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EDUCATION

PhD Candidate, Social Welfare, 2016 – Present | The Graduate Center, CUNY
Dissertation Title: Workforce Diversity and Health Equity: The Role of Schools of Public Health
Dissertation Committee: Nicholas Freudenberg, DrPH, CUNY School of Public Health; Alexis Kuerbis, LCSW, PhD, CUNY Graduate Center, Social Welfare; Michael Lewis, MSW, PhD, CUNY Graduate Center, Social Welfare; Emma Tsui, MPH, PhD, CUNY School of Public Health

Master of Public Health (MPH), 2006 | Brooklyn College, CUNY
Consortia of CUNY Graduate School of Public Health & Health Policy
Master's Paper: Abuse and Increased Risk for HIV Infection among Black Women
Concentration: Community Health Education

Bachelor of Arts (BA), 2004 | Brooklyn College, CUNY
Honors Thesis: Narcissism, Drug Addiction, and the Literary Works of Samuel Taylor Coleridge
Major: English | Minors: Health Sciences, Africana Studies, and Puerto Rican & Latino Studies

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health Disparities/Health Equity
Social Determinants of Health
Social Determinants of Academic Success
Mentoring Black & Latinx Doctoral Students
Faculty Diversity in Higher Education
#BlackScholarsMatter!

ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS

- CUNY Central Health & Human Services Fellow, 2020
- Lost & Found Archival Research Grant, 2019
- Open Pedagogy Fellowship, 2019
- Futures Initiative Fellowship, 2018 – 2020
- Doctoral Student Research Grant (DSRG), 2018
- Silberman Doctoral Fellowship Award, 2016 – 2017
- Provost Award, CUNY Graduate Center, 2016 – 2017
- Graduate Commencement Student Marshal Nominee, 2007
- Graduate Scholar Research Award, NYC LSAMP Program of CUNY, 2005 – 2006
- SERVA Graduate Student Affairs Honors, 2004 – 2006
- CUNYCAP Graduate Student Award, 2004 – 2006
- Marge Magner Graduate Student Honoraria, 2004
- SERVA Undergraduate Student Affairs Honors, 2003 – 2004
- Undergraduate Departmental Honors, 2004

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Oyo, A. What will it take to reduce health disparities?! Applying lessons learned from a historical analysis of explanations and interventions (Under Preparation, 2020).

Lalayants, M., **Oyo, A.**, & Prince, J. D. (2019). Religiosity and Outcomes Among Child Welfare-Involved Youth. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 1-11.

Prince, J.D., **Oyo, A.**, Mora, O., Wyka, K., & Schonebaum, A. (2017). Loneliness among persons with severe mental illness. *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*.

Brown Jr, L. S., Kritz, S., **Oyo, A.**, Bini, E. J., Goldsmith, R. J., Robinson, J., & Rotrosen, J. (2009). Disparities in health services for HIV/AIDS, hepatitis C virus, and sexually transmitted infections: role of substance abuse treatment programs. *Journal of Addiction Medicine*.

PRESENTATIONS

Bell, D. & **Oyo, A.** (Nov 2019) Life as a Student of Color: Coping with Racial and Gender Bias and Xenophobia. Diverse, Gifted & At Risk Conference. <https://www.stevelfund.org/cuny-report/>

Rogers, K. & **Oyo, A.** (Jun 2019). Keynote speakers. Putting the Ph.D. to Work—For the Public Good. Big XII Teaching and Learning Conference, University of Texas at Austin. Complete Presentation: <http://bit.ly/big12tlc-phdtowork>

Bussey, S., **Oyo, A.**, & Gardner, M. (Jan 2019). Examining White Supremacy, Racial Disparities in Healthcare, and Juvenile Justice Through the Lens of Structural Violence. Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference.

Oyo, A. & Murray, J. (Nov 2018). Moderator for Equity, Health and Learning: Social Determinants of Academic Success. Panel Speakers: Nick Freudenberg, Chris Palmedo, Peggy Groce, and Jesse Rice-Evans.

Oyo, A. (Nov 2018). Will the Health Disparities Gap Widen with Unethical Policies Under the Trump Administration? 146th American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting.

Oyo, A. (Nov 2018). #DiversityMatters Among Research Scientists Investigating Health Disparities. 146th American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting.

Oyo, A. (Nov 2018). Mentoring a New Generation of Health Disparities Researchers: The Role of MSW/MPH Programs. 146th American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting.

Oyo, A. (Apr 2018). Moderator for New York Single Payer Healthcare? Economics, Politics & Prospects. Panel Speakers: Mark Levine, Gerald Friedman, Marva Wade, and Marissa Martin.

Oyo, A., & Jean, S. (May 2012). Engaging Young Men in the Fight Against HIV/AIDS. 7th Annual Women as the Face of AIDS Summit.

Floyd, I., **Oyo, A.**, & Barrios, O. (Nov 2011). Leading Ladies: Building HIV Prevention Capacity in Faith-based Organizations. 23rd Annual Confronting the Crisis: Women & HIV Conference.

Ellenwood, A., **Oyo, A.**, Prosser, J., & Galyunker, I. (May 2009). Attention Disorders in Methadone-treated Opiate-dependent Patients. American Psychiatric Association (APA) Meeting.

Chu, M., Kritz, S., Madray, C., John-Hull, C., Louie, B., **Oyo, A.**, & Brown Jr, L. S. (Oct 2008). Survey Analyses for Implementing an Electronic Information System to Enhance Practice at an Opioid Treatment Program. 136th American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Principal Investigator (Dissertation), 2019 – Present
Research Topics: health disparities and health equity
Dissertation Chair: Nicholas Freudenberg, DrPH
CUNY Graduate School of Public Health & Health Policy

Doctoral Research Assistant, 2016 – 2017
Research Topics: serious mental illness and substance abuse
Faculty Researchers: Jonathan Prince, PhD and Marina Lalayants, PhD
Hunter College, CUNY | New York, NY

Clinical Research Assistant, 2008 – 2010
Research Topic: attention disorders and substance abuse
Beth Israel Medical Center (Psychiatry Department) | New York, NY

On-Site Public Health Researcher, Summer 2008
Research Topic: disparities in health care for Afro-Colombians
NYC-LSAMP International Education Center | Cartagena, Colombia

Research Assistant, 2008 – 2008
Research Topic: health disparities in HIV/AIDS services
START Treatment & Recovery Centers | Brooklyn, NY
Formerly Addiction Research & Treatment Corporation (ARTC)

Lead Researcher, 2006 – 2009
Research Topic: minority students in STEM majors at CUNY
Faculty Research Advisor: Elisabeth Brauner, PhD
NYC-LSAMP Program of CUNY | New York, NY

Graduate Research Assistant, 2005 – 2006
Research Topic: early pregnancy loss and mental health
Faculty Researcher: Betty Wolder Levin, PhD
Brooklyn College, CUNY | Brooklyn, NY

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

HASTAC Scholars Director (PhD Fellow), 2018 – Present
The Futures Initiative / New York, NY

Director of Evaluation & Quality Assurance, 2016 – 2017
AIRnyc | Bronx, NY & Brooklyn, NY

Director of Quality Assurance, Improvement & Systems Integration, 2014 – 2016
Coordinated Behavioral Care (CBC) | New York, NY

Director of Research & Evaluation, 2012 – 2015
Nontraditional Employment for Women (NEW) / New York, NY

Evaluation & Quality Assurance Director, 2009 – 2012
Iris House | New York, NY

Research Activity Manager, 2009 – 2011 | ***Research & Evaluation Consultant***, 2006 – 2009
NYC LSAMP Program of CUNY | New York, NY

Monitoring & Evaluation Capacity Building Specialist, 2009 – 2010
Latino Commission on AIDS | New York, NY

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Faculty, 2016 – Present

New York University (NYU) | New York, NY

Courses Taught: Community Health, Independent Study Seminar, Research Methods in Health Services, Senior Research Project, Seminar in Healthcare Management & Foundations in Healthcare Management

Adjunct Faculty, 2016 – Present

Brooklyn College, CUNY | Brooklyn, NY

Course Taught: Principles of Health Science

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Elected Student Representative, 2020 – Present

Doctoral Student Council (DSC)

The Graduate Center, CUNY

Elected Student Representative, 2016 – 2019

Executive Committee, Social Welfare PhD Program

The Graduate Center, CUNY

Board of Directors Member, 2015 – 2018

Friends of Bright Minds, Inc.

Behavioral & Social Science Volunteer, 2010 – 2014

American Psychological Association (APA) BSSV Program

Clinical Research Assistant, 2008 – 2010

Beth Israel Medical Center (Psychiatry Department)

Volunteer Pathways Mentor & Youth Counselor, 2008 – 2009

NYC Youth at Risk

Community Volunteer, 2004 – 2005

Brooklyn Hospital Center

Humor Therapist (Clown), 2001 – 2004

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NON-ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Running, International Travel & Eating Ice Cream!