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EDUCATION

2021 (Expected) PhD, Health Policy and Management
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Dissertation: Impact of The Affordable Care Act on Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Colorectal Cancer Outcomes among Medicare Beneficiaries: The Role of Community-Level Social Risk

2016 Certificate, Science of Clinical Investigation
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

2009 MHS, Epidemiology
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
Master's Thesis: Effect of Comorbidity on Mammography Adherence among African American Medicare Beneficiaries: Implications for Cancer Screening Navigation

2005 BS, Biochemistry
University of Maryland, College Park

PROFESSIONAL/ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

08/2016 – Present Graduate Research Assistant (Lead Research Assistant: 08/2016-08/2018)
Department of Health Policy and Management
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

08/2018 – 07/2020 Predoctoral Fellow, Cancer Care Quality Training Program
Department of Health Policy and Management
National Research Service Award (NRSA), **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

08/2019 – 12/2019 Graduate Teaching Assistant (HPM 880: Principles of Health Policy Research Methods)
Department of Health Policy and Management
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

07/2012 – 07/2016 Research Program Manager
Department of Oncology
Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

06/2009 – 07/2012 Senior Research Assistant / Project Coordinator
Departments of Epidemiology and Oncology
Johns Hopkins Schools of Public Health and Medicine

01/2008 – 05/2009 Graduate Research Assistant
Department of Epidemiology
Johns Hopkins School of Public Health

10/2005 – 08/2007 Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) Fellow
National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health

HONORS AND AWARDS

- The Francine and Harry Weinberger Award for Excellence, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2021
- Jean G. Yates Outstanding Doctoral Student Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2020
- Predoctoral National Research Service Award (NRSA), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2018-2020
- AcademyHealth Diversity Scholars Network Scholarship, 2019-2020
- Society of Multivariate Experimental Psychology Underrepresented Student Workshop Travel Award, Society of Multivariate Experimental Psychology, 2019
- Cancer Outcomes Research Program Travel Award, Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Spring 2018, Spring 2019 & Spring 2020
- Graduate Student Transportation Grant, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2018
- Geographic Management of Cancer Health Disparities Program (GMAP) Region 1-South Travel Scholarship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2017
- Doctoral Merit Assistantship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Graduate School, 2016 (deferred to 2017)
- University Cancer Research Fund (UCRF) Award, Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2016
- Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) Fellowship, National Cancer Institute, 2005-2007
- Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Academic Performance, Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Education, University of Maryland, College Park, 2004

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Samuel, C.A., **Mbah, O.**, Peacock-Hinton, S., Reeve, B., Cross, S., Dusetzina, S. Evaluating the Contribution of Patient-Provider Communication and Cancer Diagnosis to Racial Differences in End-of-Life Care among Medicare Beneficiaries. *J Gen Intern Med* (In Press).
2. Samuel, C.A., **Mbah, O.**, Elkins, W., Pinheiro, L., Szymeczek, M.A., Padilla, N.R., Walker, J.S., Corbie-Smith, G. Calidad de Vida: A Systematic Review of Quality of Life in Latino Cancer Survivors. *Qual Life Res.* 2020 Oct;29(10):2615-2630
3. **Mbah OM**, Kinlaw AC, Trogon JG, Wheeler SB, Samuel CA. The Affordable Care Act and Disparities in Colorectal Cancer Screening among Adults Age 50-64. *Am J Prev Med* 2020 Feb;58(2):175-181
4. Samuel CA, **Mbah OM**, Schaal J, Eng E, Black KZ, Baker S, Ellis KR, Guerrab F, Jordan L, Lightfoot AF, Robertson LB, Younge CM, Cykert S. The Role of Patient-Physician Relationship on Health-Related Quality of Life and Pain in Cancer Patients. *Supportive Care Cancer* 2019 Oct 16. doi: 10.1007/s00520-019-05070-y
5. Richmond J, **Mbah OM**, Dard SZ, Jordan LC, Cools KS, Samuel CA, Khan JM, Manning MA. Evaluating Potential Racial Inequities in Low-Dose Computed Tomography Screening for Lung Cancer. *J Natl Med Assoc* 2020 Feb 14. pii: S0027-9684(20)30005-5
6. Brown QL, Elmi A, Bone L, Stillman F, **Mbah O**, Bowie JV, Wenzel J, Gray A, Ford JG, Slade JL, Dobs A. Community Engagement to Address Cancer Health Disparities: A Process EVALUATION using the Partnership Self-Assessment Tool. *Prog Community Health Partnersh.* 2019;13(1):97-104
7. Richmond J, **Mbah OM**, Dard SZ, Jordan LC, Cools KS, Samuel CA, Khan JM, Manning MA. Preempting Racial Inequities in Lung Cancer Screening. *Am J Prev Med.* 2018 Dec;55(6):908-912
8. Uveges MK, Lansey DG, **Mbah O**, Gray T, Sherden L, Wenzel J. Patient navigation and clinical trial participation: A randomized controlled trial design. *Contemp Clin Trials Commun.* 2018 Sep 22;12:98-102
9. Samuel, C.A., Schaal, J., Robertson, L., Kollie, J., Baker, S., Black, K., **Mbah, O.**, Dixon, C., Ellis, K., Eng, E., Guerrab, F., Jones, N., Kotey, A., Morse, C., Taylor, J., Whitt, V., Cykert, S. Racial differences in symptom management during breast cancer treatment. *Supportive Care in Cancer.* 2018 May;26(5):1425-1435
10. Marshall J, **Mbah O**, Ford JG, Phelan-Emrick D, Ahmed S, Bone L, Wenzel J, Shapiro G, Howerton M, Johnson L, Brown Q, Ewing A, Pollack C. Effect of Patient Navigation on Breast Cancer Screening among African American Medicare Beneficiaries: A Randomized Controlled Trial. *J Gen Intern Med.* 2016 Jan;31(1):68-76
11. **Mbah O**, Ford JG, Qiu M, Wenzel J, Bone L, Bowie J, Elmi A, Slade J, Towson M, Dobs A. Mobilizing Social Support Networks to Improve Cancer Screening: The COACH Randomized Controlled Trial Study Design. *BMC Cancer.* 2015, 15:907. DOI: 10.1186/s12885-015-1920-7
12. Wenzel JA, **Mbah O**, Xu J, Moscou-Jackson G, Saleem H, Sakyi K, Ford JG. A Model of Cancer Clinical Trial Decision-making Informed by African American Cancer Patients. *J. Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities.* 2015 June 1;2(2):192-199.

13. Shirazi M, Engelman KK, **Mbah O**, Shirazi A, Robbins I, Bowie J, Popal R, Wahwasuck A, Whalen-White D, Greiner A, Dobs A, Bloom J. Targeting and Tailoring Health Communications in Breast Screening Intervention. *Progress in Community Health Partnerships*. 2015, 9:83-89

Manuscripts in Review

Manuscripts in Preparation

1. Samuel-Ryals, C.A., **Mbah, O.**, Elkins, W., Charlot, M., Dueck, A., Ginos, B., Jansen, J., Schrag, D., Spears, P., Stover, A., Basch, E. Separate and Unequal: Examining the Role of Race and Site of Care on Patient-Reported Outcomes Among Patients with Metastatic Cancer (AFT-39).
2. **Mbah O.** Effect of the Affordable Care Act on Racial/Ethnic and Community-Level Disparities in Colorectal Cancer Screening among Medicare Beneficiaries (Dissertation Paper)
3. **Mbah O.** The Association between Patient Experiences with Care and Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Colorectal Cancer Screening (Dissertation Paper)
4. **Mbah O.** Did the Affordable Care Act Change Racial/Ethnic and Community-Level Disparities in Stage of Colorectal Cancer Diagnosis? (Dissertation Paper)
5. **Mbah, O.**, Elkins, W., Samuel, C.A. Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Employment Challenges among Cancer Survivors
6. Samuel, C.A., Tan, X., Corbie-Smith, G., Cykert, S., Elkins, W., **Mbah, O.**, Wang, M., Bensen, J., Reeve, B. Employing Latent Profile Analysis to Explore Patterns of Health Care Access among a Cohort of Cancer Patients.

ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS (underlined presentations given by Olive Mbah)

1. Samuel, C.A., **Mbah, O.**, Peacock-Hinton, S., Cross, S., Reeve, B.B, Dusetzina, S.B. Evaluating the Contribution of Patient-Provider Communication and Cancer Diagnosis to Racial Differences in End-of-Life Care Among Medicare Beneficiaries. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting; Accepted Poster Presentation. Virtual; July 2020.
2. Samuel, C. A., Elkins, W., Tan, X., Corbie-Smith, G., Cykert, S., **Mbah, O.**, Padilla, N.R., Bensen, J.T., Farnan, L., Bennett, A. V., Rosenstein, D., Sanoff, H., Reeve, B.B. Racial Disparities in Patterns of Health Care Access in a Cohort of Cancer Survivors: A Latent Profile Analysis Approach. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting; Accepted Oral Presentation. Virtual; July 2020
3. Samuel, C. A., Elkins, W., Tan, X., Corbie-Smith, G., Cykert, S., **Mbah, O.**, Padilla, N.R., Bensen, J.T., Farnan, L., Bennett, A. V., Rosenstein, D., Sanoff, H., Reeve, B.B. Explaining Racial Disparities in Cancer-Related Pain: Are They Driven By Health Care Access or Social Determinants of Health? AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting; Accepted Poster Presentation. Virtual; July 2020.
4. **Mbah, O.** Elkins, W., Samuel, C. A. Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Employment Challenges among Cancer Survivors. UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center Scientific Retreat; *Poster Presentation*. Chapel Hill, NC; November 2019
5. **Mbah, O.** Elkins, W., Samuel, C. A. Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Employment Challenges among Cancer Survivors. American Public Health Association Annual Research Meeting; *Poster Presentation*. Philadelphia, PA; November 2019
6. Elkins, W., **Mbah, O.**, Bensen, J.T., Farnan, L., Padilla, N.R., Cykert, S., Reeve, B.B., Corbie-Smith, G., Samuel, C.A. Impact of Racial Differences in Financial Burden on Health-Related Quality of Life. American Association for Cancer Research Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved; *Poster Presentation*. San Francisco, CA; September 2019
7. **Mbah, O.**, Elkins, W., Samuel, C. A. Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Health Insurance Access among Cancer Patients Post Implementation of the Affordable Care Act. AcademyHealth's Annual Research Meeting; *Poster Presentation*. Washington, DC; June 2019
8. **Mbah, O.**, Schaal, J., Cykert, S., Eng, E., Robertson, L., Baker, S., Black, K. Z., Dixon, C., Ellis, K., Elkins, W., Guerrab, F., Jordan, L., Lightfoot, A., Padilla, N., Samuel, C. A. Associations between the Patient-Physician Relationship and Health-Related Quality of Life among Cancer Patients. American Society for Clinical Oncology-Palliative and Supportive Care in Oncology Symposium; *Poster Presentation*. San Diego, CA; November 2018 [Poster presented by Dr. Samuel]
9. Samuel, C. A., Schaal, J., **Mbah, O.**, Eng, E., Robertson, L., Baker, S., Black, K. Z., Dixon, C., Ellis, K., Guerrab, F., Jordan, L., Lightfoot, A., Cykert, S. Examining the role of perceived respect on racial disparities in cancer-related pain. American Association for Cancer Research Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved; *Poster Presentation*. New Orleans, LA; November 2018

10. **Mbah, O.**, Kinlaw, A., Trogdon, J., Samuel, C. A. The Affordable Care Act and Disparities in Colorectal Cancer Screening among Individuals 50 – 64 Years old. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting; Poster Presentation. Seattle, WA; June 2018
11. **Mbah, O.**, Trogdon, J., Samuel, C. A. The Affordable Care Act and Disparities in Colorectal Cancer Screening among Individuals 50 – 64 Years old. GMAP Region 1-South Annual Cancer Health Disparities Research Symposium; Oral Presentation. Chapel Hill, NC; March 2018
12. Samuel, C.A., Richmond, J., **Mbah, O.**, Dard, S., Jordan, L. Cools, K., Khan, J., Manning, M. Evaluating Potential Racial Disparities in Utilization of Low-Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT) Screening in Lung Cancer. AcademyHealth’s Annual Research Meeting; *Poster Presentation*. New Orleans, LA; June 2017
13. Manning, M., Khan, J., Richmond, J., **Mbah, O.**, Dard, S., Jordan, L. Cools, K., Samuel, C.A., Evaluation of race in the initial implementation of a low dose CT screening program for lung cancer to identify potential racial disparities. American College of Radiology Annual Meeting; *Oral Presentation*. Washington, D.C; May 2017
14. **Mbah, O.**, Richmond, J., Dard, S., Jordan, L. Cools, K., Khan, J., Manning, M., Samuel, C.A. Pre-empting Potential Exacerbation in Lung Cancer Disparities through Equitable Implementation of Low-Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT) Screening. Geographic Management of Cancer Health Disparities Program (GMAP) Region 1-South Annual Symposium; *Poster Presentation*. Charleston, SC; March 2017

SERVICE

Abstract Reviewer: AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (2021)
American Public Health Association Annual Meeting (2021)

Invited Journal Article Reviewer: BMC Cancer, American Journal of Preventive Medicine, Journal of General Internal Medicine, Ethnicity and Health

Member, Faculty Search Committee
Department of Health Policy and Management, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. (November 2019 – March 2020)

Member, Doctoral Dissertation Committee: Oporuiche Ibekwe, DrPH Student, School of Community Health and Policy, Morgan State University. Dissertation Title: “Association Between Medical Mistrust, Health Literacy and Colorectal Cancer Screening Utilization Among African Americans” (August 2017 – March 2020)

Panel Discussant, Title: How to succeed in the PhD Program – PhD Students’ Perspectives. HPM 874 - “Advanced Research Seminar in Health Policy and Management” Health Policy and Management, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. (November 2020, December 2019, and September 2018)

Panel Discussant, Title: Preparing for Comprehensive Exams – Students’ Perspective. HPM 874: Advanced Research Seminar in Health Policy and Management, Health Policy and Management, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. (January 2019)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- AcademyHealth
- American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)
- American Public Health Association (APHA)
- American Society of Preventive Oncology (ASPO)
- Geographic Management of Cancer Disparities Program (GMAP) Region-1 South

SKILLS and COMPETENCIES

Computer/Programming: STATA, SAS

Language: French (Basic/Working Knowledge)