

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### EDUCATION

Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC  
M.Div, May 2013

Morgan State University, Baltimore MD  
Dr.P.H., School of Community Health and Policy, May 2011  
Doctoral dissertation: *“The Relationship between Academic Performance and Mental Health among Head Start Children.”*

Morgan State University, Baltimore MD  
M.P.H., Public Health Program, May 2006  
Master thesis: *“Influence of Head Start on Parent Education: A Pilot Study.”*

Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans, LA  
B.S., Biology Department, December 2003

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

#### 2013-Present, Lecturer

Health Education Department  
School of Community Health and Policy  
Morgan State University

- Preparing and delivering lectures, tutorials, workshops, and seminars.
- Developing curricula and course material that can be used across a number of platforms.
- Collaborating with other academics and lecturers to improve teaching methods and expand knowledge base.
- Setting and grading assignments, tests, and exams.
- Participating in training opportunities and initiatives at the institution.
- Providing support to students and other colleagues.
- Staying current by reading widely and producing published work in the field

#### **Courses Taught**

2013-Present **Major Core:** Foundations of Health Services, Practicum: Field Work in Health

**General Education:** Health Science: Human and Social Dimensions, Personal and Community Health,

2013-2014 **General Education:** Healthful living, First Aid, Safety and CPR

**Teaching Methods** – include lecture/discussion, online quizzes, midterm and final exams, final projects, one on one discussions

### **April 2023-Present, Community Engagement Liaison**

VALUE Baltimore Project, Phase 2

Morgan State University

- Deepening the relationship with the VALUE project, ambassadors, and community
- Supervise the VALUE ambassador coordinator
- Handling all the administrative tasks associated with coordination of the project ● Distributing ambassador activities from Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) to the ambassador coordinator that have been communicated to the project manager ● Receiving, analyzing, and evaluating weekly action plans and reports from the ambassador coordinator, and making necessary changes to meet the project requirements ● Submitting reviewed weekly ambassador action plans and reports to the project manager ● Developing deep engagement with target communities by identifying and meeting with community leaders in collaboration with the ambassador coordinator
- Organizing opportunities for bi-directional communication between the VALUE project and the target communities
- Research technical subject matter, get expert speakers, and assess City policy briefs to abstract social determinants of health information that can be shared with staff to support their outreach to communities during biweekly training sessions
- Planning and organizing quarterly listening sessions
- Attending weekly project meetings

### **May 2021-2022, Project Manager**

Community Engagement Alliance (CEAL) Project

Morgan State University

### **Administrative & Management Responsibilities**

- Assist the MSU CEAL Team with identifying, hiring, and onboarding the Vaccine Peer Ambassadors.
- Planning, coordinating, attending & facilitating weekly project meetings. ● Assist with the planning & delivery of relevant training, and attend scheduled bi-weekly joint Peer

Ambassadors-Supervisor & Peer Ambassador training.

- Commit to individualized training on cultural practices of the assigned special population group – homeless, pregnant/lactating, Hasidic, disability, young men, older adults, immigrants and Latinx. These individual lessons learned will be shared in the weekly meetings in-order to increase the shared cultural knowledge of the team.
- Conduct outreach to community-based organizations and other community partners as needed, to follow up on complaints, troubleshoot challenges, and identify and implement course corrections to program activities.
- Support the MSU Team with developing and implementing organizational management structures and systems for monitoring progress toward project objectives.
- Support the MSU Team with developing and implementing work plans, monitoring plans, budgets, and standard operating procedures for the successful implementation of project activities.
- Participate in and take detailed notes for routine planning and coordination meetings

### **Supervisory Responsibilities**

- Track progress of Vaccine Peer Ambassadors' activities and outcomes using an app provided by the project.
- Submit weekly performance reports to the MSU CEAL team describing the activities conducted for each Vaccine Peer Ambassador.
- Prepare and submit weekly timesheets and check requests for payment through the project's fiscal agent (training will be provided).
- Provide technical assistance/troubleshooting as needed to assign Vaccine Peer Ambassadors as they work in the field. Ideally, this feedback would be in real time, to the extent possible, in response to text messages.
- Supervisors will participate and actively contribute to the preparation of project reports.
- Support routine coordination and communication between partners and Ambassadors engaged in the program activities.
- Support development of communications materials and support information sharing across workgroups and with other stakeholders as needed

### **February 2021- 2022, Project Manager**

VALUE Baltimore Project, Phase 1

Morgan State University

- Provide program coordination and administration support to VALUE Communities Workgroup Leads to ensure the successful delivery of strategies to reach these groups with COVID-19 vaccine
- Support VALUE Communities Workgroup Leads to develop and implement organizational management structure and systems for monitoring progress toward objectives of VALUE Communities regarding COVID-19 vaccine access and acceptance
- Support the Workgroup Leads to develop and implement workplans, monitoring plans, budgets, and operational standard operating procedures for the successful implementation of strategies to serve VALUE Communities
- Conduct outreach to community-based organizations and other community partners as needed, to follow up on complaints, troubleshoot challenges, and identify and implement course corrections to program activities
- Recruit community members for community listening sessions and Ambassador positions,

following up to ensure meaningful and informed engagement as needed • Support routine coordination and communication between partners engaged in supporting VALUE Communities with COVID-19 mobile vaccination program activities • Develop and implement management systems to improve coordination and track progress towards deliverables

- Assist with workforce capacity development as needed
- Participate in and take detailed notes for routine planning and coordination meetings
- Review and troubleshoot workplans and budgets
- Ensure progress reports are completed and submitted on time; contribute to development of reports and facilitate appropriate review process
- Support development of communications materials and support information sharing across workgroups and with other stakeholders as needed
- Ensure knowledge management is maintained for workgroups
- Ensure compliance with Jhpiego and Baltimore City policies and regulations • Support VALUE Communities Workgroup Leads to conduct additional duties as assigned

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Grandison, T., Holt, M. James, X. & Yarber-Jarrett (2018). *The Black Pearls Club: A Woman's Guide To Success In The Workplace*. Outskirt Press.

Sydnor, K.D., **Holt, M.**, Haeden, G., Moore, S., Yates, D. & Gee, T. (2007). Exploring the Impact of Head Start on Parents: A Pilot Study. *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action*, Vol. 1.2.

Holt, M.L. (2012). *The relationship between academic performance and mental health among Head Start children*. Umi Dissertation Publishing

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **DEPARTMENT**

2014-2016 Advisor, Majors club  
2016-2017 Designer, HEED 203 proficiency

### **COMMITTEES**

2015-2016 Member, Curriculum committee  
2016-Present Member, Academic advisement committee  
2017- 2018 Member, All major's assembly committee

### **ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT**

2014-Present Academic Advisor (average advisement load of 100 students). Office hours 6-8

hours per week.

## **UNIVERSITY**

2023-Present University Council, Member

2023-Present Executive University Council, Member

2023-Present Student and Academic Affairs Committee, Chair

2017-2018 Chair, Common Course experience for general education course HEED 103

2017-2018 Course Designer, Laurel College Center hybrid course development 2014-

Present Advisement, Transfer orientation

## **COMMUNITY**

2013-2019 Board of Directors, Downtown Cluster Geriatric Day Care Center

2017-2019 Member, Shalom Zone, Emory Grove United Methodist Church

## **HONORS**

Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Research in Public Health from the American Association of Blacks in Higher Education (AABHE) - 2011

Morgan State University School of Public Health and Policy Student of the Year - 2006

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

Project Management Certificate

Montgomery College (2023)

Promoting Active Learning Online,

Association of College and University Educators (2023)

Creating an Inclusive and Supportive Online Learning Environment

Association of College and University Educators (2023)

This badge signifies my completion of an ACUE course requiring the implementation of evidence-based instructional approaches. The badge is co-issued by the American Council on

Education and distinguishes faculty for their commitment to educational excellence and student success.