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Curriculum Vita
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PERSONAL DATA:

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EXPERIENCE:

PROFESSOR

Department of Population Health Leadership & Analytics, School of Health Professions	Jan 2025 - present
Department of Public Health, School of Health Professions	Sept 2022 - Dec 2024
Department of Health and Kinesiology, School of Community and Rural Health,	Sept.2021 – Aug 2022
Department of Health and Kinesiology, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, University of Texas at Tyler; Tyler, TX	Sept.2017 – Aug 2021

- Instructor; Research; Current committees: Tenure Promotion (Department); Tenure Promotion (School); Faculty Search (Department).

GRADUATE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Department of Public Health, School of Health Professions	Sept 2022 – Aug 2023
Department of Health and Kinesiology, School of Community and Rural Health,	Sept 2021 – Aug 2022
Department of Health and Kinesiology, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, University of Texas at Tyler; Tyler, TX	Aug 2014 – Aug 2021

- Promoting Masters of Science Health Sciences program; Advising students; Graduate student Admissions, communication.

VISITING PROFESSOR/POSTDOC SCHOLAR

February 2018 - June 2018

- Doctoral level epidemiology at Universidade de São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto College of Nursing. Brazil. Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award.

INTERIM DEPARTMENTAL CHAIR

Aug 2012 – Dec 2012

Department of Health and Kinesiology, College of Nursing and Health Sciences,
University of Texas at Tyler; Tyler, TX

- Overseeing 12 fulltime faculty, running department with 450 undergraduate and 120 graduate students; management of Department budget. Evaluation and schedule management of instructors; Staff search, interviewing/ hiring. Advising graduate students within three degree programs; Curricula planning; Public Relations.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

July 2010 – Aug. 2017

Department of Health and Kinesiology, UT Tyler, TX

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Aug 2004 – June 2010

Department of Health and Kinesiology, UT Tyler; Tyler, TX

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR

Jan 2007 – Dec 2008

Department of Occupational Health Sciences, University of Texas at Tyler Health Center TX (UTTHC).

SENIOR EPIDEMIOLOGIST Sept 2002 – July 2004
Bureau of Epidemiology, Houston Department of Health and Human Services; Houston, TX

- Food-borne illness division. Client interviewing. Pulse Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE) cluster and outbreak investigations. Grant writing. Medical record review. Member of the Bioterrorism Emergency Response Team. Collaboration with other divisions on hepatitis, HIV, West Nile virus, meningitis, other case investigations.

STATISTICS/COMPUTER INSTRUCTOR Aug 2000 - June 2002
Santa Cruz Cooperative School; Santa Cruz, BOLIVIA

- Developed, instructed curricula in senior level statistics and two levels of computer instruction.

REGIONAL HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIOLOGIST July 1995 – Dec 1999
HIV/AIDS Surveillance, Louisiana Office of Public Health; New Orleans, LA

- Medical record review. Networked with STD clinics, prisons, and drug treatment and psychiatric units. Interviewed clients on risk status. Technical support for regional community planning committees.

DATA MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR May 1994 – Dec 1999
HIV/AIDS Surveillance, Louisiana Office of Public Health; New Orleans, LA

- Designed, implemented, and coordinated multiple research protocols. Presented current HIV/AIDS information to service providers, researchers, and general public. Supervised collection, analysis, and presentation of HIV/AIDS data. Trained field staff. Co-wrote grants to CDC. Office management, staff supervision, programming.

DATA-BASE MANAGER Aug 1993 - Apr 1994
HIV/AIDS Surveillance, Louisiana Office of Public Health; New Orleans, LA

- Data entry and validation. Reporting assistance and epidemiologist support.

PROJECT MANAGER-TEACHING RESEARCH ASSISTANT Sept 1992 - Aug 1993
Tulane University, School of Public Health, International Health Department; New Orleans, LA

- Provided logistic support to the Zaire School of Public Health, and Zairian USAID-sponsored trainees.
- Prepared course materials. Performed data analysis. Instructed graduate students in Lotus and PCGlobe. Coordinated production of visual aids. Advised students.

MATH/SCIENCE DEPARTMENT CHAIR Aug 1990 - May 1992
Santa Cruz Cooperative School; Santa Cruz, BOLIVIA

- Departmental planning-- math and science class tracking and curricula planning, middle and secondary school. Assessed needs and budget. Consolidated primary and secondary science objectives.

SCIENCE INSTRUCTOR Aug 1988 - June 1992
Santa Cruz Cooperative School; Santa Cruz, BOLIVIA

- Developed, instructed curricula in five secondary science disciplines. Created electives. Organized, managed and kept inventory of laboratory facilities. Supervised aids. Directed National Honor Society.

SCIENCE TEACHER Sept 1986 - June 1988
A.P. Randolph Campus High School; New York, NY

- Instructed and developed curricula in four secondary science disciplines. Created and supervised after-school student association geared towards the medical profession.

PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSISTANT Dec 1985 - July 1986
Sherwood Conservatory of Music, Chicago, IL
• Targeted potential students and community support through telemarketing techniques.
Designed newsletter and program layouts. Researched advertisement partners and sites.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER Sept 1983 - June 1985
Peace Corps; DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC of the CONGO (ZAIRE)
• Instructed and developed curricula in core science disciplines based on the Belgian system. Organized school library.

CONSULTANT (compensation):

EVALUATOR/STATISTICIAN Oct 2014 – Dec 2017
University of Texas NorthEast Health Center
• Evaluator/statistician for Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) grant
“Optimizing Colorectal Cancer Screening in East Texas”, Dr. McGaha, P.I.

EVALUATOR July 2012 – June 2014
Texas Department of State Health Services
• Evaluator for Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control program Implementation Projects (4 sites within Texas); Evaluator for Local Cancer Coalitions (3 sites within Texas); Evaluator for Cancer Alliance of Texas, Austin TX.

INDEPENDENT REVIEW ANALYST Apr 2004 – June 2011
Web Power Associates, Miami FL (www.webpower.com)
• Health evaluation of chat-host participant content. Educate content providers on methods to increase sexual health and awareness.

EVALUATOR Jan 2008 - Aug 2008
East Texas Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (ETCADA)
• Tobacco Prevention and Control Coalition (TPCC) evaluation for Smith County, Texas.

EDUCATION:

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS; New Orleans, LA Nov 2003
• PhD in Curriculum & Instruction, collaboration between Education and Human Performance-Health Promotion departments.
• Dissertation: Using mixed methodology to assess high risk sexual behavior and adult stage among Bolivian truck drivers.

TULANE UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL of PUBLIC HEALTH & TROPICAL MEDICINE; May 1994
New Orleans, LA
• MSPH in Biostatistics/Epidemiology
• Awarded Deans Grant Scholarship & US Public Health General Purpose Traineeship.

TEACHERS COLLEGE of COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY; New York, NY May 1988
• MA in Secondary School Science Education
• Awarded Teachers College/Peace Corps Fellowship & Professional Incentive Grant

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE; Santa Fe, NM May 1982
• BA in Liberal Arts; major in philosophy, minor in mathematics
• Based on "Great Books" program

ARTICLE PUBLICATIONS:

- Guimarães Solon VA, Mendonça Corradi-Webster C, Nelise de Paula Araujo C, de Deus Pontual AA, Lima Caldana RH. Sorensen, W. (2026). Hábitos de sono em estudantes de psicologia. Psico. [in press]
- Antonini M, Ciabotti H, de Alencar KA, de Macedo D, Øgård-Repål A, Vianna M, Sorensen W, Freitas J, Carson AL, de Almeida A, Barufaldi F, Carvalho R, Gir E, Reis RK. (2025). Clamídia e gonorreia entre usuários de profilaxia pré-exposição ao vírus da imunodeficiência humana: diferenças entre os tipos de parcerias sexuais. Brazilian Journal of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Vol 37 (Suppl 1) [published abstract]: <https://doi.org/10.5327/DST-2177-8264-202537S1148>.
- Fedocci EM, Antonini M, Sorensen W, Rocha KA, Gir E, Reis RK. (2023). Construction and validation of an e-book about cardiovascular risk in people living with the human immunodeficiency virus. Acta Paulista de Enfermagem 36, doi: 10.37689/acta-ape/2023AO0073333.
- Sorensen, W. (2022). Wentzell's Collective Biologies: Healing social ills through sexual health research in Mexico [Book Review]. The Latin Americanist; Vol 66; 4; 461-462.
- Gir E, de Oliveira e Silva AC, Reis RK, Nasbine Rabeh SA, Sorensen W, Pereira Nogueira W, Palucci Marziale MH, Gancalves Meneguetti M. (2022). Use of recommended personal protective equipment among Brazilian health professionals during the COVID-19 pandemic. Work 73, 69-78, doi: 10.3233/WOR-211309.
- Bezerra ALL, Sorensen W, Rodrigues TB, Sousa SML, Carneiro MS, Polato SHI, Ramos AMP, Ferreira GRO, Gir E, Reis RK, Botelho EP. (2022). HIV epidemic among Brazilian women who have sex with women: An ecological study. Frontiers in Public Health. doi: 10.3389/fpubh.2022.926560.
- Seabra I, Ferreira GRON, Sorensen W, Oliveira C, Parente AT, Gir E, Reis RK, Ferrari RAP, Botelho E. (2022). Spatial scenery of congenital syphilis in Brazil between 2007 and 2018: an ecological study. BMJ Open. Vol 12. e058270. doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2021-058270.
- Antonini M, Silva Pontes P, Santos Melo E, de Souza Alves R, Gir E, Sorensen W, & Reis RK. (2022). Sorodiscordância entre casais no contexto do HIV: Implicações para os cuidados de saúde. Brazilian Journal of Infectious Diseases, Vol 26 (Suppl 1) [published abstract]: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bjid.2021.102156>.
- Antonini M, Silva Pontes P, Santos Melo E, de Souza Alves R, Gir E, Sorensen W, & Reis RK. (2021). Serodiscordance predictors among couples in the HIV context: Implications for health care. BMC Public Health. Vol 21:1849. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-021-11835-0>
- Reis, R.K., Sousa, L.R.M., Melo, E.S., Martinez Fernandes N, Sorensen, W., Gir, E. (2021). Predictors of HIV Status Disclosure to Sexual Partners Among People Living with HIV in Brazil. AIDS and Behavior. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10461-021-03362-1>.
- Montana, J.F., Naiff Ferreira, G.R.O., Figueiredo Cunha, C.L., Rêgo de Queiroz, A.A., Andrade Fernandes, W.A., Isse Polaro, S.H., Takase Gonçalves, L.H., Carrera Couto D.C., Gir, E., Reis, R.K., Sorensen, W., & Botelho E. (2021). The HIV epidemic in Colombia: Spatial and temporal trends analysis. BMC Public Health. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-021-10196-y>.

- Santos Melo, E., Antonini, M., Braz Costa, C., Sorensen, W., Gir, E., & Reis, R. (2020). Evaluation of cardiovascular risk factors in people living with HIV in São Paulo, Brazil. *Journal of Infection in Developing Countries*; Vol 14(1), 89-96.
- Sorensen, W. (2019). Heckert's Fault Lines of Care: Gender, HIV, and Global Health in Bolivia [Book Review]. *The Latin Americanist*; Vol 63; 3; 372-373.
- Doolin, J., Vilches, J.E., Cooper, C., Gipson, C., & Sorensen, W. (2018). Perceived stress and worldview influence sleep quality in Bolivian and United States university students. *Journal of Sleep Health*, Vol 4(6), 565-571. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sleh.2018.08.006>.
- Orsak, G., Allen, C., Sorensen, W., & McGaha, P. (2018). Risk of colorectal polyps and malignancies among predominantly rural Hispanics. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10903-018-0802-x>.
- Sorensen, W. (2017). Zeiderman's Endangered City [Book Review]. *The Latin Americanist*. Vol 61; 4. DOI 10.1111/tla.12089.
- Cooper, C., Sorensen, W., & Yarbrough, S. (2017). Visualizing the health of communities: Using photovoice as a pedagogical tool in the college classroom. *Health Education Journal*, Vol 76(4), 454-466.
- Sorensen, W. (2016). T.S. Harvey's Wellness Beyond Words [Book Review]. *The Latin Americanist*. Vol 60; 4. DOI 10.1111/tla.12074.
- Qin, W., Holick, M., Sorensen, W., Walker, C.R., & Sauter, E.R. (2016). Vitamin D3 treatment Influences PGE₂ and TGFβ in normal and increased breast cancer risk women. *AntiCancer Research*, Vol 36, 5347-5354; doi: 10.21873/anticancer.11108.
- Smith, C. Owusu-Ansah, R., & Sorensen, W. (2015). An examination of thinness and overweight in children using W.H.O. BMI categories before and after an Intestinal parasite intervention. *American Journal of Public Health Research*, Vol. 3(3), 91-94; doi: 10.12691/ajphr-3-3-2.
- Moore, B.F., Sorensen, W., & Bowden-Bryon, P. (2014). Associations of sex, age, and community clinic with hypertension and dyslipidemia among Hispanics in northeast Texas. *American Journal of Hypertension Research*, Vol. 2(1), 1-17; doi: 10.12691/ajhr-2-1-1.
- Moore, B., Perez, A., Sorensen, W., Gosselin, K., Ballard, J., & Saxton, D.L. (2014). Regional and racial/ethnic differences in the association between eating habits, perceived social norms, and obesity among Texas adolescents. *Texas Journal of Public Health*, 66(2), 6-11.
- Moore, B., Sorensen, W., Cooper, C., & Daussat, L. (2012). Evaluation of a newly implemented global health curriculum in the public university setting. *Journal of General Education*, 61(4), 505-526.
- Fagen, J.L., Sorensen, W., & Anderson, P. B. (2011). Why not the University of New Orleans? Social disorganization and sexual violence among internally displaced persons of Hurricane Katrina. *Journal of Community Health*, 36(5), 721-727.
- Sorensen, W., Cappello, M., Bell, D., DiFedele, L.M., & Brown, M. (2011). Poly-helminth infection in east Guatemalan school children. *Journal of Global Infectious Diseases*, 3(1), 25-31.

- Sorensen, W. (2009). Prevalence and risk factors for *Chlamydia trachomatis* infection among cross-border truck drivers in Hong Kong [commentary]. *Sexually Transmitted Infections*, 85, 29-30.
- Sorensen, W., Anderson, P., Speaker, R., Menacho, S., & Vilches, J. (2007). Heterosexual STI/HIV risk, language, and protective message assessment by qualitative methods among Bolivian truck drivers. *Electronic Journal of International Health Education*, 10, 9-18.
- Sorensen, W., Anderson, P., Speaker, R., & Vilches, J. (2007). Assessment of condom use among Bolivian truck drivers through the lens of social cognitive theory. *Health Promotion International*, 22(1), 37-43.
- Anderson, P., & Sorensen, W. (2006). Drinking more than normal in order to make it easier to have sex with someone: A race, gender, class analysis of college students living on and off campus. *Race, Class and Gender*, 13 (1-2), 273-288.
- Sorensen, W., Lopez, L., & Anderson, P. (2001). Latino AIDS immigrants in the Western Gulf states: A different population and a need for innovative prevention strategies. *Social Work in Public Health (formerly Journal of Health and Social Policy)*, 13(1), 1-19.
- Anderson, P. & Sorensen, W. (1999). Male and female differences in reports of women's heterosexual aggression, *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 28(3), 243-253.
- Sorensen, W., Park, H. & Corson, K. (1999). The relationship between educational background and decline to death in a sample of Louisiana male AIDS cases, *International Journal of STD & AIDS*, 10, 195-198.
- Sorensen, W. (1998). AIDS surveillance in the classroom. *Science Activities*, 34(4), 15-19.
- Welch, K., Mock, N., Sorensen, B. & Netrobenko, O. (1996). Health and nutrition in children under 2 years of age in three areas of the Russian Federation. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, 74(6), 605-612.

CHAPTER PUBLICATIONS:

- Grzybowski, A., Sorensen, W., Phillips, S., & Azghani, A. (2025). Sentinel Surveillance: Hepatitis E and the case for domestic animal surveillance. In Global Health Surveillance – What the 21st Century Holds in Store for Us. [Dogan, N., editor]. IntechOpen Publishers; London UK. ISBN: 978-1-83634-701-9.
- Sorensen, W., Swindall, R., Smith, V., & Cooper, C. (2025). From helminths to *Blastocystis*: Intestinal parasite prevalence among children of Northeast Texas. In Exploring the World of Parasites – A Journey of Discovery in Parasitology Research. [De-Simone, S., editor]. IntechOpen Publishers; London UK. ISBN: 978-1-83634-356-1
- Swindall, R., Sorensen, W., & Horton, A. (2024). Developmental screening in young children: Subsequent impacts in academic performance, self-management, and parental knowledge. In Physical and Mental Health and School Adjustment- Contextual, Psychological Variables and Performance in School Settings. [Rodriguez-Fernandez, A., editor]. IntechOpen Publishers; London UK. ISBN:978-0-85014-954-8
- Sorensen, W., Cooper, C., Peñarrieta, I., Tuell, C., & Gir, E. (2016). Factors influencing the diagnosis, treatment, and care of persons living with HIV infection in Mexico. In Latin America: Economic, Social and Political Issues of the 21st Century. [Peterson, C., editor]. Nova Publishers Inc; Hauppauge, NY. ISBN: 978-1-63484-620-2.

- Sorensen, W. & Smith, J. (2016). Recent cholera epidemics originating in Latin America: Contrasts and comparisons with social and public health implications. In Latin America: Economic, Social and Political Issues of the 21st Century. [Peterson, C., editor]. Nova Publishers Inc; Hauppauge, NY. ISBN: 978-1-63484-620-2.
- Sorensen, W. & Copley L. (2009). NGO role and responsibility: Observations of health aid interaction to and within Latin America. In Public Administration, NGO's and Public Debt: Issues and Perspectives. [Kratochvil, M, Pokorny V., editors]. Nova Science Publishers Inc; Hauppauge, NY. ISBN: 978-1-60741-597-8.

GRANTS AWARDED (Total \$846,885):

- Community Health Initiated Research Partnership (CHIRP), Houston Tx. Early developmental screening and parent engagement through electronic and community-based outreach for children 6 weeks to 60 months old in east Texas. Sorensen, W. (PI), Swindall, R., Torrez, K. (co-Investigators). \$20,000. Feb. 2026 – June 2027.
- Community Health Initiated Research Partnership (CHIRP), Houston Tx. Strengthening “Champions for Children”: A Multi-system evaluation for early childhood screening in northeast Texas. Sorensen, W. (PI), Swindall, R., Horton, A. (co-Investigators). \$25,000. Feb. 2023 – June 2024.
- Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA), Washington D.C. Community-based workforce for COVID-19 Vaccine outreach, HRSA-21-136. McGaha, P. (PI). Sorensen, W. (co-Investigator). \$18,720 to UT Tyler Department Health & Kinesiology. January 2022 – Dec. 2022.
- National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Washington D.C. Contributing factors on slips, trips, and falls among Texas shrimp fishermen. Cooper, C. (PI). Sorensen, W. (co-Investigator). \$210,700 to UT Tyler. Sept. 2018 – Oct. 2020.
- Baseline smoking behavior, knowledge, and attitudes in HIV infected individuals in Brazil; Instruction of graduate level epidemiology; Universidade de São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto College of Nursing. Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award. Sorensen, W. (PI), Gir, E., Fleck Reinato, L. (Co-PI's). \$22,000. Feb. - June 2018.
- Texas Dept. State Health Services, Austin. Enhanced Surveillance of Chagas Disease, Northeast Texas. Sorensen, W. (PI). Cooper, C., Goulden, D., Scribner, A. (co-PIs). 537-18-0377-00001. \$207,829. Sept. 2017 – Aug. 2019.
- Texas Dept. State Health Services, Austin. Prevalence of Soil Transmitted Helminths in northeast Texas children. Sorensen, W. (PI). Cooper, C. (co-PI). 537-17-0281-00001. \$68,336. May-Aug. 2017.
- University of Texas at Tyler, Institute for Integrated Healthcare Research Award; College of Nursing and Health Sciences, UT Tyler. Sorensen, W. Translation of intervention module, “Last Drag”. \$400. Sept. 2016 – Sept. 2017.
- University of Texas at Tyler, Collaborative Research Initiation Award. Sorensen, W., Azghani, A., Grzybowski, A. Hepatitis E seroprevalence in dogs, Smith County, Texas. \$5,000. July 2014 – June 2015.
- Texas Department of State Health Services, Sorensen, W (PI). Evaluation for Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control program. CHRON/AH-0254.1; \$86,300. July 2012 – June 2014.

- Department of Health & Kinesiology collaboration grant; (University of Texas at Tyler). Drinkard, A. (PI), Sorensen, W. (Co-PI). Fitness for disabled students: Implementation and evaluation. \$3,000. Jan 2012- May 2012.
- Texas Department of State Health Services, Sorensen, W (PI). Prostate Cancer Awareness, Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Program, CHRON/AH-0254.1; \$176,600. Apr 2008 – June 2012.
- University of Texas Tyler First Year Faculty Research Enhancement Stipend. Sorensen, W. (PI). Investigating initial lines of research for the College of Nursing Global Health program. \$3,000. June 2005 – Dec. 2005.

GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS REJECTED:

- NIMHD Specialized Centers of Excellence on Minority Health and Health Disparities; NIH (U54). Drs Osuagwu & Singh (UT Health NE) PIs; Sorensen, W. (co-PI) \$450,000. May 2017.
- Plan4Health Cohort Two. Northeast Texas Public Health District, Tyler Texas, Sorensen, W. (Co-PI). American Planning Association and American Public Health Association. Aug 2015.
- Chronic disease risk assessment in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia; Instruction of graduate level epidemiology at *Universidad Autónoma Gabriel René Moreno*. Fulbright. Sorensen, W. (PI), Castillo, A., Ramiro Cladera, C. (Co-PIs). August 2014.
- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Njororai, F. (PI), Njororai, W. (Co-PI), Sorensen, W. (Co-Investigator). Minority Health Research and Education Program, Allied Health Pathways. August 2014.
- Partnerships to Improve Community Health. Northeast Texas Public Health District, Tyler Texas, Sorensen, W. (Co-PI). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. June 2014.
- Hepatitis E Seroprevalence in Stray, Owner-Surrendered and Dog-Owner Pairs in northeast Texas. Gryzbowski (PI), Sorensen, W., Azghani, A., Strout, K (Co-PIs). American Kennel Club, Canine Health Foundation. \$11,458. June 2013.
- Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. Sorensen, W. (PI), Cherry, D. & Cooper, C. (Co-PIs), Northeast Texas colorectal cancer education program: Participatory outreach for medically underserved African Americans. RFA P-10-HPP1, \$300,000. Nov 2009.
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Rapid Response. Cooper, C. (PI), Sorensen, W. (Co-PI). Guiding school policy through understanding community perspectives on childhood obesity in a rural Hispanic population in East Texas. August 2008.
- GlaxoSmithKline, Sorensen, W. (PI), Bell, D. (Co-PI). School based albendazole trial in Eastern Guatemala. \$69,900, May 2006.
- Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Duke, G (PI), Rountree, P (Co-PI), Sorensen, W (Co-PI). The Influence of psychosocial factors with the incidence and prevalence of work-related injury and illness in registered nurses. \$10,000, May 2005.

PRESENTATIONS at INTERNATIONAL & NATIONAL CONFERENCES:

- Ali, M., Sorensen, W. Prevalence and beliefs associated with vaccine hesitancy among Muslim-Americans. (2023, Nov. 15). American Public Health Association annual conference. Atlanta, GA.
- Sorensen, W., Gir, E., Fleck Reinato, L. & Pareira Caldeira, N. (2019, May 6-7). Preliminary analysis of smoking behaviour and environments in HIV infected persons in Brazil. Athens Institute for Education and Research, Forum on Epidemiology. Athens, Greece.
- Allen, C., Orsak, G., Sorensen, W., & McGaha, P. (2017, Nov 4-8). Increasing access to colorectal cancer screening in rural east Texas. American Public Health Association annual conference. Atlanta, GA.
- Sorensen, W. & Ates, T. (2012, May 24-25). Shared decision making through the lens of prostate cancer screening in NE Texas; Mixed methodology assessment. 3rd Annual Qualitative Research for Policy Making conference. Lisbon, Portugal.
- Moore, B., Sorensen, W., Gosselin, K., Perez, A. & Ballard, J. (2012, Mar 13-15). Influences of diet-related behaviors and perceived social norms on obesity in 8th and 11th grade students. 10th Annual International Functional Foods in Health and Disease conference. Santa Barbara, CA.
- Sorensen, W. & Ates, T. (2009, Oct. 15). Pre/Post assessment of prostate cancer risk and knowledge among NE Texas men. American Association for Cancer Education conference. Houston, TX. Abstract 378422.
- Sorensen, W. (2009, Apr 1). Building school health day collaborations in Guatemala. Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance National Conference, Tampa, FL.
- DiFedele, L., Sorensen, W., Brown, M., Cappello, M., & Bell, D. (2006, Nov 12). Prevalence and intensity of geohelminth infections in school-age children from the Izabal Region, Guatemala. American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. Atlanta GA.
- Anderson, P. & Sorensen, W. (2006, Nov 9). Profile of college students at a Southern University. Society of the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Las Vegas NV.
- Bell, D., Mahoney, D., Sorensen, W. & Alfred D. (2006, June). Initial evaluation of a hookworm intervention among rural school children in Guatemala. Democratic Nursing Organisation of South Africa, Sandton, South Africa.
- Sorensen, W. & Cooper, C. (2005, Dec 5-6). Developmental factors relating to obesity among North East Texas adolescents. Society for Public Health Education 56th Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- Sorensen, W. & Cropley, L. (2005, Dec 5). Does doing good do more harm? Observations of health organization interaction from three Latin American countries. Society for Public Health Education 56th Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- Duke, G., DeWitt, A., Miner, H., Rountree, P. & Sorensen, W. (2005, July 15). Influence of psychosocial factors with the incidence and prevalence of work-related injury and illness in registered nurses. 16th International Nursing Research Congress. Hawaii's Big Island, Hawaii. Abstract 23791.
- Sorensen, W., Anderson, P. & Speaker, R. (2004, Nov 6). Stuck on commercial sex workers: Differences between sex partners of Bolivian truck drivers. Society of the Scientific Study of Sexuality annual meeting. Orlando, FL.

- Hise, K., Lin, C., Bordoni, P., Mauro, L., Norton, D., Sobel, J., Toguchi, A., Barth, S., Avashia, S., Richardson, M., Gaul, L., Abell, A., McAndrew, S., Rowe, D., Sorenson B., et al. (2004, Aug 8). Laboratory investigation of a *Listeria monocytogenes* outbreak associated with consumption of soft cheese. International Association of Food Protection conference. Phoenix, AZ.
- Gaul, L., Richardson, M., Avashia, S., Wiles, K., Sorensen, W., Ibrahim, S., et al. (2004, Mar 1). Typhoid fever outbreak in Texas linked to raw oyster consumption. International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases. Atlanta, GA.
- Sorensen, W. & Lopez, L. (1998, May 29). Detrimental reporting consequences for HIV infected Latino migrants in Louisiana: The breakdown of the surveillance-service cycle. 10th Annual Conference on Social Work & HIV/AIDS, New Orleans, LA. #26.
- Sorensen, W. (1998, Mar 6). Investigations in Metro New Orleans Health Clinics on Adolescent Health Education. 19th Annual Ethnography in Education Research Forum. Philadelphia, PA.
- Sorensen, W. & Dovenbarger, J. (1996, July). HIV & Hepatitis B Infection via Boxing and Other Professional Sports- How Likely? Annual North American Boxing Federation Conference. New Orleans, LA.

OTHER ABSTRACTS, REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS:

- Habib, N., Sorensen, W. (2025, Apr 25). Suggested surveillance of Avian flu. Presented at School of Medicine Research Day, UT Tyler, Tyler, TX.
- Swindall, R., Sorensen, W., Horton, A. (2024, May 24). Strengthening Champions for Children: A multi-system evaluation for early childhood screening in northeast Texas. Presented at Nursing/School of Health Professions Research Showcase, UT Tyler, Tyler, TX.
- Valenzuela, B., Sorensen, W. (2024, May 20-23). Disparities in cognitive decline along the Texas/Mexico border: A study using BRFSS data. Presented at Texas Public Health Association annual conference, Galveston, TX.
- Ali, M., Sorensen, W. (2024, May 20-23). Prevalence and beliefs associated with vaccine hesitancy among Muslim-Americans. Presented at Texas Public Health Association annual conference, Galveston, TX.
- Le, K., Sorensen, W., Cooper, C., Sass, S., Kirby, L. (2023, Apr 28). Exploring social media usage and its effects on college students' mental health: A mixed methods study. Presented at University of South Carolina's Discover Research Conference, Columbia, SC.
- Farahiniya, S., Sorensen, W. (2023, Apr 21). Launching a knowledge, attitudes and behaviors based survey to assess nutritional levels in Texas immigrants who suffer from cardiovascular disease (CVD) or diabetes (a pilot study plan). Presented at East Texas Research Conference, Tyler, TX.
- Galvan, P., Corradi-Webster, C.M., Solon, V., Cooper, C., Vilches, J.E., Doolin, J., & Sorensen, W. (2020, Mar 29- Apr 1). Comparing sleep and stress among university students from three countries. Accepted to present at Texas Public Health Association annual conference, Irving, TX.
- Boyle, J., Pereira Caldeira, N., Gir, E., Fleck Reinato, L., & Sorensen, W. (2020, Mar 31). Prevalence of Smoking and Second Hand Smoke among HIV infected persons, in Brazil. Accepted to present at Texas Public Health Association annual conference, Irving, TX.

- Swindall, R., Cooper, C., & Sorensen, W. (2019, Sept. 12-13). *Blastocystis hominis* in a sample of children in northeast Texas. Presented at UT Health Science Center of Tyler's annual Health Disparities conference, Tyler, TX.
- Allen, C., Orsak, G., Caldwell, E., Collier, M., Sorensen, W., & McGaha, P. (2017, Nov. 13-14). Importance of distance to screening facility for colorectal cancer screening method in rural east Texas. Presented at Texas Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas annual conference, Austin, TX.
- Allen, C., Malone, S., Ross, M., Olusola, B., Sorensen, W., & McGaha, P. (2017, Mar. 27-29). Increasing access to colorectal cancer (CRC) screening in rural east Texas where there is a high rate of adenomatous polyps detected. Presented at Texas Public Health Association annual conference, Fort Worth, TX.
- Stratton, J., Fisher, S., Cooper, C., & Sorensen, W. (2017, Mar. 27-29). Unusual TB clusters in northeast Texas. Presented at Texas Public Health Association annual conference, Fort Worth, TX.
- Doolin, J., Vilches, J.E., Cooper, C., Gipson, C., & Sorensen, W. (2017, Mar. 27-29). Stress and sleep among undergraduate university students, across two different cultures. Presented at Texas Public Health Association annual conference, Fort Worth, TX.
- Sorensen, W. (2016, July 19). Use of portfolios as a learning and development tool. Presented at International Innovations in Teaching workshop, UT Tyler, Tyler, TX.
- Tuell C., Sorensen, W., & Cooper, C. (2016, Apr. 11-13). Tobacco smoking knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs among Cambodian college students. Presented at Texas Public Health Association annual conference, Galveston, TX.
- Allen, C., Tison, S., Ross, M., Olusola, B., Morrison, J., Sorensen, W. et al., (2015, November 9-10). High rate of adenomatous polyps detected in rural east Texas. Presented at Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas conference, Austin, TX.
- Sorensen, W., Grzybowski, A., Azghani, A., Heseltine, G., & Phillips, S. (2015, May 20-22). Hepatitis E seroprevalence in Canines in Smith County Texas: Confirmation of IgG results. James Steele Conference on Diseases in Nature Transmissible to Man, Galveston, TX.
- Tuell C., Sorensen, W., & Cooper, C. (2015, Feb 23-25). Smoking prevalence and media influence on smoking behaviors among LGBT persons living in northeast Texas. Presented at Texas Public Health Association annual conference, Austin, TX.
- Stewart, L., Cooper, C., & Sorensen, W. (2015, Feb 23-25). Exploring professional beliefs and values of medical and nursing students enrolled in an east African university. Presented at Texas Public Health Association annual conference, Austin, TX.
- Grzybowski, A., Sorensen, W., Azghani, A., Heseltine, G., & Phillips, S. (2014, June 25-27). Hepatitis E Seroprevalence in Strayed, Owner-Surrendered, and Owned Canines; Smith County Texas. James Steele Conference on Diseases in Nature Transmissible to Man, Irving, TX.
- McAlister, M., Cooper, C., & Sorensen, W. (2014, Mar 24-26). Investigating mid 19th century mortality by accidents using cemetery records from a village church in southern Ontario, Canada. Presented at Texas Public Health Association annual conference, Corpus Christi, TX.

- McAnallen, C., & Sorensen, W. (2014, Mar 24-26). Diabetes risk from a case-control study, northeast Texas. Presented at Texas Public Health Association annual conference, Corpus Christi, TX.
- Johnson, J., Lovely, A., & Sorensen, W. (2014, Mar 24-26). The journey begins: The birth of the Rose City Diabetes Coalition, in Tyler Texas. Presented at Texas Public Health Association annual conference, Corpus Christi, TX.
- Sorensen, W., Hammer, E., Becker, H., Hanson, S., & Hyde, J. (2013, July 1). State of Texas, Texas Cancer Control Programs Annual Evaluation, 2013. [Paper prepared for Texas Department of State Health Services].
- Gryzbowski, A., Sorensen, W., & Azghani, A. (2013, Mar 20-22). Plans for Hepatitis E seroprevalence assay in northeast Texas humans and dogs. Presented at Texas Public Health Association annual conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Alikhan, M., & Sorensen, W. (2013, Mar 20-22). Perceptions about cholesterol among Hispanics and intent to behavior change after intervention. Presented at Texas Public Health Association annual conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Moore, B., Sorensen, W., & Cooper, C. (2011, Feb. 3). Exploratory evaluation of a newly implemented undergraduate global health course in the public university setting. Innovations in Health Science Education annual conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Ates, T., & Sorensen, W. (2009, Nov 9-10). Rural versus urban evaluation of prostate cancer risk in NE Texas men. Texas Rural Health Association annual conference, Austin, TX.
- Ates, T., & Sorensen, W. (2009, Jul 12). Baseline assessment of prostate cancer risk among NE Texas men. Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance summer conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Sorensen, W., & Ates, T. (2009, May 28). Measuring prostate cancer awareness in East Texas. 4th annual conference on Health Disparities. University of North Texas Health Science Center, Fort Worth, TX. Abstract #109.
- Sorensen, W., Cappello, M., DiFedele, L., Bell, D., & Brown, M. (2007, Apr 19). Cofactors determining geohelminth infection among east Guatemalan school children. Sigma Theta Tau International, Global Health: Connecting to meet the challenge. Tyler, TX.
- Sorensen, W., Cooper, C., Penarrieta, I., & Gil, E. (2007, Apr 19). Building international collaboration through the development of a joint research and continuing education project. Sigma Theta Tau International, Global Health: Connecting to meet the challenge. Tyler, TX.
- Sorensen, W. (2005, Apr 2). Psycho/Familial factors among NE Texas adolescents at risk for obesity. Poster presented at the 6th Annual Adolescent Medicine/Childhood Obesity Conference. University of Texas Health Center at Tyler & Trinity Mother Frances Health System, Tyler, TX.
- Sorensen, W. (2004, Dec 15). Beyond condom use: A study about Bolivian truck drivers. Paper presented at the 14th Texas HIV/STD Conference, Texas State Department of Health Services, Austin, TX.
- Sorensen, W., Menacho, S., Vilches, J., Speaker, R. & Anderson, P. (2002). Informes de los estudios pilotos para investigar comportamiento sexual de alto riesgo en una población de camioneros bolivianos. United Nations Population Fund & Comité de Investigación, Evaluación y Políticas de Población y Desarrollo, 50 (año 6).

- Sorensen, W. (1999, Mar 5). Journal Writing as a Health Tool: Vygotsky's Epistemology at Work. Paper presented at the Louisiana Educational Research Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Sorensen, W. & Park, H.S. (1998, Mar 5). The Relationship between Educational background and AIDS Mortality. Paper presented at the Louisiana Educational Research Association Annual Conference, Shreveport, LA.
- Anderson, P. & Sorensen, W. (1998, Feb 5). Male and Female Differences in Reports of Womens Aggression. Poster presented at the 65th Annual Convention of the Southern District American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Research & Dance, Biloxi, MS.
- Sorensen, W. (1997, February). HIV/AIDS Profile in Louisiana- the Risk to Youth. Presented at the Louisiana Department of Education's HIV/AIDS Workshop, Office of Public Health. Hammond, LA.

GUEST UNIVERSITY PRESENTATIONS:

- Sorensen, W. (2020, Sept. 2). O Coronavirus & Covid-19 da perspectiva do Texas. Presented to Universidade de São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto College of Nursing, Ribeirão Preto SP, Brazil.
- Sorensen, W. (2018, October 16). Fulbright experience, Universidade de São Paulo em Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, Spring 2018. UT Health Science Center at Tyler.
- Sorensen, W. (2018, May 28). A experiência de pesquisa no Texas de local para international. Presented to Universidade de São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto College of Nursing, Ribeirão Preto SP, Brazil.
- Cooper, C., Sorensen, W., & McAllister, M. (2014, Oct. 8). Uniting narrative knowledge and historical epidemiology: Using church cemetery records and contemporaneous literature to investigate morbidity and mortality among 19th century immigrants to Upper Canada. Presented to faculty of the College of Nursing, University of Texas-Tyler, Tyler, TX.
- Sorensen, W. (2014, Jan 3). Brief health profile of NE Texas; crossroads with my community health experience. Presented to Dept. of Community Health and Preventive Medicine, University of Texas Health Science Center of Tyler, Tyler, TX.
- Sorensen, W. (2013, Oct 9). Evidence-base evidence: Musings about evidence-based evaluation. Presented to faculty of the College of Nursing, University of Texas-Tyler, Tyler, TX.
- Sorensen, W. (2005, Aug 16). Crecimiento y interés en construyendo una colaboración en salud por la frontera. Presented to faculty of the Escuela de Enfermería, Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas, Tampico.
- Sorensen, W. (2004, Apr 30). Assessment of high risk sexual behavior and cognitions among Bolivian truck drivers—The HIV/AIDS Problem in a Latin American Community. Presented to faculty of the Department of Health and Kinesiology, University of Texas-Tyler, Tyler, TX.
- Sorensen, W. (1999, Mar 18). HIV/AIDS Epidemiology & reporting. Presented to Social Inequalities Class, 617, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA.
- Sorensen, W. (1997, October). HIV/AIDS Epidemiology in Louisiana. Presented to Community Health Class, Tulane University School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine, New Orleans, LA.
- Sorensen, W. (1997, Jun 9). HIV/AIDS Epidemiology in Louisiana. Presented to Medical Interns, Course PCE-120, Louisiana State University Medical School, New Orleans, LA.

RADIO/TELEVISION PRESENTATIONS:

- Cladera, R. C., & Sorensen, W. (2014, Aug. 1). Programa de Salud Publica en la Universidad Autonomia Gabriel Rene Moreno. Canale 11, Buenos Dias Santa Cruz, Bolivia
- Sorensen, W. (2011, Aug 24). Prostate Health Initiative for Gregg and Smith Counties; East Texas Live; KETK NBC channel 56, Tyler TX.

- Sorensen, W. (2010, Sept 14). Prostate Health Initiative for Gregg and Smith Counties; East Texas Live; KETK NBC channel 56, Tyler TX.
- Sorensen, W. (2009, Sept 14). Prostate cancer profile in Hispanic men. CBS Azteca America channel 18, Tyler TX.
- Elrod, B. & Sorensen, W. (2009, Feb 6). Wear Red Day: Women, tobacco use, and heart disease. East Texas Live; KETK NBC channel 56, Tyler TX.
- Sorensen, W. (2008, Oct 15). Prostate cancer risk in Hispanic men. La Invasora, KOYE 96.7 FM, Tyler TX.
- Sorensen, W. (2008, Feb 22). Prostate Cancer Awareness Program in Tyler; East Texas Live; KETK NBC channel 56, Tyler TX.
- Sorensen, W. (2000, Feb 23). Epidemiología de VIH/SIDA en Estados Unidos. Radio Alternativa; F.M. 103.1, Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

IN-SERVICE EDUCATION:

- Sorensen, W. (2024, Oct). Co-teaching of a doctoral research methods course for nursing students. Universidade de São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto College of Nursing, Brazil.
- Sorensen, W. (2023, Oct). Co-teaching of a doctoral research methods course for nursing students. Universidade de São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto College of Nursing, Brazil.
- Sorensen, W. (2019, Nov.). Co-teaching of a doctoral research methods course for nursing students. Universidade de São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto College of Nursing, Brazil.
- Sorensen, W. (2018, Apr/May). Co-teaching of a doctoral research methods course for nursing students. Universidade de São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto College of Nursing, Brazil.
- Sorensen, W. (2016, Nov. 8). A review of physical activity in cancer survivors. [Presentation to East Texas Medical Center Longterm survivors group], Tyler, TX.
- Sorensen, W., Hammer, E., Becker, H., Hanson, S., & Hyde, J. (2013, Aug 29). State of Texas, Texas Cancer Control Programs Annual Evaluation, 2013. [Presentation to Cancer Alliance of Texas], Austin, TX.
- Vollmer-Dahlke, D., Torges, K., Maughan, J., Pense, B., Sorensen, W. (2013, June 10). Community Stakeholder Meeting De-Brief. Cancer Alliance of Texas, Webinar. (Austin TX).
- Sorensen, W. (2008, Mar 13). Waterborne pathogens: An overview. Presented to wastewater treatment employees; NE Texas region, Mineola TX.
- Sorensen, W. & Cooper, C. (2006, Nov 6-10). Las infecciones de transmisión sexual: Participación de Enfermería. Presented to selected nurses from care facilities in Tampico, Escuela de Enfermería, Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas, Tampico Mexico.
- Sorensen, W., Cooper, C., & McVey, J. (2006, Oct 5- Nov 28). Cultural Competency Training. Presented to employees of the North East Texas Public Health District. Tyler, TX.
- Sorensen, W. (2004, Oct 28). Are Condoms Enough? Reflections from a Study with Bolivian Truck Drivers. Presented at the Nurses Research Forum, College of Nursing, University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX.
- Sorensen, W. (2003, Feb 17). Norovirus outbreaks in 2002-2003; an overview. Presented to the nursing staff at Seven Acres Assisted Living Center, Houston, TX.
- Sorensen, W. (2002, Dec 5). *Campylobacter* Etiology, Investigations and Reporting. Presented to Bureau of Epidemiology, Houston Department of Health and Human Services, Houston, TX.
- Sorensen, W. (1999, Mar 4). The HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Health Region 3 compared to Louisiana. Presented to the Region 3 HIV Community Planning Committee, Office of Public Health. Houma, LA.
- Sorensen, W. (1997, November). The HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Health Region 3 compared to Louisiana. Presented to the Lafourche Parish Health Unit, Office of Public Health. Thibodeaux, LA.
- Sorensen, W. (1996, September). Current HIV/AIDS Epidemic Profile in Louisiana. Presented to Quarterly Medical Executive Committee meeting at St. Charles Parish Hospital, Lulin LA.

- Sorensen, W., Wheeler C. & Hubbard J. (1995, July). Reporting Systems for HIV/AIDS Case Tracking. Presented to the Bi-Annual Louisiana Surveillance Meeting, Office of Public Health. New Orleans, LA.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

- Southwick, C. (2024 May 24). What the recent cases of bird flu mean for public health and the chronic community. HealthCentral (<https://www.healthcentral.com/condition/flu-influenza/h5n1-bird-flu-pandemic>) [interview].
- Sorensen, W. (2000 Nov 30). A decade of difference in Santa Cruz. Bolivian Times, La Paz, Bolivia [newspaper]. P.12.
- Sorensen, W. (1999 Mar 31). Marital status as an important behavioral determinant in older truck drivers. British Medical Journal [e-letter].
- Sorensen, W. (1995-98) regular contributions to HIV/AIDS Newsline [newsletter]. Louisiana Office of Public Health, New Orleans, LA.

AWARDS

- Brazilian Ministry of Education travel grant for research/education exchange, Universidade de São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto College of Nursing. Brazil, Oct. 2023;
- Alpha Chi Outstanding Faculty Award, UT Tyler, November 16, 2021;
- Faculty Development Leave, UT Tyler, Fall 2021;
- Brazilian Ministry of Education travel grant for research/education exchange, Universidade de São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto College of Nursing. Brazil, Nov. 2019;
- Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award, teaching and research at Universidade de São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto College of Nursing. Brazil, February - June 2018;
- PATSS Award of Excellence, UT Tyler, 2014;
- Making a Difference Award, Dept. Health & Kinesiology, UT Tyler, 2011;
- Beyond War Award (to all Peace Corps Volunteers), 1987

JOURNAL SERVICES

- Board of Associate Editors 2006- 2009. American Journal of Health Education.

JOURNAL REVIEWER:

- BMC Public Health, 2023
- Latin Americanist, 2016 - present
- Paideia, 2019 - present
- Journal of Health Education Teaching Techniques, 2015- 2020
- BMC Medical Research Methodology, 2013- 2020
- Journal of Travel Medicine, 2010- 2019
- International Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health, 2006-07
- Sexually Transmitted Infections, 2005 - 2015

UNIVERSITY-LEVEL COURSES TAUGHT:

ALHS 3302 Human Diseases	undergraduate	UTT
ALHS 3350 Health Biometry	undergraduate	UTT
ALHS 3352 Consumer Health	undergraduate	UTT
ALHS 3360 Community & Public Health	undergraduate	UTT
ALHS 3362 Behavioral Health	undergraduate	UTT
ALHS 4306 Health Care Delivery System	undergraduate	UTT
ALHS 4320 Epidemiology	undergraduate	UTT

ALHS 4326 Health & Human Sexuality	undergraduate	UTT
ALHS 4335 Global Health	undergraduate	UTT
ALHS 5303 Adv.Topics in Allied Hlth (Global Health)	graduate	UTT
ALHS 5335 Global Health	graduate	UTT
ALHS 5347 Epidemiology	graduate	UTT
ALHS 5365 Theories and Models of Health Behavior	graduate	UTT
COMH 5310 Foundations of Evaluation	graduate	UTT
HECC 5303 Research Design	graduate	UTT
HECC 5317 Biostatistics	graduate	UTT
HECC 5392 Health Practicum	grad research project	UTT
ENV 542 Epidemiology	grad/resident physicians	UTTHC

PAST ACADEMIC COMMITTEES:

- Faculty Search Committees (School) 2023-24;
- Promotion & Tenure committee (Dept) 2021-22;
- Graduate Council (University), 2019 - 2022; 2024- 2025.
- Comprehensive Exam Guidelines Committee (Dept.), 2016-2021;
- COVID-19 consulting group (University), 2020;
- Tobacco policy task force (University), 2018-19;
- ACS Relay for Life task force (University); 2017-2018;
- Peers Against Tobacco, university student group, faculty advisor, 2013 – Dec 2018;
- Curriculum committee Chair (Dept) 2018-19;
- Promotion & Tenure committee (Dept) 2017-19;
- Promotion & Tenure committee (College) 2017-20;
- Health Sciences Graduate Mission committee (Dept.) 2017-18;
- Curriculum committee (Dept) 2015-17;
- School of Nursing Steering Committee (College) 2014-15;
- M.Ed. Program Curriculum committee (Dept.) 2014-15;
- Emeritus committee (University) 2014-15;
- Handbook of Operating Procedures (University) 2013-14;
- SACS Health Sciences evaluation committee Chair (Dept.) 2013-14;
- Tenure & Promotion committee Chair (Dept.) 2013,
- Graduation committee (College) 2013-14;
- Thesis guidelines committee (Dept.) 2013;
- Travel abroad planning committee (Dept.) 2012-13;
- Treasurer, Faculty Senate (University) 2012-13;
- Faculty Senate Executive committee (University) 2012-13;
- Handbook Operating Procedures Committee (University) 2012-13;
- Faculty Senate (University) 2010-13;
- College of Nursing Alumni Committee (College) 2010-12;
- Faculty Search Committee Chair (Department) 2011-12, 2014;
- Tenure & Promotion Committee Chair (Department) 2010-11;
- Advisor for Health Awareness & Promotion Society, 2009-11.
- M.Ed. Comprehensive Exam Committee (Department), 2009-10.
- Student Appeals Committee (University), 2007-10;
- Chair of M.Ed. Comprehensive Exam Committee (Department), 2007-09;
- Faculty Search Committee (Department), 2009-10, 2014-15;
- Chair Search Committee (Department), 2007-08;
- Undergraduate Curricula Committee (Department), 2006-07;
- College of Nursing Curricula Committee (College), 2005-08;
- International Studies and Intercultural Affairs Committee (University) 2005-06; 2010-11;
- Coordinator, Departmental seminars (Department), 2004-06;

Dissertation/Thesis Mentoring:

- Manuel Reyes, Investigation into diabetes in NE Texas, through multiple, large datasets. University of Texas at Tyler, Dept. Population Health Leadership & Analytics, committee chair (thesis in progress).
- Rebekah Mullins, Empowering nursing students as advocates: Addressing social determinants of health through service-learning. University of Texas at Tyler Dept Nursing, committee member (defended dissertation Oct. 2025).
- Samina Khan, Identifying anxiety level among international students at UT Tyler. University of Texas at Tyler, Dept. Population Health Leadership & Analytics, committee chair (defended thesis July 2025).
- Lesley Lerma, (Faith, belief and research). University of Texas at Tyler, Dept. Population Health Leadership & Analytics, committee chair (discontinued).
- Rebecca Brovina, Factors contributing to the delayed discharge of hospitalized chronically ill pediatric patients at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth, Texas. University of Texas at Tyler, Dept. Population Health Leadership & Analytics, committee chair (defended thesis Mar. 2025).
- Bianca Valenzuela, Disparities in cognitive decline along the Texas-Mexico border: Insights from 2021 BRFSS. University of Texas at Tyler, Dept. Public Health, committee chair (defended thesis Oct. 2024).
- Marcela Antonini, Comportamento sexual e infecções sexualmente transmissíveis em usuários da Profilaxia Pré-Exposição (PrEP) ao HIV: Um estudo de coorte prospectivo. Universidade de São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto College of Nursing, Brazil. Invited committee member (defended May 2024).
- Pedro Galvan, Exploring physical and mental health of outdoor male workers in east Texas. University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Public Health, committee member (discontinued).
- Alpha Barry. Malaria: A Burden for Sub-Sahara Africa. University of Texas at Tyler, Dept. Public Health, committee chair (defended thesis Feb. 2024).
- Sepideh Farahiniya. A knowledge, attitudes, and behavior survey to assess nutritional KAP in Texas immigrants who experience cardiovascular disease or diabetes. University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Public Health, committee chair (thesis discontinued).
- Musharaf Mohiuddin, Cerebral vasomotor reactivity to assess brain dysregulation in post COVID neurological syndrome. University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Public Health, committee chair (defended thesis July 2023).
- Shatabdi Das, Country-wide Covid-19 mortality and morbidity applied to previous infectious disease exposure. University of Texas at Tyler, Dept. Public Health, committee chair (thesis discontinued).
- Gangavaigai Guruparankumar, Assessment of dental anxiety and phobia in university students and in the dental hygiene clinic population in East Texas. University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Public Health, committee chair (defended thesis March 2023).
- Marina Ali, Prevalence and beliefs associated with vaccine hesitancy among Muslim-Americans. parents. University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Public Health, committee chair (defended thesis March 2023).
- Mariara Isabel Muskopf, Fatores de risco associados à infecção crônica pelo vírus da hepatite B na região centro-norte do Mato Grosso: estudo caso-controle. Universidade de São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto College of Nursing, Brazil. Committee member (dissertation defended May 2022).
- Kimanh Le, Problematic usage of social media and its effects on college students' mental health. University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Health & Kinesiology, committee chair (defended thesis March 2022).
- Laelson Rochelle Milanês Sousa, Universidade de São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto College of Nursing, Brazil. Invited committee member (defended dissertation 2021).
- Queenette Otamiri, Exploring substance use and frequency in international students, through the lens of acculturation and social cognitive theory. University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Health & Kinesiology, committee chair (defended thesis November 2021).

- Gabrielle Frachiseur, Exploring coronavirus knowledge, beliefs and attitudes of mothers, and the usage of complimentary and alternative methods for infection prevention or symptom management. University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Health & Kinesiology, committee chair (defended thesis November 2021).
- Claudia Keck, Ethnocultural empathy in nursing students. University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Nursing, committee member (defended dissertation June 2021).
- Narjes Asgari, Influences of sleep disturbances and mild traumatic brain injury on gait performance among college students. University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Health & Kinesiology, committee member (defended thesis March 2021).
- Julianna Boyle, Predicting academic success using grit and academic resiliency in College Freshmen. University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Health & Kinesiology, committee member/chair (defended thesis March 2021).
- Liang Huang, Relationship between fear of failure, mental fatigue and emotion regulation among athletes. University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Health & Kinesiology, committee chair (defended thesis March 2021).
- Michelle Veronin, Characterization of the nuclear pore complex in red alga, *Cyanidioschyzon merolae*. University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Health & Kinesiology, committee member (defended thesis November 2019).
- Jingle Xu, The "Active Ingredients" of Yin, Yang, and neutral food and the effect of these nutrients on improving and maintaining health. University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Health & Kinesiology, committee member (defended thesis November 2019).
- Elizabete Santos Melo, Construção e validação de material educacional digital para redução de risco cardiovascular em pessoas vivendo com HIV. Universidade de São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto College of Nursing, Brazil. Committee member (defended dissertation July, 2019).
- Tim Sefa, Evaluation of an underage drinking and driving-after-drinking intervention in Rusk County, Texas. University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Health & Kinesiology, committee member (defended thesis April, 2019).
- Prabhjot Kaur, Relationship of variable factors with postpartum depression. University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Health & Kinesiology, committee member (defended thesis April, 2019).
- Dipta Amatya, Using mixed methodology to assess heartfulness meditation in university students. University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Health & Kinesiology, committee chair (defended thesis, April 2019).
- João Paulo de Freitas, Adesão irregular aos antiretrovirais por pessoas vivendo com HIV/AIDS. Universidade de São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto College of Nursing, Brazil. Committee member (defended thesis June, 2018).
- Paula Batista Luize, Avaliação da integridade de luvas cirúrgicas em um hospital oncológico do interior paulista. Universidade de São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto College of Nursing, Brazil. Committee member (defended dissertation May, 2018).
- Dionne Dendy, African American men's prostate cancer knowledge and self-efficacy for informed decision-making: A mixed methods study. University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Nursing, committee member (defended dissertation Apr. 2017).
- Christina Tuell, Prevalence of Smoking in the LGBT community Northeast Texas community and Associations to video media. University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Health & Kinesiology, committee chair (defended thesis November, 2016).
- Lynn Summers, Cognitive deficits in solid-tumor cancer survivors, University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Nursing, committee member (defended dissertation Sept., 2015).
- Yayoi Jones, Comparison of ballet and modern dancing in terms of kinematics, kinetics, and muscle activation during landing, for college dancers. University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Health & Kinesiology, committee member (defended thesis January, 2015).
- Sara Hanson, Effects of a participatory women's group on self-efficacy and nutrition-related health habits in low-income Hispanic households, University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Health & Kinesiology, committee chair (defended thesis May, 2014).
- Andrea Grzybowski, Hepatitis E Seroprevalence study in *Canis lupis familiaris* and associations to human owners, Smith County, Texas, University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Health & Kinesiology, committee chair (defended thesis April, 2014).

- Jessica Hyde, Health literacy and cancer prevention: A qualitative exploration of the health communication needs of Hispanics residing in northeast Texas, University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Health & Kinesiology, committee member (defended thesis April, 2014).
- Brianna Moore, Determinants of health seeking behaviors and obesity in Texas adolescents: An assessment of 2004-05 SPAN survey data, University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Health & Kinesiology, committee chair (defended thesis March 2012).
- Akua Morrison, An exploratory study of immigrant Kenyan women's knowledge, beliefs, and attitudes on nutrition, University of Texas at Tyler Dept. Health & Kinesiology, committee chair (defended thesis November 2011).

AFFILIATIONS:

ALLIANCE for HEALTH, PHYSICAL ED, RECREATION & DANCE	1998 -99, 2005-2014
AMERICAN EDUCATION RESEARCH ASSOCIATION	1998 -99
ASSOCIATION of PROFESSIONAL HEALTH EDUCATORS of LOUISIANA	1996 -99
ASSOCIATION of TEACHERS of PREVENTIVE MEDICINE	1995 -96
GLOBAL HEALTH COUNSEL	1995-98, 2007-12
NATIONAL COUNCIL for INTERNATIONAL HEALTH	1994 -96
NATIONAL COUNCIL of RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS	1983 -99
SOCIETY OF PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION	2003- 11
TEXAS PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION	2014-20

OTHER TRAINING:

HOUSTON DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES; Houston, TX	Dec 2003
• Phlebotomy training.	
NO AIDS TASK FORCE; New Orleans LA	Mar 1995
• HIV/AIDS Awareness/Education/Counselor Training	
INSTITUTE SUPERIEUR PEDAGOGIQUE; Bukavu, ZAIRE	June - Aug 1983
• Peace Corps training in languages, culture and teaching methodology	

ADDITIONAL SKILLS:

SYSTEMS

- SPSS, STATA, SAS, BMDP, HTML, Elluminate, Prodas, Epi-Info, Map-Info, Microsoft WORD, EXCEL, ACCESS, Powerpoint, FoxPro, Blackboard, Canvas.

LANGUAGES

- Fluent in Spanish; Intermediate knowledge of French, Portuguese, Past knowledge Kikongo

SERVICE AND PUBLIC WORKS:

COMMUNITY

- Co-Director of Smith County Comprehensive Cancer Coalition. Jan 2012- Mar 2018
Tyler TX
- Member of Smith County Comprehensive Cancer Coalition. Apr 2008- Mar 2018
Tyler TX
- Member of People Educating Communities about Tobacco use. Sept 2008 – Aug. 2010
Evaluation sub-committee chair, Longview TX
- Cultural Competency Training; Oct. – Nov. 2006
Education to employees of the North East Texas Public Health District, Tyler Tx.

CONSULTANT (volunteer)

- Statistician Mar. – Apr. 2020.
Design of local COVID-19 report and interpretation for County Judge and Mayor of Tyler, Texas.

- Research Design July – Sept. 2011
Design of effect of Ivermectin in preventing Malaria, GUATEMALA
- Research Design Jan 2005 – Dec. 2007
Design of Albendazole trial in school children. El Estor GUATEMALA
- Design of Peace Corps Volunteer performance evaluation. Aug 1998 – Jan 1999
Peace Corps; La Paz, BOLIVIA

TUTOR

- Sylvan Learning Center; Gretna, LA Nov 1996 - Mar 1997
Tutored high school students in reading comprehension, vocabulary and mathematics.
- City College of New York, NY Jan 1987 - May 1988
Supervised highly motivated inner-city students in city funded select engineering/technology program, with emphasis in chemistry.

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