

La Vonne A. Downey Ph. D

AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST

Health Outcomes/ Assessment and Improvement
Health Policy Administration/Implementation
Preventive Health Effectiveness
Public Health Issues
Health Policy/ Health Policy Choice Formation
Implementation and Evaluation
Patient Centered Care
Psychiatric/ Behavior Health/ Patient Care
Global Health Issues/Policy
Health Literacy
Underserved and Access in Healthcare

EXPERIENCE/EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Professor- -Health Services- Public Administration

Teach wide-ranging courses which include: Health services, Medical Ethics, Managed Care, Health Economics, Public Health Issues, Comparative Urban Health Issues, Research and research evaluation, Quantitative Statistics, and other 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. 2003- 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-March 1997.

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 and CITATIONS

As of 8/17 800 Citations

Publications as Follows:

La Vonne A Downey, Leslie Zun, Paul Dismukes, and Amanda Hong. **Comparison of Self-Administered Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Tool vs. Researcher Administered Tool in the Emergency Department** . National Medical Journal. September 2017.

La Vonne A Downey and Leslie Zun. Differences in Reasons for Non Compliance between Medical and Psychiatric Patients. American Journal of Emergency Medicine. July 2017.

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La Vonne Downey and Leslie Zun. **Comparison of Self Reported to Observational agitation scales.** Journal of European Psychiatry. April 2017.

La Vonne A Downey and Leslie Zun, **Identifying Undiagnosed Pediatric Mental Illness in the Emergency Department** Pediatric Emergency Care. March 2017

La Vonne A Downey and Leslie Zun. **Does Psychic Pain Manifest as Agitation in the Emergency Setting?** European Psychiatry. 2016.

La Vonne Downey and Leslie Zun. **Return Visits and Readmission of Psychiatric versus Medical Patients.** European Psychiatry. 2016.

La Vonne A Downey ed. **Sustainable Development Goals – Why We Care.** 2106.

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La Vonne A Downey, Leslie Zun, Trena Burke. **Comparison of Canadian Triage Acuity Scale to Australian Emergency Mental Health Scales Triage System for Psychiatric Patients.** International Emergency Nursing. July 2015.

La Vonne Downey and Leslie Zun. **Assessment and Referral for Treatment of Patients at Risk for Suicide in the Emergency Department.** European Psychiatry. Vol. 30, March 2015, 28-31.

La Vonne A Downey ed. **The United Nations Millennium and Sustainability Development Goals.** June 2015.

La Vonne Downey and Leslie Zun. **Reasons for Psychiatric Readmissions.** European Psychiatry 30:370. March 2015.

La Vonne A Downey. **"Where Are the Rest of Us? Improving Representation of Minority Faculty in Academic Medicine"** Southern Medical Journal Volume: 107 Issue: 12 December, 2014.

La Vonne A Downey, Zun, LS, Burke, T. **Assessment and Referral for Treatment of Patients at Risk for Suicide in the Emergency Department.** American Psychosomatic Medicine November, 2014.

La Vonne A Downey, Leslie Zun, Trena Burke. **What Happens While You Are Waiting- Impact of Wait time on Patient Outcomes in the Emergency Department.** Journal of Health and Human Services Administration. July 2014

La Vonne A Downey, Leslie Zun, Trena Burke. **Patient transfer from a rehabilitation hospital to an emergency department: a retrospective study of an American trauma center.** Annals of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine. 2014

La Vonne A Downey. **Electronic Medical Records -Progress or Regress. It is Too Soon to Tell.** Southern Medical Journal. Spring 2014.

La Vonne A Downey, Leslie Zun, Trena Burke. **Comparison of Emergency Nurses Association Emergency Severity Triage and Australian Emergency Mental Health Triage Systems for the Evaluation of Psychiatric Patients.** Journal of Ambulatory Care Management. 2014 37: 1:11-18.

La Vonne A Downey, Leslie Zun, Trena Burke. **Are the Issues of Psychiatric Emergencies Covered in the Current Literature** Journal of American Association of Emergency Psychiatry. Winter 2013: 12-16.

La Vonne A Downey, Leslie Zun, Trena Burke, and Tangula Jefferson. **"Who Pays? How Reimbursement Impacts the Emergency Department"** Journal of Health and Human Services Administration. Date to be published Spring 2014.

La Vonne Downey, Leslie Zun, Trena Burke. **What Constitutes a Good Hand Offs In the Emergency Department- A Patients Perspective.** International Journal of Health Care Quality Assurance. October 2013.Vol. 26 No. 8, 2013 pp. 760-767.

La Vonne Downey, Leslie Zun, Trena Burke. **Medication Compliance by Patients Presenting to the Emergency Department.** Annals of Emergency Medicine. Volume 62, No. 4S: October 2013.

La Vonne A Downey, Leslie Zun, Trena Burke. **Patients', Nurses' and Physicians' Perception of Delays in Emergency Department Care.** Journal of Hospital Administration, April 2013.

La Vonne A Downey, Leslie Zun, Trena Burke, and Tangula Jefferson. **Does Handgun Accessibility Lead to Violence Related Injuries.** Southern Medical Journal. February 2013.

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Downey, L, Zun, LS, Burke, T. **Rehabilitation Transfers to an Emergency Department.** Ann Emerg Med 2012; 60: S94.

Downey, L, Zun, LS, Burke, T. **Identifying Undiagnosed Pediatric Mental Illness in the Emergency Department.** Ann Emerg Med 2012;60: S99

La Vonne Downey, Trena Burke, Leslie Zun. **Comparison of ENA Triage System to Australian Triage System for Psychiatric Patients.** Journal of American Association for Emergency Psychiatry. 2012. Vol. 10. 16-18.

La Vonne Downey, Trena Burke, Les Zun. **Is the Australian Triage System A Better Indicator of Psychiatric Patients Needs?** Journal of Society of Academic Emergency Medicine. 2012.

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Leslie Zun and La Vonne Downey. **Analysis of the Transfer of Rehabilitation Patients.** PM&R 4(10):S303. October 2012.

Downey, L, Zun, LS, Burke, T. **Identifying Undiagnosed Pediatric Mental Illness in the Emergency Department.** American College of Emergency Physicians Research Forum. October, 2012

Downey, L, Zun, LS, Burke, T. **Rehabilitation Transfers to an Emergency Department.** American College of Emergency Physicians Research Forum. Denver Colorado. October, 2012.

La Vonne Downey and Leslie Zun. **Use of Distraction and Pediatric Pain in the Emergency Department. Pediatric Emergency Medicine.** Pediatric Emergency Care: October 2012 - Volume 28 - Issue 10 - p 1033–1035

La Vonne A. Downey, PhD. **Lifting the Fog-Conflict of Interest.** Southern Medical Journal October 2011.

La Vonne A. Downey PhD. **The More You Know, What is the Impact of Research Education.** Southern Medical Journal September 2011.

La Vonne Downey Ph D, Leslie Zun MD, and Trena Burke MPA. **Undiagnosed Mental Illness in the Emergency Department.** The Journal of Emergency Medicine. September 2011.

La Vonne Downey Ph D and Leslie Zun MD. **What are the indicators of Potential for Rupture for Ectopics seen in the Emergency Department?** Journal of Trauma and Emergency: 14:3July-September 2011.

La Vonne Downey Ph D and Leslie Zun MD. **Accuracy of Emergency Medical Information on the Web: Update 2008.** Western Medical Journal: August 2011.

La Vonne A. Downey Ph D. **The Issue of Noncompliance among Health Care Providers.** Southern Medical Journal. February 2011.

La Vonne Downey Ph D and Leslie Zun, MD. **Pain Management and Customer Service in the Emergency Department.** Journal of Trauma and Emergency. October-December 2010.

La Vonne Downey A. Ph D and Leslie Zun MD. **The Correlation Between Patient Comprehension of their Reason for Hospital Admission and Overall Patient Satisfaction in the Emergency Department** Journal of National Medical Association. September 2010.

La Vonne Downey and Leslie Zun. **Differences in how psychiatric patients come Into the Emergency Department.** Primary Psychology. August 2010 17(8).

La Vonne Downey Ph D. **Rate of Use of Referrals in the Emergency Department.** Journal of Health Management (JHM) Volume 12 Number 1 January –May 2010.

La Vonne A. Downey Ph D and Leslie Zun MD. **The Effects of Deep Breathing Training on Pain Management in the Emergency Department.** Southern Medical Journal July 2009 - Volume 102 - Issue 7 - pp 688-692:

La Vonne Downey, PhD. **How to Resolve the Conflict Within the Medicaid and Managed Care Marriage.** Southern Medical Journal: August 2009 - Volume 102 - Issue 8 - p 779

La Vonne A. Downey, Ph D, Leslie Zun, MD, Sandra Jones Gonzales, MPA. **Utilization of the Emergency Department By Psychiatric Patients.** General Psychiatry. April 2009.

La Vonne A. Downey, Ph D. **What is the Impact of Free Drug Samples on Doctors?** Southern Medical Journal. August 2008.

La Vonne A. Downey, Ph D and Leslie S. Zun MD. **Assessing Adult Health Literacy in Urban Healthcare Settings.** Journal of the National Medical Association. November 2008.

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.

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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 2008.

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Leslie Zun and La Vonne Downey. **Changes in Utilization of the Emergency Department.** Annals of Emergency Medicine 50(3). September 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 and La Vonne Downey. The effects of noise in the Emergency Department. Annals of Emergency Medicine. October 2003.

LS Zun, D Arakaki, R Patel, L Downey - **Development of a survey to differentiate at-risk youths in the emergency department.** ANNALS OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE, 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.

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Gossman, W, Downey, L, Zun, L . **Pediatric Patient Use of Alternative Treatment before Presenting to the Emergency Department.**. Ann Emerg Med 2002; 40: S78.

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Zun, L, Downey, L. **Violence Prevention in the Emergency Department: Linkage of an ED and a Social Service Agency.** . Acad Emer Med 2002: 9: 473.

Leslie Zun, M.D., William Gossman, M.D., David Lilienstein and La Vonne A. Downey, Ph. D. **Patients Self Treatment with Alternative Treatments before presenting to the ED**, The American Journal of Emergency Medicine, September 2002, Volume 20, Number 5 473.

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.

William Gossman, M.D., La Vonne A, Downey, Ph D, and Leslie Zun, M.D. **Nausea and Opioid Use in and Emergency Department Setting** Ann Emergency Med, 2001:38:S167.

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** 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.

La Vonne A. Downey. **Experts versus novices: Measuring information processing differences in HIV/AIDS policy and politics**. 1998 - indigo.uic.edu

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.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Association of Victims of Violence and Undiagnosed Mental Illness. Annual Meeting of the pediatric Trauma Society. November 2017.

Comparison of Self Administered Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Tool. European Congress on Violence in Clinical Psychiatry. Dublin 2017

Why Nurses are Leading the Change- How creating and empowering nurses will transform health care delivery. February 2017. Executive Nursing

Why and How to Change the World Health Organization- Remaking Global Public Health. November 2016. United Nations meeting

Who pays reimbursement after ACA. Society for Academic Emergency Medicine. September 2016.

Tools for assessing the Ability to Consent to Treatment. Society for Academic Emergency Medicine. September 2016.

Undiagnosed Mental Illness and its Relationship to Violence in patients in the Emergency Department. Society for Academic Emergency Medicine. September 2016.

Pediatric Psychiatric Illness in the Emergency Department- Who are they and what do they present with upon arrival. Society for Academic Emergency Medicine. September 2016

Self-Reported Levels of Agitation and Psychic Pain of Patients Presenting to an Emergency Department. Society for Academic Medicine. September 2016.

Differences in non-compliance of medication of psychiatric patients. European Congress on Psychiatry. March 2016

Psychic pain versus agitation in psychiatric patients. European Congress on Psychiatry. March 2016

Differences between non-compliance of medication between medical and psychiatric patients. American Psychology Association meeting. New Orleans November 2015

Study on Relationship of Undiagnosed Mental Illness to Violence in an Urban ED. Society for Academic Emergency Medicine. Ohio, September 2015

Comparison of Self Administered PTSD tool vs researcher administered tool in the ED. Society for Academic Emergency Medicine. Ohio. September 2015

Level of Agitation of Psychiatric Patients in the ED. Society for Academic Medicine. Ohio. 2015

Return Visit of Emergency Department and Readmission of Psychiatric versus Medicine patients. Society of Academic Medicine. Ohio September 2015

Tools for Assessing Ability to Consent to Treatment. Society for Academic Emergency Medicine. Ohio. September 2015

Comparison of Interpreters in the ED. Society for Academic Medicine. Ohio. September 2015

Comparison of Millennium Development Goals to Sustainable Development Goals. Chicago IL. September 2015.

Food Security and Insecurity. United Nations Conference on Food Security-Goal#2. Chicago, IL. July 2015.

Suicide risk assessment. Midwest Academic Emergency Medicine. 2014

Pediatric undiagnosed Mental Illness. Academic Emergency Medicine 2014

Reasons for Re-Admit. Midwest Society of Academic Emergency Medicine 2014

Canadian Versus Australian Triage Systems. National Medical Association Annual meeting. Toronto, Canada. 2013.

Identifying Undiagnosed Pediatric Mental Illness in the Emergency Department. Annual meeting of American College of Emergency Physicians. October 2012.

Rehabilitation Transfers To an Emergency Department. Annual meeting of the American College of Emergency Physicians. October 2012

Compliance of medications by patients presenting to the emergency department“ Midwest Society of Academic Emergency Medicine 2012

MINI international neuropsychiatric interview for children 12-17. Midwest Society of Academic Emergency Medicine 2012

Comparison of ENA vs. Canadian Triage Triage. Midwest Society of Academic Emergency Medicine 2012

Comparison of Standard Triage to Psychiatric. American Psychosomatic Association Conference. November 2011.

Attitudes toward Taking Part in Clinical Trials. National Medical Association Annual Conference July 2011.

Youth Access to Guns and Violence in the ED. Society of Academic Emergency Medicine May 2011.

Physician Compliance with a Mandated Testing for Mentally Ill in the Emergency Department.
American Psychological Association. November 2010

Undiagnosed Mental Illness in the Emergency Department. American Physiology Conference. October 2010.

Patient Handoff and Customer Service in the Emergency Department. National Medical Association annual conference. July 2010

Physician Compliance with Required Testing on Psychiatric Patients in the Emergency Department.
American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, May 2010

Is There a Difference in Transportation of Psychiatric Patients in the Emergency Department.
American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, May 2010.

Pain Management in the ED and Customer Service. National Medical Association Annual Conference. July 2009

Pain Management in the Emergency Department and Its Relationship to Patient Satisfaction. Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians Annual Conference June 2009

What are the indicators of Potential for Rupture for Ectopic seen in the Emergency Department?
Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians Annual Conference June 2009

Deep Breathing and Pain Reduction in the Emergency Department. Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians Annual Conference June 2009

Patients understanding of Reasons for Admit. 12th International Conference on Emergency Medicine, San Francisco, April 2008

Assessing Health Literacy of Patients in an Urban Health Setting, 12th International Conference on Emergency Medicine, San Francisco, April 2008

Over Utilization of the ED by Psychiatric Patients. International Psychiatric Organization, April 2008
Nice, France

Determinates of Throughput Time in the ED, NCR, sent to hospitals nationwide, March 2008

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.

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. 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 Patient. 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.

PRESENTATIONS/EVALUATION REPORTS

Nutrition and Global Development. May 2016

Sustainable Development Goals – Presented with Rotary International/Under One Sky. September 2015

Food Security and the role of women presented at DePaul University July 2015

Poverty is Sexist/ ONE.org report. Results presentation to press May 2015

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

EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Public Policy Analysis/Health/Public Health Ph. D

Syracuse University
Violent Conflict Resolution M.A.
Syracuse, New York

Public Administration/Health/Political Science /Non-

University of Missouri St. Louis
St. Louis, Missouri

Political Science / International Relations Certificate-

University of Lancaster
Lancaster, England

Political Science/Philosophy/Health

GRANTS, HONORS AND AWARDS

- **Excellence in Teaching – 2016**
- **United Nations Foundation Top Recruiter for Global Health – 2016**
- **United Nations Association –Top Student Group - Roosevelt Student UNA group 2015**
- **NAPH Safety Net Award 2010-2011 –Improving the Patient Experience**
- **Summer Research Grants** awarded (3 years)
- **Student nominated for excellence in teaching - 2006 through 2009.**
- **Recipient of Great Cities Grant** (NIH score of Outstanding).
- **Recipient of two Department of Health and Human Services Grant.**
- **Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, 1994-current.**
- **Conflict Resolution Award.**

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Society of Academic Emergency Medicine
- American Psychological Association
- American Public Health Association
- International Society of Political Psychology
- United States and Midwest Political Science Association
- Southern Medical Association
- National Medical Association
- International Psychological Association
- United Nations Association

JOURNAL AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES (Selected past and present)

- Board Member- United Nations/ USA
- **Editorial Board** – American Journal of Emergency Medicine
- **Editorial Board Member** - Trauma Cases and Review
- **Editorial Board Member** - Dataset Papers in Medicine
- **Editorial Board Member** - Journal of Hospital Administration
- **Editorial Board Member** -Southern Medical Journal
- **Editorial Board Member** - International Emergency Medicine
- **Chair**- Roosevelt Curriculum Credit Hour Committee
- **Co-Chair** Roosevelt Emergency Response Committee
- Roosevelt University Graduate Counsel
- Roosevelt Internal Review Board Committee
- Roosevelt University Library Committee
- **Faculty Advisor** –Roosevelt United Nations Student Association
- **Faculty Advisor** – Roosevelt University ONE.org student organization
- **Faculty Advisor** – Roosevelt Public Administration Student organization
- Roosevelt Peer Mentoring Program
- Graduate Admissions Liaison
- Member of University Senate – Roosevelt University 2016
- Mt Sinai Emergency Medicine Research Committee, Mt Sinai Hospital
- Project ASSIST Evaluation Group
- Member of University Senate, University of Illinois at Chicago.
- AIDS Advisory Board, University of Illinois at Chicago.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- ONE.ORG Congressional leader
- PADS- Providing Advocacy Dignity and Shelter
- Literacy Project -Teaching beginning readers
- Society of Friends (Quaker) Service Committee
- HIV/AIDS Educator, various organizations

CLASSES TAUGHT FROM FALL 03 – FALL 17

POL 101 – Government
ACL 230- Public Health Issues (honors)
PADM 400- Introduction to Public Service
PADM 403- Quantitative Methods
PADM 406- Research and Evaluation Methods
PADM 408- Global Urban Health Policy
PADM 451- Introduction to Health Services
PADM 455- Managed Care and Integrated Service Networks
PADM 456- Economic Issues in Health Services
PADM 453- Medical Ethics and the Law
PADM 459 – Long Term Care Administration
PADM 498 – Health Care Marketing
PADM 498 – Internship- United Nations, ONE.org, Northwestern Healthcare, Sinai Community Health, Planned Parenthood
PADM 445 – Comparative Urban Health Issues
POL 340/440 – U.S. Congress
PADM 408 - Health Policy
PADM 497- Capstone Course
PADM 495 - Leadership