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EDUCATION

Current	PhD	University of Iowa College of Public Health, Iowa City, IA <i>Community and Behavioral Health</i>
2017		University of Iowa College of Public Health, Iowa City, IA <i>Graduate Certificate in Biostatistics</i>
2012	MPH	Kansas University, Kansas City, KS
2006	BS	University of Oregon, Eugene, OR <i>Environmental Studies</i>

EMPLOYMENT

2017	Independent Contractor Clinton Health Access Initiative Essential Medicines
2016 – 2017	Health Research Specialist U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Iowa City, IA Comprehensive Access & Delivery Research & Evaluation (CADRE)
2014 – 2017	Graduate Student Research Assistant Community and Behavioral Health University of Iowa College of Public Health, Iowa City, IA
2015	IRB Application Analyst Institutional Review Board University of Iowa Human Subjects Office, Iowa City, IA
2013 – 2014	Senior Research Associate Clinton Health Access Initiative Maternal, Neonatal, and Child Health Malawi
2012	Research Associate Department of Preventive Medicine Kansas University Medical Center, Kansas City, KS
2011	Internship Kansas Head Start Association, Lawrence, KS
2010	Internship Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri, Overland Park, KS

2007 – 2010

Health and Environment Extension Officer
United States Peace Corps
Kasungu National Park | Kasungu, Malawi

Program Manager
United States Peace Corps
Kuunika Foundation | Blantyre, Malawi

HONORS AND AWARDS

University of Iowa

2015 College of Public Health Board of Advisors Student Award
2015 Hugh Vollrath Ross Scholarship

Kansas University

2012 Graduation with Honors
2011 Avis G. McPike Diversity Scholarship

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social and environmental determinants of health
Substance use disorders and treatment
Health and criminal justice

PUBLICATIONS

Published

Pro G., Sahker E., Marzell M. (2017). Racial microaggressions and marijuana use in a college student population. *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse*. 1-13. E-publication ahead of print.

Pro G., Marzell M. (2017). Medical parole and geriatric prisoners: A Qualitative Study. *Journal of Correctional Health Care*. 23(2). 162-172.

Marzell M., Sahker E., **Pro G.**, Arndt S. (2017). A brief report on Hispanic youth marijuana use: Trends in substance abuse treatment admissions in the United States. *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse*. 16(2). 155-164.

Mwapasa V., **Pro G.**, et al. (2014). Mother-infant pair clinic and SMS messaging as innovative strategies for improving access to and retention in eMTCT care and Option B+ in Malawi: A cluster randomized control trial (the PRIME study). *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome*. 67. Supplement 2:S120.

Under Review

Lam F., **Pro G.**, Agrawal S., Wentworth L., Prescott M. (2017). Pharmaceutical detailing methods, television mass media, and community use of oral rehydration solution in Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh, India . *BMJ Global Health*.

In Progress

Pro G., Brown G., Gilbert P. (2017). Gender disparities in barriers to alcohol services utilization: Results from a national, longitudinal survey.

Brown G., **Pro G.**, Gilbert P. (2017). Moderated-mediation of race/ethnicity, gender, and enabling and inhibiting factors associated with alcohol services utilization: An application of a Bayesian hierarchical model.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Pro G., Gilbert P. (2017, November). *Racial disparities in alcohol use disorders and initiation of alcohol treatment in adults with a history of incarceration*. Poster accepted for publication at the American Public Health Association 2017 Annual Meeting & Expo. Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Section. Atlanta, GA.

Pro G., Gilbert P., Brown G., Zemore S., Mulia N. (2017, June). *Gender and racial/ethnic differences in barriers to alcohol treatment services: Findings from a national, longitudinal survey*. Poster presented at the 40th Annual Research Society on Alcoholism Scientific Meeting. Denver, CO.

Marzell M., **Pro G.** (2017, June). *Racial microaggressions and high-risk substance use among multiracial college students*. Poster presented at the 16th Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action. Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Section. Ottawa, Canada.

Pro G., Gilbert P. (2017, March). *Alcohol use disorders and treatment utilization in jail- and prison-involved adults*. Talk presented at the 19th Annual Jakobsen Memorial Conference. Iowa City, IA.

Pro G., Marzell M. (2016, October). *Racial microaggressions and marijuana use in a college student population*. Poster presented at the American Public Health Association 2016 Annual Meeting & Expo. Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Section. Denver, CO.

Pro G., Marzell M. (2016, April). *Geriatric Release and Aging Prisoners: Using mixed methods to promote a public health approach*. Talk presented at the 18th Annual Jakobsen Memorial Conference. Iowa City, IA.

Pro G., Marzell M. (2015, April). *Health Economics and Aging in Prison: A recommendation for a wider adoption of medical parole to improve health outcomes of aging prisoners*. Poster presented at the 12th Annual Western Regional International Health Conference. Eugene, OR.

Pankey T., **Pro G.**, Ramaswamy M. (2012, October). *HPV Knowledge, Attitudes, and Perceptions Among Incarcerated Women*. Poster presented at the 69th Annual Kansas Public Health Association Conference. Topeka, KS.

GRANTS AND FUNDING

Completed Research Support

R21AA023878; Gilbert PA (PI)

04/01/2016 – 08/15/2017

Factors Responsible for Racial-Gender Disparities in Alcohol Services Use

NIH/National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Goal: To test a moderated-mediation model of alcohol services disparities in longitudinal national data

Role: Graduate Research Assistant

Junior Faculty Research Opportunity Award; Marzell M (PI) 09/01/2015 – 05/15/2016
Examining the Relationship between Racial Microaggressions and Substance Use Behaviors in an African American College Student Sample.
Goal: To explore associations between exposure to discriminatory microaggressions and substance use using original survey data
Role: Graduate Research Assistant

Canadian International Development Agency – Malawi; Mwapasa V (PI) 06/01/2013 – 06/01/2017
Promoting Retention of Infants and Mothers Effectively
Goal: To implement and analyze an RCT to compare retention in HIV health service delivery models among HIV+ pregnant women and children
Role: Senior Research Associate

Academic Competitive Funding

2017 Advancing Graduate Student Success Award. University of Iowa College of Public Health.
2017 Post-Comprehensive Exam Research Award. University of Iowa Graduate College.
2017 Research Society on Alcoholism Student Merit Award. Research Society on Alcoholism.
2016 Graduate and Professional Student Government Grant Program. University of Iowa.
2015 Graduate and Professional Student Government Grant Program. University of Iowa.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Iowa

Guest Lecturer. *CRIM:1410. Introduction to Criminology.* College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Iowa, Fall 2017.

Guest Lecturer. *GHS:3720. Global Health Studies Seminar.* Global Health Studies Certificate Program, University of Iowa, Spring 2017.

Guest Lecturer. *GHS:3720. Global Health Studies Seminar.* Global Health Studies Certificate Program, University of Iowa, Spring 2016.

Graduate Teaching Assistant. *CBH:5105. Introduction to Health Promotion and Disease Prevention,* College of Public Health, University of Iowa, Fall 2015.

Guest Lecturer. *CBH:5305. Evaluation I: Theory and Applications,* College of Public Health, University of Iowa, Fall 2014.

Kansas University

Graduate Teaching Assistant. *PRVM:830: Environmental Health.* Master of Public Health Program, Kansas University, Spring 2012.

Graduate Teaching Assistant. *PRVM:8276. Public Health Administration.* Master of Public Health Program, Kansas University, Fall 2011.

AD HOC REVIEWER

Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs (2016 – present)