

Theresa Byrd, R.N., MPH, DrPH

Education

Dr.PH. University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center
School of Public Health, 1994

Major area: Health Promotion and Health Education.

Doctoral Dissertation: *Correlates of Prenatal Care Initiation among Low-Income Hispanic Women*

M.P.H. University of California at Los Angeles School of Public Health, 1986

Major area: Behavioral Sciences and Health Education

B.S.N. University of Arizona at Tucson, 1978

Major area: Public Health Nursing

Work Experience

3/13/23-9/5/25 *Dean, School of Health Professions*
UT Tyler
Tyler, Texas

9/1/13-3/23 *Associate Dean and Chair*
Department of Public Health
Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
Texas Tech Health Sciences Center
Lubbock, Texas Tech
Started a new public health program on the Lubbock and Abilene campuses, and a School of Population and Public health.

2/24/18-present *Visiting Professor*
Departments of Public Health and Nursing
Silliman University
Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, Philippines

9/2015-3/23 *Faculty Appointment*
TTUHSC School of Medicine
Teaching P3 and helping MD/MPH students with honors projects

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3/1/15-3/23	<i>Program Director for Prevention</i> Cancer Research Center at TTUHSC SOM
6/11-9/14	<i>Professor and Course Director for SCI (part time after 9/1/13)</i> <i>Director of MD/MPH Program</i> Texas Tech Health Sciences Center Paul L Foster School of Medicine El Paso, TX Appointment in Family Medicine, with research emphasis on cancer prevention and control. Course Director of the Society, Community and the Individual course developed to give medical students in years one and two understanding of the social determinants of health.
6/11-present	<i>Adjunct Professor of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences,</i> University of Texas-Houston School of Public Health Research focus on cancer prevention and early detection, working with Hispanic communities, US-Mexico border health issues, maternal and child health.
9/02-6/2011	<i>Associate Professor of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences,</i> University of Texas-Houston School of Public Health, El Paso Regional Campus. Research focus on cancer prevention and early detection, working with Hispanic communities, US-Mexico border health issues, maternal and child health.
2006-2007	<i>Associate Director of Public Health Practice,</i> Division of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences Working with faculty on practice experiences for students, representative to Practice Council, and member of the Division Leadership Team.
2007-2011	<i>Curriculum Coordinator,</i> Division of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences
2/04-5/11	<i>Adjunct Associate Professor</i> Paul L. Foster School of Medicine Department of Family Medicine Assisting with research focusing on behavioral change, service on curriculum committee, assisting in course development, Director of joint MD/MPH degree, co-Director of SCI course.

- 3/94-8/02 *Assistant Professor of Behavioral Sciences and Health Education, University of Texas-Houston School of Public Health, El Paso Regional Campus.*
Activities include: Teaching Behavioral Sciences and Health Promotion/Health Education to masters and doctoral level students and advising students. Research interests include community development methods of health promotion, especially in the area of maternal and child health. Particularly interested in border health and communicable disease issues, cancer prevention and prenatal care and breastfeeding. Also investigator, Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Research.
- 9/02-9/13 *Adjunct Associate Professor, UTEP College of Health Sciences*
Activities include: Serving on masters and doctoral committees and assisting with practica and preceptorship of nursing students. Work with faculty on research projects.
- 8/95-9/02 *Adjunct Assistant Professor, UTEP College of Health Sciences*
- 8/94-97 *Adjunct Assistant Professor, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico.*
Activities included: teaching introduction to health promotion theory upon request, as well as working with master's students on theses.
- 8/90-3/94 *Project Director/Research Associate, Southwest Center for Prevention Research, Center for Health Promotion Research and Development, University of Texas Health Sciences Center, School of Public Health. Houston, Texas.*
Activities included: Directing a project aimed at transferring theory-driven health promotion techniques to eight state health departments. Consultation with state and local health departments, planning of conferences, and coordination of consultations with research faculty.
- 7/87-7/90 *Coordinator of Public Health Activities, (3-year term) Project Verdad, El Paso, TX and Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico.*
(A bi-national project of the Presbyterian Church of Mexico and the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.)
Served seven outlying neighborhoods (*colonias*) in Mexico and one in the U.S.A., as well as the El Paso inner city area. Activities included: (1) development of a training program for community health promoters, (2) coordination of seven primary care clinics, (3) formation of a network of community agencies, (4) development of a child-to-child program which taught older siblings to serve as health promoters and provided health education to youth, (5) coordination of community health fairs in Ciudad Juarez and El Paso for three summers, (6) consultation with nursing faculty at UTEP in planning and holding community meetings which led to a large community health grant funded by the Kellogg Foundation, and (7)

development and distribution of a directory of social services in Ciudad Juarez, in coordination with the University of Juarez School of Social Work and DIF (Mexican health and social service agency).

- 9/86-6/87 *Health Educator*, American Cancer Society, San Fernando Valley Unit, Van Nuys, CA.
Recruited and trained health education volunteers. Responsible for Public Education and Nursing Committees. Developed and implemented health education projects in coordination with Cancer Society volunteers. Member of the Ethnic Coordinating Council.
- 9/84-7/86 *Research Assistant*, UCLA School of Public Health, Los Angeles, CA.
Assisted with data collection and evaluation of an international survey of health professionals for development of indicators of health promoting behavior for a WHO-UCLA project.
- 7/79-9/84 *Public Health Nurse*, Pima County Health Department, Tucson, AZ.
Worked as a district nurse conducting home visits to provide health education and advocacy to primarily Hispanic clients, particularly pregnant teenagers. Also responsible for well child clinics and screening of hearing and vision at a local parochial school. Member of the Teenaged Pregnancy Task Force that developed an education program for teenaged pregnancy prevention. Chair of the in-service Education Committee.
- 10/78-7/79 *Staff Nurse*, Tucson General Hospital, Tucson, AZ.
Worked obstetrics, labor and delivery, and emergency room.

Honors and Awards

TTUHSC Distinguished Faculty Award November 2021

Member, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi August 2020

Silver Stirrup Award, ACS, June 2019

Distinguished Career Award, PHEHP, APHA, 2017

Outstanding Faculty of the Year, Graduate Student Association, 2015

Sarah Mazelis Award for Excellence in Public Health Practice, PHEHP section, APHA, 2012

Member Eta Sigma Gamma (Health Education Honorary Society, since 2000)

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“Outstanding Teacher of the Year” award by students of UTSPH, 1998

“Special Initiatives in Cancer Control” award by the El Paso ACS, 1996

Dorothy Huskey Excellence in Health Education Practice Award, 1994

Member Sigma Theta Tau (Nursing Honorary Society, since 1980)

Major Teaching Responsibilities at TTUHSC-Lubbock

Introduction to Public Health

Introduction to Social and Behavioral Sciences

Intervention Mapping

Making Change in the Community

Program Evaluation

Major Teaching Responsibilities at TTUHSC-PLFSOM

SCI community thread courses

SCI culture thread courses

Service learning director

Major Teaching Responsibilities at UTHSC-Houston SPH

PHW1110 Social and Behavioral Aspects of Community Health (online). Core course in the behavioral sciences for non-majors and certificate students.

PH 1112 Health Promotion Theory and Methods II: Promoting change at the community, organizational and government level. This class focuses on community organization and development, as well as Diffusion of Innovations Theory, organizational change, and Media Advocacy for political change. ITV.

PHEP 1111 Health Promotion Theory and Methods I. Promoting change at the individual level. Co-teaching with faculty in Brownsville and Houston via ITV.

PH1123 Health Promotion Theory and Methods II for Doctoral Students. Focus on Community Based Participatory Research. Offered Online.

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Epi Proposal Development. Co-instructor with other faculty in the regional campus. Offered to students at all campus sites via ITV and online.

Capstone Course for MPH. Co-instructor with faculty across campuses. Integration of all public health disciplines for completion of MPH.

Other Teaching Activities

2018-present	Global epidemiology (annually Via ZOOM) Silliman University SON
2014-present	P3 course TTUHSC SOM
2009-2014	Community, Society and the Individual Course at Paul L. Foster SOM
2008-2013	Research methods for residents at Texas Tech Medical School, El Paso.
2005-2010	Program Evaluation workshop (taught multiple times) for health department staff (El Paso), TxPHA (Dallas), TDH region in Harlingen, and Texas Cancer Council (Austin).
2004	Nursing practicum in community environmental health, course required for community health nurses at UTEP.
2003-2009	Guest Lecturer, UTHSC, SPH at El Paso, "Ethics in Research" and "Scale Development"
2001-2002	Guest Lecturer, UTEP Nursing Program, "Risk Communication".
2001	Guest Lecturer, UTEP/UT Austin Cooperative Pharmacy Program, "Health Issues on the US-Mexico Border".
2001	Guest Lecturer, UTEP College of Health Sciences, "Health Issues on the US-Mexico Border".
1996-2001	Guest Lecturer, Texas Tech Medical School, El Paso Regional Campus, "Community Oriented Primary Health Care—Community Assessment".
1995-2001	Guest Lecturer, UTEP School of Nursing, "Health Promotion Theories".
1994-2001	Guest Lecturer, University of Texas School of Public Health, in PH7115. "The Health Belief Model in Practice".

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February, 1994	Co-teacher, course on health promotion intervention at the community level, University of Texas School of Public Health. Responsible for unit on community development and community organizing.
July, 1993	Guest Lecturer, Texas Woman's University School of Nursing, Senior Nursing Class. "The Health Belief Model in Practice" and "Community Development Methods in Health Education".
1990-1993	Guest Lecturer, School of Public Health, University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston, Health Promotion Intervention at the Community Level. "Community Development Methods in Health Education".
April 1992	Guest Lecturer, Texas State Health Department, Training for Regional Managers. "Using Community Development Methods in Health Departments".
1985	Guest Lecturer, School of Nursing, University of Southern California, Senior Nursing Class. "Cross-cultural Community Health Nursing".

Grant and Research Activities

9/24-8/29	CTSA. NIH. Subcontract with UT Health Houston. Local PI: Jarret Barry, MD. Co-investigator.
9/23-8/26	ACTION for Big Country. CPRIT. \$1,000,000. Byrd CO-PD Providing education and free CRC screening in Abilene and surrounding counties.
1/2022-1/1/2026	Get PHIT (Gaining Equity in Training for Public Health Informatics). ONC/NIH. Byrd Co-I. \$391,691. We will develop training programs and internships for students from high school to postgraduate to build the curriculum and the workforce in public health informatics.
6/2020-9/2022	Accelerating Credentials of Purpose and Value Grant Program, Developing a Public Health Informatics Certificate. Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Byrd Co-PI (McBride Co-PI). \$472,220 Developed a post bachelor's certificate program in public health informatics.

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1/2022-7/2023	Health Equity Grant for Parmer, Deaf Smith and Gray Counties. Texas Department of State Health Services. Byrd PI. \$425,000.
1/21-1/24	PI, Health Care Community of Practice, American Cancer Society. The American Cancer Society has awarded 20 healthcare systems across the nation funds intended for capacity building and creating and Community of Practice (COP). This initiative's overall purpose is to incorporate cancer prevention and screening interventions into a systems mission, priority setting, quality standards and investment practices. ACS will help awarded systems to help facilitate community partnerships to better address cancer prevention and screening priorities to improve population health outcomes over a 3-year period.
11/19-8/21	Co Investigator, CPRIT "SuCCeS—collaboration for CRC screening in Lubbock". PI: Moloku. Providing free CRC testing (FIT and Colonoscopy) to uninsured patients at Larry Combest Health Center.
3/17-2/20	Co Project Director, CPRIT. "De Casa en Casa 2: Cervical Cancer Screening in West Texas". This three-year project will use the AMIGAS program to increase cervical cancer screening. We are expanding on De Casa en Casa to provide screening in Lubbock and surrounding counties in addition to El Paso and Hudspeth Counties. We will provide screening and colposcopy as needed to uninsured and underinsured women. There will also be a training arm for Family Medicine residents and patient navigation.
12/14-11/18	Project Director, CPRIT. "ACCION for Rural West Texas". Three-year CRC screening project in Lubbock and surrounding rural counties. 1.4 million dollars.
10/11-9/18	Co Project Director, CPRIT. "ACCION: Against Colorectal Cancer in our Neighborhoods". Three-year project to increase CRC screening in low income, uninsured or underinsured communities. The grant allows payment for screening and diagnostic colonoscopies. In addition, we will investigate the efficacy of an intervention in both group and individual settings, and will develop a 501c3 organization to carry on the mission of the project after funding ends. (renewed in 2015).
12/13-11/22	Co Project Director, CPRIT. "BEST: Breast Cancer Education, Screening and Navigation Program". Three-year project to increase mammography screening in El Paso and Hudspeth Counties (renewed in 2019).

- 12/13-11/16 Co Project Director, CPRIT. "De Casa en Casa: Cervical Cancer Screening in El Paso and Hudspeth County". This three-year project will use the AMIGAS program to increase cervical cancer screening. We will provide screening and colposcopy as needed to uninsured and underinsured women. There will also be a training arm for Family Medicine residents and patient navigation.
- 9/10-8/15 Co-investigator (after 6/1/11 I am a consultant on this project), NCI "Reducing Cancer Disparities among Latinos in Texas". The Texas regional Community Networks Program, Latinos Contra El Cancer, combines innovative research, extensive community outreach, and a multi-faceted training program, all conducted within a community-based participatory research (CBPR) context, to reduce cancer-related health disparities in Latinos, and to build a cadre of competitive health disparities researchers trained in CBPR in three regions of Texas (Houston, El Paso, the Lower Rio Grande Valley). This will be accomplished through the work of three distinct yet complementary cores (Outreach, Research, and Training) to integrate knowledge generation, community health education, and community and researcher capacity building within and across the three sites, building on existing research infrastructures, longstanding relationships, and novel communication systems.
- 10/09-02/13 Co-Investigator, CDC "Acceptability of Active Surveillance as a Treatment Choice for Prostate Cancer among US Men". The aim is to better understand what men and their partners need to know in order to make a decision about prostate cancer treatment.
- 9/2010-8/2015 Co-investigator (After 6/1/11 I am a consultant on this project), HRSA Health Resources & Service Admin "Texas Public Health Training Center". To address the learning needs of the Texas public health workforce by strengthening and extending the network of academic and practice partners, increasing its capacity to respond to local and regional learning needs, refining methods for ongoing, individual and organizational learning needs assessment, and delivering and evaluating competency-based trainings.
- 07/09-06/11 Co-investigator, AHRQ. HCOE grant to increase Hispanic faculty and student success at the PLFSOM. Role: Evaluator.
- 09/07-06/11 Co-Investigator NIH 1P20MD002287-02 "Hispanic Health Disparities Research Center" Research Center that is structured in four cores, including: 1) Administrative, 2) Research, 3) Research Training and Education, and 4) Community Engagement and Dissemination.
Role: Co-Director of Community Engagement and Dissemination core

10/06-09/11

Co-Principal Investigator, NIH/NHGRI “Interactive CD-ROM on Cancer Genetics for Hispanics”. The goals of this project are to develop an interactive CD-ROM to educate Hispanic women about cancer risk and genetic testing, and to conduct a randomized, controlled evaluation that compares the efficacy of the CD-ROM program when used alone vs. when used with a *promotora*-assisted approach.

10/07-03/10

Principal Investigator, CDC “SIP 3- Intervention to Increase Screening for Cervical Cancer in Women of Mexican Descent”. The purpose is to evaluate the efficacy of the AMIGAS intervention in a randomized, controlled trial. We also propose to evaluate the relative effectiveness of the core components of the intervention, and to describe the intervention characteristics, processes of delivery, and settings that facilitate program adoption, implementation, and maintenance.

10/04-09/07

Co-Investigator, CDC (PI: Chan) “Community Interventions in Non-Medical Settings to Increase Informed Decision Making (IDM) for Prostate Cancer Screening”.

10/05-09/06

PI, “Understanding system variables in colorectal cancer screening” Texas Tech Medical School EXPORT grant pilot project.

9/03-9/08

Co-investigator, NIH (PI Balcazar) “Hispanic Health Disparities Research Center”.

9/04-9/09

Co-investigator, CDC (PI: Fernandez) “LINCC: Latinos in a Network for Cancer Control”.

9/04-9/08

Co-investigator, CDC (PI: Fernandez) “Trial of Interventions to Increase Utilization of Colorectal Cancer Screening and Promote Informed Decision-Making”.

10/04-09/07

Co Principal Investigator, ASPH/CDC (Co-PI: Balcazar) “Promotoras de Salud Contra Hipertensión”.

3/04-9/04

Principal Investigator, Texas Tech Medical School (sub-contract) “Understanding Research in Public Schools”.

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Principal Investigator, CDC/TDH “The Border Youth Health Survey”.

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10/99-9/02	Principal Investigator, ASPH/CDC "Increasing Cervical Cancer Screening in Hispanic Women".
9/00-8/02	Principal Investigator, PDNHF "Collegiate Project Assistance Initiative".
11/1/98-10/31/99	Co-Principal investigator, UTEP/TxDOT. (Co-PI: Cohn) "An Intervention to increase use of seatbelts by children and adults on the US-Mexico border".
3/1/98-12/99	Principal Investigator, Paso del Norte Health Foundation/UTEP. "When Water Works for Health".
1996-2000	Co-investigator. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention "Minority Women's Attitudes Toward Hysterectomy--ENDOW" (Janet Groff, Principal Investigator).
1996-1998	Co-Principal Investigator, Environmental Protection Agency/UTEP/CERM "Community Partnership Program for Environmental Justice".
1996-1998	Principal Investigator, Texas Educational Coordinating Board "Ethnicity, Acculturation, and Birth Outcomes among Mexican Americans, Mexican Immigrants, and Anglos". Subcontract with the Population Research Center, UT Austin.
1996-1998	Co-Investigator, Texas Department of Transportation. "Increasing seat belt use in a border community" (Lawrence Cohn, PI).
1996-1998	Co-Principal Investigator, University of Arizona Rural Health Office. "Evaluating the Border Vision Fronteriza Project".
1993-1996	Co-Investigator. Centers for Disease Control, "Development of New Interventions for Smoking Cessation, Maintenance and Environmental Tobacco Smoke Protection of Low Income Women and Their Partners" (Patricia Dolan Mullen, P.I. A project of the Southwest Center for Prevention Research, P.I.: Guy Parcel, Darwin Labarthe).
1994-1995	Co-investigator. Environmental Protection Agency, "An Outreach Program to Provide Environmental Education to Community Health Workers on the US Mexico Border". (Irina Cech, P.I.)
1994-1995	Co-Principal Investigator. UTEP and Center for Environmental Resource Management, "Development of Risk Assessment and Risk

	Communication Methods along the US Mexico Border" (Jim Vanderslice, P.I.).
1994-1996	Co-Investigator. The John D. and Catherine T. Macarthur Foundation "Women and Reproductive Health on the US Mexico Border".
1991-1992	Principal Investigator. March of Dimes, "Attitudes and Beliefs toward Prenatal Care among Low-Income Hispanic Women".
1991	Grant Proposal Coordinator. Centers for Disease Control, HIV Prevention in the Schools.
1991	Co-author. Public Welfare Foundation, Funding for Health Coordinator of Comunidades Unidas Pro-Salud (CUPS).

Publications in Peer Reviewed Journals

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2. Shokar, Navkiran K. MD, MPH; Calderón-Mora, Jessica DrPH; Salaiz, Rebekah MS; Casner, Nancy MS, CCRC; Zuckerman, Marc J. MD; **Byrd, Theresa L.** DrPH, MPH, RN; Shokar, Gurjeet S. MD; Dwivedi, Alok PhD. Implementation and Evaluation of a Large Community-Based Colorectal Cancer Screening Program. *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice* 30(3):p E143-E153, May/June 2024. | DOI: 10.1097/PHH.0000000000001864
3. Dennison T, Sorensen K, Blanton M, Johnson L, **Byrd T**, Pass S, Philips L, Miller J, McMahon L, Cherry B.(2024). Quality Improvement Review Board: An innovative approach to oversight of projects that don't meet review board criteria of human subjects research. *Quality Management in Health Care*.
4. Farias-Ruiz C, **Byrd T**, MacLaughlin EJ, Hall RG. (2023.) Evaluation of Scholarship Motivators and Barriers for Non-Tenure-Track Faculty in a Department of Pharmacy Practice. *Pharmacy* **2023**, 11, 31. <https://doi.org/10.3390/pharmacy11010031>
5. Collins R, Zeitouni J, Veasart A, Chacon J, Wong A, **Byrd TL**. (2023) Establishment of a vaccine administration training program for medical students. *Baylor University Medical Center Proceedings*. 36(2), 157-160.

6. Helo D, Appiah L, Bende K, **Byrd TL**, Appiah D. (2021) The association of skipping breakfast with cancer-related and all-cause mortality in a national cohort of United States Adults. *Cancer Causes and Control*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10552-021-01401-9>.
7. Dowdle T, Dennis J, Nugent K, **Byrd TL**. (2021) Intention to receive COVID-19 vaccine by U.S. health sciences university employees. *Journal of Primary Care and Community Health*. doi: 10.1177/21501327211036611
8. Appiah D, Farias R, Olokede OA, Nwabuo CC, Bhende KM, Ebong IA, **Byrd TL**, Nair N. The influence of individual and neighborhood-level characteristics on rural-urban disparities in cardiovascular disease mortality among U.S. women diagnosed with breast and gynecologic cancers. *Gynecologic Oncology* 2021; 161 483–490
9. Shabaneh O, Walker MS, **Byrd T**, Appiah D. (2020). Investigating trends in food borne illnesses in Lubbock and other counties in Texas. *J Public Health (Berl.)* DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10389-020-01349-1>
10. **Byrd TL**, Calderon-Mora J, Saliáz R, Shokar NK. (2019) Barriers and Facilitators to Colorectal Cancer Screening Within a Hispanic Population. *Hisp Health Care Int* 17(1): 23-29. doi: 10.1177/1540415318818982
11. Shokar NK, Calderon Mora J, Moloku J, **Byrd T**, Mallawaarachchi I, Dwivedi A. (2019) Outcomes of a Multicomponent Culturally Tailored Cervical Cancer Screening Intervention Among Underserved Hispanic Women (De Casa en Casa). *Health Promotion Practice*. DOI: 10.1177/1524839919893309
12. Lairson DR, Kim J, **Byrd T**, Salaiz R, Shokar NK. (2018) Cost-effectiveness of Community Interventions for Colorectal Cancer Screening: Low-Income Hispanic Population. *Health Promotion Practice* 19(6): 863-872.
13. Zuckerman, M., Jia, Y., Schmulson, M., Dwivedi, A., Casner, N., **Byrd, T. L.**, & Shokar, N. (2018). Irritable bowel syndrome on the U.S.-Mexico border: A survey in an indigent population using Rome III criteria. *Journal of Clinical Gastroenterology* 53(7):622-627.
14. Zuckerman M, Jia Y, Schmulson M, Dwivedi A, Ortiz M, Casner N, Byrd T, Shokar N (2015). Low Prevalence of Irritable Bowel Syndrome on the US-Mexico Border: A Survey in an Indigent Population Using Rome III Criteria: 1745. *Official journal of the American College of Gastroenterology| ACG* (110) S741.
15. Salinas JJ, **Byrd T**, Martin C, Dwivedi AK, Alomari A, Salaiz R, Navkiran K. Shokar NK. Change in breast cancer screening knowledge is associated with a change in intention to be screened in Mexican-origin women after a breast cancer education intervention. *Breast Cancer: Basic and Clinical Research* 2018; 12. doi/10.1177/1178223418782904

16. Thompson, B., Carosso, E. A., Jhingan, E., Wang, L., Holte, S. E., **Byrd, T. L.**, . . . Duggan, C. R. (2016). Results of a randomized controlled trial to increase cervical cancer screening among rural Latinas. *Cancer*. doi:10.1002/cncr.30399
17. Shokar, N. K., **Byrd, T.**, Saliaz, R., Flores, S., Chaparro, M., Calderon-Mora, J., . . . Dwivedi, A. (2016). Against colorectal cancer in our neighborhoods (ACCION): A comprehensive community-wide colorectal cancer screening intervention for the uninsured in a predominantly Hispanic community. *Preventive Medicine*, 91, 273-280.
18. Li, Y., McFall, S. L., **Byrd, T. L.**, Volk, R. J., Cantor, S. B., Kuban, D. A., & Mullen PD. (2016). Is "active surveillance" an acceptable alternative? A qualitative study of couples' decision making about early-stage, localized prostate cancer. *Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics*, 6, 51-61.
19. Volk, R. J., Kinsman, G. T., Le, Y. L., Swank, P., Blumenthal-Barby, J., McFall, S. L., **Byrd, T. L.**, Mullen, P. D., & Cantor, S. B. (2015). Designing normative messages about active surveillance for men with localized prostate cancer. *J Health Communication: International Perspectives*, 20, 1014-1020. doi: 10.1080/10810730.2015.1018618.
20. Shokar, N. K., **Byrd, T.**, Lairson, D. R., Salaiz, R., Kim, J., Calderon-Mora, J., . . . Ortiz, O. (2015). Against colorectal cancer in our neighborhoods, a community-based colorectal cancer screening program targeting low-income Hispanics: Program development and costs. *Health Promotion Practice*. doi: 10.1177/1524839915587265.
21. Penaranda, E., Moloku, J., **Byrd, T.**, Brown, L., & Shokar, N. (2015). Women's attitudes toward cervicovaginal self-sampling for high-risk infection on the US-Mexico border. *Journal of Lower Genital Tract Disease*, 19(4), 323- 328.
22. Roncancio, A. M., Ward, K. K., Sanchez, I. A., Cano, M. A., **Byrd, T. L.**, & Fernandez, M. E. (2015). Using the theory of planned behavior to understand cervical cancer screening among Latinas. *Health Education and Behavior*. doi: 10.1177/1090198115571364.
23. Penaranda, E., Moloku, J., Hernandez, I., Salaiz, R., Nguyen, N., **Byrd, T. L.**, & Shokar N. (2014). Attitudes towards self-sampling for HPV infection for cervical cancer screening among primary care attendees on the US-Mexico border. *Southern Medical Journal* (in press).
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25. Fernández, M. E., Savas, L. S., Wilson, K. M., **Byrd, T. L.**, Torres-Vigil, I., & Vernon, S.W. (2014). Colorectal cancer screening among Latinos in three cities on the Texas-Mexico border. *Health Education and Behavior*. doi: 10.1177/1090198114529592.

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"Community Assessment", April 2004, Universidad Autonoma de Cd. Juarez, workshop for faculty and students of the College of Health Sciences.

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"Risk Communication" May 2002, UTMB Nursing School, short workshop for nursing students.

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2018-2023	<i>TTUHSC Rep</i> Health Disparities, Education, Awareness, Research & Training Consortium (HDEART C)
2015-2024	<i>Advisor</i> to the Border Biomedical Research Center, Community outreach, University of Texas at El Paso
2014-2023	<i>Member</i> High Plains ACS Colorectal Cancer Screening Task Force

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2014-2023	<i>Member</i> SPIN (South Plains Immunization Coalition) <i>Chair</i> community education committee.
2014-2023	<i>Member</i> South Plains Homeless Coalition
2004-present	Council on Education in Public Health (CEPH) site visitor
2010-2011	<i>Consultant</i> to the Paso del Norte Health Foundation on the REALIZE public health leadership training.
2008	<i>Consultant</i> to the Paso del Norte Health Foundation assisting in research on cross-border utilization of medical services.
2005-2008	<i>Consultant</i> for a Battelle/CDC project evaluating the AMIGAS program for increasing cervical cancer screening in Hispanic women.
2003-2005	<i>Member</i> Center for Border Health Promotion Advisory board and chair of the community assessment committee. Planning community assessments for three communities, training center board and staff in qualitative research and community based participatory research.
2001-2002	<i>Mentor</i> to a McNair scholar at the University of Texas at El Paso.
2000-2002	<i>Consultant</i> to the hand washing and hygiene project of the Paso del Norte Health Foundation.
2000-2001	<i>Advisor</i> to the Arizona Rural Health Office Evaluation Toolkit Project.
1999-2001	<i>Volunteer consultant</i> to La Mujer Obrera, a women worker's organization. Assisted in the development of a health survey, training of interviewers, data entry and analysis.
1999-2013	<i>Advisor</i> to the El Paso Diabetes Association. Helping them to develop evaluation materials and consider options for intervention.
1998-2001	<i>Advisor</i> to the Border Vision Fronteriza continuation Project.
1989-1999	<i>Volunteer consultant</i> to the San Vicente Clinic, assisting in the evaluation of their Paso a Paso Diabetes Education Program.

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- 1/98-2004 *Consultant* to the Clinic HELP Initiative of the Paso del Norte Health Foundation. As part of the Technical Assistance Team, work with health educators in community clinics to improve their skills.
- 1997-2004 *Volunteer consultant* Manhattan Presbyterian Church as they develop parish nursing and community health outreach programs.
- 1997-2004 *Volunteer consultant* to the Paso del Norte Health Foundation, assisting them in development of future plans.
- 1/94-3/94 *Consultant* to the "All Kids Count" project, Houston Texas.
Ran focus groups in the Hispanic community around the issue of immunization and barriers to immunization services. Results were used to improve service delivery in the Houston area.
- 1/91-1/97 *Consultant, Comunidades Unidas Pro Salud/Communities United for Health (CUPS).*
Activities included: Consultation regarding community development and health projects in several small farming communities in Mexico, near the Texas border. Assisted in writing a grant proposal to the Public Welfare Foundation to fund a health coordinator.
- 1991, 1994 *Consultant, March of Dimes.*
Assisted in the development of a curriculum for women in the workplace who are considering becoming pregnant. Babies and You (at the Workplace) Program.
- 1987-1990 *Trainer, American Cancer Society, El Paso Unit, El Paso, TX.*
"Teaching Breast Self-Exam".
- 1987 *Smoking Cessation Instructor, American Cancer Society, San Fernando Valley Unit, Van Nuys, California.*
- 1/85-7/86 *Volunteer RN/Health Educator, Venice Family Clinic, Venice, CA.*
Assisted with health care in both the pediatric and women's clinics, serving primarily Hispanic clients. Conducted a needs assessment for the clinic regarding the availability of prenatal care for Hispanic women in the community.
- 10/85-11/85 *Consultant* to the Western Consortium for the Health Professions.
Planned and coordinated a 3-day symposium on indicators of health promotive behavior at UCLA.

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8/80-9/84 *Volunteer Childbirth Educator, Dar a Luz Free Clinic for Spanish speaking women, Tucson, AZ.*

Journal Editorial Boards

Family and Community Health (Member editorial board, 1996-2020)

Journal Reviewer

Cancer, American Journal of Community Psychology, Pan American Journal of Public Health, Family and Community Health, Social Science and Medicine, AIDS Care, Ethnicity and Disease, Journal of Health Promotion Practice, Science Communication, Journal of Perinatology, Health Education and Behavior, Journal of Women's Health, Women's Health International.

Advisory Committees

Texas DSHS Committee for Public Health Funding and policy (2025-2031)

Advisory committee, Tyler Junior College Health Sciences (2024-present)

Community advisory committee, MD Anderson Cancer Center (2024-present)

Advisory committee for DrPH, Walden University (2019-present)

Alliance for Colorectal Cancer Testing (2015-present)

Advisory Committee to the Texas Cancer Registry (ACTCR) (2016-present)

South Plains Immunization Network (2017-2023)

Public Health Practice Committee DSHS (2018-2022)

Rio Grande Cancer Foundation Planning committee (2012-2013)

Center for Border Health Promotion Advisory Board (2003-2004).

CDC/NIH/ACS Annual Cancer Conference, planning committee (2000-2001).

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Advisory Panel for US Representative Silvestre Reyes, member (1997-2001).

Awards for Excellence in School Health, Judge (1991-2001).

United Way, Physical Health Problem Solving Group (6/92-93).

Boards

Member Board of Directors, Family Promise/Sondra's Song Lubbock (2018-2023)

Southwest AHEC Board (Secretary) 2010-2011

Board of Directors, American Cancer Society (Chair, 1999-2001) El Paso Unit, Life Member

Board of Directors, American Cancer Society Texas Division (1998-2004)

Advisory Board, Center for Border Health Research (1998-2003; Chair 2001-2003)

Executive Board, Cancer Consortium of El Paso (1996-1997)

Institutional Review Board, Providence Memorial Hospital (1996-2000)

Board of Directors, Project Vida (1994-1996)

Board of Directors, Comunidades Unidas pro-Salud (1993-1996)

University Service

Chair Faculty Board of the TTU System Health Policy and Public Health Think Tank (2021-2023)

IPE steering committee (2016-2023)

Member QI review committee (2016-2023)

Chair, Internal Review Board for the Biotechnology Program, TTUHSC, GSBS. 2015
Global Health Steering Committee, TTUHSC, Lubbock. 2014-2023.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, TTUHSC, Lubbock 2014-2017; 2020-2023t.

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Sex and Gender-based Medicine Task Force, TTUHSC, Lubbock. 2014-2023.

Diversity Committee member, Paul L Foster SOM, 2012-2014.

Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (IRB), UTHSC-Houston (2000-2011)

Faculty Chair, UTSPH 2008-2010.

Six-year post tenure review Chair, UTSPH, 2005.

Memberships and Affiliations

Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) 2018-2023; 2025-present
(Leadership Committee; Accreditation and Certification Committee)

American Public Health Association since 1985 (PHEHP Section: Resolutions Committee Chair, 1994-1996; Governing Counselor, 1996-98, 2006-2011, 2013-2016; Section Counselor 1999-2001; Chair Nominations Committee, 2001-2002, incoming Section Chair, 2003, Section Chair, 2004-2005)

Texas Public Health Association

Texas Society for Public Health Education (President, 1992-1994)

Paso del Norte Society for Public Health Education (President 2002)

Society for Public Health Education (National Conference Planning Committee, 1992; Board of Trustees member at large, 2001-2003, Chair, mid-year conference planning committee, 2002-2003)

Scientific Advisory Committee, Texas Division, American Cancer Society (1996-2005)

Volunteer and Diversity Committee, Texas Division, American Cancer Society (1996-2005)

Comprehensive School Health Committee, Texas Division, American Cancer Society (1996-2005)

American Association of University Women (2002-2013)

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Licenses

Texas RN 539296

Arizona RN (inactive)

California RN (inactive)

Special Skills: Spanish, written and oral