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EDUCATION

- 2008 **Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine**
New Orleans, LA
Ph.D., Epidemiology – focus on infectious disease epidemiology, surveillance

Dissertation: “Late Diagnosis and Entry into Medical Care among Persons Newly Diagnosed with HIV in Louisiana”
- 1988 **University of Michigan School of Public Health**
Ann Arbor, MI
M.P.H., Public Health Policy and Analysis – focus on Maternal and Child Health
- 1986 **Northwestern University**
Evanston, IL
B.A., History - major, Biology - minor

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

July 2010-

Current

Data Management/Analysis Unit Manager

Louisiana Office of Public Health, STD/HIV Program, New Orleans, LA
Oversee data management and analysis activities for the Louisiana Office of Public Health, STD/HIV Program; participate in multiple federal and privately-funded research projects; prepare articles for publication in peer-reviewed journals; coordinate the development and dissemination of program indicators, data collection/survey forms, and epidemiologic profiles; supervise data managers, data entry staff, epidemiologists, and student interns; teach public health courses and attend faculty meetings.

2008-2010

Data Management/Analysis Program Manager

Louisiana Office of Public Health, HIV/AIDS Program, New Orleans, LA
Administered multiple data systems including: HIV/AIDS registry, CAREWare, and other prevention/services data management systems. Coordinated the development and dissemination of program indicators, data collection/survey forms, and epidemiologic profiles. Supervised data managers, data entry staff, epidemiologists, and student interns.

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- 2000-2008 **HIV Surveillance Data Management/Analysis Coordinator**
Louisiana Office of Public Health, HIV/AIDS Program, New Orleans, LA
Coordinated data management and analysis activities for the HIV/AIDS Surveillance Program. Managed several multi-year surveillance special projects and the transition to a new data management system. Conducted advanced epidemiologic analyses and developed fact sheets and reports.
- 1995-2000 **HIV Serosurveillance Coordinator**
Acadiana C.A.R.E.S., New Orleans, LA
Coordinated HIV incidence and prevalence studies and HIV prevention evaluation surveys for the HIV/AIDS Program.
- 1993-1995 **Epidemiologist**
Centers for Disease Control, Division of HIV/AIDS, Atlanta, GA
Coordinated the Family Adolescent HIV Risk Behavior and Communication Study; analyzed behavioral study data; provided QA to project sites.
- 1993-1995 **Instructor**
Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health, Atlanta, GA
Taught graduate courses for public health students on survey design, database management and analysis.
- 1992 **Senior Systems Analyst**
Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health, Atlanta, GA
Designed and maintained a data management system and conducted statistical analyses for "Project LIGHT," a behavioral HIV study.
- 1989-1992 **Epidemiologist**
Centers for Disease Control, Division of HIV/AIDS, Atlanta, GA
Coordinated the Job Corps, adolescent and blood donor HIV serosurveillance systems; managed seroprevalence survey data.

PUBLICATIONS

Bradley H, Gruber D, Introcaso CE, Foxhood J, Wendell D, Rahman M, Ewell J, Kirkcaldy RD, Weinstock HS. Congenital syphilis investigation processes and timing in Louisiana. *Sex Transm Dis.* 2014;41(9):560-563.

Introcaso CE, Gruber D, Bradley H, Peterman T, Ewell J, Wendell D, Foxhood J, Su JR, Weinstock HS, Markowitz LE. Challenges in congenital syphilis surveillance: how are congenital syphilis investigations classified? *Sex Transm Dis.* 2013;40:695-699.

Gray KM, Kajese T, Crandell-Alden E, Anderson BK, Wendell D, Crutchfield A, Jackson T, Hall IH. Enhanced collection of laboratory data in HIV Surveillance among 5 states with

PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

confidential name-based HIV infection reporting, 2005-2006. *Open AIDS J.* 2012;6,(Suppl 1:M5)90-97.

Robinson WT, Wendell D, Gruber D. Changes in CD4 count among persons living with HIV/AIDS following Hurricane Katrina. *AIDS Care.* 2011 Mar 9:1-4.

Robinson B, Wendell D, Gruber D, Zapata A, Scalco B. Estimating the return of persons living with HIV/AIDS to New Orleans: two methods for conducting disease surveillance in the wake of a natural disaster. *Amer J Public Health.* 2008;98:666-671.

Schwarcz S, Weinstock H, Louie B, Kellogg T, Douglas J, LaLota M, Dickinson G, Torian L, Wendell D, et al. Characteristics of persons with recently acquired HIV infection: application of the serologic testing algorithm for recent HIV seroconversion in 10 US cities. *J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr.* 2007;44:112-115.

Ikard K, Janney J, Hsu LC, Isenberg DJ, Scalco MB, Schwarcz S, Beer L, Wendell DA, Franks PE, et al. Estimation of unmet need for HIV primary medical care: a framework and three case studies. *AIDS Education and Prevention.* 2005;17:26-38.

Weinstock HS, Zaidi I, Heneine W, Bennett D, Garcia-Lerma JG, Douglas JM, LaLota M, Dickinson G, Schwarcz S, Torian L, Wendell D, et al. The epidemiology of antiretroviral drug resistance among drug-naïve HIV-1 infected persons in 10 U.S. cities. *JID.* 2004;189:2174-80.

Wendell DA, Cohen DA, LeSage D, Farley TA. Street outreach for HIV prevention: effectiveness of a statewide program. *International Journal of STD & AIDS.* 2003;14:334-340.

Miller KS, Clark LF, Wendell DA, et al. Adolescent sexual experience: a new typology. *Journal of Adolescent Health.* 1997;20:179-186.

Miller KS, Hennessy M, Wendell DA, et al. Behavioral risks for HIV infection associated with HIV testing decisions. *AIDS Education and Prevention.* 1996;8:394-402.

Conway GA, Epstein MR, Hayman, CR, Miller CA, Wendell DA, et al. Trends in HIV prevalence among disadvantaged youth. *JAMA.* 1993;269:2887-2889.

McCombs SB, McCray E, Wendell DA, Sweeney PA, Onorato IM. Epidemiology of HIV-1 infection in bisexual women. *J AIDS.* 1992;5:850-852.

Wendell DA, Onorato IM, McCray E, Allen DM, Sweeney PA. Youth at risk: sex, drugs, and Human Immunodeficiency Virus. *Amer. Jour. of Diseases of Children.* 1992;146:76-81.

ABSTRACTS/INVITED PRESENTATIONS/TRAININGS

Louisiana STD/HIV Program and Medicaid Collaboration. *Ryan White and ACA Eastern Regional Meeting*, New Orleans, June 2015.

Current HIV trends in Louisiana. *Urban Coalition for HIV/AIDS Prevention Services: HIV Trends Think Tank Meeting*, Washington DC, May 2015.

Linkage to care in Louisiana. *Delta Region AETC Training*, New Orleans, April 2015.

Data to care in Louisiana. *NASTAD Data to Care Community of Practice Workshop 2*, NASTAD webinar, April 2015.

HIV testing and linkage in Louisiana. *Louisiana Learning Community Workshop*, New Orleans, March 2015.

Using Data to Improve Linkage to Care. *Building Healthy Communities by Breaking Down Barriers: CBO 2015 Orientation*, New Orleans, January 2015.

HIV epidemiology and testing trends in Louisiana. *Laboratory Compliance Workshop XI*, Shreveport, September 2014.

Linkage to care, retention and viral suppression in persons tested at public HIV testing sites in Louisiana. *United States Conference on AIDS*, New Orleans, September 2013.

HIV in the South: trends, health outcomes, HIV continuum of care, and monitoring national HIV/AIDS strategy objectives. *United States Conference on AIDS*, New Orleans, September 2013.

Louisiana's data to care initiatives. *United States Conference on AIDS*, New Orleans, September 2013.

Evaluating retention in care and viral suppression: how effective are testing and linkage to care interventions in Louisiana? *National Minority AIDS Council Evaluation Series*. Webinar. August 2013.

Internal and external data sharing for prevention and care in Louisiana: an integrated health department's experience. *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Integrated Data Security and Confidentiality Guidelines Webinar Series*. July 2013.

HIV trends and state level initiatives. *HRSA Region VI HIV/AIDS Meeting*, Baton Rouge, May 2013.

ABSTRACTS/INVITED PRESENTATIONS/TRAININGS (CONTINUED)

Evaluation of HIV-related care and treatment in Louisiana using monitored viral load and CD4 measures. *XIX International AIDS Conference*, Washington DC, July 2012.

Innovations in HIV surveillance. *International Science Pre-conference Workshop*, Washington DC, July 2012.

Finding missing information using databases not commonly used in HIV surveillance. *2011 National HIV/AIDS Surveillance Meeting*, Atlanta GA, July 2011.

Use of HIV surveillance data to monitor progress towards achieving the national HIV/AIDS strategy outcomes. *2010 National HIV Summit*, National Harbor MD, November 2010.

So much data...so little time, data dissemination Tips. *2009 National HIV/AIDS Surveillance Meeting*, Atlanta GA, July 2009.

Measuring stage of disease at entry into care in Louisiana. Metrics/Evaluation Roundtable, Arlington VA, April 2009.

Louisiana's experience with document-based surveillance. *2007 National HIV/AIDS Surveillance Meeting*, Atlanta GA, December 2007.

Who is in care and who is not: can surveillance data help target efforts. *2005 National HIV Prevention Conference*, Atlanta GA, June 2005.

Using laboratory surveillance data to assess referrals into medical care from public HIV counseling and testing sites in Louisiana. *2005 National HIV Prevention Conference*, Atlanta GA, June 2005.

Who's in care, who's not: using a team approach to measure unmet need and improve access to care. *United States Conference on AIDS*, New Orleans LA, September 2003.

Consultant for the National Association of State and Territorial AIDS Directors to assist with an evaluation of the Madagascar national HIV/AIDS surveillance system. Antananarivo, Madagascar, July 16 – August 1, 2003.

Louisiana experience using the integrated guidelines for developing epidemiologic profiles. *Data for Decision Making - Grantee Training Meeting*, Atlanta GA, January 2003.

Using perinatal HIV data to identify gaps and plan prevention: state perspective. *Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs Action Learning Lab*, Durham NC, May 2002.

ABSTRACTS/INVITED PRESENTATIONS/TRAININGS (CONTINUED)

Using incidence/STARHS data at the state and local level. *Community Planning Leadership Summit for HIV Prevention*, Chicago IL, March 2002.

HIV data analysis and interpretation in the post-HAART era: Louisiana's experience. *2002 National HIV/AIDS Surveillance Workshop*, Atlanta GA, January 2002.

Enhancing referrals from public HIV counseling and testing sites to medical and social services in Louisiana. *National HIV Prevention Conference*, Atlanta GA, August 2001. Street outreach survey methods. *Louisiana 2000 Annual HIV/STD Conference*, Baton Rouge LA, September 2000.

Hands-on introduction to designing/analyzing your own surveys and needs assessments. *Louisiana 1999 Annual HIV/STD Conference*, September 1999.

Effectiveness of street outreach in Louisiana: individual or community-level intervention? *National HIV Prevention Conference*, Atlanta GA, August 1999.

Condom use in high-risk neighborhoods: results from statewide street surveys in Louisiana, 1997-98. *National HIV Prevention Conference*, Atlanta GA, August 1999.

CDC HIV prevention indicators: trends in perinatal HIV transmission in Louisiana, 1991-1997. *American Public Health Association Meeting*, Washington DC, November 1998.

Workshop: evaluation of HIV interventions/ conducting statewide community surveys, *Louisiana Community Based Organization Spring Retreat*, Alexandria LA, May 14-16, 1997.

Epi Info workshop, Indian Health Service, Sacramento CA, July 28-29, 1994, and presented: March 2-3, 1995.

HIV risk Behaviors and perception of risk among African-American adolescents and young adults attending an STD clinic in a non-urban southern City. *American Public Health Association Meeting*, Washington DC, November 1994.

Epi Info training for health professionals, Caribbean Epidemiology Center, Port of Spain, Trinidad, June 1993.

HIV infection among adolescents and young adults attending clinics in the United States. *Sixth Annual National Pediatric AIDS Conference*, Washington DC, October 1990.

HIV seroprevalence among adolescent and young adult females in selected clinical settings. *American Public Health Association Meeting*, New York NY, October 1990.

ABSTRACTS/INVITED PRESENTATIONS/TRAININGS (CONTINUED)

HIV seroprevalence among adolescents and young adults in selected clinical settings. *Sixth International Conference on AIDS*, San Francisco CA, June 1990.

SKILLS

- Proficient in SAS, SPSS, MS Access, MS Excel, ArcGIS
- Programming in SAS, MS Access
- Extensive experience with public health surveillance, program management, grant writing, budget preparation, database development, study/survey design, performance measurement, and data analysis/reporting

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Epidemiologist Liaison, AIDS Vu Executive Committee
- Appointed to OPH, PHAB Subcommittee for Domain 10
- Member, CDC Data to Care Workgroup
- Member, Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
- Member, International AIDS Society