators." (1992). Family Health International (translated in 8 languages and disseminated to over 20 countries).

## **Professional Presentations**

Romocki, L., Jones, O. (2015). "Factors Affecting Minority Public Health Education Students' Participation in Study Abroad Activities and Global Health Careers." Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE). (Oral Presentation). 66<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting, Portland, Oregon.

Romocki, L. (2012). "The Impact of Global Public Health in Health in North Carolina: Health Educators – Are you Ready? Closing address: NC Society of Public Health Educators (NC SOPHE) annual meeting. Asheville, N.C.

Stash, S., Bergmann, H., Clark, S., Okaalet, P., Rau, B., Romocki, L. (2010). "Combination Prevention: Four Promising Approaches. AIDS 2010 - XVIII International AIDS Conference: Abstract no. MOPE0490 . Vienna, Austria.

Stash, S., Bergmann, H., Clarke, M., Okaalet, P., Romocki, L., Rau, B., Stansbury, J. (2009). "A Systematic Approach to Combination Prevention: Three promising approaches to combination HIV prevention programming. International AIDS in Africa conference. Namibia, Southern Africa.

Romocki, L., Linnan, L., & Carlisle, V. (2005). "Exploring the Feasibility of Working with Cosmetology Schools for Cancer Prevention and Control." National Cancer Institute/Minority Institution/Cancer Center Partnership. Bethesda, Maryland. Poster Presentation.

Blocker, D., Romocki, L. \*(presenter), Thomas, K., Jones, B., Jackson, E.J., Reid, L. & Campbell, M.R. (2005). "Wellness for African Americans Through Churches: Results from a faith-based intervention to promote colorectal and prostate cancer screening awareness." 133rd American Public Health Association annual meeting (APHA), Philadelphia, Pa. Oral Presentation.

Romocki, L. (2004). "Little Sisters in Cyberspace: Black Adolescent Girls' Interactions with the Internet." 132nd American Public Health Association (APHA) annual meeting. Washington, D.C. Oral Presentation.

Participated on panel of UNC system wide communications faculty (2007) "Getting our Message Across: Developing Effective Health Communication Interventions." North Carolina Society of Public Health Educators (NCSOPHE). University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Romocki, L. (2006). "Communications Planning for HIV Prevention Research Programs." HIV Prevention Trials Network Annual Meeting. Family Health International. Washington, D.C. Oral Presentation.

Romocki, L. (2006). "Creating Partnerships to Reduce Health Disparities." Health Disparities Grantees' Meeting. Health and Wellness Trust Fund. Research Triangle Park, N.C. Oral Presentation.

Romocki, L. (2006). "Bridge Building toward Culturally Responsive Partnerships: Strategies for



Engaging Our Community and Our Healthcare Needs.” Old North State Medical Society. 119th Scientific Convention and Annual Meeting Research Triangle Park, N.C. Oral Presentation.

Romocki, L. (2006). “Recruiting Minorities for Research.” NCCU-UNC-Chapel Hill Health Disparities Conference, Durham, N.C. Oral Presentation.

Campbell, M.R., Reid, L., Romocki, L.\* (presenter), Blocker, D., Jones, B., Jackson, E.J., Rogers, W. (2003). “Wellness for African Americans Through Churches (WATCH II): Prostate Cancer Prevention.” United Negro College Fund, 10th Annual Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Faculty Development Symposium, Charlotte, N.C.

Romocki, L. (2000). “Invasion of Privacy: What Health Communicators Need to Know About Disclosing Private Facts about Persons with HIV/AIDS.” American Public Health Association Conference, Boston, MA. Poster Presentation.

Apegyei, F., Romocki, L. “Combat Readiness, Condom Readiness: AIDS prevention in the Ghana Armed Forces.” (1992). VIIth Annual International Conference on AIDS. Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Mbetima, J., Romocki, L. “HIV Counseling Program in Cameroon.” (1991). VIth International Conference on AIDS in Africa. Dakar, Senegal.

\*Apegyei, F., Romocki, L., Mensah, J., Osuka, N., Donald, M., Githens, W., Amponsah, K., Weir, S. “A Comprehensive AIDS Education Program for the Ghana Armed Forces.” (1991). VIth Annual International Conference on AIDS. Florence, Italy.

### **Invited Presentations/Lectures**

Romocki, L. (2012). “Beyond Interstate 85: A Career in Global Public Health.” Guest Speaker: Granville County Exchange Club. Creedmoor, N.C.

Romocki, L. (2012). “Life in the Peace Corps in Cameroon.” International Week. Sponsored by the Office of International Affairs, North Carolina Central University. Durham, N.C.

Romocki, L. (2012). “U.S. Peace Corps activities in Cameroon.” Featured Guest. *The Monday Show*, a nationally televised program. Yaounde, Cameroon.

Romocki, L. (2011). “The Role of the U.S. Peace Corps in Cameroon.” Featured guest for journalists’ roundtable. (Interview conducted in French). *Les Mutations*, Yaounde, Cameroon.

Romocki, L. (2005). “Building Bridges to Better Understanding,” Keynote Address, Granville County Human Relations Commission Annual Conference on Improving Race Relations, Oxford, N.C.

Romocki, L. (2004). “Evaluation and Monitoring of Campus-based HIV Prevention projects.” Strategic Planning Retreat, North Carolina Division of Public Health, Raleigh, N.C. Oral Presentation.

Romocki, L., (2002). "Black Adolescent Girls and Media Preferences." Minority Health Conference, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, NC. Oral Presentation.

Romocki, L. (2001) "The Social Construction of Black Women's Health in America." Department of Women's Studies, Duke University, Durham, NC. Guest lecture.

Romocki, L. (2000). "Communication and Health Care Providers: Challenges for the Future." Annual Conference, North Carolina Association of Licensed Practical Nurses. Burlington, N.C. Keynote Address.

Romocki, L. (1997). "Diversity Awareness: Effective Outreach Strategies for Older Medically Underserved Women." Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: National Conference for State Breast and Cervical Cancer Coordinators. Guest lecturer and workshop facilitator. Newport Beach, California.

Romocki, L. (1997). "Collaboration and Participation with Community Development Organizations." National Council of International Health and the George Washington Center for International Health. Forum on AIDS Vaccines: History, Development and Ethics, the International Perspective. George Washington Hospital, Washington, D.C.

Romocki, L. (1997). "Domestic and International Partnerships in AIDS Prevention and Research." National Council of International Health's 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Washington, D.C.

Romocki, L. (1997). "The Role of Health Behavior and Health Education in Shaping Policy." School of Public Health. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Public Health Alumni Association Conference.

Romocki, L. (1996). "The Role of U.S. Community Based Organizations in International AIDS prevention." National Council on International Health. Washington, D.C.

Romocki, L. (1995). "Developing Communication Skills in Providers: The Cultural Competency Challenge." First Annual National Cancer Prevention and Control Conference. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Atlanta, GA.

Romocki, L. (1995). "AIDS Prevention Activities in Africa." Annual Minority Health Conference. School of Public Health. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Romocki, L. (1994). "Reaching Culturally Diverse Populations with AIDS Prevention Messages." National Society for Public Health Educators. Mid-Year Scientific Conference, Raleigh, NC.

Romocki, L. (1994). "Cross Cultural Issues in Performance and Instruction." National Society for Performance and Instruction, RTP, N.C. Keynote address.

Romocki, L. (1993). "The Dilemma of Commercial Sex Workers in the age of AIDS." Women's International Human Rights Conference. Duke University and Triangle Universities Security Seminar.

Romocki, L. (1993). "Strength in Diversity: Multicultural Approaches to HIV Treatment and Prevention," Plenary Speaker. North Carolina Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources. Pembroke State University, Pembroke, N.C. Keynote Address.

## Sponsored Research and Project Support

- NCCU-UNC Partnership in Cancer Research U54 CA156735-06
  - National Cancer Institute
  - The goal of the project is to “Improve testing, triage and follow-up for cervical cancer screening in minority and underserved populations
  - Role: Principal investigator (Aim 2)
  
- U.S. President’s Emergency Relief for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) – A 5 year strategic plan to combat HIV/AIDS and address Global Health Initiatives with the Government of Cameroon (10/1/2011 – 9/28/2016)
  - The goal of this project was to coordinate and implement the project goals in collaboration with our partners in country
  - Role: Team Co-Lead (transferred responsibilities in 2012)
  
- A Partnership Initiative for HIV Prevention Trials (9/30/08-6/30/13)
  - National Institute for Nursing Research/National Institutes of Health (NINR/NIH)
  - 1R01NR011232-01A1 Mac Queen, Kate (PI)
  - The goal of this project is to address issues of community support and program capacity to evaluate and deliver new and emerging HIV prevention technologies.
  - Role: Co-Investigator (Resigned and transferred responsibilities in 2010)
  
- Addressing Racial Disparities in HPV Vaccine Acceptability: Interviews with Female African American Caregivers of Adolescent Girls in Rural North Carolina.
  - North Carolina Translational and Clinical Sciences Institute (NC TraCS)
  - Supported by Award Number UL1RR025747 from the NIH National Center for Research Resources. 3/01/2009 - 02/28/2010
  - 10KR10803 Cates, Joan R. (PI)
  - This study addressed the large racial disparities in cervical cancer in North Carolina.
  - Role: Co-Investigator
  
- Empowering Minority Communities with Health Information (10/1/07-12/15/08)
  - National Library of Medicine/United Negro College Fund Special Projects Inc.
  - The goal of this project was to increase the utilization of on-line resources to access health information as a strategy to eliminate health disparities.
  - Role: Principal Investigator
  
- Health Disparities Initiative (4/30/05 – 06/30/11)
  - North Carolina Health and Wellness Trust Fund
  - Reid, LaVerne. (PI)
  - The goal of this project is to provide technical assistance and support to 23 community based projects focused on reducing health disparities.
  - Role: Co-Investigator
  
- Health Promotion and Cancer Prevention Training for Cosmetologists
  - U56 MI/CCP pilot project (1/15/05-04/30/06)
  - NIH/NCI
  - The goal of this formative study was to determine the feasibility of providing health promotion and cancer prevention training for students and faculty of licensed beauty

- o schools in North Carolina.
- o Role: Principal Investigator
- Men's Health Initiative (8/15/04-5/31/06)
  - o HIV/STD Prevention and Care/NC Division of Health/CDC
  - o The goal of this project was to test the effectiveness of innovative ethnographic research techniques designed to reach African American college and universities with AIDS/STD prevention messages.
  - o Role: Co-Investigator
- Wellness Through African American Churches (WATCH 2)
  - o U56 MI/CCP pilot project (5/1/02-12/31/04)
  - o NIH/NCI
  - o The goal of this intervention research project was to test the effectiveness of two innovative approaches to improving health behaviors related to primary and secondary prevention of colorectal and prostate cancers in African American faith-based communities.
  - o Role: Consultant

## Film/Videos

*Faces of AIDS in Africa.* Directed by Frances Reid. Technical Supervisors- Ostfield, M. and Romocki, L. Family Health International/AIDSTECH. Winner of several international awards. December 1991

AIDS: One Woman's Story. St. Augustine's College. Raleigh, NC. 1990.

## Professional Awards

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| 2012 | Recipient, Meritorious Honor Award for Exemplary Leadership. U.S. Department of State.   |
| 2012 | Recipient, Meritorious Honor Award for contributions to HIV/AIDS programming and the PEPFAR team. U.S. Department of State.  |
| 2012 | Recipient, Certificate of Appreciation for "Tireless Commitment and Outstanding Leadership."<br>U.S. Peace Corps.  |
| 2010 | Recipient, Inaugural Emerald Award for International Trends and Services.<br>Raleigh (NC) Chapter, The LINKS, Inc.   |
| 2008 | Recipient, Franklin H. Williams Award for Outstanding Community Service.<br>Peace Corps, Washington, DC. (The Franklin H. Williams Award recognizes ethnically diverse returned Peace Corps Volunteers who exemplify a commitment to community service and Peace Corps' Third Goal of promoting a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.) |
| 2008 | Certificate of Recognition for Grants-writing (NCCU)   |
| 2007 | Award for Outstanding Scholarly Achievement (NCCU)   |

- 2007 President's Volunteer Service Award. Peace Corps, Washington, DC. Gold level award consisted of an official Presidential Volunteer Service Award lapel pin, a personalized certificate of achievement, a congratulatory letter from President George W. Bush, and a letter from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.
- 2006 Nominated and selected for membership in BRIDGES: An Academic Leadership Program for Women in the University of North Carolina School system.
- 2006 Certificate for Outstanding Faculty Research Award (NCCU)
- 2005-2006 Certificate for Outstanding Proposal Writing and Grants Management (NCCU)
- 2004-2005 Certificate for Outstanding Proposal Writing and Grants Management (NCCU)
- 1996 Recipient, Eunice N. Tyler Practice Award for Outstanding Health Education Practice Award, School of Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

### **Professional Affiliations and Service**

- 2016-present Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Health Behavior, Gillings School of Global Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- 2015-present Board Member, LifeSkills Foundation (providing services to Homeless Youth)
- 2014-present Board Member, NOURISH International (overseas internships and services)
- 2014-present Board Member, Granville-Vance District Health Department
- 2012-present N.C. Society of Public Health Educators (NCSOPHE)
- 2009-2010 Board member, Adopt a Neighborhood for Development Board (AND) member
- 2008 -2010 UNC Interdisciplinary Health Communications Task Force
- 2000-2010 Member, NC Society for Public Health Education
- 2007-2010 Old North State Medical Society, Health Disparities Prevention Team
- 2006-2007 N.C Institute of Medicine, Task Force on Health Literacy
- 2005-2010 Member, Eta Sigma Gamma National Professional Health Education Honorary
- 2004-2006 Secretary, Faculty Senate Committee on Research and Professional Development (NCCU)
- 2004-2010 International Partnership Task Force (NCCU)
- 1999-2010 Member, American Public Health Association

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- 1999 Conference facilitator, NC Women's Summit on HIV/AIDS/STDS
- 1998, 2001 Member, Faculty Search Committee, School of Public Health, UNC-CH
- 1994-2010 Adjunct Instructor, School of Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Served as Faculty advisor/ Master's paper reader for students interested in International health.
- 1991-1995 Board member, Triangle Coalition of Action on AIDS in the Black Community
- 1991-1995 Board member, Piedmont AIDS Consortium