

La Vonne A. Downey Ph. D

University of Illinois-Chicago Public Policy Analysis/Political Science Ph. D
Syracuse University Political Science Political Science/Non-Violent Conflict Resolution M.A.
Syracuse, New York
University of MO-St. Louis Political Science B.A. / International Relations Certificate-
University of Lancaster Political Science/Philosophy Lancaster, England

AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST

Health Policy Administration/Implementation
Preventive Health Effectiveness
Health Policy/ Health Policy Choice Formation
Implementation and Evaluation

EXPERIENCE/EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Assistant Professor-Public Administration-School of Policy Studies

Teach health and healthcare related subjects at the graduate and under-graduate level. Conduct research in the healthcare field including: prevention education, access to service, delivery and needs assessments. Roosevelt University. Present

Mt Sinai Emergency Medicine Research Fellows Program

Construct, administer, and oversee on-going research done with research fellows from various medical schools and Roosevelt University students. Mt. Sinai Emergency Department. 2002-present

Clinical Evaluator

Coordinate, develop, maintain and evaluate all clinical sites and develop research to measure educational and system outcomes. Develop and conduct and advise student and faculty research. Finch University of Health Sciences/The Chicago Medical School. April 1997 to February 2003.

Lecturer

Provide on-going research and statistical seminars to Family Medicine residents and Emergency Medicine Research Fellows. Mt. Sinai Hospital and Medical Center. October 1998 to 2007.

Faculty Development

Develop ongoing series of educational seminars based on site needs to improve and augment preceptors teaching skills. January 1998 to June 2003.

Evaluator

Providing technical assistance, evaluation research, and policy direction on a range of policy issues that includes the following: tobacco control and youth access issues, electoral preferences and preventive health, youth pregnancy prevention and education. Clients included State legislators, governors, local and state Health Departments, National Cancer Institute, and ASSIST Project. October 1996 to 2006.

Visiting Assistant Professor

Co-Principle Investigator--Tobacco Regulation Project--Investigating how states are implementing the Synar Amendment/youth access and tobacco control issues, Department of Health and Human Services/Center For Disease Control Funded Project, University of Illinois at Chicago. May 1995-December 1996.

Lecturer/Instructor

Classes included: Political Analysis, Research Design, Nationalism in a Global Setting, The Mass Media and Politics, and Political Communication. University of Illinois at Chicago. August 1993- May 1995.

Research Assistant

Conducted and assisted in a range of a research project as follows: The way in which political communications is received; How Citizens use the media, information and international and national news, and Barriers to the development of a legitimate HIV planning process under the Ryan White CARE Act. University of Illinois at Chicago, August 1993- December 1995.

PUBLICATIONS

Article title:

Leslie S. Zun, MD, MBA and La Vonne A. Downey, PhD. **Do Restraints Reduce the Level of Agitation?** Primary Psychology, January 2008.

Leslie Zun MD and La Vonne A. Downey, Ph D, **“Levels of Agitation of Patients Presenting to an Emergency Department”** The Primary Care Companion, December 2007.

Leslie Zun MD and La Vonne A. Downey Ph D . **“Application of a Medical Clearance Protocol”** Primary Psychiatry. Vol. 14 No.11 November 2007.

La Vonne A. Downey Ph D, Leslie Zun, MD, and Sandra Jones Gonzales, MPA **“Frequency of Alternatives to Restraints and Seclusion and Uses of Agitation Reduction Techniques in the Emergency Department”**, General Hospital Psychiatry, October 2007

La Vonne A. Downey, PhD and Leslie Zun, MD, **“Violence Prediction in the Emergency Department”**, The Journal of Emergency Medicine, July 2007.

La Vonne A. Downey, PhD and Leslie Zun, MD, **“Determinates of Throughput Times in the Emergency Department”** Journal of Health Management, Volume 9, No. 1, 51-58 August(2007).

La Vonne A. Downey, PhD and Leslie Zun MD, **“Testing of a Verbal Assessment Tool of English Proficiency for Use in the Healthcare Setting”**, Journal of the National Medical Association, Vol. 99, No.7, July 2007.

Leslie Zun, M.D., and La Vonne A. Downey, Ph D, **“Adult Health Screen and Referrals in the Emergency Department”**, Volume 99, Number 9. September 2006, Southern Medical Journal

Leslie Zun, M.D., and La Vonne A. Downey, Ph D, **“English Language Competency of Self Declared English Speaking Hispanic Patients”**, June 2006, Journal of the National Medical Association.

Leslie Zun, M.D. and La Vonne A. Downey, PhD, **“Effectiveness of ED Based Violence Prevention Program”**, The American Journal of Emergency Medicine, March 2006.

Leslie Zun. M.D., La Vonne A. Downey, Ph.D. **“Is Insurance Status Correlated with Hospital Admission for Young Victims of Interpersonal Violence”?** The American Journal of Bioethics, February 2006

Leslie Zun, M. D. and La Vonne Downey, Ph D. **“Pediatric Health Screening and Referral in the ED”** The American Journal of Emergency Medicine, Volume 23, Issue 6, October 2005.

Leslie Zun, MD and La Vonne A. Downey PhD, **“The Use of Seclusion in Emergency Medicine”** General Hospital Psychiatry, Volume 27, Issue 5, September 2005.

Leslie Zun, MD and La Vonne A. Downey, PhD, **“Who are the Young Victims of Violence”**, Pediatric Emergency Care, volume 21, Number 9, September 2005.

Leslie Zun, M.D. and La Vonne Downey, Ph D., **“The Effects of Noise in the Emergency Department”**, Academic Emergency Medicine, July 2005, Vol. 12, No. 7.

Leslie Zun M.D., Roma Hernandez, M.D. and La Vonne A. Downey, PhD, **“Comparisons of Laboratory Assessment of Psychiatric Patients by Emergency Physicians and Psychiatrists”**. The American Journal of Emergency Medicine, Volume 22, Number 3, May 2004.

Leslie Zun, M.D., Douglas Blume, Joseph Lester, and La Vonne Downey, Ph D, **“Accuracy of Emergency Medical Information on the Web”**. The American Journal of Emergency Medicine, Volume 22, Issue 2, March 2004.

Leslie Zun M.D. and La Vonne A. Downey, Ph D **“Is a Third Year Clerkship in Emergency Medicine Correlated with a Career Choice in Emergency Medicine”**, Teaching and Learning in Medicine-An International Journal, Volume 16, No 1., 2004.

Leslie Zun, M.D., La Vonne A. Downey, Ph D., and Andrea Rossi. **“An Emergency Department Based Program to Change Attitudes Towards Victims of Interpersonal Violence”**. The Journal of Emergency Medicine, Volume 26, Number 2, February 2004.

Leslie Zun, MD and La Vonne Downey, Ph D, **“Reliability of a Short Gun Questionnaire”**, The Southern Medical Journal, December 2003.

Leslie Zun, MD, La Vonne A. Downey, Ph. D, and Jodi Rosen M.A, **“Violence Prevention in the ED: Linkage of an ED and a Social Service Agency”**, The American Journal of Emergency Medicine, October 2003, Volume 21, Number 6.

Leslie Zun, MD, La Vonne A. Downey, Ph D. **Assessing and Improving Knowledge of Heart Attack Symptoms in the ED** (abstract). Second Mediterranean EM Congress, September 2003.

Leslie Zun, M.D, and La Vonne A. Downey, Ph D, “**The Tetanus Shortage and Its Impact on Vaccination in the Emergency Department**”, American Journal of Emergency Medicine, Vol 21, July 2003, Number 4.

Leslie Zun, M.D. and La Vonne A. Downey, Ph D, “**Application of a Medical Clearance Protocol**”, (abstract) in Academic Emergency Medicine, 2002, Volume 9 Number 5 441.

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William Gossman M.D., La Vonne A. Downey, Ph. D, Leslie Zun M.D, Glen Sussman, Ph D, and Jason Rosenberg. “**Gender Differences in Narcotic Induced Emesis in the ED**”, The American Journal of Emergency Medicine, May 2002, Volume 20, Number 3.

Les Zun, M.D., La Vonne A. Downey, Ph D and William Gossman, M.D., “**Self Treatment with Alternative Medicine before Presenting to the Emergency Department**”, (abstract) American Journal of Emergency Medicine, 2001, 38:535.

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Zun, L, Grude, C, Downey, L: **Comparison of Gun Accessibility of Victims of Violence to Other Youth Presenting to an Emergency department: A Pilot Study** (abstract). ACEP Research Forum, October 2000.

La Vonne A. Downey, Ph D., John Gardiner, Ph D., and David Chavis, Ph D., **Evaluation of Strength of Tobacco Control Efforts**, National Cancer Institute, 1999.

John A. Gardiner and La Vonne A. Downey, 1997 **Reducing Youth Access to Tobacco: Case Studies of State Policy Implementation**, University of Illinois at Chicago.

John Gardiner, Ph D and La Vonne A. Downey, Ph. D, “**State Implementation of the Synar Amendment**”, (Report to the CDC Office on Smoking and Health) University of Illinois at Chicago, 1996.

La Vonne A. Downey and John A. Gardiner, 1996 **Reducing Youth Access To Tobacco: A Partial Inventory of State Initiatives**, University of Illinois at Chicago, Office of Social Science Research.

Doris A. Graber with the assistance of La Vonne A. Downey. 1996 **Making Sense of Televised International News: Can Citizens Meet the Challenge?** Monograph series from George Washington University.

EVALUATION REPORTS

Lake County Health Department – Family Life Division (2004-2005), Evaluation of Teens Taking Charge.

Lake County Health Department – Family Life Division (2002-2003), Evaluation of Teens Taking Charge

Lake County Health Department –Family Life Division (2000 - 2003), Evaluation of The Future is Ours/ El Futuro Es Nuestro effectiveness in delivering health, esteem and vocational message to a Latina population

Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago (2000-2002) An Evaluation of An Emergency Department Violence Prevention Program.

Lake County Health Department – Family Life Division (1999), Evaluation of knowledge and understanding of Emergency Contraception within their school based health education programs.

Project ASSIST and Association for the Study and Development of Community (1997-2000), Evaluation of State Actors in The Youth Prevention to Tobacco Program.

Center for Disease Control, (1996-1998) Evaluation of Implementation of the Synar Amendment.

Center for Disease Control (1996), Evaluation of State Implementation of the Reducing Youth Access to Tobacco: Case Studies of main Actors.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Do Restraints Reduce the Level of Agitation? Continuing Medical Education at Mt Sinai Hospital/ New York 2008.

“Application of a Medical Clearance Protocol” Continuing Medical Education November 2007.

“Changes in Psychiatric Patients Utilization of the Emergency Department, Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, October 2007.

“Comparison of Agitation Reduction Techniques in the Emergency Department”, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, May 2006, Toronto, Canada.

“Results of a Three Year Abstinence Program, Youth Pregnancy Prevention Conference, San Francisco, 2006.

“Measuring Health Literacy in a Healthcare Setting” Annual Meeting of SAEM, Detroit, September 2005.

“Validation of a Verbal Assessment Tool of English Competency in the ED” Academic Emergency Medicine Annual Meeting, May 2005, New York.

“Level of Agitation of Patients Presenting to an Emergency Department” at the American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, May 25, 2005 in Atlanta, GA.

“English Language Competency of Self Declared English Speaking Hispanic Patients”, American Society of Emergency Physicians Research Forum, San Francisco, October 17-18.

“Results of Prevention Program Aimed at Minority Youth”, Office of Population Youth Prevention Conference, Dallas, 2004.

“Validation of a Verbal Assessment Tool of English Competency for use in the Emergency Department”, Annual Meeting of SAEM, Milwaukee, September 10, 2004.

“Using the Emergency Department to Recruit Minority Populations into Clinical Studies” Association of Clinical Researchers, San Diego, May 2004.

“Assessing Heart and Lung Sound in the Emergency Department”, American College of Emergency Physicians, October, 2003.

“Pediatric Health Screening and Referral in the Emergency Department”, The Second Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress Meeting, September 2003.

“Assessing and Improving Knowledge of Heart Attack Symptoms in the ED”, The Second Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress Meeting, September 2003

“Health Screening and Referral in the Emergency Medicine Department”, The Second Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress, September 2003.

“Application of a Medical Clearance Protocol, American Psychiatric Associations Annual Meeting, May 2003

“Prospective Medical Clearance of Psychiatric Patients”, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, May 2003

“Comparisons of Emergency Physicians and Psychiatrist Laboratory Assessment for the Medical Clearance of Psychiatric Patients”, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, May 2003.

“Comparison of Violence Injury Risk for Injured and Non-injured Youth in the Emergency Department”, 12th Annual Midwestern Regional Society of American Emergency Medicine, November 2002.

“Who are the Victims of Violence”? American Public Health Associations Annual Meeting 2002.

“Comparison of Gun Accessibility of Violence to other Youth Presenting to an Emergency Department”, American College of Emergency Physicians, October 2002.

“Application of a Medical Clearance Protocol,” Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Annual Meeting, May 2002.

“Prospective Medical Clearance of Psychiatric Patients”. International Conference of Emergency Medicine, June 2002.

“Pediatric Patient use of Alternative Medicine Prior to Presenting to the Emergency Department”. International Conference on Emergency Medicine, June 2002.

“The Use of Cartoon Distraction in the Reduction of Pain in Pediatric Patients”. International Conference of Emergency Medicine, June 2002

“Violence Prevention in the Emergency Department” International Conference of Emergency Medicine, June 2002

“Use of Alternative Medicine in an ED Setting”, International Conference of Emergency Medicine, 2001

“Emergency Physicians Attitudes about Victims of Violence” Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress Conference, Italy, 2001

“Comparison of Youth Gun Surveys in Emergency Departments Settings” presented at the Emergency Medicine Annual Research Meeting, November 2000.

“Nausea and Opiates Use in an Emergency Department Setting” presented at the International Conference on Emergency Medicine, 2000.

“Evaluation of the Clinical Phase of PA Education”, presented at the annual Association of Physician Assistant Programs Education Forum, 1999.

“Adapting the Pregnancy Message to Minority Adolescents”, presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, 1998.

“Reducing Youth Access to Tobacco - An Overview of State Initiatives,” presented at the National Tobacco Prevention Information Exchange Training Conference, 1996.

“Reducing Youth Access to Tobacco: State and Local Policy Options” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 1996.

“Variables Affecting State Regulation of Youth Access to Tobacco,” presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, 1996

“Experts Versus Novices: How Differences in Information Processing Affects Policy Choices About HIV/AIDS and Politics” presented at the International Association of Political Psychology, 1996.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Recipient of Great Cities Grant (NIH score of Outstanding), 1996.
- Recipient of Department of Health and Human Services Grant, 1995-96.
- Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, 1994-current.
- Conflict Resolution Award, 1988.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association
- American Public Health Association
- International Society of Political Psychology
- Midwest Political Science Association

SERVICE ACTIVITIES (Selected)

- Co-Chair Roosevelt Emergency Response Committee
- Roosevelt University Graduate Counsel
- Political Science/Public Administration Scholarship Committee
- Roosevelt University Library Committee
- Mt Sinai Emergency Medicine Research Committee, Mt Sinai Hospital
- Project ASSIST Evaluation Group, 1997 -1999.
- Member of University Senate, University of Illinois at Chicago, 94-95.
- AIDS Advisory Board, University of Illinois at Chicago 94-96.
- Amnesty International, Chapter President, 1987-88.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- Literacy Project -Teaching beginning readers
- Girl Scout Leader
- Society of Friends (Quaker) Hospitality Service Committee
- Publications and Photographer
- HIV/AIDS Educator, various organizations

REFERENCES

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