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High-achieving Adjunct Instructor of health courses versed in classroom management and online instruction. Computer-savvy and dedicated to student success. Well organized and driven public health research professional with over 10 years of experience specializing in cancer prevention community-based participatory research programs management.

EDUCATION

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| MBA | University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX
Soules College of Business
Concentration: Healthcare Management | May 2017 |
| MS | McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA
Department of Health and Human Performance
Concentration: Health Promotion | December 2006 |
| BS | McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA
Department of Health and Human Performance
Concentration: Health Promotion | May 2005 |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Adjunct Instructor/Lecturer I | 9/2010 to present |
| Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX
Department of Health and Kinesiology | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lead Instructor for Personal Health and Wellness and Environmental Health courses. Responsible for managing staff instructing the courses, developing and sustaining online course shells, course curriculum and course syllabi.• Provide educational and professional guidance and assistance for students majoring in Health.• Experience with facilitating/instructing undergraduate online and/or face-to-face courses (up to 150 students/per semester):<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Environmental Health (Fall 2012 – present)○ Personal Health and Wellness (Fall 2010 – present)○ Drugs and Health (Fall 2012 – Summer 2014)○ Nutrition (Fall 2013)○ Human Sexuality (Summer 2013)○ Research in Contemporary Health Issues (Spring 2012)○ Consumer Health (Spring 2011) | |

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Program Director 3/2023 to present

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX
Department of Health Disparities Research

- Provide administrative leadership and strategic planning for inter-institutional and inter- and intra-departmental collaborative research projects/programs, including assistance in the development of large, programmatic grants.
- Develop, implement and maintain comprehensive strategies to increase minority clinical trial participation, namely the “Research Navigation Program to Enhance Diversity” (Navigation Program)
- Contribute to strategic planning and program implementation for CCETR leading efforts to track and report progress on minority participation on clinical trials, helping researchers to ensure equitable access to interventional clinical trials for all patients with cancer.

Program Manager 3/2018 – 2/2023

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX
Department of Health Disparities Research

- Facilitate collaborative working relationships between researchers and relevant MD Anderson administrative departments such as Community Relations and Education, Office of Health Policy, the Cancer Prevention and Control Platform.
- Support evaluation of community research partnerships and the effective translation of research to community practice.
- Provide training and ongoing technical support to increase organizations’ and communities’ scientific literacy and capacity to participate in and advocate for research.
- Support the development of study design, research protocols, and dissemination strategies that support community-based research projects conducted through the Center for Community Engaged and Translational Research (CCETR) and in the Department of Health Disparities Research.

Research Manager 7/2012 – 3/2018

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX
Department of Health Disparities Research

- Responsible for daily management of federal and state funded clinical/community-based research trials. Supervise assigned personnel and manage personnel issues including recruitment, supervision and training, completion of institutional performance evaluations, motivation, counseling and directing staff, and resolving workflow issues.

Sr. Research Coordinator 9/2009 – 7/2012

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX
Department of Health Disparities Research

- Assisted project investigators with over-seeing daily management of grant activities including planning, organizing, and coordinating all project tasks. Responsible for updates that related to project recruitment and data collection. Assisted with designing and maintaining program databases.

Research Coordinator

7/2008 – 9/2009

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX
Department of Health Disparities Research

- Assisted in the implementation of research studies including preparation of study materials, data collection, participant interviewing, and performed basic data management tasks. Compiled, arranged, and organized grant material, manuscripts, bibliographies, literature, abstracts, tables, figures, conference materials, etc.

Research Assistant / Project Co-Director,

6/2007 – 7/2008

University of Houston (Central Campus), Houston, TX
Health and Human Performance Department – Texas Obesity Research Center (TORC)

- Assisted project investigators with over-seeing daily management of grant activities including planning, organizing, and coordinating all project tasks. Contributed to senior staff meetings and met with scientific research consultants and co-investigators in strategy sessions to enhance recruitment, retention, fidelity and management of data.

Facilitator

1/2007 – 6/2007

University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston, Houston, TX
Center of Health Promotion Prevention Research

- Provided age-appropriate sexual risk reduction curriculum and CD-ROM-based tailored intervention to middle school (7th and 8th grade) students, per the prevention protocol. Completed protocol procedures (i.e. Informed consent, data collection, compensation).

Exercise Specialist

6/2005 – 12/2006

Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, Lake Charles, LA
Cardiac Prevention and Rehabilitation

- Assisted with health education programs, provided cardiac education and exercise care for all patients assigned, collected data (regarding cardiac events, health history, signs and symptoms, etc.) on patients enrolled in phase II cardiac rehabilitation program. Facilitated Phase II group sessions, evaluated the patients' progress in the Phase II program (36 weeks), and determined their outcomes to return to work and daily activities.

Student Athletic Trainer

8/2000 – 5/2005

McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA
McNeese State Athletic Training Program (Sports Medicine)

- Assisted the head and assistant trainers with McNeese State athletes dealing with injury evaluations, rehabilitations, wound care, and injury treatments. Responsible for knowing certain techniques that prevented athletic injuries, specifically for football, women's basketball, softball, and track and field athletes.

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

Rejecting Tobacco Use. Introduction to Health and Wellness Course, Department of Kinesiology at Rice University. July 2019; June 2021; October 2021. **Guest Lecture**

Karolina Murguia, MPH, Tracey Yost, MS, **Loren Bryant, MS**, Chloe Franklin, MPH, Jacqueline Reese-Smith, PhD, Lorna H. McNeill, PhD, MPH. Qualitative examination of physical activity preferences, factors that promote and limit physical activity among African American and Hispanic/Latino men. (2011, October/November). American Public Health Association 139th Annual Meeting & Exposition. Washington, D.C. **Poster Presentation**

Chloe Franklin, MPH, **Loren Bryant, MS**, Jacqueline Reese-Smith, PhD, Lorna H. McNeill, PhD, MPH. Youth and Parent Safety Perceptions of Environmental Resources for Physical Activity in Low-Income Housing Developments (2011, October/November). American Public Health Association 139th Annual Meeting & Exposition. Washington, D.C. **Poster Presentation**

Lee RE, Mama SK, Banda JA, **Bryant LG**, McAlexander KP. Physical Activity Opportunities in Low Socioeconomic Status Neighborhoods. *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*; 2009; 63:1021.

Lee RE, Banda JA, **Bryant L**. Personal and Environmental Factors Associated with BMI in African American Public Housing Residents. *Obesity*. 2008, 16: S320.

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND HONORS

- The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Employee Service Award - 15 Years of Service, Fall 2023
- Prairie View A&M University, Employee Service Award - 10 Years of Service, Fall 2020
- The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Division of Cancer Prevention and Populations Sciences Award for Excellence in Management, 2018
- The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Department of Health Disparities Research Performance Reward, June 2018
- The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Employee Service Award - 10 Years of Service, Fall 2018
- Member, Prairie View A&M University, Department of Health and Kinesiology Information Technology Committee (08/2018-present)
- The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Department of Health Disparities Research Awesome Job Award, November 2017
- The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Department of Clinical Cancer Prevention Awesome Job Award, May 2017

- Member, Society of Clinical Research Associates (SoCRA) (06/06/2014-12/2016)
- The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Health Disparities Research Department Performance Reward (February 2014)
- The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Employee Service Award (July 2013)
- Member, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center – Health Disparities Research Department Performance Reward Committee (05/2013-present)
- Ambassador, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Ambassador Program (04/2012-present)
- Presenter, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center – Human Subjects Protection Training (Monthly Faculty Training): Community Based Research Presentation (03/2013-09/2013)
- Buddy/Mentor, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center – Health Disparities Research Department Mentor Program (03/2013-present)
- The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Health Disparities Research Department Performance Reward (June 2010)
- Who’s Who among Students in American Universities & Colleges (Spring 2005)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Virtual Learning Environments and Course Management Systems: Blackboard Classroom Functions, Moodle, eCourses, Canvas

Software Applications: Microsoft Office, G Suite, Adobe Acrobat Professional

Communication and collaboration tools: Skype, Zoom, WhatsApp, Remind, Microsoft Teams, WebEx

TRAINING AND CONTINUED EDUCATION

- MD Anderson Cancer Center Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist (Completion Date: July 2021)
- Quality Matters Workshop - Center for Instructional Innovation and Technology Services (CIITS) – Prairie View A&M University (Completion Date: 9/30/2020)
- Introduction to Teaching Online Canvas Refresher Course - PVAMU (Completion Date: 9/30/2020)
- Human Subjects Protection Certified (HSPT) / HIPAA Training for Direct Care Providers
- Adult CPR / Adult CPR & AED / Child CPR & AED and Infant CPR Certification
- Completion of the Human Participants Protection Education for Research Teams / NIH
- Population Sciences Workshop: Informed Consent and Source Documentation - 3 hours UTMDACC
- Clinical Research Training: Population Sciences – 6 hours UTMDACC

- Clinical Research Training: Administrative/Regulatory Support – 2 hours UTMDACC
- People Leadership Training and Development Courses - 16 hours UTMDACC
 - Principle and Practices of Management I &II
 - Performance Management
 - Situational Leadership
 - Managing Across Differences
 - Building Commitment and Competence
- Prairie View A&M University Online Instructor Certification Program (2/2011)

CLINICAL TRIAL EXPERIENCE

2020 to present

Lazarex Cancer Foundation; \$3,000,000
 Research Navigation Program to Enhance Diversity
 PI: L. McNeill
 Role: Program Director

2019 to 2023

Institutional Support (MD Anderson Cancer Center) – Tobacco Settlement Funding; \$250,000
 Reducing Tobacco Associated Health Disparities in African American Public Housing Communities “Project Smoke Free”
 PI: S. Shastri
 Role: Program Manager

2018 to 2023

Institutional Support (MD Anderson Cancer Center) - Start Up Funding
 Reducing Tobacco Associated Health Disparities in African American Public Housing Communities “Project Smoke Free”
 PI: S. Shastri
 Role: Program Manager

1/2016 to 2023

Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) *until 2019*
 Institutional Support (MD Anderson Cancer Center) – Office of Health Policy Funding
 Replicating Ask Advise Connect (AAC) in Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
Project Connect and MD Anderson Quitline
 PI: L. McNeill / P. Cinciripini
 Role: Program Manager

5/2016 to 2019

Institutional Support (MD Anderson Cancer Center) - Start Up Funding
 Health Literacy and Smoking Cessation in Low-SES, Diverse Smokers
 PI: D. Hoover
 Role: Program Manager

7/2015 to 2018

Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP)
Food Deserts in Houston: Increasing Fruit and Vegetable Consumption
PI: L. McNeill
Role: Research Manager

2014 to 2018

NIH/NCI (U24)
Enhancing Minority Participation in Clinical Trials (EMPaCT)
PI: E. Cook
Role: Research Manager (IRB and protocol compliance tasks)

2012 to 2018

NIH / NCI (U54)
Latinos Contra El Cancer (Community Networks Program) - Reducing Cancer Disparities
Among Latinos in Texas
PI: D. Wetter / K. Basen-Engquist
Role: Research Manager

2012 to 2016

CPRIT
Project STEPS - Pathways Linking Social Determinants of Smoking Cessation
PI: D. Wetter / L. Strong
Role: Research Manager

2012 to 2016

NIH/NCI (R01)
Project HEALTH- Reducing Tobacco Related Health Disparities
PI: D. Wetter / L. Strong
Role: Research Manager

2014 to 2015

Institutional Support (MD Anderson Cancer Center) - Start Up Funding
Relationship Stress, Socioeconomic Status, and Inflammation: Pathways to Cancer-Related
Fatigue
PI: C. Fagundes
Role: Research Manager (IRB and protocol compliance tasks)

2014 to 2015

Institutional Support (MD Anderson Cancer Center) - Start Up Funding
Mindfulness Based Couples Therapy for Breast Cancer Survivors: A Pilot Study
PI: C. Fagundes
Role: Research Manager (IRB and protocol compliance specific tasks)

2014 to 2015

Institutional Support (MD Anderson Cancer Center) - Start Up Funding

Stress and Post-Treatment Immune Responses to the Influenza Vaccine: Implications for Cancer Health Disparities

PI: C. Fagundes

Role: Research Manager (IRB and protocol compliance specific tasks)

2009 to 2012

NINR (R01); \$3,091,721

Project iMove! – Social, contextual, and environmental determinants of physical activity in sedentary minority adults

PI: L. McNeill

Role: Sr. Research Coordinator

2010 to 2012

Houston Endowment, Inc.; \$914,122.

Healthy Habits - CBPR to Reduce Multiple Health Risk Behavior among African Americans

PI: L. McNeill

Role: Sr. Research Coordinator

2008 to 2011

Active Living Research (R21); \$405,755

Sister ACTIVE – Peer-Support Motivational Interviewing PA Intervention for African American Women

PI: L. McNeill

Role: Sr. Research Coordinator

2008 to 2010

Active Living Research (ALR); \$149,853

Family VOICE - Perceptions of School, Recreation, and Transportation Environments among African American Families in Public Housing

PI: L. McNeill

Role: Sr. Research Coordinator

2007 to 2008

NCI (R21)

Health Is Power (HIP) - Community based health intervention is designed to increase physical activity among African American women.

PI: R. E. Lee

Role: Project Co-Director

2007 to 2008

Active Living Research (ALR – Robert Wood Johnson Foundation); \$275,230

H.O.U.S.T.O.N – Healthful Options Using Streets and Transportation in our Neighborhoods

PI: R. E. Lee

Role: Project Co-Director

2007

The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston

All About Youth: Evaluation of Sexual Risk Avoidance and Risk Reduction Programs for Middle School Students

PI: C. Markham

Role: Facilitator