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Educational and Professional History

Degrees Earned

- 1987 BS in Psychology, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa
- 1989 MPH in Health Behavior and Health Education, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill School of Public Health, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- 1997 PhD in Health Services Research, St. Louis University, School of Public Health, St. Louis, Missouri
Minor: Behavioral Sciences and Health Education

Certifications

- Jan 1994 - Sep 2019 Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES), National Commission on Health Education Credentialing, Iowa
- 2009 - Present Certified in Public Health, National Board of Public Health Examiners

Employment History

- 1997 - 1998 Part-time Lecturer, Department of Health Behavior and Education, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
- 1998 - 2004 Assistant Professor, Department of Health Behavior and Education, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
- 2000 - 2004 Acting Chairperson, Department of Health Behavior and Education, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
- 2004 - 2006 Chairperson, Department of Health Behavior and Education, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
- 2000 - 2007 Master of Public Health Curriculum Coordinator, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
- 2004 - 2010 Associate Professor, Department of Health Behavior and Education, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
- 2009 - 2010 Assistant Dean, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
- 2010 - 2013 Associate Dean, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
- 2007 - 2014 Graduate Public Health Program Coordinator, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
- 2010 - 2017 Professor, Department of Health Promotion and Community Health, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
- 2013 - 2017 Associate Dean for Regional and Global Collaborations, American University of Beirut, Lebanon

2016 - 2017	Co-Director, Provost's Office, American University of Beirut, The MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program, Lebanon
2018 - 2020	Interim Department Executive Officer, Community and Behavioral Health, University of Iowa, College of Public Health, Iowa City, Iowa
2017 - 2022	Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Community and Behavioral Health, University of Iowa, College of Public Health, Iowa City, Iowa
2017 - Present	Professor, Department of Community and Behavioral Health, University of Iowa, College of Public Health, Iowa City, Iowa

Honors and Awards

1987 - 1988	US Public Health Traineeship
1989	Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health
1992	Award for Outstanding Local Coalition, National Safe Kids Campaign Awarded as coordinator of SAFE KIDS of DeKalb. Barbara Bush presented the award.
1992	Best State Coalition, Safe Kids of Georgia As coordinator of SAFE KIDS of DeKalb
1993	Outstanding Staff Award for Exemplary Work with Volunteers, DeKalb County Board of Health
1993 - 1995	PhD Fellowship
2003	Excellence in Teaching Award, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon
2006 - 2008	Department of Child and Adolescent Health, Geneva, Technical Steering Committee member, World Health Organization
2014	Member of the UNDP Arab Human Development Report team – Youth http://hdr.undp.org/en/content/arab-human-development-report-2016-youth-and-prospects-human-development-changing-reality
2013 - 2016	Member of the Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health and Wellbeing, Lancet Journal https://adolescentsourfuture.com/about-the-commission/commissioners/
2019 - 2020	Member of the Guidelines Development Group (GDG) for School Health Services, World Health Organization, Geneva https://www.who.int/maternal_child_adolescent/guidelines/development/school-interventions-child-adolescent-health-gdg/en/
2022 - 2023	Member of the Adolescent Well-being Measurement Expert Group, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland
2021 - 2023	PRC Steeing Committee Co-Chair, CDC, Atlanta, Georgia
2023	UI College of Public Health Distinguished Faculty, College of Public Health
2023	UI College of Public Health Teaching Award, College of Public Health
2024	Arab Health Summit International Committee member, ACCESS (Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services)
2024	University of Iowa Board of Regents Award for Faculty Excellence
2025 - 2026	University of Iowa Office of the Vice-President for Research Publicly Engaged Scholar Award
2023 - Present	Advisory Committee Research and Evaluation Team - (NAPIESV), National Organization of Asian Pacific Islanders Ending Sexual Violence

Teaching

Course Teaching

University of Iowa

Fall 2017	Introduction to Public Health Methods, CPH:2600:0001, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 38, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Summer 2018	Independent Study in Public Health, CPH:6500:1434, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Summer 2018	Undergrad Independ Study Public Health, CPH:3300:1149, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Fall 2018	Development in a Global Context II, GHS:3700:0834, Credit Hours: 2, Enr: 1, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Fall 2018	Introduction to Public Health Methods, CPH:2600:0002, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 25, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Fall 2018	Introduction to Public Health Methods, CPH:2600:0A01, Enr: 25
Fall 2018	Introduction to Public Health Methods, CPH:2600:0AAA, Enr: 70, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Spring 2019	Intro to Health Promotion & Disease Prev, CBH:4105:0100, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 23, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Spring 2019	Special Topics, CBH:6410:0001, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 12, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Summer 2019	Undergrad Independ Study Public Health, CPH:3300:5641, Credit Hours: 1, Enr: 2, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Fall 2019	CBH Thesis/Dissertation, CBH:7505:6775, Enr: 1, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Fall 2019	Fundamentals of Public Health, CPH:1400:0001, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 25
Fall 2019	Fundamentals of Public Health, CPH:1400:0002, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 25
Fall 2019	Fundamentals of Public Health, CPH:1400:0003, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 25, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Fall 2019	Fundamentals of Public Health, CPH:1400:0004, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 24
Fall 2019	Fundamentals of Public Health, CPH:1400:0005, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 25
Fall 2019	Fundamentals of Public Health, CPH:1400:0006, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 25
Fall 2019	Fundamentals of Public Health, CPH:1400:0007, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 24
Fall 2019	Fundamentals of Public Health, CPH:1400:0008, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 25
Fall 2019	Fundamentals of Public Health, CPH:1400:0009, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 25
Fall 2019	Fundamentals of Public Health, CPH:1400:000A, Enr: 147, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Fall 2019	Fundamentals of Public Health, CPH:1400:000B, Enr: 150, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Fall 2019	Fundamentals of Public Health, CPH:1400:0010, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 25
Fall 2019	Fundamentals of Public Health, CPH:1400:0011, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 25
Fall 2019	Fundamentals of Public Health, CPH:1400:0012, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 24
Fall 2019	Independent Study Community & Behav Hlth, CBH:6415:6876, Enr: 1, Percent of Course: 100.0%

Spring 2020	CBH Thesis/Dissertation, CBH:7505:8539, Enr: 1, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Spring 2020	Mentored Indep Undergrad Research in PH, CPH:4990:8741, Enr: 1, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Fall 2020	Designing and Implementing Interventions, CBH:6205:0001, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 16, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Spring 2021	Community-Based Participatory Research, CBH:5235:0001, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 24, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Fall 2021	Designing and Implementing Interventions, CBH:6205:0001, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 26, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Spring 2022	Community-Based Participatory Research, CBH:5235:0001, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 17, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Fall 2022	Designing and Implementing Interventions, CBH:6205:0001, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 24, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Spring 2023	Designing and Implementing Interventions, CBH:6205:0001, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 10, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Spring 2024	Designing and Implementing Interventions, CBH:6205:0001, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 14, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Fall 2024	Community-Based Participatory Research, CBH:5235:0001, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 10, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Fall 2024	Practicum in College Teaching, GRAD:7400:0016, Credit Hours: ARR, Enr: 1, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Fall 2024 - Fall 2024	CBH:7505:6368 CBH Thesis / Dissertation
Fall 2024 - Fall 2024	CBH:6415:6764 Independent Study Community and Behavioral Health
Fall 2024 - Fall 2024	GRAD:7400:0016 Practicum in College Teaching
Spring 2025 - Spring 2025	CBH:7505:8395 Thesis / Dissertation
Spring 2025 - Spring 2025	CBH:6415:8248 Independent Study Community and Behavioral Health
Fall 2025	Community-Based Participatory Research, CBH:5235:0001, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 5, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Spring 2026	Introduction to Public Health Methods, CPH:2600, Credit Hours: 3, Enr: 30, Percent of Course: 100.0%
Spring 2026	Independent Study in Community and Behavioral Health, CBH:6415:2568, Credit Hours: ARR, Enr: 4, Percent of Course: 100.0%

Other Institutions

Fall 1998 - Fall 1998	Communication for the Health Professions, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Primary Instructor
Fall 1998 - Spring 1999	Program Evaluation, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Primary Instructor

Spring 1999 - Spring 1999	Health Education and Behavior Change, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Primary Instructor
Fall 1999 - Fall 1999	Communication for the Health Professions, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Primary Instructor
Fall 1999 - Fall 1999	Program Evaluation, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Primary Instructor
Spring 2000 - Spring 2000	Health Education and Behavior Change, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Primary Instructor
Spring 2000 - Spring 2000	Theories and Methods of Health Education II, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Primary Instructor
Fall 2000 - Spring 2001	Practicum in Health Behavior and Education, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 5 Role: Primary Instructor
Fall 2000 - Spring 2001	Program Evaluation, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Primary Instructor
Spring 2001 - Spring 2001	Tutorial in Health Behavior and Education, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Primary Instructor
Fall 2001 - Spring 2002	Introduction to Public Health, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 1 Role: Primary Instructor
Fall 2001 - Spring 2002	Tutorial in Health Behavior and Education, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Primary Instructor
Spring 2002 - Spring 2002	Program Evaluation, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Primary Instructor
Fall 2002 - Fall 2002	Introduction to Health and Environment I, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Course Supervisor
Spring 2003 - Spring 2003	Design and Evaluation in Health Programs, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Primary Instructor
Spring 2003 - Spring 2003	Theories of Health Behavior, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 2 Role: Team Teacher

Fall 2003 - Fall 2003	Introduction to Health and Environment I, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Course Supervisor
Spring 2004 - Spring 2004	Design and Evaluation in Health Programs, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Primary Instructor
Spring 2004 - Spring 2004	Theories of Health Behavior, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 2 Role: Team Teacher
Fall 2004 - Fall 2004	Introduction to Health and Environment I, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Course Supervisor
Spring 2005 - Spring 2005	Design and Evaluation in Health Programs, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Primary Instructor
Spring 2005 - Spring 2005	Theories of Health Behavior, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 2 Role: Team Teacher
Fall 2005 - Fall 2005	Introduction to Health and Environment I, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Course Supervisor
Fall 2005 - Fall 2005	Practicum in Health Behavior and Education, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 4 Role: Primary Instructor
Spring 2006 - Spring 2006	Design and Evaluation in Health Programs, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Primary Instructor
Spring 2006 - Summer 2006	Research Project in Health Behavior and Education, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon Role: Primary Instructor
Spring 2007 - Summer 2007	Research Project in Health Behavior and Education, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon Role: Primary Instructor
Spring 2007 - Spring 2007	Culminating Experience Seminar, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon Role: Course Supervisor
Spring 2007 - Spring 2007	Design and Evaluation in Health Programs, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Primary Instructor
Spring 2007 - Spring 2007	Health Awareness, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Team Teacher

Spring 2007 - Spring 2007	Practicum in Health Behavior and Education, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 4 Role: Primary Instructor
Fall 2007 - Fall 2007	Experience Seminar, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 1 Role: Course Supervisor
Fall 2007 - Fall 2007	Introduction to Health and Environment I, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Team Teacher
Spring 2008 - Spring 2008	Design and Evaluation in Health Programs, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 2 Role: Primary Instructor
Spring 2008 - Spring 2008	Practicum in Health Behavior and Education, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Primary Instructor
Spring 2008 - Spring 2008	Seminar in Health Behavior and Education, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon Role: Primary Instructor
Fall 2008 - Fall 2008	Culminating Experience Seminar, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 1 Role: Course Supervisor
Spring 2009 - Spring 2009	Practicum in Health Behavior and Education, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Primary Instructor
Spring 2009 - Spring 2009	Seminar in Health Behavior and Education, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon Role: Primary Instructor
Spring 2009 - Spring 2009	Design and Evaluation in Health Programs, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 2 Role: Primary Instructor
Fall 2009 - Fall 2009	Culminating Experience Seminar, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 1 Role: Course Supervisor
Spring 2010 - Spring 2010	Design and Evaluation in Health Programs, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 2 Role: Primary Instructor
Spring 2010 - Spring 2010	Exploring the Context of Interventions in Public Health, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 2 Role: Primary Instructor
Fall 2010 - Fall 2010	Culminating Experience Seminar, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 1 Role: Course Supervisor

Fall 2010 - Fall 2010	Tutorial in Health Promotion and Community Health, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 2 Role: Primary Instructor
Spring 2011 - Spring 2011	Practicum in Health Promotion and Community Health, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Primary Instructor
Spring 2012 - Spring 2012	Health Communication, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 2 Role: Team Teacher
Spring 2012 - Spring 2012	Practicum in Health Promotion and Community Health, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Primary Instructor
Fall 2011 - Summer 2012	Culminating Experience Seminar, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 1 Role: Course Supervisor
Spring 2012 - Summer 2012	Research Project in Health Promotion and Community Health, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 2 Role: Primary Instructor
Fall 2012 - Fall 2012	Foundations of Public Health, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Team Teacher
Fall 2012 - Fall 2012	Research Project in Health Promotion and Community Health, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 2 Role: Primary Instructor
Spring 2013 - Spring 2013	Health Communication, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 2 Role: Team Teacher
Spring 2013 - Spring 2013	Practicum in Health Promotion and Community Health, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Primary Instructor
Fall 2013 - Fall 2013	Foundations of Public Health, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Team Teacher
2009 - 2014	Application and Review Session, Lebanese American University, Family of Medicine, Beirut, Lebanon Role: Guest Lecturer
2009 - 2014	Determinants of Health: Introduction to Behavioral and Social Sciences as Applied to Medicine, Lebanese American University, Family of Medicine, Beirut, Lebanon Role: Guest Lecturer
2009 - 2014	Health Behavior Theories - Beyond the Individual, Lebanese American University, Family of Medicine, Beirut, Lebanon Role: Guest Lecturer

2009 - 2014	Theories of Health Behavior Change at the Intra-Personal Level, Lebanese American University, Family of Medicine, Beirut, Lebanon Role: Guest Lecturer
Fall 2013 - Spring 2014	Practicum in Health Promotion and Community Health, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Primary Instructor
Spring 2014 - Spring 2014	Culminating Experience Seminar, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 1 Role: Course Supervisor
Spring 2014 - Spring 2014	Evaluation of Health Promotion Programs, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 2 Role: Team Teacher
Fall 2014 - Fall 2014	Foundations of Public Health, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Team Teacher
Fall 2014 - Fall 2014	Social and Behavioral Foundations of Public Health, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Team Teacher
Spring 2015 - Spring 2015	Evaluation of Health Promotion Programs, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 2 Role: Primary Instructor
Spring 2015 - Spring 2015	Practicum in Health Promotion and Community Health, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Primary Instructor
Spring 2015 - Spring 2015	Seminar in Health Promotion and Community Health, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon Role: Primary Instructor
Fall 2015 - Fall 2015	Introduction to Adolescent Health: Developmental and Ecological Perspectives, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia Role: Guest Lecturer
Fall 2015 - Fall 2015	Religion, Conflict, and Peace - Session on Global Health, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts Role: Guest Lecturer
Spring 2016 - Spring 2016	Practicum in Health Promotion and Community Health, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Primary Instructor
Fall 2016 - Fall 2016	Religion, Conflict, and Peace - Session on Global Health, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts Role: Guest Lecturer
Fall 2016 - Fall 2016	Tutorial in Health Promotion and Community Health, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 1 Role: Primary Instructor

Fall 2016 - Spring 2017	Research Design and Development, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 2 Role: Primary Instructor
Fall 2016 - Spring 2017	Research Project I and II in Health Promotion and Community Health, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 2 Role: Primary Instructor
Spring 2017 - Spring 2017	Evaluation of Health Promotion Programs, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 3 Role: Team Teacher
Summer 2017 - Summer 2017	Research Project I and II in Health Promotion and Community Health, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Credit Hours: 2 Role: Primary Instructor

Scholarship/Professional Productivity

Publications or creative works

Peer-reviewed papers and journal articles

1. Blalock, S. J., DeVellis, B. M., **Afifi, R. A.** & Sandler, R. S. (1990). Risk perceptions and participation in colorectal cancer screening. *Health Psychology* 9 (6) 792-806. [PMID: 2286186](#).
ISSN: 0278-6133
2. Blalock, S. J., **Afifi, R. A.**, DeVellis, B. M., Holt, K. & DeVellis, R. F. (1990). Adjustment to Rheumatoid Arthritis: The role of social comparison processes. *Health Education Research* 5 (3) 361-370.
3. Mayer, J. P., **Soweid, R. A.**, Dabney, S., Dean, C., Goodman, R. & Brownson, R. C. (1998). Practices of successful community coalitions: A multiple case study. *American Journal of Health Behavior* 22 (5) 368-377.
4. Mayer, J. P., Anderseon, C., Gabriel, K. & **Soweid, R. A.** (1998). A randomized trial of an intervention to prevent lawnmower injuries in children. *Patient Education and Counseling* 34 239-246.
5. Shediak-Rizkallah, M. C., **Afifi Soweid, R. A.**, Farhat, T. M., Yeretian, J., Nuwayhid, I., Sibai, A. M., Kanj, M., El-Kak, F., Kassak, K. M. & Kanaan, N. (2001). Adolescent health-related behaviors in postwar Lebanon: Findings among students at the American University of Beirut. *International Quarterly of Community Health Education* 20 (2) 115-131.
6. El-Kak, F., **Soweid, R. A.**, Taljeh, C., Kanj, M. & Shediak-Rizkallah, M. (2001). High school students in postwar Lebanon: Attitudes, information sources and perceived needs related to sexual and reproductive health. *Journal of Adolescent Health* 29 (3) 153-155.
7. **Afifi Soweid, R. A.**, Najem, M. & Shediak-Rizkallah, M. (2002). Preoccupation with weight and disordered eating behaviors of entering students at a university in Lebanon. *International Journal of Eating Disorders* 32 (1) 52-57.
8. Harakeh, S., **Afifi Soweid, R. A.**, Nassar, N. T., Zananiri, N. S., Tfaily, R., Ali Hassan, R., Allam, S., Bassim, M., Bou Aram, B., Harkous, B. & Nashawi, T. (2003). Knowledge, attitude, and behavior of students at the American University of Beirut (AUB) regarding mad cow disease. *The Science of the Total Environment* 312 255-260.
9. Harakeh, S., **Afifi Soweid, R. A.**, Cortbawi, H., Abbas, O., Accaoui, R., Bendaly, E., Hakim, W., Kadri, A. A., Masroujeh, R., Obeid, M. & Shatila, K. (2003). Attitudinal and behavioral changes concerning "Mad Cow Disease" among nurses in Lebanon. *Ecology of Food and Nutrition* 42 (6) 373-383.
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10. **Afifi Soweid, R. A.**, El Kak, F., Major, S. C., Karam, D. K. & Rouhana, A. (2003). Changes in health-related attitude and self-reported behaviour of undergraduate students at the American University of Beirut following a health awareness course. *Education for Health* 16 (3) 265-278. [DOI: 10.1080/13576280310001607460](https://doi.org/10.1080/13576280310001607460).
ISSN: 13576283
11. Nakkash, R., **Afifi Soweid, R. A.**, Nehlawi, M. T., Shediak-Rizkallah, M. C., Hajjar, T. A. & Khogali, M. (2003). The development of a feasible community-specific cardiovascular disease prevention program: Triangulation of methods and sources. *Health Education and Behavior* 30 (6) 723-739. [DOI: 10.1177/1090198103255521](https://doi.org/10.1177/1090198103255521).
ISSN: 10901981
12. **Afifi Soweid, R. A.**, Khawaja, M., Salem, M. T. & Sibai, A. (2004). Religious identity and smoking behavior among adolescents: Evidence from entering students at the American University of Beirut. *Health Communication* 16 (1) 47-62.
13. El Ansari, W., **Afifi Soweid, R. A.** & Jabbour, S. (2004). Geography of biomedical publications - Issues of validity. *Lancet* 363 489.
14. Khawaja, M. & **Afifi-Soweid, R. A.** (2004). Images of body weight among young men and women: Evidence from Beirut, Lebanon. *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health* 58 (4) 352-353. [DOI: 10.1136/jech.2003.010785](https://doi.org/10.1136/jech.2003.010785).
ISSN: 0143005X
15. Maziak, W., Ward, K. D., **Afifi Soweid, R. A.** & Eissenberg, T. (2004). Tobacco smoking using a waterpipe: A re-emerging strain in a global epidemic. *Tobacco Control* 13 (4) 327-333. [DOI: 10.1136/tc.2004.008169](https://doi.org/10.1136/tc.2004.008169).
ISSN: 09644563
16. Maziak, W., Ward, K. D., **Afifi Soweid, R. A.** & Eissenberg, T. (2005). Standardizing questionnaire items for the assessment of waterpipe tobacco use in epidemiological studies. *Public Health* 119 (5) 400-404. [DOI: 10.1016/j.puhe.2004.08.002](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.puhe.2004.08.002).
ISSN: 00333506
17. Shamseddeen, W., Mahmoud, H., Otrrock, Z. & **Afifi Soweid, R. A.** (2006). Health locus of control among medical students in a developing country. *International Journal of Health Promotion and Education* 44 (4) 145-151.
18. Khawaja, M., Abdulrahim, S., **Afifi Soweid, R. A.** & Karam, D. (2006). Distrust, social fragmentation and adolescents' health in the outer city: Beirut and beyond. *Social Science and Medicine* 63 (5) 1304-1315.
19. Batal, M., Boulghourjian, C., Abdallah, A. & **Afifi, R.** (2006). Breast-feeding and feeding practices of infants in a developing country: a national survey in Lebanon. *Public Health Nutrition* 9 (3) 313-9. [PMID: 16684382](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/16684382/).
ISSN: 1368-9800
20. Tamim, H., Al-Sahab, B., Akkary, G., Ghanem, M., Tamim, N., El Roueiheb, Z., Kanj, M. & **Afifi, R.** (2007). Cigarette and nargileh smoking practices among school students in Beirut, Lebanon. *American Journal of Health Behavior* 31 (1) 56-63. [DOI: 10.5555/ajhb.2007.31.1.56](https://doi.org/10.5555/ajhb.2007.31.1.56). [PMID: 17181462](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/17181462/).
ISSN: 1087-3244
21. Saade, G., Abou Jaoude, S., **Afifi, R.**, Warren, C. W. & Jones, N. R. (2008). Patterns of tobacco use: results from the 2005 Global Youth Tobacco Survey in Lebanon. *Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal* 14 (6) 1280-9. [PMID: 19161103](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/19161103/).
ISSN: 1020-3397
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Other Publications

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Research Interests/Current Projects

- Substance use
- Qualitative Methods
- Health Equity / Social Justice
- Adolescent, Youth, and Young Adult Wellbeing/Mental Health
- Community-Based Participatory Research
- Refugee Health and Wellbeing/Mental Health
- Implementation Science
- Global Health

Grants and Contracts

Active (Funded)

1. Iowa Refugee Health Promotion; Iowa DHHS Bureau of Refugee Services; Platt, Jonathan (Multi-PI), Weismann, Amy (Multi-PI), Story, William (Multi-PI), Afifi, Rima (Multi-PI)
 - DHHS REF-18-004
 - 2021 - 2025
 - 2% effort
2. Injury Prevention Research Center: TRANSLATION OF AN EVIDENCE-BASED TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM INTO RURAL COMMUNITY-BASED PREVENTION NETWORKS.; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Harland, Kari (Principal Investigator), Afifi, Rima (Co-Investigator)
 - 1 R49 CE003095-01
 - 2021 - 2025
 - 20% effort
3. National All of Us Program Center; NIH/NNLM
 - 1U24LM014070-01
 - 2021 - 2025
 - 10% effort
4. Public Health Emergency Response: Public Health Emergency Response: COVID-19 Public Health Workforce Supplemental - IDPH/CDC 5882BT100 / Miene (PI), Afifi (co-I)
 - IDPH/CDC 5882BT100
 - Jul 1, 2022 - Jun 30, 2025
 - Amount: \$983,179.00, 10% effort
5. Cancer Prevention and Control Network Collaborating Center; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Afifi, Rima (Co-Investigator), Askelson, Natoshia (Principal Investigator)
 - U48 DP005021-01S4
 - Oct 1, 2019 - Sep 29, 2025
 - Amount: \$275,000.00, 5% effort
6. University of Iowa Prevention Research Center for Rural Health; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Askelson, Natoshia (Co-Principal), Afifi, Rima (Co-Principal)
 - U48 DP005021
 - Oct 1, 2019 - Sep 30, 2025
 - Amount: \$750,000.00, 20% effort
7. Youth as community mental health workers in humanitarian settings: A pilot test of the mechanisms of effect on their own well being; National Institutes of Health; Kerbage, Hala (Co-Investigator), Panter-Brick, Catherine (Co-Investigator), Brown, Grant (Co-Investigator), Ghandour, Lilian (Co-Investigator), Nakkash, Rima (Co-Principal), Afifi, Rima (Co-Principal) - (2024-2025-No Cost Extension)
 - R34 MH121558-01A1
 - 2021 - 2025
 - Amount: \$450,000.00, 18% effort
8. Prevention Research Center for Rural Health; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Gilbert, Paul (Co-Investigator), Watkins, Shannon (Co-Investigator), Seaman, Aaron (Multi-PI), Vander Weg, Mark (Multi-PI), Haines, Heidi (Co-Director), Afifi, Rima (Principal Investigator)
 - 1U48DP006812-01
 - Sep 30, 2024 - Sep 29, 2029

- Direct Cost: \$1,000,000.00, 20% effort

Completed

1. SIBER: surveillance and intervention for behavioral risks; MEAwards/Population Council and University Research Board; Afifi, Rima (Co-Investigator), Shediac-Rizkallah, Mona (Principal Investigator)
 - Jun 1, 2000 - May 31, 2001
2. Community-based cardiovascular disease prevention project: "Together for the sake of heart and artery health in the Dar El Fatwa area"; World Health Organization and European Union; Afifi, Rima (Co-Investigator), Khogall, Mustafa (Principal Investigator)
 - 1999 - 2002
3. Tobacco control policies, their implementation, and their implication for the health of argileh users in Lebanon; International Development Research Centre, Canada; Afifi, Rima (Principal Investigator)
 - Jan 1, 2002 - Jun 30, 2004
 - Amount: \$133,001.00
4. Public positions towards FCTC-related control policies in Lebanon; International Development Research Centre, Canada; Afifi, Rima (Principal Investigator)
 - Aug 1, 2004 - Nov 30, 2005
 - Amount: \$7,542.00
5. Preventing the early initiation of narghile use: Evaluation of a School-based intervention; American University of Beirut University Research Board; Afifi, Rima (Principal Investigator)
 - Oct 1, 2005 - Sep 30, 2006
 - Amount: \$8,950.00
6. Strengthening national monitoring, evaluation & surveillance systems in Lebanon, Middle East and North Africa region; Lebanon National Aids Program (through World Bank); Ramia, Sami (Co-Investigator), DeJong, Jocelyn (Co-Principal), Afifi, Rima (Co-Investigator), Kassak, Kassem (Principal Investigator)
 - Dec 1, 2006 - Jul 31, 2008
 - Amount: \$98,210.00
7. Validation of the concept and measurement of developmental youth assets; UNDP/Issam Fares Institute for Public Health Policy & International Affairs, American University of Beirut; Afifi, Rima (Co-Principal), Nakkash, Rima (Co-Principal)
 - Jan 1, 2009 - Aug 31, 2009
 - Amount: \$15,000.00
8. Smoke free policies in Lebanon: lessons learned from existing experiences and recommendations for future; International Development Research Centre, Canada; Afifi, Rima (Co-Investigator), Nakkash, Rima (Principal Investigator)
 - Mar 1, 2009 - Feb 28, 2010
 - Amount: \$37,000.00
9. Exploring attitudes towards women's narghile smoking (Part of the larger RITC IDRC grant to the FHS entitled Determinants & Consequences of Smoking the Narghile: An Extended Research Agenda); International Development Research Centre, Canada; Nakkash, Rima (Co-Investigator), Afifi, Rima (Principal Investigator)
 - Jan 1, 2007 - Mar 30, 2010
 - Amount: \$63,082.00

10. Adolescent health and wellbeing subcomponent of the larger grant on; Health status, well-being and population change in the ME: A research network approach; Wellcome Trust, UK; Afifi, Rima (Co-Investigator), Khawaja, Marwan (Co-Principal), Zurayk, Huda (Co-Principal)
 - Jan 1, 2005 - Sep 30, 2010
 - Amount: \$3,085,075.00
11. Informing tobacco control policy in Lebanon: Evaluation of the impact of pictorial warning on cigarette packs on initiation of smoking and quitting intentions - a pilot study in greater Beirut.; American University of Beirut University Research Board; Afifi, Rima (Co-Principal), Nakkash, Rima (Co-Principal)
 - Oct 1, 2009 - Sep 30, 2010
 - Amount: \$9,000.00
12. Impact of a community based RCT to improve mental health of Palestinian refugee youth; Wellcome Trust, UK; Afifi, Rima (Co-Principal), Zurayk, Huda (Co-Principal)
 - Jul 1, 2007 - Dec 31, 2010
 - Amount: \$371,291.00
13. Risky behaviors and protective factors among the youth in Lebanon: Creating a framework for evidence-based interventions in the prevention of substance use and misuse; Swiss Academy for Development; Afifi, Rima (Co-Investigator), Ghandour, Lillian (Co-Principal), Yassin, Nasser (Co-Principal)
 - May 15, 2009 - Oct 31, 2011
 - Amount: \$30,473.00
14. Risky behaviors and protective factors among youth in Lebanon: A Qualitative Study; The Lebanese National Council for Scientific Research; Afifi, Rima (Co-Investigator), Ghandour, Lillian (Co-Principal), Yassin, Nasser (Co-Principal)
 - Mar 1, 2011 - Feb 29, 2012
 - Amount: \$6,000.00
15. Assessing impact of tobacco control policies on attitudes and behaviors: a baseline study and test of a theoretical model; American University of Beirut University Research Board; Afifi, Rima (Co-Investigator), Nakkash, Rima (Principal Investigator)
 - Jul 1, 2012 - Jun 30, 2013
 - Amount: \$9,000.00
16. Developing and testing a model for service learning in public health Faculty of Health Sciences, AUB; Center for Teaching and Learning through the American University of Beirut University Research Board; Germani, Aline (Co-Investigator), Afifi, Rima (Principal Investigator)
 - Jul 1, 2012 - Jun 30, 2013
 - Amount: \$7,000.00
17. Controlling use of narghile smoking: Testing the impact of a randomized controlled trial (RCT) of a school-based prevention program; Qatar National Research Foundation; Mahfoud, Ziyad (Co-Investigator), Al Mulla, Ahmad (Co-Principal), Nakkash, Rima (Co-Investigator), Afifi, Rima (Principal Investigator)
 - Dec 1, 2010 - Mar 31, 2014
 - Amount: \$622,000.00
18. Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health Report - Family Influences on Youth Wellbeing; Gates Foundation; Afifi, Rima (Principal Investigator)
 - Subcontract from the University of Melbourne
 - Mar 1, 2015 - May 31, 2015

- Amount: \$17,500.00
19. Expanding Service Learning Experience in Public Health at the Faculty of Health Sciences; Center for Teaching and Learning through the American University of Beirut University Research Board; Kabakian, Tamar (Co-Investigator), Massoud, May (Co-Investigator), Makhoul, Jihad (Co-Investigator), Germani, Aline (Co-Investigator), Afifi, Rima (Principal Investigator)
 - Jul 1, 2014 - Jun 30, 2015
 - Amount: \$7,000.00
 20. Alcohol control and harm reduction policies in Lebanon: The industry, the market and the young consumer (Lebanon's alcohol control policy: how it is and how it should be).; International Development Research Centre, Canada; Chalak, Ali (Co-Investigator), Nakkash, Rima (Co-Investigator), Yassin, Nasser (Co-Principal), Afifi, Rima (Co-Investigator), Ghandour, Lilian (Principal Investigator)
 - Jan 1, 2013 - Jan 1, 2016
 - Amount: \$261,461.00
 21. A planning study for the establishment of a Global Master's Program in Health and Sustainable Development; MasterCard Foundation; Afifi, Rema (Co-Principal), Nuwayhid, Iman (Co-Principal)
 - Mar 1, 2013 - Feb 29, 2016
 - Amount: \$494,143.00
 22. International post graduate training scheme on implementation research; World Health Organization, TDR; Afifi, Rema
 - Jun 15, 2013 - Feb 29, 2016
 - Amount: \$1,427,389.00
 23. Taking research, practice and sponsorship funds from for-profit corporations: Assessing the attitudes and practices of public health professionals; International Development Research Centre, Canada; Afifi, Rema (Co-Investigator), Nakkash, Rima (Principal Investigator)
 - Oct 1, 2013 - Sep 9, 2016
 - Amount: \$283,957.00
 24. Shaping research for health in the Arab World: A systems and network approach to advance knowledge, inform policy, and promote public health.; International Development Research Centre, Canada; Afifi, Rima (Co-Principal), Nuwayhid, Iman (Co-Principal)
 - Jun 1, 2012 - May 31, 2017
 - Amount: \$4,499,772.00
 25. The Tobacco Control Research Group: Testing waterpipe tobacco smoking prevention and intervention (programs) to generate best practices in the region.; International Development Research Centre, Canada; Afifi, Rema (Co-Principal), Nakkash, Rima (Co-Principal)
 - Jun 1, 2012 - May 31, 2017
 - Amount: \$200,000.00
 26. Developing youth from Sub-Saharan Africa and the Arab world into engaged citizens through a program of transformative leadership for social and economic change; MasterCard Foundation; Afifi, Rema (Co-Principal), Harajli, Mohammad (Co-Principal)
 - Jan 1, 2016 - Jul 31, 2017
 - Amount: \$26,070,389.00
 - This grant is through 2025, but my involvement with this grant ended in July 2017.
 27. A school-based emotional resiliency program for middle school students in Lebanon: Evaluation of implementation and effectiveness in reducing the burden of depression and anxiety.; Harvard Medical

- School Center for Global Health Delivery - Dubai; Afifi, Rima (Co-Investigator), Maalouf, Fadi (Principal Investigator)
- Jun 15, 2016 - Jun 14, 2018
 - Amount: \$299,550.00
28. Parenting and youth in the Arab world: systematic synthesis of the evidence and knowledge gaps; Qatar National Research Foundation; Afifi, Rima (Co-Principal), Akl, Elie (Co-Principal), Ghandour, Lilian (Co-Principal)
- 2017 - 2019
 - Amount: \$49,867.40
29. Scoping Study for Regional Research Hubs on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA); and West Africa Regions; International Development Research Center, Canada; Afifi, Rima (Principal Investigator)
- Nov 1, 2018 - Oct 31, 2019
 - Amount: \$77,529.00
30. Supporting the university education of sixty academically promising yet disadvantaged young people in health-related disciplines (Environmental Health and Medical Laboratory Sciences); MasterCard Foundation; Afifi, Rima (Co-Investigator), Nuwayhid, Iman (Principal Investigator)
- Nov 28, 2011 - Dec 31, 2019
 - Amount: \$8,987,955.00
 - My involvement with this grant ended in July 2017.
31. Stress, coping, and mental health among Farmers in Iowa; Greater Plains Center for Agricultural Health; Afifi, Rima (Principal Investigator)
- Aug 15, 2019 - Aug 15, 2020
 - Amount: \$50,000.00, 0% effort
32. Refugee Mental Health Promotion; Iowa Department of Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement; Afifi, Rima (Co-Investigator), Weismann, Amy (Co-Principal), Story, William (Co-Principal)
- Nov 1, 2017 - Sep 30, 2020
 - Amount: \$68,659.00, 3% effort
33. Social and Behavioral Aspects of Midwakh Use; New York University Abu Dhabi; Afifi, Rima (Principal Investigator)
- Apr 2, 2019 - Sep 30, 2020
 - Amount: \$20,000.00
34. "History repeating itself"? Developing and testing an e-cigarette intervention for University of Iowa undergraduate students; University of Iowa Holden Cancer Center; Welter, Trisha (Co-Principal), Afifi, Rima (Co-Principal)
- Nov 1, 2019 - Oct 31, 2020
 - Amount: \$50,000.00, 0% effort
35. All of Us University & Coordinating Center (UG4 Administrative Supplement); NIH; Campbell, Colleen (Co-Principal), Afifi, Rima (Co-Principal), Walton, Linda (Co-Principal)
- Sep 20, 2017 - Apr 30, 2021
 - Direct Cost: \$697,602.00, 23% effort
36. Minority Health International Research Training program; National Institutes of Health; Mikulski, Marek (Co-Investigator), Afifi, Rima (Principal Investigator)
- Dec 31, 2021
 - Amount: \$189,880.00, 3% effort

37. Connecting Behavioral Science to COVID-19 Vaccine Demand (CBS-CVD) Network; CDC; Askelson, Natoshia (Principal Investigator)
 - U48 DP006389
 - May 11, 2021 - May 10, 2022
 - Amount: \$500,000.00
38. Fatalities Management Workers and COVID-19: stress, coping and wellbeing; Funeral Service Foundation; Afifi, Rima (Principal Investigator)
 - Jan 22, 2021 - Jun 1, 2022
 - Amount: \$39,860.00
39. Building Capacity to Reduce HIV-Related Stigma among Adolescents in Western Kenya; National Institutes of Health; Mabeya, Hillary (Co-Investigator), Churu, Beatrice (Co-Investigator), Afifi, Rima (Co-Investigator), Aluku, Nema (Co-Principal), Story, William (Co-Principal)
 - Aug 1, 2020 - Jun 30, 2022
 - Amount: \$370,318.00, 5% effort

Under Review

1. Unmet need for family planning and barriers to contraceptive use among women living with HIV in Cross River State, Nigeria; University of Iowa International Programs; Adeagbo, Oluwafemi (Principal Investigator), Afifi, Rima (Co-Investigator)
 - Jan 1, 2024 - Dec 31, 2024
 - Amount: \$12,500.00
 - Total Amount Requested: \$12,500.00

Presentations

Keynote/Plenary Address

Mar 2005	Opening session on Concepts of Health Education to over 60 health workers and nurses from health centers in all regions of Lebanon. Lebanese Ministry of Public Health, Beirut, Lebanon.
Jun 10, 2013	Afifi, R. Youth in the Arab world: Thoughts on global forces, conflicts, agency and voice. Presented at 10th World Congress on Adolescent Health, Istanbul, Turkey.
Jun 21, 2016	What evidence do we know about adolescent development?. Presented at Global Management Team Meeting, UNICEF, New York, New York.
Nov 2017	Afifi, R. Adolescent and youth health and wellbeing in the MENA region. Presented at Translating Research into Scaled Up Action: Evidence Symposium on Adolescents and Youth in MENA., UNICEF MENARO, Amman, Jordan.
Oct 2019	Afifi, R. Creating environments conducive to wellbeing: Cross-sectoral strength-based approaches to working with refugees. Presented at Iowa Refugee Alliance Summit, Des Moines, Iowa.
Nov 9, 2023	R. A. Power Sharing in Community-Engaged Research: Guiding Fit to Context in Refugee Communities. Presented at Community-Based Primary Health Care (CBPHC) Working Group Pre-Conference (online) Workshop of the APHA International Health Section, APHA International Health Section.
Oct 2024	Invited plenary panelist: Afifi RA (with Hammad A, Husseini A, Seita, A). Plenary: Rebuilding Public Health Infrastructure in Gaza. ACCESS Arab Health Summit. Detroit, MI. Oct. 21-23, 2024. https://www.accesscommunity.org/events/2024-arab-health-summit

Oct 2024 Invited Keynote (15 minutes): **Afifi RA**. Changing the narrative – Uplifting strengths of people who are refugees. ACCESS Arab Health Summit. Detroit, MI. Oct. 21-23, 2024. <https://www.accesscommunity.org/events/2024-arab-health-summit>

Invited Lectures

- Mar 2009 Afifi, R. A. & Salem, T. Public health implications of non-cigarette forms of smoked tobacco. Presented at 14th World Conference on Tobacco or Health, Mumbai, India.
- Jan 18, 2015 Afifi, R. A. 'Do doctors know best? Who will take care of the world?. Presented at Innovations in Global Medical & Health Education (IGMHE) Forum, Doha, Qatar.
- Feb 11, 2015 Afifi, R. A. Multi-sectoral partnerships to promote NCD prevention and control. Presented at 14th World Congress on Public Health, Kolkata, India.
- Feb 27, 2015 Afifi, R. A. Youth health. Presented at Roundtable discussion on Youth Exclusion and Youth-Led Change in the South-East Mediterranean, Beirut, Lebanon.
- May 6, 2015 Afifi, R. A. & Saliba, N. Participatory approaches to public health research and advocacy. Presented at Center for Research on Population and Health Incubation Seminar, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Oct 26, 2016 [Are universities doing enough to foster women leaders?](#). Presented at Scholars Program Partners Convening, MasterCard Foundation, East Lansing, Michigan.
- Nov 2017 **Afifi, R.** Social Norms and Attitudes Linked to Waterpipe Use in the Eastern Mediterranean Region. Institute for Clinical & Translational Science, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.
- Nov 2018 **Afifi, R.** Critical reflections on research and practice in contexts of protracted uncertainty. College of Nursing Seminar Series, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.
- Feb 2019 Afifi, R. Paving the Way for Behavioral Economics in the Fourth Industrial Revolution: New Trends and Ethical Concerns. Presented at the BX Arabia 2019: The Arab Summit on Behavioral Economics and Nudging, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Apr 2020 **Afifi, R.** Community-Based Participatory Research. Obermann Center workgroup on Scholarship of Public Engagement, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.
- 2021 Afifi, R. Community-engaged research with refugee populations: Flipping power dynamics, uplifting strengths, and enhancing equity and dignity. Drexel University - Migration, Ethnicity, Race, and Health Group.
- 2021 Global Mental Health. Presented at Course on Global NCDs, George Mason University, Global and Community Health Department., Fairfax, Virginia.
- 2021 Participatory Praxis and Stakeholder Engagement. Presented at Center for the Study of Tobacco Products, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- Jul 24, 2023 Afifi, R. Adolescent and young adult tobacco use in rural spaces: Understanding contextual barriers and facilitators across socioecological levels. Presented at VCU Massey Cancer Center Director's Seminar, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- Feb 27, 2024 Afifi, R., Holmes, S. & Farrell, B. Part of a panel (with Samantha Holmes) on The Rights of the Child, Children and Conflict. Presented at Part of UICHR Spring '24 Webinar Series. Feb. 27, 2024. Iowa City, Iowa., UI Center for Human Rights, Iowa City, Iowa. This was a virtual presentation.

Jul 2024 Invited Presentation: **Afifi, RA** with Yusuf Mira. Programming: Monitoring and Evaluating our Work. At the National Organization of Asians and Pacific Islanders Ending Sexual Violence (NAPIESV), July 17, 2024. <https://www.napiesv.org/event/programming-monitoring-evaluating-our-work/>

Oral Presentations

- Feb 1999 Afifi Soweid, R. A. Health education for students and its effect on prevention of disease: a study and evaluation of the Ajyalouna school health education program (in Arabic). Presented at First Arab Conference on School Health, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Feb 2000 Afifi Soweid, R. A. Is health covered in the media? An analysis of Lebanon. Presented at Coordinators' meeting of the EU funded community-based cardiovascular disease prevention project, Ankara, Turkey.
- Apr 2000 Afifi Soweid, R. A. Assessment of the "environment" related to childhood home injuries: An observational study. Presented at 3rd Congress of the North Lebanon Pediatric Society, Tripoli, Lebanon.
- May 2000 Afifi Soweid, R. A., Khogali, M. & Alam, S. Community-based cardiovascular disease prevention: The project in Lebanon, challenges in implementation. Presented at XXXVth annual meeting of the Middle East Medical Assembly, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Sep 2001 Afifi Soweid, R. A. School milk in Lebanon: general evaluation and suggestions. Presented at National School Milk Conference, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Oct 2001 Afifi Soweid, R. A., Nakkash, R. T., Nehlawi, M. T., Salti, I., Alam, S. & Khogali, M. The community-based CVD intervention prevention initiative in Beirut-Lebanon. Presented at Premieres Journees Francophones de Prevention cardio-vasculaire, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Apr 2002 Afifi Soweid, R. A. & Makhoul, J. The influence of culture on health in an age of genetic theories of disease causation. Presented at Civilization Sequence Seminar Series, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Dec 2002 Afifi Soweid, R. A. Promoting physical activity: Strategies for behavior change. Presented at Annual Meeting, Lebanese Epidemiologic Association, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Jun 2003 Afifi Soweid, R. A. Ecological strategies for nutrition related behavior change. Presented at Nutrition and Optimum Health Conference, Lebanese Association for Nutrition and Food Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Nov 2003 Afifi Soweid, R. A. Prevention of tobacco use in Lebanon. Presented at XIXth annual Medical Conference on Adolescent Mental Health, Children's Right and Services, St. Georges Hospital and Balamand University, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Oct 2004 Makhoul, J., Afifi Soweid, R. A. & Karam, D. Youth caught between community and country: the case of Beirut suburbs. Presented at 3rd International Conference on Urban Health Conference, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Dec 2004 Afifi Soweid, R. A. Adapting emerging competencies in public health education. Presented at Beyond the Boundaries 50th Anniversary conference, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Dec 2004 Afifi Soweid, R. A. Planning for intervention research in the urban health study. Presented at Beyond the Boundaries 50th Anniversary conference, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon.

- Dec 2004 Afifi Soweid, R. A. & El Shareef, M. Urban health study adolescent health component: Socio-demographic, health, and social profile of the adolescent population. Presented at Beyond the Boundaries 50th Anniversary conference, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon.
- May 2005 Afifi Soweid, R. A. Support for narghile control policies among adults in Lebanon: preliminary data. Presented at XXXIX Middle East Medical Assembly, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Jul 2005 Afifi Soweid, R. A. Peering through the looking glass: the concept of positive youth development. Presented at Annual Meeting of the Regional Reproductive Health Working Group, Broumana, Lebanon.
- Jul 2006 Afifi Soweid, R. A., Chaaya, M. & Maziak, W. Smoking the nargileh: the choice for women and youth in the Eastern Mediterranean Region. Presented at 13th World Conference on Tobacco or Health, Washington, District of Columbia.
- Jul 2006 Afifi Soweid, R. A., Kassak, K. & Chaaya, M. A policy analysis of factors influencing development and implementation of tobacco control policies: A case study from Lebanon. Presented at 13th World Conference on Tobacco or Health, Washington, District of Columbia.
- Dec 4, 2006 El-Hajj, T. & Afifi Soweid, R. A. Factors associated with violence among Palestinian refugee youth in an urban area in Beirut. Presented at Youth in the Middle East and North Africa: Expanding Economic Prospects in Urban Areas, Rabat, Morocco.
- Feb 2007 Afifi Soweid, R. A. & Nehlawi, M. Youth health in the Arab World. Presented at Meeting for 2007 Arab MDG report, ESCWA, Amman, Jordan.
- May 2007 Afifi Soweid, R. A. Youth health and health risk behaviors in Lebanon: Results of the GSHS 2005. Presented at Faculty of Health Sciences seminar, Beirut, Lebanon.
- May 9, 2007 Afifi Soweid, R. A. Community-based participatory research: Developing a logic model for a youth mental health intervention in Burj El Barajneh refugee camp. Presented at Community Mental Health Services in Lebanon conference, Family Guidance Center, NISCVT, Beirut, Lebanon.
- May 10, 2007 Afifi Soweid, R. A. Prevalence and determinants of argileh and cigarettes use among young people in Lebanon. Presented at XLI annual Middle East Medical Assembly, Beirut, Lebanon.
- May 18, 2007 Afifi Soweid, R. A. Partnerships with Community for Health Improvement: The Youth Mental Health Project in the Burj El Barajneh Refugee Camp of Beirut. Presented at Urbanization, Poverty and Health in Developing Countries Workshop, Center for Research on Population and Health, FHS/AUB, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Jun 2007 Afifi Soweid, R. A. Needs of the school environment with respect to reproductive health: Studies and recommendations. Presented at Meeting of School Health Inspectors, UNFPA, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Dec 2007 Afifi, R. A. How do Palestinian youth in the Diaspora self identify: The Case of Burj El Barajneh Camp in Lebanon. Presented at Workshop on Palestinian Citizenships and Identities, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Apr 2008 Afifi, R. A. Youth health risk behaviors and protective factors: results of the GSHS and GYTS Lebanon 2005. Presented at Conference on the School and its Role in Drug Prevention, Oum El Nour and Mentor Arabia.
- Sep 2008 Afifi, R. A. The concept of holistic health and of positive youth development. Presented at Regional workshop to begin editing of the Arabic version of "Everyone has mental health", Arab Resource Collective.

- Oct 2008 Nakkash, R. T. & Afifi, R. A. A community based logic model for child mental health promotion in a refugee setting. Presented at 136th Annual meeting, American Public Health Association (APHA), San Diego, California.
- Oct 2008 Afifi, R. A. Youth health risk behaviors and protective factors in Lebanon: Results of the GSHS and GYTS. Presented at Mentor Arabia "Participatory Scientific Conference", Beirut, Lebanon.
- Nov 2008 Afifi, R. A. Behind the scenes: Challenges and lessons learned in the Qaderoon mental health promotion project. Presented at FHS weekly seminar, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Dec 2008 Afifi, R. A. Knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors related to HIV risk among MARPS in Lebanon. Presented at Press conference to disseminate results of the RDS bio-behavioral study, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Mar 2009 Afifi, R. A., Fouad, F., Ayad, M. & Jarallah, Y. Exploring attitudes towards women's waterpipe smoking in the Eastern Mediterranean Region. Presented at 14th World Conference on Tobacco or Health, Mumbai, India.
- Mar 30, 2009 Afifi, R. A. The Qaderoon mental health promotion program: Inception, measurement, and initial results. Presented at Psychology Colloquium, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Apr 2009 Makhoul, J., Nakkash, R. N. & Afifi, R. A. Reality drives design of a randomized controlled community-based intervention. Presented at 12th World Congress on Public Health, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Apr 18, 2009 Abdulrahim, S., El Shareef, M. & Afifi, R. A. With or without funding, this project is our project: Formative evaluation of a community youth coalition in a Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon. Presented at Unite for Sight 6th Annual Global Health and Development Conference, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.
- Apr 23, 2009 Afifi, R. A. Partnership with community for health improvement: the youth mental health project in Burj El Barajneh refugee camp. Presented at COPEH MENA workshop, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Nov 7, 2009 Afifi, R. A., Nakkash, R. & Bteddini, D. Cross-cultural validation of the concept and measurement of youth developmental assets in Lebanon. Presented at 137th Annual meeting, American Public Health Association (APHA), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Nov 7, 2009 Nakkash, R., Khalil, J. & Afifi, R. A. Waterpipe tobacco smoking: What's so sexy?. Presented at 137th Annual meeting, American Public Health Association (APHA), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Jan 4, 2010 Afifi, R. A., Nakkash, R. & Haddad, P. Determinants of mental health among Palestinian refugee youth. Presented at Global Flows in Global Health Conference, Al Ain, United Arab Emirates.
- Nov 5, 2010 Afifi, R. A. Strong goals and objectives: Setting the stage for data collection. Presented at Technical Assistance Session, CEPH, Denver, Colorado.
- Nov 25, 2010 Afifi, R. A., Khalil, J., Ayad, M., Fouad, F., Hammal, F., Jarallah, Y., Mohammad, M., Abu Farhat, H. & Nakkash, R. Social norms and attitudes linked to waterpipe use in the EMR. Presented at 8th IEA- Eastern Mediterranean Regional Scientific Meeting, Beirut, Lebanon.

- Apr 7, 2011 Afifi, R. A. Youth as agents of change: Thoughts on social determinants of health, dignity, and voice. Presented at Session on 'Engaging Change in the Middle East: Reflections on Regional Transformations.', American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon.
- May 10, 2011 Afifi, R. A., Nakkash, R. T. & Haddad, P. H. Determinants of mental health among youth in the Burj El Barajneh refugee camp of Beirut. Presented at Annual conference of the Family Guidance Center, "Social Determinants of Palestinian Mental Health" NISCVT, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Jun 23, 2011 Afifi, R. A. Community engagement. Presented at Workshop on "UNRWA Health Services: Past, Present and Future", Beirut, Lebanon.
- Sep 19, 2011 Afifi, R. A. Youth as agents of change. Presented at Regional Expert Meeting on Youth Civic Engagement, UNESCO, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Dec 6, 2011 Afifi, R. A., Mahfoud, Z., Khouri, R. & Bitar, S. Restoring dignity: the raison d'être of the youth movements in the Arab citizen revolt?. Presented at Youth in the Arab World working group, Abu Dhabi Gallup Forum meeting, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- Oct 13, 2014 Afifi, R. A. Engaging youth as active partners in setting the research agenda: On agency and voice. Presented at Workshop on The health and wellbeing of Arab youth, FHS Center for Research on Population and Health, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Oct 25, 2014 Bteddini, D., Afifi, R. A. & Nakkash, R. T. The protective effect of youth developmental assets in cigarette and waterpipe tobacco use: evidence from Lebanon. Presented at 2nd International Waterpipe Smoking Research conference, Doha, Qatar.
- Feb 11, 2015 Nuwayhid, I., Afifi, R. A. & DeJong, J. A systems-network approach to shape public health research and practice in the Arab world: A paradigm shift. Presented at 14th World Congress on Public Health, Kolkata, India.
- Feb 11, 2015 Bteddini, D., Afifi, R. A. & Nuwayhid, I. Research Networks: fora for capacity building and knowledge production. Presented at 14th World Congress on Public Health, Kolkata, India.
- Feb 11, 2015 Ghandour, L., Yassin, N., Nakkash, R., Chalak, A., El Aily, A., Tauk, M. & Afifi, R. Use of data triangulation for proposing a comprehensive national alcohol control and harm reduction policy: The case of Lebanon. Presented at 14th World Congress on Public Health, Kolkata, India.
- Mar 1, 2015 Bteddini, D., Afifi, R. A. & Nakkash, R. A mixed-method approach to explore youth developmental assets in Lebanon. Presented at 7th International Conference on Health Issues in Arab Communities, ACCESS, Muscat, Oman.
- Mar 17, 2015 Afifi, R. A. Waterpipe tobacco smoking interventions: Why current evidence for cigarettes might fail to curb waterpipe tobacco use. Presented at 16th World Conference on Tobacco or Health, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- Oct 7, 2015 Ghandour, L., Chalak, A., El-Aily, A., Yassin, N., Nakkash, R., Tauk, M., El Salibi, N., Heffron, M. & Afifi, R. Alcohol consumption in the Arab region: Alcohol control policies in the Arab region: Where do we stand, and what are the implications for youth harm reduction?. Presented at Momentum for change: research and advocacy reducing alcohol harm conference, Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Oct 7, 2015 Nakkash, R., Ghandour, L., Afifi, R., Chalak, A., Al Aili, A. & Yassin, N. is not my job: Stakeholder's views on youth alcohol harm reduction policy in Lebanon. Presented at Momentum for change: research and advocacy reducing alcohol harm conference (GAPC), Edinburgh, Scotland.

- Mar 7, 2016 Afifi, R. A. & Armoush, S. Documenting 'good practices' in adolescent programming for the MENA region: Interventions for Palestinian youth. Presented at Lancet Palestinian Health Alliance 7th conference: Health of Palestinians inside and outside of the Palestinian Occupied Territories, Amman, Jordan.
- Dec 13, 2016 Afifi, R. A. Enabling systems for adolescent wellbeing. Presented at Conference on Adolescent Adolescent and youth wellbeing in the Arab region: Challenges and promises of the second decade of life - A partnership for and with youth, Beirut, Lebanon.
- 2017 Afifi, R., Cisse Egbuonye, N., May, K., Pieper, F., Sesterhenn, L., Schultz, H. & Walkner, L. Health equity in practice: Lessons learned from developing and implementing health equity workforce development for local public health department staff. Presented at American Public Health Association Annual Meeting.
- May 12, 2017 Afifi, R. A., Irani, A., Ali, A. & Mokdad, A. Inequities in young peoples' health across the Arab World. Presented at First International Association of Adolescent Health MENA region conference, Cairo, Egypt.
- May 12, 2017 Ghandour, L., Anouti, S., Afifi, R., Maalouf, F. & Rady, A. Mental health well-being of Arab adolescents: Findings from 19 multi-country global school-based health surveys. Presented at First International Association of Adolescent Health MENA region conference, Cairo, Egypt.
- May 12, 2017 Afifi, R. A., Nakkash, R., Bteddini, D., Mahfoud, A. & Lotfi, T. Testing the impact of a nation-wide school based program on waterpipe tobacco smoking (WTS) prevention among 6th and 7th graders in Lebanon: A randomized control trial design. Presented at First International Association of Adolescent Health MENA region conference, Cairo, Egypt.
- Sep 2017 Afifi, R. A. More good than harm? A critical analysis of working in contexts of protracted uncertainty. Presented at Spotlight Series, University of Iowa College of Public Health, Iowa City, Iowa.
- Oct 2017 **Afifi, R.**, Germani, A., Armoush, S., Mendonca, V. & Martinez, K. Documenting 'Good Practices' in Adolescent Programming for the MENA region: What do we know about effective youth participation?. Presented at International Association of Adolescent Health Congress, New Delhi, India.
- Oct 2017 **Afifi, R.**, Irani, A., Ali, A. K., Tamim, A. & Mokdad, A. The impact of place on life and death: life expectancy and death rate differentials for youth in the Arab world. Presented at International Association of Adolescent Health Congress, New Delhi, India.
- Oct 2017 Ghandour, L., Chalak, A., Anouti, S., Nakkash, R., Yassin, N. & **Afifi, R.** Youth's perceptions of policy-level factors and their drinking patterns: Data from Lebanon. Presented at International Association of Adolescent Health Congress, New Delhi, India.
- Nov 2018 Alaouie, H., Ali, A. K., Nakkash, R., Malek, N., Rachid, S., Ahmed, M. K., Pritom, G., London, L., Knai, C., Hirschhorn, N., Nuwayhid, I. & **Afifi, R.** . University policies that govern receipt of funds from for-profit corporations: A review of 50 institutions with public health programs worldwide. Presented at American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, California.

- Nov 2018 Daniel-Ulloa, J., Maldonado, A., Gilbert, P., Bucklin, R., Afifi, R., Baquero, B. & Woods-Jaeger, B. Changing the Conversation: The Health Equity Advancement Lab's Pedagogy for Public Health. Presented at American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, California.
- Sep 2019 **Afifi, R.**, Nakkash, R., El Boukhari, N. & Al Halabi, A. "I fell on the floor the first time I smoked it": Exploring determinants of use of Midwakh among youth in Lebanon. Presented at Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco European conference, Oslo, Norway.
- Nov 2019 Asikin-Garmager, A., Georges, S., Dowd, P. & **Afifi, R.** . Leveraging Technology to Conduct Usability Evaluation of an Online Toolkit. Presented at American Evaluation Association Annual Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Nov 2019 **Afifi, R.**, Asikin-Garmager, A. & Bougard, R. Facilitating a Multi-Layer, Multi-Organization Evaluation. Part of a panel titled: Multi Site and Multi-Level Evaluation of the NNLM All of Us National Program. Presented at American Evaluation Association Annual meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Nov 2019 **Afifi, R.** Local responses in new destination communities: Action, research, and advocacy for immigrant wellbeing from the Heartland of America. Presented at American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. University of Iowa Immigrant and Refugee Health and Wellbeing Research Group is co-author.
- Nov 2019 Gilbert, P., Kava, C. & **Afifi, R.** High school students rarely use e-cigarettes alone: An analysis polysubstance use by gender and race/ethnicity among adolescents in the USA. Presented at American Public Health Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Mar 2020 Afifi, R., El Boukhari, N. & Nakkash, R. When I smoked it, it was like a slap in the face but it felt really good" - Using the PACE model to explore determinants of midwakh use among young adults in Lebanon. Presented at Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco annual conference.
- Mar 2020 **R, A.**, Kava, C., Soule, E., Seegmiller, L., Westfield, T., Wick, N., Golds, E. & Snipes, W. 'Taking up a new problem'- A qualitative study of the context and determinants of pod-mod e-cigarette use among university students. Presented at Society for Nicotine and Tobacco Research annual meeting.
- Apr 2020 Baquero, B., Sewel, D., Novak, N., Bucklin, R., Maldonado, A., Askelson, N., Daniel-Ulloa, J., **Afifi, R.**, Hanes, H., Ross, G., Dunn, B. & Parker, E. Effectiveness of adapting and implementing the Community Guide approaches to promote physical activity in a micropolitan city. Presented at Society for Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting 2020.
- Oct 2020 Dubey, P., El Boukhari, N., Vander Weg, M. & **Afifi, R.** Determinants of e-cigarettes among adolescents and young adults: A scoping review of qualitative studies. Presented at American Public Health Association Annual Conference (Oct. 2020).
- 2021 Afifi, R. Communicating safety to motivate best practices. Presented at ASHCA Safety Summit.
- 2021 Correa, A., Bucklin, R., Pham, H., Sewell, D. & Afifi, R. Correa A*, Buckin R, Pham H*, Sewell D, Afifi R. Resident assistant stress and well-being in the time of COVID-19. Presented at American Public Health Association Annual Meeting.

- 2021 Daly, E., Evans, S., Lee, A., Bucklin, R., Maldonado, A., Berto, S., Askelson, N. & Afifi, R. Daly E*, Evans S*, Lee A*, Bucklin R, Maldonado A*, Berto S, Askelson N, Afifi R. Identifying COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Needs in Ottumwa, Iowa. Poster presentation. , Des Moines, IA. April 2021. Presented at Public Health Conference of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa.
- 2021 Sun, L., Novak, N. L., Amin, K., Andino, J. L., Claydon, A., Corwin, C., Dukes, K., Ikoba, B., McClinton, J. D., Meyer, A. R., Presnall, E. M., Weismann, A., Zimmerman, A. & Afifi, R. Developing and applying a scoping review protocol to examine immigrant and refugee integration interventions in the Midwestern United States. Presented at 4th Annual Conference on Migration and Health, Galveston, Texas.
- 2021 Kava, C., Watkins, S. L., Gilbert, P., Villhauer, T., Welter, T. & Afifi, R. E-Cigarette Use and the College Experience – Associations between Mental Health and Poly-Substance Use. Presented at Society for Nicotine and Tobacco Research annual conference.
- 2021 Afifi, R. & Teahen, P. Fatalities Management Workers COVID-19 related stress, coping and wellbeing: Results of a National survey. Presented at Iowa Funeral Directors Association, Des Moines, Iowa.
- 2021 Calderon, J., Teahen, P., Pham, H., Sewell, D., Vander Weg, M., Zarate-Sada, S. & Afifi, R. Fatalities management workers COVID-19 related stress, coping, and wellbeing. Presented at American Public Health Association Annual Meeting.
- 2021 Afifi, R. Methodological approaches to meaningful community engagement in stigma research. Part of a Satellite session on 'Advancing Global Health through Cross-Cutting Approaches in Stigma Reduction Research.'. Presented at Consortium of Universities for Global Health Annual Conference.
- 2021 Lee, A., Hanes, H., Henry, S. & Afifi, R. Perspectives of national interventionalists on the effectiveness and captivating features of adolescent e-cigarette prevention and cessation programs. Presented at Society for Nicotine and Tobacco Research annual conference.
- 2021 Teahen, P. & Afifi, R. Teahen P, Afifi R. Fatalities Management Workers COVID-19 related stress, coping and wellbeing. Presented at ICISF World Congress.
- 2021 Wick, N. & **Afifi, R.** We don't talk about it: Barriers to PrEP uptake among college students who identify as MSM. Presented at American Public Health Association Annual Meeting.
- 2022 **Afifi Jensen E*, R.**, Haines, H., Sursely, A., Diner, S., Jensen, E. & Schafer, C. 'Fueling the Future', An innovative poverty reduction program in Muscatine Iowa. Presented at American Public Health Association Annual conference, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2022 Bomar, H., Lee, A., Watkins, S. L., Welter, T., Vander Weg, M. & **Afifi, R.** Challenges of recruiting rural adolescents to participate in e-cigarette research. Presented at Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland.
- 2022 **Afifi, R.**, Haines, H., Tuckers Reinder, L. & HKEL planning committee Harnessing Knowledge Elevating Learnings: Iowa's Experience Mitigating Covid-19. Presented at Public Health Conference of Iowa, Ames, Iowa.
- 2022 Walkner N, Sesterhenn L, Afifi R., L., May, K., Ginn, K., Cisse Egbuonye, N., Sesterhenn, L. & **Afifi, R.** Health Equity in Practice: Lessons Learned from Developing and Implementing Health Equity Workforce Development for Local Public Health Staff. Presented at Public Health Conference of Iowa., Ames, Iowa.

- 2022 Maldonado, A., Baquero, B., **Afifi, R.**, Hoffman, R., Laroche, H., Garcia, D. O. & Gilbert, P. A. Place matters: A qualitative investigation comparing hypertension management among Latinos in established and new Latino destination. Presented at American Public Health Association Annual conference, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2022 Afifi, R. Reimagining Rural: Shifting Paradigms about Health & Well-Being in the Rural Wisconsin. Presented at Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin Annual Meeting, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.
- 2022 Fry, L., **Afifi, R.** & Harland, K. Teen dating violence programming implementation in Iowa schools: Perceptions of school counselors and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Presented at American Public Health Association Annual conference, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2022 Gauthreaux, N., Thompson, H., Morris, C., Bucklin, R., Tucker Reinders, L., Faber, E., Vander Weg, M., **Afifi, R.**, Scherer, A. & Askelson, N. The COVID-19 infodemic in rural micropolitan communities in the Midwest: A qualitative analysis of Facebook comments to vaccine advertisements. Presented at American Public Health Association Annual conference, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2022 **Afifi, R.**, Zarate-Sada, S., Calderon, J., Teahen, P., Vander Weg, M., Fry, L., Peters, N., Robledo, J., Pham, H. & Sewell, D. "We were the forgotten ones" – Stigma, stress, coping, and wellbeing among last responders during the COVID-19 pandemic. Presented at American Public Health Association Annual conference, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2023 Nakkash, R., Ghandour, L., Tleis, M., Fares, M., Al Masri, H., Bomar, H., Al Halabi, F., Louis, B., Najjar, Y. & **Afifi, R.** Power sharing in community-engaged research with Syrian refugees in Lebanon: Using implementation science frameworks to guide fit to context of a young adult community worker intervention. Presented at Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine annual meeting, Chicago, Illinois.
- Mar 2023 "Dedication, Persistence And Resiliency In Spite Of Turmoil": Learning From The COVID-19 Pandemic Through The Eyes Of The Public Health Workforce. Presented at Public Health Conference of Iowa, Iowa Public Health Association.
Haines H, Sursely A, Tucker Reinders L, Askelson N, Walkner W, **Afifi R** and the HKEL planning committee. "Dedication, Persistence And Resiliency In Spite Of Turmoil": Learning From The COVID-19 Pandemic Through The Eyes Of The Public Health Workforce. Oral presentation at the Public Health Conference of Iowa, March 2023. Ames, Iowa.
- Apr 12, 2023 Afifi, R. & Tucker Reinders, L. Dedication, Persistence And Resiliency In Spite Of Turmoil": The COVID-19 Pandemic from the Perspective of The Public Health Workforce in Iowa. Presented at Spotlight Series, UI College of Public Health, Iowa City, Iowa.
- Jun 2023 Community-engaged research: Strengthening ethical engagement in the context of Syrian refugee communities living in Lebanon. Presented at Oxford Global Health and Bioethics International Conference, Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom.
Tleis M, Nakkash R, Fares M, Al Masri H, Najjar Y, Al Halabi F, Ghandour L, Louis B, **Afifi R.** Community-engaged research: Strengthening ethical engagement in the context of Syrian refugee communities living in Lebanon. Oral presentation – part of a panel on Community Engagement and Ethical Issues in Global Health Research – at the at the Oxford Global Health and Bioethics International Conference. June 26-27, 2023. Oxford, UK.

- Oct 2023 Designing user-centered programming using integrated human center design and community-based engagement approaches: role of evaluation from start to finish. Presented at American Evaluation Association annual meeting, AEA, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Asikin-Garmager A, **Afifi R**, Glenn A, Thomas B, Sinemus H, Ramirez SA, Crowhurst K, Brace D, Dennis C, Yager F, Barger R, Walton L. Designing user-centered programming using integrated human center design and community-based engagement approaches: role of evaluation from start to finish. Accepted as an oral presentation at the annual meeting of the American Evaluation Association. Oct. 9-14, Indianapolis, IN. (AAK and DB presenting).
- Oct 5, 2023 Afifi, R., Leifermann, J. & Dino, G. Addressing Equity and Structural Factors. Presented at Part of a panel presentation entitled: 'Addressing Mental Health Across the PRC Network: Bringing Heart, Mind, and Action Together' by the PRC Mental Health Workgroup (with Jenn Leiferman, Geri Dino, and Liz Aparicio) to the CDC's Mental Health Working group.
R. Afifi. Addressing Equity and Structural Factors. Part of a panel presentation entitled: 'Addressing Mental Health Across the PRC Network: Bringing Heart, Mind, and Action Together' by the PRC Mental Health Workgroup (with Jenn Leiferman, Geri Dino, and Liz Aparicio) to the CDC's Mental Health Working group. Oct. 5, 2023.
- Nov 2023 Engaging Syrian refugee young adults as community mental health workers in Lebanon: A pilot test of the mechanisms of effect on their own well being. Presented at American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, APHA, Atlanta, Georgia.
Afifi R, Nakkash R, Ghandour L, Tleis M, Al Masri H, Fares F, Al Halabi F, Najjar Y, Louis B, Brown G. Engaging Syrian refugee young adults as community mental health workers in Lebanon: A pilot test of the mechanisms of effect on their own well being. Oral Presentation at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. Nov. 12-15, 2023. Atlanta, GA, USA. RAA presenting.
- Nov 2023 Harnessing knowledge elevated learnings: Learning from the COVID-19 pandemic through the eyes of the public health workforce. Presented at American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, APHA, Atlanta, Georgia.
Haines H, Sursely A, Tucker Reinders L, Askelson N, Walkner L, **Afifi R**. Harnessing knowledge elevated learnings: Learning from the COVID-19 pandemic through the eyes of the public health workforce. Accepted for an Oral Presentation at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. Nov. 12-15, 2023. Atlanta, GA, USA. RAA presenting.
- Nov 2023 Religiosity and HIV preventive behaviors among adolescents in western Kenya. Presented at American Public Health Association annual meeting, APHA, Atlanta, Georgia.
Bin Abdul Baten R, Story W, Lee A, **Afifi R**, Churu B, Aluku N. Religiosity and HIV preventive behaviors among adolescents in western Kenya. Oral Presentation at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. Nov. 12-15, 2023. Atlanta, GA, USA. NA presenting.
- Nov 2023 Social capital and HIV preventive behaviors among adolescents in western Kenya. Presented at American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, APHA, Atlanta, Georgia.
Story W, Bin Abdul Baten R, Lee A, **Afifi R**, Churu B, Aluku N. Social capital and HIV preventive behaviors among adolescents in western Kenya. an Oral Presentation at the

Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. Nov. 12-15, 2023. Atlanta, GA, USA. WS presenting.

- Nov 2023 "I feel like my job is to give patients hope" - perspectives of community health workers in Iowa: A mixed methods assessment. Presented at American Public Health Association Annual meeting, APHA, Atlanta, Georgia.
Sursely A, Kazmerzak D, Appelgate W, Walkner L, Hiros S, Haines H, **Afifi R**. "I feel like my job is to give patients hope" - perspectives of community health workers in Iowa: A mixed methods assessment. Oral Presentation at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. Nov. 12-15, 2023. Atlanta, GA, USA. AS presenting.
- Mar 2024 Schafer C, Anthony J, **Afifi R**. Attainable housing: An effective yet under-addressed upstream health intervention. Oral presentation at the Public Health Conference of Iowa. March 26-27, 2024, Des Moines, Iowa. (all presenting)
- May 2024 **Afifi R**, Leiferman J, Clark, R, Steinman L. Addressing Mental Health across the PRC Network a Call to Action. Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting. Washington DC. May 28-31, 2024.
- Jul 2024 Invited Presentation: **Afifi, RA**. Problem Management Plus (PM+): Community, Solidarity, Hope. Oral presentation at the Iowa Statewide PM+ Conference. Iowa City, Iowa. July 16, 2024.
- Aug 2024 Aluku NCM, Bin Abdul Baten R, Churu BW, **Afifi RA**, Story WT. Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on religiosity among adolescents in Western Kenya. Oral Presentation at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Montreal, CA. Aug. 9-11, 2024. (NCMA presenting).
- Mar 2025 Gilbert PA, **Afifi R**, Armour CD, O'Neal E, Vander Weg W, Watkins SL. The Promise, Practice, and Pitfalls of Holistic Admissions: Lessons Learned at the University of Iowa College of Public Health. To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health. March 19-22, Arlington, VA. (PAG presenting).
- Jun 2025 Afifi R. Power Sharing in Community-Engaged Research with Syrian Refugees in Lebanon: Using community engagement to inform/shape Intervention Fit to Context. "Enhancing Your Research with Equitable Community Engagement" workshop. Environmental Health Sciences Research Center. June 2025.

Posters

- 1991 Smith, M. R. & Afifi, R. A. A model for local occupational fatality surveillance program. Presented at Annual Meeting, American Public Health Association (APHA), Atlanta, Georgia.
- 1995 Mayer, J. P., Soweid, R. A. & Dabney, S. Process characteristics of successful community coalitions: A case-ordered matrix analysis. Presented at Meeting of the International Union for Health Promotion and Education, Japan.
- 1995 Soweid, R. A., Mayer, J. P. & Dean, C. Role-specific perceptions of coalition functioning in rural cardiovascular health coalitions. Presented at Annual Meeting, American Public Health Association (APHA), San Diego, California.

- Nov 1996 Mayer, J. P., Housemann, R. & Soweid, R. A. Issues in assessing and validating unobtrusive measures of the health promotion environment. Presented at Annual Meeting, American Public Health Association (APHA), New York, New York.
- Mar 1997 Housemann, R., Mayer, J. P., Soweid, R. A., Wadud, E. & Rafii, R. Assessment of rural community health: A multi-Level approach. Presented at Annual Art and Science of Health Promotion Conference.
- Oct 2001 Afifi Soweid, R. A., Nakkash, R. T., Nehlawi, M. T., Shediak-Rizkallah, M. C. & Khogali, M. Challenges of evaluation in community-based prevention: The case of the CVD prevention project in Beirut, Lebanon. Presented at 52nd annual meeting, Society for Public Health Education, Atlanta, Georgia.
- May 2002 Nehlawi, M. T., Hoeree, T., Afifi Soweid, R. A., Nakkash, R. T., Mourtada, R. & Khogali, M. A qualitative and behavioral analysis of community based CVD prevention nutrition intervention in Beirut. Presented at XXXVIIth Middle East Medical Assembly meeting, Beirut, Lebanon.
- May 2002 Kassak, K., Dagher, R., Afifi Soweid, R. A., Alam, S., Salti, I. & Khogali, M. Health services utilization and cardiovascular disease risk factors in a Lebanese community. Presented at XXXVIIth Middle East Medical Assembly meeting, Beirut, Lebanon.
- May 2002 Shediak-Rizkallah, M. C., Afifi Soweid, R. A., Mourtada, R., Nehlawi, M. T., El Sharif, M., Alam, S. & Khogali, M. Is health covered in newspapers? An analysis of selected newspapers in Lebanon. Presented at XXXVIIth Middle East Medical Assembly meeting, Beirut, Lebanon.
- May 2002 Nakkash, R. T., Afifi Soweid, R. A., Nehlawi, M. T., Shediak-Rizkallah, M. C., Alam, S., Salti, I. & Khogali, M. The feasibility of community organizing for prevention of cardiovascular disease in Beirut, Lebanon. Presented at XXXVIIth Middle East Medical Assembly meeting, Beirut, Lebanon.
- May 2002 Afifi Soweid, R. A., Nakkash, R. T., Nehlawi, M. T., Shediak-Rizkallah, M. C. & Khogali, M. Using triangulation of three data sources for the development of community based cardiovascular disease prevention interventions. Presented at XXXVIIth Middle East Medical Assembly meeting, Beirut, Lebanon.
- May 2003 Major, S., Afifi Soweid, R. A., Shediak-Rizkallah, M., Taljeh, C. & El-Khatib, Z. Smoking characteristics among college students entering the American University of Beirut in terms of the Transtheoretical model of change. Presented at 2003 Annual Meeting, American College Health Association, Miami, Florida.
- Jun 2003 Hoeree, T., Nehlawi, M., Afifi Soweid, R. A., Nakkash, R., Najjar, N., Mourtada, R., Khogali, M. & Perez-Cueto, A. Factors influencing changes in dietary habits at family level in a middle-income neighborhood of Beirut, Lebanon. Presented at International Conference on Health benefits of Mediterranean diet: Highlights on cancer and cardiovascular diseases, Crete, Greece.
- May 2004 El Shareef, M. & Afifi Soweid, R. A. The coverage of tobacco issues in three selected Lebanese papers. Presented at XXXVIIIth Middle East Medical Assembly meeting, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Dec 2004 El Shareef, M., Afifi Soweid, R. A., Nehlawi, M. & Rouhana, A. The environment of youth related to tobacco in Lebanon: Analysis by gender and tobacco type. Presented at Beyond the Boundaries 50th Anniversary conference, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon.

- Dec 2004 Makhoul, J., Afifi Soweid, R. A., Karam, D. & Choueiry, C. Youth caught between community and country: the case of Beirut Suburbs. Presented at Beyond the Boundaries 50th Anniversary conference, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon.
- May 2005 Shamseddeen, H., Mahmoud, H. & Afifi Soweid, R. A. Are medical students convinced in what they are doing?. Presented at XXXIX Middle East Medical Assembly, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Jun 2005 Nassif, N., Afifi Soweid, R. A. & Shareef, M. Stages of change and decisional balance for exercise in a sample of Lebanese college students. Presented at 6th International Union for Health Promotion and Education European Conference on the Effectiveness and Quality of Health Promotion.
- Nov 2008 Afifi, R. A. & Nakkash, R. N. Measuring the mental health of Arab Youth: A case study from Lebanon. Presented at 7th Annual International Urban Health Conference, Vancouver, Canada.
- Nov 2008 Nakkash, R. T. & Afifi, R. A. Mental health promotion with refugee youth: Lessons learned from a pilot study. Presented at 7th Annual International Urban Health Conference, Vancouver, Canada.
- Nov 6, 2010 Afifi, R. A., Nakkash, R., El Hajj, T., Makhoul, J., Abdulrahim, S., Kanj, M., Mahfoud, Z. & Haddad, P. More good than harm? The case study of Qaderoon, a mental health promotion intervention for Palestinian refugee youth in Beirut. Presented at 138th Annual meeting, American Public Health Association (APHA), Denver, Colorado.
- Dec 9, 2011 Afifi, R. A., Dalli, R. & Nuwayhid, I. A framework for monitoring and evaluation of program learning outcomes: The case of the graduate public health program at AUB. Presented at Second annual conference on Teaching and Learning, AUB Center for Teaching and Learning and the IT Academic Core Processes and Systems, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Mar 5, 2012 Khader, A., Khader, Y., Eissenberg, T., Osman, M., Kassem, N. & Afifi, R. Bulling victimization among 7th-9th graders in UNRWA schools: Prevalence, determinants, and consequences. Presented at Lancet Palestinian Health Alliance conference, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Mar 20, 2012 Chaaya, M., Khalil, J., Allameddine, M., Nakkash, R. & Afifi, R. A smoke free university campus in a "smoker's paradise": lessons learned. Presented at 15th World Congress on Tobacco or Health, Singapore.
- Mar 20, 2012 Al Mulla, A., Karhily, R., Torrossian, L., Shuayb, L., Mahfoud, Z., Nakkash, R. & Afifi, R. Challenges to recruitment and parental consent for child participation in a schoolbased Waterpipe tobacco smoking prevention program in Qatar. Presented at 15th World Congress on Tobacco or Health, Singapore.
- Mar 20, 2012 Afifi, R., Nakkash, R., Alaouie, H., Haddad, P. & Nahhas, G. How do youth evaluate effectiveness of pictorial health warnings on cigarette packs?. Presented at 15th World Congress on Tobacco or Health, Singapore.
- Mar 20, 2012 Afifi, R., Al Mulla, A., Mahfoud, Z., Haddad, P., Torrossian, L., Shuayb, L., Karhily, R. & Nakkash, R. Testing the impact of a school-based waterpipe use prevention program in Qatar: results of a pilot test. Presented at 15th World Congress on Tobacco or Health, Singapore.
- Mar 20, 2012 Nakkash, R., Afifi, R., El Hajj, T. & Khalil, J. The role of academics in a tobacco control policy vacuum. Presented at 15th World Congress on Tobacco or Health, Singapore.

- Oct 27, 2012 Nakkash, R., Mahfoud, Z., Haddad, P., Bteddini, D., Jbara, L. & Afifi, R. Testing the impact of a school-based waterpipe use prevention program in Lebanon: Results of an RCT in Lebanon. Presented at Annual Meeting, American Public Health Association (APHA), San Francisco, California.
- Mar 13, 2013 Nakkash, R., Afifi, R., Torossian, L., El Hajj, T. & Khalil, J. Evaluating the role of academics in influencing tobacco control policy. Presented at Annual Meeting, Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Mar 13, 2013 Haddad, P., Mahfoud, Z., Al Mulla, A., Nakkash, R., Karhily, R., Janahi, I., Al Ansari, A., Torossian, L., Shuayb, L. & Afifi, R. The effect of a school-based intervention program on knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors of waterpipe smoking in Qatar: A pilot study. Presented at Annual Meeting, Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Mar 13, 2013 Afifi, R., Nakkash, R., Mahfoud, Z., Haddad, P., Bteddini, D. & Al Mulla, A. What are the determinants of the alarming prevalence of waterpipe smoking among 6th and 7th graders in Lebanon?. Presented at Annual Meeting, Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Nov 15, 2014 Zahlan, L., Ghandour, L. A., Yassin, N., Afifi, R. A. & Martins, S. S. Double trouble: Exploring the association between waterpipe tobacco smoking and the nonmedical use of psychoactive prescription drugs among adolescents. Presented at 142nd Annual Meeting and Exposition, APHA, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Nov 15, 2014 Afifi, R. A., Nakkash, R., Bteddini, B. & Al Mulla, A. Implementing a nationwide school-based waterpipe tobacco smoking prevention intervention: Challenges and lessons learned. Presented at 142nd Annual Meeting and Exposition, APHA, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Nov 15, 2014 Zahlan, L., Ghandour, L., Yassin, N., Afifi, R. & Martins, S. S. Nonmedical use of psychoactive prescription drugs among adolescents: What's waterpipe smoking got to do with it?. Presented at 142nd Annual Meeting and Exposition, APHA, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Mar 17, 2015 Bteddini, D. & Afifi, R. A. Gender differences in the protective effect of developmental assets in cigarette and waterpipe tobacco use among youth in Lebanon. Presented at 16th World Conference on Tobacco or Health, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- Mar 18, 2015 Jawad, M., Afifi, R. A., Mahfoud, Z., Bteddini, D., Haddad, P. & Nakkash, R. Characteristics of never waterpipe smokers that put them at increased risk of smoking waterpipe: a cross-sectional study of 6th and 7th graders in Lebanon. Presented at 16th World Conference on Tobacco or Health, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- Oct 7, 2015 Nakkash, R., Ghandour, L., Nicholas, J., Chalak, A., Yassin, N. & Afifi, R. Alcohol outlet density in Lebanon: Youth access amid a policy void. Presented at Momentum for change: research and advocacy reducing alcohol harm conference (GAPC), Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Mar 24, 2016 Afifi, R. A., Gemani, A., Armoush, S., Mendonca, V. & Martinez, K. 'Good Practices' in adolescent programming for the MENA region: Are adolescents involved?. Presented at Collaboration for Community Change: Insight, Innovation, and Impact, Cairo, Egypt.

- Nov 2023 Fielding an adolescent HIV-stigma survey in western Kenya: Facilitating data collection through cultural brokers and trust building. Presented at American Public Health Association annual meeting, APHA, Atlanta, Georgia.
Afifi R, Aluku N, Ouma J, Ashitiba S, Lee A, Churu B, Story W. Fielding an adolescent HIV-stigma survey in western Kenya: Facilitating data collection through cultural brokers and trust building. Poster Presentation at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. Nov. 12-15, 2023. Atlanta, GA, USA. NA presenting.
- Nov 2023 Teen dating violence programming implementation in Iowa schools: Perceptions of school nurses and staff. Presented at American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, APHA, Atlanta, Georgia.
Fry L, Guthrie S, Christophersen JB, **Afifi R**, Harland K. Teen dating violence programming implementation in Iowa schools: Perceptions of school nurses and staff. Poster Presentation at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. Nov. 12-15, 2023. Atlanta, GA, USA.
- Nov 2023 The gendered impact of stigma: How HIV stigma affects HIV prevention behaviors among adolescents in western Kenya. Presented at American Public Health Association annual meeting, APHA, Atlanta, Georgia.
Lee A, Aluku N, Tura R, **Afifi R**, Churu B, Story W. The gendered impact of stigma: How HIV stigma affects HIV prevention behaviors among adolescents in western Kenya. Poster Presentation at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. Nov. 12-15, 2023. Atlanta, GA, USA. AL presenting.
- Mar 2024 Maharani C, **Afifi R**, Ali T, Kitzmann T, Peters N, Shehu E. Lessons learned from the Building Health Equity Webinar series for local public health departments in Iowa. Poster presentation at the Public Health Conference of Iowa. March 26-27, 2024. (CM presenting)
- Mar 2024 Purported 'security' raids against Syrian refugees in Lebanon: Structural determinants of young adult wellbeing. Presented at Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine Annual Meeting, SAHM, San Diego, California.
This was accepted as a poster. None of the authors were able to attend, but the poster was sent and put up.
Brown G, Ghandour L, Tleis M, Al Masri H, Fares M, Al Halabi F, Najjar Y, Louis B, **Afifi RA**, Nakkash R. Purported 'security' raids against Syrian refugees in Lebanon: Structural determinants of young adult wellbeing. Poster presentation at the Annual meeting of the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine, March 13-16, 2024, San Diego, CA.
- Jul 2024 Adeagbo O, **Afifi R**, Badru O*, Hawkins A. Pre-exposure Prophylaxis Uptake among Black/African American Men who have Sex with Men in Midwestern, United States: A Systematic Review. In-person Poster Exhibition at AIDS 2024. Munich, Germany: July 22-26, 202. (AO presented)
- Nov 2024 Harland K, Fry L*, Christophersen J, Fleming M, Mozak A, **Afifi R**. Assessing fidelity of implementation of Mentors in Violence Prevention components - a case study in Iowa schools. Poster presentation at the 17th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health. Dec. 9-11, 2024, Arlington, VA. (RA presenting)

- Dec 2024 Nakkash R, Ghandour L, Fares M, Al-Halabi F, Najjar Y, Louis B, Tleis M, Al Masri, Brown G, **Afifi R**. Outer Setting influences on pace of implementation: The case of a mental health project among Syrian refugee young adults in Lebanon. Poster presentation at the 17th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health. Dec. 9-11, 2024, Arlington, VA. (RN and RA presenting)
- Dec 2024 Nakkash R, Ghandour L, Fares M, Al-Halabi F, Najjar Y, Louis B, Tleis M, Al Masri, Brown G, **Afifi R**. Outer Setting influences on pace of implementation: The case of a mental health project among Syrian refugee young adults in Lebanon. Poster presentation at the 17th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health. Dec. 9-11, 2024, Arlington, VA. (RN and RA presenting)
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Continuing Education Talks

- Oct 10, 2023 Afifi, R. Creating anti-oppression classrooms. Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon.

Panels

- May 2011 Afifi, R. A. Youth as agents of change: Thoughts on social determinants of health, dignity, and voice. Presented at AUB Panel Discussion of Change in the Middle East in light of the Arab Spring., Arab Bankers Association of America, New York, New York.
- May 2011 Afifi, R. A. Youth as agents of change: Thoughts on social determinants of health, dignity, and voice. Presented at AUB Panel Discussion of Change in the Middle East in light of the Arab Spring., Carnegie Endowment for Peace, Washington, District of Columbia.
- May 2011 Afifi, R. A. Youth as agents of change: Thoughts on social determinants of health, dignity, and voice. Presented at AUB Panel Discussion of Change in the Middle East in light of the Arab Spring., Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York.
- May 2011 Afifi, R. A. Youth as agents of change: Thoughts on social determinants of health, dignity, and voice. Presented at AUB Panel Discussion of Change in the Middle East in light of the Arab Spring., River Club/AUB, New York, New York.
- May 2011 Afifi, R. A. Youth as agents of change: Thoughts on social determinants of health, dignity, and voice. Presented at AUB Panel Discussion of Change in the Middle East in light of the Arab Spring., US Institute of Peace, Washington, District of Columbia.
- Jan 27, 2013 Afifi, R., Fineberg, H., Omaswa, F. & Suwanwela, C. Transformative learning for health equity: working beyond customaries / breaking down the boundaries / opening new possibilities. Presented at Prince Mahitola Award Conference (PMAC) on Transformational Learning for Health Equity, Thailand.
- Aug 11, 2014 Afifi, R., Daszak, P., Doubleday, N., Kittayapong, P., Rodriguez, M. H. & Charron, D. What is research excellence on health, environment and society?. Presented at EcoHealth 2014: Connections for Health, Ecosystems, and Society Conference, IDRC, Montreal, Canada.

- Oct 2017 Afifi, R. Comment on the Independent Accountability Panel for the Every Woman, Every Child every Adolescent. Presented at Side event at the International Association of Adolescent Health Congress, New Delhi, India.
- Apr 2018 **Afifi, R.** The Secrets of Making the Science of Health Equity Work: Community and Academic Perspectives on Ensuring Health Equity. Presented at Science of Health Equity Summit, Health Equity Advancement Lab, College of Public Health, University of Iowa.
One of 3 panelists
- 2022 Afifi, R. [Improving Rural Health through Research Dissemination and Implementation](#). Presented at NIH Rural Health Seminar-.
- 2022 **Afifi, R.,** Watkins, S. L. & Ball, C. Panelists: Mindsets and Methods Community-engaged Research with Youth. Johnson, Iowa. Nov. 2, 22. Presented at Alliance of Coalitions for Change (AC4C) annual conference 2022., Johnson, Iowa.
- 2022 Afifi, R. The Researcher as an Instrument of Deconstruction. Part of a panel on Confronting Consequences of Colonialism in Research and Evaluation Approaches. Presented at RDMLA Symposium 2022.
- Apr 28, 2023 Afifi, R. Mental and Physical Health Disparities in Underserved Communities. Presented at My City, My Health – Iowa City conference., Iowa City, Iowa.
Invited panelist (one of 3 panelists): Mental and Physical Health Disparities in Underserved Communities. Panel in the My City, My Health – Iowa City conference. April 28, 2023.<https://www.mycity.health/>
- May 2024 Panel Presentation: House D (Chair), Ulin B, Akintobi T, Hoffman L, Nagel J, **Afifi R.** How do Funders, Researchers, and Community Partners Share in Decision-making to Increase the Relevance, Rigor, and Reach of Prevention Research? Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting. Washington DC. May 28-31, 2024.

Roundtables

- Nov 2024 Invited Rotating Station Lead Facilitator: Community-Based Participatory Research Workshop #2, Station: Seeking funding for Community-Based Participatory Research. Sponsored by the University of Iowa Office of Community-Engagement. Nov. 18, 2024, Iowa City, IA.

Seminars

- Sep 1999 Afifi Soweid, R. A. Health risk behaviors among entering college students at the American University of Beirut. Presented at Seminar presented to Faculty and Students, University of Iowa College of Public Health, Iowa City, Iowa.
- Aug 2003 Afifi Soweid, R. A. Environment and policy related to tobacco use in Lebanon. Presented at Seminar presented to Faculty and Students, Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Aug 2005 Afifi Soweid, R. A. . Social determinants of health in Lebanon: The Urban Health Research Project. Presented at Seminar presented to Faculty and graduate Students, St. Louis University School of Public Health, St. Louis, Missouri.
- Jan 19, 2012 Afifi, R. A. Restoring dignity: the raison d’etre of the youth movements in the arab citizen revolt?. Presented at Center for Research on Population and Health Seminar. Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon.

- Feb 12, 2014 Afifi, R. A. & Bteddini, D. Implementing a nationwide school-based waterpipe tobacco smoking (WTS) prevention intervention: Challenges and lessons learned. Presented at Faculty of Health Sciences seminar, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Feb 14, 2014 Afifi, R. A. The consequences of a perception of lack of dignity: Testing a conceptual framework with data from Arab youth. Presented at Hariri School of Nursing Seminar, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Nov 2018 Eissenberg, T., Afifi, R., Al Houkani, M. & Weitzman, M. Dokha as an emerging epidemic: What can we learn from global tobacco control?. Presented at First International Meeting on Dokha Tobacco Research, NYU Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
This was a presentation open to the public.
- Apr 17, 2023 Afifi, R. Addressing mental health in low resource settings. University of Iowa, Clinical Psychology Program Clinical Rounds, Iowa City, Iowa.
- Oct 5, 2023 Afifi, R. Young adults as community mental health workers in humanitarian settings: A pilot test of the mechanisms of effect on their own well-being. Presented at Georgia State University Prevention Research Center Brown Bag Webinar Series.

Other Presentations

- Jan 2002 The topic is tobacco. Presented at Parenting Seminar presented at International College Preschool and Elementary school, Beirut, Lebanon.
- May 2003 Exploring the influence of tobacco companies on youth. Presented at Parenting Seminar presented at International College Middle and Secondary school, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Apr 2006 The story of smallpox. Presented at Session provided to 6th grade students at IC, Beirut, Lebanon.
- May 2006 The topic is smoking. Presented at Session provided to school youth on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day at the event organized by Dar El Amal, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Mar 2007 How and why does advertising influence us to smoke?. Presented at Session presented to 9th graders at City International School, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Mar 2014 Health psychology: what is it and what can you do with it. Presented at Psychology Student Society, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Apr 30, 2014 Najem, M., Afifi, R. A., Georgi, G., Halabi, L. & Shaima Community-campus partnerships across borders: does it work? And can it be sustained? The case of a program to enhance access to information and services for youth in Iraq. Presented at 13th Annual Community Campus Partnerships for Health Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

Service

Professional Service

Professional Organizations

- 2003 Association of Health Promotion Professionals in Lebanon, Founding Member
- 2005 - 2011 International Union for Health Promotion and Education, Member
- 2020 - 2024 Health Systems Global, Board of Directors

1989 - Present	American Public Health Association, Member
2017 - Present	Governance, Ethics & Conflicts of Interest in Public Health Network (GECI-PH), Officer, Other

Journal Reviews/Referee Manuscripts

2005	Education for Health, Reviewer, Publications
2005	Reproductive Health Matters, Reviewer, Publications
2007	International Journal of Health Geographics, Reviewer, Publications
2009	Journal of Mental Health, Reviewer, Publications
2002 - 2010	Lebanese Medical Journal, Reviewer, Publications
2004 - 2012	Health Education and Behavior, Reviewer, Publications
2013	Health Education Research, Reviewer, Publications
2014	The Lancet, Reviewer, Publications
2015	BMC Public Health, Reviewer, Publications
2015	International Journal of Drug Policy, Reviewer, Publications
2014 - 2016	Community Mental Health Journal, Reviewer, Publications
2014 - 2016	Global Public Health, Reviewer, Publications
2014 - 2016	Nicotine and Tobacco Research, Reviewer, Publications
2016	American Journal of Public Health, Reviewer, Publications
2016	Health Promotion International, Reviewer, Publications
2017	Lancet Child and Adolescent Health journal, Reviewer, Publications
2017	Health Systems Policy and Research Journal, Reviewer, Publications
2017	Journal of Public Health, Reviewer, Publications
2017	Tobacco Regulatory Science, Reviewer, Publications
2018	Public Health Ethics, Reviewer, Publications
2018	Lancet Public Health, Reviewer, Publications
2018	American Journal of Preventive Medicine, Reviewer, Publications
2018 - 2019	European Journal of Public Health, Reviewer, Publications
2019	Tobacco Control (Journal), Reviewer, Publications
2019	Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Reviewer, Publications
2019	Journal of Public Health, Reviewer, Publications
2019	Health Systems Policy and Research Journal, Reviewer, Publications
2019 - 2020	Reproductive Health (journal), Reviewer, Publications
2020	International Journal of Public Health, Reviewer, Publications
2020	Annals of Global Health, Reviewer, Publications
2020	Journal of Adolescent Research, Reviewer, Publications

2022	The Lancet-SIGHT Commission on Peaceful Societies through Health and Gender Equality, The Lancet, Reviewer, Publications Reviewer for Lancet Commission Full report ~60 pages The Lancet-SIGHT Commission on Peaceful Societies through Health and Gender Equality
2023	The second Lancet Commission on Adolescent Wellbeing, The Lancet, Reviewer, Publications Reviewer for full report of the Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health - ~60 page report
2023	Journal of American College Health, Reviewer, Publications
2023	Journal of Adolescent Health, Reviewer, Publications
2023	Social Science and Medicine - Mental Health, Reviewer, Publications
2023	Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal, Reviewer, Publications
2023	Social Science and Medicine - Mental Health, Reviewer, Publications
2024	Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health
2024	Health Education and Behavior Journal 2 manuscripts reviewed in Aug.
2024	Journal of Palestine Studies
2024	Health Education and Behavior Journal
2024	Health Education and Behavior Journal
2024	The Lancet Reviewed the full Commission report on Migration and Health: Five-year review of the state of progress (9,784 words excluding exec summary & box)
2024	The Lancet Reviewed the full commission report of the 2nd Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health (150 pages)
2025	International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction
2025	Social Science and Medicine
2025	Journal of Adolescent Health
2025	Lancet Public Health
2025	Tobacco Control
2025	Prevention Science Journal
2025	Journal of American College Health
2003 - Present	Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal, Reviewer, Publications
2020 - Present	Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health, Reviewer, Publications
2021 - Present	European Journal of Development, Reviewer, Publications
2021 - Present	Journal of Occupational & Environmental Hygiene, Reviewer, Publications
2022 - Present	Journal of Medical Anthropology, Reviewer, Publications

Review Panels

2002	Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences American University of Beirut University Research Board grants, Reviewer, Grant Proposals
2004	Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut University Research Board grants, Reviewer, Grant Proposals
2003 - 2006	Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, American University of Beirut University Research Board grants, Reviewer, Grant Proposals
2007	Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences American University of Beirut University Research Board grants, Reviewer, Grant Proposals
2010	Faculty of Medicine, American University of Beirut - University Research Board grants, Reviewer, Grant Proposals
2013	WHO recommendations for the prevention and management of tobacco use and second-hand smoke exposure in pregnancy, WHO - Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland, Reviewer
2013	Faculty of Arts and Sciences University Research Board grants, Reviewer, Grant Proposals
2013 - 2014	Reviewed outlines and chapters for the Health of the World's Adolescents report, WHO – Geneva Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Department, Reviewer, Publications
2014	Expert reviewer of 350 tobacco control messages for youth in terms of depth, framing and appeal, MD Andersen Tobacco Center for Regulatory Science (TOCRS), Reviewer
2015	Review the concept note on "Gender Socialization in adolescents in Low to Middle Income Countries.", UNICEF Innocenti Center, Reviewer
2015	Health Policy Forum, MENA, Reviewer, Publications
2016	Faculty of Medicine, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon, Reviewer, Grant Proposals
2016	Policy Brief: Alcohol Drinking among Lebanese Youth: Delaying Initiation and Reducing Harm., Knowledge to Policy Center (K2P), Merit Reviewer
2016	Research Brief: "Research with disadvantaged, vulnerable and/or marginalized adolescents." Brief #4 of the Innocenti Methodological Briefs Series: Conducting Research with Adolescents in LMIC, UNICEF Innocenti Research Center, Reviewer
2017	Gender and Adolescence: Global Evidence (GAGE) Responsive Research and Evaluation Fund, Reviewer, Grant Proposals
2018	Research for Health in Humanitarian Crises (R2HC) – ELRHA, Reviewer, Grant Proposals
2019	Peer review of pilot grants, Greater Plains Center for Agricultural Health, Reviewer, Grant Proposals
2019	P50 Implementation Science for Cancer Control – Developing Centers RFA CA-19-005 / Advanced Centers RFA CA-19-006, National Institutes of Health, Reviewer, Grant Proposals
2020	Peer review of pilot grants, Greater Plains Center for Agricultural Health, Reviewer, Grant Proposals
2020	D43 Chronic, Non-Communicable Diseases and Disorders Across the Lifespan: Fogarty International Research Training Award (NCD-LIFESPAN) RFA PAR-18-901, National Institutes of Health, Reviewer, Grant Proposals

- 2020 D43 Chronic, Non-Communicable Diseases and Disorders Across the Lifespan: Fogarty International Research Training Award (NCD-LIFESPAN) RFA PAR-18-901
- 2020 Ad Hoc Reviewer. Community Influences on Health Behavior Study Section, Healthcare Delivery and Methodologies Integrated Review Group.
- 2022 Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group 2023/01 ZRG1 HSS-G (50) R. PAR-22-132: Implementation Research to Reduce Noncommunicable Disease Burden in Low- and Middle-Income Countries and Tribal Nations During Critical Life Stages and Key Transition Periods, NIH, Reviewer, Grant Proposals
- 2023 Applied Global Health Research Board (AGHRB), UK Medical Research Council, Reviewer, Grant Proposals
- 2023 Special Emphasis Review Panel/Expanding Prevention Strategies for Mental Disorders in Mobile Populations in Humanitarian Crises. RFA-MH-22-180, NIH, Reviewer, Grant Proposals
- 2023 NCI P01 Program Project Review SEP-C Meeting. Scientific Review Group 2024/01 ZCA1 RPRB-H(J1) S. PAR-23-059, NIH, Reviewer, Grant Proposals
- 2024 Special Emphasis Review Panel/ ZRG1 HSS-P (50) PAR Panel: Multi-Sectoral Preventive Interventions that Address Social Determinants of Health in Populations that Experience Health Disparities.

Organize Conferences, Sessions, etc.

- 2003 Building a model tobacco control research and partnership program in the Eastern Mediterranean region., Workshop at the 12th World Conference on Tobacco or Health, Helsinki, Finland, Co-Chairperson
- 2005 The Narghile: friend or Foe?, Workshop offered at the XXXIX Middle East Medical Assembly, Beirut, Lebanon, Coordinator
Co-sponsored by the AUB Tobacco Control Research Group, the Syrian Center for Tobacco Studies, and The Egyptian Smoking Prevention Research Institute.
- 2009 Narghile Waterpipe: Toxicants, Behaviors, Attitudes, Media, & Policy. Bundled up session of the research work of the AUB Tobacco and Control Research group, 14th World Conference on Tobacco or Health, Mumbai, India, Chairperson
- 2013 1st International Conference on Waterpipe Tobacco Smoking: Building Evidence for Intervention and Policy, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, Scientific Committee member
- 2014 The health and wellbeing of Arab youth, The Center for Research on Population Health (CRPH) at FHS/AUB, Beirut, Lebanon, Scientific Organizing Committee Member
- 2014 2nd International Conference on Waterpipe Tobacco Smoking Research: the Collision of Two Epidemics of Waterpipe and Cigarettes, Doha, Qatar, Scientific Committee member
- 2014 60th Anniversary of the Faculty of Health Sciences at the American University of Beirut – Public Health in Contexts of Uncertainty, Beirut, Lebanon, Scientific Committee Chair
- 2016 Adolescent and youth wellbeing in the Arab region: Challenges and promises of the second decade of life -A partnership for and with youth, Beirut, Lebanon, Scientific Committee Chair

- 2017 Third International Conference on Waterpipe Tobacco Smoking Research, Scientific Committee member
- 2017 International Scientific Committee (ISC), XIth World Congress of the International Association for Adolescent Health (IAAH) Investing in Adolescent health: the future is now, New Delhi, India, Scientific Committee member
- 2024 International Committee Member - 10th ACCESS Arab Health Summit: Advancing Health Amidst Conflict and Crisis. Oct. 22-24, 2024. Dearborn, MI.

National/International Committees

- 2005 Technical paper on Health Promotion Settings for 6th Global Conference on Health Promotion, World Health Organization – Geneva, Bangkok, Thailand, Principal Author
- 2006 - 2008 Technical Steering Committee, World Health Organization – Department of Child and Adolescent Health, Geneva, Switzerland, Member
- 2009 14th World Conference on Tobacco or Health, India, Abstract Reviewer
- 2009 WFPHA 12th World Congress on Public Health, Turkey, Abstract Reviewer
- 2009 SOPHE’s 2009 Midyear Scientific Conference, Abstract Reviewer
- 2010 UICC (International Union Against Cancer) World Cancer Congress, Abstract Reviewer
- 2011 APHA Annual Meeting, Abstract Reviewer
- 2010 - 2011 Faculty wide collaboration to revise the MPH curriculum, of the Kinshasa school of Public Health, US Aid For International Development, Congo, Democratic Republic of (Zaire), Organizer
- 2011 - 2012 TEPHINET-Training programs in Epidemiology and Public Health Interventions Network, Abstract Reviewer
- 2012 15th World Conference on Tobacco or Health, Singapore, Abstract Reviewer
- 2013 SOPHE annual meeting, Abstract Reviewer
- 2013 Accreditation Site Visit, University of California - Fresno (Public Health Program), Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), Fresno, California, Accreditation Site Visitor
- 2013 International Union of Health Promotion and Education, Singapore, Abstract Reviewer
- 2014 Arab Human Development Report 2015 – on Arab Youth, UNDP, Primary Report Author
- 2013 - 2015 Public Health Promotion and Health Education section, APHA Annual meeting, Abstract Reviewer
- 2015 Innovations in Global Medical & Health Education conference, Poster Judge
- 2014 - 2015 Good practices in adolescent and youth programming project, UNICEF, AUB Center for Public Health Practice (CPHP) Team Co-Leader
- 2016 American University of Cairo’s Conference on: Collaboration for Community Change: Insight, Innovation, and Impact, Abstract Reviewer
- 2016 Consortium of Universities for Global Health annual meeting, Abstract Reviewer
- 2016 Lancet Palestinian Health Alliance, Abstract Reviewer
- 2016 World Congress on Public Health, Abstract Reviewer

2016	Lancet Palestinian Health Alliance 7th Conference, Health of Palestinians inside and outside the occupied Palestinian territory, Poster Judge
2013 - 2016	Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health and Wellbeing, Commissioner
2016	Advisory Board, WISH (World Innovation Summit for Health), Qatar, Member To review the Policy Brief on Addressing the Challenges of Health Professional Education: Opportunities to Accelerate Progress Towards Universal Health Coverage for the World Innovations for Health (WISH)
2013 - 2017	Academic Public Health Caucus, APHA Annual meeting, Abstract Reviewer
2017	International Association of Adolescent Health Congress, Abstract Reviewer
2017	Third International Conference on Waterpipe Tobacco Smoking Research, Abstract Reviewer
2017	Casebook on Public-Private Interactions on Nutrition Related Non-Communicable Diseases Project Advisory Group, The UK Health Forum, CIHR Institute of Population and Public Health (IPPH) and International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Member
2018	Ethics section abstract reviewer, APHA
2021 - 2023	Prevention Research Center network Steering Committee, CDC Prevention Research Center Network, Co-Chair
2021 - 2023	Steering Committee, CDC PRC Network, Co-Chair
2023 - Present	Advisory Committee Research and Evaluation Team, National Organization of Asian Pacific Islanders Ending Sexual Violence (NAPIESV), Member

Professional Consulting

1998	School Health and Environment Education Project, qualitative data analysis and report, review integrated health education objectives for K-12, World Health Organization - Beirut, Lebanon, Beirut, Lebanon, Consultant
1997 - 2001	Qualitative analysis of breastfeeding and complementary feeding practices, implementation and analysis of childhood home injury observational study, UNICEF Lebanon, Beirut, Lebanon, Consultant
2001	Evaluation of the pilot phase of the Captain Mike School Milk Program, International Development Center, Lebanon, Lebanon, Consultant
2002 - 2003	Reliability/validity analysis of patient satisfaction survey, AUBMC Nursing Service, Consultant
2002 - 2003	Focus group discussion related to stigma and discrimination, National Aids Program, Lebanon, Consultant
2003	Qualitative study investigating determinants of lack of use of prenatal care in four underserved areas of Lebanon, UNICEF Lebanon, Lebanon, Consultant
2003 - 2004	Inventory of KAP studies related to sexual and reproductive health of young persons in the Arab states & Needs Assessment related to research and intervention for sexual and reproductive health of young persons in the Arab states, UNFPA, Consultant
2003 - 2004	"A Situation Analysis of Health Status of Palestinians in Camps of Lebanon" to include document review, interviews with providers of services and funders, and focus group with camp residents, Welfare Association, Consultant

- 2004 Process evaluation of the Dbayeh health center, World Vision, Consultant
- 2004 review and discuss draft Regional Framework on Health Promotion, World Health Organization – Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office, Temporary Advisor
- 2005 participate in a meeting to initiate a Community Based Cardiovascular Disease Prevention project in Madaba, Jordan, World Health Organization – Jordan Office, Temporary Advisor
- 2005 Redraft and edit the Regional Framework on Health Promotion, World Health Organization – Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office, Short Term Consultant
- 2004 - 2005 Qualitative analysis of middle and secondary school teacher attitudes towards sexual education and gender issues., UNFPA, Consultant
- 2005 Roundtable Discussion on Promoting Adolescent Health and Development, Manama, Bahrain. Also presented on the situation of youth in Lebanon., World Health Organization - EMRO, Temporary Advisor
- 2006 Intercountry University Network Meeting for Health Promotion Education and Training, World Health Organization – Geneva, Singapore, Temporary Advisor
- 2006 Meeting of WHO Collaborating Centres for Health Promotion, World Health Organization – Geneva, Singapore, Observer
- 2005 - 2006 Needs assessment (qualitative assessment of health and social issues of youth living in Old Saida), Developmental Action without Borders ‘Nabaa’ – Saida, Lebanon, Lebanon, Consultant
- 2006 Reviewer of Health chapter of results of the socioeconomic survey of Palestine refugees across UNRWA’s five fields of operations (Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, West Bank and Gaza), UNRWA-IUED/UCL (Institut Universitaire d’Etudes du Developpement/Universite Catholique de Louvain), Geneva, Switzerland, Consultant
- 2005 - 2006 Mental Health of Youth project entitled: “resources on Mental Health for a New Generation in the Arab region”, Arab Resource Collective – Lebanon, Lebanon, Consultant
- 2006 Coordinator of qualitative research on impact of Israeli war on Lebanon during summer 2006 on psychosocial health and well-being of adults who were displaced or who stayed in their homes in the South and in the Southern Suburbs, International Medical Corps, Consultant
- 2005 - 2006 Analysis and write-up of report on the 2005 Global School Health Survey., World Health Organization - Lebanon, Lebanon, Consultant
- 2006 - 2007 Youth health in the Arab region – chapter in the 2007 Regional Millennium Development Goals Report for Arab Countries, ESCWA - Lebanon, Lebanon, Consultant
- 2008 Consultative meeting on Capacity Building for Health Promotion, World Health Organization – Geneva, Manila, Philippines, Temporary Advisor
- 2008 Analysis and write-up jointly with Dr. Ziyad Mahfoud of report on pilot phase of the Health E-learning Project in Lebanon., World Health Organization - Lebanon, Lebanon, Consultant
- 2009 Enhancing understanding of risk and protective factors among adolescents: follow-up to the 2005 GSHS – Conduct and analyze focus groups with kids in 7-9 grades to further understand results of the 2005 GSHS and inform the next phase., World Health Organization - Lebanon, Lebanon, Consultant

- 2010 Institutional (AUB) contract to develop and monitor the implementation of adolescent and youth friendly health services in Baghdad and Erbil. Youth Friendly Health Services - member of a team from FHS reviewing the literature on YFHS and advising and training the Iraqi Ministry of Health team (from Baghdad and Erbil) on a package of services and mode of delivery., UNFPA-Iraq, Iraq, Consultant
- 2010 Review of MPH academic program of the Kinshasa School of Public Health, US Aid For International Development, Congo, Democratic Republic of (Zaire), Consultant
- 2010 Institutional (AUB) contract to develop and monitor the implementation of adolescent and youth friendly health services in Baghdad and Erbil. Youth Friendly Health services - develop the training module for health care providers in English on "Positive Youth Development"., UNFPA-Iraq, Iraq, Consultant
- 2010 Impact of Y-Peer activities in Arab region, Y-PEER Network, Evaluation Consultant
- 2010 - 2011 Creative Health Campaign, American Near East Refuge Association (ANERA), Evaluation Consultant
- 2010 - 2012 2011 Global School-Based Students Health Survey, World Health Organization - Lebanon, Lebanon, Consultant
- 2012 Strategic Planning retreat (1 ½ day), Health Care Society - Lebanon, Consultant
- 2011 - 2012 Institutional (AUB/OPU) contract to plan and implement psychosocial and rehabilitation services for youth in Iraqi reformatories in Baghdad, Ninwa, and Kurdistan, UNFPA-Iraq, Iraq, Consultant
- 2012 Review of the proposed MS in Child Health, Al Quds University, Palestine, Israel, Reviewer
- 2012 Review of proposed BS in Public Health, Qatar University, Qatar, Reviewer
- 2012 Institutional (AUB) contract to develop and monitor the implementation of adolescent and youth friendly health services in Baghdad and Erbil. Summarize the training module on positive youth development., UNFPA-Iraq, Iraq, Consultant
- 2012 2011 Global Youth Tobacco Survey, World Health Organization - Lebanon, Consultant
- 2012 - 2013 Theatre-Based Peer Education Operations Research, UNFPA-Lebanon, Lebanon, Consultant
Conducted an evaluation of the experience of TPBE implementation in public and private schools in Lebanon to identify facilitators, barriers and perceived impact on students; and develop recommendations to guide UNFPA.
- 2014 Two faculty members up for promotion to professor, Al Quds University, Palestine, Israel, Reviewer, Promotion and Tenure
- 2015 Promotion review for faculty member up for promotion to Associate Professor, King Saud bin Abdelaziz University for Health Sciences, Reviewer, Promotion and Tenure
- 2015 Review of BS in Public Health Program, Ahfad University, School of Health Sciences, Sudan, Reviewer
- 2015 Reviewer of the proposed MPH in Public Health, Qatar University, Qatar, Reviewer
- 2014 - 2015 Institutional (AUB/OPU) contract to guide Monitoring and evaluation of the project entitled: "Improve management of Non Communicable Diseases for older adults in refugees and host communities, Lebanon", HelpAge International, Lebanon, Evaluation Consultant

- 2015 Monitoring and evaluation strategy and tools - Communication for Development (C4D) Training of trainers, and cascade training., UNICEF Lebanon and Center for Public Health Practice, Faculty of Health Sciences, Lebanon, Technical Advisor
- 2016 Evaluation of the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support program for Palestinian refugees from Lebanon and from Syria., Medical Aid for Palestinians, Technical Expert
- 2024 Population Health Sciences - Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell University, P&T Reviewer
Promotion for a faculty member being considered as an adjunct associate professor
- 2024 Iowa State University. P&T reviewer
promotion reviewer for a faculty member from Associate Professor to Professor
- 2021 - Present University of Nebraska, Reviewer
External Reviewer - for PhD program in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research

Other

- 2001 Summer Workshop on Health Program Management. Gave one session over five days to 25 July2002 participants from the Arab region, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Trainer
- 2002 University Teaching. Topic: Effective Teaching Methods: Teacher - oriented methods (lecture, discussion, handling large classrooms, demonstrations, lab experiences), American University of Beirut, Faculty Seminar, Beirut, Lebanon, Co-Facilitator
- 2002 Summer Workshop on Health Program Management. Gave one session over five days to 25 July2002 participants from the Arab region, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Trainer
- 2002 - 2003 Training of Trainers (Health Care Team)-on writing goals and objectives and evaluation (4 separate training sessions), Jordan Primary Health Care Centers, Jordan, Trainer
- 2003 Developing Program and Course Learning Outcomes attended each time by 25 departmental chairpersons and faculty members within their departments, American University of Beirut University Seminar, Beirut, Lebanon, Co-Facilitator
- 2003 Developing Program and Course Learning Outcomes attended each time by 25 departmental chairpersons and faculty members within their departments, American University of Beirut University Seminar, Beirut, Lebanon, Co-Facilitator
- 2003 Learning and Teaching Excellence. Topic: Course Syllabi, General Instructional Objectives, & Specific Learning Outcomes, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Co-Facilitator
- 2003 Summer Workshop on Health Program Evaluation-Gave four sessions over five days to 25 participants from the Arab region, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Trainer
- 2003 Research Methods and Evaluation course. 3 days of training to over 30 participants from the Arab Region on evaluation methods, American University of Cairo, Social Research Center, Beirut, Lebanon, Trainer

- 2003 Design and Evaluation of youth sexual and reproductive health programs Training of trainers (youth leaders and program managers) Gave a session on “Monitoring and Evaluation” and a session on “Intervention Planning” to 13 participants from 5 countries in the Arab region, American University of Beirut, Health Education Resource Unit, UNFPA project, Beirut, Lebanon, Trainer
- 2004 Management of youth programs in reproductive and sexual health. Session on “Stakeholder Analysis and Situation Analysis” and one on “Identifying outputs and indicators” to 15 participants from 5 countries of the region, American University of Beirut, Health Education Resource Unit, UNFPA project, Beirut, Lebanon, Trainer
- 2004 Training workshop for Qatari community physicians. Session on “Health behavior and behavior change” attended by 8 Qatari physicians, American University of Beirut Medical Center, Beirut, Lebanon, Trainer
- 2004 Advances in Development Communication-gave session on “concepts and Frameworks” and “Monitoring of Programs” to 20 participants from Arab region, Johns Hopkins University Center for Communication Programs and American University of Beirut Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Trainer
- 2004 Inter-country training workshop on social marketing gave session on “Introduction to Social Marketing.”, World Health Organization Lebanon, Beirut, Lebanon, Trainer
- 2004 Workshop-‘Developing Course Learning Outcomes’, American University of Beirut University Seminar, Beirut, Lebanon, Co-Facilitator
- 2005 5 days of training to Family Medicine Residents focused on concepts of health promotion, planning and evaluation, medical sociology, and community health, Hammad Medical Corporation, Qatar, Trainer
- 2005 Advances in Development Communication-gave sessions on Behavior change communication, Program monitoring, and Program evaluation to 20 participants for the Arab region, Johns Hopkins University Center for Communication Programs and American University of Beirut Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Trainer
- 2005 Flagship course on Health Sector Reform and Sustainable Financing. Session on “Social Marketing” to 20 participants from Arab countries, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Trainer
- 2005 Health Program Management Course- Session on ‘Monitoring and Evaluation’ to 22 participants from the Arab countries, Health Program Management Course- Session on ‘Monitoring and Evaluation’ to 22 participants from the Arab countries. American University of Beirut Faculty of Health Sciences and Birzeit University Institute of Community and Public Health, Beirut, Lebanon, Trainer
- 2007 Qualitative Health Research Methods- Session on qualitative research ethics to 10 participants from Lebanon, Syria, Palestine, and Egypt, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Trainer
- 2007 Session on research ethics to field team in preparation for an Integrated Bio Behavioral Survey of HIV among ‘high risk’ populations groups in Lebanon, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Trainer
- 2007 Monitoring and Evaluation of HIV/AIDS programs–Sessions on Ecological Models, Designing health interventions to 20 participants from Arab Countries, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Trainer

- 2009 Advances in Development Communication– Session on Ecological Model to participants from Arab Countries, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Trainer
- 2009 Communicating Public Health with Policy Maker, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Coordinator
- 2009 Evidence Based Public Health– 4 sessions on examples of community assessment in the region, program, evaluation experiences, searching and summarizing the literature, evaluating the program, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Coordinator and Trainer
- 2009 Community Based Participatory Research Challenges and opportunities for research, practice, and policy in the Middle East /North Africa Region, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Coordinating Team Member and Main Facilitator
- 2009 Session on ‘Communicating our Research to Various Audiences,’ and ‘Ethics in Communicating Findings of Research’ in Operations Research in Reproductive Health workshop, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Trainer
- 2009 Tobacco Control Advocacy Workshop for NGOs. Session on Elements of an Advocacy Project to 30 NGO members, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Trainer
- 2010 FCTC policies and their implementation in Arab Countries and Trainer - Sessions on ‘The FCTC – history and current status’ and ‘Pictorial warnings - the FCTC regulation and the evidence of health effects’, American University of Beirut and Syrian Center for Tobacco Studies, Beirut, Lebanon, Coordinator
- 2011 Monitoring and Evaluation Framework - Facilitated a two –day workshop to develop a monitoring and evaluation framework for the Y-Peer international network, Y-PEER-PETRI-AUB, Beirut, Lebanon, Trainer
- 2012 Seminar on advances in anticoagulation and thrombosis management. Session on ‘Determinants of Compliance/Adherence to 30 participating nurses, American University of Beirut, School of Nursing, Beirut, Lebanon, Trainer
- 2014 Sessions on ‘Examples of community assessment in the region’; ‘Evaluating the program’, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, Trainer
- 2014 ‘Evidence Based Public Health’ workshop, Beirut, Lebanon, Coordinator
- 2014 Launching the Community Tool Box in Arabic: A Tool to Enhance Participatory Community Interventions., American University of Beirut Faculty of Health Sciences and Arab Resources Collective (ARC) and Kansas University Workgroup for Community Health and Development., Beirut, Lebanon, Co-Organizer
- 2014 Session on: ‘What essential elements should a research proposal summary entail?’ at the Second International Waterpipe Tobacco Smoking Research Conference. Workshop on ‘How to write a summary or abstract for a scientific study proposal’., Doha, Qatar, Co-Trainer
- 2016 Adolescent Health and Medicine, Capacity Building in the Arab Region. Sessions on Applications of public health frameworks to the health of adolescents and youth; and Preventive interventions group work., Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Trainer

- 2014 - 2017 Editorial Board, Global Medical & Health Education Journal, Member
- 2018 Field Guide: Child and Adolescent Health in Humanitarian Contexts, World Health Organization, Consultant
- 2018 Call for evidence on conducting ethical research in global health emergencies, Nuffield Council on Bioethics, Consultant
- 2018 Cultural Humility – Critical Self Reflection, NIH All of Us National Network of Libraries of Medicine Community Engagement Network, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 2019 Workshop on Qualitative Research Methods Primer, 3rd International Conference on Non-communicable Diseases: Health Risk Factors and Prevention of Injuries, Chişinău, Moldova
- 2020 Public Health in the Arab World with a focus on COVID-19, UNDP – Arab Human Development Report
- 2021 University of Maryland, Reviewer, Promotion and Tenure
Promotion and Tenure File Reviewer – for a faculty member up for promotion to Associate Professor
- 2022 NAPC (NNLM All of Us Program Center) Retreat, Charleston, South Carolina, Trainer / Facilitator
Trainer – NAPC (NNLM All of Us Program Center) Retreat - Title: Community-engaged program planning & implementation: Why is it important and how can I imbed it in my work? (Charleston, SC)
- 2022 UI CPH Institute for Public Health Research and Policy, Trainer/Facilitator
Co-Trainer (with Paul Gilbert, Heidi Hanes, Hailey Bomar) – Magnifying Community Voices – Data for Health Equity. <https://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/magnifying-community-voices-resources/>
- 2022 Linn Co Public Health, Trainer/Facilitator
Trainer – Building Health Equity workforce development – Linn Co Public Health (LCPH), Iowa. Part of a team conducting health equity workforce development with all LCPH staff.
- 2022 - 2023 Adolescent Well-being Measurement Expert Group, World Health Organization, Member
- 2023 Caucus on Refugee and Immigrant Health, American Public Health Association (APHA), Abstract reviewer for annual conference
- 2023 Mental Health Section, American Public Health Association (APHA), Abstract reviewer for annual conference
- 2023 NAPC (NNLM All of Us Program Center) Retreat, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Trainer / Facilitator
Trainer – NAPC (NNLM All of Us Program Center) Retreat – Practical application to combine Human Centered Design and CBPR
- 2023 Johnson Co Public Health (JCPH), Trainer/Facilitator Building Health Equity Training
Trainer - Building Health Equity workforce development – Johnson Co Public Health (JCPH), Iowa. Part of a team conducting health equity workforce development with all JCPH staff.
- 2023 Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health, Reviewer, Grant Proposals
- 2023 University of Illinois, Chicago, Reviewer, Promotion and Tenure

2023	St. Louis University, Reviewer, Promotion and Tenure Promotion and Tenure File Reviewer – for a faculty member up for promotion to Professor
2023	University of Illinois at Chicago , Reviewer, Promotion and Tenure Promotion and Tenure File Reviewer – for a faculty member up for promotion to Associate Professor
2024	Feb.-April 2024 Trainer - Building Health Equity workforce development – Iowa Department of Health and Human Services – DEI branch. Part of a team conducting health equity workforce development with all staff
2024	Abstract review for Health Systems Global Symposium HSR 2024 Capacity Strengthening sessions, 2024
2024	Iowa State University, Reviewer, Promotion and Tenure Promotion and Tenure File Reviewer – for a faculty member up for promotion to Professor
2024	Sept.-Dec. 2024 Trainer - Building Health Equity workforce development – Scott County Public Health (SCPH), Iowa. Part of a team conducting health equity workforce development with all SCPH staff
2023 - 2025	Editorial team member for special issue of Health Education and Behavior Journal - special issue title: A Case for Achieving Refugee Health Equity: Dismantling the influence of structural oppression on refugee-related health disparities
2025	Montana State University, Reviewer, Promotion and Tenure Promotion and Tenure File Reviewer – for a faculty member up for promotion to Professor
2025	Georgia State, Reviewer, Promotion and Tenure Promotion and Tenure File Reviewer – for a faculty member up for promotion to Professor
2025	University of Indiana, Bloomington, Reviewer, Promotion and Tenure Promotion and Tenure File Reviewer – for a faculty member up for promotion to Professor
2025	Augusta University, Reviewer, Promotion and Tenure Promotion and Tenure File Reviewer – for a faculty member up for promotion to Associate Professor
2017 - Present	Advisory Board, Lancet Child and Adolescent Health Journal, Member
2020 - Present	Journal of Adolescent Health, Editorial Board

Public or Community Service

Other

2005 - 2009	Lebanon Branch, Welfare Association, Lebanon, Member
Jan 2007 - Jan 2009	Arab Resource Collective, Member
Mar 2009 - Jan 2012	Health Care Society, General Assembly Member
Apr 2016 - Present	Marsa, Sexual Health Clinic, Lebanon, Board Member

University, College, Department Service

University

May 2001	Search Committee for Director of Counseling, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
2000 - 2002	Health Education Club, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Advisor
2000 - 2002	HEY (Health Empowerment and You) Society, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Advisor
Sep 2001 - Sep 2002	President's Task Force on Promotion Criteria and Procedures, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
2002 - 2003	Health Behavior and Education MPH Concentration Graduate Curriculum Review, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Facilitator
Mar 2002 - May 2003	University Accreditation Task Team 7: Institutional Assessment, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
2004	Committee to Discuss Issues of Women Students on Campus, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member Set up by Mrs. Waterbury (President of the University's spouse). Facilitated two focus groups with graduating women students.
Nov - Dec 2004	Selection Committee for Founder's Day Essay Contest - topic: "AUB as a Bridge Between 'East' and 'West'", American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
2004 - 2005	FHS Accreditation Work Team 5: Instruction, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Leader/Facilitator
2004 - 2005	Teaching Excellence Award Selection Committee, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
2004 - 2006	Administrative Committee, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
Apr - May 2006	Search Committee for Associate Dean of Athletics, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
2005 - 2007	Advisory Committee, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
Jan - May 2007	Teaching Effectiveness Committee, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Chair
Nov 2007 - Apr 2008	Search Committee for Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
2007 - 2009	FHS Evaluation and Planning Committee, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
2007 - 2009	Learning Outcomes Committee, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Chair
2008 - 2009	Graduate Studies Committee, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
Jul 2009	Search Committee for Director for the Center for Teaching and Learning, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member

Jan 2010	FHS - FM Coordinating Committee, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Co-Chair
Jan - Oct 2010	Institutional Evaluation Committee, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
Jan 2011	Provost's Committee on Interdisciplinary Degrees, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
Oct 2009 - Oct 2011	Self-Study Task Force, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Chair
Dec 2011	AUB Research Initiative on the Arab Uprisings, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
Nov 2011 - Jan 2012	BS - EH Internal Review Committee, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
Nov 2011 - Jan 2012	FHS Strategic Planning Committee, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
Mar 2012	BS - MLS Internal Review Committee, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
Oct 2012 - Feb 2013	Promotion Committee, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Chair J. Makhoul (to professor)
2001 - 2014	MPH Curriculum Committee, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Co-Chair
2004 - 2014	Academic and Curriculum Committee, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
Jan 2009 - Jan 2014	Graduate Studies Committee, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Chair
2010 - 2014	Administrative Committee, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
Jan - Dec 2014	FHS 60th Anniversary Oversight Committee, Scientific Committee, Social Committee, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Chair
Jan - Dec 2014	Penrose Award Selection Committee, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Chair
Oct 2014 - Feb 2015	Promotion Committee, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Chair T Kabakian (to professor)
Mar 2014 - May 2015	Faculty Compensation Committee, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
Jan - Jun 2015	Committee to review sexual harassment case, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
Jan - Apr 2016	Research Integrity Committee, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member To review case of research misconduct

Feb - Apr 2016	Selection Committee for the Coordinator of the Global Master of Health and Sustainable Development Program, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Chair
Apr - Jun 2016	President's Service Excellent Award Committee, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
Mar - May 2017	Accreditation Task Force V - Educational Effectiveness, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
Jun 2017	University Registrar Search Committee, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
Oct 2015 - Jul 2017	University Scholarship Leadership Committee/ Leadership, Equity and Diversity (LEAD) Steering Committee, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
Mar - May 2019	UI COVID-19 Health and Safety Committee, Member
Aug - Sep 2019	Director of Student Services Search Committee, Member
Jun 2018 - Jun 2020	Executive Committee, College of Public Health, UI, Member
2023	Departmental post tenure review (OEH), Member
Sep 2017 - Sep 2024	Global Health Committee, College of Public Health, UI, Member
Oct 2008 - Present	Center for Teaching and Learning Advisory Board, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, Member
Jan 2019 - Present	Undergraduate Public Health Committee, College of Public Health, UI, Member
Jun 2019 - Present	UI COVID-19 Safety Training Committee, Member
2021 - Present	DEI best practices in faculty search committees, Trainer
2022 - Present	Collegiate Promotion and Tenure Committee
2022 - Present	Connection, Inclusion, and Belonging Subcommittee, Member
2022 - Present	Honorary PhD Committee, Member
2022 - Present	Well-Being and Mental Health Collaborative - Steering Committee Meeting, Member
2022 - Present	UI College of Public Health, Community and Behavioral Health Dept. Admissions Committee

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2023 - Present	Departmental Promotion and Tenure Committee
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