

# UNC Health Behavior Dissertations List

---

Health behavior doctoral dissertations and the abstracts completed since 2006 are made available [online](#) in the Carolina Digital Repository. This page lists graduates, dissertation titles and advisers for students completed during the last few years. Links are added when they become available.

## 2018

**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

**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) Adviser: Beth Moracco, 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

**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

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

**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

**Catherine L. Jo.** The Effect of E-cigarette Print Advertisements on Smoking Cessation. [Abstract](#) Adviser: Kurt M. Ribisl, PhD

**Marta Malawa.** A Mixed-Methods Study of Intimate Partner Violence Among Men in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. [Abstract](#)  
Adviser: Suzanne Maman, PhD

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

**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

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

**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

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

**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

**Stacey Cutbush**. Teen Dating Violence Perpetration Among Middle School Youth: The Role of Bullying, Sexual Harassment, and Gender. [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

**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

**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

**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 Ennet, PhD