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## Education

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- Dr.P.H.                      Health Communication**  
Department of Population and Family Health Sciences, School of Public Health  
Johns Hopkins University, May 2005  
Dissertation: *Please, with Sugar on Top? Children's and parents' perceptions of school lunch, family eating, and food advertising*
- M.P.H.                      Maternal and Child Health with a concentration in International Health**  
Department of Maternal and Child Health, School of Public Health  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, May 1999
- B.A.                          International Studies with a minor in Chemistry**  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, May 1995

## Employment

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- Aug 2018 – Present      Associate Adjunct Professor, Department of Public Health Leadership in Practice, UNC Chapel Hill
- June 2016 – Present     Associate Professor, Department of Health and Wellness, UNC Asheville
- Aug 2011 – June 2016   Assistant Professor, Department of Health and Wellness, UNC Asheville
- Sept 2009 - June 2011   Director, Education, Research, and Outreach, Sesame Workshop India (SWI), New Delhi, India
- Sept 2005 - Sept 2009   Child Health Project Manager & Nutrition Policy Fellow, Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI), Washington, DC
- Oct 2001 - Sept 2006   Project Coordinator/Investigator, Shifting the Lens: A Focus on Stress and Coping among East Baltimore African American Teens
- Sept 2003 - July 2004   Instructor, Baltimore Speaks Out! Video & Comics Workshops Wide Angle Community Media, Baltimore, MD
- June 2004,  
Oct - Dec 2002, 2003   Teaching Assistant, Children, Media and Health, JHBSPH  
Professor: Dina L.G. Borzekowski, EdD

- June 2000 - June 2004 Project Coordinator/Investigator Coordinated School Health Program (CSHP) Video Project, Johns Hopkins University Center for Adolescent
- Sept 1999 - June 2003 Coordinator & Health Teacher, Health Improvement Program (HIP) Tench Tilghman Elementary School, Baltimore, MD
- Oct 2001 - May 2003 Evaluation Scholar, Johnson & Johnson Community Grants Program Baltimore, MD
- Jan - May 2001, 2002 Teaching Assistant, Health Communication Projects, JHBSPPH Professor: Phyllis Piotrow, PhD
- Jan - May Spring 1999 Teaching Assistant, Child and Family Health, UNC-CH Professor: Jonathan Kotch, MD
- Jan 1998 - June 1999 Development Consultant and Illustrator, Smoke-Free Kids Project, UNC-CH
- Summer 1998 Intern, Association of Rural People for Health and Education Needs Navi Mumbai, India
- Oct 1997 - May 1998 Research Assistant, Head Start Quality Research Project, UNC-CH Assisted with instrument design and statistical interpretation
- Sept 1995 - June 1997 Classroom Teacher, Tench Tilghman Elementary School, Baltimore, MD Created and administered lesson plans across all subject areas for 3rd and 4th grade children in under-resourced city school

## Teaching Experience

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### **Associate Professor University of North Carolina Asheville**

Health and Wellness Department, Aug 2011 to present

*Courses Taught:*

Introduction to Health and Wellness (HWP 153)

Health Parity: Domestic and Global Contexts (HWP 250) – **SL, DI**

Community Health Promotion: Theory and Practice (HWP 310) – **SL, DI, CI**

Maternal and Child Health/Child & Adolescent Health (HWP 316/317)

Health Communication (HWP 335)

Health Justice (HWP 373) - **SL, DI, CI**

Senior Seminar in Health and Wellness Promotion (HWP 459)

Mass Media and Health in the USA (HON 373, MLAS 560)

Teaching Methods in K-12 Health and Physical Education (EDUC 434)

Art & Science of Meditation (IST 220)

Health Care and Health Promotion Policy (MLA 540)

Global Health (MLA 540)

**Associate Adjunct Professor**      **University of North Carolina Chapel Hill**  
Public Health Leadership in Practice Department, Aug 2018 to present

*Courses Taught:*

Methods & Measures (CORE 712)

Community Health Transformations (PUBH 727)

**Teaching Assistant**      **Johns Hopkins University**  
Population and Family Health Sciences Department, Aug 2002 to May 2004  
Children, Media, and Health  
Health Communication Projects

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Public Health**  
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Aug to Dec 2000  
Child and Family Health

**Instructor**      **Baltimore Speaks Out! Youth Social Change Video Projection Program, Baltimore MD**  
Aug 2001 to May 2002

**Teacher**      **Tench Tilghman Elementary School, Baltimore MD**  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades, Aug 1995 to June 1997

Publications

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**Peer-Reviewed**

Chiang E.S., Rioridan K.M., Himelein M.J., **Batada, A.**, Mulhollem, M.L., Padilla M.A. (2020). Elementary Physical Education: Cost is Personal and Social. *Archives of Psychology*. 4(3):1-13.

**Batada A.** and Lewis O. (2018). Community leadership and participation to increase food access and quality: Notes from the field. In *Food and Poverty: Food Insecurity and Food Sovereignty among America's Poor*, eds, L. Hossfeld, B. Kelly, and J Waity. Nashville, TN: Vanderbilt University Press.

Solomon C., **Batada A.**, Zillante A., Hudak K., Kennedy, A. & Racine E.F. (2018). Food cost is the least of my worries: A qualitative study exploring food and beverage purchasing decisions among parents enrolled in the WIC program. *Journal of Hunger and Environment*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/19320248.2018.1484313>

Racine E., Kennedy A., **Batada A.**, Story M. (2017). Foods and beverages available at SNAP-Authorized drugstores in sections of North Carolina. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*. 49(8): 674-683.

**Batada A.**, Chichester K., Himelein M.J., and Chess R. (2017). "Learning How to See": Faculty Members' Use of Unnamed Contemplative Practices. *The Journal of Contemplative Inquiry*. 4(1):143-163.

**Batada A.** (2017). Utilizing Contemplative Practices with Undergraduate Students in a Community-Engaged Course on Health Disparities. *Pedagogy in Health Promotion*. [Online](#): 1-6.

Wray A. and **Batada A.** (2017). Contemplative Pedagogy: Equipping Students for Everyday Social Activism. *The Arrow*. 4(2):29-46.

**Batada A.**, Grier-McEachin J. and Avery K. (2017). Partnering on the PRAISE Program: Putting Health Equity into Practice. *Health Equity*. 1(1):7-14.

Racine E., **Batada A.**, and Story M. (2016). Availability of Healthier Food in SNAP-Approved Dollar Stores. *Journal of American Nutrition and Dietetics*. 116(10):1613-20

Racine E.F., **Batada A.**, Solomon CA, Story M. (2016). Availability of Foods and Beverages in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Authorized Dollar Stores in a Region of North Carolina. *Journal of Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*. 116(10):1613-20.

**Batada A.** and Jacobson M. (2016). Artificial Food Colors in Grocery Store Products Marketed to Children. *Clinical Pediatrics*. 55(2):1113-1119.

**Batada A.**, Banerjee S. and Subramanian M. (2016). Opening New Doors: Sesame Workshop in India in eds, C. Cole and J. Lee, *The Sesame Effect: The Global Impact of the Longest Street in the World*. New York, NY: Taylor & Francis.

**Batada A.**, Bruening M., Marchlewicz E., Story M., and Wootan M.G. (2012). Poor nutrition on the menu: Children's meals at America's top chain restaurants. *Childhood Obesity*. 8(3): 251-254.

**Batada A.**, Joshi I., Sharma G., and Mehta S. (2010). The *Galli Galli Sim Sim* story pond: Inspiring children as storytellers in India. *Young Children*. November.

**Batada A.**, Sharma G. (2010). Developing contextually-appropriate early childhood education materials for rural Jharkhand, India. *ARNEC Connections*. December.

**Batada A.** (2010). Making learning fun and making fun educational. *Navtika: Journal of Early Childhood Education*. August.

**Batada A.**, Seitz M.D., Wootan M.G. and Story M. (2008). Nine out of 10 food advertisements shown during Saturday morning children's television programming are for foods high in fat, sodium, or added sugars, or low in nutrients. *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*. 108(4):673-8.

**Batada A.** and Borzekowski D.L.G. (2008). SNAP! CRACKLE! WHAT? Recognition of cereal advertisements and understanding of commercials' persuasive intent among urban, minority children in the US. *Journal of the Children and the Media*. 2(1): 19-36.

**Batada A.** and Wootan M.G. (2007). Nickelodeon markets nutrition-poor foods to children. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. 33(1):1-3.

**Batada A.** and Chandra A. (2006). [Urban African American adolescent voices on stress: The Shifting the Lens project](http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2006/apr/05_0174.htm). *The Prevention Researcher*. 13(S): 3-7. Available from: URL: [http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2006/apr/05\\_0174.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2006/apr/05_0174.htm)

Chandra, A. and **Batada A.** (2006) [Exploring stress and coping among urban African American adolescents: The Shifting the Lens study](http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2006/apr/05_0174.htm). *Preventing Chronic Disease*. 3(2):1-10. Available from: URL: [http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2006/apr/05\\_0174.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2006/apr/05_0174.htm)

**Community Reports, Guides, and Other Publications (many of which included significant work by UNCA students/classes)**

**Batada A.**, Ross K, and Jones, J. (2020). *“More Hours, More Money, More Respect”*. Report to the Family Friendly Affordable Buncombe Coalition. Asheville, NC

**Batada A.** & Ross K. (2015-2019). *Annual PRAISE Report*. Asheville, NC.

**Batada A.** (2016-2019). *Report on Bounty & Soul Client Survey*. Asheville, NC.

**Batada A.**, Dickhaus G, Holtz D. (2018). *12 Baskets Café Interview Study Report*. Asheville, NC.

Batada A. (2017). *Report on Homeless Survey* for the [Homeless Initiative Action Committee \(HIAC\) Strategy to End Homelessness](#). Asheville, NC.

**Batada, A.** (2016). *Report on the Rider, Employer, and Caseworker Support for Extended Bus Service* to Just Economics. Asheville, NC.

**Batada A.** (2014). *Exploring Food: A Community-Based and Collaborative Project to Learn About Perceptions of Healthy Eating Among Food Decision-Makers in Communities of Lower Wealth in Western North Carolina: Final Report to the Community Transformation Grant Project*. Asheville, NC.

**Batada A.** and Wootan MG. (2013). [Obesity on the menu II: Nutritional quality of children’s meals at America’s top restaurants.](#)

**Batada A.** and Wootan MG. (2009). [Better-For-Who? Revisiting company promises on food marketing to children.](#) Available at: URL: <http://cspinet.org/new/200911241.html>

Wootan MG, **Batada A.**, and Marchlewicz E. (2008). [Obesity on the menu: Nutritional quality of children’s meals at America’s top restaurants.](#)

**Batada A.** and Wootan MG. (2008). [Food and beverage marketing survey: Montgomery County Public Schools.](#)

**Batada A.** [Coordinated School Health Program \(CSHP\) Video Project: Video and workshop booklet.](#) (2003). Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Center for Adolescent Health.

Chandra A and **Batada A.** (2004). [Who’s holding the camera?](#) Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Center for Adolescent Health.

[Confronting teen stress: Up to the challenge in Baltimore City.](#) (2004). **A. Batada** and A. Chandra, Eds. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Center for Adolescent Health.

## Presentations

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### **Local/State/Regional**

- Oct 2020 Co-Panelist, Interdisciplinary Research Leaders Program, AVL MPH Program, Online.
- Aug 2020 Co-Presenter with Jill Fromewick and Je'Wana Grier McEachin. Including the Invisible: Race, Place, and Faith in Western North Carolina, Equity Series, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, online.
- Feb 2020 Workshop Facilitator, *From Data-to-Action in Non-Research Classes*, NC PACE conference, Elon University, Burlington, NC
- Oct 2019 Invited Keynote Speaker, Campus-Community Research Collaborative Annual Convening, Coastal Carolina University, Conway, SC.
- Apr 2018 Workshop Presenter. *Translating Research to Action in Service-Learning Courses*, Gulf South Summit on Service Learning, Birmingham, AL
- Mar 2018 Presenter with Olufemi Lewis. *Community Food Access*, Organic Growers School. Asheville, NC
- Feb 2018 Workshop Presenter. *Getting to the Root: Engaging Students in Research for Advocacy*, NC Campus Compact meeting, Elon, NC
- Feb 2018 Presenter with Kathey Avery (ABIPA). *The PRAISE Program: Reducing Disparities through Community-Church-Campus Collaborations*, NC Campus Compact meeting, Elon, NC
- Apr 2017 Panelist with Julia Considine and Amanda Wray. *It's Not All in Your Mind: Sexism and Racism in the Workplace*. WNC Multicultural Women's Development Conference. Hayesville, NC.
- Oct 2016 Panelist, *Race and Racism Teach-In*, UNCA
- Oct 2015 Presenter, *Who Are You?* Annual Meeting of the Association of Contemplative Mind in Higher Education, Howard University, Washington, DC
- Sept 2015 Panelist, *Writing in the disciplines*, J. Pisano's LANG 120 classes, UNCA  
Panelist, *Service learning at UNCA*, P. Bahl's Honors class, UNCA  
Co-Presenter with Ellen Garrison, *Is Sitting the New Smoking? Innovations in physical activity, from the personal to the public*, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, UNCA.
- May 2015 Co-Facilitator with Lyndi Hewitt, Amanda Wray, Mark Harvey, and Leah Mathews, *Applied Research with UGR Students*, LAC Workshop, UNCA
- Oct 2014 Speaker, *Childhood obesity and food insecurity*, Leadership Asheville Seniors Program, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, UNCA  
Co-Presenter, *Ideas for increasing physical activity/wellness policy update*, Asheville City and Buncombe County Schools' Wellness Opportunities Workshop, UNCA  
Workshop Leader, *Let's do something big: How pursuing a health career can support social justice*, MAHEC's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Careers Education Awareness Conference, UNCA

- Sept 2014 Co-Facilitator with Lyndi Hewitt, Lorena Russell, and Melissa Himelein, *Critical thinking and diversity education*, CTL, UNCA
- May 2014 Co-Facilitator with Tice Ruffin, *Deconstructing race and racism in our classrooms*, LAC Workshop, UNCA
- Nov 2013 Co-Facilitator with Richard Chess, *Contemplative practices and critical thinking*, CTL, UNCA
- Sept 2012 Panelist, *Moving the needle: A community conversation about obesity prevention*, Asheville, NC  
Speaker, *Food insecurity and childhood obesity*, Learning Asheville Seniors, Asheville, NC

**National**

- July 2020 Co-Facilitator. Threats to Public Health during COVID-19. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Interdisciplinary Research Leaders Cohort 3 Webinar, Online.
- Feb 2020 Co-Presenter, with Jill Fromewick and Je’Wana Grier-McEachin. *Work in Progress: Race, Place, Faith, and Health in Western North Carolina*, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Interdisciplinary Research Leaders convening, Minneapolis, MN.
- Mar 2019 Panel Co-Presenter with Kathleen Wood. *(Re-)Teaching and (Re-)Learning Food Systems in Western North Carolina*, American Sociological Association annual meeting, Asheville, NC.
- Oct 2019 Co-Presenter, *Navigating Scientific Neutrality in Advocacy Efforts*, Robert Wood Johnson Interdisciplinary Research Leaders convening, Minneapolis, MN.
- Oct 2018 Co-Presenter, with Jill Fromewick and Je’Wana Grier-McEachin. *Race, Place, Faith, and Health in Western North Carolina*, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Interdisciplinary Research Leaders convening, Minneapolis, MN
- Nov 2017 Presenter, *PRAISE Program and Fresh Foods First Study*, Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Atlanta, GA
- Oct 2017 Poster Presenter, *Developing an Interdisciplinary Certificate in Contemplative Inquiry*, Annual meeting of the Association for Contemplative Mind and Society, Washington, DC
- Mar 2017 Speaker. *Translating Research to Action in Service-Learning Courses*. Gulf South Summit on Service Learning. Greensboro, NC.
- Mar 2016 Panelist, *Mindful in the Middle Project*, Annual meeting of the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE), Charlotte, NC
- Oct 2015 Interactive Session Presenter, *From Service to solidarity: Contemplative pedagogy and responsible student action*, Annual meeting of the Association for Contemplative Mind and Society, Washington, DC
- Nov 2014 Invited Panelist, *Shifting the Lens: A case study*, as part of *chronic stress in adolescents from disadvantaged communities: A public health response*, Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Boston, MA  
Roundtable Leader, *Healthier churches project: Translating research to practice through community-*

- classroom partnerships*, Annual Conference of the American Public Health Association, Boston, MA
- Nov 2013 Roundtable Leader, *Sesame Workshop India: Inspiring healthy children* and Poster Presenter, *Changes in nutritional quality of children's meals*, American Public Health Association (APHA), Boston, MA
- April 2013 Moderator, *Advocating for school health* panel, Society of Public Health Education (SOPHE), Orlando, FL
- April 2012 Poster Session, *Assessing health literacy and health care perceptions among African American adults: Informing health communication strategies to reduce disparities*. Kentucky Center for Health Communication Bi-Annual Conference, Lexington, KY
- Sept 2005 - Various guest lectures on child and school health, nutrition, obesity prevention, and health policies to undergraduate and graduate students at Baltimore City Community College, University of Maryland, George Washington University, and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.
- July 2009
- Jun 2009 Presenter, *Food marketing to youth in schools*, National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Convention, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
- Mar 2009 Panelist, *The 2005 Institute of Medicine food marketing to children recommendations: What's happening four years later?* and *Emerging issues* panels, California Childhood Obesity Conference, Los Angeles, CA
- Oct 2008 Panelist, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation hearing on food marketing to ethnic minority children, Capitol Hill, U.S. Congress, Washington, DC  
*Policymaking takes vision*. Nemours Foundation Conference, DE  
*Children's recognition and understanding of cereal logos and spokes-characters*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American School Health Association, Burbank, CA
- Oct 2005 Co-Presenter, *Utilizing a youth perspective to examine stress and coping among urban, African American teens*. Presented at the Mental Health section of the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA
- Nov 2003 Co-Presenter, *Shifting the lens: Stress and coping among African American adolescents*. Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada
- Aug 2003 Presenter, *The Coordinated School Health Program Video Project*. Maryland Coordinated School Health Programs Conference, Timonium, MD
- June 2003 Co-Presenter, Innovative workshop, *Working with teens to translate research: The example of Shifting the Lens*. Society for Community Research and Action Conference, Las Vegas, NM
- Oct 2000 Presenter, *School-Community collaboration: The Tench Tilghman E.S. Health Improvement Program (HIP)*. American School Health Association Conference, New Orleans, LA



## International

- March 2011 Panelist, *Early childhood care and education scenario: Feedback from the grassroots*. Childhood Education Care, Education, and Development, Delhi, India
- Aug 2010 Panelist, *New technology: Friend or foe? Nurturing the next generation of readers*. Jumpstart conference, Delhi, India
- Feb 2010 Presenter, *Harnessing a child's love of learning*. Designing for Children conference, Mumbai, India

## Awarded Grants and Fellowships

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- 2019 \$10,000 South Arts Cross-Sector Grants for Imagining Health Justice, a community-collaborative project to promote racial healing, with artists, students and community members  
\$1,500 Key Center for Service Learning Faculty Fellow for data-to-action projects and work on a publication
- 2018 \$350,000 Interdisciplinary Research Fellowship (3 years) with community colleagues Je'Wana Grier McEachin and Jill Fromewick. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
- 2017 \$466 University Teaching Council grant to support "data-to-action" teaching/learning activities in a Spring 2018 course on Health Justice, UNCA.  
\$35,000 Community Investment grant for PRAISE, Year 4 initiative to evaluate a health intervention with local African American churches. Implementation Partner: ABIPA. Mission Health.  
\$423 University Service Council grant to support community service activities in a Spring 2017 course on Health disparities, UNCA.
- 2016 \$25,000 Community Investment grant for PRAISE, Year 3 project to evaluate a health intervention with local African American churches. Implementation Partner: ABIPA. Mission Health.
- 2015 \$14,300 Smarter Lunchroom grant for the Asheville-Buncombe Fresh Foods First project to study the effect of a small marketing intervention on the selection and consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables in local public schools. Cornell University Behavioral Economics Network.  
\$25,000 Community Investment grant for PRAISE, Year 2 project to evaluate a health intervention with local African American churches. Implementation Partner: ABIPA. Mission Health.  
\$995 University Service Council grant to support community service activities planning a conference on African American Health in HWP 310. UNCA.  
\$700 University Teaching Council grant toward travel to present at the annual meeting of the Association of Contemplative Mind in Higher Education (ACMHE), UNCA.
- 2014 \$15,000 Focus Area grant to support Mindful in the Middle pilot study of the effect of an intervention to increase mindfulness among students and staff at Asheville Middle School. NC Center for Health and Wellness, UNCA.

\$25,000 Community Investment grant for PRAISE project to evaluate a health intervention with local African American churches. Implementation Partner: ABIPA. Mission Health.

\$4,000 Interdisciplinary Project Team Block grant to support development of a new course on the art & science of meditation. Co-applicants: Richard Chess (Literature and Language), Keya Maitra (Philosophy), and Patrick Foo (Psychology). UNCA.

2013 \$12,000 Department of Health and Human Services Exploring Food grant for formative research for the Community Transformation Grant Project social marketing campaign to promote healthy eating.

\$4,000 Interdisciplinary Project Team Block Grant. Awarded 2013/14 to support development of contemplative pedagogy curriculum. Project Leader: Amanda Wray. Participants: Amanda Wray (Literature and Language), Ameena Batada (Health and Wellness), Eva Bares (Art History), and Connie Schrader (Health and Wellness). UNCA.

\$3,000 SENCER Post-Institute Implementation Award to support coordination activities to promote teaching of science through civic engagement on UNC Asheville's campus.

\$1500 Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education Travel Grant to participate in the ACMHE summer session for educators. ACMHE.

\$1000 University Service Council Grant to support student-community health promotion activities. UNCA.

2012 \$10,000 Appalachian Colleges Association – UNC Asheville Grant to support community-based research with undergraduate students. UNCA.

\$15,000 Focus Area Grant to support research on children's and parents' perceptions of physical activity in Asheville City Schools. Co-Investigators were: Evelyn Chiang (Psychology), Melissa Himelein (Psychology) and Ellen Bailey (Foreign Languages). NC Center for Health and Wellness, UNCA.

\$1500 University Research Council Grant to support research and creative work on local foods and health. UNCA.

\$500 University Service Council Grant to support student-community health promotion activities in HWP 310. UNCA.

## Awards & Honors

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2020 Nominee, UNCA Teaching Award

2019 UNC System Board of Governor's Excellence in Teaching Award -Asheville Campus, Nominee: UNCA Teaching Award, NC Campus Compact Engaged Faculty Award

2018 Gulf South Summit Faculty Award - Instruction

2017 Nominee: Thomas Ehrlichman Faculty Award for Service, National Campus Compact, NC Campus Compact Engaged Faculty Award, and Gulf South Summit Faculty Award

2012 -2014 Nominee, UNCA Teaching Award

2014 Community Connector Award, UNC Asheville

2013 Champion for Students Award, Alumni Association, UNC Asheville

2010 Sidney S. Chipman Alumni Award, UNC-CH Department of Maternal & Child Health

2005 Delta Omega Honor Society, Alpha Chapter

2003 Secretary's Award for Innovation in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

2002 Stebbins Award for Public Health Practice, JHBSPH

2002 Outstanding Student Paper Award, American School Health Association (ASHA)

2001 Development Award (Co-Awardee), Johns Hopkins University Center for Adolescent Health

2001 Johns Hopkins Alumni Association Community Service Grant  
 2000 Baltimore City Arts Council Grant  
 <2000 Graduate Assistant Technology Grant, UNC-CH (1999); Mahatma Gandhi Internship Award, UNC-CH (1998); Teacher of the Year Finalist: Non-Tenured Baltimore City Public School System (1997); Order of the Golden Fleece, UNC-CH (1995); Morehead Award, UNC-CH (1991)

### Professional Affiliations

American Public Health Association, Society for Public Health Education, Contemplative Mind & Society

Manuscript Reviewer: *Public Health Nutrition, Ecology of Food and Nutrition, Pedagogy in Health Promotion, Health Equity*

### Learning Circle & Professional Development Participation

Aug 2011 – Present Contemplative Practice Learning Circle Participant and Facilitator, UNCA  
 Jan 2021 Panel, Remote Community-Engaged Learning: Lessons Learned, UNCA  
 Fall 2020 Social Dimensions of COVID-19 Learning Circle Co-Facilitator  
 Fall 2019 – Spr 2020 De-Colonial Approaches in the Classroom FLC Co-Facilitator  
 Fall 2019 *Altered Traits* book Learning Circle Co-Facilitator  
 Sep 2012 – 2018 Inquiry ARC (Apply, Reflect, Communicate) Pilot Program, UNCA  
 Summer 2018 Harvard Summer Course on Case-Based Teaching & Learning  
 May 2015 Community Engaged Learning and Research Workshop, Key Center, UNCA  
 June 2014 Critical Reflection Workshop with Patti Clayton, Key Center, UNCA  
 Aug 2013 Summer Session, Contemplative Mind & Society, Northampton, MA  
 Aug 2012 SENCER Educators' conference, Santa Clara, CA  
 2012 Pedagogy of Freedom and Surviving Academia Learning Circles

### Professional Service

#### **Department**

Fall 2020 – Present Member and coordinator, HWP Equity Commitment Committee  
 Fall 2019 Search Committee Chair  
 2012 to 2016 Coordinator, Stand Against Racism Activity  
 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016 Search Committee Member

#### **University**

Spr 2020 – Present Member, Equity Plan Team, UNC AVL MPH Program  
 Fall 2020 – Present Member, University Research Council  
 Spr 2018 – Present Member, UNCA Student Environmental Center Board  
 Fall 2017 – Present Member, UNCA Ombuds Team  
 Spr 2013 - Present Reviewer, *UNCA Undergraduate Research Journal* & *Service Learning Journal*  
 Spr 2020 Reviewer, McCullough Fellows Program  
 Fall 2017 – 2018 Member, Committee of Tenured Faculty  
 Fall 2013 – 2018 Member, Key Center for Service Learning Advisory Committee  
 Fall 2011 – 2018 Member, International Programs Advisory Council  
 Sum 2013 – 2017 Member, Intercultural Gallery Committee  
 Fall 2011 – 2017 Member, Mindful Campus Annual Meeting Organizing Committee  
 Fall 2014 – Fall 2016 Member, UNCA Sexual Misconduct Hearing Board  
 Spr 2013 – Fall 2015 Coordinator, K-12 Health/PE Licensure Program  
 Fall 2012 – Spr 2015 Advisor, National Wellness Institute Student Chapter  
 Summer/Fall 2013 Organizer, NC Campuses Against Hunger Conference Participant Group

February 2013 Science Olympiad Proctor (Disease Detectives)  
Spr 2012 – Fall 2013 Faculty Advisor, NC GA Social Entrepreneurship Competition

**Community**

Dec 2019 – Present Member, Mountain True Board  
Spr 2016 – Present Member and Current Chair, Bountiful Cities Board  
Spr 2016 – Present Member, Food Dye Expert Panel, Center for Science in the Public Interest  
Spr 2016 – 2018 Member, UNCA Center for Diversity Education Board  
Aug 2017 – 2018 Member, Asheville City Schools Foundation Board  
May 2012 - 2017 Member, School Health Advisory Council  
Fall 2014 – Fall 2015 Co-Chair, Policy Committee, NC Eat Smart Move More Coalition  
Dec 2012 – Fall 2015 Member and Secretary, Asheville Design Center Board