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### EDUCATION

PhD, Health and Rehabilitation Science, University of Missouri-Columbia (2023)  
MPH, Health Policy & Promotion, University of Missouri-Columbia (2019)  
Graduate Certificate in Epidemiology, University of Missouri-Columbia (2019)  
Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery, MBChB, University of Sierra Leone (2013)

### EMPLOYMENT AND POSITIONS HELD

2023-present	Assistant Professor (non-tenure track), Department of Epidemiology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
2023-present	Postdoctoral Fellow, Michigan Society of Fellows, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
2019-2023	Graduate Research Assistant, School of Health Professions, University of Missouri, Columbia
2018	Public Health Intern, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention
2016-2017	Sub-investigator/ Study Physician, EBOVAC Ebola Vaccine Trial, Kambia, Sierra Leone
2015-2016	Surveillance Program Officer, World Health Organization (WHO), Sierra Leone
2014-2015	Ebola Academy Training Facilitator, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
2013-2015	Medical Doctor, Ministry of Health and Sanitation, Sierra Leone.

### AWARDS

2022	International Engagement Award for Outstanding Student Contribution, University of Missouri-Columbia
2022	The SEC Emerging Scholars Program Doctoral Fellowship, University of Missouri-Columbia
2021	Mary Elizabeth Gutermuth award for community engagement, University of Missouri-Columbia

2021	Graduate Professional Council Excellence in Research Award, University of Missouri-Columbia
2019	Outstanding departmental award for overall excellence, MPH, Health policy and promotion, University of Missouri-Columbia
2017-2019	Fulbright Foreign Student award

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2024:	Advisory committee member, Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Training program, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
2023:	Member, Center for Global Health Equity, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
2023:	Affiliate, African Heritage and Humanities Initiative, African Studies Center, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
2023	Member, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Epidemiology Department, University of Michigan
2020:	Member, Population Association of America
2019:	Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health
2019:	Member, American Public Health Association

## PUBLISHED WORK

1. **David, I.** et al. (2025). "COVID-19 Prevention Practices Among Healthcare Workers in Sierra Leone: Informing Preparedness for Future Infectious Disease Outbreaks. *Journal of Public Health in Africa* (In press)
2. Tefera, G. M., Onyeaka, K., **David, I.**, Kehinde, O., Yu, K., & Majee, W. (2025). The Forgotten Minority: Qualitative Exploration of Stressors Experienced by African International Students in the USA During COVID-19. *Journal of Human Rights and Social Work*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41134-024-00360-w>
3. Majee, W., **David, I. J.**, & Onyeaka, K. (2024). Youth Substance Use and Addiction: An African Perspective Toward Better Quality of Life. In M. Florence, W. Vanderplasschen, M. Yu, J. De Maeyer, & S. Savahl (Eds.), *Handbook of Addiction, Recovery and Quality of Life: Cross-cutting Perspectives from Around the Globe* (pp. 447-458). Springer Nature Switzerland. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-65873-0\\_31](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-65873-0_31)
4. Tefera, G. M., Kehinde, O., Olajire, A., **David, I.**, Odongo, D., Onyeaka, K., Dickson-Amagada, M., & Majee, W. (2024). Mental Wellbeing in the Pre-and Post-Pandemic Era: Perspectives of U.S. College Students, Faculty, and Administrators. *Applied Research in Quality of Life*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11482-024-10409-7>
5. Majee, W.; **David, I.**; Hultine Massengale, S.; Wolff Rippel, C.; James, D.; Haq, T.; Russell, A. Creating spaces for dialogue and learning to build collective empowerment: A qualitative study on community leadership development in Midwest America communities. *Community Development*, 1-18, doi:10.1080/15575330.2024.2411733.

6. **David, I.**, Tefera, G. M., & Majee, W. (2024). Beyond the needle: A Qualitative Exploration of Sierra Leonean Healthcare Workers' Post-vaccination Experiences. *Health Promotion International*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/heapro/daae092>
7. **David, I.**, Schatz, E., & Myroniuk, T. (2024). "With Ebola, it was Important to Keep Away from Sick Individuals and with COVID, it's Similar": How Ebola Shaped the Health Worker Experience of COVID-19 in Sierra Leone. *Applied Research in Quality of Life*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11482-024-10333-w>
8. **David, I.**, Lembani, M., Tefera, G. M., & Majee, W. (2024). COVID-19 and Immigrant Status: A Qualitative Study of Malawian Immigrants Living in South Africa. *Health & Social Care in the Community*, 2024, 1-11. <https://doi.org/10.1155/2024/3417537>
9. Tefera, G. M., **David, I.**, & Majee, W. (2024). A Social-ecological Perspective on Understanding Facilitators to Access Primary Health Care Services among Ethiopian Immigrant Women in the United States. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, 35(2), 707-725.
10. **David, I.**, Wegner, L., & Majee, W. (2023). "We Want to See Youth That Would Be Better People Than Us": A Case Report on Addressing Adolescent Substance Use in Rural South Africa. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 20(4), 3493. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph20043493>
11. **David, I. J.**, schatz, E., Angotti, N., Myroniuk, T. W., & Mojola, S. A. (2023). "I'm Getting Life from the Treatment": Perceptions of Life and Death Among Middle-Aged and Older Medication-Adherent Persons Living with HIV in Rural South Africa. *Journal of Aging & Social Policy*, 1-23. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08959420.2023.2195348>
12. Myroniuk, T. W., Teti, M., Schatz, E., & **David, I.** (2023). Similarities in COVID-19 Mortality Between Canadian Provinces and American States Before Vaccines Were Available. *Canadian Studies in Population*, 50(1), 2. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s42650-023-00073-x>
13. Myroniuk, T. W., Teti, M., **David, I.**, & Schatz, E. (2023). How Midwestern College students protected their families in the first year of COVID-19 [Original Research]. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 11. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2023.1143342>
14. Tefera, G. M., Lembani, M., **David, I.**, & Majee, W. (2023). COVID-19 and Migrant Coping Strategies: A Person in Environment Perspective on Experiences of Malawian Migrants Living in South Africa. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 1-14. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01488376.2023.2236140>
15. **David, I.**, Schatz, E., Myroniuk, T. W., & Teti, M. (2022). "COVID Is Another Layer of Problematic Things": Change, Vulnerability, and COVID-19 among University Students. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 19(23), 15947. <https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/19/23/15947>
16. Teti, M., **David, I.**, Myroniuk, T. W., & Schatz, E. (2022) A qualitative evaluation of a campus wide COVID-19 health education campaign: Intent, impact, and ideas for the future. *Health Education Journal*, 0(0), 00178969221122917. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00178969221122917>
17. **David, I.**, Kehinde, O., Tefera, G. M., Onyeaka, K., Harvey, I. S., & Majee, W. (2022). COVID-19 and Higher Education: A Qualitative Study on Academic Experiences of

African International Students in the Midwest. *Applied Research in Quality of Life*.

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11482-022-10095-3> (*media presence*)

18. Tefera, G. M., Onyeaka, K., Conteh, N., **David, I.**, Kehinde, O., Harvey, I., & Majee, W. (2022). COVID-19 and Student Life: An Ubuntu and resilience perspective on the experiences of African International University Students in the United States. *Journal of International Students*, 13(3). <https://doi.org/10.32674/jis.v13i3.4764>
19. Myroniuk, T. W., Hermsen, J. M., Hamilton, C., **David, I.**, Teti, M., Ranjit, Y. S., Woodrey, S. N., Stille, J. A. W., Teixeira, E., Guan, Y., Daniels, M., & Schatz, E. (2022). *The MU Study of Seropositivity and Risk for SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19: Crucial Behavioral and Immunological Data from Midwestern College Students*. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1101/2022.01.24.22269758>
20. Anakwe, A., Majee, W., **David, I.**, & Belue, R. (2022). Unpreparedness and uncertainty: a qualitative study of African American experiences during COVID-19 pandemic. *Sociological Spectrum*, 1-14. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02732173.2022.2081893>
21. Schatz, E., **David, I.**, Angotti, N., Gómez-Olivé, F. X., & Mojola, S. A. (2022). From “Secret” to “Sensitive Issue”: Shifting Ideas About HIV Disclosure Among Middle-Aged and Older Rural South Africans in the Era of Antiretroviral Treatment. *Journal of Aging and Health*, 34(1), 14-24. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08982643211020202>
22. Ishola, D., Bah, O. M., Bangalie, F. S., Bangura, A., **David, I.**, Deen, G. F., Fombah, A., Jalloh, A. B., Kamara, A. B., Kamara, I. F., Kamara, M., Leigh, B., Morovia, F., Rogers, B., Samai, M., Serry-Bangura, A., Sheku, M., Swaray, I., Anumendem, D., . . . Watson-Jones, D. (2022). Asymptomatic Malaria Infection and the Immune Response to the 2-Dose Ad26.ZEBOV, MVA-BN-Filo Ebola Vaccine Regimen in Adults and Children. *Clinical Infectious Diseases*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/cid/ciac209>
23. Michelle Teti, Erin L. Robinson, Latrice C. Pichon, Tyler Myroniuk, and **Ifeolu David** (2021). “Who? What? Is that a test?” African Americans in non-metropolitan Midwest U.S. identify knowledge gaps and opportunities for PrEP for HIV prevention. *American journal of hospital medicine*. Doi:<https://doi.org/10.24150/ajhm/2021.009>

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

**David, I.** et al.: Bridging Trust and Collaborative Research in Low-Income Contexts During Public Health Emergencies: A Sierra Leone Case Study. *Global Health: Science and Practice journal*

**David, I.** et al.: Equity in COVID-19 Vaccine Resource Distribution: An exploration of vaccine uptake among health workers in a low-income setting. *Vaccine*

**David, I.** et al.: COVID-19 vaccine uptake among health workers in Sierra Leone: Do the ‘trusted messengers’ trust the vaccine? *BMJ Public Health*

**David, I.**, Abram Wagner, Matthew L. Boulton: Enhancing Professional Efficacy: The Role of Institutional and Social Support for Healthcare Workers in Sierra Leone during COVID-19. *Journal of Public Health in Africa*.

**David, I.**, MBBS, MPH Lynelle Phillips, RN, MPH, Rachel O'Halloran, MS, RD, Kassandra Maturino, MPH, Mohanad Qwaider MS, and Wilson Majee, MPH, PhD: Improving vaccination rates at meat processing plants in Missouri: Experiences of Extension County Engagement Specialists as Trusted Messengers. *Journal of Extension*

**David, I.**; Wilson Majee.: People transforming communities through community commitment. A case study of two Mid-Western community leadership development programs. *Health and Social Care in the Community*.

**David, I.** et al.: Neighborhood Leadership Development: An exploration of features of successful community-based participatory leadership programs. *Journal of Community Practice*.

Mansoo Yu; Youn Kyoung Kim; Arati maleki; JongSerl Chun; Mee Young Um; Canfield P James; Sung Seek Moon; **David I.**: Depression and Health Risk Behavior Constellations during COVID-19: A Moderated Mediation Analysis of Mask-Wearing. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*

Yue Guan; Tyler W. Myroniuk; Alexander P. Earhart; Piyush Baindara; **David, I.** et al.: SARS-CoV-2: Antibody Positivity and the Persistence of Protective Antibody Responses: Evidence from the University of Missouri Community in the Fall Semester of 2020. *JAMA Network Open*.

Michelle Teti; Tyler Myroniuk; Stephanie Reid-Arndt; **David, I.**; Steffany Kerr: "Redefining Body Image After Breast Cancer in Mid and Later Life: A Photovoice Study". *European Journal of Cancer Care*.

## GROUND ROUNDS PRESENTATION

**David, I.** (2017). The Ebola Outbreak in Sierra Leone, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Missouri-Columbia.

## RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

**Ifeolu David**; Strengthening the frontline during public health emergencies: The role of institutional and social support for healthcare workers in low-income settings, Oral presentation, The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene 2024 Annual Meeting (New Orleans)



**Ifeolu David;** Inoculating trust: The impact of post-vaccination experiences on vaccine advocacy among healthcare workers in Sierra Leone, Poster presentation, The American Public Health Association (APHA) October 2024 conference (Minneapolis)

**Ifeolu David;** Equity in COVID-19 vaccine resource distribution: An exploration of vaccine uptake among health workers in a low-income setting, Poster presentation, The American Public Health Association (APHA) October 2024 conference (Minneapolis)

**Ifeolu David;** Health Disparities, Infectious Diseases, and Climate Change, MAC-EPID workshop, University of Michigan (2023)

**Ifeolu David;** A low-resource context to COVID-19 vaccinations, EPID Seminar Series, University of Michigan (2023)

**Ifeolu David, Enid Schatz;** "with ebola, it was important to keep away from sick individuals and with COVID, it's similar": How ebola shaped the health worker experience of COVID-19 in Sierra Leone, Oral presentation, The American Public Health Association (APHA) November 2023 conference (Atlanta)

**Ifeolu David, Enid Schatz;** COVID-19 vaccine uptake among health workers in Sierra Leone: Do the 'trusted messengers' trust the vaccine? Oral presentation, The American Public Health Association (APHA) November 2023 conference (Atlanta)

**Ifeolu David, Enid Schatz;** "with COVID-19 as long you take precautions and follow the COVID-19 protocols, you will be fine": COVID-19 prevention behavior among health workers in Sierra Leone, Poster presentation, The American Public Health Association (APHA) November 2023 conference (Atlanta)

**Ifeolu David,** Idethia Shevon Harvey; *What motivates change? Qualitative inquiry among rural African Americans diagnosed with diabetes*. Society of Behavioral Medicine, 44th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions. Phoenix, AZ, April 26, 2023.

**Dr. Ifeolu David (PhD);** Prof. Lisa Wegner (PhD); Prof. Wilson Majee (PhD); *"We Want to See Youth That Would Be Better People Than Us": A Case Report on Addressing Adolescent Substance Use in Rural South Africa*. Presentation made at the 53rd South African Community Epidemiology Network on Drug Use Symposium. Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth), April 21, 2023

**Ifeolu David,** Kehinde O.; Tefera G.; Conteh N.; Onyeaka K.; & Majee W: *COVID-19 and Higher Education: A Qualitative Study on Academic Experiences of African International Students in the Midwest*, Poster presentation, The American Public Health Association (APHA) November 2022 conference

Wilson Majee, **Ifeolu David**, *Vaccine Hesitancy: perceptions and experiences of cooperative Extension Community Engagement Specialists during COVID-19- An evaluation of Activity 2 Quality Improvement Project*, Oral presentation, program evaluation review, Virtual, May 2022

Adaobi Anakwe, Wilson Majee, **Ifeolu David**, *Unpreparedness and uncertainty: A qualitative study of African American experiences during COVID-19 pandemic*, Poster presentation, University of Missouri Extension & Engagement week Poster Presentation session, 2021

**David I**, Schatz E, Angotti N, Mojola S & Myroniuk T “*I’m getting life from the treatment*”: *Perceptions of living and dying on antiretroviral treatment among older medication-adherent persons living with HIV in rural South Africa*, Oral presentation at the Focus on Africa session, University of Missouri Africa Hub, October 6, 2021

**David I**, Schatz E, Angotti N, Mojola S & Myroniuk T. *The perception among medication adherent elderly individuals that stopping HIV treatment means death*. Population Association of America Meeting, Virtual, May 5-May-8, 2021.

Myroniuk T, Teti M, Schatz E & **David I**. *Which American States are Managing COVID-19 Mortality Like Canadian Provinces and Why?* Population Association of America Meeting, Virtual, May 5-May-8, 2021.

Schatz E, Angotti N, **David I**, Gómez-Olivé X & Mojola S. *From Secret to Sensitive issue: Shifting Ideas About HIV Disclosure Among Older Rural South Africans in the Era of Antiretroviral Treatment*. Population Association of America Meeting, Washington DC, April 22–25, 2020. [Conference canceled due to Covid-19].

**David, I.**, Yu, M., Pratt, D., *Perceived barriers and intentions to physical activity among public officials in a Midwestern State Health Department*, oral presentation at the American Public Health Association annual meeting, November 2019, Philadelphia, PA.

## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

2025	Instructor, PUBHLTH 450: Global Health Promotion – Equitable and Sustainable Approaches, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
2025	Instructor, PUBHLTH 306: Practical Tools For Conducting Public Health Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
2024	Instructor, PUBHLTH 306: Practical Tools For Conducting Public Health Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
2024	Guest Lecture, PUBHLTH350: Global Public Health: Challenges And Transformations, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
2022 June-July	Instructor, Principles of Public Health, University of Missouri, Columbia
2021 June-July	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Topics In public Health, University of Missouri, Columbia

2021	Guest Lecture, University of Missouri Public health graduate students
2020 June -July	Instructor, Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Global Health, University of Missouri, Columbia
2020	Four Guest lectures to University of Missouri public health graduate and undergraduate classes (class size average: 30)

## RESEARCH FUNDING

### Active

2023-2024	Faculty Pilot Projects in Global Health Program award, \$10,000 <u>Project Title:</u> Global Perspective on COVID-19: Informing Preparedness for Future Public Health Emergencies in a low-income setting <u>Role:</u> Principal Investigator
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### Completed

2022 -2023	Missouri Foundation for Health -MU Extension, \$12,014. <u>Project Title:</u> <i>Strengthening community leadership: An evaluation of St. Louis's Neighborhood Leadership Academy</i> <u>Role:</u> Co-Investigator <u>PI:</u> Dr. Wilson Majee
2022 -2023	Extension Foundation – MU Extension, \$15,847 <u>Project Title:</u> <i>Vaccine hesitancy: An Evaluation of the Vaccination Education project</i> <u>Role:</u> Co-Investigator <u>PI:</u> Dr. Wilson Majee
2022	Dissertation Research Award, \$4000 <u>Project Title:</u> Covid-19 perspectives, prevention behavior, and vaccine intention among health workers in Sierra Leone <u>Role:</u> Principal Investigator

## MENTORSHIP ACTIVITIES

2024-2025	Mentor, Undergraduate public health students, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
2023	Instructor, Introduction to Public Health, MAC Academy, University of Missouri, Columbia
2020-2023	Mentor, Graduate Scholars of Excellence program, Division of Inclusion, Diversity & Equity, University of Missouri- Columbia
2021-2023	Mentor Pre PT Scholars program, University of Missouri-Columbia
2021	Abstract Evaluator, 2021 Spring Undergraduate Research & Creative Achievements Forum
2020 Sep-Dec	Redcap Database management & Consenting Team leader, MU Study of Seropositivity and Risk for SARS and COVID-19 blood draw, University of Missouri, Columbia



2002-2014: Volunteer tutor (high school/medical students)

## SERVICE ACTIVITIES

2024 Reviewer, International Journal of Behavioral Medicine  
2024 Reviewer, American Journal of Epidemiology  
2024 Reviewer, Communications Medicine  
2023 Judge, Department of Epidemiology Student Poster session, 2023  
2023 Reviewer, American Journal of Epidemiology, Oxford University Press  
2023 Reviewer, American Journal of Preventive Medicine  
2023 Reviewer, Journal of American College Health  
2022 Reviewer, BMC Infectious Diseases journal  
2022 Abstract reviewer, American Public Health Association annual meeting and Expo.  
2022  
2020 Member, University of Missouri Medical Students COVID-19 response group  
2020 HIV/AIDS program abstract reviewer, American Public Health Association  
annual meeting and Expo. 2020  
2014 Team lead, Infection Prevention, and Control, Princess Christian Maternity  
Hospital, Freetown, Sierra Leone  
2014 Ebola Isolation and Treatment Unit Volunteer Physician, Ministry of Health and  
Sanitation, Sierra Leone

## LICENSURE / CERTIFICATION

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## IN THE NEWS

2023 [Michigan Society of Fellows names six new members](#)  
2022 [2022 International Engagement Award recipients announced](#)  
2022 [Preparing future faculty members](#)  
2022 [Study reveals impact of pandemic on international students](#)  
2022 [MU to host first in-person SEC Emerging Scholars Program](#)  
2021 [Ifeolu David receives awards for COVID-19 research](#)  
2020 [Pandemics, Public Health, and A Physician's Perspective: \*Applying public health principles from the Ebola outbreak to the COVID-19 pandemic\*](#)  
2020 [Lessons from Ebola](#)  
2015 [People behind Ebola response](#)

## Referees

1. **Enid Schatz**, Professor, Department of Public Health,  
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